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ASSOCIATED FARMERS--STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCREAM FOR "FEUDAL STATE"

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--With the Associated Farmers and the State Chamber of Commerce beating the drums of unrestricted warfare, Big Business prepared this week to impose 20th century feudalism on the working people of California through punitive legislation in Sacramento.

Both the Senate Labor Committee and the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee were braced to receive violently anti-labor "hot cargo" measures this Thursday.

SB 1228, introduced by Senator George J. Hatfield (R. Merced, Madera), was scheduled to be heard by the Senate Committee Thursday morning, at 9:00 o'clock, while AB 2921 and AB 3223 were set for Assembly hearings on Thursday evening.

Both lower house bills were introduced by Assemblyman George A. Clarke (R. Planada).

All three measures purport to deny labor the right to secondary strikes and boycotts, but they would also abolish the rights to picket, to write free contracts, and publish unfair listings.

AB 3223 was originally assigned to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, but by a vote of 42 to 29 the lower house last Friday re-referred the measure to the Industrial Relations Committee. The motion to re-refer was made by Assemblyman Ernest R. Geddes (R. Pomona), and saved the bill from a hearing before a committee dominated by an anti-labor majority.

HEARINGS SET FOR
LABOR BILLS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The tempo of labor legislation quickened this week in Sacramento as the Associated Farmers--State Chamber of Commerce axis began its spring offensive against organized labor.

While major attention was fastened on the "hot cargo" efforts of Big Business lobbies, C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, reminded all unions to scan the entire legislative front for new assaults and raids.

Haggerty announced that the following immediate hearings have been set for bills of concern to organized labor:

Senate Hearings (State Capitol)

Committee on Agriculture - Tuesday, May 1, 8 p.m. - Room 406

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

Committee on Agriculture - Tuesday, May 8, 8 p.m. - Room 406

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

SB 1198 (Hatfield) - GOOD. Strengthens Labor Code provisions on farm labor contractors, to require weekly pay days, a bond equal to the highest weekly payroll; keeping license in immediate personal possession, compliance with motor vehicle and safety laws, written wage records, etc.

SB 1214 (Hatfield) - GOOD. Amends Labor Code to provide that a person who contracts for labor from an unlicensed contractor is liable for the wages due the laborer.

SB 1626 (Desmond, et al) - BAD. Adds Section 7.4 to clearly define as exempt agricultural labor all work in connection with poultry.

Committee on Business and Professions - Thursday, May 3, 9 a.m. - Room 414

AB 1240 (Stewart) - GOOD. Doubles certain fees for cosmetology licenses.

Committee on Elections - Friday, May 4, 9 a.m. - Room 406

AB 149 (Waters) - GOOD. Provides that nomination papers for federal or state legislators to be voted upon at a special election need be signed by only 1% of the voters. The present requirement is 5%.

AB 164 (Waters) - GOOD. Provides for arguments for and against county measures to be submitted to the voters in the ballot pamphlet.

AB 1893 (Waters) - GOOD. Provides that a registered voter from one county may vote in a second county if he has moved to the second county ninety (90) days before the election.

Committee on Elections (cont'd)

SCA 6 (Weybret) - BAD. Increases the number of signatures required to qualify an initiative petition from 8 to 10 percent and otherwise creates new barriers to qualification.

SCA 14 (Weybret, et al) - BAD. Repeals provisions for the election of judges.

Committee on Labor - Thursday, May 3, 9 a.m. - Room 406

*AB 2077 (Burkhalter) - GOOD. Reduces from 120 to 39 the number of hours which entitle a public employee to time off for meals.

SB 1702 (Abshire) - BAD. Prohibits peaceful organizational efforts by labor unions.

Committee on Local Government - Wednesday, May 2, 9 a.m. - Room 406

SB 218 (Desmond) - BAD. Provides that sewage repair may be done under the direct supervision of the county engineer or road commissioner in accordance with any standards established by the Board of Supervisors.

Committee on Social Welfare - Friday, May 4, 2:30 p.m. - Room 414

SB 1634 (Weybret, et al) - BAD. Provides a uniform real property disqualification for all recipients of public assistance of \$3,000, less encumbrances, or \$6,000 plus encumbrances; property of spouse to be considered property of applicant. Reduces amount which may be held.

Assembly Hearings (State Capitol)

Committee on Boards and Commissions - Monday, April 30, 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.

Committee on Constitutional Amendments - Wednesday, May 2, 8 p.m. - Room 435

AB 2199 (Elliott) - GOOD. Calls a convention to revise the state Constitution.

*ACA 11 (Dickey) - GOOD. Establishes a firemen's retirement fund to be supported by a tax of not less than two percent on the gross revenues of fire insurance companies on business done in California. Authorizes the legislature to provide for the payment of retirement benefits to firemen.

Committee on Finance and Insurance - Monday, April 30, 8 p.m. - Room 432

The following GOOD bills on workmen's compensation will be heard:
AB *274, *275, *276, *277, *278, *279, *281, *351, 505, 507, 510, 514, *538.

The following WATCH bills on workmen's compensation will be heard:
AB 2089, 3110, 1523; SB 1553, as amended.

