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REPORT OF OFFICERS

“This year we meet as affiliates of the national AFL-CIO. Merger is an accomplished and historically significant fact on the national scene. Similarly, we are striving to consummate a merger on the state level that will be based on a far-sighted program of worthy long-range objectives in the economic, political and community affairs of our state and nation. And we are confident that an honorable, workable and effective merger agreement, consonant with the objectives and purposes of the AFL-CIO merger agreement and constitution, can be achieved in California.

“Because state merger is on the horizon, it is more incumbent than ever before to have full representation at this the seventh annual constitutional convention of the California CIO Council. It is the responsibility of the local union membership, through duly elected delegates, to help shape policies and constitutional proposals setting forth educational, legislative, public relations and political programs under which a unified labor movement can meet the real test, that of benefiting the members through all avenues of activity—economic, community, legislative and political.

“In order for this to become a reality, it is necessary first to maintain unity of purpose within our own ranks. We are confident that this unity will be clearly and unmistakably displayed by the delegates assembled. Such unity can come only through democratic discussion which a labor convention offers. Then it is the responsibility for every delegate to carry the story back to his or her local union so that every single member becomes a part and has an understanding of the advance of organized labor in California through state merger.”

—from Official CALL to Seventh Annual Convention

GREETINGS:

This Report, presented to delegates attending the Seventh Annual Constitutional Convention of the California Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO, represents a conscientious effort to furnish an accurate resumé of the activities, projects and programs of the Council since the 1955 convention.

The officers of the Council have endeavored, by means of this Report, to give an overall picture of the activities and programs of your state organization—supported in these undertakings by its affiliates—in various fields of endeavor, and the results of such activities and programs, most particularly on the political action front in view of the 1956 elections.

The information contained herein should serve as a practical and helpful guide to the delegates in formulating and approving plans and projects for the pend-

ing state merger, and to determine, prior to merger, what areas of activity should be strengthened and expanded as well as deciding on those policies that should be reaffirmed or adopted.

It is the sincere hope of the officers that the delegates read this annual Report with due care, and after doing so, express their approval of the work performed and of the efforts and finances expended by the California Industrial Union Council.

The work of the past year has been based on the sense and spirit of convention mandates and has reflected itself in the community to the degree that organized labor has continued to maintain community respect and admiration as the California labor movement becomes ever more meaningful and articulate in the affairs of the local and state community.

It should be noted at the outset that the fine support and cooperation given by regional, district and local union offices and county councils have made possible the work and achievements reported herein.

I. CALIFORNIA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

→ Endorsing Candidates

1956 has been marked by the expenditure of time, energy and money in working for more responsible and liberal representation in our state and national governments.

The California Political Action Committee had as its first responsibility—towards this goal of more responsible and liberal representation—the task of determining which candidates to endorse.

The Committee, composed of representatives of international and local industrial unions and county councils, was guided by the following factual criteria:

1. The voting records of incumbents of both the state and national legislative bodies. These voting records, prepared and published by the Department of Education and Legislative Research of the State Council, are based on officially recorded votes. In determining “good” and “bad” votes your state organization was guided by those legislative policies adopted by national, international and state conventions.

2. Answers to detailed questionnaires prepared by the Council Education and Legislative Research Department. The 1956 questionnaires—as were the 1954 questionnaires—were without doubt still the most detailed and searching questionnaires submitted by any organization in California. A goodly number of community groups, individuals and other labor organizations have commented on their thoroughness and usefulness. Typical of the response of other labor organizations is

that of the Marysville Central Labor Council whose Secretary-Treasurer wrote: "...I am requesting six Labor Questionnaire booklets for candidates for State Senate and Assembly. Our Council took the position the booklet could be of great value." (See Appendix I for additional letters on this as well as other matters.)

3. A knowledge of "attitudes" of incumbents. This was based on committee votes—not easily available for public consumption—plus the knowledge obtained over a period of years in working directly with the state legislators and through correspondence on issues with both the state and national lawmakers.

The above techniques thus afforded factual information upon which endorsements could be made objectively and fairly.

115 District Candidates Endorsed

The California Political Action Committee at its primary endorsement meeting endorsed 102 district candidates out of a possible 130 contests. Following the primary the Committee met to reconsider some districts in which endorsements had not been made but which warranted reconsideration. Additional district candidates were endorsed. Thus for election year 1956 your Committee endorsed in 115 district races out of a possible 130.

It should be noted that of the 115 district endorsements, 103 were Democratic candidates (50 of whom were incumbents) and 12 were Republican candidates (11 of whom were incumbents).

Richard Richards was unanimously endorsed for the United States Senate following the primary and the Committee was unanimous in its approval of the AFL-CIO endorsement of the Stevenson-Kefauver presidential ticket.

→ Primary Election Results

Since this Report is being written prior to the General Election of November 6, it is impossible to give a final report on results of those run-offs for which endorsements have been made.

It should be duly noted that the June 1956 primary results, in terms of labor's objectives, was the best to date! 98% of California PAC candidates were either nominated or elected—in the latter case election came about in some instances by the candidate winning both party nominations and in a good many cases by virtue of the candidate having no opposition on either ticket. All but two of our endorsed candidates were victorious and in both cases they lost the nomination to candidates of their own party.

The California PAC score sheet for the primary reads as follows:

- 24 endorsed candidates in Congressional races—21 nominated, 3 incumbents re-elected

- 15 endorsed candidates in State Senate races—7 nominated, 6 incumbents re-elected and 2 candidates defeated by candidates of same party affiliation
- 63 endorsed candidates in Assembly races—47 nominated, 16 incumbents re-elected
(As noted previously, additional district candidates were endorsed following the primary.)

Broken down by party results, the primary outcome shows:

	DEMOCRATS		REPUBLICANS	
	Captured Republican Nomination	Won by Default, i.e., no Rep. Opposition	Captured Democratic Nomination	Won by Default, i.e., no Dem. Opposition
Congress	2 incumbents	1 incumbent	0	0
Senate	5 (4 inc., 1 non-inc.)	4 incumbents	0	2 incumbents
Assembly	4 incumbents	10 incumbents	0	4 incumbents
TOTAL	11 (10 inc., 1 non-inc.)	15 incumbents	0	6 incumbents

The victory of 21 incumbents by default of the opposition party, the majority this time being victorious Democrats, presents a sorry commentary on local party organization and responsibility—this applies to both major parties. The objective of a primary is for the voters of each given party to *select* the best that each party can offer in order to permit the voter to *elect or make a choice* in the general election. This matter of voter choice in the fall election is the touchstone of the democratic elective process—it affords the citizen voter an opportunity to enhance his political education through debate and discussion of issues. And it likewise stimulates and encourages that eligible citizen who has failed to become a qualified voter to do so in order to assume his responsibilities on election day by expressing his choice.

The 1956 primary likewise points up that the cross-filing incumbent is no longer in a position to walk away with both nominations when his opposition puts on an active or honest-to-goodness campaign. In most cases where the incumbent won on both party tickets where there was a contest, the opposition candidate put on a "token" campaign, in some instances the token being the mere act of filing.

In this sense the Democratic monopoly of crossfiling victories where there were Republican Party candidates could well reflect the Republican attitude of 1956 that from a practical viewpoint (i.e., in terms of expenditures, appeal to the opposition party voters, etc.) the days of crossfiling victories are over.

The one case of a victory by a crossfiling *non-incumbent*—Judge Christensen (Dem.) of the 3rd State Senatorial district—was a combination of putting on a "two-party" campaign plus some significant local factors which created resentment against the incumbent—most particularly the Christmas floods in that area of California.

→ Recommendations on Ballot Propositions

Another phase of the work of the political arm of the Council was the consideration and evaluation of the 19 ballot proposals on the general election ballot. After careful consideration of the measures and after hearing proponents and opponents on the most controversial propositions, your Committee made recommendations on 17 out of the 19 proposals. On the most controversial—Prop. 4, the so-called “oil conservation” proposition—the State Industrial Union Council came out in opposition, along with the State Federation of Labor.

Since this Report goes to press prior to Election Day, the results, of course, cannot be recorded.

→ Campaign Activities

When the 1956 primary campaign got under way, your California Political Action Committee officers devoted a major portion of time, energy and money toward the nomination of its endorsed candidates. Post-primary attention was then given to working towards the victory of endorsed candidates in the general election, as well as the passage of ballot propositions supported and the defeat of those opposed.

In line with these objectives the Council directed its campaign program and efforts along the following lines:

Financial Contributions

Campaign costs run high—this statement perhaps has become repetitious but nevertheless it remains eternally valid regardless of the election year being discussed.

In order to have literature for volunteer envelope “stuffers,” in order to make house mailings, in order to have campaign literature for door-bell pushers, in order to place newspaper ads—just to mention a few campaign requirements—candidates must have money. This is an indisputable fact.

Thus endorsed candidates were aided financially as much as resources permitted. Because the State Election Fund and, more particularly, the Voluntary Election Fund were limited in the amount of resources necessary to aid endorsed candidates to the degree desired, it was found essential to allocate monies in the “marginal” districts where an additional financial allocation could well determine the election outcome.

At this point your officers would be remiss if mention were not made of the UAW Citizenship Councils and the USA Political Education and Legislative Committees. Not only did they donate money where it was most needed, but they also worked closely with your Council officers in ear-marking their contributions. This approach made it possible to get the optimum use out of the campaign dollar and prevented any

ill-advised duplications and unnecessary confusion. In addition, it made it possible to aid in those areas where local councils do not exist, and hence candidates could not look to such local bodies for financial help.

The voluntary dollar drive did not fare well, notwithstanding the fact this was an all-important election year. To those unions that demonstrated that it is possible to collect a dollar-a-member go our sincere thanks. Without the efforts of these unions it would have been impossible to allocate anything to congressional candidates. It should be recalled that Taft-Hartley prohibits union treasury money—i.e., dues money—in any federal campaign. The severity of the restriction is such that even the candidate slate recommendation cards had to be paid for from the voluntary fund because recommendations were made for federal offices as well as state. Thus the slate printing consumed money from an already inadequate fund.

The record of State Election Fund collections indicates that the 1956 drive did not substantially increase over that of the previous year. It should likewise be noted that support of the 1956 drive came essentially from the same unions that previously gave the 30¢ per member per year contribution. It is to the credit of several unions that although their finances did not permit a 30¢ per member allocation, they gave in the amount consistent with their financial status. Appeals were not made directly to the local unions of UAW and USA because of the special set-up under which they operate—the UAW Citizenship Councils and the USA Legislative and Political Education Committees, previously mentioned.

While unions gave on a voluntary basis, it should be pointed out that the 1955 convention unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the 1956 State Election Fund and urged full participation by local unions.

To those unions that allocated 30¢ per member to the 1956 State Election Fund goes our deep gratitude. It is a reflection that the union leadership and membership are alert to the pressing need for union members, through the union structure, to face up and meet the social and economic challenges of our day. And to those members and unions who faced up to their citizenship responsibilities by collecting the voluntary dollar go our congratulations for a job well done.

The contributions made to these respective funds will be found in the Financial Report and the allocation of monies from the two funds will be found in a separate report in the convention kit.

Distribution of Campaign Literature

Prior to the primary and the general elections the Council office prepared and distributed area candidate slate cards. A sufficient quantity was mailed to each

union to cover its membership. Distribution of slate cards was not undertaken for those counties in which the local council prepared them. In addition to the bulk shipments to local unions, each union person who regularly receives the Council *Newsletter* was sent a few slate cards to pass along within the family and to friends and neighbors.

The union mailings and the individual mailings were likewise used in the distribution of 220,000 ballot proposition folders during the month of October, 1956.

The *Newsletter* during the pre-primary and pre-general election periods also served as a means to channel campaign facts, to report on the issues facing the voting populace and to stimulate local union campaign and get-out-the-vote activities.

Prior to the primary your Council distributed close to 40,000 voting records setting forth key votes on issues before the 1955 state legislature and the first session of the 84th Congress. It was only financial limitations that precluded the receipt of this record by every union member of former CIO local unions. In the pre-general election period, the Council office made available for membership distribution, 200,000 copies of the COPE voting record which covered the votes of the California congressional delegation from the period 1947 through 1956. Each union received a sufficient number of copies for complete membership distribution.

Local union Cope chairmen received the book "How to Win"—a practical approach to registration, political "know-how" and action. The effectiveness of the book has been reflected in the number of requests for this publication from community and political groups and individuals.

