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NEXT MEETING

Date: TUESDAY, March 21, 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, CaliforniaProgram: Prospects of Labor Legislation

Speaker: Willard Z. Carr, Jr.

Please make reservation by calling Rita Sann, 272-8911, ext. 2425 as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the dinner, you and your friends are welcome to come to Mr. Carr's address at 8:00 P.M.

NEWS BRIEF

ON SPEAKER

FOR MARCH

Mr. Carr received his LL.B. degree from the Law School of the University of Indiana in 1950. He is a partner in the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and specializes in labor relations cases. In addition to membership in a number of professional associations and committees, Mr. Carr is presently chairman of the County Employees Subcommittee, State and Local Government Committee, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He also represents employers before the California State Legislature on Unemployment and disability insurance issues.

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PAST PROGRAM

Sigmund Arywitz, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, spoke on Labor's Objectives in 1967

Mr. Arywitz stated his philosophy with respect to his position in the labor movement: while serving as Chief of the Division of Labor Law Enforcement under Governor Brown he had to be fair but nonpartisan; in his new role as spokesman for the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor he will continue to be fair, but, frankly, he will be partisan in the full meaning of the word.

He feels that although organized labor did not achieve all of its goals in the 89th Congress, it will continue to support the Johnson administration because it has accomplished considerable social progress--and, after all, the labor movement is truly a social movement. He sees the conservative victories in the recent elections as the result of a "communication gap" between union leadership and membership. . Efforts must be made therefore to reach more union members, as well as the unorganized, on such controversial issues as the revival of right-to-work laws, public employees' right to strike, shorter work weeks, and early retirement provisions. There is no reason why Samuel Gompers' demand for "more, more, more now" cannot be realized in today's economy of rapid technological progress. Special efforts must be made to reach the young workers, who, although they represent the majority in our population, have never experienced a depression and do not seek the help and advice of organized labor.

In commenting on the change of administration in the state of California, Mr. Arywitz feels that the present governor has already alienated large segments of the population. He cites the budget controversy in higher education as reflecting the governor's philosophy of a need for public and private

competition in this area, and his proposal that state employees "contribute" work on Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays as actually an expense to the state--employees' discussions of the pros and cons of this proposal during regular working hours. Mr. Arywitz expects that relations between the governor's office and many members of the Legislature of both parties will continue to become worse.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN

FEBRUARY

Figueroa, Antonio - Gardena
Kaldor, John L. - Los Angeles
McCawley, Jack D. - Fullerton
Ochodnicky, Thomas - San Diego
Thomas B. Tillman - Los Angeles

MARCH

Gates, Elizabeth - Culver City
Tancredi, John - Pacific Palisades