# Farm Leaders Criticize Labor

The actions of certain labor leaders were upbraided in San Francisco today as "definitely un-American" as the American Farm Bureau Federation drew up a ten-point program in an attempt to untangle the Nation's current labor ills.

Representing some four and one half million farmers, the federation at its 48th annual convention went on record as saying it had always supported organized labor.

But the organization insists that the rights of the general public are paramount to the rights of any one segment of our economy, whether it be agriculture, labor or industry."

**LABOR CRACKDOWN**

The resolution scheduled to be acted upon sometime this afternoon, were in essence a crackdown on labor. Some phases of it commented on widespread industrial strife, and delegates demanded the "extermination" of "unrestrained and unregulated power" of labor leaders.

The resolution said that certain labor leaders and their labor unions "totally disregard the rights and welfare of all people." And it continued to say "these actions are definitely un-American and will lead us to communism."

In pledging support to assist in the "extermination of this influence in America," federation delegates insisted that a program of legislation be enacted immediately to, what it called, correct the present "unbalanced and disorderly situation in the field of labor relations."

**TEN POINT PROGRAM**

The 10-point program which must be enacted included provisions which would:

Establish sound procedure for the settlement of labor controversies, with both strike and lockout action being withheld during mediation.

Seek compulsory arbitration in all disputes involving the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Make unlawful secondary boycotts and hot cargo.

Make unlawful all jurisdictional and sympathetic strikes.

Permit employers to petition for election to determine bargaining agents and to permit employers to speak freely during organization drives.

Prohibit the closed shop or union shop.

Require unions to incorporate and publish financial statements, and make them legally responsible for violation of contracts.

**WOULD ASSESS PENALTIES**

Provide that employees participating in a wildcat strike would lose their status as employees.

Make unions subject to prosecution under anti-trust laws.

Establish penalties for the use of force, violence, intimidation, or unlawful seizure or obstruction of property.

While these resolutions were awaiting action before the closing session of the convention, other speakers stressed the need for food to alleviate suffering throughout the world. Introduced was a strong plank on international co-operation and a foreign trades policy.

In its final days of meeting, convention delegates recommended continuation of price supports through government loans and purchases, beyond the official period of the war. And a revision of the parity formula to eliminate asserted inequities has been urged.

Attendance at the convention of Clifford R. Hope, Kansas Congressman who is slated to head the House Committee on Agriculture next year, and representatives of the Senate, the State Department and the Department of Agriculture indicate the importance of convention action in its influence on national legislation.

**ELECTIONS SLATED**

Discussion and action on resolutions are on the program for the afternoon session today. The convention will close with election of 10 regional directors, filling vacancies and expired terms. Two are to be named for the Western Region.

Edward A. O'Neal, veteran president who is starting his 18th consecutive year in office, and Allen Kline of Iowa, vice-president, will both continue in those positions, having been elected to two-year terms last year.

Lawrence Whaley, 19-year-old youth from Leroy, Indiana, winner of the Rural Youth "Talk Meet" contest, told the farmers yesterday that they have the greatest opportunity of all groups to foster world peace.

**FOOD MAKES FRIENDS**

"Nations are like babies," he declared. "When they get hungry they get quarrelsome. If we give other nations food we will make the people happy and gain their friendship."

Whaley was injected into the finals of the conference as a substitute. He failed to win the Indiana contest held earlier in the year, but when the winner and two alternates were unable to come to San Francisco, he was drafted to represent his state while en route to the convention. A graduate of the Purdue University short course in agriculture, he works with his father on a 320-acre farm.

University of California Thalian Society will present the play "Dr. in Spite of Himself" tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. at Room 101, California Hall, on campus. Featured in the cast are (left to right) Vincent Porcaro, Annette Bercut and Harper Puziss. A matinee performance will be given on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.—Tribune photo.

# Army Resumes Reinterments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Army made it clear today that it will resume its "long-established" policy of reinterring in the nearest national cemetery, bodies now buried in abandoned military posts.

Resumption of the policy, suspended by the War Department several months ago, after protests by Representatives Kilburn (R., N.Y.) and Fuller (R., N.Y.), was announced in a letter to Kilburn by Maj. Gen. T. B. Larkin, the Army's quartermaster general.

The New Yorkers had urged that the bodies, including those of many historical personages, be permitted to remain in the post cemeteries, and that they be made "national monuments" or "national historic sites," under the Interior Department.

