

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

FROM

## CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

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### FEDERATION LAUNCHES INSURANCE BOYCOTT PLAN

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Labor's boycott machinery began to roll this week with the printing of withdrawal forms for all workers desiring to terminate their arrangements with private carriers under the unemployment disability insurance law.

In accord with action taken at the recent Los Angeles convention, the California State Federation of Labor has proceeded with plans to sever insurance relationships with the commercial powers which fought every progressive social insurance plan submitted by the Federation in the state legislature at Sacramento.

Unions seeking withdrawal forms are urged to write the California State Federation of Labor, 402 Flood Building, San Francisco 2, California.

A letter of explanation and instruction on the withdrawal procedure has been directed to all delegates to the state convention and to all local unions affiliated with the State Federation of Labor.

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### FEDERATION PRESIDENT SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL POST

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--John F. Shelley, president of the California State Federation of Labor, this week filed papers of candidacy with the San Francisco Registrar for the vacancy now existing in the Fifth Congressional District.

Shelley has received the endorsement of the Union Labor Party, San Francisco's unit of Labor's League for Political Education.

He has also received the official endorsement of the Democratic Party.

The vacancy in the Fifth District was created by the recent death of Congressman Richard J. Welch, long-time friend of organized labor.

President Shelley is a former State Senator from San Francisco, having served in that post from 1938 to 1946. He is currently secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council.

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BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 1949, SPECIAL ELECTION,  
ADOPTED BY THE 1949 CONVENTION OF THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

State Propositions

- No. 1 - The state public school system is in grave need of financial aid to meet the necessary expansion brought about by California's soaring population. A YES vote is recommended on Proposition No. 1.
- No. 2 - The repeal of Article XXV of the State Constitution (aged and blind aid) will work great harm on the elder citizens and needy blind of California. A NO vote is recommended on Proposition No. 2, the repeal measure.
- No. 3 - The need to have qualified citizens in the state legislature demands that proper salary recognition be given such positions. A YES vote is recommended on Proposition No. 3.
- No. 4 to No. 11, inclusive - These proposed amendments to the State Constitution do not affect the welfare of organized labor, and no position is recommended on their merits.
- No. 12- No position is recommended on the Summer Daylight Saving Time measure.

AFL COTTON PICKERS STRIKE  
SAN JOAQUIN FIELDS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--In militant protest against a severe wage cut in the cotton picking fields of California, the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, is now conducting a grim strike in the face of tremendous odds in Fresno, Kern, Kings and Tulare counties.

A drastic wage cut of 50 cents per hundred pounds of cotton picked was ordered in Fresno on September 2 by cotton growers meeting

under the auspices of the San Joaquin Agricultural Labor Bureau, a farm owners' association.

At this session, the National Farm Labor Union presented nearly 10,000 signatures of farm workers, a majority of whom asked for a \$3.50 per hundred rate for cotton picking in 1949. The 1948 rate was \$3.00 per hundred.

Thousands of workers have left the fields in answer to the strike call. The growers have responded with anti-caravan picketing ordinances, realizing that efficient picket action is almost impossible without use of automobiles in the vast farm areas.

Despite the subsequent jailing of dozens of AFL pickets in the strike zone, the National Farm Labor Union is confident of victory.

Strike morale received a terrific boost with the national publicity given their cause by the endorsement of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

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75,000 AFL WORKERS WIN 5 CENTS PER HOUR INCREASE  
IN CALIFORNIA IN AUGUST

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--An increase of about 5 cents in the average hourly rate of pay was obtained for 75,000 workers in California belonging to American Federation of Labor unions, in contract negotiations during August.

The larger increases were predominantly among smaller unions; in addition to increases in wage rates, improved working conditions or union security provisions were obtained. No reductions in wage rates were reported.

Detailed results given below are from reports in local union newspapers.

Building and Metal Trades

Glaziers No. 718, AND Bay Area contractors: 8 cents; 8/49; 600 workers.

Bricklayer Hod Carriers, five Bay Area counties: 10 cents; effective 10/1/49; 3000 workers.

Plasterer Hod Carriers, San Francisco: 50 cents a day; effective 10/1/49; 300 workers.

