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FEDERATION EXECUTIVES URGE ALL-OUT REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The urgent need for an intense voters registration campaign and selection of Santa Barbara as the 1952 convention city highlighted discussions of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor at its quarterly session held last weekend in Hollywood.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state AFL organization, announced the Federation would this month launch a statewide effort to obtain the highest possible registration by members of labor unions.

Haggerty also revealed that the California Labor League for Political Education would hold its pre-primary convention as soon as feasible following March 29, closing date for announcement of candidacy in the primary elections of June 3.

The 1952 convention of the Federation will be held in Santa Barbara August 25-29. The 1950 convention was also held in Santa Barbara.

Approval of plans for stepped-up tolerance and educational programs also featured the two-day sessions held in the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel. Responsibility for both programs was placed with the Federation's Education Committee.

In the sphere of organizational effort, Secretary-Treasurer Haggerty stated that the Federation was giving all possible aid to current efforts in Kern County and the lower San Joaquin Valley.

He announced that the Federation and local labor bodies have established joint action committees to consider the increasing industrialization of rural communities in the southern section of the state,

and warned that all local councils must gear their programs to keep pace with the industrial expansion.

Other organizational reports included those of Vice-Presidents O.T. Satre and Harry Lundeborg, relative to recent activities of the Southern California Metal Trades Council and the Seafarers International Union.

Satre reported the southern California membership drive had already netted more than 2,500 new members. Lundeborg's report concerned the winning of marine engineer contracts by the SIU in the Isthmian Line dispute.

The Council voted to remove the Hotel Oaks of Chico from the Federation "We Don't Patronize List." A controversy between various AFL unions and the General Paint Corporation of Los Angeles was removed from the council agenda following settlement of the dispute in October, 1951. The controversy had been referred to the Executive Council by convention action in San Diego.

The case of the Allied Printing Trades Council against the Bellflower Herald-Enterprise was presented to the council by Brother Winter Sells. It was voted to have the Secretary-Treasurer provide the necessary publicity aid to the striking organization.

A resolution urging upward revision of the state minimum wage law for women and minors was unanimously adopted. The present minimum is 65¢ per hour.

Resolutions referred to the executive officer for appropriate study and action included those concerning state development of the Feather River project, and working relationships with legitimate farm groups.

Federation President Thomas L. Pitts presided at the two-day sessions which adjourned in memory of three recently deceased AFL brothers, John Davidson, former president of the Federation; Earl Miller, former vice-president, and Anthony G. Alameida, president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

STATE SENATE TO HOLD HEARINGS
ON WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--State Senate Interim Committee hearings on Workmen's Compensation will be held December 13-14 in the State Building, Civic Center, San Francisco.

According to the official announcement issued by Senator Clarence C. Ward, chairman, the hearings will afford opportunity for a full discussion of all problems relating to the endorsement and operation of the workmen's compensation law as presently effective.

The California State Federation of Labor will be represented at the hearings by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer, and Charles P. Scully, legal adviser.

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ALAMEDA COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DIES SUDDENLY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Anthony G. Alameida, president of the AFL Alameda County Central Labor Council, died suddenly November 30 following a heart attack. He was 61.

The deceased was elected president of the Alameda council in 1946. At the time of his death, he was secretary-treasurer of Cleaners and Dyers Union, Local 23, Oakland.

He is survived by his widow, three children, and four grandchildren.

Burial took place Monday, December 3, following a Requiem High Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Oakland.

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AFL INSURANCE AGENTS
STRIKE PRUDENTIAL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Some 15,000 Prudential Insurance Company agents in 32 states, including an approximate 1200 in California, struck the giant company this Monday for higher wages and other benefits.

National negotiations being held in Newark, N.J., broke down last Friday when the union rejected a company boost amounting to \$5.00 per

week. Union spokesmen declared the proposed raise would affect less than half of the insurance agents.

The agents are seeking a guarantee of \$55 per week, an increase of \$20 above present scale.

Agents on strike are those servicing the company's industrial policies, those with a face value of less than \$1,000.

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REGULATION EASES FEDERAL
SECURITY TAX REFUND CLAIM

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--An easier way for a worker who overpays his social security tax to get credit for the excess amount or a refund has been reported by Commerce Clearing House, a private legal research organization.

