

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

FROM

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

810 DAVID HEWES BUILDING
995 MARKET STREET

151



SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA

December 13, 1950

FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PLANS FOR '51 LEGISLATURE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Legislative plans for the 1951 general session of the state legislature and full support of the Sailors Union of the Pacific in its jurisdictional clash with the independent longshoremen union featured the quarterly meeting of the California State Federation of Labor executive council held December 9-10 in San Francisco.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state AFL, announced that some 120 bills would be introduced by the Federation in Sacramento.

Haggerty declared that 81 bills would seek increased benefits and extended coverage for unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workmen's compensation. Eighteen bills will seek general changes in the Labor Code.

Highlighting the AFL measures will be efforts to obtain a \$40 maximum weekly benefit for unemployment and disability insurance and workmen's compensation; extension of present social security legislation to agricultural workers; creation of a Fair Employment Practices Commission; and a \$1.25 minimum wage.

The Federation will also prepare a state rent control bill for consideration by the legislature if adequate federal action is not taken.

The Federation legislative program is developed through convention action and is directed by C. J. Haggerty as legislative representative.

Federation President Thomas L. Pitts appointed the following legislative committee to work with secretary Haggerty during the

1951 session: Arthur F. Dougherty, chairman; Harry Finks, Max J. Osslo, and Pat Somerset.

Support of the Sailors Union of the Pacific position in its controversy with the independent longshoremen's union followed presentation of the SUP case by Harry Lundeborg, secretary-treasurer of the SUP and president of the Seafarers' International Union.

Lundeborg, a Federation vice-president, declared that the work at issue was awarded to the Sailors Union of the Pacific by Samuel Gompers in 1907 when the question of working cargo in coast-wise ships was placed before the American Federation of Labor for decision.

Thomas L. Pitts, newly elected Federation president, presided at the two-day session held in the Whitcomb Hotel.

- - -

EDUCATION COMMITTEE LAUNCHES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Standing Committee on Education of the California State Federation of Labor met Friday evening, December 8, at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, to effect the Federation scholarship plan for deserving high school students and to review 1950 convention resolutions on education.

It was voted unanimously to award the scholarships in the manner used by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, which calls for a competitive examination and is open to senior high school students planning to attend college.

The Federation award will be made on the basis of the candidate's score in the special examination and on his four year high school academic record. The contest will be open to any student regardless of sex, creed, or color.

Three awards of \$500 each will be made by the Federation and the winners may select colleges of their choice.

Max J. Osslo, chairman of the education committee, presided at the December 8 meeting. Other committee members present were Albin J. Gruhn, Paul Reeves, Ed Ross, and T. A. Small. Also in attendance were Thomas L. Pitts and C. J. Haggerty, Federation president and secretary respectively, and Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney.

- - -

STATE BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL CONVENES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 35th convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council was held in San Francisco, December 7, 8, and 9, with some 300 delegates attending.

Convention speakers included Thomas L. Pitts, president, and C. J. Haggerty, secretary, of the California State Federation of Labor.

President Frank A. Lawrence presided over the three-day session held in the San Francisco Building Trades Temple at 14th and Guerrero Streets.

Thomas Harvey, Laborers No. 185 of Sacramento, was unanimously elected state council secretary-treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lee P. Lawlor, consultant and conciliator of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union.

The State Building and Construction Trades Council was founded in 1901, largely through the efforts of P. H. McCarthy, its first president. Succeeding McCarthy was the late Frank C. McDonald who served as president for 26 years. Frank A. Lawrence became president upon the death of McDonald in 1948.

- - -

CALIFORNIA PLANS FOR MANPOWER NEEDS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO:--Governor Earl Warren last week called for immediate and complete mobilization of California's resources

and manpower, declaring that Russian armies "may be poised at this moment to overrun Europe."

Warren delivered his warning to a special labor-management conclave held in Sacramento to consider the manpower needs of the state.

It was the unanimous decision of the committee to reactivate the area manpower plan which existed in World War II through the appointment of voluntary area committees comprised of representatives of labor, management, and the local state employment offices. A total statewide committee would then be formed on the basis of the same voluntary representation. It was the committee opinion that voluntary efforts could best meet the needs of the prevailing war economy.

