

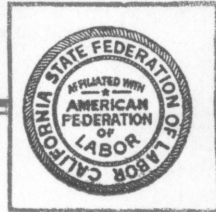
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HAGGERTY PROTESTS RIDER TO SOCIAL SECURITY BILL

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week condemned James G. Bryant, Director of the State Department of Employment, for his sponsorship of the notorious Knowland rider appended to the liberalized social security measure recently adopted by Congress.

The Knowland rider gives state employment agencies the power to force unemployed workers to crash picket lines or be denied unemployment benefits.

Haggerty charged that Bryant, "in protest against U.S. Labor Department rulings against California unemployment procedures, jeopardized passage of a measure which will bring genuine benefits to thousands of California workers, and which marks the first progressive change in the Social Security Law since its inception."



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The State Federation head further claimed:

"Bryant induced Senator Knowland to author the rider out of pique because the Federal Government caught his department in an improper ruling. We particularly resent his failure to discuss his plan to introduce this measure in Washington with any organized labor spokesman. He took it up solely with the employer group, and came up with a method of avoiding compliance with Federal law and undermining the whole principle of Federal standards in the Social Security Law."

In a special trip to the nation's capital, Haggerty last month contacted Senator Knowland before he introduced the rider, asking that he abandon the proposed anti-labor attachment to the social security bill.

Specifically, the Knowland amendment provides that states may ignore the present limited standards of the federal unemployment insurance law without fear of corrective action on the part of the Secretary of Labor until a long series of state court hearings have been held on the given dispute, thus often denying benefits to unemployed workers at the time when they are most needed.

The Knowland amendment was apparently inspired by cases arising late in 1949 when the U. S. Department of Labor found that California and Washington had violated federal standards by denying unemployment benefits to certain workers seeking state aid.

STATE AFL WAGE GAINS AVERAGE $7\frac{1}{2}$ CENTS IN JULY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Collective bargaining negotiations on behalf of some 67,000 AFL and allied trade unionists in California brought wage gains averaging $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents an hour during July.

Plumbers in 46 northern California counties against $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Safeway retail clerks achieved a \$2.00 per week boost in the San Francisco Bay area while Los Angeles and San Diego bakers gained five cents and a 5-day, 40-hour week.

Statistics listed below have been compiled from labor press reports:

Building Trades

Electrical Workers No. 617, San Mateo, AND Consolidated Western Steel Corp. (South San Francisco): $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 7/50.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2288 and 1407; Building Material Drivers No. 420 and 692; Operating Engineers No. 235, Los Angeles

County, AND lumber yards, planing mills, sash and door factories, lumber handling docks: $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents and other improvements; effective 7/1/50; 6500 workers.

Millmen No. 1495, Chico, AND 6 lumber companies: $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents; effective 7/1/50; 450 workers.

Operating Engineers No. 3, San Francisco, AND Natomas Co. (Folsom area): 3 cents; retroactive 5/1/50; 200 workers.

Painters No. 1115, Stockton, AND employers: $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents for brush workers; effective 10/10/50; 8 cents for glaziers; effective 7/10/50.

Plumbers, 46 northern California counties, AND employers: $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 7/17/50; 10,000 workers.

Clerks

Retail Food Clerks No. 870 and 1179, Oakland and Contra Costa Counties, AND Safeway: \$2.00 a week; 7/50; 400 workers.

Retail Grocery Clerks No. 648, San Francisco, AND Safeway: \$2.00 a week to a welfare fund; 7/50; 350 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1428, Ontario, AND Newberry's: \$1.50 to \$2.00 a week, improved conditions; 6/50.

Retail Department Store Employees No. 1100, San Francisco, AND Sears Roebuck: \$2.50 to \$5.00; effective 8/1/50; 250 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 373, Vallejo, AND food store employers: \$2.00 a week to health and welfare plan; 7/1/50.

Culinary

Bartenders and Culinary No. 483, Monterey AND Monterey Peninsular Hotel and Restaurant Association: improvements in wages, vacations, holidays; 7/18/50.

Metal Trades

Blacksmiths No. 168, Bay Area, AND California Metal Trades Association and independents: $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents, 1 additional paid holiday, health and welfare program; 7/50; 800 workers.

Blacksmiths No. 212, Los Angeles, AND Plomb Tool Co.: 4 cents, improved vacations; AND Mills Iron Works: 6 cents, plus profit-sharing; 7/50.

Machinists, North Hollywood, AND Airquipment Co.: 8 cents; retroactive 4/9/50; 3 cents effective 4/9/51; improved overtime; 150 workers.

Machinists No. 504, San Jose, AND Santa Cruz Portland Cement Co., (Davenport): 5 cents; retroactive 5/50.