According to Commerce Clearing House, the change is authorized in new instructions issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue which inform the taxpayer:

"If more than \$54 of Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax was withheld in 1951 because you worked for more than one employer, the excess may be claimed as a credit against your income tax.

"The regulation will benefit the worker who earned more than \$3,600 during the year on two or more pay rolls. If, for instance, he received \$3,600 from each of two employers, the FICA tax deduction would be $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on his total wages of \$6,000, or \$90--an overpayment of \$36.00.

"Previously, the worker could claim a refund only by filling out Form 843 together with Form SS-9a containing evidence to support the claim, and send them to the Treasurer of the United States after the first of the year.

"Now he can simply note the overpayment on his income tax return, and it is applied to the tax due. Or, if withheld income taxes are larger than the sum due, the overpayment is included in the refund.

"The regulation is contained in the Bureau's official instructions for filling out the individual income tax return Form 1040, for 1951."

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LABOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES
PLANNED THROUGHOUT STATE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Throughout California this week, various AFL organizations are completing plans for annual Christmas parties from San Diego to San Francisco.

In San Francisco, the
will toss its yearly Yule

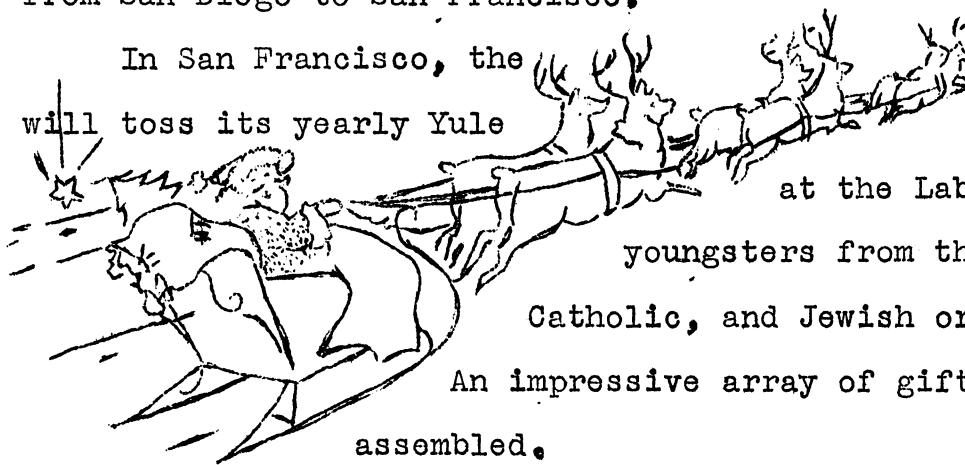
Union Label Section
party December 20,

at the Labor Temple for 180

youngsters from the Protestant,

Catholic, and Jewish orphanages of the city.

An impressive array of gifts has already been
assembled.



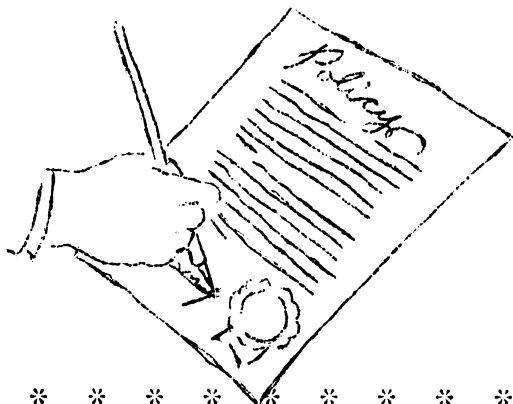
San Diego's Central Labor Council and the Women's Auxiliary Council will join with the Salvation Army at the Russ Auditorium, December 19, for its fifth annual party for needy children. More than \$400 has been collected to date for the affair.

In Los Angeles the Southern California Joint Council of Teamsters is preparing for its gala show set for December 19 in the Shrine Auditorium. Guests will be children of union families. William Boyd, alias "Hopalong Cassidy," will be the big attraction.

The Salinas Central Labor Council held a dance November 10 to finance its benefit party scheduled for Christmas Week.

Santa Barbara Laborers', Local 591, is reviving a 10 year old custom with a Christmas party for its membership and children to be held December 16 in the Labor Temple. Five hundred are expected.

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