Auto-Typist Service to Candidates

With six auto-typist machines—3 in the Los Angeles office of the Council and 3 in the Oakland office—which produce "personally typed" letters, endorsed candidates were offered an invaluable service in sending out thousands of fund-raising letters, appeals for campaign workers, special letters to professional groups, etc. Following the primary the Council typed many candidates' "thank you" letters to contributors and workers. The same service will be offered following the general election.

This type of contribution by your state organization must not be overlooked when one attempts to evaluate the financial help given to candidates. This in effect is an indirect financial contribution—for if a candidate paid a professional firm for "personal" letters the cost would, in many cases, be prohibitive, resulting in the use of an "impersonal" mimeographed letter.

Press Release Work of Candidates Aided by Council

Another service offered to endorsed candidates was that of helping them in their communication needs.

Past experience has proved that very few first time candidates start out in a campaign with a knowledge of the community and minority papers which exist along with the well-known metropolitan papers, radio and TV stations.

The Council office has had for several years some 900 current addressograph plates of newspapers, radio and TV stations throughout the state. Community papers are broken down by assembly districts—it is apparent that this is of great help to local candidates intent on disseminating press releases within their given communities as well as to the metropolitan dailies and radio and TV stations. Likewise the entire mailing list is of value to candidates running in a statewide race.

Education and Legislative Research Department Furnishes Data to Unions, Candidates, Political Workers

In February of 1956 the Department issued a special edition of the *Newsletter* devoted to reporting the 1955 voting record of both the state and national legislators. This voting record has been one of the mainstays in the political action program of your Council. It is an informative and practical tool for the union leadership and membership and is of invaluable assistance to endorsed non-incumbents who are trying to unseat incumbents opposed by labor.

The reaction to the 1955 voting record by union leadership and members is well illustrated in the letter → on the following page. In addition, requests, accompanied by payment, came from numerous organizations and citizens throughout the state.

The Department made every effort to answer the hundreds of telephone calls from both unions and others on campaign issues and facts. It made every effort to furnish information to unions upon request, apart from the regular printed information disseminated.

Shortly after the primary a thorough analysis of the 1956 primary results was made. It covered statewide and district contests. The research document furnished the data for determining, along with non-statistical campaign factors, where the available campaign contributions could best be directed for the maximum results come November 6.

During the course of the year special research reports on major legislative and political issues, published by National AFL-CIO, have periodically been sent to local union COPE chairmen and in some cases to local union officers.

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March 12, 1956

Calif. CIO Industrial Union Council
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Attn: Geraldine Leshin

Dear Gerry:

The Executive Board of Local 262 thinks you did a marvelous job on the February 15th issue (Voting Record) of the Council Newsletter. So much so, that they want to distribute a copy to each member in the Local.

To do this, we would need approximately 1400 copies. If you have that many available, please send them at your earliest convenience, together with a statement covering the cost.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

Anthony Scardaci, Sec'y-Treas.
UPWA, AFL-CIO, Local 262

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II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

- on the state level
- on the national level

➔ On the State Level

1956 Budget and Special Sessions

In even-numbered years the state legislature is constitutionally empowered to meet solely for a budget session unless the governor decides to call a special session to run concurrently with the former. And a special session can only deal with those specific items set forth in the Call.

Namely as a result of the Christmas flood devastation, the Governor called a special session to run concurrently with the 1956 30-day budget session.

Water and Flood Relief Dominated Both Sessions— The Christmas floods in California not only made water the prime concern of the special session but became the prime issue of the 30-day budget session.

Legislative approval of a \$1,779,006,500 budget hit a snag when a north-south dispute arose which immobilized the budget for some 96 hours. The basic bone of contention was the insertion in the budget bill of language that would require state purchase of the Feather River Project's San Luis Dam site *without delay*. Approval of this language would have ruled out the chances of negotiating federal funds for the project.

Los Angeles County legislators sought state acquisition without delay while many San Joaquin Valley and other northern legislators favored federal construction.

The legislative representative of the California Industrial Union Council directed the following wire to the members of the Assembly:

“Strongly urge no action be taken to prevent federal construction of San Luis reservoir at this time. It has been the consistent policy of our unions that best means of providing economical water is federal construction and financing. Careful analysis of cost factors in delivery of water vital in view of cost prices as low at \$3.50 per acre foot water in Central Valley as compared to cost prices as high as \$80 per acre foot delivered by Metropolitan Water District. There is need for study of best plans to produce maximum power production at lowest cost in order to insure delivery of most eco-

nomical water. For state to purchase San Luis site now would mean blocking federal construction as President and Reclamation Commissioner Dexheimer have clearly stated federal government will not support policy of making money available to finance this kind of construction on land to which it does not have title.”

The controversial language was finally deleted; the Assembly then passed a resolution asking only that reservoir sites be acquired without unnecessary delay. Thus the resolution, merely an expression of legislative opinion, does not rule out federal funds.

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Differences of opinion revolving around the matter of water came in for lengthy debate during the special session. The case in point was the matter of establishing a single state water unit to consolidate the overlapping functions of 50 agencies that had been concerned with state water resources and development.

The Weinberger bill (AB 4), supported by Governor Knight, sought to establish a state water department, placing the responsibility and policy-making authority in the hands of a director appointed by the Governor.

Passed by the lower house, the measure was amended by the Senate to exclude several of the water agencies and to vest the policy-making powers in a 7-member board, not the director. Amendments to AB 4 were in line with SB 6, by Democratic Senator George Miller, Jr. The Assembly refused to accept the upper house changes, thus sending the controversial legislation to conference.

The bill which finally reached the Governor's desk for his announced approval, following a 2-hour Senate fight, represented a compromise between the straight-line department headed by an appointive director and a policy-making board.

The water department compromise sailed through the lower house on a 69-0 tally; it was held up in the Senate by the lack of one more vote for passage. Opposition was led by Democratic Senator Edwin Regan who termed it “a compromise achieved under pressure.” He stated that it would make a czar out of the director, giving him powers and duties of the director of finance. Democratic Senator James Cobey, who sponsored the measure in the upper house, denied his colleague's allegations. Senator Cobey said that the

compromise bill was a "bill that represents to me a good start, one we can live with." He pointed out that the compromise measure would create a state water department, headed by a director, which would include most of the state water agencies. Under the approved compromise, the Water Resources Board will now become the State Water Board with advisory powers, in addition to holding the power of veto over regulations and rules proposed by the director. Any differences or disagreements involving policies and procedures will have to be reported in writing to the Governor and legislature by both the director and board.

During the closing hours of the day on which the special session adjourned, the vote deadlock in the Senate was broken when several solons finally switched their votes. Following this, other Senators, realizing their cause was lost, also switched and voted for the conference bill.

Only 8 Senators held firm—Stanley Arnold (D), Arthur Breed (R), Charles Brown (D), Earl Desmond (D), John J. Hollister (D), Harold T. Johnson (D), Edwin Regan (D), Stephen Teale (D).

Approved legislation calls for an appropriation of \$24,900,000 for flood rehabilitation to cities, counties and public districts which suffered damage by the Christmas floods. The worst-hit areas may obtain grants up to 95% while other areas will have to put up matching funds.

Several measures designed to give individual tax payers relief for flood losses were passed by the Assembly only to be defeated in the Senate Finance Committee.

Tidelands Controversy Resolved—The tidelands oil controversy that has been raging between the State and the City of Long Beach was finally resolved by the passage of the Allen proposal which calls for the prompt payment by Long Beach to the State of \$120 million in accumulated tidelands revenue. All future earnings will be split on a 50-50 basis; in addition the state will receive all of the dry gas revenues. (The State will share partially in harbor land subsidence corrective measures approved by the State.)

The State's share under the original proposal was to be placed in a water reserve fund. On the insistence of Senator Ben Hulse (R) the bill was amended to pro-

vide that the money be placed in an investment fund which does not preclude its use for water development.

The compromise oil bill had been worked out by Assemblyman Bruce Allen (R), officials of Long Beach, the city's Assemblymen William Grant (R) and Herbert Klockslem (R) and representatives of the State Attorney General's office.

Interim Committee Hearings

Between sessions, standing committees of both houses of the California legislature hold hearings in various sections of the state on a variety of subjects—many of immediate and long-range concern to labor organizations.

It should be recognized that the recommendations incorporated in committee reports—based on testimony presented—determine to a degree the type of bills that will come before legislative sessions. Therefore, your officers have kept apprised of these hearings so that testimony could be presented and placed in the official record, either through verbal or written presentation.

On certain given subjects the Council has made sure that those unions immediately affected by or concerned with the subject under a committee's purview have been notified of the hearings so that they may appear to testify.

A recent example was the appearance of Council and international union spokesmen before the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee on the matter of supplemental unemployment benefit plans as they relate to the unemployment insurance program of the state.

While on the subject of SUB it would be appropriate at this point to insert a few comments about SUB in California. The Council office, along with those unions that have negotiated for and achieved SUB plans in their contracts, was instrumental in seeking and obtaining rulings from both the Department of Employment and the Attorney General that such plans do not deny the granting of state unemployment compensation to an unemployed worker who has a SUB plan in his union's contract.

While these administrative rulings have been favorable, it should be noted that the employer groups won a victory in the matter of severance pay as it relates to unemployment insurance benefits. By a 4-3 decision the State Supreme Court reversed the Superior Court

and District Court of Appeals rulings which upheld the contention of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild that receipt of severance pay did not deny to the worker receipt of unemployment insurance benefits for that period of time for which severance pay was allocated. The state's highest tribunal reversed this position by upholding the Department of Employment's ruling that unemployment insurance should be denied for the number of weeks for which severance pay had been granted.

→ **On the National Level**

The Council, during both the first and second sessions of the 84th Congress, directed communications to the 32 California law-makers on such matters as housing, social security, civil rights, the Middle East—to mention a few.

In order to keep the National AFL-CIO office apprised of the views of the California congressional delegation, the responses received by the Council office were sent back to Washington.

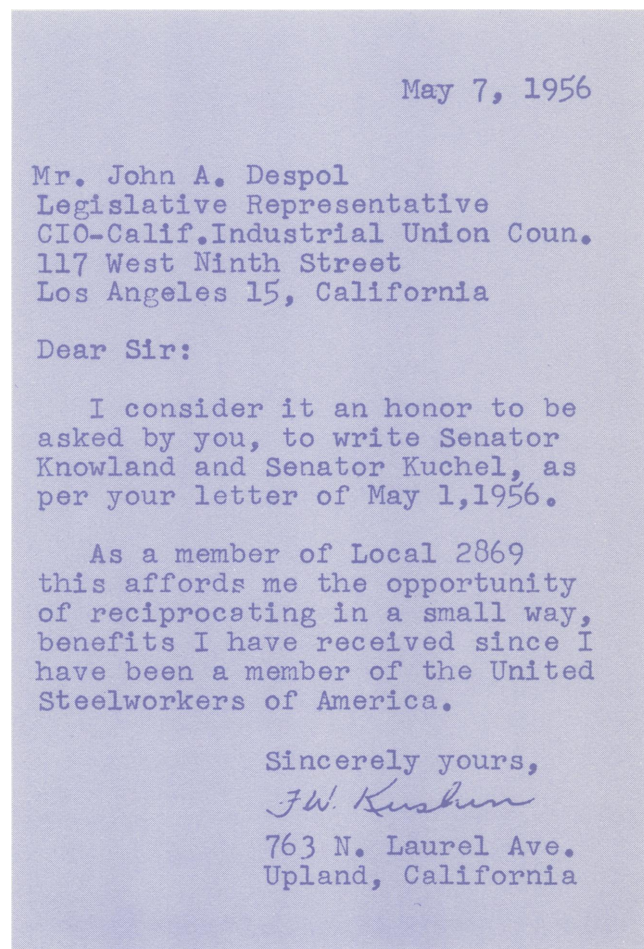
In addition, the Council *Newsletter* was used as an instrument to alert members on national legislative issues and to encourage them to send communications to their Congressmen and U. S. Senators. Likewise, the local Councils were kept informed through telegrams urging them to communicate with the congressional members within their jurisdiction as well as alerting the locals within their areas to conduct letter writing campaigns.

The legislative secretarial service of the California Industrial Union Council—unique among California organizations—has been used over the past several years in supporting organized labor's legislative program (both state and national). It has appreciably increased the usual norm of mail to lawmakers, has kept those union members who participate in the service better informed as to the bills and their status and has resulted in the important by-product of making them more interested in political action and endorsement of candidates. Another significant result of this service has been to encourage our union members to start to write letters on their own.

