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### L A B O R      D A Y      M E S S A G E

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(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Labor Day in 1950 finds America once more at war with the powers of international banditry.

The national security demands that all of the productive elements of American life devote their total, unselfish efforts toward victory in the Korean theatre.

From the very moment of Communist aggression in Korea, the American Federation of Labor was committed by philosophy and fact to the cause of this nation. We have never tolerated divided loyalties within our organization. We have unceasingly opposed the agents of Soviet Russia who sought to use the organized labor movement of America as a mere instrument for Communist expansion. Thus, we harbor no Soviet fifth column. Thus, we shelter no traitors who would sabotage and slaughter the American military personnel now fighting in Korea.

The philosophy of free American labor also dictates that we resist the callous profiteer who would exploit the war effort with a brutal disregard for those who are giving blood, and limb, and life on the Korean peninsula.

The traditional leaders of American reaction have already begun their campaign for soaring prices and frozen wages. They are blind to any need for moral responsibility. They see only the chance for greater and wider wealth. They see only the horizons of higher commercial gain. We must continue to resist, we must continue to challenge this wretched segment of American business which wields an unholy influence among all too many Congressmen.

There is today a grim necessity for responsible, enlightened men in public life. The American Federation of Labor, through Labor's League for Political Education, is pledged to the election of mature, vigorous liberals at every level of government.

Thus, if we would fully serve America in the present crisis we must persist in our political mission, seeking always to elect those who serve the common good, and rejecting always those who are the lackeys and tools of corporate wealth.

Additionally, our pledge of total labor participation requires that we share in the whole of civilian planning. We deserve and are entitled to membership on all civilian bodies established for the domestic war function.

The crisis also points to the cry of unorganized workers for the benefits and progress which have come to millions through the organized labor movement. Industrial expansion should inspire an intense organizational campaign in this year of the Gompers Centennial in which the American Federation of Labor hopes to achieve one million new members.

We bear grave obligations in 1950. We are charged with the efficiency of war production, and we carry also on our shoulders the aspirations of the largest free labor organization the world has ever known. Free labor must and shall answer the challenge of the times.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TYCOON ATTACKS LOBBY INQUIRY,  
IMPLIES "REVOLT" AGAINST U.S.

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The very Big Business groups that have shouted loudest about the need for full investigation of subversive organizations are now quite opposed to inquiries directed toward their own machinations in Washington.

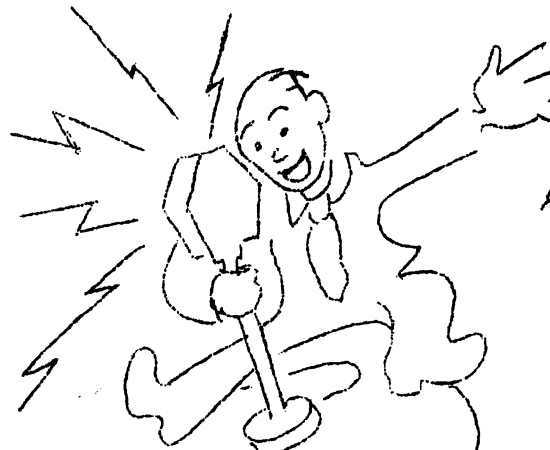
W. C. Mullendore, president of the Southern California Edison Company, recently advised all stockholders of his organization of the

company position relative to the investigation of political pressure groups now being conducted by House Select Committee on Lobbying Activities under the direction of Chairman Frank Buchanan of Pennsylvania.

It develops that Buchanan demanded that the giant utility outfit furnish a report of all expenditures in the past 3½ years "relating to any attempt to influence, directly or indirectly, the passage or defeat of any federal legislation."

Mullendore answered by claiming insufficient time and by branding the investigation an attempt at "thought control" which imperiled human liberty.

In a frank warning of Big Business retaliation, Mullendore stated that those responsible "for this bold attempt to suppress



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freedom of speech and of the press should review their early American history and learn therefrom what caused the revolt in which this Nation was born."

The Mullendore reply was sent Buchanan in telegraphic form and printed copies were mailed to 90,000 stockholders of the corporation.

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AFL LEADER NOW U.S. MARSHAL  
FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Edward J. Carrigan, coordinator of AFL unions in San Mateo County and former president of the San Mateo Central Labor Council, was last Friday sworn in as United States Marshal for the Northern District of California.

Carrigan, 48, was appointed to the federal post by President Truman. The appointment was confirmed this month by the United States Senate.

The new marshal took his oath of office before dozens of associates and friends from the labor movement who crowded the chambers of Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman in the San Francisco Post Office Building for the installation ceremonies.

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HONOLULU AFL PLEDGES LOYALTY, ASKS U.S.  
TO ELIMINATE ISLAND TRAITORS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--In a militant attack on Soviet fifth columnists in the Hawaiian Islands, the Honolulu Central Labor Council, AFL, last week urged that the federal and territorial governments prepare an effective program to "uproot, paralyze, and eliminate all traitorous agencies, agents, and activities from Hawaii."

In an officially adopted resolution, the Council recommended that the Governor of the Islands empanel a tri-partite board or commission composed of equal representatives of labor, management and public, to safeguard "the interests of labor, management and public as affecting the war effort."

The Council also pledged to "assist and cooperate with, in every way possible, the shipment and movement of arms, ammunition, materials, equipment, personnel, etc., from, to, or through these Hawaiian Islands."

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FEDERATION TO ISSUE GOMPERS PAMPHLET  
AT STATE FAIR

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--A Samuel Gompers centennial pamphlet, telling both the story of the AFL founder and his organization, will be issued next month by the California State Federation of Labor as a feature of the Federation exhibit at the California State Fair to be held in Sacramento, August 31 through September 10.

The pamphlet will advise in brief, concise terms of the Gompers influence in American life and of the role of the state AFL in maintaining the Gompers heritage.

Labor literature and labor films explaining the functions of organized labor will also feature the exhibit material offered fairgoers.

The state fair normally draws more than a million and a half visitors.