The AFL delegation to the session was comprised of C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor; George W. Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council; Frank A. Lawrence, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council; Lloyd Mashburn, secretary of the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council; Max J. Osslo, vice president of the California State Federation of Labor; John Quimby, secretary of the San Diego Central Labor Council; and Al Wynn, secretary of the California Metal Trades Council.

- - -

AFL GAINS AVERAGE
8 CENTS PER HOUR IN NOVEMBER

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--AFL and related workers gained an increase of 8 cents per hour as a result of negotiations in California during November. Approximately 154,000 workers were covered.

The News Letter last week presented details for the Building trades, Butchers and Teamsters. The remaining trade gains are listed below. Details are from the labor press:

Bakers

Bakers No. 37, Los Angeles, AND retail hand shops: 11 cents; 11/50; 1000 workers.

Bakers No. 146, Bakersfield, AND major machine shops: 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents; retro. 10/1/50; about 100 workers.

Bakers No. 453, Los Angeles, AND Hebrew Master Bakers Assn.:
\$4.50 /wk; 11/50; 300 workers.

Building Service

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND Northern California Distributors Assn.: 5 cents; 11/50; about 200 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND Bay Area brewers; 12½ cents; 11/50; 75 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 217, Los Angeles, AND hotel employers: 80 cents per day; 11/50; about 150 workers.

Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 428, San Jose, AND two department stores: 7½ cents; 10/2/50; 450 workers.

Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, San Francisco, AND independent shoe and clothing store employers: \$15/mo; eff. 9/1/50; 400 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 541, Eureka, AND food and liquor store employers: \$5 /wk; retro. 9/15/50.

Retail Grocery Clerks No. 648, San Francisco, AND candy and bakery employers: \$8.60 mo. to health & welfare plan; 11/50; 525 wkrs.

Retail Clerks No. 1167, Colton, AND food employers: 5 cents eff. 11/1/51 and health plan eff. 4/1/51; about 600 workers.

Culinary

Culinary Workers Joint Board, Los Angeles, AND race tracks: 65 to 80 cents /day; 10/50; 600 workers.

Culinary Joint Board, Building Service Employees No. 14 & 283, San Francisco, AND Hotel Employers Assn.: 60 cents /day, retro. 9/1/50; \$5.60 /mo. health and welfare plan; 10/50; 4500 workers.

Metal Trades

Machinists, Santa Barbara and Ventura, AND dairy industry: 10 cents; 11/50; about 100 workers.

Machinists (Automotive) No. 428, Stockton, AND Automotive Assn.: 10 cents; 11/13/50; 300 workers.

Machinists Lodge No. 1125, San Diego, AND Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.: 10 cents; 11/50; 9000 workers.

Metal Polishers No. 128, Bay Area, AND California Metal Trades Assn.: 6½ retro. 7/15/50 and 3½ cents add. 10/50; 240 workers.

Other Trades

Actors and Artists (Television Authority), nationwide, AND four major networks; 15% to 30% increase; 11/50.

Fish Cannery Workers, San Diego, AND four tuna canneries: 5 cents retro. 7/1/50; 10 cents eff. 10/31/50; improved vacation; 4000 workers.

Office Employees No. 3, San Francisco, AND union offices: \$3.00 /wk. and \$8.66 /mo. to health and welfare plan; 11/50; 200 wkrs.

Optical Workers No. 18791, San Francisco, AND American Optical Co., Bay Area and Sacramento: \$4.50 /wk. Bay Area; \$6.50 /wk. Sacramento; 11/50; about 75 workers.

Printing Specialties, Oakland and Los Angeles, AND Western Wax Co.: 5 cents; 11/6/50; about 100 workers.

Potters, Los Angeles, AND California Pottery Guild (part of nationwide agreement): 10 cents; 11/50; 2000 workers.

Sailors Union of the Pacific, San Francisco, AND steam schooner employers: 6.38 per cent; 10/50; 300 workers.

School Custodians No. 258, Sacramento, AND Sacramento City schools: \$20 /mo.; 11/50; 119 workers.

Street Railway Employees No. 1291, Bakersfield, AND National City Lines (Bakersfield): 5 cents; 10/50; about 100 workers.

- - -