"The suspension placed on the removal of these remains," Larkin wrote, "has been lifted by the Secretary of War, and the long-established War Department policy of removing these remains to the closest national cemetery is now in effect."

Next-of-kin or descendants have the choice, however, of determining if the body of their relative or ancestor should be interred in a national cemetery or a burial ground of their own choice.

The War Department's Memorial Division said cemeteries at 20 military posts are included in the reinterment program. They include: Fort Clark, Texas; Fort McIntosh, Texas; Boise, Idaho, Barracks; Fort Harrison, Mont.; Fort McDowell, Calif.; Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska; Fort Missoula, Mont.; Fort D. A. Russell, Texas (Marfia Air Field); Fort Ringgold, Texas, and Fort Logan, Colorado.

# ARMY CAUTIONS PUBLIC ON VALUE OF STREPTOMYCIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Cautionary advice that streptomycin is no "sure shot" medicine came today from the army, the biggest user of the sacred and expensive drug.

The surgeon general's office said that while the new anti-infection agent appears effective against more than half the harmful bacteria ordinarily encountered by surgeons, it apparently has specific poisonous effects when given over an extended period.

Furthermore, bacteria soon become resistant to it so that it probably can be used with maximum effect only once within a limited period. This phenomenon is more pronounced with streptomycin than either the sulfa drugs or penicillin.

The Army's findings were prefaced with the statement that outside the armed services, "because of limited opportunities to observe results in large numbers, there have been varied and sometimes quite exaggerated reports of its value, and it often is referred to popularly as a "miracle drug." the report added:

"The Army experience bears out previous claims that streptomycin is of special value in clearing up infections of the urinary tract.

Conditions in which the drug was found to have varying degrees of value: dysenteries, septicemia, undulent fever, tuleremia or rabbit fever, and infections of the external ear, the pleural cavities and the brain.

It was found to have little or no value in the treatment of infections of the prostrate, bone infections and typhoid.

# Blaich Sanity Probe Ordered

Superior Judge S. Victor Wagler today halted the trial of Joseph Martin Blaich, 21, and James Nunn Jr., for the murder of Police Inspector John R. Johnston, and ordered a new sanity hearing for Blaich.

Blaich was found sane by a jury in Judge Wagler's court before the present trial began. One psychiatrist testified that Blaich was malingering and another that the defendant was mentally incompetent to aid in the preparation of his defense.

**SEEMS IN STUPOR**

Blaich's actions, however, prompted Judge Wagler to order a new hearing for tomorrow. He now must be led into court by two sheriff's deputies and during the proceedings sits with his eyes half-shut, looking at the floor, as though in a stupor.

Judge Wagler appointed Dr. R. B. Toler, superintendent of the Stockton State Hospital, and Dr. James Terry, Alameda County psychiatrist, to conduct examinations today and present their findings in court tomorrow. The decision on Blaich's sanity will be made by Judge Wagler.

The murder trial was interrupted as the prosecution rested its case.

**GUILTY OF BURGLARY**

Blaich and Nunn were found guilty of eight counts of burglary by a jury which failed to agree on a murder verdict. Inspector Johnston was shot in his police car during investigation of the burglaries for which the two men were convicted.

If Blaich is found insane he will be committed to a state hospital. If he subsequently recovers he will be brought back to face trial again.

# Battle Looms For House Post

By RADFORD MOBLEY
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Reports that presidential supporters of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey are trying to control leadership of the new House of Representatives aroused the ire of some candidates here.

Rep. Thomas E. Jenkins, dean of the Ohio delegation, and a candidate for the post, said he "deplored the efforts of any potential candidate for the presidency is attempting to dictate who will be elected the majority leader of the House."

Jenkins said that if elected floor leader he "will see that the position I hold is not used to further any candidate."

**OPPOSED BY HALLECK**

Jenkins is lined up against Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana for the chief House plum below the speakership, conceded to Rep. Joe Martin of Massachusetts. A third candidate is Rep. Clarence Brown of Ohio, who will split strength with Jenkins if the two do not join strength later. Another is Rep. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois.

Back of the fight is the presidential nomination prize to be contested among Governor Dewey, Sen. Bob Taft of Ohio, Senator-elect John W. Bricker of Ohio, and others.

