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LABOR BATTLES INSURANCE RAIDERS TO STANDSTILL IN LAST DAYS OF STATE LEGISLATURE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Unemployment insurance raiders struck hard and wickedly this past week in Sacramento as the state legislature raced for the compulsory adjournment date of June 23.

The Senate last Saturday passed the Dolwig "lag quarter" bill which is now on the desk of Governor Warren for signature or veto action. Introduced by Assemblyman Richard J. Dolwig (R. South San Francisco), the measure, AB 2502, would nullify wages earned prior to the filing of a valid claim for use in computing a later award.

Meanwhile the Assembly smashed another Dolwig attempt to disqualify thousands of workers currently eligible for unemployment insurance when it rejected AB 2501 in a 47 to 27 decision.

Authored by Assemblyman Dolwig and Ernest R. Geddes (R. Pomona), the bill would require that an eligible claimant must earn \$225 in each of two calendar quarters in his base qualifying period.

Federation spokesmen charged the bill would eliminate one-quarter of those now eligible for benefits.

Labor scored a startling victory on the Senate side of the capitol when the upper house voted to kill the Abshire "open shop" bill which would prohibit unions from engaging in peaceful organizational picketing.

In a voice vote, the Senate supported the motion to "postpone indefinitely" any action on the Abshire measure. The motion to freeze the Abshire bill, SB 1702, was made by Senator George Miller Jr. (D. Contra Costa) and was upheld by Senator James J. McBride (D.

Ventura) who was presiding at the moment Miller made his parliamentary stroke.

Despite the desperate delaying tactics of Assemblyman Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles), the Gaffney-Rumford "little FEPC" bill secured final passage by the Assembly and this Monday was placed before the Governor for probable approval.

The measure would prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or color in the hiring of apprentices on public work projects.

Introduced by Assemblymen Edward M. Gaffney (D. San Francisco) and William Byron Rumford (D. Berkeley), the measure, *AB 546, was amended and approved in the Senate and returned last week to the Assembly for concurrence in upper house amendments.

Following long and violent debate, the amendments were accepted by the Assembly and the bill passed, only to be further hampered through the request for reconsideration made by Assemblyman Levering.

However, Levering failed to demand another floor vote within the allotted time and despite frantic attempts to recall it once more, the bill this Monday was deemed officially passed by both houses.

Also on the Governor's desk were two other Gaffney bills approved last week, the first being *AB 545, which would allow payment of wages in industrial accidents when a claim is filed, thus making it easier for an employee who refuses to work under unsafe conditions to obtain wages due him, and second being *AB 543, which would prohibit the use of inflammable gas in any gasoline test.

The national effort to relieve the wealthy at the tax expense of American wage earners received a definite reversal when the Senate last Friday voted down Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 which would have recommended against any income taxes above 25% of a person's income. William Green, AFL chief, recently warned all state Federations of the scheme to have various states adopt such a

restriction as the first step in a plan to so amend the Federal constitution.

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AFL SUMMER SCHOOL
MAJOR SUCCESS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Diplomas were handed to more than 100 AFL unionists last Saturday in Santa Cruz at the conclusion of the fourth annual Summer Institute sponsored jointly by the California State Federation of Labor and the University of California.

Heralded as the most successful institute yet conducted by the state AFL, the seven day session featured top educators and veteran trade unionist speakers.

Heading a delegation flown to Santa Cruz from Washington, D.C. was Boris Shishkin, chief economist for the American Federation of Labor who taught classes in Basic Economics and led discussions on labor's role in international affairs. Shishkin recently returned to the U. S. from Paris where he served as labor advisor to the E.C.A.

Other Washingtonians in the party were Gordon Cole, editor of the IAM Machinist and Irwin Tobin, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Cole directed workshops on Labor Journalism and Tobin reviewed the free labor role in western Europe. Until last month, Tobin served as labor advisor to the State Department in Europe.

Fourth easterner on the faculty was William Gomberg, director of the industrial engineering department of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union who flew from New York to lead workshops in Collective Bargaining techniques.

Trade unionist lecturers included Harry Lundeborg, executive officer of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, Roy Brewer, international representative of the IATSE, and Einar Mohn, international representative of the Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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AFL UNIONISTS MAKE COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING GAINS IN MAY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Collective bargaining brought gains to some 98,000 AFL trade unionists in California in May. About half the workers were covered by settlements made in terms of cents per hour with an average estimated increase of around 11 cents. The other half were covered by settlements assuring the maximum possible under wage stabilization regulations, or 10 percent.

The 65 settlements noted in May exceeded the number in any previous month; in the list below 17 settlements, which appeared to cover 50 or fewer workers, are omitted.

Some of the increases were voluntary on the part of employers; some are in addition to raises earlier in the year; and some require Wage Stabilization Board approval.

Details below are from the labor press and are in cents per hour unless otherwise indicated.

