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LEO A. VIE SUCCEEDS LLOYD MASHBURN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Leo A. Vie, 30-year veteran of AFL activities in Los Angeles, was elected last week to succeed Lloyd Mashburn as executive secretary of the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council.

Mashburn resigned the post to accept an appointment by Governor Earl Warren as state labor commissioner.

Vie has served as assistant secretary of the Los Angeles building trades organization for many years.

He came to Los Angeles in 1921 from St. Louis and took up his trade as tile layer. For nine years he was business representative of Tile Layers Local No. 18 of Los Angeles, and was one of the leaders of the AFL organizing drive to break the open-shop stranglehold once clamped on southern California.

His election to succeed Mashburn was by unanimous vote of the Los Angeles building trades body.

Vie is a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and the Los Angeles City Housing Council.

Mashburn was a business agent of the Los Angeles Lathers Local No. 42, from 1932 to 1937, and then became vice president of the L.A. Building and Construction Trades Council.

In 1943 he became secretary-treasurer of the organization when his predecessor, C. J. Haggerty, was elected secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

AFL BUILDING TRADES DEPARTMENT
HOLDS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Representatives of AFL building and construction trades councils from five western states met in San Francisco November 11-12 to establish an organizational "clearing house" for problems common to the building and construction industry.

Richard Gray, president of the AFL Building Trades Department, and Joseph Keenan, department secretary, both addressed the conference held in the San Francisco Building Trades Temple.

Delegates attended from California, Washington, Arizona, Oregon & Nevada. The conference was one of a series being called by the Building Trades Department.

Issues on the two-day agenda included labor and the national emergency; Wage Stabilization Board regulations; public housing; the Taft-Hartley Act; emergency materials control; FHA apartment construction; strengthening local councils, and labor political activity.

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AFL WINS MAJOR
ORGANIZING DRIVE
IN LOS ANGELES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL metal trades organizing campaign in southern California took another bound forward last week with announcement of victory at the O'Keefe and Merritt gas range plant in Los Angeles.


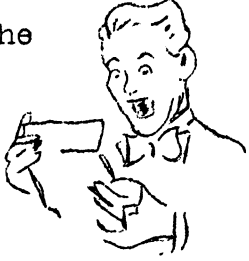
In a showdown test for representation rights, the AFL Southern California Metal Trades Council pulled 381 votes to 334 for the CIO Steel Workers.

The plant normally employs 800 workers and had been intensely canvassed by the Metal Trades Organizing Committee.

Other AFL bodies active in the O'Keefe and Merritt campaign included the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council, the national AFL, the California State Federation of Labor, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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AFL PRESS INSTITUTE
SET FOR SANTA BARBARA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Programs for the second annual AFL Labor Press Institute, to be held in Santa Barbara, November 24-25, were this week mailed  to all affiliated unions and councils by C. J. Haggerty,  executive officer of the California State Federation of Labor.

The Institute is being jointly sponsored by the state AFL and the University of California.

Registration will begin at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, November 24, in the Santa Barbara Community Institute, 914 Santa Barbara Street.

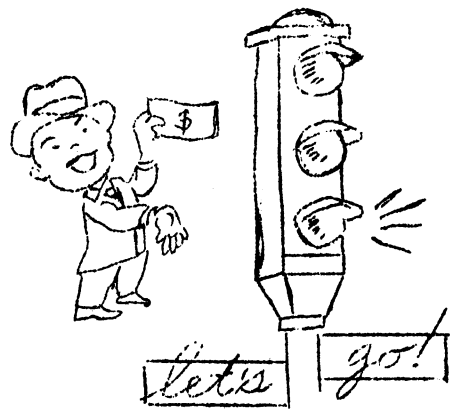
The two-day sessions will be held in both the Community Institute headquarters and the Carrillo Hotel in downtown Santa Barbara.

Workshop sessions cover such varied subjects as "Financing a Labor Journal" and "Postal Regulations Affecting the Labor Press".

The institute is open to all AFL officials or members connected with the labor press effort in California.

Reservations may be made directly with the Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Los Angeles 24; phone: BRadshaw 2-6161.

A \$5.00 registration fee will be charged all participants.



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AFL WINS WAGE BOOSTS
FOR 68,000 IN CALIFORNIA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--AFL unions in California won wage gains averaging $16\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hour for approximately 68,000 workers during October.

In October of 1950 the average gain was 14 cents for approximately 70,000 workers. However, the total number of workers covered by AFL increases during the first 10 months of 1951 is 12.4 percent above

the number for the comparable period in 1950.

Details listed below are from the labor press. Some of the agreements are still subject to approval by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Building Trades

Boilermakers (field construction), 14 western locals, AND employers in 7 western states: 15 cents, 10/51, when approved; 7 cents, 1/1/52, when approved, and other gains; about 3000 workers.

