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JOHN P. MC LAUGHLIN DIES - LAST OF FAMED TRIUMVIRATE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO --- John P. McLaughlin, San Francisco labor and civic leader since the early years of the century, died last Saturday at the age of 77 following a long illness.

Together with the late Michael Casey and John O'Connell, McLaughlin was a member of the Teamster triumvirate which led the AFL union to the great strike victory of 1901 when the drivers won their desperate struggle with the Draymens' Association.

The siren in San Francisco's famed Ferry Building sounded in McLaughlin's honor at 9:00 A.M. this Wednesday morning when Requiem Mass for the AFL veteran began at Holy Redeemer Church at 18th and Diamond Streets.

At the wail of the Ferry siren, members of Teamster Local 85 throughout the city removed their hats and stood for one moment in silent respect for the man who had been secretary of the organization for the past 40 years.

McLaughlin was the former U.S. Collector of Internal Revenue for northern California, and at one time served as State Labor Commissioner.

Additionally, he held many responsible posts in the city government of San Francisco, being a former Supervisor, former member of the Board of Health, and a past member of the Public Utilities Commission.

He was former director and president emeritus of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District

At the time of his death he was second vice-president of the Teamsters' International, and was also serving as president of the San Francisco Bay Area Joint Council of Teamsters.

He is survived by two sons, Edward McLaughlin, organizer for the Teamsters' Highway Drivers' Council and a member of the Executive Board of the San Francisco Labor Council, and the Rev. Joseph E. McLaughlin, Pastor, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Walnut Creek.

Pall bearers at the funeral Mass were Daniel Flanagan, Western Director, AFL; Bill Conboy, Teamsters' International Representative; Joe Diviny, President, Teamsters' Local 85; Steve Gilligan, Secretary, S.F. Bay Area Joint Council of Teamsters; Walter Otto, California State Federation of Labor.

C.J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, expressed the sorrow of the State AFL in a wire to the McLaughlin family which declared that the American Federation of Labor had lost one of its "skilled and fearless warriors, who, for half a century, had carried the fight for organized labor against industrial oppression, and who had sought always to bring the highest possible standards of living to the workers of America."

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AFL POLITICAL LEAGUE OPENS DRIVE FOR REGISTRATION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO -- In a communication directed to all AFL unions, councils, and political leagues in the state, C.J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week touched off a vote registration campaign designed to give labor its full ballot strength in the November elections.

Haggerty declared that every union, council, and league, should immediately establish a Registration Committee to the end of protecting the economic and political rights of the labor movement.

The communication followed the action of the state political league executive council which last week voted to launch a registration drive through the cooperation of unions, councils, and leagues.

Registration may now be effected in all counties of California and will continue until September 14. Those who must register

before this closing date if they would be eligible to vote on November 7 are (1) Those who have never voted in the past; (2) Those who have failed to vote in both the primary and general election of 1948; (3) Those who have moved their residence since last voting in a primary or general election.

MEMORIAL PAMPHLET
HONORS AFL FOUNDER

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO -- The Samuel Gompers Centennial Committee, headed by Matthew Woll, AFL vice-president, has issued a memorial pamphlet entitled "The Gompers Heritage", consisting of representative speeches made in connection with the Gompers Centennial.

Featured are addresses by George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the AFL, Maurice J. Tobin, U.S. Secretary of Labor, and Hubert Humphrey, U.S. Senator from Minnesota.

Unions may obtain copies by writing the Gompers Centennial Committee, 55 West 42nd Street, New York 18, N.Y.

FEDERATION CONVENTION CALL TO
BE ISSUED AUGUST 1st

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO -- In response to numerous inquiries from interested unions, C.J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week announced that the official call for the 1950 Federation convention will be mailed all affiliated unions on August 1, 1950.

The annual State Federation convention will be held in Santa Barbara commencing October 9.

WRONG WAY NIXON REFUSED
TO AID SOUTH KOREA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO -- Last January when the House of Representatives, by a one vote margin, refused to send 60 millions dollars of economic aid to South Korea, Representative Richard Nixon of California, voted against the aid bill.

It's not surprising, for the Big Business candidate for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by Sheridan Downey, has a long notorious record of voting against the interests of the working people.

His attack on American security in the Orient was in direct contrast to the activities of Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas who worked for the Korean aid bill both in committee and on the floor of the House.

Mrs. Douglas won the Democratic Party nomination for the U.S. Senatorship and will face Republican Nixon in the November finals.

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: OOPS - WE SLIPPED: :
: The Weekly Newsletter of June 21,:
: 1950, erred in reporting the wage in- :
: crease recently gained by the Lumber :
: and Sawmill Workers on behalf of 6,000:
: workers in central California. The :
: gain was 7½ cents rather than 5 cents,:
: as listed. As reported by the News- :
: letter, the contract also provides for:
: three paid holidays. :
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BOOKBINDERS' CONVENTION SET FOR SAN FRANCISCO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO -- The 26th BIENNIAL CONVENTION of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders will be held in the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, July 17 to 21, 1950.

In addition to the hotel business sessions, William S. Hogan, secretary of the convention committee, announces the following social events: A barbecue dinner at Adobe Creek Lodge in the Los Altos foothills; a dinner dance and entertainment, Gold Room, Fairmont Hotel; the convention ball, Gold Room, Fairmont Hotel.

AFL NAMES THE BLACK 28 ANTI-LABOR - ANTI-FARMER

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO -- The national Labor League for Political Education, official political vehicle of the American Federation of Labor, this week published a list of 28 U.S. Senators who

have consistently opposed the best interests of both workers and farmers during the 81st Congress.

Significantly, the 28 who voted to sustain the nefarious Taft-Hartley Act also voted against the farm price support program.

All but one of the 28 senators are Republicans. Senator Byrd of Virginia is the lone Democrat.

Needless to mention, the roster of reaction includes Senator William Knowland of California.

The total list follows:

DEMOCRATS - 1

BYRD

REPUBLICANS - 27

BREWSTER	MARTIN
BRICKER	MC CARTHY
BRIDGES	MILLIKIN
BUTLER	MUNDT
CAIN	SALTONSTALL
CORDON	SCHOEPPPEL
DONNELL	SMITH (New Jersey)
FERGUSON	TAFT
GURNEY	WATKINS
HENDRICKSON	WHERRY
HICKENLOOPER	WILEY
JENNER	WILLIAMS
KEM	YOUNG
KNOWLAND	

MAY EMPLOYMENT SHOWS RISE
OF NEARLY 500,000 OVER MAY, 1949

(CFLML) SAN FRANCISCO -- Employment in industrial and commercial establishments rose by 330,000 between April and May, reaching the highest level attained in 1950, Maurice J. Tobin, Secretary of Labor announced this week in Washington, D.C.

The uninterrupted climb in the number of employed persons has added more than 1.5 million workers to payrolls since February, the low point of this year, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The May figure of 43.2 million represents an increase of 455,000 over May 1949. The April-May increase reflects substantial gains in construction and manufacturing.