Trinity County Attacks Labor—But Quick!

In what appears to be the record for speedy action in "nailing Labor to the cross," the Trinity County Board of Supervisors on August 26th passed a "right-to-work" ordinance. The proponents' attorney admitted that he first learned of the proposal at 10 a.m. on the 26th. He took the suggested ordinance with a petition signed by 683 persons to the board meeting in the afternoon and within five minutes the Supervisors passed it by a 4-to-1 vote. The ordinance is practically identical to ordinances passed in Tehama and San Benito Counties. The former has been ruled ineffective in incorporated areas but the latter has been declared unconstitutional.

The Five Counties Central Labor Council officials stated that they intend to fight the ordinance in the courts and will ignore it when it becomes effective in 30 days.

Some Facts of Life
To get good legislation you need good legislatures. The best way to help good legislators pay their campaign expenses is to contribute voluntarily to COPE. Contact your steward or business representative and contribute your dollar.

Have You Registered?
Midnight, September 12th is the deadline for California voter registration.
In order to vote in the 1957 California elections, the following citizens must register before the September 12th deadline:
1. Anyone who did not vote in either the November, 1956 General Election or the 1956 direct Primary and has not registered since;
2. Anyone who has moved since the last election;
3. Anyone whose name has been changed since the last election;
4. Anyone who will be 21 the date of the next election.
The anti-labor drive being carried on at the local level should awaken all working people to the need for effective action by labor on every level of government. Remember this: You can't vote if you're not registered.

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BUSINESS MGR. AND TREASURER'S REPORT TO POLICY COMMITTEE SPARKS DECISION

Unions have headquarters as basic from visual due to adoption of certain policy decisions made at a joint meeting of the Policy Committee and Executive Board August 3rd and 4th.

The joint meeting opened at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 3rd at which time each Policy Committee member reported activity from the local. Most reports reflected a relaxation of interest now that major negotiations are concluded. Two main issues still holding interest seem to be discussion of Hospitalization and General Construction expenses.

Two new Policy Committee members were appointed to replace resigning members Richard Hyland, North Bay, and Frank Moran. Colgate Henry Connelly was appointed to represent North Bay Division and Ray LoMaugh the Colgate Division.

The policy recommendations adopted by the Board on August 4th included:
1. A Unit should vote on the international referendum regarding the proposed per capita tax increase.
2. Concurrency with the Policy Committee recommendation that we should seek a dues increase.
3. The calling of a special meeting of two unit officers from each unit to meet jointly with the Policy Committee and Executive Board.
4. The two Unit officers will be the Unit Chairman and Unit Recorder and the joint meeting will be held September 28th and 29th.

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Work in Progress on Trinity Project

Shown above are pictures of work in progress at the $250 million Trinity Dam Project. They show equipment removing sand and gravel from the river bed so that a concrete foundation can be poured on bedrock for a base for the earth-filled dam to be constructed on this location.

Water has been diverted from the river bed upstream from the work location by a coffer dam and is carried through a tunnel to a location downstream from the dam site.

Upon completion of the main dam, the coffer dam will be removed and the tunnel used as a spillway to release water from the main dam to a diversion dam to be constructed several miles downstream which will in turn divert water through more tunnels in the Clear Creek Power House site.

It is estimated that approximately 1200 highly unionized workers will be employed on this project, all of whom may be affected by the recent passage in Trinity County of a vicious anti-union "right-to-work" ordinance. (See story elsewhere on this page.)

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Deductive Medical Insurance
Term: Barriers to Health Care

Major medical expense insurance is "a barrier on the road to health" rather than a help, according to "Catastrophic Illness Insurance," a new AFL-CIO study. The booklet defines major expense insurance as a new feature of health insurance that is an improvement over other major medical plans. The booklet is available for $1.20.

Two Key California Cities Adopt Anti-Bias Laws

San Francisco — Two largest cities have adopted ordinances against discrimination.

The city and county of San Francisco passed the California Anti-Bias Ordinance in April. This year, the city council of the state of California is expected to enact a comprehensive ordinance which will be considered by the fact that it deals with discrimination against the city council of the state of California.

Policy Committee Decisions

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The above pictures are views of the diversion dam under construction at the Poe Project. The dam, with a generating capacity of 160,000 kw, is scheduled for completion in 1958. It will be located just above the anticipated tinuri dam, highest man-made structure in the world.

An interesting feature of this plant will be the lack of men's facilities. Even the powerhouse, quite distant, is without the new system of communicating the control impulses by microwave.

Poe Project Well Under Way

The editors of the Utility Reporter have consistently pointed out the results of expanding public power which is more economic than 'public.'