The following BAD bills on workmen's compensation will be heard:
AB 911, 2504, 2667, 2503, 2797.

Committee on Social Welfare - Tuesday, May 1, 3 p.m. - Room 430

AB 2204 (Elliott) - GOOD. Amends aid to the aged law to make eligible aliens who have lived in California for 25 years.

AB 3059 (Hagen) - BAD. Amends the aid to needy children law to increase the residence requirement from one to three years for the child and his parents. Children born in California would still be eligible, however.

Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy - Wednesday, May 2, 3 p.m. - Room 435

AB 2079 (Fleury, et al) - GOOD. Provides for agreements between any public agency and the Director of Finance in order to secure federal social security coverage for public employees.

SB 508 (Abshire, et al) - BAD. Provides for Advisory Council for the Counties to review all public assistance regulations made by the State Department of Social Welfare. Provides that if the state public assistance laws are out of conformity with the Federal Social Security Act the necessary amendments shall be made by the legislature.

Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy - Wednesday, May 9, 3 p.m. - Room 435

*AB 409 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Adds Section 1631.1 to the Labor Code to provide that no employment agency may charge a fee in excess of 5% of the applicant's first month's salary.

*AB 410 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Amends Section 1630.1 of the Labor Code to require private employment agencies to inform applicants of the conditions of employment existing at a prospective job.

*AB 411 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Abolishes private employment agencies.

*AB 412 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Adds Section 1682 to the Labor Code to require all employers to list openings with the Department of Employment for at least 48 hours before listing the vacancy with a private employment agency.

*AB 1902 (Maloney) - GOOD. Establishes a state commission on political and economic equality.

SB 431 (Regan) - GOOD. Amends Sections 3211.92, 3361, and 4458 of the Labor Code to increase benefits for volunteer fire fighters from \$25 to \$30 a week.

Committee on Public Health - Tuesday, May 1, 3 p.m. - Room 426

AB 1147 (Connolly, et al) - GOOD. Strengthens sanitary regulations; prohibits sale of home cooked goods.

AB 1148 (Connolly, et al) - GOOD. Requires wrapping all baked goods, including cake, etc., and requires city and/or county health department to notify of conditions that are unsanitary under the state Health and Safety Code.

AB 1961 (Porter, et al) - GOOD. Provides that barber shops and colleges must be closed on Sundays or holidays unless Sunday is not a religious day for the manager or operator.

SB 357 (Breed) - BAD. Exempts seasonal nonprofit recreational buildings from strict compliance with the state Health and Safety Code.

Committee on Public Utilities and Corporations - Monday, April 30, 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. Effective only if certain other amendments made.

Committee on Public Utilities and Corporations (cont'd)

AB 3253 (Rosenthal; et al) - GOOD. Adds to the Public Utilities Act to regulate stockholders of 1 percent or more; to regulate "affiliated interests" and contracts between a utility and an "affiliated interest."

AB 3399 (Condon) - GOOD. Requires a public utility to pay the same rate of pay throughout the state.

(* indicates Federation sponsored bills.)

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LIBERAL COMPENSATION BILL
PASSES FIRST TEST

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--A measure to liberalize the present workmen's compensation structure in California passed the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee Monday night, April 23, with a surprising unanimous vote and will be up for Assembly floor voting in the immediate future.

Introduced by Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney (R. San Francisco), the bill (*AB 263) provides for the following major improvements:

- (1) Boost in maximum weekly benefits from \$30 to \$35.
- (2) Increase in death benefits from \$6,000 to \$7,000 where there is only a surviving widow, and from \$7,500 to \$8,750 where there are a surviving widow and dependent children.
- (3) Replacement of dentures injured or destroyed in industrial accidents; replacement of damaged eyeglasses if disability exceeds three days. Under present law, dentures are not replaced, and eyeglasses are replaced only if the disability exceeds seven days.
- (4) Compensation for laboratory fees reasonably and necessarily incurred for purpose of proving a contested claim.

The original bill was amended by the author before the Finance and Insurance Committee hearing to embody provisions of numerous other compensation measures presented by legislators friendly to labor.

Other committee action found the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee heeding labor protests by failing to approve AB 779, which would deny collective bargaining rights to professional employees. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles) and was kept in committee by the opposition votes of William C. Berry (D. San Francisco); Edward E. Elliott (D. Los Angeles); Edward M. Gaffney (D. San Francisco); Wallace D. Henderson (D. Fresno); Howard Q. Parker (D. Stockton). Voting for the measure were Levering and John L. E. Collier (R. Los Angeles).

A bill to grant municipal transit employees the right of collective bargaining fell two short of the necessary six votes in a test before the same committee. Voting for *AB 1117, introduced by Assemblyman Lester T. Davis (D. Portola) were Berry, Elliott, Gaffney, and Henderson. Voting against were Collier, Levering, and Parker.

Tabled by a voice vote of the Assembly Committee on Conservation, Planning and Public Works was *AB 655, which would require that private industry wage rates be applied to public maintenance work in California. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Bernard R. Brady (D. San Francisco).

A measure prohibiting racial discrimination in business or vocational schools was unanimously passed by the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill, AB 1756, was co-authored by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins (D. Los Angeles) and William B. Rumford (D. Berkeley).

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