Electricians No. 180, Vallejo, AND neon electrical employers: 25 cents; 9/1/51.

Electricians No. 180, Vallejo, AND Basalt Co.: 10 cents; welfare plan; 6 pd. holidays; 9/51.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 598, Eureka, AND A.C. Dutton Lumber Corp., Crescent City: 12½ cents; 10/51.

Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 3184, Oakhurst, AND Madera Lumber Co.: 30 percent (new contract); 10/51; 30 workers.

Painters No. 333, San Diego, AND Painting and Decorating Contractors Assn: 7½ cents; 12/1/51; about 800 workers.

Paint Makers No. 1101, Oakland, AND employers: 11½ cents; 10/1/51; about 635 workers.

Paint Makers No. 1071, San Francisco, AND employers: 10 cents and 1 ad. pd. holiday, 10/1/51; \$3.50/mo. to health and welfare plan, 6/30/52; about 400 workers.

Butchers

Butchers No. 516, San Mateo, AND retail employers: \$5.40/wk.; 10/1/51; about 200 workers.

Butchers No. 516, San Mateo, AND wholesale employers: \$5.50/wk.; retro. 8/21/51; about 200 workers.

Butchers No. 556, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura, AND retail employers: \$5/wk. for men; \$3/wk. for women; 10/51.

Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 373, Vallejo, AND Hardware employers: 12½ cents and other gains; 9/1/51.

Retail Clerks No. 1532, Sonoma county, AND grocery industry: reduction in work week from 48 to 40 hours; health and welfare plan; 10/51.

Culinary

Los Angeles Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers, AND Restaurant-Hotel Employers Assn. of So. Calif.: reduction in work week from 6 to 5 days; 25 cents/day employer contribution to health and welfare fund; cost of living clause; 12/15/51; 7,000 workers directly and 10,000 indirectly, on following pattern.

San Francisco Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers, AND Golden Gate Restaurant Assn.: 45 cents/day, or 6 cents/hr.; 10/51; 15,000 workers directly and indirectly, on following pattern.

Culinary and Bartenders No. 340, San Mateo, AND San Mateo County Restaurant and Tavern Owners Assn.: 10 percent; 9/1/51.

Metal Trades

Engineers No. 39, Stockton, AND Woodbridge Vineyard: 5 cents; 10/51.

Machinists, Santa Rosa, AND A. G. Schoonmaker Co., Sausalito: 6½ cents; retro. 8/1/51.

Machinists No. 364, Stockton, AND Guntert and Zimmerman: 6 cents; retro. 8/1/51.

Auto Mechanics No. 1546, Auto and Ship Painters No. 1176, and Teamsters No. 70, Oakland, AND California Metal Trades Assn. for 8 plants: 14 cents; 9/1/51; 264 workers.

Teamsters

Teamsters No. 85, San Francisco, AND Draymens' Assn: \$1.50/day; 6/29/51, 3000 workers.

Teamsters No. 315, Martinez, AND Empire Bag Co., Richmond: 7 cents; 10/51, about 30 workers.

Teamsters No. 386, Modesto, AND Sears Roebuck: 8 cents; 8/1/51.

Teamsters No. 624, Santa Rosa, AND beverage employers: \$2.50/wk., 10/51, and \$2.00 on WSB approval; 30 workers.

Teamsters No. 624, Santa Rosa, AND Haydite Plant: 10 cents; 11/1/51.

General Warehousemen No. 853, Oakland, AND Montgomery Ward: 5 to 30 cents; 10/51; 1300 workers. (most got 5 cents)

General Warehousemen No. 853, Oakland, AND grocery employers; 9 cents retro. 6/1/51, and 5 cents to health and welfare fund; 110 workers.

Food Packers No. 865, Santa Maria, AND packing shed employers: 10 percent; 10/51.

Other Trades

Building Service Employees No. 87 and 117, San Francisco, AND San Francisco Retailers Council and independents: 9 cents and improved vacation clause; retro. 8/1/51; about 600 workers.

Chemical Workers, Fresno, AND San Joaquin Cotton Oil Co.: 15 cents; improved overtime and vacation clauses; 10/51; 950 workers.

Los Angeles Dress Joint Board, Los Angeles, AND Jackie Morgan: \$3.50/wk; health and welfare fund; 10/51; 30 workers.

Inland Boatmen's Union, San Francisco, AND Stack Tow Boat Co.: 10 percent; reduced work week; 10/51.

Hollywood AFL Film Council, (16 IATSE locals) Los Angeles, AND Assn. of Motion Picture Producers (8 major studios): 24 cents or 10 percent up to \$18.50/wk.; 5 cents to health and welfare fund; 10/51.

Pressmen No. 279, Eureka, AND Eureka Newspapers Inc.: \$3.72/wk; 10/51.

Typographical Union No. 875, Santa Monica, AND commercial employers: 17 cents; 10/51.

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