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FED CONVENTION CALL ISSUED

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Reviewing fifty historic years of progress by the California State Federation of Labor since its founding in 1901, C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state AFL this week issued the call to the 1951 Federation convention to be held in San Diego the week of August 20-24.

Convention site for the Golden Anniversary session will be the Conference Hall in Balboa Park. Headquarters will be located in the U. S. Grant Hotel.

Haggerty's convention message recalled that the Federation was "founded in an hour when labor in California symbolized the militant frontier spirit of the west," and that in the half-century since, "it has watched the rise and fall of monied giants whose minds and machines were geared to feudal villainy, and has noted their passing with an equanimity born of patience and faith in the ultimate victory."

Representation at the convention for local unions will be based on the average per capita tax paid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, i.e., the total amount paid divided by 48. Unions will be entitled to two delegates for the first 100 members or less, and one delegate for each succeeding 100 members or major fraction thereof. However, no local shall be entitled to more than six delegates.

Each central labor body will be entitled to two delegates, who must, to be seated, be members of a local union affiliated with the State Federation. Each council delegate will be entitled to one vote.

The deadline for the receipt of resolutions (in triplicate) by the Secretary-Treasurer is Wednesday, August 15, 1951, except those

proposed by statewide conferences of affiliated organizations held not less than three days prior to the opening of the convention, which may be filed up until 12:00 noon on Monday, August 20, 1951.

As soon as the Federation's annual audit is completed, about the middle of July, credentials, authorized delegates' lists, and the names and rates of San Diego hotels and motels will be mailed to all the affiliated organizations. Meantime, delegates seeking hotel or room reservations may write the San Diego City and County Convention Bureau Inc., Housing Department, 449 West Broadway, San Diego 1.

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STATE ASSEMBLY TRIPS
ASSOCIATED FARMER DRIVE
FOR "HOT-CARGO" LAW

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Associated Farmer pressure to plunge California into industrial warfare through the enactment of violent class legislation suffered another grave reversal last Friday in Sacramento when the state Assembly voted to withdraw the Clarke hot cargo bill, AB 3435, from the Committee on Agriculture and place it with the Industrial Relations Committee of the lower house.

On the motion of Assemblyman Francis Dunn Jr. (D. Oakland), the Assembly voted by a 44-22 margin to withdraw the Clarke bill from the committee assigned it by Speaker Sam L. Collins (R. Fullerton).

Introduced May 17 by George A. Clarke (R. Planada), the bill was planned to win strong farm backing by its alleged protection of "perishable goods." The bill was the third in a series of measures introduced by Clarke to cripple the California labor movement.

Following the lower house action, Assemblyman Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles), chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee, announced that AB 3435 would be heard Thursday evening, June 7, in the Assembly Chamber of the State Capitol.

Anti-labor legislation gained momentum on another front, however, when the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee last Monday

night voted to deny unemployment and disability insurance benefits to virtually one-third of those now eligible for such aid.

By a voice vote, the committee passed AB 2501, which requires that an eligible client must earn \$150 in each of three calendar quarters of his base qualifying period.

State Federation spokesmen declared that seasonal workers and those not working constantly through the year would be deprived of benefits by terms of the bill.

The measure was co-authored by Assemblyman Richard J. Dolwig (R. South San Francisco) and Ernest R. Geddes (R. Pomona).

Passage of the bill by the Finance and Insurance Committee was urged by one "Mr. Alloway" representing the Hearst publications.

Back on the bright side of the news, Governor Earl Warren on May 24 signed *AB 263, the Federation sponsored bill to liberalize the state workmen's compensation law.

Introduced by Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney (R. San Francisco), *AB 263 increases weekly benefits from \$30 to \$35 per week; boosts death benefits from \$6,000 to \$7,500 for a total dependent and from \$7,500 to \$8,750 for a total dependent with children; grants replacement provisions for dentures and liberalized provisions for eyeglasses damaged in industrial accidents, and compensation for laboratory fees incurred in pursuing a claim.

Meanwhile, AB 1985, the public education financing bill was stripped of its cigarette taxing features by the action of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation which refused to adopt the cigarette taxing amendments presented by Assemblyman Marvin Sherwin (R. Piedmont).

(* - indicates Federation-sponsored bill.)

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CALIFORNIA AFL UNIONISTS GAIN 14 CENTS
IN APRIL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Some 44,000 AFL California trade unionists gained an estimated average increase of 14 cents per hour as a result of collective bargaining during April.

In some cases, 10 percent, or the maximum permissible under Wage Stabilization Board regulations, was agreed upon. In other instances, the increase in April was in addition to increases obtained earlier during the year and brought the total up to the maximum 10 percent. Other increases were voluntary on the part of employers and granted prior to the usual re-opening date of the contract.

Some increases appear to be in excess of the 10 percent WSB formula, and may not take effect immediately.

In April 1950, 75,000 workers gained an average increase of 7 cents.

Details for April 1951 appear below as given in the labor press. Increases are in cents per hour unless otherwise indicated.

Building Service

Theatrical Janitors, California, AND Fox West Coast: \$1.27/day; 4/51; about 500 workers.

Building Service Employees No. 77, San Jose, AND California Maintenance Co. and department stores: 10 percent and other improvements; 4/51.