**FIREWORKS EXPECTED**

Ruckus started here when reports reached Washington that 26 Republican congressmen from Pennsylvania were lined up by Joseph N. Pew Jr., to vote for Representative Halleck as majority leader. Pew is a large contributor to the Republican party, and reportedly is convinced that Governor Dewey will be the next Republican nominee for the presidency.

Some doubted that Gov. Edward Martin, Pennsylvania's senator-elect, would go along with the pledge. The governor is considered the head of his party in Pennsylvania. Others believed that such a pledge was inadvisable in that it might cause the Midwest to line up against any candidate supported in the East by New York and Pennsylvania.

The sum total is that the fight for the House floor leadership is not over, and there may be fireworks yet.

Representative Jenkins, a veteran in House service, and long time member of the Ways and Means Committee, repeated his contention there "must be no outside interference."

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# Justices Oppose State Bar Plan

MARTINEZ, Dec. 12.—Opposition to a plan of the California State Bar Association to consolidate justice courts throughout the state was voiced today by the Contra Costa County Justices and Constables Association.

The association directed a letter to the Contra Costa County Grand Jury in opposition to the proposed plan. Grand jury members, it has been stated, have prepared a resolution recommending the consolidation of justice courts in this court. The resolution has not, as yet, been made a matter of public record.

New officers of the association for the coming year were also announced. They are Constable B. B. Rogers, Martinez, president; Justice of the Peace Joe Martyn Turner, El Cerrito, vice-president; Justice of the Peace Otto Lietl, Port Chicago, secretary-treasurer.

Rogers is the first constable to hold the post of president. He succeeds Justice of the Peace S. C. Masteson of Richmond. The new officers were named at the annual Christmas dinner of the organization. Hosts at the Christmas affair were Rogers and Justice of the Peace Thomas Meehan, also of Martinez.

# THREE HELD FOR VALLEJO ROBBERY

VALLEJO, Dec. 12.—Three men who are charged with holding up a liquor store here at gun point are being held in the County Jail in lieu of $5000 bail each, with their preliminary hearing set for December 27.

Lester W. Melvin, 24, alleged wielder of the pistol; Albert A. Daniels, 26, whom authorities say acted as lookout, and Raymond Bruce, 20, alleged driver of the car in which they fled, appeared in Justice Court yesterday.

They were accused of entering the liquor store at 2030 Solano Avenue, where Spero Dano, the clerk, said Melvin threatened him at the point of a gun and then took all of the cash amounting to $32 from the register.

The robbery took place last Saturday night. Vallejo police assisted the sheriff's office took Melvin and Daniels into custody Sunday night and Bruce was arrested Tuesday.

# Chamber Asks Road Openings

HAYWARD, Dec. 12.—With the last Hayward area road to the bay closed in recent weeks, Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce directors this week pledged support to a campaign to open bayshore roads for sportsmen.

At the request of Directors Frank Faria and Bruno Buti of Meekland Avenue, President Val Hollingsworth instructed the chamber road committee to seek support from county Supervisors in reopening roads to the Bay.

Buti charged that duck hunters, fishermen and sailing enthusiasts have been blocked from reaching the Bay through the closing of the Oakland Airport road, the Powder Company Road and the Russell City Road.

The Russell City Road, a county thoroughfare, was recently closed by order of the county health department, however. Buti declared that there are no homes in the area near the bayshore and that the road was the last outlet to the Bay from this area.

Directors also endorsed Archbishop John J. Mitty's "Boy's Town" project in Moraga Valley, and continued the next regular meeting scheduled for December 24 to January 14, at which time President-elect Fred Cox will entertain directors at a dinner meeting in the Castro V Gardens, Castro Valley.

# Reserve Officers To Hold Meeting

HAYWARD, Dec. 12. — Reserve officers living in Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Livermore, and other Southern Alameda County cities will meet for dinner tomorrow evening at 1620 Foothill Boulevard.

Plans will be made for the formation of a new chapter of the Reserve Officers Association, according to Col. Karl G. Heine, president of the association's East Bay Chapter.

Speakers for the evening are Col. Roger K. Hillman, State instructor of the Organized Reserves, and Col. Robert Blanchamp, State president of the Reserve Officers Association.

"Victory in the Air," an Army Air Forces film, will be shown. Chairman for the meeting is Col. Earl W. Hunting of San Leandro. All reserve officers are invited to attend.

