

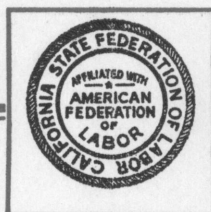
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#### EMPLOYERS ATTACK DISABILITY BILL; HEARST PAPERS JOIN FIGHT

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The legislative fate of \*AB 3376 was in considerable confusion this week as the powerful employer lobby struck at the Federation-sponsored disability insurance bill with crippling amendments during the Finance and Insurance Committee hearings held last Monday night in the State Capitol.

As the Hearst press of the state launched hostile editorials against the measure, the Finance and Insurance Committee, by a nine to six vote, approved amendments which were sternly opposed by AFL spokesmen.

Against the expressed wishes of C. J. Haggerty, Federation legislative representative, and Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney, the committee adopted in substance amendments which in main would (1) reduce the maximum benefit figure from \$35 to \$30 per week; (2) freeze the disability reserve fund, making newly gained surpluses unavailable for increased benefits; (3) permit disability payments to workers unemployed during an industrial dispute only when such workers are hospitalized.

In order to clarify these and additional amendments, the committee voted to hold a closed or "cloak room" hearing on the proposed changes next Monday night, April 9.

Voting against organized labor on the amendments were Assemblymen Richard J. Dolwig (R. South San Francisco); Donald L. Grunsky (R. Watsonville); H. W. Kelly (R. Shafter); Frank Lanterman (R. La Canada); Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles); Glenard P. Lipscomb (R. Los Angeles); Charles W. Lyon (R. Beverly Hills); G. Delbert Morris (R. Los Angeles); H. Allen Smith (R. Glendale).

Voting for labor and against the employer lobby were Assemblymen Julian Beck (D. San Fernando); Francis Dunn, Jr. (D. Oakland); Thomas A. Maloney (R. San Francisco); Charles W. Meyers (D. San Francisco); William H. Rosenthal (D. Los Angeles); Ernest R. Geddes (R. Pomona). (\*) - Federation-sponsored bill.)

ASSOCIATED FARMERS ADMIT  
SUPPORT OF ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The long reported connection between state "hot cargo" legislation and the Associated Farmers came out in the open with the recent issue of the March edition of the anti-labor organization's monthly bulletin which operates out of very urban headquarters at 25 California Street, San Francisco.

Associated Farmer espousal of the Hatfield and Clarke anti-labor bills is openly admitted in the lead story, which declares that "bills prohibiting 'hot cargo' and secondary boycott practices by unions were being pressed by representatives of the Associated Farmers in the state legislature."

The Associated Farmers have long been accused of merely representing corporate farm interests, with principal activities being centered in the financial marts. Their farm program is generally at complete variance with the social philosophies sponsored by the State Grange, the National Farmers' Union, and other agricultural bodies representing the American farmer.

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' CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR '  
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AFL SUMMER INSTITUTE SET  
FOR JUNE 10 - 16

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The fourth annual AFL Labor Institute will be held June 10-16 at the Casa Del Rey Hotel in Santa Cruz, it was announced this week by the University of California.

Jointly sponsored by the University and the California State Federation of Labor, the institute will offer a week of intensive labor training in such spheres as the labor press, collective bargaining procedures under present controls, basic economics, use of statistics, health and welfare plans, state and federal labor legislation, and labor's international role.

The Casa Del Rey Hotel offers excellent recreation facilities, including tennis courts and swimming. Rates are \$9.00 per day per person for double room, American Plan; \$10.00 per day per person for single room, American Plan. Children under 12 will be granted a half-price arrangement. Rooms will be available for family accommodations for those wishing to bring their children.

Pending the printing of formal literature, additional information may be obtained by writing to the Institute of Industrial Relations, either at Berkeley or Los Angeles.

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ASSEMBLYMAN GIVES LABOR VIEW  
TO L.A. BUSINESSMEN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Charles Edward Chapel (R. Inglewood), freshman Assemblyman from southern California, recently told the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce that "labor agrees with management" on the necessity of holding down taxes whenever such taxation injures the national economy.

Chapel explained the labor position relative to sales taxes, stating that taxes which "directly hit the consumer are regressive because they consume a larger proportion of small income than they do of a larger income." He added that such taxes burden the wage earner more seriously than they do the highly paid executive.

Management also opposes such taxes, claimed Chapel, but on

the basis that "all excessive" and "new" taxes are a "burden on business."

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STATE SERVICES OFFERED  
HANDICAPPED

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The state Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation this week announced that the U.S. Secretary of Labor has been directed by presidential order to establish area committees across the nation to consider the special problems involved in the employment of the handicapped.

In accord with this national emphasis, handicapped workers wishing to gain employment should contact the local office of the Rehabilitation Bureau, which is under the administration of the State Department of Education.

To date, the Bureau has returned thousands of Californians to employment through the services provided by its various offices throughout the state.

The Bureau training program includes provisions for physical restoration, training for new employment, and adjustment to and placement in a suitable new occupation.

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FEDERATION ISSUES  
TAX ANALYSIS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The California State Federation of Labor last week issued its second in a new series of economic analyses of major economic problems facing the American people.

Entitled "Taxing the Worker," the article reviews the tax philosophies of Big Business, the Truman Administration, and organized labor.

Condemning both the universal sales tax advocated by the National Association of Manufacturers and the proposed Truman tax which benefits the wealthy and penalizes the low income groups, the article declares that "government should secure needed revenues by

boosting corporation taxes and excess profits taxes over their present levels."

The article also warned that "in the present atmosphere of frozen wages and climbing prices, the Administration must revise its tax philosophy or else lose the total confidence of the millions of men and women who comprise the working public."

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HAGGERTY URGES ACTION  
AGAINST "HOT CARGO" BILL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the state AFL, this week urged all unions and councils in California to contact members of the State Senate Labor Committee relative to SB 1228, the notorious "Hot Cargo" measure which has been set for hearing on Thursday morning, April 26, in the State Capitol.

Introduced by Senator George J. Hatfield (R. Merced and Madera) and politically pushed by the Associated Farmers, the Hatfield bill would deny labor the right to strike, to write free contracts, to picket peacefully, and to publish "unfair" listings.

Members of the seven-man Senate Labor Committee are: H.R. Judah (R. Santa Cruz), chairman; Harold T. Johnson (D. Sierra, Nevada, and Placer); H.E. Dillinger (D. El Dorado, Amador, and Alpine); J. Howard Williams (R. Tulare); Gerald J. O'Gara (D. San Francisco); Fred Weybret (R. Monterey, and San Benito); F. Presley Abshire (R. Sonoma).

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