

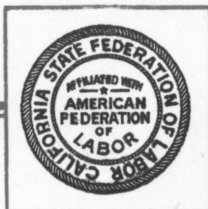
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PRESIDENT GREEN TO ADDRESS FEDERATION DELEGATES IN LOS ANGELES

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The 47th convention of the California State Federation of Labor will open in Los Angeles, Monday, August 29, with Thomas Ranford, president of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, calling the session to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Shrine Civic Auditorium, 665 West Jefferson Boulevard.

After the introduction of guests, President John F. Shelley will open formal proceedings of the convention.

Governor Warren will then address the delegates.

The climax speech of the convention will be delivered by William Green, national AFL president, at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning.

More than 2,000 delegates will attend the five-day session, the first State Federation Convention to be held in Los Angeles in 23 years.

The Los Angeles Central Labor Council, under the direction of Thomas Ranford, president, and W. J. Bassett, secretary-treasurer, has completed plans for proper hotel accommodations and visiting facilities for the incoming delegates.

C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the Federation, declares the keynote for the convention will be intensified political action, with the 1950 elections being set as the first goal in the AFL drive for political housecleanings on both the federal and state levels.

The functions of Labor's League for Political Education will be given full attention by the delegates. The League, organized for national and state action, is the official political arm of the

American Federation of Labor. It recently inaugurated its fund-raising campaign for the 1950 elections.

Joseph Keenan, national director of the LLPE, will address the delegates Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Convention business headquarters for the State Federation will be at the Alexandria Hotel, 210 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles.

MEXICAN CONSUL DOESN'T LIKE COLORS
OF AFL FARM UNION

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The National Farm Labor Union, AFL, last week rejected a protest from Senor Salvador Duhart, Consul General of Mexico in Los Angeles, in which the Mexican official requested the union to refrain from using red, white, and green colors on its letterheads.

In rejecting the protest, the union pointed out that these official organization colors were selected 15 years ago. The colors are also those of the Mexican flag.

The union statement added that the fact the colors of the union are the same as those of the country of origin of its Mexican members "is a happy coincidence which honors rather than violates the spirit of friendliness among the various races that compose the agricultural labor force in the state of California."

The AFL farm union is currently campaigning against importation of Mexican farm labor at a time when unemployment is rising in America. The importation scheme was effected through a pact signed by the U. S. and Mexican governments.

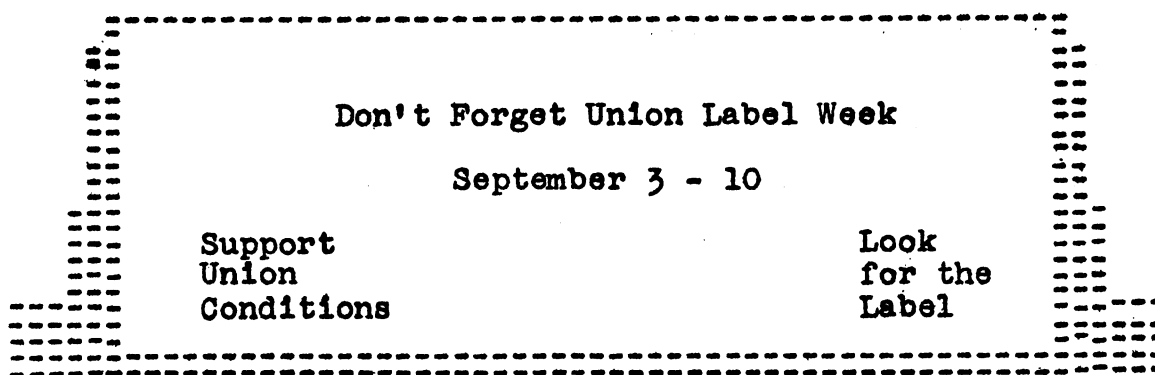
FORMER FEDERATION PRESIDENT RETIRES
FROM FEDERAL SERVICE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Roe H. Baker, former president of the California State Federation of Labor, this month retired as deputy collector of Internal Revenue, San Francisco, a post he had held for the past 16 years.

Brother Baker was president of the State Federation in 1924 and 1925. He was at that time a delegate from the Barbers Union, Local 148, San Francisco.

Baker is also a past president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council. His youngest son, Jon Baker, was a star lineman on the University of California Eleven, which last year won the Pacific Coast Conference title.

The State Federation extends its warmest greetings to Brother Baker on his retirement and wishes him many more years of vigorous and active life.



IT'S OFFICIAL! LLPE TO SEEK \$2.00
FROM EVERY AFL MEMBER

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Every member of the American Federation of Labor will be asked to contribute \$2.00 to Labor's League for Political Education in the 1950 Congressional campaign.

This decision was reached last week at the quarterly session of the LLPE administrative committee in Toronto.

The money will be used to assist in the election of liberal members of Congress.

The committee thus approved recommendations of a conference of 250 state and local leaders of the League held last month in Washington.

William Green, president of the AFL and chairman of Labor's League, said principal targets of the 1950 campaign will include four

Republican Senators: Robert A. Taft, Ohio; Forrest C. Donnell, Missouri; Homer E. Capehart, Indiana; Eugene D. Millikin, Colorado.

TYPOS CONTINUE HISTORIC STRIKE
AGAINST CHICAGO DAILIES

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The now historic battle between the International Typographical Union and the giant publishers of Chicago is entering a critical stage, with the strike-bound Chicago dailies suffering from ever increasing losses in circulation.

The daily Chicago Tribune, which had 1,025,000 paid readers before the typos walked out, has dropped steadily and now claims only 935,000. The Sunday Tribune admits losing more than 250,000 since February of this year.

In July alone, the Chicago Daily News dropped 22,176 subscriptions. It now admits a loss in sales and subscriptions for the fourth consecutive month.

The daily Sun-Times, which lost another 15,000 buyers and subscribers during July, now has reached an all-time low of 615,000. Before the strike, the Sun and Times, which at that time were separate dailies, had a combined sale well above 800,000.

The strike has also affected advertising. Figures published recently in Editor and Publisher, the leading trade paper of the industry, show that in the country as a whole newspaper advertising increased more than 7,000,000 lines during June, with all major cities sharing in the added business except Chicago and Miami, where the printers are on strike.

It was the ITU which led the great union battles in the opening years of this century for the eight-hour day and the closed shop. The typos won that epic struggle which meant so much to the future of the American labor movement.

Once more the typos are in the first ranks of our movement, leading the two-fold battle on the Chicago publishers and the nefarious Taft-Hartley Act.

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Seafarers International Union of

The Seafarers International is asking that merchant seamen be excluded from HR 3191. All appeals should be directed to Senator Elbert D. Thomas, chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

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