A new technique was used in the legislative secretarial service program when HR 7225, the measure to liberalize the social security law, was before the U.S. Senate, having handily passed the House. Rather than

the letters being prepared for signature by those requesting use of the service, the procedure was reversed. That is, the Council furnished the facts and background on HR 7225 in an excellent pamphlet prepared by AFL-CIO and in a personal letter asked the recipient to write his own communication on the basis of the facts presented to him. Upon so doing, he was asked to check a self-addressed, postage-free postcard so that the Council would be so informed. The results were gratifying.

One Steelworker did more than check the post card; he wrote:



For various reasons the use of the auto-typist machines for the legislative secretarial service was unfortunately more limited in 1956 than in previous years. The most prominent reason was that of election year demands; the machines were almost monopolized by candidates in the pre-primary period when Congress was in session. Likewise, other work demands on the staff made it a physical impossibility to maintain the

same level of activity that existed during the previous legislative period of 1955 when both state and national issues came in for much attention through this state council citizenship program.

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Two further comments should be made. First, the Council office does not limit its official communications to law-makers only during the sessions themselves. Whenever a matter warrants attention it is the intent and purpose of this organization to let its views be known. Thus it was following the adjournment of the 1956 state legislative session that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council joined with the Regional Director of UAW in sending the following communication to State Senators and Assemblymen of California:

“Enclosed is a copy of a resolution that was passed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors which, we believe, is self-explanatory. This resolution was primarily prompted in an effort to coordinate all levels of government in law enforcement procedures. Although this resolution deals with possible labor law violations, it nevertheless provides a splendid example of support of one governmental agency by another.

“The initial introduction of this action was made by the UAW, AFL-CIO, because of the difficulties encountered in its collective bargaining relations with the Kohler Plumbingware Company of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The UAW has been on strike against this company for over two years. Because of the flagrant refusal of this company to adhere to correct bargaining principles and because of its consistent defiance of NLRB regulations, the UAW is currently processing unfair labor charges against this company. One of these unfair labor charges is the refusal of the company to comply with a Board order. To supplement its strike activity and unfair labor charges, the UAW has instituted a National Primary Consumer’s boycott campaign against the company (Kohler) products; thus, the initial contacts with the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

“We feel that it would be fitting and proper for the State Government to take similar action. Recognizing that the State Legislature has adjourned and can’t act on the matter at this time, we feel that there is an intermediary action that can be taken. We

therefore urge you to use the influence of your good office to help persuade the Governor to issue a statement of policy, similar to the one expressed in the enclosed resolution, to be effective until the Legislature meets again, at which time it can act on the matter.

“If there is any additional information on this matter that you desire we would be happy to supply it. We will appreciate your assistance in this matter.”

Second, where no local county council exists, the Council makes every effort to assist unions in matters coming before a local government law-making body. A case in point was the successful effort to defeat a proposed ordinance in the City of Costa Mesa (Orange County) for the purpose of regulating picketing and labor union activity in said city. In addition to communicating with the Mayor, your Council sent legal counsel to the meeting to speak publicly in opposition to this anti-union proposal. Similar proposals had previously been declared unconstitutional by the courts. The proposed Costa Mesa ordinance, on the basis of the legal and factual position taken by the Council and a few other labor groups, was defeated.

It is our hope that this relatively brief resumé will serve to demonstrate that your state organization has attempted to perform on the various legislative fronts in a conscientious and efficient manner, recognizing the practical limitations of a comparatively small staff and the limitation of time and finances—so obviously essential in any activity program.

III. DIGEST OF EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS

The Executive Board of the Council, the governing body between conventions, has held two meetings during 1956. The third meeting will be held prior to the opening of the 1956 state convention.

The Board members, representing every international and local industrial union having locals affiliated to the Council, made decisions on Council programs and activities in line with the sense and spirit of convention decisions. The officers wish to take this means publicly to thank the Board members for their valuable assistance and full cooperation, and for representing the State Council at various functions and gatherings.

A digest of Board action will show that the Board made the following policy decisions:

1. Appointed the merger committee to discuss state merger with the State Federation of Labor. The committee is comprised of the two administrative officers, the seven vice presidents and one Board member. (The names of the merger committee members may be found under the section "State Merger.")

2. Purchase by the Council of junior libraries for the trade union movements of West Germany and India. The project is a joint effort of the U.S. Information Agency and CARE.

3. Contribution of \$100 to the National Planning Association, an organization in which many outstanding labor leaders participate. The NPA publications are excellent informational documents based on sound research.

4. Contribution of \$200 to the California Water and Power Users Association. Vice President Sam Eubanks and the Council President serve as the Council representatives to the Association.

5. Approval was given to the contract negotiated between the Council office and the Office Workers Union, LIU 1729, AFL-CIO.

6. Approval of resolutions dealing with State merger, to be presented to the 1956 state convention; consideration and action on resolutions referred to the Board by the 1955 convention.

7. Requested that the Governor proclaim September 3-9, 1956 "Union Label Week." As a result of this communication and that of other labor organizations such a proclamation was issued.

8. Contribution of \$100 to the Washington Industrial Union Council in its fight to defeat a "Right-To-Work" initiative by alerting citizens not to sign the petition. Unfortunately, a sufficient number of qualified signatures was obtained.

9. Contribution of \$50 to the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped.

10. Contribution of \$50 to the United Negro College Fund.

11. Members of the Board, serving on the Political Action Committee, joined with the other PAC members in approving a \$100 contribution to the Montgomery Improvement Association in behalf of the bus

boycott and the placement of newspaper ads as an additional means of obtaining contributions from the public.

It should be singularly noted that a major concern of the Board centered around discussion and approval of merger proposals to be submitted by the merger committee to the State Federation of Labor. In addition, the Board approved several proposals to be submitted for convention action, including proposed constitutional changes and the establishment of California COPE.

IV. STATE MERGER

At the 1955 convention two basic policy resolutions dealing with state merger were adopted, along with a resolution amending the constitution which authorizes the Executive Board "to call a special constitutional convention whenever the Executive Board deems it necessary for the purpose of effectuating the merger between the CIO-California Industrial Union Council and the California Federation of Labor, AFL. In addition, the constitutional amendment authorizes and empowers the officers and Board to:

1. "reduce or eliminate, to the extent deemed practicable, duplicating functions and activities between the two labor federations . . ." and

2. "to establish and promote . . . such organizational work and activities as may be deemed desirable in the establishment of a state department of industrial unions under the forthcoming AFL-CIO merger."

In line with this latter point, the convention unanimously adopted a detailed resolution "Establishment of a State Department of Industrial Unions Under the National Department of Industrial Organizations of the AFL-CIO."

The other basic policy resolution set forth the principles and methods of merger as "the basis for negotiating an honorable, organic labor unity between the two state labor federations."

It went on to say that "this resolution shall constitute policy guidance to the CIO members of the CIO State Merger Negotiating Committee."

The members of the merger committee, appointed by the Board, have made every and all efforts to be

guided by the concepts approved by the delegates assembled at the 1955 state convention.

As of this writing three meetings of the joint 20-man AFL-CIO Merger Committee have been held. The 10 members of the merger committee for the State Council include your two officers, seven vice presidents and one Board member, Herbert Wilson (URW). The Vice Presidents are: Jack Bruhl (OCAW), Robert Clark (USA), Sam Eubanks (SFONG), Al King (CWA), Jerome Posner (ACWA), Edward Shedlock (UWUA), and DeWitt Stone (UAW).

The results of the three meetings have not been too positive. The merger discussions are at a stalemate since no agreement has been reached in the important areas of structure, democratic procedures, functions under a new merged organization and the matter of union representation on the policy making levels within the new state labor organization.

As mandated by the National AFL-CIO, merger, if not a reality by December 5, 1957, will be consummated by the national organization which is empowered to call a merger convention for said purpose.

Your officers are certain that the members of the merger committee, representing not only the Council but former CIO unions in California, would agree to this statement: we shall continue to negotiate in good faith, cognizant of the desires of former CIO unions and will continue to work for the achievement of state merger in which basic principles will not be demeaned for the sake of expediency or anyone's personal gain.

V. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

The comments made in this portion are intended to be brief since the Department of Education and Legislative Research has been involved in virtually all phases of Council activity noted throughout the Report.

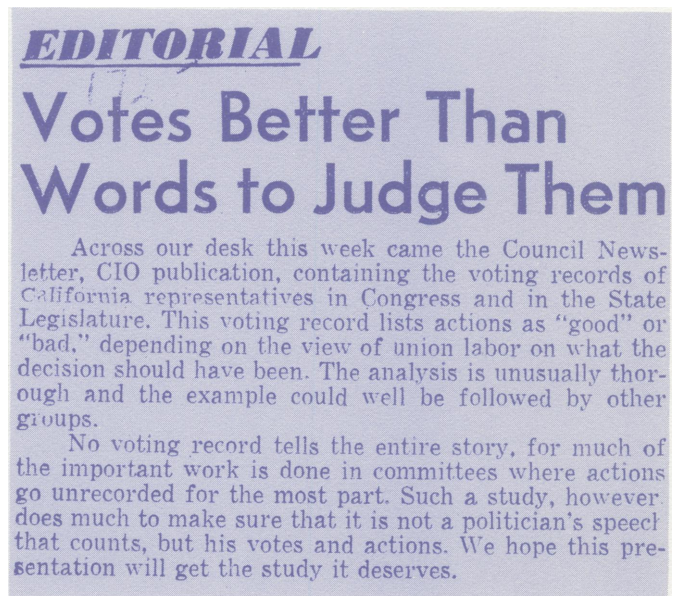
A great deal of the work of this branch of the Council has been in the preparation and dissemination of legislative and political information not only for educational purposes but to stimulate union and community activity.

Among the numerous responsibilities of the Department is the publication of the official organ, the *Council Newsletter*.

The *Newsletter* has been well received by our affiliates and members as well as by individuals and organizations outside the labor movement. In addition to its distribution within labor, the publication is mailed to the metropolitan dailies, college libraries in California, state and national legislators, out-of-state councils or federations, national and international AFL-CIO officials, certain governmental departments and to individuals and organizations that have expressed a desire to receive it.

The *Newsletter* receiving most favorable reaction was the special edition devoted to the 1955 congressional and state legislative votes on key issues.

While there are several good examples of newspaper reaction to this undertaking, the following has been selected as typical. It appeared in the March 22, 1956 issue of the *Inglewood Morningside News Advertiser*. This is a photograph of the newspaper clipping:



Among other matters with which the Department concerns itself:

1. The annual State Council Summer School. This year the school was held from September 9-15 at California Hot Springs, Tulare County. For further details your attention is directed to the special report on the summer school by Ruth Miller, Chairman of the State Council Education Committee (see page 16).

2. Furnishing specialized data to unions and organizations so requesting. Information to out-of-state councils or federations is also furnished.

3. Preparation and distribution of election analysis reports for the information of union leadership and those active in the political community.

4. Taking care of a myriad of questions through the mail or over the phone from both unions and outside groups.

5. Preparation of letters to California legislators on both the national and state level, in addition to dis-

seminating information on the issues to unions and the community.

6. Periodically educational and background material is mailed to political clubs and the state central committees of both parties for their perusal. One example, was the distribution of 2,500 copies of an AFL-CIO publication regarding "The Labor Monopoly Myth." The value of such an undertaking is well illustrated in the following letter written by a member of the State Republican Central Committee. This is a photograph of the letter:

2169 West California St.
San Diego 1, California
April 24, 1956

CIO California Industrial Union Council
117 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Gentlemen:

I have just received the February issue of Labor's ECONOMIC REVIEW, which is a complimentary copy sent me by your Organization. Obeying an impulse I am immediately writing you to complement you on the issue.

Your presentation of your topic, the "Labor Monopoly Myth," is reasonable, restrained, and convincing. I particularly like the manner in which you reasoned that the Labor Unions are really a bulwark of the Free Enterprise system. This should be obvious to a nation in which prosperity depends upon mass buying. This is quite aside from humanitarian considerations, which require an acceptable living standard for all citizens.

I have appreciated receiving your publication. It is encouraging that the tone of your articles is not inflammatory, but seeks to present your side of labor problems in a calm, collected manner. It makes one believe our economic and social problems are not unsolvable.

Again congratulating you in a fine edition,

Yours truly,
Nancy Esther Wessell
Mrs. Nancy Esther Wessell

7. Arrange for members of the Council staff and other labor spokesmen to speak before union and community groups.

8. Preparation of press releases as a phase of the California Industrial Union Council's public relations

and information programs. (See Appendix II for samples of newspaper coverage of Council activities.)

