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HAGGERTY RE-ELECTED, PITTS NEW PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The unanimous re-election of C. J. Haggerty as Secretary-Treasurer and the election, also unanimous, of Thomas L. Pitts as President featured the closing sessions of the California State Federation of Labor convention held in Santa Barbara, October 9-13.

Pitts, a member of Wholesale Delivery Drivers No. 848, Los Angeles, succeeds Congressman John F. Shelley, who announced his retirement on the opening day of the convention. Shelley declared congressional duties made it impossible for him to give full attention to the Federation office.

Following adjournment of the Federation convention early Friday afternoon, the California Labor League for Political Education, official political vehicle of the state AFL, met in the Santa Barbara Armory Friday evening for endorsement of candidates and propositions for the November 7 election and for adoption of a League constitution.

The League convention unanimously endorsed James Roosevelt for Governor, Helen Gahagan Douglas for the United States Senate, and Edmund G. "Pat" Brown for State Attorney General.

Roosevelt, Douglas, and Brown entered the Armory immediately following the endorsement action to receive a thunderous ovation from the AFL delegates. All three then addressed the convention, pledging vigorous, liberal government if elected.

The League convention was also addressed by Glen Slaughter, research director of the national LLPE, and Richard F. Walsh, President of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators, and a member of the national LLPE executive board.

In addition to Haggerty and Pitts, 24 vice-presidents were elected to the Federation's Executive Council.

New vice-presidents are William C. Carroll, elected to District No. 3, and John T. Gardner, elected to the same district. Carroll is a member of the Operating Engineers, Local No. 12, Los Angeles, and Gardner a member of the Municipal Truck Drivers, Local No. 403, Los Angeles.

The complete slate of elected Federation officers follows:

Thomas L. Pitts, President
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C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treas.
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HAGGERTY RAPS TRICKY
WORDING OF PROPOSITION NO. 10

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Claims of proponents of Proposition No. 10 that it "lets the people decide" were scored today as "completely false" by C. J. Haggerty, spokesman for the bay area Committee for Representative Government, and secretary of the California State Federation of Labor.

Proposition No. 10 would force a city or county wide election each time any kind of public housing project is proposed anywhere in the area.

"What's fair about an election in which the people are only allowed to decide one way?" Haggerty asked.

Haggerty explained that under the wording of Proposition No.10, a "No" vote in such a local referendum would be decisive, but a "Yes" vote would be only advisory.

Present law already requires the approval of the local governing body at least twice before public housing projects can be built, Haggerty noted.

"Proposition No. 10 in effect says this to a city council or county board of supervisors," Haggerty charged: "'If the people vote for public housing, you don't have to pay any attention to them, but if they vote against it, you do!'"

"It is no accident that this tricky Proposition is so worded," Haggerty said. "The unscrupulous proponents of Proposition No. 10 are trying to fool the voters into believing that it's the 'essence of democracy' when actually it's nothing but a piece of arrant political trickery."

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WILL ROGERS, JR. PRAISES ANTI-COMMY
FIGHT OF HELEN DOUGLAS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Declaring that "just to oppose communism is not enough," Will Rogers Jr. commended Helen Gahagan Douglas, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, for "working to correct the causes of communism while at the same time opposing the spread of communism."

Speaking on behalf of the California Committee for Douglas for Senator, made up largely of Democrats who opposed Mrs. Douglas in the primaries, former Congressman Rogers charged that her opponent was "trying to hide one of the worst domestic voting records ever compiled by a Congressman behind a laudable dislike of communism."

"No one can deny the importance of stopping communism," Rogers said, "but a real understanding of the communist problem means the elimination of the causes of communism."

"On that basis, Mrs. Douglas is far out in front. Hers has been the less spectacular, but more effective work, as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of helping to move through Congress such measures as the Marshall Plan, the Mutual Defense Assistance program and the Korean aid bill."

"At the same time, Mrs. Douglas has consistently voted, on domestic issues, on the side of the majority of the people against the agents of special privilege. Her opponent, on the other hand, has given comfort to the communists by one of the most reactionary domestic voting records in Congress."

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AFL CANNERY WORKERS ASK FOR
HELP IN FROZEN FOOD FIGHT

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--An intensive drive against a deliberate and studied anti-union frozen food operation has been inaugurated by the National Cannery Conference, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL.

Ruso Frozen Foods at Watsonville, California, has has a Cannery Local No. 679 (San Jose) picket line around it for over two years.

The AFL union charges that during that time the company has been deliberately defiant and even gone to great effort to stir up general union resisting effort by all plants in the area.

The National Cannery Conference is asking all local unions and bodies affiliated with the American Federation of Labor to use every effort possible to see that no union patronage is given the Ruso label or any Ruso products.

Ruso package labels are "Ruso", "Dulany Quick Frozen" and "Fairmont".

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LAST WARNING ON POLITICAL
PAMPHLET ORDERS

(CFLNL)SAN FRANCISCO.--With more than a half-million copies already in the mail, C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week reminded all AFL unions to order their official endorsement pamphlets for the November 7 election.

Unions seeking additional copies should write or wire:

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