Bakers

Bakers No. 43, Fresno, AND wholesale bakers: 10 percent and five day week; 5/51.

Bakers No. 85, Sacramento and Chico, AND employers: 11 cents; 5/51; 400 workers.

Bakers No. 315, San Diego, AND machine bakeries: 10 percent; 5/6/51; 235 workers.

Building Service

Building Service Employees No. 102, San Diego, AND bowling alleys: 10 percent; 5/51.

Building Service Employees No. 399, Los Angeles, AND theatres: 64 cents/day and \$6/mo. health and welfare; 5/51.

Building Service Employees No. 399, Los Angeles, AND bowling alleys: 10 percent; 5/21/51.

Building Trades

Electrical Workers No. 6, San Francisco, AND City and County of San Francisco: \$10 to \$20 (mostly \$10) /mo.; 5/51.

Electrical Workers No. 413, Santa Barbara, AND contractors: 15 cents; 5/51.

Engineers (Operating) No. 3, Northern California, AND Associated General Contractors: 10 percent; 5/1/51; 15,000 workers in Northern California, Nevada and Utah.

Engineers No. 3, Teamsters No. 137, Laborers No. 961, and Machinists No. 1397, Redding, AND Oakes Sand & Gravel Co.: 10 percent; 5/51.

Engineers No. 12, Teamsters and Laborers, Southern California, AND rock, sand and gravel industry: 14 cents.

Laborers, Northern California, AND Associated General Contractors: 5 to 15 cents; 5/1/51; 30,000 workers.

Laborers (brick tenders and tile helpers), Monterey and Santa Cruz, AND employers: 12 percent; 5/51.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers, Fresno, AND two planing mill employers: 8 to 14 cents; 5/1/51; 100 workers.

Painters No. 314, Bakersfield, AND contractors: 20 cents; (arbitration) 5/51.

Painters No. 1026, Santa Cruz, AND contractors: 15 cents; 5/51.

Pile Drivers No. 34, Northern California, AND Associated General Contractors: 10 percent, or 33 cents for journeymen; 5/51; 600 workers.

Plasterers and Cement Masons, Northern California, AND Associated Concrete Contractors of Calif., Inc.: 10 percent; 5/51.

Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 373, Vallejo, AND department store employers: \$4.20/wk; retro. 2/1/51.

Retail Clerks No. 373, Vallejo, AND food employers: \$5/wk and \$2/wk ad. to health and welfare plan; 5/51.

Retail Shoe and Clothing Clerks, No. 410, San Francisco, AND Retailers Council stores: 9 3/4 cents for shoe salesmen; 8 1/2 cents for clothing salesmen, and 4 cents for all others; retro. 2/1/51; 450 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 428, San Jose, AND Central Coast Counties Retail Grocers Assn.: \$5/wk; 4/1/51; (retroactivity to 1/21/51 to be arbitrated); about 550 workers.

Department Store Employees No. 1100, San Francisco, AND Granat's (jewelry): \$10 to \$12.50/wk for most employees; 4/2/51; (part subject to Wage Stabilization Board); 82 workers.

Culinary

Cooks and Waitresses No. 402, and Bartenders and Waiters No. 500, San Diego, AND 3 employers: 10 percent; 5/51; 185 workers.

Bartenders No. 566, Fresno, AND employers: 50 cents/day; 5/51.

Bartenders and Culinary Workers No. 595, Richmond, AND 457 independent restaurant and tavern owners: 10 percent; 5/1/51; 1500 workers.

Bartenders and Culinary Workers No. 753, Napa, AND employers: 10 percent; 7/15/51.

Teamsters

Teamsters (Building material drivers), Northern California, AND Associated General Contractors: 10 percent; 5/1/51; 4000 workers.

Teamsters, statewide, long lines, and turn-around, AND Truck Owners Assn. of Calif.: 10 percent; 5/1/51; 16,000 workers.

Cannery Workers, Northern California, AND California Freezers Inc.: 8 to 17 cents; retro. 3/1/51; 2500 workers.

Teamsters No. 70 and No. 315, Oakland and Martinez, AND Draymen's Assn. of Alameda County: \$1/day; 5/1/51; about 3000 workers.

Teamsters No. 137, Marysville, AND local drayage employers: 7 1/2 cents; 5/51.

Teamsters No. 186 and 381, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, AND Kraft, Borden's and Best Food Cos.: \$5/wk; 5/51.

Local Freight Drivers No. 208, Los Angeles, AND employers: 5 cents; 5/1/51.

Milk Wagon Drivers No. 226, San Mateo, AND Peninsula Milk Dealers Assn.: 85 cents/day; retro. 1/51; 300 workers.

Chauffeurs No. 265, San Francisco, AND 26 taxi cos.: 55 cents /day and \$8.50/mo. to health and welfare fund; 6/1/51; about 2400 wks.

