

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### BIG BUSINESS RECAPTURES WHITE HOUSE AS EISENHOWER GRABS WHITE COLLAR VOTE

(CFLNL). SAN FRANCISCO.--Wall Street returned to White House control this week as General Dwight D. Eisenhower piled up a tremendous electoral majority over labor-backed Adlai Stevenson.

Eisenhower's popular vote edge ran an approximate six million over the 23 million votes given Stevenson.

The Republican landslide was confined to the presidential race, however, as the Democrats fought the GOP to a photo finish in both the House and Senate.

A snap survey of California voting showed Stevenson carried organized labor strongholds in both northern and southern California. Assembly districts with heavy labor registrations favored Stevenson, but white collar Democrats switched to Eisenhower in overwhelming numbers.

Proposition 13, the AFL-supported measure to abolish cross-filing in California, stunned most political experts as it enjoyed consistent state leads before fading in the final returns.

The AFL proposal appeared to be losing in the final precinct count. It was given no chance for a heavy vote in pre-election polls.

A companion measure, Proposition 7, passed by a commanding majority and will require all state and federal candidates to designate their parties on ballots in future elections.

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STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR TO HOLD  
THIRD ANNUAL PRESS INSTITUTE NOVEMBER 29-30

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The reputation, duties, and services of union newspapers will feature the third annual state AFL Labor Press Institute to be held November 29-30 in Santa Barbara, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

All sessions will be held in the Samarkand Hotel. The institute will be jointly sponsored by the State Federation and the University of California at Los Angeles.

The institute is open to AFL editors and labor officials responsible for paper policies and management.

Hotel accommodations will be available at the Samarkand or at nearby motels.

The institute will open Saturday morning, November 29, at 10:00 o'clock with a discussion of a six-page questionnaire mailed last month to all AFL editors in California. The questionnaire covers policy matters on distribution, news coverage, financing, and format appeals in the labor press field.

Workshop and general sessions will embrace the varied aspects of union papers ranging from political education to the improvement of community relations.

Hotel reservations may now be made through Arthur Carstens, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Los Angeles, 24. Samarkand rates extend from \$3.50 to \$10.00 per day.

More than 100 AFL press representatives are expected to attend the two-day session. Past institutes have brought about introduction of a state cartoon service, a state council news coverage system, and economic analysis services.

A registration fee of \$5.00 will be charged all participants.

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PUBLIC POWER STEAL  
LOOMS WITH GOP WIN

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The great electric power resources developed by the United State government during the last 20 years -- for all the people -- may suddenly be turned over next year to the profit-hungry private utility interests with Eisenhower and Nixon in control.

The warnings have been unmistakable.

Eisenhower in his campaign tour about the country condemned the federal government's valley-authority plan for integrated development of the great river valleys. He emphasized "we don't want any more TVA's."

He assailed "dictatorial super-government" and "monopolistic whole-hog" concepts of federal authority, and endorsed the general outlines of the "interstate compact" approach to future river basin development.

That's an old power company idea, invented long ago to stave off any more federal TVA's. A single state would be able to block unified river valley development indefinitely, or at least until the other states knuckled under to power company demands.

As Eisenhower has outlined it, the federal government would put up the money for any future valley developments, but once they were completed, the "local and state governments .... should take over the projects for their own people and get the region out of hock to the federal government."

Anyone familiar with the history of the private utility interests knows how easy it would be for them to acquire outright control of the power projects, once they were turned over to the "local and state governments."

Two Republican spokesmen for Big Business--Sen. Ferguson (Mich.) and Rep. Gwinn (N.Y.) --introduced bills last session directing the government to begin selling to private corporations, not only Uncle Sam's electric power systems, but also just about everything else the government owns -- such as aluminum plants, navy ordnance yards, and arsenals.

## WAGE RULING PERMITS NEW BOOSTS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.—Any employee in California, Arizona and Nevada whose individual average straight time hourly earnings are less than \$1.00 an hour may be increased in any amount necessary to bring his average straight time hourly earnings up to \$1.00 per hour, without prior Board approval, it was revealed this week by Arthur P. Allen, chairman of the regional Wage Stabilization Board.

The manner in which such increases may be made and the relationship of the adjustments in rates to \$1.00 to other current wage stabilization regulations are explained in General Wage Regulation 22, issued recently by the Administrator of the Economic Stabilization Agency.

Copies of the regulation and questions and answers on the application thereof to specific situations are available at the public contact offices which the Regional Board operates in California and Arizona, Allen said. Offices are located in Room 1228, Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco; Room 729, Cairns Building, 108 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles; and Room 610, Goodrich Building, 14 North Central, Phoenix.

Regulation 22 covers hourly workers, salaried employees or those paid on a piece, per unit incentive, mileage or commission rate.

It provides that increases granted after June 30, 1952, to bring average hourly earnings of an employee up to \$1.00 per hour, do not have to be charged against the allowable fund for increases under General Wage Regulation 6 which permits an adjustment of ten percent over the level of wages in January, 1950. The Board expressed belief that this provision is consistent with the intent of Congress.

Similarly, merit or length of service increases may be made to employees earning below \$1.00 per hour without regard to any of the limitations contained in General Wage Regulation 5.

Regulation 22 also states that rates less than \$1.00 per hour may be increased up to \$1.00 per hour before computing the amount allowable under General Wage Regulation 8, revised. Regulation 8 permits

wage adjustments to match changes in the cost of living since January, 1951.

Increases above \$1.00 per hour, to maintain pre-existing differentials affected by increases granted under Regulation 22, must have prior Board approval before being put into effect, Allen said.

Petitions for approval of such increases may be filed with any one of the three WSB Public Contact office.

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AFL ASKED TO REMEMBER  
UNIONISTS OF EUROPE AND ASIA

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--AFL members were called on this week to share their holiday "bounty" with less fortunate brothers and sisters in Europe and Asia now waging a grim battle to rebuild and vitalize their democratic trade union structure.

In an appeal to American Federation of Labor affiliates, Madeline C. Dillon urged full cooperation with the CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.) program.

Miss Dillon is the AFL representative in the CARE agency.

The 1952-1953 holiday program of CARE has been extended to Asia for the first time.

Gift food packages may be ordered by AFL unions in amounts from \$4.00 to \$20.00.

The Labor League for Human Rights, official welfare arm of the AFL, will supply interested unions with names of deserving trade unionists overseas.

Contributions or inquiries should be addressed to the

"AFL Representative"

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20 Broad Street,

New York 5, N. Y.

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