9. Preparation of the respective brochures on ballot recommendations and candidate recommendations was another responsibility of the Department.

10. The Director of the Department and the Education Committee chairman have actively served on the AFL-CIO Labor Advisory Committee to Los Angeles State College. Two labor education conferences have been held to date—one on automation, the other on union public relations. On December 14-15, 1956, a conference on Workmen's Compensation will be held and this conference, as well as the previous ones, finds the State Council as one of the sponsors.

This, in brief, is a thumbnail sketch of the activities of the Department of Education and Legislative Research. It should be noted that during the regular state legislative session (the last one was 1955), the Department concerns itself with regional and statewide legislative conferences, bill analysis, etc.

Every effort has been made through the Department of Education and Legislative Research to help further advance the cause of organized labor and to help disseminate information in this behalf.

VI. COUNCIL COOPERATION WITH UNIONS

Whenever a union on strike or in financial straits has sought the assistance of the Council in "spreading the word" for financial or physical help, your Council has responded promptly and with sincere interest. Through State Council letter appeals and through the *Council Newsletter* locals on strike have received assistance once their sister unions know of the situation.

The California boundary is not used as an excuse to be oblivious of unions in other sections of the nation. Your Council, for example, has aided in publicizing the UAW boycott against Kohler products by publishing the list of firms in California handling the products made by the Kohler Company in Wisconsin and against whom Local 833, UAW has been on strike since April 5, 1954.

The auto-typist service and other office equipment have been made readily available to unions so desiring to avail themselves of the facilities.

The Council has, when the occasion arises, filed "friend of the court" briefs in cases involving a union. The most recent such brief filed was in the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild case dealing with severance pay, previously discussed in this Report.

And, as also noted previously, the Council offers assistance in local matters where a local council does not exist, as in the case of helping to defeat the proposed anti-picketing ordinance in the City of Costa Mesa.

Whenever physically possible, your officers attend and participate in local union functions, graduation

ceremonies of AFL-CIO Community Services Counsellors, and special institutes, summer schools and/or conferences of international unions.

At this juncture the officers wish to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the fine spirit of cooperation extended by unions—both local and international—to the Council in its work.

Cooperation is only meaningful when it is a two-way street. Our unions have travelled the road willingly and in sincerity. It has been the earnest aim of your Council to do likewise.

VII. REPRESENTATION

- in state government activities
- in federal government activities
- in community or civic activities

A great deal of time and effort has been devoted by your Council officers and other union representatives recommended by the Council or Executive Board in representing the California Industrial Union Council and its affiliates in state, federal, and community or civic activities.

A full discussion of this phase of activity in these respective areas of participation would, in itself, make a complete and separate Officers Report. Therefore, the following is an attempt to present the information in a concise manner and to convey the overall picture.

→ In State Government Activities

Your Council, recognizing that state government involves more than merely participation in legislative matters, has taken an active role in the operation of state government in the administrative or executive branch. Those serving on state committees or agencies or engaging in state conferences are either your Council officers or persons recommended by the Council officers or Executive Board.

Briefly, here is the picture:

1. Your President serves on (a) the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth; (b) the Governor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped; (c) the Labor-Management Committee of the Department of Employment.

2. Your Secretary-Treasurer is a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Crime Prevention established by the Attorney General.

3. The Director of the Department of Education and Legislative Research serves on the advisory committee of the special research project on "Rehabilitation of the Industrially Injured." This special project, authorized by the legislature, is being conducted by the Department of Education and the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

4. The Council participated in (a) the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies, hosted by the California Department of Employment; (b) the Governor's Conference on Education, and (c) will participate in the Governor's Conference on Mental Health.

5. On the legislative level, the Secretary-Treasurer is a member of a committee serving as an Advisory Group to the Senate Interim Judiciary Committee concerned with county tax equalization.

6. Bernard Simon (UAW) is performing a first rate job on the California Apprenticeship Council.

7. Through the recommendation of the Council officers, James Daniels, IUMSWA Director, serves on the Governor's Committee on Shipbuilding and Repair.

8. CWA Director Louis Knecht has done an outstanding job as a member of the Correctional Industries Commission.

9. Jerome Posner, manager of the Los Angeles Joint Board, ACWA, has been performing an outstanding public service as a member of the Clothing Trade Advisory Committee of the State Prisons.

10. The Council's activities in state government extend to all phases of activity related to the preservation of human and natural resources. An example is its participation in the California Fire Prevention Committee on whose executive committee your Secretary-Treasurer serves. It is sponsored by the California Division of Forestry, county fire departments and the U. S. Forest Service.

11. Carl Allen (OCAW) as Chairman of the Council Committee on Safety and Workmen's Compensation represents this organization as well as his own in the matter of state safety orders. In addition, he is a member of the steering committee of the Governor's Safety Conference, an annual event.

The officers would like to end this phase of the Report by stressing that this matter of participating in state government activities, either through participation in state agencies or committees or through the legislative and elective processes, is a daily job made necessary not only to protect the rank and file citizens of the state, but is an expression of organized labor's philosophy that a worthy citizen is a participating citizen. This is equally true of organizations which are, in the final analysis, groups of individual citizens banded together for mutual objectives. In the case of organized labor we can all be proud of the fact that these mutual objectives are geared not only for the privileged few but for the many.

➔ In Federal Government Activities

Council participation in the federal legislative field has been discussed elsewhere in this Report.

It should be noted that the Council representative at the President's Conference on Education was Vice President Sam Eubanks (SFONG), who also participated in the preliminary work of and participation in the state conference on education called by the Governor—the state conference was a prelude to that held on the national level.

A few comments should be made about the national conference at which 1800 delegates convened during the latter part of 1955.

Despite the process, and despite the peculiar manner in which the matter of Federal aid was set for discussion, the Conference went on record two to one in favor of increased Federal financial aid. An overwhelming majority went on record favoring Federal funds for school construction, while the group divided about evenly on the proposition of Federal aid for school operation.

With the State, Territorial and White House Conferences over, the Committee for the White House Conference settled down to draft its report. In many instances, the Committee report was an accurate reflection of sentiments expressed in the report of the White House Conference and the State and Territorial meetings. On the subject of Federal aid, however, the Committee recommended only "that the Federal government provide school building aid to the States and Territories on a short-time emergency basis." This is a far weaker recommendation than that made by the Conference, and is in marked contrast to the Committee's own estimate "that within the next decade the dollars spent on education in this Nation should be approximately doubled."

Thus, after millions of words of talk in every State and Territory, after nearly 2,000 men and women travelled to Washington, after nearly three-quarters of a million dollars had been spent by Uncle Sam, the Committee for the White House Conference on Education ducked the one big issue in education today.

The Council office has directed communications to the State Department setting forth the official AFL-CIO position in the matter of the Middle East, in addition to legislative correspondence in the matter.

The State Council has representation in the person of its President on the Manpower Committee of the U. S. Department of Labor.

➔ In Community or Civic Activities

AFL-CIO Flood Relief Committee

Without a doubt the most noteworthy community undertaking was that involved with the disastrous California floods of last Christmas.

Upon the initiative of the Council officers the State Federation of Labor agreed to join with us in the

creation of the "AFL-CIO Flood Relief Committee." The objective of the Committee was to appeal to individual trade unionists and unions to make financial contributions in behalf of the stricken flood victims.

The contributions sent to the joint committee were turned over to the American Red Cross. Thanks to the liaison work by CSC Director Arthur Hellender, and Ray Haeckle, Chairman of the State Council Community Services Committee, the Red Cross authorities assured organized labor representation on the local committees which passed on applications for financial assistance that were filed in the various local areas.

The labor union funds collected—well over the \$150,000 mark—were used specifically to repair and rebuild homes and to replace essential home furnishings. Neither the federal nor state government makes provision for such losses.

Other forms of labor assistance were given, such as the first aid trailer loaned to the Red Cross by UAW, Region 6.

The honor roll of those unions and members who gave is a long and honorable one which will always speak well for the men and women of the California labor movement.

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Actually the number and types of association with community or civic non-profit groups are staggering. Space prohibits an exhaustive listing and commentary.

Selected as examples are the following:

1. The American Association for the United Nations has availed itself of the use of the auto-typist machines for fund raising and membership drives.

2. The Council has continued to work with the NAACP, the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices, the Jewish Labor Committee and other community groups devoted to achieving first class citizenship for all Americans.

3. Cooperation has been extended to the Community Services Organization in its registration drives.

4. The American Federation for the Physically Handicapped, a national non-profit organization, has received financial aid from the Council as permitted by its budget.

5. The Council President serves as a vice president of the 5-county United Bay Area Crusade, in addition to serving on the Executive Board and finance and labor-management committees. In addition, Carl Jones (USA) and Sam Pratt (Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda County Council) are on the Board of Governors of the Crusade. With 288 vital health and welfare agencies, it is now the third largest United Fund in the nation.

6. The California Water and Power Users Association, initiated primarily by the State Grange, has re-

ceived financial contributions from the Council in line with Executive Board action; the President and Vice President Sam Eubanks (SFONG) have represented the Council in the work and decisions of the Association. The objectives of this Association are to join farmers, organized labor and others into a single effort to assure a sound water, power and conservation program in the state. The Association is still in a comparatively embryonic stage.

7. To cite other community organizations and/or activities with which the Council is associated:

a. Advisory Council of Occidental College

b. Labor Advisory Committee of Los Angeles State College

c. American Foundation for Political Education

d. East Bay Health and Welfare Council

e. Advisory Board of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the California Education Study Committee

f. Community Advisory Committee of the Institute of Industrial Relations, UCLA and the Health Plan Consultants Committee associated with the same institution.

g. Freedom Agenda Committee. The objective of the Committee is to encourage the formation of discussion groups on a small scale. The project involves training discussion leaders, financial underwriting and an agenda for such groups.

Support has been given to fund raising affairs for Histadrut; the Council participates in the "Magazines for Friendship" project, a singular effort initiated by a college professor. The current affairs and non-fictional magazines collected by the Council are sent overseas for use by people of other nations.

In addition your Council officers have spoken before various groups or participated in panel discussions. For example, your President spoke before the U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and the Administrative Referees Association.

Your Secretary-Treasurer participated in a forum devoted to the subject "How Should Educational Opportunities Be Increased for the Youth of the United States?" This forum was sponsored by the National University Extension Association in cooperation with the Speech Association of America. Another example was the participation in the "Politics in the 20th Century Series"—a recorded discussion on political issues, trends and the role of labor in the political parties which has been used in community programs such as the Metroplex Forum held at San Bernardino Valley College at which time your Secretary-Treasurer also participated in answering questions on the basis of the recording.

IX. SPECIAL REPORT: 1956 SUMMER SCHOOL

by RUTH MILLER

Chairman, State Council Education Committee

For the seventh consecutive year, the California Industrial Union Council sponsored the Annual Summer School during the week of September 9 to 15.

This year, Region 22 AFL-CIO, the Los Angeles Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, the Oil Workers, the Utility Workers and the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild were co-sponsors.

A union member who is selected to attend this week-long institute goes through a rather rigorous experience.

He begins with an orientation session on Sunday evening at which time he meets the staff, and is given his program for the week. He or she must rise early Monday morning to have breakfast between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. The first class begins at 8:00 and there are three major classes each morning. This is followed by lunch at noon, a workshop of one's choice for the afternoon until 4:00 p.m., and then free time until 6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 the evening meal is served, followed by an evening session lasting until 9:00 p.m.

This year, the major morning classes were: Issues of 1956 and Labor History. For the third session, the ACWA group and the Oil Workers separated from the rest to discuss and examine the problems of their own organizations. The remaining students spent this third period studying state issues and economics.

After lunch each student spent 45 minutes in his or her reading group. For the week, he was required to hand in three reading reports. These reports outline his evaluation of three pieces of labor literature which he has read during that week.

The workshops offered at school were: Public Speaking, Local Union Education Committees, Community Relations and COPE.

Evening sessions were devoted to subjects of general interest to everyone. One evening Mrs. Georgiana Hardy, labor-supported member of the Board of Education, discussed the problems facing the Public Schools. The following evening we explored the AFL-CIO Merger with Irwin De Shetler, Assistant AFL-CIO Regional Director outlining the background and history of merger on a national level and Manuel Dias, president of the California State CIO Council, discussing problems of merger in this state.