The recent National Electrical Contractors Association "NECA News Letter" contained a real interesting item which should upstart some of the "public power" constitution which contains from some construction unions. This is a bond issue which was "at the expense of the U.S. Treasury." The result was 52 per cent depletion. Obviously, the oil industry allows it to write off the full amount of their acreage depletion allowances. Aramco has said that $753.1 million since 1950 would be approximately $800 million since 1950.

If your congressman and senators were to pass. There goes fair tax and no income tax whatsoever on its earnings in Saudi Arabia. The depletion allowance, that the oil industry should enjoy, is, as Stone puts it, "the well-known tax break which gives off the higher royalties paid. King Saud in the guise of taxes. The oil companies in this country and paying these same sums in royalties could de- fend an expense of doing business. But it would have cost us more than the rest. In Aramco's bracket this would be almost $500 million. That is, Stone says, roughly the amount lost to the U.S. Treasury for the foreign, tax credit.

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YOUR Business Manager's
By RONALD T. WEAKLEY

This year will see an historic event in California which might well have a distinct bearing upon the economic and political future of the Golden State. The AFL-CIO has scheduled an unprecedented conference into a single body before the year's end. To date, no one has been so bold as to predict what might be the outcome of these negotiations. The AFL does not go in for much larger and historically much older, the CIO does.

R. T. Weakley

ON THE NEGOTIATING FRONT

Following successful proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board following the results of a successful election, the ballots for which were held on Aug- ust 1 and showing a majority of 8 to 2 in favor of representation by Local 1245 of the Electrical Workers under the United States, on August 19 and continued to the 21st. At the conclusion of the final closing, the parties were suc- cessful in reaching an agreement on most important issues. The contract is now in effect.

CALIFORNIA PACIFIC UTILITIES

Certified on August 12, 1957, by the National Labor Relations Board following the results of a successful election, the ballots for which were held on Aug- ust 1 and showing a majority of 30 to 20 in favor of representation by the National Labor Relations Board, the United States, on August 19 and continued to the 21st. At the conclusion of the final closing, the parties were suc- cessful in reaching an agreement on most important issues. The contract is now in effect.

Units Voting on I.O. Referendum

In accordance with Article XXXIX, Section 1 of the IBEW Con- stitution, the International Executive Council has authorized that a referendum be submitted to all Local Unions for a vote of the membership on an I.O. per capita referendum. Con- ference meeting with each of the 40 states in one of the IBEW Journal, there has been no increase in per capa rates. The "cost of living," as every- body knows, has steadily climbed and the "cost of doing business" has naturally kept pace, as they are one and the same.

Churches Abhor "Wreck" Laws

The Catholic Press Association, comprising Catholic newspapers and periodicals servicing more than 22 million subscrib- ers in the U.S. last month, petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court in what it called "right-to-work" laws which would undermine the efforts of other union forms of security.

Meeting in St. Louis for its 47th annual convention, the Catholic Press Association made a stand against the right-to-work laws, charging they would "hamper the pros- pects" and threaten "existence of labor union activities.

Methodists Blast "Scab" Laws

The Southern California-Arko- nas annual conference of the Methodist Church has gone on record condemning "right-to-work" laws which bar bar- gaiing

Presbyterians Think Union Security O.K.

The Department of Social Educa- tion of the Presbyterian Church recognizes the human values that union secu- rity consider- ed to be essential when the Department recently stated: "As a member of a labor union, the modern worker gains a new investment of personality. He helps to formulate policies and decisions that affect con- ditions of life under which he works by his participation in the organiza- tion that extends far in all that his union and leaders do.

Nominated to Oakland Bd.

Joseph Frans, business agent of Oakland Water Works, is a member of the Bub- bly so that labor represen-

There is no longer to be the matter of wages which were under discussion a few months ago, but the week of Aug- ust 20.

STAN-PAC WAGES SET

The proposed increase of 5½ cents an hour as "cost of living" was not in the public inter- est. This goes back sometime in 1950 when the House of Representatives was exposed. The AF-CIO, AFL-CIO and the Teamsters have pulled out of the basic industries in America.

Some interesting statistics prepared in Local 1245's office, reveal that the "cost of living" since 1913 (the earliest BLS figures) has increased over 150 percent, while the per capita wage for the same period has in- creased only 30 percent. These statistics are, of course, not to be taken as proof that an increase is justified.

We trust you will attend your Unit meeting and help the Brotherhood do the job that this community, and the legal system, provide a positive answer to the "wrecking" attacks being made upon the house of Labor by those "workers" paid less than the $1 per hour.

C.U.C. WATER

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IEEE Council Head Dies

Charles M. Paulsen, chair- man of the International Ex- ecutive Council of the IBEW, died in St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago on July 16. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Paulsen was a 65-year member of the IBEW, having been initiated in Local Union 2 in St. Paul, Minn. He was a leader in the organization of the Brotherhood and in all the years.

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