

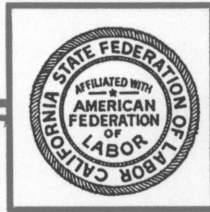
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STATE COMMISSION OPENS REVIEW OF MINIMUM WAGES FOR WOMEN AND MINORS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded all AFL unions that the rewriting of state rules and regulations under which women and minors may be employed is now being considered by the Industrial Welfare Commission.

The Commission is currently in the process of appointing wage boards to review minimum wages, maximum hours, and working conditions. The boards act in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to the Commission prior to public hearings held on the specific regulations.

Unions interested in having representatives serve on the various wage boards should write the State Federation office at their earliest convenience. The boards are to consist of expert representatives of employers and employees in the respective spheres of activity.

The Commission to date has only made final board selections for the manufacturing industry, and will select members of the remaining nine boards at a meeting scheduled for August 31 in San Francisco.

Wage boards yet to be selected are for the following divisions: Personal Service; Canning & Preserving; Professional, Technical, Clerical and Similar Occupations; Public Housekeeping; Laundry and Dry Cleaning; Mercantile; Handling Farm Products after Harvest; Transportation; Amusement and Recreation.

C. J. HYANS NEW COMMANDER
OF AFL LEGION POST

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. "Curt" Hyans, southern California field representative of the California State Federation of Labor was last week installed as commander of a Los Angeles American Legion post comprised exclusively of AFL members.

Known officially as "AFL Union Labor Post No. 352," the Los Angeles unit is one of the oldest of its kind in the nation, being chartered in 1929.

Other officers installed were 1st Vice Commander John J. Cooper (Typographical No. 174); 2nd Vice Commander Cyril H. Holmes (Signpainters No. 831); Adjutant William R. Wallace (Typographical No. 174); Finance Officer Ralph L. Dudley (Signpainters No. 831); Sergeant-at-Arms James Bohler (Transportation Div. No. 1277); Chaplain James Thomas (Waiters No. 17); Executive Committeemen Claude Gilmore (Typographical No. 174) and Ray R. Burgoon (Teamsters No. 203).

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, is a past commander of the post, and three vice presidents of the Federation are present members. They are Harvey Lundschen, Chris Lehmann, and William Carroll, all of Los Angeles.

Speakers at the installation ceremonies were Thomas L. Pitts, president of the state AFL organization, W. J. Bassett, secretary of the Los Angeles Labor Council, and Ernest Roll, district attorney of Los Angeles.

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FEDERATION SCORES LEGAL
WIN IN FRESNO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The California State Federation of Labor recently won a major victory for public health and decent labor conditions in the city of Fresno where the Superior Court

fining "wildcat" butchers violating local ordinances concerning the sale of meats.

Action by the state AFL centered about Ordinance No. 1320, which limits the hours during which uncured and uncooked meats can be sold on week days between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., excluding Sundays and holidays.

Recently one of many "wildcat" market operators who have been convicted and fined for violating the ordinance, brought suit in the Superior Court of Fresno County challenging the constitutionality of the ordinance.

The local AFL Butchers Union sought the support of the California State Federation of Labor, and on the petition of the Fresno city attorney, the Federation assigned the legal firm of Todd and Todd to serve as special assistant city attorneys, their compensation being paid by the Federation rather than the city of Fresno.

Upon presentation of the AFL case, the ordinance was upheld by the court, and the meat dealers arrested for its violation have since pleaded guilty and paid their fines.

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MEANY SAYS
"BUILD NOW FOR 1952"

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--In a new pamphlet released last week, "Our Job In 1952," AFL secretary-treasurer George Meany called on every local union to "get started now to do the most effective job in our power" toward electing a new Congress that will repeal the Taft-Hartley Act.

Meany said the present congress is making such a feeble record on an effective anti-inflation program, housing, and an equitable tax measure because the people are "not paying enough attention."

"The entire membership of the House of Representatives and

one-third of the membership of the U.S. Senate comes up for re-election next year," he reminded. "They would not dare to desert the public interest if they thought the voters were alert to what is going on."

He charged the country "is suffering from a vacuum of inspirational leadership."

Meany declared that if the labor movement "is going to maintain the achievements of the past, if it is going to progress further, we must be politically active."

He said the Supreme Court decisions of June 4, 1951, holding that union men cannot refuse to work alongside non-union men, had enabled the Taft-Hartley law to do what employers were unable to do under the "American Plan" of 1921.

"If we are going to correct the situation, there is only one way I know of and that is by getting the votes. We are never going to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act until we put into Congress men and women friendly to the ideals and principles of this great labor movement."

Copies of the pamphlet may be ordered in bulk for distribution to local union members. Orders should be directed to Mr. George Meany, American Federation of Labor, Washington 1, D.C.

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GOVERNMENT ISSUES POPULAR HISTORY
OF AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--A pocket-sized history of the American labor movement is now available.

Titled "A Brief History of the American Labor Movement," it describes organizations of labor from colonial times to the present, highlighting such historic bodies as the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor. The story is carried down through 1950.

Generously illustrated, the 66-page "Brief History" should be of special value to workers' education classes and students of U.S. labor history.

Particular attention is given to the history of labor legislation and collective bargaining.

A chronology of events of importance to labor from early days to the present is featured together with a selected list of standard references for further reading and study.

The history was compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Copies of the booklet can be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D.C., for 25 cents. A discount of 25 percent is given on orders of 100 or more.

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AFL BUILDING TRADES WAGES UP

(CPNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The hourly wage scale of AFL union construction trades workers advanced two percent nationally during the second quarter of 1951, compared with an increase of eight-tenths of one percent in the preceding three months' period, and of 2.5 percent in the second quarter of 1950, it was announced this week by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The survey included seven major building trades in 85 cities. Union scales presented are the minimum wage rates agreed upon through collective bargaining between employers and unions.

Overtime beyond established maximum daily and weekly hours is excluded from the computation. The scales do not reflect either rates for apprentices or premium rates; thus they do not represent total hourly earnings of union labor.

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