Among the recently established groups interested in mental health is the California Committee for a Community Mental Health Services Act on which the President and Secretary-Treasurer represent the California Industrial Union Council. The objective of this broadly representative community group is to seek passage of a community mental health proposal to establish local mental health clinics. An effort to accomplish this in the 1955 session was stymied by the State Senate which killed the Assembly-approved bill.

The foregoing examples are indicative of the comprehensive participation of the California Industrial Union Council in community and civic affairs, programs and projects.

VIII. AFFILIATION REPORT

At the time of this convention, the officers of the Council can point to six years of steady increase in affiliation since the year 1950. In September of that year, 21 international unions, representing 96,587 members, comprised the total affiliation of the Council. In September of this year an affiliation count based on per capita records reveals an affiliation of 26 international unions with a membership of 160,149. This represents an increase of 60% over the 1950 affiliation.

At the date of this Report, per capita records and information furnished by unaffiliated locals show there exists in California 336 former CIO local unions, representing 178,484 members. Of this total membership, 89.9% or 160,419 are affiliated with the Council and 10.1% or 18,335 remain unaffiliated.

While the unaffiliated membership figure of 18,335 might seem an impressive affiliation potential, the facts are somewhat to the contrary, in that during the period since the last convention 15 locals with a membership of 9,500 lost affiliation: 11 for non-payment of per capita and 4 locals were dissolved. Of the remaining 9,000-odd unaffiliated, 50% are newly organized locals.

It is the hope of the officers that those locals which lost affiliation due to financial problems will re-affiliate when such problems are solved and that the newly organized locals will join ranks in the immediate future.

While the period since the last convention reflects the loss of some locals, the over-all picture shows the continued support of its affiliated locals. The Council enters its 7th convention with one of the highest affiliation percentages of state councils in the country.

(The affiliation totals above are based on a count made as of September 30, 1956, and may slightly vary with the affiliation report contained in the convention kit which is based on a count made as of October 31, 1956.)

The final evening session was spent in a discussion of "Automation." AFL-CIO Economist Frank Fernbach outlined some of the major problems of automation and was assisted by a group of staff people in a panel answering questions.

Once again this year, the school was most fortunate in having the services of George Guernsey, assistant director of education, AFL-CIO. Brother Guernsey, an authority in the field of worker's education, has worked with the California CIO Summer School for the seven years in which this project has been a part of our program. He has always helped set the tone of the school in addition to teaching classes and participating in all phases of school activity.

The staff also included: John Despol, secretary-treasurer of the California Industrial Union Council; Geraldine Leshin, director of education and legislative research, California State CIO Council; Ruth Miller, education director, Los Angeles Joint Board, ACWA; Henry Santiestevan, Region 22, AFL-CIO, Al Wickman, assistant research director, Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union.

It is the hope of the sponsors of the school that students attending go back to their own local unions with a greater understanding of the problems of the labor movement and a desire to increase their own activity on its behalf.

X. A WORD OF THANKS

The past year witnessed well attended meetings of both the Executive Board and the California Political Action Committee. To the Board members, Directors, County Council officials and International Union representatives who comprise the Political Action Committee, the officers wish to express grateful appreciation for their participation and cooperation in the important political work which faced us this year.

A special word of thanks is extended to Vice Presidents Bruhl (OCAW), Clark (USA), Eubanks (SFONG), King (CWA), Posner (ACWA) Shedlock (UWUA) and Stone (UAW) for their assistance and advice and for representing the Council on various occasions.

Special thanks goes to COPE Area Director George B. Roberts. In his travels around the state he has very

ably explained the legislative and political action programs of our State Council and has effectively urged all-out cooperation by local unions.

To Regional Director Dan Flanagan and Assistant Regional Director Irwin DeShetler go special thanks for the fine cooperation and understanding they and the regional office staff have extended to the Council.

In the last two crowded weeks prior to the November election, AFL-CIO staff member Henry Santiestevan took over the task of handling the publication of pre-election *Newsletter* issues and for this we wish publicly to acknowledge our thanks.

Grateful appreciation is extended to Community Services Committee Directors Charles Harding (South) and Arthur Hellender (North) for their cooperation in representing the Council before community agencies and state governmental bodies. Brothers Harding and Hellender are to be commended for their role in the establishment of union counselling courses for union members in Southern and Northern California respectively. The Northern California Community Services Committee is to be commended for the excellent job done during the Christmas floods in Northern California. A great measure of the success of the AFL-CIO Flood Relief Committee goes to the work performed by Brother Arthur Hellender whose jurisdiction covers Northern California.

Chairman Ruth Miller and members of the State Council Education Committee must come in for special commendation for their work in behalf of the 1956 State Council Summer School. In addition we wish to extend our thanks to the Chairmen of the other Council Committees—William McMahan (CWA), Housing; E. J. Franklin (UAW), Civil Rights; Carl Allen (OCAW), Safety and Workmen's Compensation, and Ray Haeckle (USA), Community Services Committee.

And to the affiliated unions, County Councils, Joint Boards and District Councils whose financial and moral support and cooperation have made possible the type of activities contained in this Report, our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL DIAS, *President*

JOHN A. DESPOL, *Secretary-Treasurer*

APPENDIX I

SAMPLES OF LETTERS INDICATING BROAD SPAN OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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 WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA
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 MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, TENTH DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN
 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

COMMITTEES
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 AND CORPORATIONS

May 11, 1956

Mr. Manuel Dias, President
 California Industrial Union Council
 7208 E. 14th Street
 Oakland 21, California

Dear Manuel:

May I thank you and the California CIO Political Action Committee for endorsing me for reelection to the Assembly from the 10th District of California.

I have enjoyed working with you and with John, as well as the local representative from your local Union in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, and I want you to know that this endorsement is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

DONALD D. DOYLE

DDD/bh

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 William B. Miller

September 22, 1955

Mr. John A. Despol
 117 W. 9th Street, Room 911
 Los Angeles 14, California

Dear John:

I am enclosing a copy of a very nice letter which I received today from President Sproul of the University of California thanking the Subcommittee for its report on the Community Advisory Committee of the Institute of Industrial Relations.

In the event that President Sproul has not had the opportunity to write you individually, I am sending this copy as a means of passing on to you his word of thanks.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express to you again my own thanks and appreciation for your cooperation in the work preparatory to the submission of our report.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Miller.

WBM:mm
 Enc.

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June 21, 1956 739 SO. FIGUEROA STREET
 LOS ANGELES 17, CALIFORNIA
 MICHIGAN 8821

Mr. John A. Despol, Secy-Treas.
 California Industrial Union Council
 117 W. 9th St.
 Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear John:

I was very happy to represent you at the Union Counselling Graduation exercises in San Diego on June 7th, and thought you'd be interested in a report.

Thirty-two Union Counsellors were graduated from a nine week course, and I presented them with certificates on your behalf. Exercises were held at the Bayside Social Center, which is one of the agencies they support, through the United Success Drive. It's a youth project devoted primarily to character building and prevention of juvenile delinquency through the competitive sports method. We were the guests of the agency, and coffee and cake was served. Jim Curry, Secretary of the San Diego Council, was Master of Ceremonies.

Jim Curry, as you might know, was also responsible for promoting, directing and sponsoring the Union Counselling course, which was a joint AFL and CIO effort. Union counsellors graduating were representative of both AFL and CIO unions. Top leaders in the health and welfare field in that area assisted as speakers at the classes and in coaching Union Counsellors on services in the community and how to use them.

Thanking you for this opportunity, and with best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Charles J. Harding
 Director

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April 13, 1956

Mr. Manuel Dias, President
 California Industrial Union Council
 117 W. Ninth Street
 Los Angeles, California (15)

Dear Friends:

We wish to express our profound appreciation to you for your contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100). We shall always be grateful to you for your moral and financial support to those of us who are involved in litigation as a result of the bus boycott here.

We cannot adequately thank you for your faith, encouragement and Christian generosity.

Fraternally yours,

M. L. King, Jr.

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May 17, 1956

Mr. Manuel Dias, President
 CIO - Calif. Industrial Union Council
 7208 East 14th Street
 Oakland 21, California

Dear Mr. Dias:

I greatly appreciate your contribution to my campaign which was delivered to me by Marinda Meininger of Sacramento.

The check has been turned over to my campaign committee and I am really thankful for your fine cooperation.

Sincerely,

ROY J. NIELSEN
 Assemblyman

RJN:wf

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Dear Manuel and John:

Thanks very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate very much the continued endorsement of the CIO California Industrial Union Council.

I take a great deal of pride in knowing that I have had the endorsements of organized labor every campaign since you first endorsed me in the summer of 1942.

As you know, I have remained loyal to the principles which I espoused in that an every succeeding campaign.

I trust that the results of the forth coming campaign will be as satisfactory to each of us as it has been in the past.

Sincerely yours,

CHET HOLIFIELD, M.C.

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 VICE-CHAIRMAN
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September 17, 1956

Mrs. Sue Cloutier
 C.I.O. California Industrial Council
 7208 East 14th Street
 Oakland 21, California

Dear Mrs. Cloutier:

Thank you for the tremendous job you did for us in those new registered voter letters. They are very effective in my district, and I know that they will certainly help in the re-election campaign.

Received the last shipment and am now frantically signing them so we can get them out right away.

Thanks again for the tremendous job.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. REES

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26th DISTRICT
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July 3, 1956

Mr John Despol, Secretary-Treasurer
 CIO Industrial Union Council
 Room 911
 117 West 9th Street
 Los Angeles 15, California

Dear John:

My very best thanks to you and your staff for so kindly making your facilities available to help us get out our little "thank-you" notes after the Primary Campaign.

This is just one more of the many services you seem always ready to perform for us at a moment's notice and I want you to know that I thoroughly appreciate all of them.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

James Roosevelt

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SOLVANS, CALIFORNIA

October 11, 1956

Council Newsletter
California Industrial Union Council
117 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, 15, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Please be kind enough to send us a copy of the Council Newsletter of February 15, 1956. It is a special edition and contains the voting records of state and national legislators.

If you have any other information published later than Feb. 15 regarding the voting records of office holders seeking state and national office next month, particularly Republicans, please send this too.

Would it be possible to have this newspaper placed on your mailing list?

Very truly yours,
[Signature]
KING MERRILL
Editor.

3704 Sherman Way
Sacramento 17, California
April 30, 1956

Miss Geraldine Leshin, Director
Research and Education, C.I.O.
117 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear Miss Leshin:

I am anxious to obtain a copy of two of your recent publications. One is a recent analysis of elections in California; the other, your "Political Handbook". I am hoping these will contain information which will contribute to my doctoral research on the Democratic Party in California. Your study has been recommended to me by Professor Peter Odgaard, of the University of California, under whose direction I am doing my research.

I shall be glad to pay the cost of these materials and the postage for sending them. Thank you so much for obliging me.

Sincerely yours,
Ronald E. Chinn

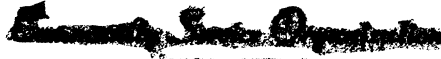
746- Panorama Drive
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May 17th, 1956

California Industrial Union Council
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for which please send me ten copies of the Special Voting Records. Some one mailed me a copy, and I found it so interesting and instructive I sent for 50 of them, and I have already distributed them around, and find I can use more.

Sincerely,
Mabel Rohde
Mrs. Edward Rohde
746- Panorama Drive
Whittier, Calif.



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April 29, 1956

Mr. John Bessel-Sec.-Treas.
C.I.O.-Calif. Industrial Union Council
117 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear John:

I wish to acknowledge your generous contribution of typing and addressing over 2,000 letters for CSO's effort to raise funds to conduct a statewide Voter-Registration drive among Spanish-speaking U.S. citizens.

You, I am sure, would be interested in knowing that all our 19 Chapters in California have just ended a successful campaign and are now preparing the "CSO's get-out-the-vote drive" for election day. One good example of the work being done, is indicated by the most recent report received that states that our newest Chapter in Sacramento registered close to 3,000 new voters. This, they feel, puts them in the same category as our elder chapters.

At this time, I am printing 20,000 new pamphlets for our next drive after the primary elections. We are grateful to you and your organization that helped make all this work possible; because not only does this make our neighbors better and more responsible citizens, but it adds to the bargaining power of our communities that need so many improvements. What you have given us is more than money--it is the strength to help ourselves.

I must also congratulate you for the amiable staff in your office and wish to thank each and everyone of you for your interest in CSO's work and the wonderful help that you gave me.

On behalf of our members and myself, I want to thank you and assure you that our gratitude is endless.

Fraternally Yours,

[Signature]
Anthony P. Rios, National President
COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION, INC.

