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FEDERATION PUBLISHES LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--With all political eyes turning to Sacramento in anticipation of the reconvening of the 1951 general session of the legislature, the California State Federation of Labor last week issued its official summary of proposed legislation.

Copies of the legislative digest were mailed to all affiliated unions and councils by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the Federation.

The 156-page book reviews the essential nature of more than 2700 bills of interest to labor. This represents the highest number of measures pertinent to labor ever introduced in California legislative history.

Bills are presented by subject, and within each subject the proposed measures are classified into Good, Bad, or Watch categories. Special identification is given Federation-sponsored bills. A convenient index of bills by number is also provided.

The 49 relevant subjects range from "Apprenticeship" to "Workmen's Compensation."

As rival forces prepared for what appeared to be an intense session, Haggerty warned all unions to follow the conduct of the legislature with close interest.

The militant forces of California reaction poured a series of violently anti-labor measures into the hopper during January.

Most notorious of the "death to labor" bills is SB 1228, introduced by Senator George Hatfield (R. Madera). The Hatfield omnibus bill would deny working men and women their rights to peaceful picketing, free contracts, and unfair listings.

A companion measure to the Hatfield bill has been introduced in the lower house by Assemblyman George Clarke (R. Planada). Clarke's measure is AB 2921.

The Big Business drive against labor in the Assembly is being led by Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles). Levering has introduced bills to kill the union shop, the women's eight-hour law, and the organization of professional workers. Levering is chairman of the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee.

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FREE LABOR FACES HISTORIC TEST AS
WALL STREET RECAPTURES WASHINGTON

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--American free labor last week called for a national crusade to save Washington from the unquestioned and sinister control of Wall Street politicians.

The United Labor Policy Committee, speaking for more than 15 million members of the AFL, CIO, and Railway Labor Executives Association, recommended that all labor representatives serving on defense mobilization agencies resign at once rather than continue as an approving partner in the base plot to exploit the American people in the name of national security. Resignations followed at once as national labor leaders took their case to the American public.

Long and continued efforts to cleanse the mobilization program of Big Business domination were reviewed in the official statement of policy released by the United Labor Committee.

The labor statement established the following conclusions:

- 1) The road is now greased for higher prices.
- 2) The present wage formula will act like a vise on the aspirations of Americans for decent living standards and equality of sacrifice in the defense effort.
- 3) Rents are climbing steadily upward, while effective control action lags in Congress.
- 4) An unbalanced tax program which would place its heaviest burden on the lower income groups is in the process of enactment.

5) Mobilization director Charles E. Wilson has imposed an "inner government" dictatorship on the American wage and consumer public. The General Electric tycoon has turned Washington over to Wall Street at a time when American business is enjoying the highest profits in the nation's history.

6) Wilson gagged the voice of free labor in the defense program.

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AFL UNIONS GAINED
AVERAGE HOURLY BOOST OF 11
CENTS IN JANUARY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Collective bargaining by AFL unions in California resulted in an average increase of approximately 11 cents per hour for 46,000 workers during January, 1951, it was announced this week by the California State Federation of Labor.

This compares with a gain of three cents per hour obtained for 7,500 workers in January, 1950.

The survey is based on negotiations reported to the labor press and is necessarily incomplete. The statistics follow:

Building and Metal Trades

Shipyard workers, various unions, statewide, AND employers: 12 cents; 1/1/51; about 25,000 on west coast.

Carpenters No. 1325, Monterey, AND independent contractors: 7½ cents; 12/7/50.

Glaziers No. 718 and No. 169, Bay Area, AND Flat Glass Installers: 22 cents; 1/8/51.

Linoleum Layers No. 1290, Oakland, AND employers: \$1 per day; 12/18/50.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2799, Arcata, AND G. L. Speier Co.: 5 cents; 12/50.

Machinists Dist. Lodge No. 41, Stockton, AND Harris Mfg. Co. and Continental Can Co.: 7½ and 7 cents; 12/50.

Marble Workers No. 95, Bay Area, AND employers: 7½ cents 12/18/50 and 7½ cents 4/30/51.

Mill Workers No. 1407, Santa Ana, AND Orange County Lumber firms: 10 cents; 1/51; 150 workers.

Painters, Bay Area, AND Painting Contractors Ass'ns.: 17½ cents; 1/31/51; 5000 workers.

Painters No. 19 and No. 1158, San Francisco, AND Hotel Owners Ass'n. of San Francisco: \$20.60 per month; retro. (in part) 10/1/50; 60 workers.

Painters No. 315, Redding, AND employers: 12½ cents; 12/10/50.

Painters No. 333, San Diego, AND San Diego Painting Contractors Ass'n.: 12½ cents; 2/51.

Painters No. 1034, Eureka, AND Humboldt and Del Norte contractors: 25 cents; 1/51.

Painters (Sign) No. 510 and No. 878, San Francisco and Oakland, AND neon and commercial employers: 19 cents; 1/1/51.

Plasterers No. 363, Santa Rosa, AND employers: \$1 per day; 1/5/51.

Plumbers No. 38, San Francisco, AND Marine Refrigeration Contractors: \$6.40 per day; 1/51.

Roofers No. 533, San Diego, AND Roofing Contractors Ass'n.: 5 cents; 1/51; 125 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 206, San Diego, AND Sheet Metal Contractors Ass'n. : 25 cents; 1/29/50.

