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TOTAL LABOR VOTE CAN WIN FOR AFL CANDIDATES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week issued a final call for all local units of the state LLPE to get out the full labor vote on November 7.

Reminding that the Taft-Hartley Act was passed by a Congress that came to power through indifference of the electorate, Haggerty urged that labor must accept its total voting responsibility if it would secure its economic gains and advance the cause of working people of the nation.

Meanwhile, the powerful reactionary elements of the California press continued their ceaseless bombardment of AFL candidates as they trained their propaganda guns particularly on James Roosevelt and Helen Gahagan Douglas.

The three AFL candidates for statewide office, Roosevelt for Governor, Douglas for U.S. Senator, and Edmund G. "Pat" Brown for Attorney General, were concluding vigorous campaigns with strong labor support throughout the state.

Also facing reactionary fire in the November 7 elections will be 12 AFL-endorsed candidates for the U. S. Congress, four for the state senate, and 26 for the state Assembly.

Among the proposed constitutional amendments, labor is especially interested in the defeat of Proposition No. 10, the anti-public housing measure sponsored by the real estate lobby and designed to exploit the critical housing shortage now prevailing in America.

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AFL FARM WORKERS
WIN WAGE GAIN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The National Farm Labor Union, AFL, this Monday announced the final settlement of a strike involving 20,000 California cotton pickers.

H. L. Mitchell, NFLU president, said that the workers won a wage increase of 50¢ per 100 pounds for picking the cotton crop, equivalent to \$1 per day for each worker.

The Union had originally demanded a picking rate of \$4.00 per 100, but accepted \$3.50 offered by the California farm owners. The strike lasted in some areas approximately 3 weeks, but wherever the wage reached the \$3.50 figure, the union members returned to work.

A number of growers finally agreed to the \$3.50 rate after the State Mediation and Conciliation Service intervened. The huge West-side cotton growers agreed to begin paying the wage on Monday, October 30.

During the strike 14 leaders and union organizers were arrested for peacefully picketing on public highways. The strikers were jailed for leading caravans of automobiles on the public roads and calling out to pickers who had not left the fields that a strike was on and that the union was demanding an increase in wages.

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AFL UNIONS IN CALIFORNIA
CONTINUE WAGE PROGRESS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Approximately 38,000 American Federation of Labor workers in California secured average wage gains of 12½ cents per hour during the month of September through the negotiation of 50 contracts.

Details listed herewith are from the labor press of the state and form the second half of the September report, the first half having been submitted in last week's News Letter.

Metal Trades

Iron workers No. 433, Ventura, AND employers: 12 cents; eff. 8/14/50.

Machinists No. 1173 and Papermakers, Pittsburg, AND Johns-Manville Co.: 7% and time and a half for overtime (instead of time off); 9/50.

Scrap Iron Workers No. 1088, Oakland, AND employers: 12½ cents; one add. pd. holiday; 9/50; 200 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 304, Monterey, AND employers: one day of vacation for each two months' work, retro. 1/1/50.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 309, San Jose, AND contractors: 6¼ cents retro. to 7/1/50, and 6½ cents to welfare plan eff. 10/1/50.

Teamsters

Teamsters No. 186, Santa Barbara, AND Sears Roebuck Co.: 5 to 22½ cents; eff. 7/26/50.

Gas Station Employees No. 248, Los Angeles, AND service station industries: \$5 / wk.; 9/1/50.

Teamsters No. 315, Martinez, AND American Radiator and Standards Sanitary Corporation: 7 cents; 9/50; 80 workers.

Teamsters, statewide, AND Tank Truck industry: \$4 / mo. employer contribution to welfare plan; important gains in conditions; 9/50; about 2,000 workers.

Truck Drivers No. 381, Santa Maria and Guadalupe, AND 6 packing shed employers: 5 cents; 9/1/50.

Teamsters No. 386, Modesto, AND lumber firms: 7 cents, 2 add. pd. holidays; improved vacation clause; retro. 8/1/50; 75 workers.

Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 432, Oakland, AND employers: \$5 / wk; 10/1/50; 600 workers.

Teamsters No. 624, San Rafael, AND Van and Storage employers: 50 cents / day; 8 add. pd. holidays; retro. 8/21/50; 20 workers.