**Work for Prisoners**

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The 1947 Legislature will be asked to provide an adequate work program for California's prison population, Director of Corrections Richard A. McGee told Sacramento city and county officials yesterday. Virtually half the nearly 7000 inmates are idle, McGee said.

# VA Ranks Veterans' Bald Heads Along With Missing Legs

DENVER, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A new super-deluxe service was made available to veterans today by the Veterans Administration.

Branch 13 of the VA here disclosed that the administration now will pay for a veteran's toupee. What's more, the veteran can have the toupee sent to the cleaners at VA expense.

The only point over which the VA is "splitting hairs" is that a bald veteran must have lost his hair in military service, through combat action, accident or illness.

The "disfigurement" has been classed in the same category as the loss of an arm or leg as a "cosmetic appliance."

# Doctor Divorced; $130,000 Is Divided

An interlocutory divorce decree today was granted Mrs. Mary Louise Deissler from her husband, Dr. Karl J. Deissler, San Francisco and Oakland physician, after she testified he treated her with extreme cruelty, was cold and indifferent and told her he loved another woman.

Superior Judge John J. Allen, in granting the decree, also approved a property settlement through which each will receive approximately $65,000 in community property. This includes real estate, cash, notes and insurance.

Mrs. Deissler waived alimony. She and Dr. Deissler were married in 1937 and the family home is at 2050 Webster Street, Oakland. There are no children.

# Veteran Post to Mourn Member

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—Memorial services for Charles J. Hohlbein, 46, of 1201 Cornell Avenue, will be held tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the Ellis-Olsen Mortuary, 727 San Pablo Avenue, Albany.

They will be under the direction of Emeryville Post No. 1010, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which he was a charter member.

Mr. Hohlbein, a retired contractor, died Tuesday night after a short illness. He was a native of Baltimore and had lived in Berkeley 10 years.

Funeral services will be held at noon tomorrow, with Charles King Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans, in charge. Burial will be in Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Alice, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Becker of Alameda.

# Walnut Creek VFW To Hold Initiation

WALNUT CREEK, Dec. 12.—New members will be initiated and general business discussions held when Walnut Creek VFW Post meets in the Veterans Memorial Building here Tuesday night.

Discussions of a future sports program will take place. Plans for formation of a VFW Auxiliary have been postponed until after the first of the year.

# Guard Dies, Officer Wounded in Battle

A complaint about a noisy radio left in its wake today a wounded San Francisco policeman and a dead Presidio civil guard, killed in a gun battle.

The dead man was Eustis Armelian, 46, of 1658 Ellis Street, who put in the nuisance call to police last night.

Police said that Patrolman Arthur Litt went to Armelian's apartment in response to the telephone call and was greeted by gunfire. Litt was struck by a bullet in the leg, and limped off for help.

With the aid of another officer, Raymond H. Heiney, the two patrolmen returned to the apartment where more than a dozen shots were fired in the ensuing gun fight.

Investigators said they were unable to explain Armelian's action.

# Hit-Run Killer of Dog Pays $100 Fine

RICHMOND, Dec. 12.—Cecil O'Neil, 24, of 1070 South Fifty-third Street, was fined $100 today in Police Court after pleading guilty to a hit-run accident in which a dog was killed.

Judge C. D. Horner after hearing testimony, told O'Neal he had the alternative of either serving 30 days in jail or paying $100 fine.

O'Neal was charged with running down a dog, owned by Lucille Whitley of 349 South Eighth Street on December 5. When he failed to stop after the accident, a passing motorist gave chase, police said, and turned O'Neal's license number over to authorities.

# Man Charged With Tainted Candy Sales

PITTSBURG, Calif., Dec. 12.—For allegedly continuing to sell tainted candy after a warning from authorities, John Sing, 62, owner of Canton Grocery, 740 York Street, will appear for trial December 17 to answer to two counts of selling "worm infested" candy to children.

Sing, who sold the candy in grab bags with one stick of bubble gum, was arrested on a complaint signed by Acting City Judge Michael J. Gatto, after City Health Inspector Ben E. Rough, who previously confiscated 30 bags of the tainted sweets, presented a formal complaint against the merchant.

# Garage Is Burned

Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed a private garage on property owned by William Foley, 32, at 2623 Humboldt Avenue, and an automobile owned by Fred Schofges, 21, of 3518 Loma Vista Avenue. Battalion Chief E. B. French estimated total damage at $750.


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