

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

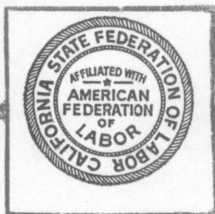
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FEDERATION CONVENTION OPENS MONDAY IN SANTA BARBARA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 48th convention of the California State Federation of Labor will open at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 9, in the Santa Barbara Armory.

Some 2,000 delegates are expected to assemble in the famed Mission city for one of the most significant conventions in Federation history.

Top items on the convention agenda will include a declaration of state AFL policy toward the international situation, planning of the 1951 legislative program, and intensified political organization for the general elections on November 7.

Bee Tumber, chairman of the convention committee, will call the assemblage to order promptly at 10:00 a.m. Delegates will be officially welcomed by Lewis Reed, president of the Santa Barbara Central Labor Council and William Dean, president of the Santa Barbara Building Trades Council.

Maurice J. Tobin, U. S. Secretary of Labor, will then address the convention.

Following Secretary Tobin's speech, Congressman John F. Shelley, Federation president, will open the business phase of the first day's session.

Following adjournment of the convention Friday afternoon, the California Labor League for Political Education will hold a night session in the Armory building.

Other Federation convention speakers will include Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations for the State of California; Hugo Ernst, general president of the Hotel and

Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union; George Sehlmeier, Master of the California State Grange; B. R. Mathis, Regional Supervisor, Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship; Thomas E. Ryan, director of Labor Relations, Public Housing Administration; Howard E. Durham, Regional Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Stanley F. Dunmire, Department Commander, American Legion; John M. Eklund, President, American Federation of Teachers; John F. Dalton, State Labor Commissioner; Archie J. Mooney, Chief, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, State Department of Industrial Relationships; James G. Bryant, Director, California Department of Employment; Donald L. Warner, Department Commander, Veteran of Foreign Wars; E. W. Tallman, Regional Representative, Federal Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance.

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BEGIN DRIVE ON CROSS-FILING EVIL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week urged all AFL councils to cooperate in the sponsoring of an initiative measure to be presented to the state legislature calling for the elimination of the confusing cross-filing system in state office elections.

The initiative provides that no person shall be a candidate or nominee of a political party for any office unless he has been registered as affiliated with such party for at least three months prior to filing nomination papers. The initiative would invalidate current conflicting laws.

Copies of the initiative petition may be obtained by writing C. J. Haggerty, secretary, California Labor League for Political Education, 810 David Hewes Building, 995 Market Street, San Francisco 3, California.

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DOUGLAS POINTS TO IMPORTANCE OF HOME FRONT

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Even in this time of crisis in international relations, our attention must not be diverted from domestic

issues, declared Helen Gahagan Douglas on Monday night in the first of a series of six weekly statewide radio broadcasts with which she will climax her campaign for U. S. Senator.

"Our domestic strength," she said, "economic, social and moral, is the necessary basis upon which any foreign policy must rest.

"Unless our diplomats and generals abroad are backed by a strong and virile nation, they can be expected to accomplish but little.

"The critical role which our strength - economic, social and moral - plays in the preservation of world peace is well understood by Stalin and other Soviet leaders, who have been waiting hopefully for an economic crisis in this country which would weaken us both abroad and at home, loosening the bonds of unity upon which so much of our power depends, permitting communists to sow the seeds of dissension which would make us easy prey to their ideology."

Our strength on the home front, Congresswoman Douglas averred, has been built in great part by the program of the Democratic Party during the past eighteen years.

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ROOSEVELT SLAMS RENT CONTROL RAIDERS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--In a statement issued this week from his Northern California headquarters here, James Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for Governor, asserted that the maintenance of rent controls is absolutely necessary "in those communities where demand for rental housing is far greater than the supply."

"One of the most powerful and resourceful lobbies in the country has been masterminding the plot to wreck the whole system of rent control," Roosevelt declared.

"Here in California the organized landlords through rental associations, and apartment house associations, have been putting the heat on city councils. These groups are well financed and well organized. The tenants are unorganized and frightened by threats of

reprisals. The technique of the opponents of control has been to present a report prepared under their own auspices."

Democratic Candidate Roosevelt stated that independent surveys invariably show that the landlord's claims of vacancies are too high -- in one case "over 80 per cent in error."

"Evidence from all over the country has begun to pile up bearing out predictions of what would happen when communities were decontrolled too soon," Roosevelt said. He continued: "Not only do rents increase, but the highest percentage of increase falls on those who can least afford to pay it."

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AFL FARM WORKERS WIN WAGE BOOST IN TRACY STRIKE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The National Farm Labor Union, AFL, neared victory this week in its three weeks' strike against labor contractors in the Tracy tomato fields as the union demand was almost universally recognized in the face of united strike action.

More than 1500 tomato pickers left the struck farms after all attempts to secure the wage boost and union recognition had failed.

Labor contractors are now meeting the union wage request of 18 cents per box. Prior to the strike the Tracy pickers were paid 12 cents per box, with two of the 12 cents being held back as an alleged "bonus" to the workers upon completion of the job.

The Conciliation Service of the California Department of Industrial Relations is now seeking to obtain a meeting of the union and contractors on the issue of union recognition.

Ernesto Galarza, Research and Education Director of the NFLU, declared that automobile caravan picketing had proved 90% effective as picket caravans numbering as many as 100 automobiles toured the rich farm country, calling workers from the fields.

Galarza also declared that "the effort of James G. Bryant, State Director of Employment, to import 10,000 Mexican farm workers was an

indirect attempt to break the strike and embraced a threat to all of organized labor in California."

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TULARE FAIR CROWDS CUT
BY AFL PICKETS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Tulare County Fair opened and closed last week behind an AFL picket line placed there when fair manager A. J. Elliott reportedly insisted upon hiring non-union electricians.

The "Fresno Labor Citizen," official AFL news organ for Fresno charged that Elliott persisted in hiring non-union electricians despite joint labor-management protests over the caliber of work.

In response to the safety protests, a state industrial accident commission inspector surveyed the fair grounds and immediately demanded correction of violations of the state electrical code.

The AFL paper further asserted that while Elliott had claimed the picket line would not affect fair attendance, the total crowd figure was down 7,532 admissions from 1949, despite larger attendance figures at most San Joaquin Valley fairs in 1950.

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INCREASE IN RESERVE FUNDS REPORTED
FOR STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--As a result of sharp improvements in job opportunities the State unemployment insurance reserve funds rose in July and August, reversing a downward trend that had been in effect for 18 months, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security announced this week.

Bureau Director Robert C. Goodwin declared that the reserves available for payment of benefits amounted to \$6,826,000,000 on August 31 as compared with \$6,689,000,000 on June 30.

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