

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

FROM
CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

402 FLOOD BUILDING



151



SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA

March 8, 1950

FEDERATION OPENS HEADQUARTERS FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--The California State Federation of Labor established offices in Sacramento this week as the 1950 budget session and a special session of the legislature opened concurrently under the call of Governor Earl Warren.

Subjects pertinent to labor to be considered at the special session include:

Legislation relating to pensions for the aged, needy and blind.

Continuance of child care centers as well as aid to needy children.

Relief of the unemployed.

Enactment of a uniform support-of-dependents law.

Provision for a survey and analysis of the public works programs of the state and local agencies to the end of properly financing such programs.

Financing of public works and improvements by counties, cities and counties, and public districts.

Slum clearance.

In its petition for a special session of the legislature, the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor had urged the Governor to consider the following issues in the session agenda:

- (1) Measures for the relief of the unemployed, including particularly expansion of unemployment insurance

coverage, increasing benefits and eliminating the waiting period.

- (2) Enactment of an effective rent control act to protect lower income tenants.
- (3) Revision of the state welfare code to liberalize eligibility, with particular emphasis on the removal of the relative's responsibility clause.
- (4) Continuation of child care centers until at least June 30, 1951.

--/--

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING GAINS MADE DURING FEBRUARY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--As might be expected, relatively few contracts were negotiated during the 28 days of February, but nonetheless, some 7500 workers retained union conditions or made advances in the last month throughout California.

Most unions were active in reviewing conditions in their industry preparatory to major negotiations.

In southern California the six basic building trades, involving 100,000 construction workers, are planning to reopen their agreement with the Associated General Contractors and the Building Contractors Association of California.

Initial union proposals are for a seven-hour day and a 5 to 8 cents increase, equivalent to an increase of about 30 cents an hour.

Eighteen thousand San Francisco Bay Area painters and northern California plumbers are also conferring on new contract demands.

Teamster locals throughout the state are considering demands on their 1950-51 long-line statewide agreement, covering some 16,000 employees. This survey is based on union reports submitted in the California labor press.

Building Trades

Western Conference of Sign and Pictorial Artists (12 locals, 4 western states, AND 850 employers: contract extended, with 5%

increase in apprenticeship rates and agreement to negotiate on pension plan before July 1, 1950; 2/50; 3,500 workers.

Laborers No. 324, Contra Costa County, AND Pacific Molasses Co.: 5 cents; 2/1/50; about 50 workers.

Clerks

Retail Clerks No. 1222, San Diego, AND chain and independent stores: contract continued; 2/50; 600 workers.

Teamsters

Western State Dairy Employees Council (9 California locals) AND Milk Products Manufacturers Association of California (51 factories): pension and health plan; 2/15/50; 3,000 workers.

Teamsters No. 684, Eureka, AND local drayage operators represented by Truck Owner' Ass'n of California: 7 paid holidays and other gains; 2/50; about 50 workers.

Miscellaneous

Meat Cutters No. 556 and Teamsters No. 381, Santa Maria, AND Cudahy Packing Co. (poultry): 25-30 cents, plant workers; 55 cents drivers; 2/50.

Typographical Workers No. 221, San Diego, AND three daily newspapers: \$1 per week; 2/1/50; 200 members.

-----/-----
CORRECTION NOTE: Contrary to reports in the press, and included in our January survey, Coast District Metal Trades Council has not "decided to retain the status quo on master shipyard contracts."

At the January 16 convention of the Council, it was agreed that when the time arrived for discussing the reopening of the master shipyard agreements, the Executive Board, together with the International representatives, would meet and discuss what changes in wages and conditions would be requested.

-----/-----

HAGGERTY URGES ALL UNIONISTS
TO REGISTER NOW

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week reminded all unionists that the closing date for registration for the primary elections of 1950 is April 13.

Haggerty declared that if the voice of labor is to be heard at the polls, every union man and woman in California must be registered.

The California Labor League for Political Education will hold its pre-primary endorsement convention in San Francisco at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, April 17, 18, and 19.

Haggerty also recommended that all AFL unionists make their voluntary contributions to the national LLPE in sufficient time for the funds to be used in the California primaries.

Voluntary contributions should be made by unionists to their respective internationals, which, in turn, bank the funds with the national LLPE in Washington, D. C. One-half of the contributions from unions of a particular state are then returned to the state LLPE for use in the state campaigns.

--/--

ILGWU GIVES \$5,000 TO
1950 HEART CAMPAIGN

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, who is serving as chairman of the National Labor Committee of the American Heart Association, announced this week that he had received a \$5,000 check by mail from David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, as the union's contribution to the 1950 Heart Campaign.

President Dubinsky, also serving on the Association's National Labor Committee, addressed a letter to Secretary Tobin in which he said:

"Heart disease, the greatest menace to the health of the people of our country must be combated with all the implements of science, through every possible channel of medical research and public enlightenment, among all elements of our population.

"In making this contribution we feel that we are helping in the fight aimed at reducing the ravages of this dreaded disease, in order to preserve and extend human life."

--/--

HALLORAN MOVES TO ARIZONA MEDIATION OFFICE

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Cyrus S. Ching, Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service last week announced two changes in the Regional Office of the Service in Los Angeles, California.

Regional Director William P. Halloran, at his own request, has been reassigned to Phoenix, Arizona, as a Commissioner of the Service.

District Representative Howard E. Durham, presently stationed in San Francisco, will assume the duties of Regional Director in Region 12 in an acting capacity.

Region 12, with headquarters in the Transit Lines Building, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, comprises the states of Nevada, Arizona, California and Hawaii.

Former Regional Director Halloran has served with the Conciliation Service since February 10, 1942.

-----/-----
JOIN / D O N ' T M I S S T H E
THE / T H E S T A T E
LLPE ! / C O N V E N T I O N

AFFILIATE / San Francisco
NOW ! / April 17-18-19