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September 30, 1955

C.I.O. California Industrial
Union Council Newsletter
117 West 9th Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Gentlemen:

I have your September 16th issue of the Council Newsletter and am wondering about getting extra copies. The reprint of "Eisenhower as I See Him" by William V. Shannon, the Washington correspondent for the New York Post is outstanding, and something I believe deserves wide circulation. I would like to get 50 copies of that issue of the Newsletter if the expense would not be too great. Could you please let me know what the cost might be.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
John E. Thorne

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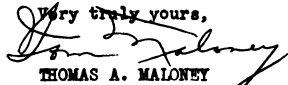
Mr. Manuel Dias, President
CIO-California Industrial Union Council
7208 East 14th Street
Oakland 21, California

Friend Manuel:

My campaign committee has just informed me of your generosity in helping my campaign.

Thanks ever so much and thanks again to the Council for the endorsement.

With my kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

THOMAS A. MALONEY

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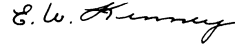
Dear Brother Despol:

May I take this opportunity to again express the appreciation of our International Union for the time and effort you expended in our behalf by attending and participating in our educational conference held recently in Portland, Oregon.

We believe that this conference was successful due, mostly, to the willingness of persons like yourself to lend a hand.

Thanks again, and with every best wish, I remain

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,



E. W. Kenney, Director
Research and Education

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Assembly California Legislature

FRANK LUCKEL
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, SEVENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT
RULES COMMITTEE

February 8, 1956

Mr. John A. Despol
CIO California Industrial Union Council
117 North Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear John:

Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me "The Case Against 'Right To Work' Laws".

I wish all those people who are opposed to us could be induced to read this. I have done so and am indebted to you.

Yours sincerely,

FL:LL


FRANK LUCKEL
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1036 Savoy Street
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
Seoul, Korea,
September 6, 1956

Dear Sirs:

I wish to thank you for the box of magazines which you sent through "Magazines for Friendship". They will be distributed among our fifteen Korean cultural centers. These centers are run, financed and used entirely by Koreans and any help they receive is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours



Thomas G. Garner
Director, Seoul Information Center

CIO-California Industrial Union Council,
117 W. Ninth St.
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

February 24, 1956

Mr. John A. Despol,
California CIO Council
117 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear John:

The outstanding success of the recent Automation Conference was due in large part to the wonderful cooperation we received from your office through Garry Leshin both in planning the program and in arranging for delegates to attend.

We should like at this time to express our appreciation to you for lending your support and to assure you that we are relying on your advice and help on subsequent offerings in our new labor education program.

Cordially,

Mary Fryor
(Mrs.) Mary Fryor, Coordinator
Educational Services

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March 21, 1956

Mr. John Despol, Secretary-Treasurer
California State CIO Council
117 West Ninth Street, Room 811
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear Mr. Despol:

We are deeply grateful to you and to the California State CIO Council for your assistance in promoting the luncheon for Dr. Jacob Seidenberg, Executive Director of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Without your support our promotional job would not have been done nearly so well.

I do hope you and other members of your Council will be able to attend the luncheon on March 28th. It seems to me we can make a real contribution toward eliminating discrimination against minority groups through proper application of the law governing defense contracts.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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September 26, 1956

Calif. Industrial Union Council
117 West 9th Street
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

Attention: Jerri Leshin

Dear Jerri:

Effective the first of the year our Institute will maintain a research and educational library for the use of members and officers of Unions in educational activities within their own organizations.

We would appreciate it very much if you could send us one copy of each issue of the Council Newsletter for a permanent reference file and in addition any copies of publications affecting the welfare of workers or their families which may become available to you.

The assistance you have so frequently given us in the past is sincerely appreciated. Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

John Condon
JOHN CONDON
Executive Director

JC:SA

The California Industrial Union Council
117 West 9th Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Attn: Mr. John A. Despol,
Secretary-Treasurer

Dear John:

Last year your organization put out a book called "A Handbook on State and Local Taxes". By now you have had so many compliments on it that I hardly need any further.

I would like to ask you for a copy for our mayor, however, as he saw the copy I had here in our office and was tremendously impressed. He is, incidentally, a fine Democrat and one who will put the book to very good usage. If you could send me a copy for him it would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

John E. Thorne
John E. Thorne

JET:ps

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
July 2, 1956

Mr. John A. Despol
Secretary-Treasurer
California Industrial Union Council
117 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear Mr. Despol:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 27 expressing your interest in the passage of H. R. 11742, calling for 180,000 public housing units over a three-year period. The Senate had voted for 135,000 units a year up to the limit of 500,000.

As you probably already know, the House Rules Committee on Friday, June 20, killed this measure by voting 6 to 4 to table it. This bill contained not only the public housing provision, but also authorized additional funds for regular housing programs and for liberalizing FHA provisions for home improvement loans. Although I understand that Chairman Spence of the House Banking and Currency Committee was asked by the Rules Committee if he could not bring before the Committee a bill which would contain only provision for regular FHA programs, it is unlikely that such a proposal will be ready during this session of Congress.

Thank you for letting me have the benefit of your stand on this legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Glenard P. Lipscomb
Glenard P. Lipscomb
Member of Congress

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December 21, 1955

Dear Friend:

We are happy to enclose herewith our official receipt for your recent contribution to the Israel Histadrut Campaign through the Third Annual Garment Industry Dinner arranged jointly by management and labor of the industry.

This is the 32nd Annual Campaign of the Histadrut. This year the pioneers of Israel are involved in a struggle for their very survival. Arms shipments to the Arab States are threatening the very lifeline of the young State, the Negev, and the Histadrut settlements there, which, while designed as outposts for peaceful development, have, out of necessity, to serve as bastions for democracy and freedom.

We are glad you responded to our call; in spite of all the threats to Israel's economic and political independence, Histadrut goes on building. One of these buildings is the newest medical center - the Bellinson hospital with a 700-bed capacity - a proud addition to the 14 hospitals, 863 clinics, 140 infant welfare stations and rest homes for newcomers, army veterans and old pioneers - the whole medical network of Kupat Holim, Histadrut's health service.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, and looking forward to your continued support, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Manuel H. Fineman
Manuel H. Fineman, Chairman
Garment Industry Committee

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September 28, 1955

California Industrial Union Council
117 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Attention: Education and Research Dept.

Gentlemen:

We have been very interested in your pamphlet, "Parliamentary Law Chart". Would it be possible to obtain 100 copies or more for department use? California High School is a new school and therefore has limited resources.

As we are in the process of establishing our department, these materials will become a permanent part of our file. We will appreciate whatever assistance you can give.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur T. Hobson
Principal

By *Ann Jean Duke*
(Mrs.) Ann Jean Duke
Basic Course Department
10th Grade Level

AJD:jj

September 12, 1956

CIO California Industrial Union Council
117 W. Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the CIO-California Industrial Union Council, Proceedings of 6th Annual Convention. I am sure that our faculty and students will find this a very useful pamphlet.

Very truly yours,

Ernest W. Toy, Jr.
Ernest W. Toy, Jr.
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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

THANK YOU FOR SENDING US THE STANDARD QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR U. S. SENATE AND CONGRESS. WE FIND THEM TO BE EXCELLENT AND SHOW MANY HOURS OF WORK AND THOUGHT IN PREPARATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD SEND US TWO (2) COPIES EACH OF QUESTIONNAIRE 2D AND TWO (2) COPIES OF THE SIMILAR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. IS IT POSSIBLE TO PURCHASE THESE QUESTIONNAIRES? IF SO, WHERE MAY WE OBTAIN THEM?

OF COURSE, BEING A RESIDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY SPECIALLY PREPARED ONES FOR INDIVIDUAL STATES FOR STATE ASSEMBLYMEN OR SENATORS. CAN YOU GIVE US THIS INFORMATION?

CONGRATULATING YOU, AGAIN, FOR PREPARING SUCH AN EXCELLENT QUESTIONNAIRE AND THANKING YOU FOR ANY FUTURE HELP WHICH YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE US, I AM

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

James J. A. Gallagher
JAMES J. A. GALLAGHER
CHAIRMAN C.O.P.E.

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CIO Calif. Industrial Union
Council
John A Despol
117 W 9th St.
Rm 911
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

Bw-Bn/T1 9. 7. 1956

Dear Colleagues:

On May 25, the CARE Mission at Bad Godesberg, delivered to us a Bookshelf package with 99 selected books in the English language. In the sense and terms with which this gift was made, we have put these books at the disposal of our membership and are eager to express our best thanks for the gift to the donating trade union.

We are convinced that this gift may contribute to create a more lasting and intimate friendship especially in a time like the present, which is full of danger and anxiety. With his hope, we remain, again with best thanks and the friendliest greetings

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December 12, 1955

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CHARLES M. TEAGUE
12th DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

June 25, 1956

John Despol, Secretary-Treasurer
California C.I.O. Council
117 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Despol:

Thank you for your telegram on the subject of the discharge petition relating to civil rights legislation.

Normally, I hesitate to sign discharge petitions, but I have made an exception in this case and have signed. Inasmuch as this is a matter of such great importance, I feel it should be acted upon. I expect to cast my vote in its favor.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Teague

CHARLES M. TEAGUE, M. C.

Forman G Chambers,
PAC & ED. Chairman
1040 1/2 W. 42 Street
Los Angeles 37, Cal.,



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John A. Despol,
Secretary-Treasurer
CIO California Industrial
Union Council
117 W. 9th St.
Los Angeles 15, Cal.

Mr. John A. Despol

Dear sir:-

Please be informed that the handbook for political action "How to Win" has been received. In reply to your request on my reaction of the same, I find the information fascinatingly helpful. While, quite apologetically, having not read the book from cover to cover I have found the areas of immediate concern very helpful. And believe me I will get around to reading the entire book.

Some of the members of my committee have asked of the possibility of buying the same. It would be highly appreciated if you could spare four or five more for them. It is my belief that being in possession of such worthwhile information can be of extreme usefulness.

The books, may be addressed to the following address:

Forman G Chambers, Ch. PAC & ED. Comm.
Local #230
5150 E. Gage St.

Thanks for all consideration.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Forman G Chambers
Forman G Chambers.

Mr. John Despol,
c/o C. I. O. State Council,
117 West Ninth Street,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Despol:-

Thank you very much for arranging to have Mrs. Case do the letters for our membership campaign. They look very fine, and it was extremely helpful to have them done.

Sincerely yours,

Terry Elman
(Mrs.) Terry Elman
Vice President
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April, 11, 1956

Dept. of Education & Research,
Geraldine Leshin, Director,

Dear Miss Leshin,

On behalf of our Local, and myself,

I wish to thank you for the booklets you have recently sent me, covering Calif. State unemployment and Workmens compensation, etc.

We are a new Local, and do have a lot to catch up with, concerning the whole labor movement.

I believe I can speak for all of us, when I say the scope of your (AFL-CIO) activities are amazing, we did not realize to what extent your various programs have reached.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Harvey Hutchings
Harvey Hutchings
Financial Secretary
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Office of the
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April 6, 1956

Mr. John A. Despol
Secretary-Treasurer
California Industrial Union Council
117 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

Dear Brother Despol:

Our heartfelt thanks to you for asking your Congressmen to support the AFL-CIO resolution on Israel. We feel that your letters together with the many letters from other trade union bodies will be very helpful.

Certainly the sending of tanks to Saudi Arabia by the United States emphasizes the correctness of the trade unions on the problems of the Middle East. Copies of the letters have been sent to Histadrut (General Federation of Labor of Israel.) Our trade union brothers in Israel need to know that they are not alone in their hour of peril.

Sincerely yours,

Gregory J. Baradacke
Gregory J. Baradacke
Executive Director

GJB:RJ

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December 14, 1955.

CIO California Council,
Room 911,
117 W 9th Street,
LOS ANGELES 15, Calif.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have just had an opportunity to see your Tool Kit - "Kit No. 1 - How to Write to Your Legislator".

This office would be very interested in receiving one or two samples of the material you put into these kits. If you are continuing this on the basis of a series, we would appreciate if you would mail us the following issues of this Tool Kit too. I think this is a wonderful idea which we may be able to apply to our own conditions in Canada.

I hope that you will be able to send us some of your material.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Henry Weisbach,
Executive Secretary.

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November 8, 1955

John A. Despol, Secretary-Treasurer
California C.I.O. Council
117 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear John:

I have just read your October 14 issue of your "Council Newsletter". I believe it to be a splendid and informative job.

Because most of us are quick to criticize and to give each other a little hell, I want to say something nice about a most satisfactory production -- your "Council Newsletter."