Building Service Employees No. 102, San Diego, AND theatres: \$1 /day and \$6 /mo. health and welfare; retro. 2/15/51.

Window Cleaners No. 349, Los Angeles, AND So. California Service and Maintenance Contractors Assn.: 8 cents; 4/51.

Building Service Employees No. 399, Los Angeles, AND Coca Cola Syrup Co.: 5 cents; retro. 12/11/50.

Building Service Employees No. 399, Los Angeles, AND Los Angeles City Housing Project: \$13 to \$26 /mo.; 1/51.

Building Service Employees No. 399, Los Angeles, AND Compton Sanitarium: \$10 - \$15 /mo.; 1/1/51.

Building Trades

Carpenters No. 2046, Richmond, AND Fluor Corp. and Austin Corp: 20 cents (arbitration award); retro. 3/5/51 and 1/24/51; 55 workers.

Carpet-Linoleum Workers No. 1711, San Diego, AND employers: 9 cents; 4/51.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2535, Booneville, AND Independent Redwood Co. and Al Boldt Lumber Co.: 12½ cents; of which 5 cents retro. to 4/1/51; 7½ cents subject to WSB.

Millmen and cabinet workers, six Bay counties, AND employers: 12½ cents; 5/1/51; about 3000 workers.

Painters (Sign) No. 510, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Display and Exhibit Association: 5 cents; 4/1/51; 100 workers.

Upholsterers No. 3, San Francisco, AND canvas employers: 11 - 17 cents; retro. 3/1/51; about 110 workers.

Upholsterers No. 3, Sacramento, AND employers: \$1 /day; 2 ad. pd. holidays; improved vacations; 4/51; 50 workers.

Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 324, Long Beach, AND food employers: \$6.50 /wk; 4/51; 2000 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 775, San Mateo, AND food employers: \$5 /wk; 600 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1273, Modesto, AND food employers: \$7 /wk; about 270 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1288, Fresno and 5 other counties, AND food employers: \$7 /wk; about 900 workers.

Metal Trades

Boilermakers Dist. Council No. 44, No. California, AND California Metal Trades Assn.: 12 cents; 4/2/51; 3 cents subject WSB; 23,000 workers.

Electricians No. 302, Richmond, AND 4 companies: 10 percent above 1/50; 3/1/51.

Machinists, Bay Area, AND California Metal Trades Assn: 12 cents and cost of living clause; retro. 2/5/51; 5,000 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 216, Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and No. 272, San Mateo county, AND contractors: 16½ cents; 4/51.

Office Employees

Office Employees No. 29, Oakland, AND men's clothing industry: \$13 /mo.; retro. 2/1/51; 81 workers.

Office Employees No. 29, Oakland, AND milk industry: \$13 to \$14.50 /mo; 4/1/51; 194 workers.

Office Employees No. 29, Oakland, AND jewelry industry: \$13 /mo; 4/1/51; 60 workers.

Office Employees No. 86, Vallejo, AND General Mills: \$10 to \$25 /mo.; 4/51; 21 workers.

Office Employees No. 86, Vallejo, AND Vallejo Housing Authority: 12½ cents; 4/51; 72 workers.

Office Employees No. 243, Richmond, AND Golden State and Carnation Milk Cos.: \$13 to \$14 /mo; 4/51.

Teamsters

Sales-Delivery Teamsters No. 296, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, AND milk driver employers: 85 cents/day; 3/16/51.

Teamsters No. 315, Martinez, AND Wilshire Oil Co. and Concord Fuel and Ice Co: 10 percent; 4/51.

Sales Drivers No. 572, Long Beach, AND Catalina Island Co.: 6 cents; 4/51; 35 workers.

Van and Storage Drivers No. 389, Los Angeles, and 692, Long Beach, AND employers: 10 percent; 4/51; 1500 workers.

Miscellaneous

Bakers No. 119, Oakland, AND retail bakers: 3 cents and reduction in work week from 6 to 5 days; 5/13/51; 450 workers.

Bakers No. 315, San Diego, AND Guthrie Biscuit Co.: 10 percent; 5/1/51; 80 workers.

Butchers No. 126, Fresno, AND retail employers: \$3/wk and \$2.35/wk health and welfare plan; 4/51.

Butchers No. 266, Santa Cruz, AND retail employers: 10 percent; 4/51.

Chemical Workers No. 190, Stockton, AND employer: 10 percent; 4/51.

Culinary Workers No. 542, Modesto, AND employers: 10 percent; 4/16/51.

Motion Picture Projectionists No. 564, Modesto, AND 4 theatres: 10 percent; 4/51.

Musicians No. 6, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Opera Assn: \$20/wk; 4/51; 60 workers.

Street Bus Drivers No. 1390, San Diego, AND San Diego Transit Co.: \$8/mo. to health and welfare fund; 4/51; 525 workers.

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COST OF LIVING CONTRACTS UP FOR AFL DEBATE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The place of cost of living clauses in labor union contracts will be thoroughly reviewed and debated at the fourth annual AFL Summer Labor Institute to be held June 10-16 at Santa Cruz it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the California State Federation of Labor.

Leading workshop discussions on the often controversial Consumers Price Index will be Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Reservations for the week long conference set for the Hotel Casa del Rey in Santa Cruz should be made with the Department of Conferences, University Extension, University of California, Los Angeles 24.

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