

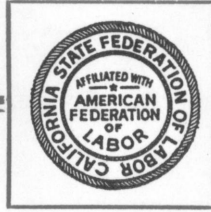
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PRE-CONVENTION CONFERENCES OPEN IN SAN FRANCISCO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Preliminaries to the opening of the AFL's 70th convention, got under way Monday, September 10, in San Francisco, with the annual conference of the parent body's Metal Trades Department.

The three-day session was the first of several pre-convention gatherings scheduled before the national convention opens next Monday, September 17, in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

James Brownlow, president of the Metal Trades Department, presided at Monday's meeting in the St. Francis Hotel, with almost 300 delegates in attendance.

The AFL Building Trades Department was scheduled to open its annual conference, Wednesday, September 12, while the International Labor Press of America planned to start its three-day convention on Friday, September 14.

President William Green will call the AFL annual convention to order at 10:00 o'clock, Monday morning.

Convention headquarters will be in the St. Francis Hotel. Representation to the convention will be on the following basis: from national or international unions of less than 4,000 members, one delegate; 4,000 or more, two delegates; 8,000 or more, three delegates; 16,000 or more, four delegates; 32,000 or more, five delegates; unions of larger memberships are represented in the same increasing ratio. Central bodies and state federations will be entitled to one delegate.

PITTS ATTENDS MEXICAN
LABOR CONFERENCE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor, represented the state AFL organization last week in El Paso, Texas, where a conference was called of representatives of the AFL state federations of California, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, to discuss the importation of Mexican farm workers.

The meeting was called by AFL president William Green and was a follow-up of a series of conferences held last March and April, with spokesmen of the Mexican Confederation of Labor and its affiliates.

In sending his call to the four state federations concerned, Green suggested that they adopt policies dealing with migratory labor agreements, "wetback" labor, enforcement of immigration laws, control of workers entering border cities legally and illegally for daily work, and consideration of establishing pacts with the free trade unions of the Republic of Mexico.

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AFL FARM WORKERS
MEET IN SALINAS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The first annual convention of the California locals of the National Farm Labor Union will be held in Salinas, September 14 and 15, with organization of the state's 250,000 farm workers listed as the Number One point of business.

Convention sessions will be held in the Moose Hall on Monterey Street, according to vice president Hank Hasiwar.

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SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR WELFARE
COMMISSION WAGE BOARDS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--LeRoy E. Goodbody of San Diego, chairman of the Industrial Welfare Commission, of the State of California, this week announced the following schedule for meetings of wage boards to consider revision of the industrial welfare orders which now govern employment of women and minors in California:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>
Personal Service	Mrs. Paul Eliel San Francisco	Oct. 8	San Francisco
Canning & Preserving	F. S. Clough Oakland	Nov. 9	San Francisco
Professional, Technical, Clerical Occupations	Edgar Warren West L. A.	Oct. 26	Los Angeles
Public Housekeeping	Abbott Kaplan West L.A.	Nov. 2	Los Angeles
Laundry & Dry-Cleaning	Rev. George E. Lucy, S.J., San Francisco	Oct. 19	San Francisco
Mercantile	Laurence Guild Los Angeles	Oct. 12	Los Angeles
Handling Farm Products After Harvest	George Osborne, Palo Alto	Oct. 5	San Francisco
Transportation	Clayton Carus Los Angeles	Oct. 5	Los Angeles
Amusement & Recreation	Mrs. Edward Boehm Pacific Palisades	Oct. 19	Los Angeles

It is recommended that material submitted for consideration by the Wage Boards be sent to the Industrial Welfare Commission, 907 State Building, Los Angeles 12, at least two weeks prior to the date set for the meeting in order that the material can be given proper study by the members of the Wage Board.

At the conclusion of all Wage Board meetings, the Commission will receive recommendations from the Boards, and will convene public hearings in Los Angeles and San Francisco at which all interested parties may appear and may file briefs relating to the problems in a particular industry.

The present minimum wage, as fixed by the Industrial Welfare Commission Orders, is 65¢ per hour. The Wage Boards, which are composed of an equal number of employer and employee representatives, will consider and recommend whether this amount should be increased or decreased, and will also consider questions relating to working conditions for women and minors. There are 1,400,000 women employed in California, exclusive of household and agricultural workers.

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
RECOMMENDS ABOLITION OF CROSS FILING

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Committee on Political Parties of the American Political Science Association making its fortyseventh annual convention report to the delegates, who met at the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco last week, was unanimous in its recommendation that "the Abolition of Cross Filing was desirable," the Abolish Cross Filing in California Committee stated this week.

The American Political Science Association consists of the political science professors of leading colleges and universities.

Strongly favoring the American Two-Party System, Franklin L. Burdette, of the University of Maryland, said in his prepared remarks that "fortunately, Cross Filing had not spread to other States."

A roundtable devoted to discussion on "Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System" was conducted by the Committee which has published a 30,000 word report on this subject after four years of research.

The Political Science Association action followed that of the California State Federation of Labor at its 1951 convention held in San Diego August 20-23 where the state AFL organization once more condemned cross filing as a block in the road of practical democracy.

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SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR
PROCLAIMS "APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The week of September 16th to 22nd has been proclaimed "Apprenticeship Week" by Mayor Elmer E. Robinson of San Francisco.

The proclamation paid tribute to Labor, Management, and Government in their successful operation of the apprenticeship programs in the State of California, which the Mayor termed "the finest in the nation notwithstanding the fact that this State has the largest number of registered apprentices of any other State, with

over 30,000 apprentices".

In addition, Robinson expressed particular interest in the mass graduation of over 500 apprentices in more than 30 crafts, which is to be held in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium on the night of September 20th in conjunction with the American Federation of Labor National Convention.

The proclamation was presented to John L. Hogg, General Chairman; Charles J. Foehn, Chairman of the Publicity Committee; and Richard Parino, General Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Labor-Management Committee. All three are active AFL leaders.

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CARPENTERS TO ERECT
MEMORIAL TO MCGUIRE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL United Brotherhood of Carpenters will erect a \$100,000 marble memorial to Peter J. McGuire, early president of the union, first secretary of the American Federation of Labor and "Father of Labor Day."

The shrine with a life-size statue of Mr. McGuire will be completed by July 6, 1952, the 100th anniversary of Mr. McGuire's birth, according to O. William Blaier, member of the Carpenters' executive board.

Mr. Blaier revealed plans for the memorial at the annual Labor Day pilgrimage conducted by the Camden Central Labor Union to Mr. McGuire's grave in Arlington Cemetery, at nearby Pennsauken, N. J.

Joseph J. McComb disclosed that a new \$4.5 million federal housing project in East Camden would be known as the Peter J. McGuire Homes. Construction on the low-rent project is slated to start in October. The job is to be completed by next July.

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