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JOE KEENAN TO ADDRESS STATE LLPE CONVENTION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Joseph D. Keenan, national director of Labor's League for Political Education, will address the pre-primary convention of the California LLPE scheduled for April 17, 18, and 19 in San Francisco.

Announcement of Keenan's action intensified statewide interest in the vital AFL political meet which will attract some 1,000 delegates from all sections of California.

The fiery LLPE director spoke before the 1949 convention of the California State Federation of Labor in Los Angeles. At that time he warned that labor must either accept its voting responsibilities in the 1950 elections, or else perish before the onslaughts of the reactionary business powers of the nation.

Purpose of the California LLPE meeting will be the endorsement of candidates for Congress and for state political office in the primary election to be held Tuesday, June 6.

Recommendations for the endorsement of candidates for 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 statewide 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 actual endorsements shall be made by a majority vote of the convention.

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AFL FARM UNION WINS AGAIN

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The National Farm Labor Union, AFL, last week scored another historic victory in the San Joaquin Valley, when 1200 beet workers won a wage boost for the present sugar beet season.

Last year the NFLU won the first cotton strike in California farm annals when it restored picking rates to their 1948 level following a wage slashing campaign by the growers.

The beet dispute reached a climax when NFLU pickets appeared before the Philip Hanson ranch in the Corcoran area, south of Fresno.

Following negotiations conducted by the State Conciliation Service, Hanson agreed to the union rates of \$12.00 an acre or \$2.00 a row. He further declared there would be no discrimination against union members.

It is expected that the new rate will set the wage pattern for more than 4,000 beet pickers in the San Joaquin.

Prior to the NFLU triumph, growers had been paying a variable rate approximating \$9.00 an acre and \$1.50 a row.

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STATE CARPENTERS DEMAND SEVEN-HOUR DAY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The demand for a seven-hour day and the reelection of Joseph F. Cambiano to his 23d term as president featured the recent annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters in San Diego.

The convention position on the seven-hour day requires that it be established without any reduction of wages.

In addition to Cambiano, the following officers were chosen:

Harry C. Grady, Oakland, was reelected to his third term as secretary-treasurer, without opposition.

Cecil O. Johnson, San Pedro, incumbent vice-president is being opposed by Ted Magnuson, San Diego County District Council. The contest will be submitted to a referendum of affiliates.

Five District Executive Board: Los Angeles Area, Harold Schmidt, Local 25, Los Angeles; Northern Area, Marvin E. Marcus, Local 266, Stockton; Extreme South Area, S. C. Pierce, Local 2398, El Cajon; Central Valley Area, B. M. Segress, Fresno District Council; San Francisco Bay and Peninsula Area, W. P. Kelly, Local 42, San Francisco.

Principal speakers at the 22nd annual meet of the council were Governor Earl Warren, C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor; Alexander Watchman, State Industrial Accident Commission; and Archie J. Mooney, chief of the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

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ILWU LEADERS SEEK QUICK DEAL WITH BOSSES

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The desperate efforts of the tottering CIO leadership in California to hold the last remnants of prestige reached a new depth last week when the officials of the San Francisco Bay Area warehouse union prepared to seek a three year "status quo" extension of the present master contract with warehouse employers.

No wage raises or other changes in the contract will be asked.

This "new-look" policy is in direct contradiction to the traditional boasts of militancy and progressive contract action which once identified ILWU claims.

The CIO warehouse compromise was made in the face of a successful organizing drive being sponsored by AFL Warehousemen in the San

Francisco area. The AFL action followed a bolt of officers and rank and file members from the CIO organization in protest against "appeasement" and "sell-out" policies ordered by alleged Stalinists within the ILWU.

Rank and file majorities have signed AFL pledge cards in more than 130 plants.

The national CIO is now considering the expulsion of the ILWU warehouse unit involved in the controversy. National CIO leaders have branded the ILWU a captive union, controlled by Communist Party agents.

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. RETAIL CLERKS TAKE PURITY STORE ELECTION

(CFINL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Retail Clerks Union, Local 1532, Ukiah, achieved an impressive victory last week when it won a National Labor Relations Board election among the retail clerks of five Purity Food Stores in Mendocino and Lake Counties.

The Purity management had directed a barrage of literature against the Clerks' organizing campaign, and had failed in a last moment attempt to obtain a store-by-store election. The vote was conducted by the NLRB on a district basis.

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LABOR-MANAGEMENT BODY ASKS FOR SHIPBUILDING IMPETUS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Pacific Coast Committee for Shipbuilding for National Defense has urged all west coast congressmen and senators to restore \$25 million dollars to the budget of the Maritime Commission for reserve fleet activation work in the interest of national defense.

Stating that preparedness demands that shipyards and a nucleus of personnel be retained in an already badly depleted industry to preserve the "know-how" of shipbuilding and ship repair, the labor

Committee chairman is Thomas A. Rotell, executive secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council. R. J. Brennan of the Shipyard and Marine Shop Laborers Union is committee secretary.

PROTESTING MILLIONAIRES

President Gwilym A. Price, in breaking the latest business success story of the month, also took time to complain that the Truman tax policy is "throttling the incentive to invest in American industry."

Hey! Just what does big business want from the American way of life? All this-- and Congress too?

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