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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OPENS IN SAN DIEGO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--More than 2,000 delegates will jam Conference Hall in San Diego's Balboa Park Monday, August 20, for the opening of the Golden Anniversary Convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

General Chairman Max J. Osslo will call the delegates to attention for the National Anthem sharply at 10:00 a.m., following arrival of a motor caravan from convention headquarters in the U.S. Grant Hotel.

Escorted by a band, the motor parade will include Governor Earl Warren, local civic officials, and officers of the state AFL organization.

Bishop Charles F. Buddy, of the Catholic Diocese of San Diego, will pronounce the invocation, after which Osslo will introduce assembled dignitaries, climaxing with the presentation of Governor Warren who will deliver a major labor address.

President Thomas L. Pitts will then bring the convention officially to order.

Speakers on the Monday afternoon program will include Ralph Wright, assistant Secretary of Labor, Congressman John F. Shelley, former president of the State Federation, and Arnold S. Zander, national president of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

Later convention speakers will be Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Attorney General of California; George Sehlmeier, Master of the California Grange; Thomas E. Ryan, of the U.S. Public Housing Administration; and Otto E. Never, president of the California State

Building and Construction Trades Council.

Highlighting policy discussions at the five day convention will be a review of labor's role in the present mobilization crisis and the political action plans of the next 12 months.

Labor union representation at the convention is based on per capita tax payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

Unions are entitled to two delegates for the first 100 members or less, and one delegate for each succeeding 100 members or major fraction thereof, not exceeding six delegates from any one local.

Each central labor body is entitled to two delegates, each of whom enjoys one vote.

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AFL FARM WORKERS CONDEMN
U.S.—MEXICO AGREEMENT

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--H. L. Mitchell, president of the AFL National Farm Labor Union, this week denounced the new international labor agreement drawn between the United States and Mexico as a "gross fraud and deceit" worked out by "wily government lawyers and stratosphere diplomats" to cover up the machinations of certain U.S. officials operating in behalf of corporate farm interests.

Mitchell made the following points regarding the controversial agreement:

(1) The American Federation of Labor, CIO, and other organized labor bodies vigorously opposed the labor importation bill passed by Congress.

(2) When President Truman signed the measure into law, he issued a strong statement saying he did not intend that Mexican workers should be imported for employment in any kind of industry except agriculture and then for only a short time.

(3) Following signing of the bill, the U.S. State and Labor Departments rushed representatives to Mexico City to open

negotiations for an agreement. President William Green of the AFL formally asked for labor representation; the State Department rejected his request.

(4) The negotiated agreement permits employment of Mexican nationals in agriculture, food processing, lumbering, and machine operation on irrigation canals.

(5) Removal of Mexican contract workers from struck farms involves a delayed action procedure that will permit use of the nationals as strikebreakers during the most critical period of the strike action.

(6) The agreement does not allow the Mexican workers to be represented by American labor unions in their relationships with the U.S. employers.

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AFL CANNERY WORKERS
ISSUE LABOR-MANAGEMENT BOOKLET

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Labor and management in the California canning and freezing industry last week published an attractive multi-colored booklet telling the story of the industry's importance to state and nation.

The booklet has been prepared as a joint enterprise by the AFL California State Council of Cannery Unions and the California Processors and Growers, Inc.

In a brief foreword, Governor Earl Warren praises the production as a symbol of labor-management cooperation in a vital industry.

The state AFL cannery council enjoys a membership of 72,000 workers, while the California Processors and Growers is an association packing 80 percent of all the state's frozen and canned vegetables and deciduous fruits.

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CALIFORNIA AFL MEN NAMED
TO LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin last week announced appointment of area labor-management defense manpower committees for three California areas - San Francisco-Oakland, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

The new committees are the first of more than a score of area groups which will be appointed in various parts of the country within the next few weeks to work with state employment security agencies in the solution of local manpower problems.

Each of the committees will be composed of representatives of labor and management from industry, agriculture, transportation, and retail trade.

Members of the committees were recommended by the National Labor-Management Manpower Policy Committee and the appointments for California were made by the Secretary after consultation with the State Department of Employment.

Following are the labor members of the California committees:
San Francisco-Oakland Area, Region XII (Charles F.B. Roeth, committee chairman and area director, California Department of Employment, 153 Kearny Street, San Francisco 8): Robert S. Ash (AFL) secretary, Alameda Central Labor Council, Oakland; George W. Johns (AFL), secretary, San Francisco Central Labor Council; Jack Anderson (AFL), first assistant business agent, International Association of Machinists, Local 1305, San Francisco; Lloyd Cooper (CIO), recording secretary, Oil Workers International Union, Local 326, Rodeo; Robert Hannah (CIO), chairman, Fisher Body Unit, United Automobile Workers, Local 76, Oakland; Carl Jones (CIO), president, United Steelworkers, Local 1069, San Francisco; J.P. Colyar (Ind. Transp.), chairman, General Committee of Adjustment, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, San Francisco.

Los Angeles Area, Region XII (Thomas C. Campbell, committee chairman and area director, California Department of Employment, 110 W. 11th Street, Los Angeles): Thomas McNett (AFL), business representative, International Association of Machinists, North Hollywood; Lloyd Mashburn (AFL), Building Trades Council, Los Angeles; Mark Whiting (AFL), Teamsters Union, Los Angeles; Scellector Gage (CIO), international representative, United Auto Workers, Los Angeles; Albert T. Lunceford (CIO), secretary-treasurer, Greater Los Angeles CIO Council; Alfred George Cody (CIO), field representative, Oil Workers International Union, Local 128, Long Beach; V. L. Whitlow (Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen), Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Los Angeles.

San Diego Area, Region X (Walter O. Christian, committee chairman and area director, California Department of Employment, 761 Columbia Street, San Diego): John Quimby (AFL), secretary, San Diego Central Labor Council; Max J. Osslo (AFL), vice president, California State Federation of Labor; T.B. Aycock (AFL), business representative, International Association of Machinists; David Jacobs (CIO), Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Robert L. Spears (CIO), San Diego Industrial Union Council; William Chance (CIO), American Newspaper Guild; Dewey Goodwin (Ind. Transp.), Order of Railway Conductors, Bostonia.

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LABOR PRESS CONVENTION
SET FOR SAN FRANCISCO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 40th anniversary convention of the International Labor Press of America will be held in San Francisco September 14-16, just prior to the start of the national AFL convention September 17.

President Matthew Woll will call the convention to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 14, in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel.

The organization was founded in 1911 by Samuel Gompers for the purpose of building a greater labor press.

Presentation of journalistic awards will be made at the annual convention banquet, Sunday evening, August 16, in the Sir Francis Drake.

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