

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

FROM

## CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

810 DAVID HEWES BUILDING  
995 MARKET STREET

151



SAN FRANCISCO,  
CALIFORNIA

June 21, 1950

### SAILORS UNION OF PACIFIC OPENS MILLION DOLLAR HOME

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The Sailors Union of the Pacific last Friday dedicated its new home at First and Harrison Streets in San Francisco.

Governor Earl Warren officially placed the cornerstone at 7:00 p.m. and one of the stirring, militant stories of maritime unionism had reached an historic climax.

The formal dedication program featured addresses by the Governor, by Congressman John F. Shelley, President of the California State Federation of Labor, and by C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state AFL. Harry Lundeborg, secretary-treasurer of the Sailors Union, presided.

But the story of the sailors goes back far beyond June 16, 1950. It all began 65 years ago this past March when the fathers of the SUP held their first meeting on a lumber pile at the foot of Folsom Street, just a few short blocks from the awesome granite and marble structure that now reaches to the skyline of San Francisco.

This new building cost something more than a million and a half dollars, but in the things that make a union great it cost much more. There are blood and devotion in every square foot of this monument to the men of the merchant marine. The blood and devotion of the men who met at the Folsom Street wharf and vowed they would never desist in their efforts to secure the welfare of those who sail the sea. The blood and devotion of all who since 1885 have carried on the struggle of the SUP against every kind of maritime tyranny.

This magnificent building reflects the present stature and prestige of the SUP, but it also reflects the tenacity and courage of men who were clubbed and beaten and killed that the union might live.

And so, essentially, this building is the work of all the lonely adventurous men who have sailed out of Pacific ports since 1885 in the name of the SUP.

Thus, it stands not only as a tribute to those who went down with their ships in the second world war, but it remains also an inspiring monument to maritime labor in its aged struggle for decent and proper living at sea.

Surely this building should endure, for it was well founded. It was founded on the imperishable faith of the brave men who met long ago on the Folsom Street lumber pile and pledged their ambitions and lives to the Sailors Union of the Pacific. That foundation shall remain forever, whatever the time or tide.

- ===== -

#### ANTI-PICKETING MOVE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--In a significant legal maneuver, a Contra Costa County service station firm has launched a plan to obtain an injunction against peaceful picketing under conditions that have heretofore been ruled as legal in California.

The Barnes Brothers service station in Pinole was recently picketed by the Teamsters Union for refusal to organize. The firm filed a suit in Contra Costa County against the picketing, and a restraining order was issued. A visiting judge heard the order to show cause.

In the company's legal argument it was claimed that Section 923 of the state Labor Code prevents a union from picketing for a closed shop where the union does not have members employed by the particular employer.

The plaintiff's attorney cited a decision of the state of Washington which construed a similar statute of that state against the unions and where under such statute an injunction was issued against picketing. The Washington case went to the U.S. Supreme Court which held that if such were the rule in the state of Washington, it would not interfere.

Attorney Clarence E. Todd, arguing for the California State Federation of Labor, claimed that the rule in California permits such picketing, and that the claim of the plaintiffs regarding Section 923 of the Labor Code had been decided in favor of the unions in the Howard Automobile case in 1940. Todd advised that the U. S. Supreme Court had refused to rehear the Howard case, thus refusing to interfere with the California rule.

The affected Contra Costa County unions are now proceeding to carry the Pinole case to the California Supreme Court by appeal and possibly by application for a writ.

- - - - -  
LOS ANGELES PAINTERS WIN  
SIX-WEEK STRIKE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The recently concluded strike of Painters District Council No. 36, Los Angeles and vicinity, brought a clear and unchallenged victory to the AFL men who downed tools for a six-week period.

N. C. Neall, business representative and strike committee chairman, reports that the new agreement calls for a \$2.22 per hour base rate, which represents a 14 cent increase until October 1, 1950, at which time the rate will jump to \$2.38 per hour base rate.

Another major item of the union triumph is the new 7-hour day, 35-hour week, which will also commence as of October 1.

- - - - -  
AFL COMMITTEE FAVORS LABOR DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATION OF HANDICAPPED PROGRAM

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The American Federation of Labor subcommittee on Education has recommended that federal programs for the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped can best be administered by the U.S. Department of Labor rather than by the Federal Security Agency as is now the practice.

Meeting under chairman Martin P. Durkin, the AFL education body assembled in Washington, D.C. on June 12 to make recommendations on pending legislation dealing with aid to handicapped.

Members of the committee present were C. J. Haggerty, secretary treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, Reuben Soderstrom, and Charles M. Houk.

Representatives of the Department of Labor, the Federal Security Agency, and the American Federation of Physically Handicapped, Inc. all appeared to voice opinions on pertinent legislation now before Congress.