Machinists District Lodge No. 115 (7 locals), Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties, AND California Metal Trades Association: $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents; effective 7/1/50; 15,000 members directly and 10,000 more indirectly.

Molders No. 164, Bay Area, AND 60 foundries: $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents, one additional paid holiday, improved holiday clause; effective 7/1/50; 3500 workers.

Pacific Coast Metal Trades, Washington, Oregon, California, AND master shipyards (new ship and ship repair): 6 cents for all classifications, and other gains, including adjustment in shift period pay; 7/1/50; 6000 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 272 and No. 252, San Mateo and Fresno, AND employers: $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents, effective 7/50, and health welfare plan (about $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents), effective 10/1/50.

Teamsters

Teamsters No. 137, Marysville, AND 13 dairies (fluid milk): 20 cents; 7/50.

Chauffeurs and Teamsters No. 150, Sacramento, AND dairies (drivers and production workers): 50 cents a day; retroactive 5/1/50; 360 workers.

Sales Drivers No. 296, San Jose, AND dairy industry (Drivers): 25 to 35 cents a day, 6/50; 250 workers.

Truck Drivers No. 381, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo, AND wholesale beer and liquor firms: \$4.50 a week; effective 7/1/50.

Retail Milk Drivers and Salesmen No. 441, Los Angeles, AND 11 independent milk distributors: uniform starting hours; 7/50.

Teamsters No. 490, Solano County, AND ice truckers: 5 cents; effective 7/1/50.

Automotive Teamsters No. 576, San Jose, AND wholesale milk supply plants: $10\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 7/50; 25 workers.

General Truck Drivers No. 624, San Rafael, AND Marin dairy owners: 45 cents a day; retroactive 2/50; 110 workers.

Produce Drivers No. 630, Los Angeles, AND California Consumer Corp.: 5 to 10 cents, improved holidays; effective 7/1/50.

Miscellaneous

Bakers No. 37 and 31, Los Angeles and Long Beach, AND Baking Industry Council (21 wholesale bakeries): 5 cents, a 40-hour, 5-day week, retroactive 5/1/50; 2000 workers.

Bakers No. 315, San Diego, AND five wholesale bakeries: 5 cents, 40-hour, 5-day week, retroactive 6/11/50; 200 workers.

Bill Posters, AND Foster and Kleiser Co., for Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona: 5 to 20 cents; 5 paid holidays; 7/1/50; 300 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87 and 117, San Francisco, AND Building Owners and Managers Ass'n (108 office buildings): 3 cents for janitors and elevator operators, 4 cents for janitresses; 7/50; 1500 workers.

Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 7, San Francisco, AND wholesale and retail employers: 6 cents; retroactive 6/5/50; 500 workers.

Motor Coach Operators No. 1027, Fresno, AND Fresno City Lines: 2 cents effective 7/1/50; 2 cents effective 7/1/51.

Sugar workers AND refinery employers: 6 to 8 cents; effective 7/24/50; 6000 workers at peak season.

Typographical Workers No. 650, Long Beach, AND job and newspaper employers: \$1.50 a week; effective 7/1/50.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE
TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 20

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Governor Earl Warren this week announced that the state legislature will meet in special session on September 20.

The 120 lawmakers of the Assembly and Senate will be asked to consider legislation which would:

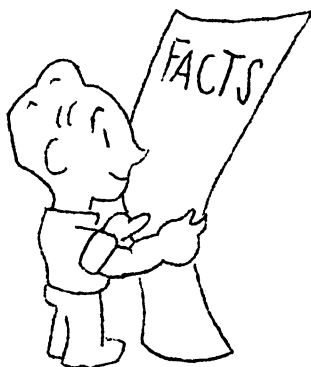
(1) Make it possible for California school districts to get more quickly the \$250,000 in state money voted last November.

(2) Facilitate the organization of civilian defense and domestic security for the present emergency.

(3) Amend California Social Security laws to take advantage of federal benefits now available for permanently and totally disabled workers under HR 6000, which is currently before President Truman for signature.

All three items listed in the Governor's call are of vital concern to organized labor. The State Federation Executive Council will consider a program for special session action at its quarterly meeting which will be held August 26 and 27 in San Francisco.

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GOVERNOR WARREN PROCLAIMS
UNION LABEL WEEK

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--In recognition of the vital role played by organized labor in the historic development of California, Governor Earl Warren has proclaimed September 2-September 9, 1950 to be Union Label Week.

Reminding that state progress owes much to organized labor, the Governor's official proclamation declared that the Union Label is "a symbol of cooperation between employers and workers, a symbol of working conditions and employment principles."

William Green, AFL president, early this month called on all unionists to observe Union Label Week in a "fitting and proper way."

Green also asked all AFL members to "patronize only firms which display union labels, shop cards, and union buttons."

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