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HAGGERTY ISSUES REMINDER ON CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded all affiliated unions to observe the constitutional provision relating to submission of resolutions for convention action.

As announced in the official convention call issued May 25, 1951, the deadline for receipt of resolutions by the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Federation is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, just five days prior to the opening of the convention.

State-wide conferences of organizations meeting immediately prior to the convention are urged to file their resolutions by 6 p.m., Sunday, August 19, with the Secretary-Treasurer's convention office in the U.S. Grant Hotel, San Diego.

The constitution permits such resolutions to be filed up to 12:00 noon of the first day of the convention. However, the printing of such resolutions would be greatly facilitated by observance of the Sunday evening filing time.

Resolutions from either local units or state-wide conferences must be filed in triplicate.

The 1951 convention will be called to order by President Thomas L. Pitts sharply at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 20, in Conference Hall, Balboa Park, San Diego.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOOKS BACKWARD

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--California's racial minority groups, its totally and permanently disabled, its hungry, shack-dwelling farm workers, and its workers in general were all victims of the influence of the California State Chamber of Commerce during the 1951 general session of the state legislature — if the official Chamber magazine can be trusted.

The July issue of "California - Magazine of the Pacific" recounts the Chamber victories in terms of satisfaction and comfort.

A roll call of principal Chamber boasts follows:

(1) It knifed FEPC legislation, including that introduced by Governor Warren.

(2) It knifed legislation proposing unemployment insurance for agricultural workers.

(3) It knifed Governor Warren's measure to provide aid to the totally and permanently disabled as allowed under the federal social security law.

(4) It knifed the workers' right to secure time-off from employment to vote, through a Chamber-backed bill. This victory was later nullified by Governor Warren's veto.

And because of all this, and similar exploits (including unemployment insurance raids), the Chamber "could proudly point to an exceptional record of achievement." The victims should be edified.

STATE FEDERATION ANNOUNCES NEW PRESS DIRECTORY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The July issue of the AFL California press directory was this week mailed to all central labor councils and AFL publications in the state by C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the California State Federation of Labor. The directory is released twice annually.

Both central council and local union publications are listed by cities, with the following pertinent data: Editor's name and address, frequency of issue, official sponsorship, and number of pages.

A limited number of copies are now available to interested unions. Requests should be directed to C. J. Haggerty at the State Federation headquarters, 995 Market Street, Room 810, San Francisco 3.

SAN FRANCISCO MUSICIANS GIVE THOUSANDS TO CHARITY CAUSES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--San Francisco Musicians' Union, Local 6, has already contributed \$36,699 in free music to deserving organizations during 1951, according to Charles W. "Pop" Kennedy, president of the AFL organization.

Veterans' hospitals, orphanages sponsored by all religious denominations, and general charitable bodies have benefited from application of the union's Transcription Fund established in 1947.

Officially termed the "Musical Performance Trust Fund," the musicians' own community chest is comprised of monies contributed by manufacturers of recordings prepared by the AFL players. Contributions are made on the basis of records sold and allotments given to affiliated locals of the American Federation of Musicians according to membership size.

The local union pays its participating members for charity shows from the "Transcription Fund."

A breakdown of the \$36,699 paid out thus far in 1951 reveals the following typical beneficiary groups: Six U.S. veterans' hospitals in the San Francisco Bay area; Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish orphanages; blind societies, and teen-age centers sponsored on a non-profit plan.

STATE OFFICE RELEASES LABOR BOOKLET

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The State Department of Industrial Relations last week released "Union Labor in California," an analysis of 1950 labor structure prepared by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research.

The 39-page booklet reviews total union membership by area and industry approaches, and also touches on the proportion of women in unions and the degree of unemployment in union ranks.

Also summarized are the following provisions of union contracts with California employers: hours of work, report and call-inpay, severance pay, room and board allowance, and mileage allowance.

The report is dedicated to the memory of John F. Dalton, recently deceased labor commissioner and former president of the California State Federation of Labor.

Copies may be obtained by writing M. I. Gershenson, Chief, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, State Department of Industrial Relations, 965 Mission Street, San Francisco 3.

NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WORKMEN'S COMP

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Frank A. Lawrence, northern California member of the state Industrial Accident Commission, last week released the third in a series of question and answer items relative to Workmen's Compensation laws for the benefit of the California labor press.

The publication of the series is preliminary to the issuance of a new pamphlet explaining the Workmen's Compensations laws of California.

Lawrence, who was appointed to his post early this year, was formerly president of the California Building and Construction Trades Council.

Unions interested in the series may obtain copies by writing Lawrence at the Industrial Accident Commission offices, at 965 Mission Street, San Francisco 3, California.

UNITED LABOR SPEAKS -"NO FRIEND OF HIGH PRICES CAN BE FRIEND OF LABOR"

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--As the mobilization control battle still raged in Washington, the United Labor Policy Committee last week advised Congress that "no friend of high prices can be a friend of labor."

The committee, representing 15 million members of the AFL, CIO, and Railroad Brotherhoods, also made the following public declaration:

"Members of Congress are answerable to the American people, not to any group of Big Business lobbyists. We ask now that the Representatives stand up and be counted and let the people judge in the next election.

"We cannot have an effective defense production program without an effective stabilization program. A cease-fire order in Korea does not justify a cease-fire in our defense production or in the campaign against inflation."

