

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### WILLIAM GREEN REELECTED TO AFL PRESIDENCY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 69th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor last week reelected William Green to the AFL presidency without opposition as the 700 odd delegates to the Houston meeting hammered out a militant program of action for the world's largest free labor organization.

The former Ohio coal miner and state legislator was elected to his 27th consecutive term of office in a rousing declaration of confidence by the AFL delegates. Green succeeded Samuel Gompers as president in 1924 upon the death of the AFL founder.

All incumbent vice-presidents were also returned to office without opposition.

The convention adjourned September 24 with the Executive Council reportedly prepared to name San Francisco as its 1951 convention city. The official choice will be made at the January meeting of the Council.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, which requested the U. S. government to appeal to the government of Mexico to drop its ban on the appearance of American actors and entertainers in Mexico.

Other major policy actions found the convention adopting the following attitudes:

- (1) Unqualified support to the Korean war effort.
- (2) Urging the United States to halt "buying or selling" anything with Soviet Russia or its satellites.

- (3) Naming of Republican Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio as American labor's "No. 1 Enemy."
- (4) Opposition to any wage freeze until wages have been allowed to catch up with soaring prices.
- (5) Repeal of the notorious Taft-Hartley Act.

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CABINET MEMBER TO  
ADDRESS FED CONVENTION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Maurice J. Tobin, U. S. Secretary of Labor, will address the 48th convention of the California State Federation of Labor, to be held in Santa Barbara, October 9-13.

The popular cabinet member will speak Tuesday morning, October 10, before some 2,000 delegates in the Santa Barbara Armory.

Meanwhile, C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the state AFL, issued a last moment reminder to all affiliated unions to present convention resolutions before the October 4 deadline. The Federation's constitution requires that resolutions for the convention must be placed with the secretary by 5:00 p.m., October 4.

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ART RYAN SUCCEEDS AUBREY BLAIR

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Art Ryan, active AFL public relations figure, has been appointed to serve as AFL Coordinator with the Community Chest and Welfare Council of Los Angeles County. He fills the vacancy created by the death of the late Aubrey Blair.

Ryan comes to the Chest with a background of experience in the American Federation of Labor. He was more recently connected with the Public Relations Department of the Teamsters in charge of special events, and also as a radio announcer and producer associated with the American Federation of Radio Artists.

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AFL MEMBERS ASKED TO AID  
UNIONISTS OF EUROPE AND ASIA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--For the third consecutive year, CARE, non-profit overseas aid service, of which Labor League for Human Rights, official relief arm of the American Federation of Labor,

is a Board affiliate, is preparing a special holiday package that will make it possible for AFL membership to share their Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations with struggling trade unionists and their families in Europe and Asia.

In announcing the plan, CARE Executive Director Paul Comly French said the package would again contain a whole canned turkey and enough of the "trimmings" to make a holiday dinner for a family of twelve. The price will be \$15.50, with guaranteed delivery in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany (all zones, including the Soviet), England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Yugoslavia, Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines.

Orders should be sent to the AFL Representative, CARE, 20 Broad Street, New York 5, N.Y. Delivery in time for Thanksgiving can be made on orders received by November 1, while December 1 is the deadline for Christmas delivery.

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BIG MONEY POWERS OPEN FIGHT  
TO PASS PROPOSITION 10

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Opponents of low-cost public housing in California have launched a high pressure publicity drive to pass Proposition No. 10, the anti-public housing initiative to be placed before the state electorate on November 7.

The initiative has been denounced by both Governor Warren and by James Roosevelt, Democratic Party and AFL candidate for the governorship.

Additionally, Attorney General Fred N. Howser has issued an official opinion stating that Proposition No. 10 would jeopardize public financial support of almshouses and county poor farms, veterans' homes operated by the state for needy and homeless veterans, protective homes operated and maintained by counties for non-delinquent juveniles pending placement, convalescent homes for the poor or indigent sick, homes operated by the state for the physically handicapped, such as the blind and the deaf.

Propaganda for the anti-people proposition is being directed by the Whitaker-Baxter advertising agency, which has long been identified with the anti-labor fight against prepaid health insurance.

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#### LOS ANGELES PRICES CONTINUE RISE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Middle income families in Los Angeles paid  $\frac{1}{2}$  percent more for their purchases in mid-August than they did a month earlier, Max D. Kossoris, Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced this week in San Francisco.

Increased rents and higher prices for housefurnishings and miscellaneous items were responsible for the increase. The consumers' price index in August was 169.1 as against 168.2 for July and 166.7 for June. During the 2-month interval the average price level has risen by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  percent.

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#### PATTERSON ASKS AFL METAL TRADES DEPT. TO BOOST APPRENTICE TRAINING

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Members of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor were advised that training within their crafts should be stepped up to meet the skilled labor needs of expanding defense industries.

Addressing the 43rd convention of the trade-union group, held in Houston recently, Director W. F. Patterson of the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Apprenticeship warned that apprentice-training facilities in plants employing metal-trades workers "may prove inadequate for an expansion of industrial production."

Patterson praised the efforts of the metal trades in establishing apprenticeship programs which now have 28,000 apprentices registered with the Bureau, but held to his warning of a need for expansion of these programs to meet the demand of defense industry for skilled labor.

The Director said he had instructed the Bureau to "take immediate steps to ascertain the condition of the apprentice supply available in essential crafts and to take such steps as may be necessary to insure a sufficient number of future craftsmen."

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MORE THAN 70 TRADES SPONSOR  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN S. F. AREA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Over 70 trades now have an apprenticeship program, jointly maintained by labor and management, in the San Francisco area, a survey of the San Francisco Labor-Management Apprenticeship Committee revealed this week.

The apprenticeship training is sponsored, maintained and guided by joint apprenticeship committees, composed of representatives of labor and management in each craft. The majority of these committees have been in operation since 1939, when the Shelley-Maloney act providing for such training in the state was adopted by the California legislature.

Acting in an advisory capacity to these committees are representatives of the California State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

The joint apprenticeship committees are integrated through the San Francisco Labor-Management Committee, whose membership is composed of representatives of the individual groups. The individual organizations, however, are completely autonomous.

General chairman of the overall committee is William J. Varley, executive manager of the Electrical Contractors' Association. General vice chairman is J. L. Hogg, president of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Council.

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