

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### DELEGATES PLEDGE LOCAL LEVEL SUPPORT AT STATE AFL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Two hundred and ten labor delegates from all parts of the state voiced unanimous approval of a united AFL legislative effort at an emergency meeting held last Friday in San Francisco by the California State Federation of Labor.

Representing the various council bodies of the AFL structure, the delegates pledged 100 percent local-level support of the State Federation program in Sacramento.

The session was addressed by C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state AFL movement, and Charles P. Scully, State Federation attorney.

Haggerty reviewed positive and negative aspects of bills affecting labor union functions, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, industrial safety, construction, motor vehicles, and taxation.

Scully provided detailed analyses of harmful bills in the theatres of workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and disability insurance.

Meanwhile, the 1953 legislature got down to business in Sacramento this Monday, as both houses reconvened following the constitutional recess that began January 17.

State AFL headquarters were opened Monday in the Senator Hotel, just across from the Capitol.

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STATE AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
TO MEET FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Labor bills in Sacramento will be the Number One item on the two-day agenda of the State AFL Executive Council meeting to be held this weekend in San Francisco.

The council will review policy findings developed at the legislative emergency meeting held last Friday in the same city under auspices of the California State Federation of Labor.

Business discussions will commence sharply at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, February 28, in the Whitcomb Hotel. President Thomas L. Pitts of Los Angeles will preside.

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AFL DINING CAR WORKERS WHIP  
RAIDERS ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL Dining Car Employees Union has retained bargaining rights for the Southern Pacific Railroad after whipping a bitter raiding effort sponsored by an independent union reportedly led by pro-Communists.

Results of the election conducted by the National Railway Mediation Board were: AFL union 597 votes; independent union 439 votes. Of 1,206 workers eligible to vote, 1,045 actually cast ballots.

The AFL organization, an affiliate of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International, challenged numerous absentee ballots on the basis they were taken from workers' homes by fraud and deceit and cast in opposition to the AFL union.

Strong support was given the winners by the California State Federation of Labor, the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

The AFL union just three weeks ago negotiated a union shop agreement covering all dining car employees on the Southern Pacific system. The agreement goes into effect immediately.

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U. S. SENATE CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF  
MASHBURN AS UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Lloyd A. Mashburn, long-time California AFL leader, was this Monday confirmed by the United States Senate as Under Secretary of Labor.

The confirmation was unanimous and by voice vote.

Mashburn was named to the post in late December but the appointment was not submitted to the Senate for confirmation until last week.

For the past two years Mashburn has been California state labor commissioner. He was appointed to that job in 1951 by Governor Earl Warren.

A lather by trade, Mashburn served as secretary of the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council before assuming his state position.

As Under Secretary, Mashburn will work as chief lieutenant to Labor Secretary Martin P. Durkin, former president of the AFL Plumbers and Steamfitters.

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AFL WEEKLY FEATURES CONDON  
TESTIMONY ON TAFT-HARTLEY

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The AFL News Reporter, national publication of the American Federation of Labor, this week carried a photo of Congressman Robert Condon (D.Calif.) testifying before the House Labor Committee that the Taft-Hartley Act should be changed to permit strikers to vote in union representation elections.

A former member of the California legislature, Condon was supported by the State AFL last November in his successful fight for election as representative of the sixth Congressional District, embracing Contra Costa and Solano counties.

According to the AFL News Reporter, Condon also urged abolition of the authority of the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board to refuse to issue unfair practice complaints upon requests of labor unions.

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STATE LEGISLATURE APPROVES  
APPRENTICESHIP CONFERENCE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Approval of the First North American Conference on Apprenticeship, to be held in San Diego, August 2-9 with some 2500 participants expected, has been voted by the California Legislature and signed by Governor Earl Warren.

In a joint resolution introduced in the Assembly by two San Diego legislators -- Assemblyman Frank Luckel and Assemblywoman Kathryn Kiehouse -- apprenticeship is recognized as "the proper way to develop the needed skills in the expanding industries of the West."

Since the Fifth Anniversary of the Western Conference on Apprenticeship will be combined in San Diego with the First North American Conference, the resolution also invites the governors of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming to attend the meetings. Governor Warren has already indicated his intention to participate.

High officials in labor and management will also attend, with the objective of stimulating and improving apprenticeship training of future skilled craftsmen. Conference sessions will be held in 1400-acre Balboa Park, site of two previous World Fairs.

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AFL DELEGATES ATTEND  
STATE SAFETY CONFERENCE

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--More than 600 labor union representatives participated in the third annual California Industrial Safety Conference held last weekend at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles.

Paul Scharrenberg, director, Department of Industrial Relations, presided at the two-day session attended by more than 1200 persons.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, and member of the Coordinating Committee of the Conference, addressed the opening assembly. Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor and co-chairman of the Transportation Communication and Utility Section presided at the meetings of that group.

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LABOR URGED TO UNITE  
AGAINST RED ANTI-SEMITISM

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--George Meany, AFL president, this week called upon the free labor movement all over the world to unite in demanding that Soviet Russia be brought before the United Nations to answer charges of anti-Semitism.

In a message sent to the roll call conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel, Meany also said that, "We must join with the other free nations of the world in offering haven to the Jews threatened by this new Red terror."

The Meany message follows in full:

"The most recent outrage of the heartless plotters in the Kremlin points out once again that Communism and Fascism are the same in principle. I am referring not only to the unscrupulous way in which the Reds in Moscow like their predecessors, the Nazis in Berlin and the Fascists in Rome, ruthlessly used Jews as scapegoats to hide their internal weaknesses and to rally barbaric mobs to their banners.

"I am pointing out that to both the Reds of today and the Nazis of yesterday the state is supreme and individual man is nothing. I am emphasizing that to dictators everywhere no man is considered to have the right to live unless he devotes that life to slavish, brutish service to the state.

"This is the basic difference between dictatorship and democracy. This marks the line between faceless masses and free individuals.

"Once again, as we are shocked by a monstrous Red crime, we in the free labor movement rise as brothers shoulder to shoulder. We stand firm against those who would destroy the freedom of anyone. We gird against those who have no regard for our God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"But we must do more.

"We must also insist that Communist Russia and its satellites be called to answer for these crimes before the United Nations. It is high time we did this.

"We must join with the other free nations of the world in offering haven to the Jews threatened by this new Red terror.

"And we must renew our resolve to seek and use means to spread free democratic trade unionism over more of this globe -- for it is free democratic trade unionists who form the strongest bulwark against tyranny the modern world knows."

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