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UNITED LABOR DENOUNCES BIG BUSINESS CONTROL OF DEFENSE EFFORT

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Militant determination to resist Big Business domination of the American defense effort featured last week's historic rally of the United Labor Policy Committee in the national capital.

Nearly 1,000 "grass roots" representatives from the AFL, CIO, and Railway organizations attended the vital labor rally called to protect the consumer public and the wage-earning millions of America.

The California State Federation of Labor was represented at the conference by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer, and Thomas L. Pitts, president.

William Green, AFL president, delivered the keynote speech at the Wednesday session when he charged that the mobilization effort was a failure because: (1) Congress had adopted a defense law "full of special privilege for business interests"; (2) the Administration has turned to "appeasement" and permitted Big Business executives to fill "almost every significant position in defense agencies."

In an earlier address delivered to a special AFL meeting of state federation and central labor union officials, Green reviewed the long, patient work of the United Labor Policy Committee and reminded that, despite labor protests, prices and rents were allowed to climb, wages frozen, taxes adjusted to benefit the rich and penalize the poor, and manpower controls placed under the arbitrary control of General Electric tycoon Charles E. Wilson.

Wednesday's joint session closed with the AFL, CIO, and Railway delegates voting unanimously to carry out the following program at every level of community life:

1. To enlist cooperation in support of this anti-inflation program from all community organizations which support our democratic institutions and are devoted to the anti-totalitarian objectives of America's defense program.
2. To promote public meetings, radio and television programs, speeches before community groups and other appropriate means of alerting every citizen to the need for improved defense mobilization and anti-inflation policies.
3. To forward letters, telegrams, petitions and memorials to President Truman and members of Congress in support of the principle of equal sacrifice and fair play in the mobilization program. Our first objective is the improvement of the Defense Production Act.
4. To help establish local consumer committees through which the people may be fully advised of the developments in Washington, violations of price regulations may be publicized, and to cooperate with public-spirited merchants for local anti-inflation programs.
5. To encourage authorized delegations from labor and other groups to seek appointments with Senators and Congressmen during the forthcoming Easter recess to set forth the problems of the consumer.
6. To secure the widest publicity through the labor press and, if necessary, through the purchase of local radio time and newspaper space, for the voting record of Senators and Congressmen on major bills affecting the fight against inflation and for a better defense mobilization program.

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AFL SEAMEN HOLD
SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The fifth biennial convention of the Seafarers' International Union, AFL, opened Monday, March 26, in the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, with SIU president Harry Lundeborg calling the conference to order at 10:00 a.m.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, addressed the Monday morning session. Haggerty declared that the AFL was determined to pursue its present policy of vigorous protest against Big Business control of the mobilization program until such time as a fair and equitable policy was adopted by the government.

Other guest speakers included Governor Earl Warren and Omar Hoskins, Commissioner of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The Seafarers' International Union represents some 75,000 seamen in the Pacific, Atlantic, Gulf and Great Lakes. The western affiliate of the organization is the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

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AFL NEGOTIATES GAINS FOR 25,000
CALIFORNIA MEMBERS--WAGE BOARD HOLDS ANSWER

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--American Federation of Labor unions in California negotiated actual and potential wage gains averaging $13\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hour for an estimated 25,000 workers during February, the California State Federation of Labor announced this week.

Many of the gains are dependent upon Wage Stabilization Board approval.

In February of 1950, 7,500 AFL workers won boosts averaging three cents per hour.

The details listed below were assembled from the AFL press. Increases are listed in cents per hour unless otherwise indicated.

Building Trades

Electrical Workers No. 892, San Francisco, AND switchboard industry employers: 10 cents; eff. 1/22/51 (in addition to 10 cents 9/15/50).

Electrical Workers No. 892, San Francisco, AND custom fixture employers: 10 cents; eff. 1/19/51, (in addition to 10 cents, 9/1/50).

Electrical Workers No. 892, San Francisco, AND Lenkurt Electric Co., San Carlos: $5\frac{1}{2}$ cents; eff. 1/19/51 (in addition to $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents, 9/11/50).

Electrical Workers No. 892, San Francisco, AND Lynch Carrier Systems, Inc: 14 cents; eff. 1/24/51.

Engineers (Stationary) No. 235, Long Beach, AND hotel industry: $37\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 2/51.

