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NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 1967

Time: 6:00 P.M. - No Host Cocktails

7:00 P.M. - Dinner

8:00 P.M. - Speaker

Place: The Boardroom Restaurant
3361 West 8th Street
Los Angeles, California

Program: AGGRESSION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Speaker: Dr. Irving Bernstein, Professor of Political Science,
and Acting Director, Institute of Industrial Relations,
U.C.L.A.

Please make reservations by enclosing the return self-addressed card, or by calling Rita Sann, 272-8911, ext. 2425, no later than Monday, January 13, 1967. If you are unable to attend the dinner, you and your friends are welcome to come to Dr. Bernstein's address at 8:00 P.M.

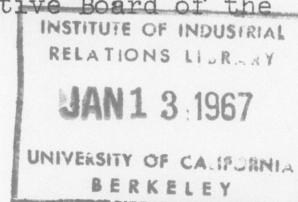
NEWS BRIEF

ON SPEAKER

FOR JANUARY

Dr. Bernstein will speak on the application of the ideas of the naturalist, Konrad Lorentz, with regard to aggressive behavior in animals, including man, to the institution of collective bargaining.

Dr. Bernstein received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1948. During World War II he was an Industrial Economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a Hearing Officer with the National War Labor Board, and Chief of the Materials Section, U.S. Conciliation Service. He has served as an arbitrator in numerous labor disputes from 1948 to date and is presently chairman of several wage boards for the California Industrial Welfare Commission, a member of the Executive Board of the



Industrial Relations Research Association, and vice-president of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

Dr. Bernstein is also the author of several outstanding books and articles published in scholarly journals. Among the former are: The Lean Years, A History of the American Worker, 1920-1933, Houghton Mifflin, 1960. Published in paperback by Penguin, 1966; Emergency Disputes and National Policy, Harper 1955 (editor in chief and contributor); Arbitration of Wages, University of California Press, 1954.

PAST	Kenneth Robertson, recently appointed the Secretary of
	Labor's Personal Regional Representative for the Western
PROGRAM	States, discussed some aspects and implications of emergency
	dispute legislation.

In an attempt to assess the mood of Congress concerning the enactment of new emergency dispute legislation, Mr. Robertson felt that a review of some benchmarks of such legislation would provide the proper historical context. Thus he discussed some recommendations contained in the report of the President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy of May 1, 1962. According to these recommendations, the President would be authorized to appoint an Emergency Dispute Board in any collective bargaining situation in a major or critical industry which may develop into a dispute threatening the national health or safety. The Board to be appointed at any stage of negotiations, could mediate between the parties and recommend procedures for settlement of the issues in dispute. The President would be further authorized to direct the Board to hold a hearing on the potential implications of strikes or lock-outs as a threat to the nation's health or safety, and to declare a state of national emergency if he finds such a threat exists. The President could also direct the parties to continue or resume operations but not beyond an eighty-day limit. If the strike or lockout threat persisted beyond that limit, the President could refer the matter to Congress.

Another benchmark is the speech Secretary of Labor Wirtz delivered before the National Academy of Arbitrators in Chicago on February 1, 1963. At the time there had been a number of strikes in airlines, longshore, newspapers in New York--and the public was greatly concerned. The Secretary noted that public tolerance of strikes was rapidly diminishing, and that modern technology and specialization of functions in the economy caused major shutdowns to hurt the public more before they hurt either party. The Secretary stated that a Court of Labor-Management Relations was needed which would have jurisdiction to settle strikes when, in the President's judgment, the national interest is jeopardized by their continuation.

More recently, the American Assembly, meeting in New York on October 27-30, 1966 expressed its opinion that if the President is armed with a wide variety of alternative devices, the parties would be uncertain at the outset as to whether the Chief Executive will intervene at all, and if he does just what action he would take.

COMING Organization and Collective Bargaining in Public Employment
EVENTS Conference to be held February 1-2, 1967, at the Biltmore
 Hotel, Los Angeles.

This conference, especially designed for leaders of employee organizations, personnel executives and administrators of public agencies, features the following speakers:

Eli Rock will speak on "Organization and Collective Bargaining Rights of Public Employees." Mr. Rock is one of three arbitrators for the New York City Board of Education and for the United Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

Jerry Wurf, President of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, will speak on "The Rights of Public Employees to Strike," and Arvid Anderson, Commissioner, Wisconsin Employment Relations Board, will present "A Survey of Employment Relations in Public Service."

Saul Wallen, a nationally known arbitrator and a former president of the National Academy of Arbitrators, will discuss "The Outlook for Effective Legislation in Public Employment."

Additional speakers and panelists include:

Irving Bernstein, Ph.D., Acting Director, Institute of Industrial Relations, UCLA.

Larry Corbett, Arbitrator, San Francisco, California

Leo Geffner, Attorney, Levy, DeRoy, Geffner and Van Bourg,
Los Angeles, California

Elinor Glenn, Assistant General Manager of Building Service Employees' Union, Local 434, Los Angeles, California

Walter Grimm, Staff Consultant, California State Employees' Association,
Sacramento, California

Edward Holmes, General Manager, Los Angeles County Employees' Association,
Los Angeles, California

Howard Kennedy, County Counsel, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California

Leo Kotin, Arbitrator and Lecturer, California State College,
Los Angeles, California

E.C. Marriner, City Manager, Pittsburgh, California

Barney Walzak, Personnel Director, City of Long Beach,
Long Beach, California

David Ziskind, Attorney, Los Angeles, California

EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

An opening now exists for a person with experience in handling labor negotiations and grievances in The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild. Interested parties may secure further information by calling DAN SWINTON at The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, 748-1212

The California State Employees Association will appoint a representative and consultant for its members on the Westwood campus. For information call Joe Tribulator, 272-8911, Ext. 2946.

Research Assistant: To conduct broad-gauged research on employee fringe benefits, consumer-oriented purchase programs, human relations studies, etc. Must have university level training and experience in statistical techniques.

Insurance Program Assistant: To administer presently existing group insurance programs and develop new plans where needed. At least three years of insurance experience as a licensed agent required.

Please contact Mr. Lee Bluestone, Los Angeles County Employees Association, 1360 West Temple Street, MA-6-9411 or MA-8-9211, Station 63621.

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