

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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## FARM LABOR UNION DETERMINED TO UNCOVER WOULD-BE ASSASSINS OF DI GIORGIO STRIKE LEADER

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--A reward of \$1000 has been offered by H. L. Mitchell, President of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, Washington, D. C., for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the attempted assassination of leaders of the farm workers on strike against the Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation ranch near Bakersfield, California, on the night of May 17.

James B. Price, President of Farm Labor Union Local 218, was critically injured when a fusillade of shots was fired into the home of a union member during a meeting of the strike committee over which he was presiding.

Meanwhile, Governor Earl Warren, acting at the request of President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, has ordered a full investigation by California's Attorney General, Fred Howser. In ordering the investigation, Governor Warren issued the following statement:

"It obviously was an attempt at assassination.

"Such diabolical acts call for the full force of the law being brought to bear against those who are responsible for them.

"I have therefore requested the Attorney General to make a complete investigation of the crime and to assist the sheriff and District Attorney in every way possible, and report the results of the investigation to me."

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Secretary Haggerty and President John F. Shelley congratulated Governor Warren on his quick response and his determination to root out those responsible for this dastardly act.

Reports received indicate that Price will recover, although he will require the best and most skilled medical care to avoid paralysis.

Mats depicting the grim results of the attempted assassination are being mailed to all of the labor newspapers, exposing the barbarity of those who would seek to eliminate Price and his colleagues from direction of the strike.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT CONFERENCE  
SCHEDULED JUNE 5, SAN BARNARDINO

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Following the meeting of the Central Valley Project Conference in Sacramento some weeks ago, another meeting has been scheduled in San Bernardino on June 5, at the Junior College on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

All organizations in the southern part of the state are requested to send delegates to this Conference since it will concern itself with the water and power problems of California and of southern California in particular. The organization may send as many delegates as they wish. Other groups will also be represented.

The unions have been requested to inform Congressman Ben Jensen of Iowa, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, that the Central Valley Project Conference is not now or has ever been connected with the Bureau of Reclamation. This charge is now being made in order to discredit officials of the Bureau of Reclamation and weaken the Central Valley Project Conference.

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PRINTERS' SIDE OF AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
LOCKOUT TOLD

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Circular letters mailed nationally and locally are telling the printers' side of the American Medical Association's lockout to physicians throughout the United States and its possessions.

Asking the doctors to do "all in your power to aid us in settling this lockout," the 79 members of the International Typographical Union's AMA chapel listed eight "provocative acts" of management leading up to the actual lockout on March 8, 1948.

Discontinuance of the Christmas bonus, cancellation of members' hospital insurance, installation of vari-type machines, withholding of news copy, sending out composing-room equipment to another printing concern, laying off 10 composing-room members, discharging six linotype operators highest in seniority, and "unjustly" accusing members of "misconduct," led up to and accompanied the management's lockout, the union charges.

If doctors "protest these actions" and "request a committee from the American Medical Association's board of trustees to meet with union officials," such a meeting would lead to "an amicable understanding," the letter states.

The locked-out printers further point out that the wage increase they had requested from the American Medical Association has been granted by 162 independent employers in Chicago, and that only 48 of the 123 Franklin Association's members locked out the printers. More than 200 Chicago printing plants continue to employ members of the union.

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LABOR OFFICIAL PASSES AWAY

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Another veteran in the service of the labor movement, Charles Hardy, passed away on Monday, May 24, suffering a heart attack in his office at 109 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Brother Hardy was Secretary of the Theater and Amusement Janitors Union, Local 9, for 20 years, and has been a prominent official in the Building Service Employees Union No. 87 for as many years. He was the 5th Vice-President of the International and President of the Building Service Employees Union No. 87.

In addition to his three sons, Charles, George and Douglas, Brother Hardy leaves his wife, Mrs. Bertha Hardy, and his mother, Mrs. Ann Hardy.

Funeral arrangements will be conducted by Julius S. Godeau, Inc., 41 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

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CURRENT ISSUE OF "THE SENATOR"  
IN FIGHT FOR REAPPORTIONMENT

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--Veterans get minority representation in the California State Senate, -- 76 per cent of them have only 25 per cent representation -- is the revelation in the May issue of "The Senator," publication of the Citizens' Committee for Equal Representation.

In the ten top counties of California, 1,019,990 veterans of all wars have ten state senators representing them in the California state legislature. Approximately 325,000 veterans in other sections of the state have 30 senators.

Greatest contrast: one state senator represents the 1,680 veterans in Mono-Inyo Counties senatorial district, while at the same time the 543,000 veterans who are residents of Los Angeles County are also represented by one state senator.

There are more veterans alone in San Francisco City and County -- 105,000 -- than there are residents, veteran and non-veteran, of four senatorial districts. Yet San Francisco has only one state senator.

The attention of all veterans should be called to the gross inequality of the present so-called "federal plan" or "area"

representation, and the need for correcting this inequality by voting "yes" on Senate Reapportionment in the coming November election.

"The Senator" also points out the inequality existing between the larger rural counties and the mountain counties, showing that 10 counties pay 81 per cent of the sales and use taxes and 94 per cent of the state income taxes, while receiving only 25 per cent of the representation in the state senate.

San Diego County is pictured being outvoted in the State Senate 11 to one, on 1947 population estimates; San Diego County has a population of 460,000, while 11 senatorial districts -- each with a senator -- have a total of 417,000 residents.

The resolution asking for equitable representation, which was adopted by the U. S. Conference of Mayors, representing 250 cities of the nation, is printed in the latest edition of "The Senator."

Local Unions are requested by C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, to aid in distributing this issue to its members. The edition is printed with mailing address space to facilitate handling.

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UNIONS REQUESTED TO FILL OUT "ORGANIZED LABOR  
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 1948"

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--All unions are requested to fill out the "Organized Labor Questionnaire for 1948," which the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California is again circulating to the various unions throughout the state.

These questionnaires, which are being distributed by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, started in 1896 and are an important source of factual information concerning the growth and status of organized labor in California.

The local unions are urged to send in copies of their agreements, along with the completed questionnaire. These agreements furnish the basis for reports by the Labor Statistics and Research Division on holiday, vacation, severance pay, and numerous other provisions which are of great value to unions negotiating new agreements. The Division is now preparing an analysis of holiday provisions in more than one thousand agreements in effect in California in 1948.

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