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HAGGERTY TO ATTEND LABOR-DEFENSE CONFERENCE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, announced this week he will attend the critical mobilization conference to be held in Washington March 20-21 at the call of the United Labor Policy Committee.

Haggerty will attend the session upon the request of William Green and George Meany, president and secretary-treasurer respectively of the American Federation of Labor. The AFL leaders have invited all state federations of labor and city central bodies to send representatives to the national conference.

The United Labor Policy Committee is comprised of delegates from the AFL, CIO, and Railway Executives Association, and represents more than 15 million members of organized labor.

Past negotiations of the United Labor Policy Committee with mobilization leaders will be reviewed at the two-day session in the Willard Hotel.

The call for the conference was issued following labor's decision to withdraw from all mobilization agencies rather than continue as an approving partner in the Wall Street defense schemes.

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HOW WILSON SILENCED LABOR! THE STORY OF AGENCY CONTROL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Who is running the American mobilization effort? Top control is vested in Charles E. Wilson, the General Electric tycoon, and through the various defense commands Wilson has spotted fellow businessmen, lawyers, educators, and government career men.

The Big Business agency leaders are natural allies of Wilson, and the appointed professionals are hardly in a position to assert their independence.

Labor leaders just don't meet the trained-seal qualifications demanded for top agency jobs. Hence, Wilson never placed a single labor executive at the control of any agency.

Here's the full list of the Wilson war agencies and the men who will boss them, together with their chief occupations:

Charles Wilson, Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM)-businessman, executive (former president of General Electric).

Eric Johnston, Economic Stabilization Administration (ESA)-businessman (former president of U.S. Chamber of Commerce).

Michael Di Salle, Office of Price Stabilization (OPS)-lawyer.

Cyrus Ching, Wage Stabilization Board (WSB)-businessman.

William Harrison, Defense Production Administration (DPA)-lawyer.

Manly Fleischmann, National Production Authority (NPA)-lawyer.

James Knudson, Defense Transport Administration (DTA)-government career man.

Bruce Brown, Petroleum Administration for Defense (PAD)-business executive.

Dan Wheeler, Solid Fuels Administration for Defense (SFAD)-government official.

Albert Day, Defense Fisheries Administration (DPA)-government career man.

D. Loring Marlett, Defense Power Administration (DPA)-government official.

James Boyd, Defense Minerals Administration (DMA)-government career man.

F. Marion Rhodes, Office of Requirements and Allocations (ORA)-government career man.

L. B. Taylor, Office of Materials and Facilities (OMF)-government career man.

Leonard Trainer, Food Distribution Branch-government career man.

Robert Goodwin, Office of Defense Manpower--college administrator.

Arthur Phelan, Division of Selective Credit Regulations (DSCR)-banker.

A. J. Walsh, Emergency Procurement Service (EPS)-government career man.

John Small, Munitions Board (MB)-business executive.

W. E. Harber, Reconstruction Finance Corp. (RFC)-banker.

Raymond Foley, Housing and Home Financing Agency (HHFA)-government career man.

Millard Caldwell, Federal Civil Defense Administrator (FCDA)-lawyer.

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WORKERS EDUCATION CONFERENCE
OPENS IN SANTA MONICA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The future of labor education in California will be the number one topic at the second annual Workers Education Conference to be held this weekend, March 17-18, at the Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, under the sponsorship of the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California.

Representatives of AFL, CIO, and independent unions will attend the two-day session scheduled to open at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Delegates will be welcomed by Edgar L. Warren, director of the UCLA institute.

AFL participants in the program will include Mark Starr, director of education, International Ladies Garment Workers' Union; Sigmund Arywitz, ILGWU; Robert S. Ash, Alameda County Central Labor Council; Joseph De Silva, Retail Clerks, Los Angeles; Harry Smulyan, International Upholsterers Union; George Johns, San Francisco Labor Council; George Brooks, Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers; John Donovan, Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and John F. Henning, California State Federation of Labor.

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NO SHORTAGE OF WORKERS,
BUT CORPORATE FARMERS CRY FOR
IMPORTED LABOR

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--In the face of hysterical propaganda calling for the importation of foreign farm labor, the United States

Department of Labor revealed this week that American farmers believe that supplies of labor are ample and that the continued introduction of machinery is responsible for an ever-decreasing number of farm jobs.

Department statistics showed that there were nearly a half-million fewer persons at work on farms during mid-February than a year earlier.

From its postwar peak of 1947, farm employment has declined during the last three years. The average employment in 1949 was about 330,000 less than the year before, and in 1950 there was a further decrease of about 400,000. This is a continuation of a long-time trend.

The Department survey conceded that "a small part of the decrease may be due to transfer of workers from agriculture to industrial employment and the armed services," but added that "since this is a period of relatively low labor requirements, it is likely that such transfers would have little effect on farm employment at this season. The sharp downward trend of the last two years is probably mostly a reflection of the large increase in the use of farm machines." Farmers were quoted as believing "that supplies of labor were ample at present."

Corporate farming powers have long sought to flood the farm labor market with imported workers from Mexico, Hawaii, and Porto Rico, thus permitting a cut-throat competition of jobs for the lowest bidders on the wage market.

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FEDERATION REOPENS SACRAMENTO OFFICE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The California State Federation of Labor this week reopened offices in the Senator Hotel, Sacramento, as the state legislature reconvened for the general business of the 1951 session.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer and legislative representative of the state AFL, again reminded all unionists to follow legislative activities closely and recommended that they keep state assemblymen and senators advised of their views on measures affecting the welfare of labor.

Committee hearings on bills began this Tuesday as the legislators opened the 1951 session with unprecedented speed.

The State Federation legislative staff is concerned with some 2700 bills introduced during January and digested in the official Federation summary of proposed legislation recently mailed to all affiliated unions and councils.

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FRESNO COUNCIL CELEBRATES 50th BIRTHDAY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Fresno Labor Council, AFL, was celebrated last Saturday night by 300 men and women of labor at a banquet sponsored by the Council in the Hotel Fresno.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, was guest speaker. Haggerty recalled the progress of labor movement in the Fresno territory, but warned that many of the gains made by labor during the past 50 years are challenged and imperiled by destructive bills now being considered by the 1951 session of the state legislature.

The Fresno council was chartered February 18, 1901, on the application of the Fresno Typographical Union, Local No. 144, and Carpenters Union, Local No. 701.

Special guests of honor at the anniversary banquet were Assemblyman Wallace Henderson, George W. Giffen, the only surviving member of the Typographical Union at the time of the chartering, and Walter Banta, who joined the Carpenters local in 1901.

Bill O'Rear was chairman of the anniversary arrangements committee.

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