Engineers (Stationary) No. 235, Long Beach, AND cannery, oil, ice and creamery employers: 10 cents; 2/51.

Engineers (Stationary) No. 39, Northern California, AND milk industry: $18\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 2/51.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2525, Willits, AND employers: 25 cents; 2/51; 100 workers.

Millmen No. 2020 and Teamsters No. 36, San Diego, AND Lumbermen's Service Bureau and independents: 10 cents; 2/1/51; about 625 workers.

Painters No. 333, San Diego, AND sign and pictorial employers: 14 cents; 2/51.

Painters No. 484, San Jose, AND commercial and neon sign and pictorial employers: 19 cents; 2/51.

Butchers

Butchers No. 266, Santa Cruz, AND A. K. Salz Tannery: 5 cents; 2/51.

Butchers No. 556, Santa Barbara, AND packing houses, Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo: 20 cents, and $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents to health and welfare fund; 2/51.

Butchers No. 352, Redding, AND employers: \$8 /mo.; 2/51.

Culinary

Culinary Workers No. 489, Santa Barbara, AND employers: \$1 /day; 1/23/51.

Culinary Workers No. 550, Bakersfield, AND restaurants and cocktail lounges: \$2 /day bartenders and chefs; \$1.40 /day hotel workers; 2/51; 400 workers.

Bartenders and Culinary Workers No. 753, Napa, AND about half of restaurant employers: \$1 /day; 2/51.

Metal Trades

Iron Workers Nos. 377, 378, 118, 115, Northern California, AND outside construction iron worker employers: $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents, 1/25/51, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, 7/1/51; 2700 workers.

Laborers No. 1184, San Bernardino, AND Minnesota Mining Co., Corona: 10-15 cents; 1/15/51.

Machinists, Santa Barbara, AND employers: 28 cents; 2/51.

Machinists, Stockton, AND 7 employers: 12 cents and cost of living clause; 1/29/51.

Machinists, Stockton, AND Continental Can: 6 cents; 2/51.

Machinists No. 238, San Rafael, AND Marin Motor Car Dealers Assn.: 5 cents; 2/51.

Machinists No. 238, San Rafael, AND Vincent Whitney and Schoonmaker companies, Sausalito: 12 cents; 2/5/51; 50 workers.

Machinists Dist. No. 727, No. Hollywood, AND Pacific Air-motive Co.: 10-13 cents; 1/1/51.

Machinists No. 1173, Richmond, AND 9 Contra Costa truck barns: \$3 /wk., and health and welfare plan; 2/51.

Machinists No. 1178, Santa Rosa, AND Santa Rosa Motor Car Dealers and Independent Garagemen: 8 cents; 2/51.

Molders No. 164, San Francisco, AND California Metal Trades: 12 cents; 1/51; 5000 workers.

Painters No. 1115, Stockton, AND furniture finisher employers: 7 cents; 1/25/51.

Shipyard unions (8 unions), Long Beach and Wilmington, AND Small Board Yards Assn. of So. California: 18 cents; 2/51; about 500 workers.

Teamsters

Teamsters Nos. 70, 315, 393, Contra Costa and Alameda counties, AND lumber yards: $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents; eff. 2/1/51; 500 workers.

Teamsters No. 137, Marysville, AND 8 beverage distributors: 10 cents; eff. 1/1/51.

Teamsters No. 137, Marysville, AND Diamond Match Co. and Butte Tallow: $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents; eff. 1/1/51 and 1/22/51.

Teamsters No. 137, Marysville, AND General Mills and Bert McDowell (wholesale grocer): $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents; eff. 1/22/51.

Teamsters No. 315, Martinez, AND Standard Sanitary Corp,
Richmond: 12 cents; 2/51; 125 workers.

Sales Drivers No. 572, (telephone dispatchers), Long Beach,
AND Diamond and Yellow Cab Co.: \$5 /wk; 2/51.

Typographical

Typographical Union No. 231, San Jose, AND newspapers: \$3 /wk;
12/31/50.

Typographical Union No. 650, Long Beach, AND employers:
\$3 /wk; 10/1/50.

Typographical Union No. 862, San Pedro, AND employers: \$5.50
/wk. and improved sick leave clause; 12/22/50.

