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CALIFORNIA LABOR LEAGUE ISSUES LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The California Labor League for Political Education this week endorsed the following legislative candidates for the special election of November 8:

5th Congressional District: (San Francisco)	John F. Shelley
3d Senate District: (Humboldt County)	Equal endorsements for Anthony Massei and Arthur W. Way
69th Assembly District: (Los Angeles County)	Gale Collins
80th Assembly District: (San Diego County)	Edwin Campbell

In each instance the selection concurred with endorsements previously given on the county level by the local Labor League for Political Education.

Ballot recommendations on state propositions were announced by the California Labor League in September. They follow:

No. 1	(School Bonds)	Y E S
No. 2	(Pension Repeal).....	N O
No. 3	(Legislative Pay Raise)	Y E S
Nos. 4 to 11, inclusive	(Removal of obsolete sections from State Constitution).....	N O P O S I T I O N
No. 12	(Daylight Saving Time).....	N O P O S I T I O N

NATIONAL LLPE TAKES TO AIR
IN NEW RADIO SERIES

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Members of Congress who visited Europe and the Far East recently on committee investigations will report this week to the nation in a series of radio broadcasts produced by the radio department of Labor's League for Political Education in co-operation with the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The broadcasts, entitled "Mr. Congressman Reports from Abroad," will be carried over the Mutual network on October 23, October 30, and November 6, from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time. Local stations should be checked for possible changes in broadcasting times.

These Sunday programs represent a milestone in the AFL's public relations experience, and typify the intensified selling program now being undertaken by the political wing of America's largest labor organization.

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AFL INSURANCE UNION TANGLES
WITH PRUDENTIAL LIFE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--In an official statement this week, President George L. Russ, of the National Federation of Insurance Agents' Council (AFL), revealed that negotiations have been temporarily suspended between his organization and the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America.

After a period of one year without any labor organization to represent them, Prudential Insurance agents voted in an NLRB election and chose the NFIAC-AFL as their bargaining agent in 31 states, replacing the left-wing United Office and Professional Workers of America (CIO), who had represented Prudential agents since 1942.

The NFIAC-AFL was certified bargaining agent by the National Labor Relations Board on August 5, 1949. The union already held bargaining rights for 4 other states and the District of Columbia. The

union's national negotiating committee, representing over 16,000 agents in the enlarged bargaining unit of 35 states plus the District of Columbia, originally met with company officials in New York City on September 8. After more than a week of conferences, negotiations were recessed until October 6, when they were resumed in New York City.

After long and protracted conferences, lasting until October 12, an impasse was reached and negotiations were broken off.

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FORGOTTEN PEOPLE OF FARM ECONOMY --
THE WORKERS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Farm wages on October 1 continued their decline from last year at a slightly sharper rate than shown in previous quarters this year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported this week.

The federal agency announced that the average of all wage rates, converted to an hourly basis, for the entire country was 59 cents this October compared to 62 cents a year ago, a decrease of 5 percent.

The number of persons at work on farms totaled 12,913,000 for the week of September 18-24. Farm employment was up 11 percent from a month earlier. The number of family workers increased as usual, while hired employment was up slightly in contrast to the usual small decline.

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SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL RAPS
COMMUNITY CHEST POLITICIANS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night publicly spanked the local Community Chest agency for playing pension politics.

In a severe reprimand, the council went on record condemning the Community Chest for endorsing Proposition No. 2, the state pension

repeal measure to be judged by the voters of California on November 8.

The council made it clear, however, that it would continue to support the Community Chest drive in San Francisco despite the deplorable maneuvers of welfare politicians.

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"WELFARE STATE" LAW PROTECTS BANK SAVINGS.
H O W A W F U L ! !

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Amid the recent hokum drive of the prostitute press on the federal welfare gains of the past 17 years, the national Labor League for Political Education has issued a review of one of the cornerstones of New Deal legislation, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Because of this legislation, the American worker no longer has to worry about bank failures wiping out his life savings.

Because of the New Deal, deposits of \$532 million, held by more than one million persons, have been saved when 407 banks failed in the past 15 years.

Because of that same New Deal, there is now real stability in bank operations.

Should protection of bank deposits be ended? Should your savings be lost when banks close? Should instability again be a perilous part of the American banking system?

The foes of the New Deal and the Fair Deal apparently think so. The very bankers whom the Government has aided through the FDIC, cry the loudest about the "welfare state" and the "socialism" tendencies of Roosevelt and Truman.

The 1948 annual report of the FDIC, just released, shows that three-fourths of the aid given by the agency has gone to New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Large amounts have also been given to Michigan, Wisconsin, Virginia, Maine, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

At a cost to taxpayers of only \$25 million, the FDIC has built up a surplus of \$1 billion to protect bank deposits. In 1948 only three banks failed in the nation.

FDIC insures up to \$5,000. More than 92 percent of the 14,753 banks in the United States are insured.

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DANISH DOCTORS LIKE INSURANCE PROGRAM

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Danish doctors approve of that country's national health insurance program.

Jorgen Dich, a Danish educator who is now a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin, reports: "I could safely offer \$1,000 to anyone able to find a single doctor in Denmark who does not approve of the national social medicine program ..."

"America is moving along the same path in regard to social welfare that was blazed by the Scandinavian countries. This is a healthy, progressive road that must eventually be followed by all truly democratic countries."

Dich was in charge of a Danish Government commission which recently surveyed medical opinion of the Danish health insurance plan.

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INSURANCE BOYCOTT HITS NEW HIGH

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The third week of the AFL boycott of private disability insurance plans found requests for workers' withdrawal forms passing the 60,000 mark, as additional pleas flooded the offices of the California State Federation of Labor.

Forms are being mailed local unions for distribution to workers seeking to terminate arrangements with private carriers under the unemployment disability insurance law. Unions desiring the necessary forms should write the California State Federation of Labor, 402 Flood Building, San Francisco 2, California

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