

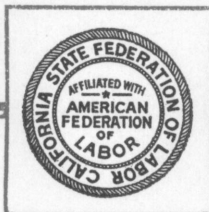
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AFL PLEDGES ALL-OUT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Pledges of militant support for the fight against world communism and domestic reaction featured the national committee meeting of the AFL Labor's League for Political Education held July 17-18 in Washington, D. C.

President William Green presided at the vital two-day conference of AFL leaders held at the Washington Hotel in the national capital.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary, and Congressman John F. Shelley, president, represented the California Labor League for Political Education at the national policy meet, to which were invited all presidents and secretaries of national and international unions and state federations.

The unanimously approved policy statement declared that the reactionary opponents of labor have proven bad security risks "not only on domestic policy but in fighting the Communists abroad."

In a review of American labor struggles, the statement maintained: "We recognize that the best liberal legislation in American history was enacted following the election of President Roosevelt and a liberal Congress in 1932. After the mid-term Congressional election setbacks in 1938, labor was faced with a hostile Congress until 1946. Only the Presidential veto prevented the enactment of reactionary anti-labor laws."

The statement then treats of the enactment of the Taft-Hartley Act by the 80th Congress and of the subsequent founding of Labor's League for Political Education by the American Federation of Labor.

In providing teeth for a major labor drive against reaction on the home front, the committee voted that all national and international unions, and all affiliates of the AFL, shall immediately instruct their regional and district representatives to call regional meetings of all local union officers for the purpose of taking the following actions:

(1) Set up within each local a committee designated as the Registration Committee. This committee shall conduct a drive among the membership with the goal of registering every member and his or her family so that they will be qualified to vote in the November elections.

(2) Set up a committee designated as the Contribution Committee to conduct a drive among the members for voluntary contributions. The goal shall be a voluntary contribution from members and friends. Funds shall be forwarded to the LLPE national office each week as collected.

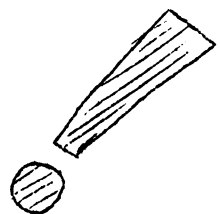
(3) Impress upon their members the urgent need for their full and complete cooperation with state and local leagues of the AFL political arm.

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HOSPITAL BENEFITS REACH THOUSANDS
OF CALIFORNIA WORKERS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The new hospital benefit provision of the state Unemployment Insurance Act has already brought payments to at least 29,000 workers during the first six months of 1950, according to statistics released this month by the Department of Employment.

Payments of \$8.00 per day for a maximum of 12 days per year are now provided under the unemployment disability section of the act to hospitalized workers. The hospital benefit amendment was adopted by the 1949 session of the legislature and became effective as of January 1, 1950.

The Department of Employment figure refers only to workers covered by the State Disability Fund. The number receiving benefits under private disability insurance plans has not yet been published.

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MIGRATORY LABOR COMMISSION SETS HEARING
FOR LOS ANGELES

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--President Truman's Commission on Migratory Labor, after a two-day hearing in Washington devoted to testimony from interested labor, employer, welfare, and religious groups, has announced a schedule for its first hearings in the field.

The itinerary commences in Brownsville, Texas, on July 31, and concludes in Fort Collins, Colorado, on August 18.

A three-day hearing will be held in Los Angeles on August 10, 11, and 12.

One of the groups represented at the Washington hearing, the National Child Labor Committee, told the Commission that the migrancy problem was worse than ever and with increased mechanization the trend would continue, unless something was done.

Sol Markoff, who spoke for the Committee, said that despite many investigations and some reforms in a few states, "there seems to

have been little change in the unbelievably substandard conditions of life and labor among many migrant farm workers."

Edwin C. Mitchell, speaking for H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union (American Federation of Labor), pointed out that farm workers are denied the protection of the Federal minimum wage law, the social security law, and, by most states, workmen's compensation.

He said the National Farm Labor Union has "consistently opposed the importation of foreign workers from Mexico, the British West Indies, and elsewhere, since the importation of foreign workers reduces job opportunities for American citizens, and prevents the rise of wages, working and living conditions" of all farm labor.

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AFL LEADERS ASK FOR AID
TO "CARE" MOVEMENT

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--William Green, AFL president, and Matthew Woll, president of the Labor League for Human Rights, AFL, this week asked for renewed and generous support of the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.

The American Federation of Labor CARE campaign to assist free trade unionists overseas through the purchase of relief packages is being directed by Madeleine C. Dillon, official AFL representative in the CARE administration.

The Labor League for Human Rights and 25 other relief agencies founded CARE, a non-profit, government-approved agency, for the purpose of establishing a safe and efficient channel for European aid.

Unions interested in forwarding CARE relief packages to their fellow trade unionists in Europe should write Madeleine C. Dillon, CARE Headquarters, 20 Broad Street, New York 5, New York.

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STATE FED ATTORNEY PRAISED
FOR SAFEWAY STRIKE HELP

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The long, 10-month strike of AFL clerks and managers against the Safeway Stores of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties ended last week with the signing of a five-year peace contract.

Main points of the settlement, as cited by Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council and vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor, provide that:

1--During the five-year period Safeway will remain out of negotiations with AFL Clerks Local 870 and 1179 of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties respectively, and will accept whatever terms are agreed upon annually by the unions with the rest of the industry in the two counties.

2--All strikers return to work with no loss of seniority, vacation rights, or any other employee rights.

3---The striking managers return with individual contracts with the corporation. These contracts, running for 15 months, require that if a manager quits or is discharged for cause during the first three months after return, he is to be paid the same sum of money that he earned during the entire year before September 19, 1949. If he quits or is discharged after three months from his return, he gets paid for the number of months the contract still runs before expiring.

4--The individual contracts with the striking managers provide that he may belong to the Clerks unions. The ultimate question of whether the managers can have the Clerks Union bargain for them is left up to the courts.

5--All other court or NLRB actions, whether instituted by the union or the corporation, are cancelled, including the contempt proceedings brought against the AFL union leaders.

6--The managers returning to work go back to the same locations where they worked before the strike.

7--Both clerks and managers have the protection of contract terms which had previously been negotiated by the rest of the industry.

Ash gave particular praise to Charles P. Scully, attorney of the California State Federation of Labor, for his efforts in defending the labor position. Declaring that Scully "fought for us day after day and night after night" in the long legal battle, the Alameda council leader held that "were it not for Scully's aid the long strike might still be on and final settlement not yet reached."