

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

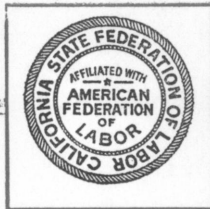
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STATE LLPE TO HOLD PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION APRIL 7-8

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.-- C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week announced that the 1952 pre-primary convention of the state AFL organization will be held April 7 and 8 in California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco.

The California LLPE is the official political vehicle of the California State Federation of Labor and the state unit of the national LLPE.

Business of the April convention will be the endorsement of candidates for the United States Senate, Congress, and state legislative seats in the statewide primary election to be held Tuesday, June 3.

Each local union affiliated with the League shall be entitled to representation by one delegate and the convention voting strength of such unions shall be based upon the average per capita tax paid into the California LLPE during the year ending February 29, 1952, that is, the total amount paid in during the 12 calendar month period extending from March 1, 1951 through February 29, 1952, divided by 36.

Unions affiliated with the California LLPE pay a per capita tax of three cents per member per month. Unions now delinquent were urged by Secretary-Treasurer Haggerty to pay up their back

bills in time for the pre-primary sessions.

Haggerty also reminded that it is the duty and exclusive right of political leagues established by various central labor bodies of the AFL to make recommendations to the League Executive Council for the Congress and the state legislature.

Such recommendations should be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the League 10 days prior to the opening of the convention.

Haggerty declared that the official call to the pre-primary session will be issued in the near future and warned that the entire AFL movement in California must join in the united LLPE campaign to protect and save the rights of organized labor, which are now in grave jeopardy on the political fronts of state and nation.

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AFL TYPOS HOLD REGIONAL MEET

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO. -- Delegates from typographical unions from Bakersfield to the Oregon line gathered at Monterey last weekend, January 12-13, for the quarterly meeting of the AFL California Northern Conference of Typographical Unions.

Business included lengthy discussions of organizational problems, talks about existing contracts and discussions of contract negotiations scheduled shortly in various areas, and consideration of proposals for improvement of local unions.

The 50 delegates and their wives were entertained by the Monterey Typographical Union, host local, with a buffet luncheon, a theatre party on Saturday evening, and a tour of the area on Sunday.

Executive board meetings were held on Saturday and general sessions on Sunday. Meetings, which were held in Hotel San Carlos,

were conducted by Irving Hammill, of Bakersfield, conference president, and Duncan Ross, of San Francisco, conference secretary.

International representatives present included Jack Whiting, California representative for the ITU, and Jack Austin, of Oakland, an international representative for the San Francisco Bay District.

Next session of the typographical group will be a joint session of the northern and southern conferences, April 12-13.

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WAGE BOARD APPROVES AFL BOOST IN UKIAH

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO. -- The Regional Wage Stabilization Board has approved the application of the Masonite Corporation and Local 723 of the AFL Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Workers for hourly wage increases in 143 job classifications at the Ukiah hardboard plant, Arthur M. Ross, Chairman, announced this week.

Increases for 142 job classifications range from 12½ to 28 cents per hour. A special hourly rate of \$2.25 was authorized for band saw and carriage operators, a 15-cent boost over the present scale.

All of the pay raises are retroactive to July 30, 1951, and involve 450 workers in the factory.

The decision of the tri-partite body raises the hourly rates to levels paid by competitive timber and forest product companies on the west coast. It eases the recruitment and replacement manpower problems caused by payment of lower wage scales.

The pay raises were negotiated by the union during 1951. However, the corporation and the union requested Regional Board approval before they were put into effect.

Late in 1951, authorization was granted to put fringe wage adjustments into effect. The decision covered a 2-cent hourly in-

crease in differential rates for the second and third shifts, holiday and Sunday pay, and call-in and reporting time pay.

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GREEN KICKS OFF FUND DRIVE
FOR AFL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO. -- President William Green this week kicked off the nation-wide drive to raise funds for the AFL's 1952 political activities by handing a dollar bill to James McDevitt, director of Labor's League for Political Education.

This action gave the signal to more than 40,000 AFL local unions throughout the country to start canvassing their 8 million members for similar \$1 voluntary contributions.

The LLPE will use the funds thus raised to help elect members of Congress who are friendly to labor's cause.

Voluntary contributions from members are necessary to finance the AFL's 1952 political efforts because the Taft-Hartley Act forbids the use of union funds for such purposes. Union funds can be used only for the League's educational work.

By giving just \$1, AFL members become members of Labor's League. They receive a printed receipt for their contribution, a copy of which must be filed and reported to Congressional authorities, under the law.

Every dollar contributed to the LLPE political fund will be used directly to help elect candidates endorsed by local and state leagues in every state.

On New Year's day, receipt books and letters of instruction were mailed out to the secretaries of 20,000 local unions affiliated with 70 AFL national and international organizations. McDevitt said the job of mailing the rest of the membership cards to the remaining local unions will be completed by February.

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AFL SUPPORT URGED FOR

MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO. -- C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week urged all affiliated bodies to cooperate with local units of the March of Dimes campaign in the annual fund drive against the dread disease of infantile paralysis.

Haggerty noted that in 1951 California had 3,236 polio victims, the highest state total in the nationwide figure of 28,668. He also observed that 1951 was the state's second worse polio year in history, showing an increase of over a thousand above the 1950 figure.

The March of Dimes campaign is conducted annually by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which each year treats four out of every five persons stricken by polio.

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AFL WORKERS OPPOSE CHEAP TUNA IMPORTS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO. -- The economic livelihood of some 20,000 AFL-organized fishermen and fish cannery workers in the state of California is at stake because of unlimited imports of cheap foreign tuna.

The Senate Finance Committee announced this week that it will begin hearings on the House proposal to impose a 3-cent-a-pound tariff on duty-free fresh and frozen tuna.

A petition introduced by the Southern California tuna industry has asked the U. S. Tariff Commission to recommend increasing the duty on brine-packed tuna, along with that of certain other canned tuna and tuna-like fish.

James Waugh, president of the Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific, SIU-AFL, is currently in Washington campaigning for this much needed legislative relief. Waugh charges the imports have idled 300 tuna boats and thousands of workers in San Pedro and San Diego.

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