Miscellaneous

Bakers No. 400, Los Angeles, AND macaroni industry: 10½ cents
for women; 10 cents for men; 2/51.

Bill Posters, California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Arizona,
AND employers: \$8 /mo.; 1/1/51.

Building Service Employees No. 102, San Diego, AND 9 downtown
office buildings: 13 cents; 2/51; 200 workers.

Department Store Employees No. 1100, San Francisco, AND
Mission group stores and 2 independents: \$4/wk; 2/1/51; 256 workers.

Garment Workers, and Teamsters No. 994, Los Angeles, AND
California Sportswear and Dress Association: \$3.50; 1/25/51;
6000 workers.

Garment Workers, Los Angeles, AND Nathan Brody: \$3.00 to
\$4.25 /wk; health and welfare fund; 2/51; 50 workers.

Hospital Workers No. 250, San Francisco, AND Permanente
Harbor Hospital: \$5 /mo.; 1/25/51; 30 workers.

Muscians No. 47, Los Angeles, AND majority of employers with
steady engagements: 20 percent; 1/22/51; 1000 workers.

Office Workers No. 94, San Jose, AND Pacific Manufacturing
Co.: \$15-\$25.50 /mo; 2/51.

Street Carmen No. 1277, Los Angeles, AND San Bernardino
Valley Transit Lines: 4 cents, 12/27/50 and 4 cents, 5/29/51.

Winery and Distillery Workers No. 45, Fresno, AND 56 plants
in San Joaquin, Sacramento, Livermore, Napa and Santa Clara wineries:
10-19 cents; 1/16/51; 2500 workers.

Winery Workers, Los Angeles, AND employers: 10-20 cents;
2/51; 1000 workers.

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EMPLOYERS DELAY ACTION ON DISABILITY BILL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--As powerful employer forces fought a
legal delaying action, hearings on *AB 3376 the improved disability
insurance bill, were postponed this week and set for Monday evening,
April 2, before the Finance and Insurance Committee, State Capitol,
Sacramento.

The AFL-sponsored proposal to liberalize the disability law enjoys the support of private insurance carriers, but has been bitterly assailed by potent business lobbies in Sacramento.

The following immediate hearings have been appointed for bills included in the state AFL's official digest of proposed legislation:

SENATE BILLS

Subject: Child Labor
Committee on Agriculture - Tuesday, April 10, 8 p.m. - Room 406

SB 1212 (Hatfield) - BAD. Permits employment of minors under 16 in agriculture and weakens other restrictions on child labor.

Subject: Dairy Industry
Committee on Agriculture - Tuesday, April 17, 8 p.m. - Room 406

SB 285 (Thompson, et al) - GOOD. Provides that eggs produced outside of California must be so marked.

SB 1245 (Hatfield) - GOOD. Provides that egg products inspected outside the state and brought to California must be reinspected here.

SB 1448 (Jespersen) - GOOD. Provides that out-of-state eggs must be reinspected on arriving in California and the containers must be labelled as out-of-state.

SB 1449 (Jespersen) - GOOD. Provides that egg containers must show the date of packing.

SB 1450 (Jespersen) - GOOD. Provides that the container of out-of-state egg products must show the state or county of origin.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

Subject: Civil Rights
Committee on Judiciary - Monday, April 9, 8 p.m. - Room 435

AB 2893 (Kilpatrick, et al) - GOOD. Requires that any publication, which comments unfavorably upon a person's character, must bear the name and address of the author.

Subject: Motor Vehicle Laws
Committee on Boards and Commissions - Monday, April 9, 3 p.m.-Room 426

AB 2685 (Burkhalter, et al) - GOOD. Requires parking lots to have an attendant on duty at all times that the lot is in operation and requires a fire extinguisher on premises.

AB 2687 (Burkhalter, et al) - GOOD. Makes a parking lot liable for the loss of any parked car whose ignition key is given to someone other than an employee.

AB 2688 (Burkhalter, et al) - WATCH. Requires every parking lot attendant to have a chauffeur's license.

Subject: Water and Power
Committee on Public Utilities and Corporations - Monday, April 9,
3 p.m. - Room 432

AB 674 (Moss, et al) - GOOD. Limits and regulates contracts made between a private utility company and its affiliated or subordinated company.

(NOTE: (*) indicates bill sponsored by California State Federation of Labor.)

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