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INDUSTRIAL WELFARE COMMISSION CHANGES DATES FOR MINIMUM WAGE HEARINGS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The California Industrial Welfare Commission this week announced a revised timetable for its public hearings to consider possible revision of state orders now regulating wages, hours, and working conditions for women and minors in California.

The first hearings will be held in San Francisco, January 25 and 26, 1952, in the Health Center Building, 101 Grove Street (Civic Center), commencing at 10:30 a.m. Los Angeles hearings will be conducted February 1 and 2, 1952, in the State Building (First and Spring area), also commencing at 10:30 a.m.

These hearing dates represent a change from a prior announcement by the state agency, but the present dates are final and valid.

Briefs favoring a progressive revision will be presented at both hearings by the California State Federation of Labor.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization, this week wrote all AFL unions and councils in California, urging that any organization planning to present its own brief should immediately advise the State Federation office, Room 810, 995 Market Street, San Francisco 3. Haggerty stressed that it was essential for affiliated organizations to have a uniformity of presentation.

The closing date for filing of briefs at the San Francisco hearings is January 15, 1952; closing date for briefs at the Los Angeles hearings is January 22, 1952.

At preliminary wage board hearings held this fall and winter by the state commission, powerful employer blocs militantly fought any suggestion of increasing the 65-cent minimum wage figure which now

applies to women and minors in California.

LeRoy Goodbody of San Diego is chairman of the five-person commission which will determine new working orders following the scheduled hearings of January 25-26, and February 1-2. Other commission members are Mae Stoneman, Los Angeles; Mae Carvell, Los Angeles; Eleanor Hewelett, Oakland; Daniel E. Koshland, San Francisco.

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AFL STATE COUNCILS
LIST JANUARY SESSIONS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--A busy schedule of statewide meetings during January has been announced by five major AFL organizations in California.

The California Conference of Typographical Unions (ITU) will hold its annual convention on January 12-13 in Monterey.

San Francisco will be the scene of the 1952 convention of the California State Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers. The AFL state woodworkers' body will meet on January 17-19 in the Native Sons Bldg., 414 Mason Street.

The State Building and Construction Trades Council will gather for a two-day conference at Bakersfield, January 19-20.

The California Conference of Machinists (IAM) will hold its annual business convention in Fresno, January 17-20. The four-day machinist get-together will be held in the Californian Hotel.

A regular "second Saturday of the month" meeting will be held in Oakland on January 12 by the California State Council of Cannery Unions. The AFL state cannery body meets monthly throughout the year. Meetings are held at 266 - 17th Street, Oakland.

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LOS ANGELES MUSICIANS
SPONSOR EDUCATION CLINIC

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--AFL Musicians will co-sponsor a two-day education clinic in Los Angeles December 28-29, climaxing it with a concert by the University of Illinois band now in California for the annual Rose Bowl game featuring Illinois and Stanford Universities.

Los Angeles Local 47 of the American Federation of Musicians and

the California School Band and Orchestra Association will present the first Western States Instrumental Music Clinic at the Local 47 headquarters, 817 Vine Street.

The clinic will spotlight top union radio and motion picture musicians in lectures and musical illustrations.

AFL musician executives listed as clinic speakers include John te Groen, president; Maury Paul, recording secretary; and Kelly Shugart, public relations director.

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PRESIDENT PITTS
REPRESENTS FEDERATION
AT WASHINGTON MEET

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The 18th National Conference on Labor Legislation, held in Washington, D. C. early this month, recommended emergency federal unemployment compensation benefits to workers unemployed as a result of civilian production curtailment.

The California State Federation was represented at the Washington conference by President Thomas L. Pitts.

The conference also recommended strengthening of state unemployment compensation laws and adopted resolutions requesting the U.S. Labor Department to prepare a model state safety and health code; commending the President's Commission on Migratory Labor and endorsing its recommendations; reaffirming the principle of educational opportunities for children, as embodied in the January 1950 amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act; and urging state participation in International Labor Organization affairs.

Some 200 state labor commissioners and representatives of organized labor appointed by their governors at the invitation of the Secretary of Labor were present at the conference. The delegates heard a message from President Truman and an address by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin.

Other speakers included Robert S. Goodwin, Executive Director of the Defense Manpower Administration; Mrs. Mary Norton, Womanpower Consultant; Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics; and Labor Commissioner James Lee Case of Tennessee.

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NATIONAL FARM LABOR UNION
OFFERS MEXICAN LABOR
PICTURE SLIDES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL National Farm Labor Union now offers two illustrated reviews of American farm worker life through black and white slide pictures taken by organizers of the NFLU during 1950 and 1951.

The slides are grouped in two series, "The Menace of the Wetback", and "Peonage by Contract."

The first series describes the general problem of the Mexican "wetback" or illegal entrant, picturing the method of border jumping, the conditions of American employment, the migrations inland to other labor markets, and the relations between "wetback" and corporation farmer.

"Peonage by Contract" treats of U.S. agreements written with the Mexican government for the contracting of Mexican labor. Pictured are labor conditions in Mexico itself, the vast labor contracting centers, and transportation to U.S. farm areas.

Each set consists of 50 black and white pictures. Further details and arrangements for securing slides may be obtained by contacting Ernesto Galarza, Research Director, National Farm Labor Union, 1972 Bird Avenue, San Jose, California.

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NAMED TO OPS POST

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Alfred Schneider, active figure in the AFL movement of Los Angeles, was this week appointed Assistant to the Deputy Regional Director of Price Stabilization.

The Schneider announcement was made in San Francisco by John H. Tolan, regional OPS director.

Tolan declared Schneider will be responsible for developing program plans and procedures, and will handle contact and liason work with organized consumer groups in connection with the OPS community pricing program.

Schneider, a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers

Union, has conducted similar public relations programs for the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, the United Labor Policy Committee, and the Pacific Coast office of the ILGWU.

The new appointee has also filled temporary staff assignments for the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations.

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DISABILITY BENEFITS
GO UP JANUARY 1, 1952

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Increased disability insurance benefits will be available to California workers commencing January 1, 1952, it was announced this week by C.J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Under terms of state AFL sponsored legislation, the new disability law will boost maximum weekly benefits from \$25 to \$30.

Other features of the improved law provide:

(1) both weekly payments and hospital benefits to strikers disabled through accident or hospitalized for causes not connected with the strike action;

(2) payment of weekly benefits plus regular wages (including vacation or sick leave, etc.) up to 70% of regular wages;

(3) payment of hospital benefits in addition to full regular wages;

(4) that when 85% of the employees are covered by a private plan the employer may extend the plan to all employees except those who specifically reject it;

(5) that when 75% of the employees are covered, the employees may elect to extend coverage to all employees.

The disability insurance legislation enacted at the 1951 session of the legislature was the result of a long campaign for a liberalized law sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor.

The AFL campaign involved a boycott of private disability insurance carriers in 1949, 1950 and 1951.

The boycott was officially ended at the conclusion of the 1951 legislature.

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