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jacob Clayman, Secy-Treas.
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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

May 12, 1956

Mr. Manuel Dias, President
CIO-California Industrial Union Council
7208 East 14th Street
Oakland 21, California

My dear Mr. Dias:

I want to thank you for the endorsement of the California CIO Political Action Committee given my candidacy for re-election as Representative in Congress, 8th Congressional District of California.

I am proud that labor has continuously supported me during the period that I have been in public office and pledge to give you the same service in the future that I have given you in the past.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. MILLER

GPM:jf



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117 W. Ninth St.
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Sincerely yours,

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May 8, 1956

Mr. Manuel Dias, President
CIO-California Industrial Union Council
7208 East 14th Street
Oakland 21, California


Dear Mr. Dias:

I have your note informing me that my
candidacy has received the endorsement of the
California CIO Political Action Committee, and
needless to say I am very pleased and apprecia-
tive.

Please convey to your members my heartfelt
thanks, and assure them that I shall try in the
future as I have in the past, to keep their in-
terests in mind.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


John E. Moss
Member of Congress

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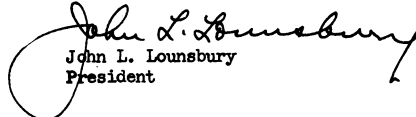
Mr. John Despol
Congress of Industrial Organizations
1060 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Despol:

The reactions we have received here at Valley College
to our Metroplex Forum last Tuesday evening have been
enthusiastic. This is a note to express my deep
appreciation and that of Valley College for your
contribution to the Forum program.

We are well aware that our attempt to clarify important
political issues would be feeble indeed without the
cooperation of informed and interested people like
yourself.

Sincerely,


John L. Lounsbury
President

JLL/ew

WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD
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Congress of the United States
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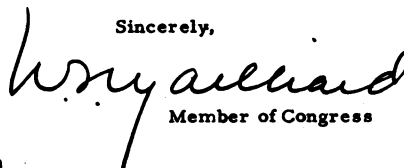
Gentlemen:

This is an acknowledgement of your letter of May 4
signed by Manuel Dias, President, and John A.
Despol, Secretary-Treasurer, advising me of the
Council's support of my candidacy for re-election.

Needless to say, I am tremendously pleased that
you have found my political record to be one which
indicates helpfulness to the working men and women
of our great state.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Member of Congress

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APPENDIX II

SAMPLES OF NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

400 Leaders to Hear Automation Talks

By FRED H. WEIGEL
Herald-Express Labor Reporter

What is described as the largest gathering of AFL and CIO leaders in the nation since merger was accomplished in New York last month gets under way this evening when a two-day conference on automation opens at Los Angeles State College.

The conference, planned to discuss the problems which automation is creating, also initiates a labor education program being instituted by the college, according to Dr. Howard S. McDonald, college president.

More than 400 Southern California labor leaders are scheduled to attend the conference, which will be opened by W. J. Bassett, secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles AFL Central Labor Council, and Albert T. Lunceford, who holds a similar post with Greater Los Angeles CIO Council.

Keynote speaker will meet

STATE CIO OK'S MERGER

Long Beach Meet in Steps to Achieve Labor Unity

By Harry Bernstein

LONG BEACH, Nov. 5.—Merger of the California Congress of Industrial Organizations and American Federation of Labor took a major step forward here today as delegates to the state CIO convention unanimously endorsed the proposed merger and outlined plans for achieving it.

The state CIO also called for the establishment in California of a Council of Industrial Organizations to be set up within the new merged labor federation as a means of maintaining and encouraging industrial trade unionism.

The AFL traditionally is composed of unions whose members are employed in the same craft, while CIO industrial unions take in all employees, regardless of craft differences, within a plant or industry.

It was primarily over the question of craft versus industrial unionism that the CIO split from the AFL in

State CIO Unit Meets In Fresno

The executive board of the California State CIO Council, meeting today in the Fresno Hacienda Motel, was expected to name a committee to negotiate the merger of the council with the California Federation of Labor, the AFL counterpart.

Manuel Dias of Oakland, the president of the CIO council, said the committee to be named and a similar committee from the AFL will begin deliberations early in March.

The national bodies of the AFL and the CIO, in their merger agreement, directed the state organizations to join as soon as practical.

The council's secretary, John Despol of Los Angeles, said the CIO's state Political Action Committee will meet tomorrow, also to plan merger with the California Federation of Labor's political group in an organization to be known, both nationally and on the state level as the Committee On Political Education.

More than 80 CIO officials were expected here for the two conferences.

Long Beach Host to CIO; State Meet Told of Gains

The State CIO opened its sixth annual convention in Long Beach Civic Auditorium today healthier and larger than ever before in its history.

A report of President Manuel Dias and Secretary-Treasurer John Despol to the 650 delegates said unions affiliated with the State CIO pay per capita taxes on 166,501 members — an increase of 10,496 over last year.

See Jerry Maher's Labor column, Page 18.

It also praised CIO efforts in making the 1955 State legislative session last spring what it described as the best.

Cal. CIO PAC to Sift Candidates

Members of the California CIO Political Action Committee will meet in Fresno March 22-23 to interview candidates for the United States Senate and to consider endorsements of candidates in district races, it was announced today by John Despol, secretary of PAC.

CIO Picks 10 to Negotiate Cal. Merger

The two groups will work for establishment of a single State labor council. The appointment was made at the close of a two-day session of the executive board and the Political Action Committee.

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since 1939 in the field of monetary gains for labor. Among the gains cited were a \$5 monthly increase in old-age pensions; a boost in unemployment insurance from \$30 to \$35 a week and boosts of \$5 weekly in disability payments for nonoccupational illnesses for injury on the job. The report said benefits for workers won in their session total \$42,000,000 annually. Top subject for consideration will be the forthcoming AFL-CIO merger. The State CIO will be jockeying for a favorable position in upcoming talks with the State AFL.

Opening speaker today was to be Albert T. (Blackie) Lunceford, secretary-treasurer of the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council.

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The California CIO Council yesterday named a 10-man committee to negotiate a merger with the AFL State Federation of Labor.

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Jack Bruhl, Robert Clark, Sam Eubanks, Jerome Posner, Edward Shedlock, Al King and De Witt Stone.

State CIO Wants Return of UNESCO

BY JERRY MAHER, Mirror-News Labor Editor

The State CIO was on record today as demanding the restoration of courses on UNESCO, the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization, in the public schools.

A resolution approved by 650 delegates to the CIO's sixth annual convention in Long Beach Municipal Auditorium called UNESCO an "essential subject" in school curricula.

The Los Angeles school board has banned UNESCO as a subject in schools here.

Presented to the delegates...

Minimum Pay in California

CIO Urges \$1.25 Hour

1725
By FRED H. WEIGEL

Herald-Express Labor Reporter

LONG BEACH, Nov. 5 —

Establishment of a \$1.25 hourly minimum wage for California workers was demanded today in a resolution before the sixth annual convention of the CIO Industrial Union Council here.

In the resolution spelling out a broad program for both the 1956 budget session of the legislature and the 1957 regular session, the CIO declares that the minimum wage should be adopted to assure a minimum standard of living for workers, including those in agriculture, in intra-state commerce.

Already the State Department of Industrial Welfare has ordered hearings to set minimum wages for women and minors. The present rate is 75 cents an hour against a federal \$1 an hour.



—Herald-Express Photo

Jerome Posner, left, of Clothing Workers of America, CIO, and Richard A. McGee, director of state department of corrections, are shown at CIO convention being held at Long Beach.

DESPOL RIPS HIESTAND BILL

CIO Leader Says Congressman 'Goes Backward 100 Years'

By Harry Bernstein
Examiner Labor Editor

Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand is trying to return America to the wage-depressing open-shop concept of unions which prevailed in this country a century ago.

John Despol, secretary of the California State CIO Council, said this yesterday in attacking a bill, introduced in Congress last week by Hiestand, which would make labor unions subject to anti-monopoly laws.

Hiestand said his bill would be aimed at outlawing union shops and ending "a tyranny over the individual worker by labor racketeers."

"Hiestand's notion that labor unions are a conspiracy to create a monopoly was rejected in America over a century ago. Implicit in his viewpoint is the treatment of labor as a commodity," Despol said, adding:

FLAWED VIEW —

Union Council Urges US Finance San Luis Project

LOS ANGELES — UP — The California Industrial Union Council has disclosed it sent a wire to the state legislature strongly urging no action be taken which might prevent federal construction of the San Luis Reservoir.

John A. Despol, the council's

Labor News:

CIO Political Meeting Due

CIO Backs GOP Man For Congress 1st Time

For the first time in its history, the California CIO Political Action Committee has indorsed a Republican for Congress, it was announced today by John A. Despol, secretary of the labor organization.

he said has endorsed

Flood Relief Stepped Up

Labor Unions Report \$65,000 Donated

Receipt of \$65,000 for repairing and refurbishing homes of victims of the Christmas floods were reported yesterday by C. J. Haggerty, chairman of the AFL-CIO Flood Relief Committee.

Members of 3,000 California unions have been asked to contribute at least \$1 each to the American Flood Relief Fund, which is being turned over to the American Flood Relief Committee.

Labor Men Rap Report on Prop 4

Four labor leaders yesterday wired Governor Knight urging him to investigate the circumstances surrounding the alteration of a staff report to the State Lands Commission condemning Proposition No. 4, the oil initiative.

The telegram aimed its fire at State Finance Director John Peirce, a Knight appointee, asserting that he presided over a "surgical operation" that resulted in elimination of No. 4's denunciation, after he had been telephoned by spokesmen from Standard Oil Company and Richfield Oil Corporation, two of the majors backing the measure.

BRANDED 'PHONEY'

In the wire signed by John Despol, Jack Goldberger, William Bassett and Robert Ash, which called the report finally submitted "phoney," it was declared:

"Millions of dollars in potential tidelands revenues at stake and..."

Labor News:

Leaders to Press Vote Drive

By HARRY BERNSTEIN
Examiner Labor Editor

Organized labor's political effectiveness this year will show a marked increase over 1952, John Despol predicted here yesterday.

Despol, head of the California State CIO, said there are three major factors involved in his calculations that the AFL and CIO in the state will do a better job this November than in the 1952 presidential election in getting rank and file union members to support the union indorsements.

"First," he said, "there is much better coordination between the political activities of the AFL and CIO in a result of the"

The Herald-Express is the only evening newspaper in Los Angeles produced by union labor.

AFL-CIO Meet to Speed State Merger

By FRED H. WEIGEL
Herald-Express Labor Reporter

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18—Efforts to bring about consolidation of the AFL and the CIO on a state level at the earliest possible date were undertaken today at the first joint meeting of the merger committees of the two union organizations.

The two groups are endeavoring to set up the machinery for the merger by working out a constitution that will closely follow that approved last December when the AFL-CIO was merged nationally. It was not indicated as the meeting opened in the Clift Hotel that there will be any difficulties in a merger.

While it was pointed out that merger on the state level is not required under the national set-up before the end of two years from last December, the state organizations are anxious to bring about a combine this year.

TWO DEPARTMENTS

It has been proposed that the constitution of the merged group provide for the creation of two departments — industrial and craft—the former being the CIO organization and the latter being in the AFL.

Suggested also was that "the merged state federation shall be based upon a constitutional recognition that both craft and industrial unions are

appropriate, equal and necessary as methods of trade union organization."

There also would be a no raiding agreement, and there would be an affirmation that there would be provisions to prohibit any connections with Communist or fellow traveler fronts, and that guards against corrupt practices would be set up.

LEADERS AT SESSION

Representing the AFL at the session are C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state organization; Thomas L. Pitts, president; and Max J. Osslo, Robert J. O'Hare, Thomas A. Small, Jack Goldenger, Lovell Nelson, Harry Finks, Al Gruhn and Pat Somers.

CIO representatives are John Despol, secretary-treasurer of the California State Industrial Union Council, and Jim Bruhl, Al King, Edward Shlock, Herbert Wilson, Robert Clark, Sam Eubanks and Dev Stone.

AFL-CIO State Merger Plan Studied

Problems involving the mechanical and operational set-up of the California State AFL-CIO organization to be formed by merger of the separate AFL and CIO State groups were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the merger committees in the Hollywood Roosevelt.

The committees are scheduled to meet again today in order to agree upon a plan for ratification.

Give \$60,000 Flood Aid

Contributions of more than \$60,000 have now been made by AFL-CIO unions in California to aid victims of the northern California floods, according to C. J. Haggerty, chairman of the AFL-CIO flood relief committee.

