

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### AFL LABOR PRESS CONCLAVE WARNED OF 1952 ELECTIONS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--A positive determination that the labor press must play a major role in the state and national elections of 1952 keynoted the second annual AFL labor press institute held November 24-25 in Santa Barbara.

Speaker C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, emphasized the 1952 theme at the Saturday night banquet attended by more than 125 leaders of state labor papers.

Haggerty also warned that the labor press bore the grave obligation of selling the entire economic and social message of organized labor in affirmative, intelligent style.

Reminding that while the labor newspaper is essentially an instrument of the movement it represents, the state AFL leader made it clear that the philosophy of the American Federation of Labor gave the creative editor sufficient and ample room for free expression of progressive concepts of economic, social, and political thought.

The two-day institute opened Saturday morning in the Santa Barbara Community Recreation Center with addresses of welcome by Dick E. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Santa Barbara Central Labor Council and Edgar L. Warren, director of the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California at Los Angeles.

A two-hour forum on the functions of the labor press in political campaigns followed. Paul Sheats, associate director of the

UCLA extension service led the resulting discussions. Panel and floor comments were summarized by J. B. S. Hardman, editor of Labor and Nation, national labor quarterly.

The voice of Frank Edwards, AFL radiocaster, then came to the audience via a recording platter air expressed from Washington, D. C. Edwards recommended the AFL press make every effort in 1952 to tell the great stories that will not be found in the commercial press or radio programs.

Saturday afternoon workshop sessions were directed by Fred Breier, associate professor of economics, University of San Francisco; Ralph Roddy, business manager, Los Angeles Citizen; Louis Burgess, editor, East Bay Labor Journal; David F. Selvin, editor, San Francisco Labor; and Frank Mankiewicz, Pacific Southwest Regional office, Anti-Defamation League.

Visiting British educators followed C. J. Haggerty as speakers at the Saturday night banquet. John Hutchison and Len Friedman, currently of the UCLA Political Science Department, gave sharp portrayals of British labor politics and British press problems.

George Probert, assistant superintendent of Mails, of the Los Angeles Post Office, held the Sunday morning audience in tight interest during an information survey of second class mailing privileges and general mailing questions affecting the labor press.

Robert S. Gilbert, Los Angeles labor attorney, presented fundamentals of state libel laws in the second Sunday session, citing case histories on major tests before the state and federal courts.

Assets and liabilities of AFL papers in California were analyzed Sunday afternoon by Joseph A. Brandt, chairman, of the Journalism Department at UCLA and by Harva K. Sprager, journalism instructor at the same university.

Both speakers noted general improvement within the past year but particularly urged lively and balanced formats as necessities for reader interest.

The institute was sponsored jointly by the California State Federation of Labor and the University of California.

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ILGWU WINS CONTRACT  
BAN ON "RUNAWAY" SHOP

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.-- The Los Angeles regional office of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union last week revealed that the "runaway shop" technique of the clothing industry had been dealt a powerful blow when a three weeks strike against an Arizona manufacturer ended with the owner's contractual agreement not to move his factory out of Tucson.

Hyman D. Langer, Pacific Coast director of the ILGWU, declared the pledge of the Danzy Manufacturing Company to remain in Tucson preserves the security of the 30 workers now employed there.

The strike followed a prolonged period of negotiations marked by the discharge of 11 workers, filing of unfair labor practices by the union before the NLRB, and a temporary shutdown of operations.

Langer declared the total agreement provides a straight eight and a half percent across the board pay increase for all employees, overtime pay for all Saturday work, four paid holidays a year, an annual paid vacation, and improved working conditions.

The "runaway shop" device has long been the practice of unfair garment employers seeking to escape union labor wages and conditions by moving their plants to open shop communities.

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UNION SHOP ELECTION BAN  
LONG OVERDUE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The recently enacted amendment to the Taft-Hartley Act eliminating the requirement for union shop elections should save the American taxpayers millions of dollars in cheaper administration of the federal labor-management law.

Specifically, the Taft-Humphrey amendment signed by President Truman does two things. First, it eliminates from the Taft-Hartley Act the requirement of a "union security election" prior to the signing of a union security contract.

Union-security elections under the Taft-Hartley Act were more than 96% favorable to the unions and required heavy administrative and labor union expenditures.

Secondly, the new amendment legalizes "union-security" and representation contracts executed after the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947 and before the national officials of the CIO had signed non-Communist affidavits.

This second amendment was necessary because of a recent Supreme Court ruling requiring national officials to execute such affidavits. The Supreme Court decision had the effect of declaring illegal some 4,700 contracts.

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PRICE OFFICE OFFERS  
REGULATION DATA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Declaring the welfare of the nation requires "holding the lines as strong as possible against higher prices," John H. Tolan Jr., regional director for the Office of Price Stabilization, announced this week that his office will carry an anti-inflation education program to all consumer groups.

Tolan announced the California State Federation of Labor would be invited to participate in "price clinic" sessions to give its views on the efficiency of present price regulations.

Information regarding current controls may be obtained by writing director Tolan at the regional headquarters, 870 Market St., San Francisco

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AFL AIDE NAMED  
TO REGIONAL WAGE BOARD

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--William Emil Fleck, former executive secretary of Local 85, Sacramento Baker's Union, was this week named executive assistant to AFL members of the Regional Wage Stabilization Board.

His appointment was announced by Wendell J. Phillips, of Local 484, of the Bakery Wagon Drivers and Salesmen and Roy M. Brewer of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, the two AFL members, and A. C. McGraw, of the AFL International Association of Machinists, an alternate member.

At the same time, they revealed that Fleck was at work in his office in Room 1220, of the Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco. His telephone number is YUkon 2-5800.

Fleck will serve as a top level, confidential adviser to the AFL members and to officials and representatives of AFL unions in California, Arizona and Nevada. He will also render counsel and information to these officials and representatives.

His responsibilities include personal appearances before union groups, policy committees, executive sessions and general union meetings to explain wage stabilization and labor dispute settlement programs, the National Board and Regional Board's policies and procedures and to translate these policies to labor interests.

He will also be charged with keeping the AFL members of the Regional Board currently informed of the reaction of labor groups and individual officials to the policies of the National as well as the Regional Board and to specific rulings and decisions.

Prior to his appointment as executive assistant, Fleck was a deputy labor commissioner, in the Division of Law Enforcement, of the Department of Industrial Relations, of the State of California. He took this position in March of 1948 after resigning as a journeyman baker for the Continental Baking Company of Sacramento. From 1939 to 1940, he was a member of the Executive Board of the Central Labor Council, of Sacramento.

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