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JACK DALTON DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--John F. Dalton, chief of the state division of labor law enforcement and former president of the California State Federation of Labor, died in San Francisco last Saturday, May 12, following a brief illness.

The veteran trade unionist was stricken with a heart attack just two weeks before his death. He was 73.

A native of New York, Dalton moved to Los Angeles in early life and became an active figure in the International Typographical Union. He was president of the Los Angeles local of the ITU for 18 years.

He served as president of the California State Federation of Labor for two years, from 1926 to 1928.

The deceased was long a vigorous participant in the civic affairs of Los Angeles, being twice president of the Los Angeles City Board of Education. He was also a leader of the Los Angeles Community Chest welfare board and was identified with Boy Scout activities in Los Angeles.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state AFL and an intimate friend of Dalton for many years, declared this week that "the state of California and the working people of our state have lost a faithful and devoted servant in the death of Jack Dalton. He was a great trade unionist, and during his years as labor commissioner and as president of the Los Angeles Board of Education, he always reflected the highest credit on the people and the movement he represented."

Haggerty flew from Sacramento to attend the funeral of Dalton at St. Brendan's Church, Los Angeles, where a Requiem Mass was offered on Thursday morning.

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DISABILITY BILL PASSES
STATE ASSEMBLY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--State AFL efforts to secure a liberalized disability insurance law made new progress in Sacramento last Friday when the state Assembly passed *AB 3376 without a dissenting vote.

Introduced by Ernest R. Geddes (R. Pomona), Thomas A. Maloney (R. San Francisco) and Francis Dunn, Jr. (D. Oakland), its principal feature increases weekly benefits under the disability plan from \$25 to \$30 maximum. The bill now moves to the Senate for committee hearings.

Assembly action early this week approved of two bills strongly opposed by organized labor. By a vote of 43-28, the lower house passed AB 2502, the Dolwig restriction measure which would erect new eligibility requirements for the unemployed by hitting at workers suffering more than one period of unemployment. The bill was authored by Assemblyman Richard J. Dolwig (R. So. San Francisco).

Also adopted by the Assembly over labor protests was AB 2665 which strikes at the right of labor to vote by declaring that workers may obtain two hours off the job to vote only at the convenience of the employer and when clearly proven no other time is available. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Arthur H. Connolly, Jr. (R. San Francisco) and is apparently aimed at recent court decisions upholding the right of workers to vote during a work day. The Connolly measure passed the Assembly by a 41-36 margin.

(* - indicates a Federation-sponsored bill)

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FED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor will hold its spring quarterly meeting Sunday, May 20, in the Senator Hotel, Sacramento.

Number One item on the agenda will be a review of labor's position during the current general session of the state legislature. The meeting will open at 10:00 a.m., with President Thomas L. Pitts in the chair.

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MORE HEARINGS SET FOR BILLS OF
INTEREST TO LABOR

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded all AFL unionists of the importance of committee meetings in the legislative process, and urged that committee votes on labor issues be observed as closely as the more publicized floor votes during the present general session of the legislature.

Haggerty announced the following hearings would be held in the immediate future on bills of interest to labor:

Senate Hearings - (State Capitol)

Committee on Governmental Efficiency - Tuesday, May 22, 8pm-Room 3191

SB 174 (Tenney) - GOOD. Liberalizes disability retirement allowances of patrol members of the State Employees' Retirement System.

SB 1803 (Gibson) - GOOD. Amends Housing Authorities Law to meet present national defense needs: enlarges classes of eligible tenants, extends durations of powers contained in the act, and authorizes their exercise during periods of national emergency. Urgency measure.

Committee on Judiciary - Monday, May 21, 10 a.m. - Room 406

AB 1756 (Rumford, et al) - GOOD. Prohibits racial discrimination in business or vocational schools. Amendment 4/20/51 - minor.

Committee on Local Government - Wednesday, May 23, 9 a.m. - Room 406

AB 1982 (Rosenthal, et al) - GOOD. Provides that the county counsel shall defend county employees in suits arising from their work.

Committee on Fish and Game - Tuesday, May 22, 9 a.m. - Room 414

AB 183 (Stanley) - BAD. As amended, 5/2/51, prohibits purse seine or ring net fishing in the three mile zone of District 19 off the coast of Orange County between May 1 and September 10.

