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FEDERATION SUMMER SCHOOL TO OPEN JUNE 11

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded all affiliated unions and councils that the Federation's third annual Summer Labor Institute will open next month at the Asilomar Hotel and Recreation Grounds in Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula.

The annual summer school, which is sponsored jointly by the Federation and the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California, Berkeley and Los Angeles divisions, will be held from June 11 through June 17.

This year's faculty will feature such outstanding figures as Ewan Clague, commissioner of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Nelson Cruikshank, chief of the A F L Social Security Department.

Purpose of the institute is to advance the cause of labor education through a study of legislation, economic conditions, collective bargaining procedures, and health and welfare problems related to the labor experience of the 20th century.

Pamphlets providing full information on expenses and living accommodations have been mailed to all unions and councils affiliated with the State Federation. Additional copies may be obtained from the Federation office.

Reservation requests should be directed to UNIVERSITY EXTENSION, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

Since accommodations are limited, Haggerty urged that A F L members make their reservations as soon as possible. The institute enjoyed a capacity attendance in 1949.

STATE A F L GAINS FOR APRIL
SURPASS THOSE OF 1949

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Wage increases and other gains obtained this April through collective bargaining by unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor in California amounted to six and a half cents an hour for the 74,000 workers affected.

During April 1949, the average gain was four cents for 40,000 workers.

Statistics listed below are based on reports in union newspapers. Increases are in cents per hour unless otherwise indicated.

Building and Metal Trades

Millmen (carpenters), Bay Area, AND 281 employers: 5-3/4 cents, 2 more pd. holidays; eff. 5/1/50; 3000 workers.

Operating Engineers No. 63, Los Angeles, AND 25 independent meat packers: 17 cents; retro. 3/1/50; 150 workers.

Operating Engineers No. 12, Los Angeles, AND truck crane employers: 8 cents in regular rate and \$1.00 a day in subsistence pay; 2/27/50.

Laborers, Bay Area, AND tunnel employers: 5 cents; 3/31/50; about 200 workers.

Hod Carriers, 4 Bay Area locals, AND Masons and Builders Association of California: 6 cents, 6-hour day, health plan; eff. 7/1/50.

Lumber Clerks No. 3170, Sacramento, AND 4 employers: 5 cents and other gains; eff. 4/1/50; about 100 workers.

Lumber Clerks No. 2559, San Francisco, AND employers: 5 to 7 cents, 4 more pd. holidays; retro. 2/1/50; 400 workers.

Machinists No. 428, Stockton, AND 40 auto repair employers: 5 cents, one more pd. holiday; 4/50.

Metal Polishers AND Electroplaters Ass'n. of Northern California, and independents: 11½ cents; 4/50; about 400 employees.

Upholsterers No. 3, San Francisco, AND 4 Sacramento employers: \$4.00 a day and fringe gains; 4/50; 28 workers.

Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 648, San Francisco, AND food stores except Safeway: \$8.66 per month to health and welfare plan; eff. 1/1/50; 2200 workers. (omitted from Jan. summary)

Retail Clerks No. 775, San Mateo AND food stores: \$8.66 to health and welfare plan; 4/50; 450 workers.

Retail Fruit and Vegetable Clerks No. 1017, San Francisco, AND Retail Fruit Dealers, Inc.: \$8.66 per month to health and welfare plan; 4/1/50.

Retail Clerks No. 588, Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado counties, AND employers, except Safeway: contract continued; 5/1/50; about 600.

Teamsters

Cannery unions, statewide, AND California Processors and Growers, Inc.: 5 per cent; eff. 3/1/50; 60,000 workers.

Laundry Wagon Drivers No. 256, San Francisco, AND employers: \$2.50 per week and fringe gains; 4/50; 300 workers.

Meat and Provision Drivers No. 626, Los Angeles, AND independent packing houses: 1½ cents (in addition to increase of 9/12/49); about 800 workers.

Milk Wagon Drivers No. 302, Oakland, AND Alameda County Milk Dealers Ass'n.: 25 cents per day, and improved vacation; 4/1/50; 1100 workers.

Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921, San Francisco AND S.F. magazine driver employers: 40 cents per day; 4/50; 30 workers.

Milk Drivers No. 226, San Francisco, AND employers: 35 cents per day and improved vacations; 4/50; 850 workers.

Miscellaneous Crafts

Barbers No. 317, Bakersfield, AND employers: from six- to five-day week (closed Mondays); 5/1/50; about 150 workers.

Bakers No. 43, Fresno, AND 4 employers: reduction of two hours in standard work week (equals 5 to 10 cents); 5/1/50; 125 workers.

Butchers No. 563, Los Angeles, AND 40 independent meat packers: 7½ to 11 cents; retro. to 3/1/50; 1800 employees.

Butchers No. 229, San Diego, AND waterfront fresh fish companies: 18-3/4 cents, one more week vacation, 6 days' sick leave, 8 pd. holidays.

Garment Workers, AND Debby of California: contract continued; retro. to 1/1/50; 80 workers.

Typographical Workers No. 36, Oakland, AND job employers: 5 cents; retro. to 1/2/50; 300 workers.

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A T T E N T I O N A L L V O T E R S !

FOR THE POLITICAL FACTS ON THE JUNE 6 ELECTION,

READ THE LABOR PRESS

SUPPORT AND READ YOUR LOCAL LABOR PAPER!

ROOSEVELT MAKES IT CLEAR - HE'S
OPPOSED TO REACTIONARY DOMINANCE OF STATE SENATE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--As the present apportionment system of the State Senate this week became a controversial issue in the California gubernatorial race, the Roosevelt for Governor headquarters declared that their candidate had fought for the reapportionment measure of the state A F L when it was presented to the voters in the November elections of 1948.

In his appearance before the Interviewing Committee of the California Labor League for Political Education last month, Roosevelt stated that he had publicly supported Proposition No. 13, and if elected to high office, that he would take the "exact, same stand."

The present system of Senate apportionment has given to the rural areas of California a disproportionate power to halt social reform legislation introduced in behalf of the overwhelming majority of the people of California.

In 1948 the State Federation reapportionment measure was bitterly opposed by the corporation powers of California, who saw in popular representation a threat to their legislative dominance. Defense of the present system of Senate representation has long been a major plank in the platform of Republican Party reactionaries. Despite the protests of liberal Republicans, the G O P officially condemned the reapportionment measure of 1948.

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I B E W WINS TULARE COUNTY FAIR DISPUTE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers won a long battle in Fresno last week when a contract for rewiring the Tulare County Fair Grounds was granted a private electrical concern following I B E W protests against awarding the job to the Division of Architecture, Department of Public Works.

Business Representative Wally Worthington of the Fresno local declared the union had insisted the work be done "by a contractor bonded to do the job in accordance with state safety standards."

Worthington revealed that the state agency had "originally planned to do the work with day labor." He added that such a policy had been adopted in a project at the Tulare Fair Grounds in 1947, with the result that "half the wiring had to be torn out at an estimated cost to the taxpayers of \$50,000."

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HOUSING FOES LAUNCH NEW CAMPAIGN

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week warned that proponents of the anti-public housing initiative now being circulated throughout the state were moving in on local city councils for grass-roots support.

Haggerty observed that only last week all members of the San Leandro City Council were enrolled as backers of the initiative measure, which would require voter approval of public housing projects.

Under present law, approval by the county board of supervisors or city council is the only authorization needed to permit the local unit of government to seek national housing action.

The proposed constitutional amendment would allow the powerful real estate interests to pour their wealth into community elections, while the champions of public housing would be limited to the support of low income groups.

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SAME OLD STORY - STATE CHAMBER GUNS FOR LABOR

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The California State Chamber of Commerce, political and propaganda vehicle for the corporation giants of the state, obviously has a warm, soft spot in its anatomy for Czar Robert Denham, the tory-minded General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

Through the medium of "California," its monthly news sheet, the Chamber openly boasted: "The State Chamber opposes, and will implement a strong program for defeating the President's Reorganization Plan No. 12, which, if adopted, would abolish the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board." (April issue, page 4.)

Details for implementing the "strong program" were not given.

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