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MAJOR NEGOTIATIONS LOOM FOR CALIFORNIA UNIONS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Collective bargaining increases negotiated throughout the state during January involved a relatively small number of workers, but plans were being laid for major negotiations during the coming months, according to an announcement issued this week by the California State Federation of Labor.

Negotiations during January involved an estimated 7,500 workers who gained an average increase of 3 cents an hour. If the "no increase" settlements are omitted, some 3,300 workers gained increases of $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

Collective bargaining proposals were formulated by several major groups during the past month:

The State Council of Machinists urged a 15 cents an hour increase in pay and a uniform employer-paid health and welfare plan for the 100,000 members in its 100 affiliated lodges.

The 15,000 Bay Area machinists will also press for joint administration of their present plan and for the payment of any refunds to employees rather than to employers.

The Pacific Coast Metal Trades decided to retain the status quo on master shipyard contracts, to raise manufacturing and production shop wage scales in uptown districts, and to continue the fight for the 7-hour day.

The Sheet Metal Workers of Northern California will seek an area-wide employer-paid health and welfare plan, plus wage increases negotiated on an individual local basis.

The Northwest Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers is studying a pension plan, plus wage increases by individual locals.

Dried fruit workers throughout the state are asking a 10 percent wage increase and three additional paid holidays.

This survey is based on union reports submitted in the California labor press.

Building and Metal Trades

Shipwrights No. 1300, Painters No. 333, Electricians No. 569 and Machinists Lodge 389, San Diego, AND San Diego Employers Ass'n for shipyards: continuation of current rates following initial management demand for 10-cent cut; 1/50/ about 500 workers.

Clerks

Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, San Francisco, AND employers: \$6.50 per member per month employer contribution to health and welfare plan; effective 1/15/50; 550 members.

Culinary

Culinary unions, San Diego, AND Tavern Owners' Ass'n and San Diego Employers Ass'n: contract continued in face of SDEA demand for cut; 12/49; about 2,000 members.

Teamsters

Teamsters No. 490 (beer drivers), Vallejo, AND employers: additional week paid vacation; 1/50; about 100 workers.

Teamsters No. 150, Sacramento, AND draymen employers: $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents and 7 paid holidays (equals $6\frac{1}{2}$ -7 cents); 1/50; 275 workers.

Teamsters No. 315, Richmond, AND Richmond Sanitary District: \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day; 1/50; 50 workers.

Sales Drivers No. 683, San Diego, AND 6 pie and doughnut firms: \$3 per week; 1/50; 30 members.

Teamsters No. 431, Fresno, AND six plumbing supply warehouses: newly organized, 5 to 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents; vacations, holidays, sick leave, etc.; 1/50; 30 employees.

Teamsters No. 431, Fresno, AND bakery employers: arbitration award, \$5.50-\$6.50 per week; retroactive to 9/5/49; about 50 workers.

Teamsters No. 431, Fresno, AND wholesale grocery warehouses: 10 cents; 1/50; about 100 workers.

Miscellaneous

Bakers No. 43, Fresno, AND wholesale bread and pie shops in Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings: two-hour reduction in work-week with same weekly pay (equal to 5 to 10 cents); 1/50; 190 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND wholesale processing and storage and Northern California Distributors' Ass'n: 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents; retroactive to 9/1/49; 80-150 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Bakery Employers Ass'n: 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents; effective 12/1/49; 80 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 18, Oakland, AND 20 bowling alleys in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties: 6 cents; 1/49; 200 employees.

Building Service Employees, janitors in Northern California AND moving picture theatres: 50 cents to 80 cents; 1/50; 365 workers.

Building Service Employees, janitors in Southern California, AND moving picture theatres: \$1.00 to \$1.20 per day; 1/50; 400 workers.

Cannery Workers of the Pacific, San Diego, AND Can Camp: continuation of present tuna prices throughout the year; 1/50; 74 vessels.

Cleaners and Dye House Workers No. 177, Vallejo, AND Solano employers: 10 cents effective 1/1/50; 5 cents more effective 6/1/50;

two more paid holidays; Napa employers the same, starting 2/1/50 and 8/1/50; 1/50; about 100 workers.

Theatrical Employees Nos. B-82, B-18, B-66, Oakland, San Francisco and Sacramento, AND moving picture theatre industry: $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 12 cents, effective 1/1/50, and additional $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents 1/1/51; about 600 workers.

Stereotypers No. 104, Fresno, AND employers: \$5.40 a week, retroactive to 9/1/49; about 40 workers.

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FEDERATION MOVES TO NEW OFFICES

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The California State Federation of Labor and the California Labor League for Political Education will officially open new San Francisco offices on March 6, 1950.

New address will be 810 David Hewes Building, 995 Market Street, San Francisco 3, California. The Hewes Building is situated on the southeast corner of 6th and Market Streets.

The office change was necessitated by the fact that the Flood Building, which now houses the Federation, will be torn down commencing as of January 1951.

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FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS IN SAN DIEGO

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor will hold a two-day quarterly session this Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, at the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego.

Political action in the June primaries will be number one item on the Council agenda.

The session will be the second quarterly meeting of the council elected at the 1949 convention of the Federation.

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PRIVATE HOUSING INDUSTRY ENJOYS
NEW PROSPERITY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Despite the real estate lobby screams of government competition in the housing industry, private construction is reaching new production peaks, according to a report announced this week by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report.

The government survey showed that in January 1949 the total of private residential construction amounted to \$475 million.

In July 1949, the Public Housing Act was adopted over the militant opposition of the real estate lobbyists, who warned it would mean the end of private enterprise in the housing sphere.

In January 1950, private residential building totaled \$650 million. This is an increase of more than one-third above the 1949 figure.

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TOBIN SAYS FAIR DEAL HELPS BUSINESS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Fair Deal welfare measures are not "against business" but are rather an "expression of economic fair play," Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin this week told students and faculty of Mary Manse College in Toledo, Ohio.

"The President of the United States and the members of his administration believe in private enterprise," he said. "For the purpose of buttressing private enterprise, President Truman and his administration insist on using certain collective insurance policies. We are for unemployment compensation. We are for a reasonable pension system which will adequately protect people in their old age. We are for extending the minimum wage law to cover as many workers as possible. We are for making sure that workers shall have the right to band together and that management shall be under an obligation to bargain collectively with their representatives.

"We are for all these things, and for other measures of social and economic justice, not because we are against business, but because we are for business and for all other components of our economy and society."

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