Assembly Hearings - (State Capitol)

Committee on Finance and Insurance - Monday, May 21, 8 pm - Room 3186
Annex

*AB 375 (Dunn) - GOOD. Amends Section 54 of the Unemployment Insurance Act to increase the maximum benefit from \$25 to \$40. The ratio of benefits to earnings is also increased for persons earning over \$400 in the highest quarter.

*AB 379 (Dunn) - GOOD. Adds Section 54.1 to the Unemployment Insurance Act to provide dependency benefits of \$5 for a wife (or husband) and \$2.50 for each of the first two dependent children.

*AB 395 (Condon) - GOOD. Adds Section 38.1 to the Unemployment Insurance Act to require every employer to pay a tax of 3.7 percent

Committee on Finance and Insurance (cont'd)

on all wages paid.

*AB 395 (Rosenthal, et al) - GOOD. Adds Section 39.2 to the Unemployment Insurance Act to deny an employer merit rating unless he notifies the Department of Employment of job openings.

AB 974 (Maloney) - GOOD. Adds Section 4557 to the Labor Code dealing with workmen's compensation to provide for double payments when a minor is injured. The penalty benefit must be paid by the employer rather than by the insurance carrier.

AB 2007 (Dolwig) - BAD. Provides for group workmen's compensation insurance for contractors.

AB 2936 (Lowrey, et al) - BAD. Adds Section 7.4 to provide that work in connection with poultry raising is exempt as agricultural.

Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy - Wednesday, May 23,
3 p.m.-Rm 435

AB 1536 (Shaw) - GOOD. Creates an Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped.

SB 609 (Desmond) - GOOD. In disciplinary proceedings for state civil service employees removes the presumption that the statement of cause is true.

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AFL OPERATORS AUTHORIZE
WESTERN UNION STRIKE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Washington office of the AFL Commercial Telegraphers Union, Western Union division, announced last week that the national membership of the organization had voted for strike action by a 10 - 1 majority.

To date, Western Union has rejected the union request of a minimum wage boost of 25 cents per hour, retroactive to March 1, 1951.

Union officials declared the strike vote followed long and patient negotiations with the company officials who remain unmoved by appeals for a raise to meet the soaring costs of living.

The proposed strike would affect all three Western Union divisions and would be nation-wide in scope.

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DEATH TAKES
FLOYD BILLINGSLEY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Floyd M. Billingsley, international vice president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees since 1930, died in San Francisco May 2, just three days before his sixty-first birthday.

Billingsley was business manager of the San Francisco Motion Picture Operators Union, Local No. 162, at the time of his death. He had held the post for many years.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Lauretta M. Billingsley, and by three children. His death followed an operation.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, attended funeral services held in San Francisco May 5. In a wire of sympathy to the family, Haggerty stated "the trade union movement of California has lost a proven and vigorous leader in the passing of Floyd Billingsley."

Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

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WARNING ISSUED ON FALSE
LABOR ADVERTISING

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week warned all business firms to beware of advertising salesmen pretending to represent legitimate labor union papers. He urged that local councils be checked for authorization.

Haggerty reported that the Humboldt County Central Labor Council has circulated all merchants in that territory advising that the so-called "State Labor News" operating out of Los Angeles and Oakland does not represent an official labor organization. According to Albin J. Gruhn, secretary of the Humboldt council, the "State Labor News" has offices in Los Angeles at 132 North Western Avenue, and in Oakland at 333 Fifteenth Street.

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UNIONISTS TO FEATURE AFL
SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C.J. Haggerty, executive head of the State AFL, this week announced that five California trade unionists will feature opening morning sessions of the State Federation's fourth annual summer institute scheduled for Santa Cruz, June 10-16.

Reviewing practical problems of their respective organizations will be Harry Lundeborg, secretary-treasurer of the Sailors Union of the Pacific; Einar Mohn, international organizer of the Brotherhood of Teamsters; Roy M. Brewer, international representative of I.A.T. S.E.; Lloyd Mashburn, secretary, Los Angeles Building Trades Council; and Larry Vail, secretary of the California Council of Retail Clerks.

Haggerty also revealed that international relations sections of the Institute will be given a review of European labor activities by Irwin M. Tobin, deputy special assistant to the U. S. Secretary of State. Tobin has recently returned from Paris where he served as labor advisor to the Bureau of European Affairs, U. S. Department of State. He will fly from Washington for the Federation institute which is jointly sponsored by the state AFL and the University of California.

Reservations for the week-long institute may be made with the Department of Conferences, University Extension, University of California, Los Angeles 24.

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Monday through Friday —Mutual Network

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