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STATE FEDERATION FIGHTS FOR WOMEN AND MINOR WORKERS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.-- The long, historic struggle for better wages, hours, and working conditions for women and minors in California hit a new climax this weekend in Los Angeles with the second series of public hearings called on pertinent state regulations by the Industrial Welfare Commission.

Hearings were scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, in the Assembly Hall of the State Building, 217 West First Street, Los Angeles.

At the opening hearings held January 25-26 in San Francisco, the California State Federation of Labor presented a 45-page brief detailing its position on the ten orders regulating specific California industries.

The Federation was represented at the San Francisco hearings by Attorney Charles P. Scully and Research Director John F. Henning.

Additionally, various AFL union and council representatives spoke regarding orders affecting their particular crafts.

In asking for a minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour, the Federation brief observed: (1) That the Commission budget for a single working woman supported such a figure; (2) That such a minimum would benefit both labor and management; (3) That the same minimum should prevail for every covered industry.

The present minimum is \$.65 per hour and was established by the Commission in 1947.

Following the Los Angeles public hearings the Commission will meet in executive session to determine the new regulations for wages, hours, and conditions of work.

Commission members are LeRoy E. Goodbody, chairman; San Diego; Mae Carvell, Los Angeles ; Eleanor C. Hewlett, Oakland; Daniel E. Koshland, San Francisco; Mae Stoneman, Los Angeles.

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AFL CHEMICAL WORKERS
PLAN FRESNO OFFICE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.-- Headquarters of the Northern California District Council of Chemical Workers will be switched to Fresno, it was announced this week by the AFL International Chemical Workers Union.

The decision was reached by nearly 40 delegates from 16 locals who met in Fresno last weekend under the call of the district council. The office was formerly in San Jose and much of the Council's business will continue to be taken care of there by Financial Secretary Burton Mahan, who was reelected at the meeting without opposition.

W. R. Hess of Pittsburg was elected president, succeeding J. P. Ferrario, who resigned due to his appointment as an international representative. Other officers elected were Roy Fitzgerald, vice president; Joseph Machado, recording secretary; John Thomas, business agent; Thaddeus Thomas, sergeant at arms; and H. B. Bradley, William Mills and Earl Oakley, trustees for one, two and three year terms respectively. Joseph Swan, Jr. was elected to represent the council at the April meeting of the state Labor League for Political Education.

"Why work hard on the economic front and lose on the political front?" was the question asked by International Vice President Marshall Shafer in stressing the need for having every union member registered for the 1952 elections. He also commended international

organizers Ira Lee Law and Willie Pointer for their work in whipping the Bridges longshore union in two recent elections in the cotton industry.

The delegates reaffirmed a former policy that a comprehensive training program should be provided union secretaries and other officers.

The political education program of the LLPE, details of the duties of a financial secretary and NLRB compliance procedure will be the key subjects of the education program. Chemical worker instructors met in San Jose last Thursday to map a training schedule and get the program under way.

The AFL's Chet Cary welcomed the delegates to Fresno in three capacities -- as a City Commissioner, as secretary of the Fresno Labor Council and as a member of one of the Fresno host locals. The next council meeting is scheduled for February 24 and will be in Modesto.

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LOS ANGELES COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES EDUCATION FORUM

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.-- W. J. Bassett, secretary of the AFL Los Angeles Central Labor Council, announced this week that the L. A. central body will hold an educational forum February 20 on manpower aspects of defense mobilization and new amendments to the California Unemployment Insurance Act.

The meeting will be held in the Los Angeles Labor Temple Auditorium, 536 Maple Avenue, and will be sponsored jointly with the California Department of Employment.

Speakers will include the following state employment officials: Thomas C. Campbell, Director, Los Angeles Manpower Area; Arthur Murray, Southern California Supervisor of Disability and Hospital benefits; and Ralph J. Wade, Public Information and Education Representative.

Campbell will review "Manpower Organization and Objectives;" Murray, "Recent Changes in California's Disability Insurance Program;" and Wade, "Basic Unemployment Insurance Procedures and Recent Amendments to the California Unemployment Insurance Act."

The forum will open with remarks of welcome by Bassett, Thomas Ranford, president of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and Jack L. Rugh, Area Labor Relations Representative, California Department of Employment.

All AFL officials and members in the Los Angeles area are invited to attend. Floor participation will follow the formal speeches.

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OSSLO ADDRESSES
AFL APPRENTICE GRADS
IN EL CENTRO

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO. -- Forty Imperial county apprentices were graduated last week in ceremonies held in El Centro under the joint auspices of AFL unions, management forces, and the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

Max J. Osslo, vice president of the California State Federation of Labor, addressed the graduating audience on "Management's Interest in Apprenticeship." Osslo is also a member of the State Board of Education and president of the Western Federation of Butchers.

More than half of the graduates had completed apprentice training in carpentry and electrical work.

Ceremonies were conducted in the El Centro Junior College Auditorium. Labor participation in the program was directed by the El Centro Building and Construction Trades Council and the Imperial Valley Central Labor Union.

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U. S. OFFICIAL RAPS FARM
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.-- More children have been found employed illegally in agriculture than in any other major segment of American industry, John R. Dille, regional director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions in the eight western states, declared this week in San Francisco.

"Our investigations have revealed some very flagrant violations of the law which prohibits employment of children under 16 in agriculture during the hours when schools in their districts are in session," Dille charged.

"These investigations on the west coast indicate that agriculture is the Number 1 stumbling block in the drive for compliance with the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, better known as the federal Wage and Hour Law."

Dille cited an article in the January issue of the "Labor Information Bulletin," just published by the Department, which states that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, a total of 3,465 children under 16 were unlawfully employed on farms on a nation-wide basis, as compared to 728 during the previous fiscal year.

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STATE COMMISSION OFFERS
QUESTION-ANSWER SERIES

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO. -- Frank A. Lawrence, State Industrial Accident Commissioner, this week released the eighth set of questions and answers in an education series on workmen's compensation.

The series has been prepared by the Industrial Accident Commission. Interested parties may obtain copies by writing Commission headquarters in the Industrial Relations Building, 965 Mission Street, San Francisco 3, California.

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