

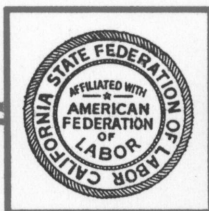
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GREEN ISSUES CALL TO AFL CONVENTION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 1951 convention of the American Federation of Labor will open in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, September 17, it was officially announced last week by AFL President William Green.

In his official call to affiliated bodies throughout America, Green declared the 70th convention will continue in session from day to day until the completion of all business.

The AFL chief recalled that during the months which have ensued since the adjournment of the 1950 convention in Houston, U. S. labor has witnessed a clashing of ideologies and political philosophies at home and abroad.

Green declared that the question all Americans must answer in 1951 is: "Shall our free, democratic way of life and form of government survive, or shall it all be supplanted by totalitarianism and governmental domination?"

The convention call message concluded with the counsel that AFL officers and delegates to the San Francisco convention must renew labor's determination never to surrender, and combat more aggressively than ever the Stalinist threat, while extending to the American government "full and complete assurance of our cooperation and support in any world fight which may be made for the preservation of liberty, freedom, and democracy and in opposition to totalitarianism and communism."

Representation in the convention will be on the following basis: from national or international unions of less than 4,000

members, one delegate; 4,000 or more, two delegates; 8,000 or more, three delegates; 16,000 or more, four delegates; 32,000 or more, five delegates; unions of larger memberships shall be represented in the same increasing ratio.

Central bodies and state federations will be entitled to one delegate.

Delegates will not be entitled to seats at the convention unless the tax and assessment of their organization shall have been paid in full to August 31, 1951.

All requests for hotel reservations should be directed to the AFL Housing Bureau, Room 200, 61 Grove Street, San Francisco 2, California.

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AFL SCORES LANDSLIDE
WINS OVER ILWU

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The independent ILWU warehouse division of the Goldblatt-Bridges machine was delivered two staggering defeats last week by American Federation of Labor forces in San Leandro and Modesto.

Local 12 of the AFL Teamster-Warehouse movement routed Local 6, ILWU, in the recent collective bargaining elections at the General Foods Plant in San Leandro when they chalked up 75 votes to five for the independent union. Thirty-seven workers voted for "no union" in the plant which normally employs approximately 190 workers.

In the Modesto election, another Teamster affiliate, Cannery Workers Local 748, piled up a smashing victory at the Pacific Grape Company as they received 257 votes to only 33 for the ILWU. Since the ILWU challenged 14 AFL votes, the final tally may show a 271 to 33 landslide.

The Pacific Grape Products was at one time represented by

the Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers. When both the FTA and ILWU were expelled by the CIO for alleged Communist domination, the jurisdiction was shifted from the FTA to the ILWU. The AFL immediately called for a collective bargaining election which it won by an almost 9 to 1 majority.

H. C. Torreano, executive officer of Local 748, led the Modesto organizing drive, while Joe Dillon, secretary-treasurer of Local 12, directed the San Leandro campaign.

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AFL APPEAL SUBMITTED
GOVERNOR WARREN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, and Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney, last week presented arguments to Governor Earl Warren against two unemployment insurance bills now before the Governor for study following adoption by the legislature.

The AFL spokesmen advised that the following two measures would deprive thousands of Californians of unemployment insurance benefits:

(1) AB 2502, introduced by Assemblymen Richard J. Dolwig (R. South San Francisco) and Ernest R. Geddes (R. Pomona). This bill would nullify wages earned in the period just prior to a worker's first claim for unemployment insurance in any second claim for benefits. At the present time, such wages as are not allowed in the first computation are recognized in the later claim.

(2) AB 1715, introduced by Assemblyman Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles). This bill would nullify wages earned by a woman worker prior to leaving employment for domestic or marital reasons in the computation of a later claim for unemployment benefits until she had earned at least \$100 in subsequent employment.

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CALIFORNIA BRACES FOR CHEAP LABOR
INVASION AS TRUMAN SIGNS
MEXICAN FARM BILL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Despite the militant protests of California and border state labor forces, President Truman last week signed the Ellender-Poage importation bill which will permit U.S. corporate farmers to haul thousands of poverty-stricken Mexican nationals on to American soil for exploitation in the Big Business agriculture of California, Texas, and Arizona.

In Washington, H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, attacked the Truman action, charging, "The ink was scarcely dry on the document the President signed before the Labor and State Departments were rushing a delegation to Mexico City to set low standards that will apply to American citizens as well as imported Mexicans."

The NFLU recently waged a losing strike against the politically powerful Imperial Valley growers in which use of Mexican nationals proved the crushing factor of the campaign for decent wages and union recognition.

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BUILDING SERVICE COUNCIL NAMES
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Two young, war-buffeted Californians have been awarded \$750 Charles Hardy Memorial College scholarships by the California State Council of Building Service Employees, AFL.

One is Russian-born, 26-year-old Boris Bylinkin, who came to the United States only four years ago, unable to speak English, but who was graduated last month from San Francisco City (Junior) College.

The other winner is 17-year-old Mary Okawa, also of San Francisco, who with her family spent more than four years in a war-time relocation camp. She was graduated in June from George Washington High, San Francisco.

The awards were announced by George Hardy, international vice president of the Building Service Employees International Union, AFL.

The scholarships are designed for children of BSE members as a means of assisting them to obtain higher education.

Bylinkin is the son of Serge Bylinkin, an employee of the Hobart Building and a member of Janitors' Union, Local 87, San Francisco. Miss Okawa is the daughter of Shuichi Okawa, an employee of the Commercial Building Maintenance Co., and also a member of Local 87.

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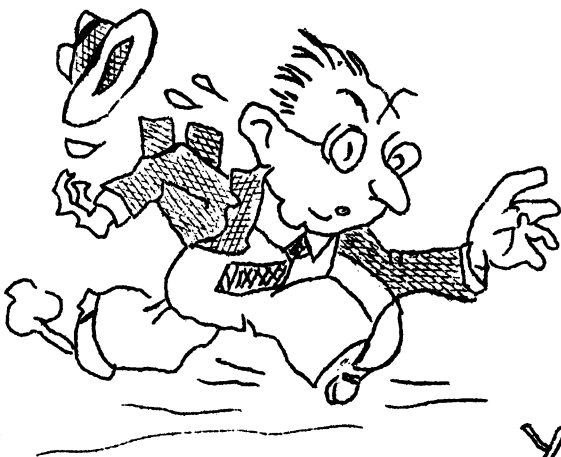
CEREBRAL PALSY FUND
DRIVE NEARLY OVER

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL approved United Cerebral Palsy fund campaign for 1951 neared completion this month with a television finale scheduled for San Francisco July 27 and a grand southern California closing planned for Los Angeles August 10.

AFL officials among directors of the national organization include President William Green, George Harrison of the Railway Clerks, and David Dubinsky, ILGWU chief.

Statistics recently published by the United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc. reveal that 193,210 union labor families in the U. S. carry the burden of a cerebral palsy member. Purpose of the present campaign is to alleviate terrors of the disease and to further research for its prevention.

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