Laborers No. 760, Redwood City, AND Pacific Portland Cement Company: 4 cents, and an additional week of paid vacation; 8/49; 400 workers.

Northern California District Council of Laborers, 46 counties, AND Rock, Sand and Gravel Producers Association: 5 cents, effective 7/15/49; 300 workers.

Iron Workers, 4 locals, 46 northern counties, AND Iron Workers Employers Association: 10 cents and fringe gains; effective 8/1/49 and 10/1/49; about 2500 workers.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2288 and No. 1407, AND their employers, Los Angeles and Wilmington: 5 cents; effective 1/1/50; 6000 workers.

Machinists, IAM, AND Lockheed Aircraft Co., Burbank: 5 cents across the board, 2 cents for fringe items, 2 cents for correction of inequities, 5 cents for merit raises; 8/49; 15,000 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 108, Los Angeles, AND building employers: 10 cents and a vacation plan; effective 8/1/49; about 1000 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 108, Los Angeles, AND furnace employers: 25 cents and vacation plan; effective 8/1/49; about 500 workers.

### Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 770, Los Angeles, AND food markets: \$2.50, effective 9/5/49, and \$2.00, effective 1/1/50; over 8000 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 775, San Mateo, AND Woolworths: \$2.00 to \$8.00 a week and shortened work week; 8/49; about 200 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1288, and retail grocery stores in 6-county area around Fresno: 12½ cents; 8/49; about 1400 workers.

### Culinary

Culinary Unions, San Diego, AND Hotel Association: 41 cents a day; effective 8/1/49; 1500 workers.

Hotel Service Workers No. 283, San Francisco, AND Hotel Employers Association: 25 to 30 cents a day; retroactive to 7/1/49; 2000 workers. 2000 other culinary workers got improved conditions.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Auburn, AND Foothills Hotel, Restaurant and Tavern Association: 50 cents to \$2.00 per day, one week's vacation after one year and two after two years, time and a half on two holidays; 8/49; about 100 workers.

Culinary Workers, Fresno, AND Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association: 50 cents in A and B houses, and \$1.00 in C houses; effective 9/1/49; about 1200 workers.

Teamsters

Building Material Drivers No. 216, San Francisco, AND 15 firms of the Northern California Readymix Concrete and Materials Association: 7 cents; retroactive to 7/1/49; 350 workers.

Miscellaneous Crafts

Bakers No. 43, Fresno AND employers: 12 cents for foremen, 10 cents for journeymen, and 3 cents for women; improved vacation and holiday pay; retroactive to 1/23/49; 250 workers.

Bakers No. 453, Los Angeles, AND employers: 8/49; employers to contribute 50 cents a day to welfare fund; about 150 members.

Bakers No. 315, San Diego, AND pie and doughnut shops: 5 cents; 8/49; 80 workers.

Bill Posters, three California locals, AND West Coast outdoor advertising firms: 5 to 7½ cents; 8/49; about 300 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 102, San Diego, AND hotels: 25 cents daily; 8/49; about 150 workers.

Fish Cannery Workers, Monterey, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, AND canneries: wages maintained, fringe gains; 8/49; about 10,000 workers.

Bakers No. 119 (candy makers), Alameda and Contra Costa counties, AND 11 firms: 5 cents and improved vacation and injury clause; retroactive to 5/23/49; 300 workers.

IATSE, film employees, AND major motion picture producers: improved union security; 8/49; 16,000 workers.

Street Carmen No. 1277, Los Angeles, AND Inglewood City lines: 5 cents for operators and 6 cents for mechanics; 8/49; about 400 workers.

Street Bus Drivers No. 256, Sacramento, AND Sacramento City Lines: 5 cents; retroactive to 8/1/49; 150 drivers.

Street Bus Drivers No. 1309, San Diego: 4 cents; 8/49; 600 workers.

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LABOR'S LEAGUE FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION  
IS NOW ORGANIZING FOR THE 1950 CAMPAIGNS  
FOR DETAILS ON THE CALIFORNIA LEAGUE  
WRITE 402 FLOOD BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, 2.

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