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LABOR BILLS MAKE PROGRESS AT SACRAMENTO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--AFL-sponsored legislation showed signs of considerable progress in Sacramento this week as the general session of the state legislature neared the completion of its first month's work.

Passed by the Assembly without a dissenting vote and set for Senate hearing this week were *AB 485, introduced by Everett G. Burkhalter (D. North Hollywood) and John B. Cooke (D. Ventura), and *AB 537, introduced by Charles W. Meyers (D. San Francisco).

*AB 485 allows deduction from wages of state employees for payment of group health and welfare benefits. *AB 537 repeals the law providing for docking of employees for tardiness.

Passed by the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations on April 5 was *AB 545, which provides that an employee who refuses to work under unsafe conditions will be paid if laid off or discharged if he notifies employer of intent to make such claim. *AB 545 was introduced by Edward M. Gaffney (D. San Francisco). Voting for were Gaffney, William C. Berry (D. San Francisco); Robert L. Condon (D. Walnut Creek); Edward E. Elliott (D. Los Angeles); Wallace D. Henderson (D. Fresno); Howard Q. Parker (D. Stockton). Voting against were Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles); John L. E. Collier (R. Los Angeles); Robert C. Kirkwood (R. Saratoga).

Also passed by the Industrial Relations Committee on April 5 was *AB 546, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or color in the selection of apprentices. Introduced by Gaffney and William B. Rumford (D. Berkeley), the measure was passed by a voice vote.

Another Gaffney bill approved by the Industrial Relations Committee was *AB 544, which requires job supervisors to be given copies of pertinent industrial safety laws. Voting for were Gaffney, Berry, Condon, Elliott, Henderson, and Parker. Voting against were Collier, Levering, and Kirkwood.

Passed by the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee on April 9 were three Federation approved bills, *AB 368, AB 554, and AB 2078.

*AB 368, introduced by Frank Luckel (R. San Diego) provides that group life insurance policies may be written for a group of labor unions. AB 554, introduced by Francis C. Lindsay (R. Loomis) continues temporary provisions of the State Employees' Retirement System law until after the 1953 session of the legislature. AB 2078, introduced by Francis Dunn Jr. (D. Oakland) provides that under the disability insurance law a day of hospital care means a period for which a full day's charge is made by the hospital.

Approved by Assembly Judiciary Committee and up for floor vote this week was *AB 841, which protects public employees against delinquent damage suits. The bill was introduced by Harlan D. Hagen (D. Hanford). (*) indicates Federation sponsored bill.

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HOT CARGO BILL UP APRIL 26

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded all AFL unions in the state to contact their Assemblymen and Senators, urging a vote against SB 1228, the "Hot-Cargo" bill scheduled for hearing Thursday, April 26, at 9:00 a.m., in the State Capitol.

The purpose of the measure is to cripple labor's right to strike, picket, write free contracts, and publish unfair listings.

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AFL GAINS IN MARCH AVERAGE
17 CENTS PER HOUR

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--An estimated average increase of 17 cents per hour was obtained through collective bargaining by California AFL unions during March, 1951, it was announced this week by the California State Federation of Labor.

Negotiations embraced some 70,000 workers, and included a gain of $21\frac{1}{2}$ cents for carpenters in 42 northern California counties outside the San Francisco Bay Area.

A number of settlements provided for gains of 10 percent, or the maximum allowable under Wage Stabilization Board regulations.

Details are listed below. Increases are in cents per hour unless otherwise indicated.

Building Service

Theatre Janitors Nos. 9, 121, 81, 77, 110, 22, 24, northern California, AND employers: \$1.00 /day and 27 cents /day to health and welfare; 3/51; 170 workers in San Francisco.

Theatre Janitors No. 9, San Francisco, AND California Jockey Club (Bay Meadows): \$1.00 /day; 3/51.

Building Service Employees No. 18, Oakland, AND East Bay Building Owners and Managers Assn.: 9 cents; 3/1/51; 350-400 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 44 (window cleaners), San Francisco, AND Building Maintenance Contractors Assn.: 13 cents plus 2 cents health and welfare; 1/1/51; 130 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 87, San Francisco, AND Whitney's Playland-at-the-Beach: 15 cents and improved conditions; 1/19/51.

Building Service Employees No. 87 and No. 117, San Francisco, AND Y.M.C.A.: 3 cents and \$2.92/mo. to health and welfare; 3/51; about 100 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 167 (gardeners and greensmen), San Francisco, AND golf courses: \$17.50/mo.; 1/1/51.

Building Service Employees No. 217 and No. 399, Los Angeles, AND six maintenance companies (for Bank of America and others): 11 cents; 2/1/51.

Cemetery Employees No. 265, San Francisco, and No. 322, East Bay, AND Associated Cemeteries of San Francisco and East Bay Interment Properties Assn. and the Catholic Cemeteries of the East Bay: 10%; 3/1/51; about 315 workers.

Building Trades

Carpenters, 52 locals in northern California counties, AND Associated General Contractors: $21\frac{1}{2}$ cents (10%); eff. 5/1/51; 30,000 to 60,000 workers.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers, Redwood District Council, AND Pine Industrial Relations Committee (55 employers Calif. and Nevada): $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 3/1/51; about 4000 workers.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2808, Arcata, AND California Barrel Co.: $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents; 3/51; 1000 workers.

