

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### FARMER-LABOR ALLIANCE FORMED; STATE AFL ENTERS FIGHT TO SAVE SMALL FARMER WATER RIGHTS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Farmer-labor unity appeared as a new force on the California political front this week as the California State Federation of Labor called on all affiliates to mobilize behind the drive to qualify a state ballot initiative written to save the water rights of small farmers.

Sponsored by the California Water and Power Users Association and backed by the California State Grange, the initiative declares that taxpayer-subsidized water from state water development projects shall not be furnished to irrigate more than 160 acres held by one landowner or 320 acres by husband and wife.

The measure writes into the California constitution the 160-acre limitation feature of federal reclamation law which now applies only to federally financed water projects.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation, mailed copies of the water petition to all unions and councils, asking that signatures be obtained as soon as possible.

Haggerty said that in conforming state law to national policy, the taxpayers of California would be serving notice on "reactionary corporate farmers and land barons that state water projects shall not become a means of escaping the anti-monopoly, anti-speculation provisions of the national reclamation policy."

Haggerty charged the initiative is necessary to prevent "our 20th-century land barons" from capturing tax subsidies running into millions of dollars.

The state AFL head said the measure would also break the

power of speculators who hold lands until their value is increased by taxpayer-financed irrigation waters.

Support of the 160-acre limitation principle has been a part of state AFL policy for nearly half a century.

The state initiative provides that holders of larger acreage would be entitled to additional subsidized water for their excess lands, providing they first agree to sell such excess lands within a period of 10 years at a price that does not include the added value resulting from the availability of state-subsidized water.

The California Water and Power Users Association, with which the State Federation and State Grange are now affiliated, is dedicated to cheap water and power distribution for the small farmers and the consumer public.

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#### TWO BOYS, GIRL WIN STATE AFL SCHOLARSHIPS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Two boys and a girl were named as winners this week in the eighth annual high school scholarship contest sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor.

Winners of the three \$500 awards are: John L. Dolan, 17, Hillsdale High School, San Mateo; John F. Peterson, 16, St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco; and Barbara Woth, 17, Redlands Senior High School, Redlands.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization, declared that 448 students participated in the 1958 competition.

The contest was open to all high school seniors in California and Hawaii.

Students were graded on an examination testing their knowledge of industrial relations history and practices in the United States.

The committee of judges which selected the winners was composed of three professional educators: Frederick A. Breier, Assist-

ant Professor of Economics, University of San Francisco; Vaughn D. Seidel, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, Oakland; and Arthur Carstens, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Los Angeles. Identity of the students participating in the contest was not known to the judges.

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#### EDD X. RUSSELL HONORED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Executives of West Coast branches of AFL-CIO actors' unions this month paid tribute to Edd X. Russell, representative of Actors Equity Association, on the occasion of his 80th birthday and his 66th year in show business.

Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor, joined with officials of the unions in marking the birthday in a luncheon in Hollywood, and on behalf of these unions, presented to Mr. Russell a beautifully illuminated parchment scroll testifying to the warm feeling of these unions toward Brother Russell

Russell has been a familiar figure at State AFL conventions for more than two decades.

In addition to Russell and Pitts, union officials at the luncheon were Ken Carpenter and Claude McCue, representing the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists; Lee Harris, American Guild of Musical Artists; Irvin Mazzei and James Kelly, American Guild of Variety Artists; Leon Ames, president, John L. Dales, Kenneth Thomson, Pat Somerset, Chester Migden and Buck Harris, all of the Screen Actors' Guild; Franklyn Farnum, president and H. O'Neil Shanks of the Screen Extras' Guild.

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American Federation of Labor  
and  
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TO THE OFFICERS OF ALL STATE AND CITY CENTRAL BODIES

Dear Sir and Brother:

Rule 24 of the Rules Governing State and Local Central Bodies provides that no central body "shall authorize or permit the solicitation of any advertising in its name or for publication in any periodical, program or other publication issued or endorsed by it which will be in violation of such ethical standards or requirements as may be determined by the President by regulation or otherwise."

It has recently come to my attention that the trade union movement is suffering unfavorable and adverse publicity through the actions of advertising solicitors who are not adhering to the high ethical standards which the AFL-CIO has established.

Specifically, advertising solicitors have been accepting ads for union periodicals and publications from non-union and anti-union employers, as well as anonymous advertising from purported "friends of labor." Obviously, advertisements from non-union employers do not belong in a labor publication and it is just as clear that a legitimate "friend of labor" would want his signature on an advertisement he placed.

Both types of ads violate the ethical standards of the AFL-CIO. Therefore, in conformity with the intent of the Rules Governing State and Local Central Bodies and in accordance with the powers vested in me, I hereby order and direct:

That all periodicals, programs or other publications issued by, or authorized by AFL-CIO state and local central bodies cease and refrain from:

1. Using advertisements of employers who are not 100% unionized by AFL-CIO unions; and

2. Using advertisements which are not signed.

This order is effective immediately.

Fraternally yours,

s/s George Meany  
President.