Building Service

Hotel Service Workers No. 283 and Apartment and Hotel Workers No. 14, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Hotel Owners Ass'n.: 25 cents per day (in addition to earlier arbitration award of 60 cents per day and \$5.60 per mo. health plan); 1/51; 1600 workers.

Apartment and Hotel Workers No. 14, San Francisco, AND Apartment Employers' Council: \$15 per mo; 1/51; 500 workers.

Window Cleaners No. 44, San Francisco, AND building maintenance contractors: 12½ cents; 1/51; 130 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND Consolidated Chemical Industries, Inc.: 12 cents; 1/51.

Hospital Workers No. 250, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Hospital Conference (9 hospitals): \$12.50 per mo. (\$7.50, 10/1/50, and \$5.00, 1/1/51), and other improvements; about 1800 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 18, Oakland, AND East Bay Hotel Ass'n.: 60 cents per day; \$2.70 per mo. health plan; 1/51; 350 workers.

Butchers

Butchers No. 126, Fresno, AND independent meat packers: 11 cents; 1/1/51; 150 workers.

Butchers No. 126, Fresno, AND slaughter houses: \$7.50 per wk.; 1/51; 35 workers.

Butchers No. 352, Redding, AND retail butchers, Susanville: \$7.50 per wk.; 12/50.

Butchers No. 352, Redding area, AND slaughter houses: \$5 per wk.; 11/1/50.

Butchers No. 506, San Jose, AND wholesale and retail fish and poultry: \$3 per wk.

Clerks

Retail Clerks, 8 locals, southern California, AND Gallenkamps, Karl's and Kirby's: \$4 per wk. or 7 percent; 1/1/51.

Retail Clerks No. 428, San Jose, AND over half food and liquor employers: \$5 per wk.; 1/1/51.

Retail Clerks No. 653, Petaluma, AND retail grocery employers: \$5 per wk.; retro. 10/1/50.

Culinary

Culinary No. 31, Oakland, AND University of California: conformity with standard union scale; 1/51; 115 workers.

Culinary Alliance No. 402 and No. 500, San Diego, AND 32 San Diego taverns: 75 cents per day; 1/51.

Culinary Alliance No. 560, Vallejo, AND Vallejo Housing Authority: 12½ cents; retro. 10/1/51; 30 workers.

Teamsters

Teamsters and Warehousemen (wholesale grocery), six locals, southern California, AND Food Employers Council: 5 cents retro. 9/4/50 plus \$10.40 /mo. health and welfare plan; 12/50; 3000 workers.

Teamsters (inside and outside dairy workers), northern California, AND Milk Producers Ass'n.: 12½ cents, and 4 cents health and welfare fund; 1/51; 2000 workers.

Northern California Dried Fruit Council, AND employers: 8 cents and 3 add. pd. holidays; 1/15/51; 12,000 workers.

Teamsters No. 137, Redding area, AND parts houses, tire vulcanizing and service stations: wage incr. and 7 pd. holidays; 1/51.

Teamsters No. 150, Sacramento, AND Lumber and Building Material Dealers Ass'n.: 12½ cents; eff. 1/6/51.

Milk Wagon Drivers No. 302, Oakland, AND Alameda County Milk Dealers Ass'n.: 75 cents /day; 2/1/51; 1200 workers.

Teamsters No. 381, Santa Maria, AND lumber yards: 7½ cents; 11/50.

Food Packers No. 865, Santa Maria, AND Calif. Pine Box Distributors: 7½ cents; 1/51.

Teamsters (warehousemen) No. 980, Santa Rosa, AND cold storage employers: 6½ cents; 1/51.

Other Trades

Bakers No. 43, Fresno, AND two pie plants: 13 cents, journeymen; 9 cents miscellaneous workers; 1/51.

Bakers No. 195, Eureka, AND two machine bakeries: 4 to 12½ cents; 1/1/51; 40 workers.

Chemical Workers No. 62, Newark, AND Westvaco Co.: 12½ cents; 1/51; 190 workers.

Chemical Workers No. 389, Westend, AND Westend Chemical Co.: 18 cents; 12/1/50.

Los Angeles Cloak Joint Board and Teamsters 994, Los Angeles, AND Los Angeles Coat and Suit Manufacturers Ass'n.: 3% added to contribution to retirement and health plans, \$3 to \$4.25 /wk; 1/51; 5000 wkrs.

Garment Workers No. 131, Santa Cruz, AND Levi Strauss Co.: 5 cents; 1/51; 100 workers.

Jewelry Workers No. 23, Los Angeles, AND Manufacturing Jewelers Ass'n.: 15 cents; 1/51.

Office Workers No. 94, San Jose, AND Stone and Webster Corp.: 10 to 12½ cents; 1/51.

Office Workers No. 94, San Jose, AND Federal Dept. Store: \$3 /wk; 1/51.

Printing Pressmen No. 78, Los Angeles, AND commercial employers: \$1.50 /wk, 1/1/51; \$2 /wk., 4/1/51.

Street Railway Employees No. 1277, Los Angeles, AND Holbrook Transit Lines: 15 cents; 1/51.

Typographical Union No. 439, Bakersfield, AND employers: \$4 /wk., 1/1/51 and 80 cents /wk., 7/1/51.

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