Painters No. 750, Watsonville, AND employers: 10 cents; 3/51.

Painters No. 1115, Stockton, AND Harris Mfg. Co.: 12 cents; eff. 3/1/51.

Painters (Sign) No. 1390, Stockton, AND national advertisers: 15 cents; 3/51.

Plumbers (Sprinkler Fitters) No. 483, San Francisco, AND National Automatic Sprinkler and Fire Control Assn.: 12½ cents (10%) and 2 weeks vacation; 3/51; 220 workers.

Upholsterers No. 3, San Francisco, AND canvas (tent and awning) employers: 10 percent; 3/1/51; 90 workers.

Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 373, Vallejo, AND textile employers: \$4.20 /wk (10½ cents); 2/1/51.

Retail Clerks No. 648, San Francisco, AND bakery and candy division: \$4 /wk; 2/1/51; about 525 workers.

Department Store Clerks No. 1100, San Francisco, AND Kress, Woolworth and Newberry's and independent variety stores: 5 cents, 3/17/51 and 5 cents 6/1/51; 800 workers.

Department and Specialty Store Employees No. 1265, Oakland, AND 60 shoe and clothing stores: 10%; 3/51; 600 workers.

Department and Specialty Store Employees No. 1256, Oakland, AND Kress and Sprouse-Reitz variety stores: 10%; 3/51; 170 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1222, San Diego, AND grocery employers: \$5 /wk; 4/2/51; 650 full time and 250 part-time workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1222, San Diego, AND Whitney's and Linda Vista Department stores: \$2 /wk; 3/51.

Metal Trades

Electrical Workers No. 465, San Diego, AND S.D. Gas and Electric Co.: 5 to 11 cents; 3/51; 1200 workers.

Electrical Workers No. 591, Stockton, AND San Joaquin and Calaveras county employers: 10%; 4/1/51.

Electrical Workers No. 1245, San Francisco, AND Pacific Gas and Electric Co., Northern California: 5.8 percent (amounts to 10% since 1/15/50); 3/51; 12,500.

Engineers (Stationary) No. 39, San Francisco, AND Roma Winery, Fresno: 13 cents; 1/16/51.

Engineers (Stationary) No. 526, San Diego, AND Kelco Co.: 3 cents (cost of living adjustment); 3/51; 90 workers.

Mechanists No. 238, Santa Rosa, AND Little Burner Co.: 10%; 3/5/51; 80 workers.

Machinists No. 428, Modesto, AND auto employers: 7½ cents; 4/1/51; 500 workers.

Machinists No. 428, Modesto, AND Pacific Can: 12½ to 13½ cents; 3/51.

Machinists No. 1178, Santa Rosa, AND auto mechanic employers: 8 cents; 3/51; 250 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 104, San Francisco, AND Sheet Metal Contractors Assn.: 16½ cents; 1/1/51; 1000 workers.

Teamsters

Salesdrivers No. 683, San Diego, AND Union Ice Co.: 10% (\$27 /mo; 12 cents /hr.); 4/1/51; 80 workers.

Teamsters No. 890, Salinas, AND Monterey county beverage employers: \$4.25 /wk; 3/51; 50 workers.

Miscellaneous

Barbers No. 135, Oakland, AND employers: Monday closing and 25-cent increase in price of haircut; 3/51.

Enamelware Workers No. 1852, Richmond, AND employers: 96 cents /day; 3/51.

Musicians, New York, Chicago & Los Angeles, AND 5 radio and TV networks: 10%, 2/1/51; 5% when approved by WSB; 600 workers nationwide.

Non-operating railroad workers, Los Angeles, AND Pacific Electric Railway Co.: 12½ cents; 2/1/51; 2500 workers.

Street and Motor Coach Employees, 4 locals, AND Pacific Greyhound Lines, 7 western states: 10% (14 cents; \$31.43/mo.); fringe gains; 3/51; 3600 workers, all states.

Street and Motor Coach Employees No. 1277, Los Angeles, AND Inglewood City Lines: 8 cents, 1/1/51; 5 cents 8/1/51; improved vacations; 35 workers.

Textile Workers No. 126, Eureka, AND Humboldt Bay Woolen Co.: 10 cents, 1 add. paid holiday and other gains; 3/1/51.

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RETAIL CLERKS SETTLE WITH GRAYSON CHAIN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Larry Vail, secretary of the California State Council of Retail Clerks, AFL, has announced that Clerks Local 777 of Los Angeles has reached a settlement with the Grayson Company, thus ending the statewide dispute with the company which has women's apparel stores scattered throughout California.

The settlement calls for full recognition of the union and pegs eventual wage boosts on a retroactive basis back to March 16, 1951. An election will be held in the immediate future to validate the contract on union security.

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AFL TELEGRAPHERS TAKE STRIKE VOTE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Commercial Telegraphers' Union, AFL, representing some 30,000 employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company throughout the United States, this week announced it is taking a strike vote among its national membership to authorize a strike against the company next July 1. The contemplated strike would be nationwide in scope.

Adolph Brungs, chairman of the union's national bargaining committee, charged that "Western Union employees have not received a general wage increase since April 1, 1948."

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