Teamsters No. 624, San Rafael, AND beverage employers: \$6 / wk; retro. 8/1/50; 50 workers.

Teamsters, So. Calif. (5 locals), AND So. Calif. hotel and restaurant industry: \$5 / wk.; 9/7/50.

Miscellaneous

Building Service Employees No. 18, Oakland, AND Merritt Hospital: \$5 / mo. (in addition to the \$15 to \$20 received in May following strike at Children's Hospital); 10/1/50; 63 workers.

Butchers, So. Calif., AND Associated Meat Jobbers: \$5 / wk. and health and welfare plan; 9/7/50; 7000 workers.

Butchers No. 445, Eureka, AND Poultry Producers of No. Calif.: 6¼ cents; 2 add. pd. holidays; 9/50.

Miscellaneous (cont'd)

Butchers No. 516, San Mateo, AND retail and wholesale employers: \$3 / wk. for retail and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents for wholesale, plus \$10.18 / mo. employer contribution to health and welfare plan.

Fish Cannery Workers, Terminal Island, AND Cannery Ass'n.: 10 cents; improved vacations; 9/3/50; about 5,000 workers.

Cement Workers No. 46, Santa Cruz, AND Santa Cruz Portland Cement Co.: $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 23, Oakland, AND Textile Maintenance Industry: 5 cents, $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents and $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents; eff. 9/4/50; 1200 workers.

Farm Labor Union, Tracy, AND tomato growers: 50% incr. in piece rate; 9/50; 3000 workers.

Hosiery Workers (Newspaper Drivers No. 96), Oakland, AND Willstrut Hosiery Mill: $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 9/50.

Laundry Workers No. 33, San Jose, AND employers: 5 cents; 1 add. pd. holiday; improved vacations; 9/50; about 250 workers.

Office Employees No. 29, Oakland, AND Community Chest: \$20 / mo; 9/50.

Office Employees No. 86, Vallejo, AND Permanente: \$10 / wk.; 9/50.

Typographical Union No. 207, Eureka, AND newspaper and commercial employers: $13\frac{1}{3}$ cents; retro. 7/24/50.

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SAN FRANCISCO OBSERVES
"APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Mayor Elmer E. Robinson this Monday signed a proclamation declaring the week of November 5-11 as "Apprenticeship Week", in cooperation with the San Francisco Labor-Management Committee.

The Committee is sponsoring a mass graduation of over 600 apprentices to be held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium Thursday, November 9, at 8:00 p.m.

Those present at the signing of this document included William J. Varley, general chairman of the San Francisco Labor-Management Committee; Robert F. Girard, general secretary; Charles J. Foehn, business agent, IBEW Local No. 6; Richard Parino, business agent, Jewelry Workers Union Local No. 36; and Joe Ziff, recorder, IBEW Local No. 6.

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ALAMEDA AFL OFFERS
EDUCATION COURSES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Alameda County Central Labor Council is currently conducting a series of educational courses under joint sponsorship with the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California and the Oakland Public School System.

Classes are being held on Monday mornings from 10:00 o'clock to 12 noon at the University Extension headquarters, 1730 Franklin Street, Oakland.

The series opened October 16 and will end May 21, 1951. Classes are open to union representative affiliated with the Central Labor Council of Alameda County.

Subjects listed on the curriculum include such topics as: "Managing A Defense Economy," "The Distribution of Income," "How to Raise Real Wages," and "160 Years of American Labor."

There are no educational requirements as a condition of enrollment, nor is there any registration fee for any of the courses. Interested unionists should write Robert S. Ash, Office of the Secretary, Central Labor Council of Alameda County, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, for any further information they may desire.

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BUILDING TRADES CONVENTION SET

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 35th convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, AFL, will be held in San Francisco, December 7, 8 and 9, it was announced this week by President Frank A. Lawrence.

Convention site will be the San Francisco Building Trades Auditorium at 200 Guerrero Street. Credentials to the affiliated locals and Building Trades Councils were mailed out a week ago and the first responses have been extremely encouraging. Over five hundred delegates and friends are expected to attend.

Headquarters for the Convention will be the Whitcomb Hotel on Market Street.

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