- - - - -

WIDESPREAD WAGE GAINS MADE  
BY AFL UNIONISTS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Collective bargaining negotiations in California during May brought an average increase of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents to 146,000 AFL trade unionists.

The largest group affected was the 100,000 southern California basic building trades craftsmen with an across-the-board increase of 8 cents. The average gain for the remaining 46,000 trade unionists was  $6\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

The details reported below are from the labor press:

Building and Metal Trades

Six basic crafts (laborers, cement finishers, iron workers, engineers, teamsters, carpenters), 12 So. Calif. counties, AND So. Calif. Chapter of Associated General Contractors: 8 cents; eff. 7/10/50; 100,000 workers.

Electrical Workers No. 6, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Electrical Contractors Assn.:  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents for both inside wiremen and linemen (outside electrical workers); eff. 6/1/50; 900 workers.

Lathers No. 88, East Bay, AND East Bay Lathing Contractors Association: 50 cents a day to health and welfare plan for each day worked; retro. 3/15/40; 200 workers.

Lumber and Planing Mill Workers No. 3102, Santa Clara County, AND employers: 5 cents, 2 pd. holidays; 5/50; 250 workers.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2564, Eureka, AND Geneva Lumber Company:  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents, improved vacations; 5/50; about 125 workers.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2592, Hammond, AND Employers;  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents to 10 cents; 5/50; 700 workers.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers AND Central Calif. employers: 5 cents, 3 pd. holidays; 5/50; 6000 workers.

Machinists Dist. Lodge No. 93, Santa Clara, AND Santa Clara County Machine Shop Employers (10 shops): 5 cents; eff. 5/15/50; 750 workers.

Ornamental Iron Workers No. 472, Bay Area, AND Bay Area Metal Fabricators Assn.: 2 pd. holidays and improved vacation clause; eff. 7/1/50; 1200 workers.

Painters No. 333, San Diego, AND San Diego Painting and Decorating Contractors Association:  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents; eff. 6/15/50; 800 workers.

Painters No. 333 (linoleum men), San Diego, AND 40 employers: 13 cents; 5/50; 150 workers.

Painters, 13 locals, Bay Area, 7 counties, AND Bay Area Painters Joint Council:  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents; eff. 6/1/50; 12,000 workers.

Sign and Pictorial Union No. 510, San Francisco, AND Display Builders and Exhibit Association: 15 cents; retro. 4/1/50; 100 workers.

Structural Shopmen No. 491, Bay Area, AND Employers: 2 cents, 3 ad. pd. holidays; eff. 7/1/50; 1200 workers.

Tile Workers No. 199, Pomona, AND Pomona Tile Co.: 2 cents and 6 pd. holidays; 4/50.

### Teamsters

Highway Drivers Council of Calif. (17 locals, statewide), long line and turn around drivers, AND Truck Owners Assn. of Calif.: \$4.00 a mo. to health and welfare fund, and improved vacation clause; 5/50; 16,000 - 25,000 workers.

Sales Drivers No. 683, San Diego, AND soft drink distributing and bottling plants; \$2/wk. for drivers, 5 cents for inside workers; 5/50; (similar incr. 5/51); about 350 workers.

### Miscellaneous -- Bakers

Bakers No. 24 and No. 119, Bay Area, AND wholesale bakeries: improved work schedule of 37½ hours in 5 days, rather than 38 hours in 6 days, and 2 cents for employees on old work schedule; 5/50; 1110 workers.

Bakers No. 24, San Francisco and peninsula, AND retail bakery shops: 5-day week, 8-hour day; eff. 6/50; 650 workers.

Bakers No. 24, San Francisco, AND United Bakers Assn. (for French and Latin bakeries): 5-day week, 8-hour day, incr. in night differential; 100 workers.

Bakers No. 43, Fresno, AND Fresno Macaroni Co.: 5 cents for journeymen, 3 cents for misc. workers, one ad. pd. holiday; improved vacations; 5/50; 25 workers.

Bakers No. 85, Sacramento, AND 11 wholesale bakeries: 8 cents for men, 4 cents for women; improved vacation; 5/50; about 200 workers.

Bakers No. 125, Oakland, AND Sunshine Biscuits, Inc.: 4 cents; 5/50; 423 workers.

### Miscellaneous -- Other

Butchers No. 229, San Diego, AND independent wholesale packing houses: 5½ percent (7½ to 14 cents); 5/50; 200 workers.

Screen Extras Guild, Hollywood, AND major studios: \$6.11 per day for crowd extras, and other gains; 5/50.

Garment Workers, Los Angeles, AND Mode O'Day: sick benefits (1 percent of payroll), wage incr.; 5/50.

- - - - -