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SANTA BARBARA HOTELS APPROVED BY STATE-LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--State AFL convention delegates were this week assured that all hotel and motel structures in Santa Barbara are held to be absolutely safe and free from danger despite recent earthquake jolts in southern California.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California State Federation of Labor, revealed that local and state building inspection agencies had approved the buildings after close and rigid examination.

The 50th convention of the California State Federation of Labor will be held in Santa Barbara the week of August 25-29.

Federation headquarters will be the Carrillo Hotel, while the convention will be held in the Santa Barbara Armory.

Representation will be based on the average per capita tax paid to the state AFL during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952.

Unions are entitled to two delegates for the first 100 members or less, and one delegate for each succeeding 100 members or major fraction thereof, not to exceed six delegates from any one local.

Deadline for the receipt of resolutions (in triplicate) by the State Federation office is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 1952.

Delegates wishing to make hotel or room reservations should correspond immediately with the Santa Barbara Convention Bureau, P.O. Box 299, Santa Barbara, California.

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**SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL
CONSIDERS HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM**

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL San Francisco Central Labor Council this month took the first big step toward the development of its own labor health center program.

Following a survey of health and welfare plans now existing in San Francisco, the Council took the following actions to the end of founding its own health center:

- (1) Established an Interim Policy Board.
- (2) Began preparation of a request to the Rockefeller Foundation. The grant, if made, would cover the cost of the planning and preparatory stages.
- (3) Started study of the budget items necessary in the first planning phases of the project.
- (4) Opened a survey of the project's relations with employer groups, university medical schools, and professional bodies.

The Interim Policy Board will be comprised of Council President Jack Goldberger, Council Secretary George W. Johns, Executive Board member Wendell J. Phillips, and representatives of each local trades council.

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**AFL INSURANCE AGENTS
ASK FOR UNION BUSINESS**

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL Insurance Agents International Union has requested that the time-honored principle of patronizing union-made goods and services be applied to the purchase of insurance, as it has been applied historically to the purchase of other union-made products and services.

In a communication addressed to all AFL publications in the

United States, the AFL insurance union reminds that it is just as wrong for an officer or member of organized labor to patronize a non-union insurance source as it is to use a non-union carpenter, a non-union baker, printer or non-union worker in any other industry or calling.

The union especially urges that all AFL affiliates transact their official insurance matters with members of the AFL Insurance Agents International Union.

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UNION LABEL WEEK
SET FOR SEPTEMBER 1-7

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The annual call for observance of Union Label Week has been issued by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

In a letter directed to all AFL affiliates, Green asked for fitting and proper observance of Union Label Week scheduled for September 1-7, 1952.

The AFL president declared it to be the desire of the national body to keep a constant reminder before members of labor unions, women's auxiliaries, their families and friends of the necessity of giving preference to Union Label goods and the patronage of Union services.

Union Label Week this year commences on Labor Day and President Green has urged that all AFL activities, including Labor's League for Political Education, women's auxiliaries and the Union Label Campaign should be dramatized in parades, meetings and other forms of celebrations.

Newspaper advertising, window displays, movies, radio programs and speeches will be used in many areas in advancing the AFL public relations cause.

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**FAMILY-TYPE FARMERS
UNITE IN COOPERATIVE**

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Over 3,500 farmers, comprising all of the fruit and vegetable growers in the southeastern Louisiana area, have organized a union affiliated with the National Agricultural Workers Union AFL and are pioneering in an experiment that may result in wedding the family-type farmer to the industrial worker and halting the trend to large-scale, corporate farming.

Through the work of their organization - Local 312 of the Louisiana Fruit and Vegetable Producers Union - farmers in that section are receiving a fair share of the profits from their products that are sold on the markets.

The development was different from anything farming groups have initiated before. It marked the first time that small fruit and vegetable growers became associated directly with the American labor movement. Local unions of dairy farmers are of a different character.

Before organizing, the small farmers were going broke, the middlemen were getting rich and the consumer was paying high prices at the grocery store. Many family farmers were driven out of business, the number dropping from 10,000 to 3,500 in the last seven years.

Following a few unsuccessful attempts by small farmers to organize and head off bankruptcy, certain farmers who had been trade union members took the reins and established the union despite bitter opposition from produce buyers.

They received help from the Louisiana State Federation of Labor, the AFL Southern organizing staff, and the National Agricultural Workers Union AFL.

The union meets the needs of the farmers here by doing three things: selling produce cooperatively; buying cooperatively; and financing cooperatively through a credit union.

Utilizing trade union methods and techniques, a solid marketing organization was created.

The union, with headquarters in Hammond, Louisiana, the strawberry capital of the United States, has anchored itself firmly by securing written agreements with every handler of fresh produce in the area. Agreements with all the canneries provide that these companies buy produce only from union members.

The small farmers, seeing the benefits of union organization, are making plans to organize other family-farm operators in other southern states. Plans also are being laid to make all the rural parishes (counties) in Louisiana 100 percent union.

The union is cooperating with Labor's League for Political Education, Secretary-Treasurer George Forstall said the members realize the champions of labor are the champions of all the plain people, whether they earn a living off the land or in stores and shops.

The activity of the AFL farm workers union marks historic progress in the south where bitter resistance to all forms of agricultural unionism has kept workers terrorized and disorganized.

REGISTER AND VOTE
IT'S UP TO YOU IN '52