In letters to labor councils throughout the state, Haggerty made a plea for additional contributions and said the money would be used for repairing and rebuilding private homes and replacement of essential household furnishings in private homes.

The money will be handled by the American Red Cross and will not be used for loans. The funds will be direct gifts, he said.

The flood relief committee marked the first venture of the state AFL and CIO organizations since merger at the national level. It is expected that both state units will appoint committees to work out details of the California labor merger.

Serving with Haggerty, secretary of the state AFL, are Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor; Manuel Dias, president of the California Industrial Union Council, and John Despol, secretary of the

Diaz Speaks At Council

Manuel Diaz, Oakland, president of the California State CIO Industrial Union Council, was guest speaker at the Contra Costa CIO Council which met last night in Martinez. Also speaking was Herb Shoupe, president of the newly-formed AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education.

State Union Group Backs Steelworkers

The executive board of the CIO California Industrial Union Council has gone on record for all out support of the United Steelworkers of America's strike in the basic steel industry.

The board of the statewide body is composed of representatives from every international union whose local unions are affiliated with the State Industrial Union Council. Both former CIO and AFL unions are giving full cooperation to the Steelworkers.

State AFL-CIO Appeals For Aid To Flood Victims

Financial aid for stricken flood victims in northern California has been pledged by an AFL-CIO Flood Relief Committee organized by joint action of the state AFL and CIO organizations.

C. J. Haggerty, committee chairman, issued an appeal to 3,000 AFL unions and councils in California, asking for immediate contributions.

Haggerty said all moneys collected will be turned over to the American Red Cross for distribution to flood victims.

Haggerty declared that labor funds would be used to repair and rebuild private homes, and replace essential furnishings in private homes.

The five-man AFL-CIO committee directing the fund campaign is comprised of Haggerty, Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor; Manuel Dias, president of the CIO California Industrial Union Council; John Despol, secretary-treasurer of the state CIO group, and Arthur R. Hellen, western area director of the AFL-CIO Community Services Committee.

Haggerty asked that all organizational and individual contribu-

102 Candidates Get CIO Nod

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—(INS)—The California CIO Political Action Committee has announced its indorsement of 102 candidates for political office in the 1956 elections.

The PCA stood by an earlier decision not to make a choice between State Senator Richard Richards and ex-Congressman Sam Yorty in the United States senatorial race. The State AFL is supporting Richards. The CIO did vote, however, to oppose incumbent Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, Republican.

The only Republican Congressman who was indorsed was Representative William Maillard of San Francisco.

CIO Endorses Farr, Stewart and Pattee

The California CIO political action committee has endorsed congressional candidate William K. Stewart of Pacific Grove, state Sen. Fred Farr of Carmel, and Assemblyman Alan Pattee of Corral de Tierra for this year's elections.

Stewart and Farr are Democrats, and Pattee is a Republican. Farr and Pattee, the latter unopposed, are running to succeed themselves in the state legislature.

Cal. Labor Merger Due By Dec. 5

California's AFL and CIO leaders said today they hoped to resolve their "differences" for a merger of the labor groups by December 5.

Such a joining would bring together the AFL's 700,000 members in California with the CIO's 180,000.

The third meeting to discuss the merger will be held in San Francisco September 24-25.

"There are a number of complications," commented C. J. Haggerty of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer of

the AFL State Federation of Labor.

"Our AFL is so old that it is so much larger. We have a matter of 2,800 local unions we have to consider in the merger.

"Complications are different than in the new CIO setup, but are more or less mechanical in detail. There are no basic objections holding us apart."

John Despol of Los Angeles, head of the CIO, said:

"It's too early to say yet, but we hope to resolve our differences before the December 5 deadline. The

meeting of our merger committees September 24-25 in San Francisco should help to settle major questions of organization, constitution and integration of officers.

"Political action definitely is a factor and the CIO is recommending setting up a permanent organization, Committee on Political Education, COPE, along the lines of the AFL's Labor League."

Haggerty and Despol said segregation was no problem; that it was taken for granted there would be none.

CIO Publishes Voting Record

"As a public service to our affiliated unions and their members, as well as to community groups and organizations and to civic minded individuals, the California CIO Council has published the 1955 voting record of California legislators on the national and state levels," according to John A. Despol, Secretary-Treasurer of the statewide labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

"Not by their words, but by their votes are legislators judged," the labor spokesman commented.

The voting record was published in a special edition of the "Newsletter," the official publication of the California C.I.O. Council.

In addition to this phase of the special edition, the publication offers pertinent information on campaign issues of the day with particular stress on the number one issue—peace.

This and previous voting records are an important yardstick in the endorsement policy of the California CIO Political Action Committee—the political arm of the State organization—according to Despol who stated that the Committee will meet March 22-23 in Fresno to interview U. S. Senatorial candidates in addition to considering endorsements in

Endorse Richards

Cal. CIO Group Backs Adlai-Estes

Endorsement of State Sen. Richard Richards for United States senator and of the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket was announced today by the California CIO Political Action Committee through its president, Manuel Dias.

The committee said the endorsement of the Democratic presidential ticket was in the form of approval of the action taken by the national AFL-CIO executive council.

PAC made no indorsement of a candidate to oppose incumbent Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel in the primary election.

Opposition to Proposition 4, the so-called "oil conservation measure," was PAC, while "fundamental"

Union Thanks Governor For 'Union Label' Week

President Manuel Dias and Secretary-Treasurer John Despol of the California CIO Industrial Union Council expressed gratification to Governor Goodwin J. Knight for his proclamation September 3-9, 1956 a "Union Label Week" in California.

The Proclamation by the Governor came as a result of the request by the California CIO Council and other labor organizations.

CIO COUNCIL NAMES PANEL TO TALK MERGER

LOS ANGELES (UP)—The California CIO Council has appointed a committee to meet with the AFL state organization to form a single labor council for talks aimed at a political merger.

The council's executive board and political action committee urged a merger of the state organization in accordance with the national merger of the AFL-CIO.

The group ended a two-day session here Saturday after the CIO's political action committee commented on the vetoed natural gas bill and the Middle East situation.

"We favor the veto of the bill," the committee said. "But the council regrets that President Eisenhower used the veto only for the reasons of political expediency."

The committee declared the Middle East situation could be eased with a mutual security pact between the United States and the Middle East.

Cal. PAC Joins in Endorsement of Stevenson

The State CIO Political Action Committee today announced its "unanimous approval and support" of the AFL-CIO National Executive Council's endorsement of Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver.

State CIO Backs Stevenson Ticket

The California CIO political action committee last night unanimously voted approval of the national AFL-CIO executive council's recommendation to support the Stevenson-Kefauver presidential ticket.

They also voted—Indorsement of State Sen. Richard Richards for the U. S. Senate.

Opposition to Proposition No. 4, the so-called "oil conservation measure," as a "step towards monopoly and contrary to the AFL-CIO's basic economic program" and declared it "bad for labor, bad for consumers and bad for taxpayers."

Indorsements of William Vatcher in the 10th congressional district; D. S. Saund in the 29th congressional dis-

trict; George Cheney in the 30th congressional district; Robert Erwin in the 37th state senatorial district; Robert Rivers in the 15th Assembly district; Fordon Winters in the 31st Assembly district; Myron Frew in the 35th Assembly district; Don Allen in 63rd Assembly district; Paul Roest in 64th Assembly district, and Malcom Jared in 71st Assembly district.

Indorsement of Propositions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19.

Opposition to Propositions Nos. 4, 6, 7, 10, 12 and 18.

No stand was taken on Nos. 9 and 17.

Action taken by the committee, meeting in the Alexandria Hotel, was announced by President Manuel Dias.

Republicans Win CIO Indorsement

LOS ANGELES. (P) The chairman of the Republican State Central Committee and the Republican speaker of the assembly were listed for endorsement today by the California CIO Political Action Committee along with 100 other candidates.

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GOP Committee Chairman Thomas Caldecott of the 18th Assembly District (Alameda County) and Assembly Speaker pro tem Thomas Maloney of the 20th District (San Francisco) were on a list of endorsements released yesterday by John A. Despol, secretary-treasurer of the CIO State Council.

The CIO-Pac also endorsed eight other Republican incumbents along with 31 Democratic incumbents for the assembly. Twenty-one Democrats and one Republican were endorsed for the State Senate.

Congressman William S. Maillaire (R-San Francisco) became the first Republican representative in history to receive the CIA-Pac endorsement. The committee cited Maillaire's labor voting record. Democrats received the 12 remaining endorsements for Congress.

CIO AIDE HITS GOLDWATER

Despol Anticipates Blasts by Senator in Los Angeles Talk

By Harry Despol
Executive Labor Editor

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Labor leaders here are expecting new, bitter attacks against political activities of unions here next month when Sen. Barry Goldwater (Republican), Arizona, addresses the 60th annual banquet of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association.

John Despol, secretary of the California State Congress of Industrial Organizations council, said that "we expect Senator Goldwater to continue his efforts to remake the Republican Party into an anti-labor party no matter how desperate his attacks on labor become."

"But," Despol said, "it is my firm faith and belief that he will fail."

Doings in Politics

CIO Endorses 19 1725 Dems. for Congress

By FRED ARNOLD

Endorsement of 20 incumbent members of Congress and the California state legislature for re-election was announced today by the Political Action Committee of the state CIO with the name of only one Republican on the list.

He is Assemblyman Roy J. Nielsen of Sacramento, representing the ninth assembly district.

The committee made endorsements only in areas in which there are no CIO County councils, such as Los Angeles County.

Southern Californian Democrat Harry Sheppard of San Bernadino County, representing the 27th congressional district; State Sen. John Hollister of Santa Barbara County, thirty-first senatorial district;

blywoman Dorothy Donahue of Bakersfield, thirty-eighth assembly district; Assemblyman Rex Cunningham of Ventura County thirty-seventh assembly district and Eugene Nisbet of San Bernadino County, seventy-second assembly district.

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Municipal Judge Ralph C. Dills of Compton has received the endorsement of the twenty-third district Democratic Council for election to Office of the Superior Court.

Letters to the Editor

The Bus Boycott Arrests

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May I take this means to commend you for the fine editorial, "The Bus Boycott Arrests," which appeared in the Los Angeles Herald-Express. It was refreshing to read an editorial which called a spade and to come out publicly declaring "denial of the right to walk to the Negroes of Montgomery, Alabama, is a travesty of justice."

I concur in your view that there are economic motives involved in the matter and that the passive resistance of the Negro people is indeed having a "serious financial effect" not only on the bus lines but on other commercial enterprises in Montgomery, Ala.

In addition, I would like to compliment you on an editorial which appeared in the Los Angeles Herald-Express concerning our present discriminatory and inhumane immigration law, namely the McCarran-Walter Act. It was particularly heartening to read an editorial backed up by facts.

In this day of a myriad of complex issues both here at home and in the world, the American newspaper should and must assume the responsibility of bringing the facts and the truth, as near as it is humanly possible, to the citizenry.

The two editorials to which I refer are, in my opinion, an effort in this direction. I also felt your report on the Soviet Union was well done.

JOHN A. DESPOL,
Secretary-Treasurer California Industrial Union Council.

Hagen, Sisk, Donahoe Get Labor Support

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FRESNO (P) - The California CIO Political Action Committee has endorsed Democratic incumbents B. F. Sisk of Fresno and Harlan Hagen of Hanford for re-election to Congress, the Associated Press reports.

The labor group, concluding a two-day meeting in Fresno yesterday, also approved candidates of three Democrats seek return to the state legislature. They are State Sen. Robert I. Somery of Hanford, Assemblyman Wallace D. Henderson of Fresno and Assemblywoman Dorothy M. Donahoe of Fresno.

made no recommendation for the 35th Assembly District. Kings and endorsed the

So. Cal. Labor News

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The Herald-Express is the only evening newspaper in Los Angeles produced by union labor.

Map Joint Action At Cal. Legislature

By FRED H. WEIGEL
Herald-Express Labor Reporter

While actual merger of the AFL and CIO on a state level probably will not come for several months, the two organizations will work closely together at the 30-day budget session of the Legislature starting March 5.

This has been made plain today by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the AFL California State Federation of Labor, and John Despol, who holds a similar post with the

California CIO Industrial Union Council.

Both Haggerty and Despol represent their union organizations in Sacramento during legislative sessions, and in the past, even long before the AFL-CIO merger nationally, have worked together in supporting or opposing legislative measures.

It is not yet known whether Governor