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73 PERCENT OF STATE AFL CANDIDATES WIN PRIMARY TESTS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--California's primary election of June 6 found 73 percent of the AFL endorsed candidates winning their campaign battles despite an off-year ballot complacency which normally works against political liberals.

James Roosevelt, AFL candidate for Governor, won the Democratic Party nomination while Helen Gahagan Douglas, AFL choice for United States Senator, scored a smashing triumph on the same ticket.

Other AFL backed candidates victorious in state office elections were Frank M. Jordan, Secretary of State; Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer; Roy E. Simpson, Superintendent of Schools, and Thomas H. Kuchel, Controller.

Four incumbent officers of the State Board of Equalization, George R. Reilly, James H. Quinn, Jerrold L. Seawell, and William G. Bonelli, were all reelected with AFL support.

Defeated in the primary tests were George Miller Jr., who sought the Lieutenant Governor nomination on both tickets, and Fred N. Howser, incumbent Attorney General.

A survey of the state's 23 Congressional seats, 20 State Senate seats, and 80 State Assembly seats open in the June 6 election reveals that not one incumbent official was removed from office.

Unofficial returns show that AFL candidates won 6 out of 8 statewide offices, 15 out of 22 endorsed Congressional positions, 7 out of 11 endorsed State Senate offices, and 48 out of 67 endorsed State Assembly offices.

State AFL candidates were officially endorsed at the April convention of the California Labor League for Political Education held in San Francisco. The California LLPE is the official political vehicle of the California State Federation of Labor.

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TRUMAN HEEDS STATE AFL REQUESTS, APPOINTS COMMISSION
TO STUDY MIGRATORY LABOR QUESTION

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--President Truman by Executive Order has established a five-man Commission on Migratory Labor to make a broad study of conditions among migratory workers in the United States and of problems created by the migration of workers into this country.

Creation of the Commission is largely the result of action by the California State Federation of Labor in demanding an end to Mexican farm labor importation and demanding a proper policing of the Mexican border to prevent illegal entries.

Both C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and Congressman John F. Shelley, state AFL prexy, have asked for Congressional remedies of migratory labor problems generally and Mexican national problems particularly.

Maurice T. Van Hecke, professor of law at the University of North Carolina, was named Chairman of the Commission. Other members are Robert E. Lucey, Catholic Bishop of San Antonio, Texas; Paul Miller, Chief, University of Minnesota Extension Service; William M. Leiserson, former Chairman of the National Mediation Board, and Peter H. Odegard, professor of political science, University of California.

The President's order directed the Commission to study three important and related questions. These are:

1. The social, economic, health and educational conditions among migratory workers in the United States, and responsibilities now being assumed by federal, state, county and municipal authorities to alleviate conditions among these workers.

2. The problems created by the migration into the United States of alien workers for temporary employment, and the extent to which alien workers are now required to supplement the domestic labor supply.

3. The extent of illegal migration of foreign workers into the United States, and whether and how law enforcement measures may be improved to eliminate illegal migration.

In a statement accompanying the President's order it was explained that the number of migratory workers in the United States has been variously estimated at from 1 to 5 million workers; that previous studies have shown in many instances that living standards among migratory workers and their families are markedly below those of other elements in the population, and that migratory workers are frequently denied the benefits of federal, as well as state and local social legislation.

Besides the domestic migratory workers, the statement declared the United States since the war has imported farm laborers, principally from Mexico, under an international agreement last renegotiated in 1949. It declared further that a number of organizations have taken a stand against the further importation of alien workers, contending that domestic labor can fulfill the needs in the United States, while other organizations have insisted that agricultural production would suffer if employers could not fall back upon alien labor in instances where domestic labor proved to be insufficient.

The Executive Order directs the Commission to report its findings to the President by December 15, 1950.

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STATE FED LABOR INSTITUTE OPENS AT ASILOMAR

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--With more than 100 unionists and staff members registered, the annual AFL Labor Institute opened last Sunday at the Asilomar Hotel on the Monterey Peninsula under the joint

auspices of the California State Federation of Labor and the University of California.

The varied and timely program of courses was initiated Sunday afternoon by a political action seminar led by John Donovan, political action head of the AFL Voters League in Los Angeles.

The Institute worked intensively throughout the week on problems of old age security, economic outlook, and labor legislation.

Clark Kerr, chief of the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California, and Ewan Clague, commissioner of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, joined in a keynote presentation of the problems of older workers and the technological unemployed. Both felt that workers over 65 should be employed wherever possible.

Clague suggested that with the increasing importance of the machine and the attendant unemployment caused by labor-saving devices, workers should prepare themselves to work in more than one trade.

Intense discussions of employment, unemployment, and production featured the week's program.

Fred Breier, University of San Francisco professor, provided a daily lecture series on "Everyday Economics," in which he explained the sometimes baffling language of economists, and the basic forces which are directing our economy on both a short and long run basis.

Ewan Clague led the discussions of basic social security, including public and private pension and health plans.

Existing state and federal labor laws, unemployment insurance laws, and recent court decisions received full review, as did collective bargaining procedures, public relations, and union administration.

The evening sessions were highlighted by an address by Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor on "Where is the Labor Movement Headed?" Haggerty emphasized his belief that hard work and honest thinking would bring the labor movement to victory on both the economic and political fronts.

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FARM LABOR FILM REQUEST

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The National Farm Labor Union, AFL, and the Hollywood AFL Film Council have requested that all organizations currently possessing the sound film, "Poverty in the Valley of Plenty," abide by a legal settlement recently reached with the Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation relative to the future use of the film.

Specifically, the labor units urge that all organizations possessing the film take the following steps:

(1) Refrain from reproducing, publishing, exhibiting, or participating in the production, publication, or exhibition of the sound film entitled "Poverty in the Valley of Plenty."

(2) Destroy all negatives and positives of the said motion picture film now possessed.

(3) Notify the legal firm of Gilbert, Nissen and Irvin in Los Angeles that such action has been taken as above required. The law firm address is Suite 317, W. M. Garland Building, 117 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles 15, California.

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TEAMSTERS MAKE FINAL PLANS FOR
1950 ALL-TRUCK CHECK

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Last minute lick-and-polish strokes were given to final plans for the second annual ALL-TRUCK CHECK program of the Teamsters International Union throughout the United States June 18 through 23, according to Dave Beck, Executive Vice-President, in a statement released early this week in Washington, D. C.

Business agents and secretaries of more than a thousand local Teamsters unions throughout the country will contact more than a half million trucks of all description, finding out if the driver is a paid-up dues member, where the cargoes are consigned, and if they are to be handled by union men at point of dropage.

Last year the campaign was aimed primarily at the over-the-road driver and helper. This year the campaign aims to acquire statistics on every jurisdiction on wheels. This includes dairy, bakery, taxi, soft-drink and beverage, brewery, meat and provision, oil and petroleum, laundry, van and storage, building construction, warehousing, over-the-road, short haul and local pickup, and other national trade divisions.