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OFFICIAL CALL ISSUED FOR LLPE CONVENTION

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week issued the official call for the pre-primary convention of the League scheduled for April 17, 18 and 19, at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco.

Business of the convention will be the endorsement of candidates for Congress and for state political office in the statewide primary election to be held Tuesday, June 6.

Each local union affiliated with the California Labor League for Political Education is entitled to one delegate. The vote of each union is based on the average per capita tax paid into the State League during the year ending February 28, 1950, that is, the total amount paid in during the twelve calendar month period, March 1, 1949, through February 28, 1950, divided by thirty-six.

Each local league affiliated with the State League, and each AFL affiliated central body, including trades councils, etc., is entitled to one delegate, who shall have one vote.

The delegate from a local league or central body must be a member of an AFL affiliated local union which is in turn an affiliated member of the State League.

Recommendations for the endorsement of candidates for the state Assembly and Senate and for Congress may be made to the convention by local unions, local leagues and central bodies. These recommendations must be submitted to the Secretary of the State

League by Monday, April 10, 1950, and must be signed by the executive officer of the affiliated local, local league, or central body.

Recommendations for the endorsement of candidates for state-wide office, such as governor, lieutenant governor, U. S. senator, etc., shall be made only by the Executive Council.

Final determination of all recommendations shall be effected on the floor of the convention where endorsements shall be accomplished by a majority vote of the convention.

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FEDERATION PRESENTS UNEMPLOYMENT BILLS
TO LEGISLATURE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary and legislative representative of the California State Federation of Labor, this week declared that in view of the broad scope of the special session of the state legislature, the Federation would submit numerous measures pertaining to unemployment insurance, disability insurance and workmen's compensation, as well as other proposals previously announced.

Secretary Haggerty's statement followed a public interpretation of Governor Warren's special session agenda by the legislative counsel's office in Sacramento.

The ruling allows the introduction of virtually any bill directed toward the relief and control of unemployment.

Federation action had already been promised on the following recommendations adopted by the February meeting of the Executive Council:

- (1) Measures for the relief of the unemployed.
- (2) Enactment of an effective rent control act to protect lower income tenants.
- (3) Revision of the state welfare code to liberalize eligibility, with particular emphasis on the removal of the relative's responsibility clause.

(4) Continuation of child care centers until at least
June 30, 1951.

The State Federation has opened offices in Sacramento for the
duration of the special session.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK TO BE OBSERVED
APRIL 24 -- 29

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--"The Public School -- Democracy in
Action" is to be the theme and motto for the 31st annual observance
of Public Schools Week throughout California April 24 through 29.

Public Schools will hold open house, and both teachers and
students now are working on special projects in preparation for great
numbers of visitors.

In San Francisco alone more than 50 civic, fraternal and busi-
ness organizations have scheduled programs to acquaint their members
with work the public schools are doing to prepare students for their
role as citizens in our democracy.

Throughout the state similar programs will be launched to con-
centrate attention on the public schools.

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CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Manufacturing employment in California
dropped seasonally between December and January, primarily reflecting
seasonal contraction in canning and other food processing, apparel,
and lumber industries, it was reported this week by the State Division
of Labor Statistics and Research.

The survey revealed a total of 682,800 wage and salary workers
was employed in manufacturing industries in January, a loss of 20,400
from December. Manufacturing plants employed three percent fewer
workers this January than in January a year ago.

In addition to seasonal losses in food processing and apparel, other nondurable groups registered declines in January. Nondurable goods industries as a whole employed 316,300 wage and salary workers in January compared with 333,500 in the previous month. The January figure was only slightly under the estimate of a year ago.

Employment increased in only two manufacturing industry groups -- in iron and steel and in automobiles. These gains were more than offset by losses in most other durable goods industries so that employment in durable goods industries as a whole declined to 366,500 in January, from 369,700 in December.

A year ago durable goods plants employed 387,000 wage and salary workers. The greatest declines from a year ago were in machinery and shipbuilding.

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U. S. INDUSTRY HIT ANOTHER LUSH YEAR IN 1949

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Associated Press this week announced that profits of 565 representative American corporations during 1949 almost equaled the all-time high record set in 1948.

The total is only 2.6 percent under 1948 earnings of these companies, making 1949 the second most profitable year in the history of American industry.

These companies earned 20 percent more than in 1947, and 70 percent more than in the postwar conversion year of 1946.

The figures are shown in a compilation by the Associated Press of earnings reports of typical corporations, large and small, in 26 major fields which have published balance sheets for last year.

Total earnings of nine makers of autos and trucks were 44 percent higher than 1948, although five of the nine fell behind their 1948 marks.

Earnings of air lines and aircraft companies gained 41 percent over the previous year, but total dollar earnings were small compared

with automobiles.

Agricultural implement companies advanced 24 percent, cement makers were up 17 percent and the manufacturers of drugs, cosmetics and soap showed a 13 percent rise.

The oil group, which last year headed the profit parade, slipped down to fifth place with total earnings 26 percent less than in 1948.

Biggest drop from 1948 was made by the textile group, off 54 percent.

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'LET THEM EAT WEEDS'

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The nation's newspapers last week carried a headlined story which told of hunger and starvation in the farm labor camps of Arizona.

It was a terrifying account of abject and incredible poverty in the midst of American wealth and progress.

The reaction of the nation was typical. Food, clothing, money and medicine from every state poured into the Phoenix territory faster than a relief committee could distribute the supplies.

Plight of the farm workers was disclosed when a truant officer checked on large-scale absences from school. He found 100 children near starvation because their parents could not find work.

Investigators said some families were reduced to eating weeds.

United Press reports from Phoenix declared the farm labor camp program was operated by the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, a farm employers' group.

The California State Federation of Labor has vigorously opposed the attempts of farm powers to turn California labor camps over to farm employer agencies in this state. The Federation has insisted that all such camps should become the property of federal housing agencies.

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