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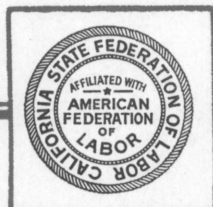
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HAGGERTY NAMED TO CALIFORNIA BOARD OF REGENTS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, was last week appointed to the Board of Regents of the University of California by Governor Earl Warren.

The Governor thus recognized the long-held desire on the part of organized labor in California to have a spokesman on this important body. State Federation conventions first took up this campaign in the early years of the century.

Haggerty succeeded Herbert Fleishacker, San Francisco financier, whose term had expired.

Governor Warren declared that Haggerty was the first representative of organized labor to be named to the Board of Regents in the history of the University. The appointment is for a term of 16 years.

The Federation secretary has served as a member of the State Board of Education since June 20, 1945. Previously, he was a member of the State Personnel Board, being appointed to that position by Governor Culbert Olsen.

Haggerty is second vice-president of the International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers. He has been executive officer of the California State Federation of Labor since 1943 when he was elected to the position of secretary-treasurer. From 1937 to 1943 he was president of the Federation.

As legislative representative, he has presented the position of the Federation before the state legislature through the past ten years.

Prior to his election as secretary-treasurer of the Federation, Haggerty was secretary of the Los Angeles Building and Construction

Trades Council. He is a member of Lathers Local 42, Los Angeles.

He served as a member of the Personnel Commission of the Los Angeles city school system from 1939 to 1943.

During World War II President Roosevelt named him to the Regional Management-Labor Committee of the War Manpower Commission, and he also served on various other federal and state agencies.

He was appointed by President Truman to a committee representing workers of the United States at the meeting of the Building, Civil Engineering and Public Works Committee of the International Labor Organization, held in Brussels, Belgium, November 25 to December 3, 1946, for the study of world labor problems. He was an adviser to the United States workers' delegation to the ILO Conference held in San Francisco in 1946.

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FEDERATION LABOR SCHOOL ANNOUNCED FOR JUNE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The annual Summer Labor Institute, sponsored jointly by the University of California and the California State Federation of Labor, will be held June 11-17, 1950, at the Asilomar Hotel Recreation Grounds, Pacific Grove, it was announced this week by the University.

C. J. Haggerty, Federation secretary, is chairman of the following AFL committee which will advise on curriculum and procedure:

Robert Ash, Oakland; William J. Bassett, Los Angeles; Roy M. Brewer, Hollywood; Harry Finks, Sacramento; Jack Goldberger, San Francisco; Albin J. Gruhn, Eureka; Jack Hogg, San Francisco; Arthur K. Hutchings, Pasadena; George Johns, San Francisco; Louis C. Levy, Los Angeles; Lloyd Mashburn, Los Angeles; Max J. Osslo, San Diego; Thomas L. Pitts, Los Angeles; Howard Reed, Martinez; Jack Reynolds, Oakland; Freda Roberts, Martinez; John M. Sargent, Los Angeles.

Unionists seeking registration data should write to either the University of California at Berkeley or Los Angeles. Communications should be directed to the Institute of Industrial Relations at either school.

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FARM GROUP PROTESTS PG&E RATE BOOST

(CPLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Farmers in Northern and Central California, from the Tehachapis to the Oregon border, will pay the Pacific Gas & Electric Company \$1,258,000 more each year for their light and power as a result of the decision handed down by the California Public Utilities Commission on March 21, the California Farm Research Committee charged this week.

This blow comes at a time when farm income for the majority of growers has fallen to a subsistence or bankruptcy level, and when the water table has dropped to the point where deeper wells with heavier pumping charges threaten further economic disaster.

The research report charged that a 1947 survey made by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Santa Clara County Committee to cut power costs showed the unfair burden placed on agricultural consumers of electric power by the PG&E. It revealed that while farmers in the area consumed only 14 percent of the power distributed, they paid 20 percent of the local power bill.

The 6 percent increase, according to statements issued in the press following the decision of the PUC, will raise additional revenues for PG&E stockholders of \$8,766,000 annually, a little over 5 percent return on the company's investment.

Expenses included in PG&E's balance sheet, according to the Farm Research Committee, are high salaries and expense accounts for state and congressional lobbyists to influence legislation opposing appropriations for Central Valley Project transmission lines and power

installations which would make low-cost power available to farmers, business and cities in the project service area.

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AFL LEADER NAMED U.S. MARSHAL

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Edward J. Carrigan, past president of the San Mateo Central Labor Council, has been nominated by President Truman for the post of U.S. Marshal for the Northern California district, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Marshal George Vice.

Carrigan, 49, is married and the father of two sons. He resides in San Mateo.

The Carrigan appointment must be approved by the United States Senate. Washington circles report that the Senate is expected to confirm the Presidential nomination.

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AFL WINS SAN DIEGO RENT BATTLE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The intense battle of the AFL in San Diego to prevent decontrol of rents was brought to a successful climax last week when the City Council voted down a motion for decontrol.

Mayor Harley Knox, home under doctor's care, cast the deciding vote.

The Council action, interpreted as ending the decontrol issue, ended a drive for decontrol launched by the San Diego Apartment Owners' Association and other landlord units.

AFL Central Labor Council officials led the anti-decontrol struggle before the City Council and carried on an educational campaign for the benefit of the general public.

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INCREASED OLD-AGE BENEFITS ESSENTIAL,
TOBIN SAYS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--In a statement to the Congress on proposed social security amendments, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin this week advocated "substantially" increased benefit amounts from old-age and survivors insurance.

During the period since the old-age insurance law was enacted, national income has more than trebled, he said, and "benefit amounts could and should be increased in an amount substantially greater than the increase in the cost of living which has occurred during that period."

"Further increase in the contribution rate would be in order in connection with increased benefits, as recommended by the President in his recent budget message," he continued, "as would an increase in the maximum wage base to \$4,800."

He said that the rise in wage levels since 1939, when the \$3,000 maximum wage base was established, has resulted in the exclusion from taxation and use in benefit computation of part of the wages of a substantial proportion of the workers.

"I recommend that the broader wage base be utilized to liberalize benefits further," Tobin declared.

The Secretary also emphasized the need for wider coverage and liberalization of eligibility requirements. "In my opinion," he said, "the federal social insurance program should be expanded on a comprehensive basis and all gainfully employed persons, wherever possible and practical, allowed to participate. Old age security, under federal law, should not depend, as it does now, upon the kind of work an employee performs."

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