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Labor's Non-Partisan League

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PREFACE

Labor's Non-Partisan League is your organization, and it is your means of expression. For your protection make this league as successful as you would your individual union. No one union will be successful by itself. The machinery for collective action is here to be governed by your union. The Program--to protect your members against anti-labor laws, anti-labor public officials and anti-labor courts. In this booklet is a complete explanation of Labor's program, which is for your benefit. Success of this program depends on you.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

(Unanimously adopted by Labor's Non-Partisan League
National Convention, Washington, March 8, 1937)

Reaffirms Leadership of President Roosevelt

The original declaration of purpose of Labor's Non-Partisan League called for the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and for support of the measures which he had stated to be necessary for national progress.

The League is proud of the part it took in the tremendous victory of the President, and re-affirms now its acceptance of his leadership for the future.

Work With Unions to Raise Wages

Labor's Non-Partisan League recognizes that the primary purpose of independent labor political action is to assist, by every legitimate political means, in the improvement of the wages and working and

living conditions of American labor. To that end, the League will cooperate to the fullest possible extent in the extension and strengthening of labor organizations in industry, and in the attainment of the specific legislative objectives of particular labor groups.

Helps Farmers to Improve Conditions

The welfare of American labor, however, is inseparable from that of the nation as a whole. The League will actively support the organized farmers of the country in their efforts to improve agricultural conditions. More generally, we will work with every progressive group whose purpose is to secure the enactment of liberal and humanitarian legislation.

Strives for Federal Action

The last fifty years of developing industrialism have made of the United States one single, integrated economic unit. The problems of that industrialism must therefore be met through national action, whether on the political or industrial field. Regulation of labor and other industrial conditions can best be undertaken by the Federal Government, and no program of regulation can be successful unless it is based upon Federal action.

Cooperates for State Action

There remains a field, however, in which State action is possible and can be effective. To meet this part of the general problem of labor legislation, Labor's Non-Partisan League has prepared and has issued to its various state organizations a series of proposed bills, modeled closely upon drafts prepared by the League and the State

Federation of Labor in the State of Pennsylvania. The national office has also issued recommendations with respect to State unemployment compensation legislation.

To co-ordinate the activities of State organizations, and to assist each State in its efforts to secure the enactment of such legislation, Labor's Non-Partisan League will continue to issue from its national office proposals for State legislation, and material in support of proposed bills, to the State chairmen, for their consideration. Legal and economic research staffs will be created at national headquarters to serve State organizations in this field.

Organizes for Election Victories

Realizing that the possibility of securing favorable legislation from the State and National Governments depends ultimately upon the power of labor to influence the results of primary and general elections, the League will extend its organization into every county in the United States in which any substantial number of wage-earners are employed.

This organization will be used in election campaigns of the future, to insure the nomination and election to public office of men and women who are not only pledged to support labor and other progressive measures, but whose record also justifies the belief that those pledges will be kept.

LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

Labor's Non-Partisan League of California has been set up as a branch of the national organization of the same name.

It is NOT a THIRD PARTY, but rather an instrument through which

Labor can exert political influence. The League will endorse and support progressive pro-labor candidates for public office, within the framework of the existing political parties.

Labor's Non-Partisan League of California is in support of President Roosevelt and the progressive and social legislation of the New Deal.

The League in California is on record against anti-labor injunctions and anti-picketing ordinances; and has adopted the prosecuting of such issues as its major campaign.

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION OF LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

The first state convention was held on December 11-12, 1937, in San Francisco. There were 372 duly accredited delegates representing American Federation of Labor unions and Central Labor Bodies; C.I.O. unions and Central Labor Bodies; Railroad Brotherhoods; the unemployed, through the Workers Alliance; and the majority of organized negro workers through the Negro Congress.

Officers Elected by the Convention

Chairman

A. F. Gaynor
Railroad Brotherhood

Secretary

J. Vernon Burke
Newspaper Web Pressmen No. 4

Executive Committee

San Francisco County

George Kidwell	Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484 (AFL)
John F. Shelley. . . .	Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484 (AFL)
C. E. McGovern	Construction & General Laborers No. 261 (AFL)
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Herbert Resner	Office & Professional Workers No. 34 (CIO)

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 Oil Workers Union No. 128 (CIO)
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Alameda County

John Walters Typographical Union No. 36 (AFL)
 C. L. Bellums Sleeping Car Porters (AFL)
 W. L. Battersby . . . Electrical & Radio Workers No. 1402 (CIO)

Contra Costa County

Walter Valdi. . . . Retail Clerks No. 1179 (AFL)
 Joseph F. Meech. . . Oil Workers No. 5 (CIO)
 J. H. Stevens Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers No. 51 (CIO)

Kern County

R. A. Starr Kern County Central Labor Council (AFL)

Sacramento County

J. T. Dudley. . . . Switchmen No. 262 (AFL)

San Joaquin County

Clyde Henderson . . . Machinists No. 364 (AFL)

San Mateo County

Bolbrook Bonney . . . San Mateo Central Labor Council (AFL)

Sonoma County

F. H. Pozzi Bottlers No. 293 (AFL)

STATE ORGANIZATION OF LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

The State organization will consist of affiliated local unions, Central Labor Bodies and societies which are representative of other organized groups of workers such as the negroes and the unemployed.

The State organization of the League is directed by the affiliated unions through their representation on the State Executive Board.

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS OF LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

The work of the League in the counties is carried on by County Councils of Labor's Non-Partisan League. The set-up of the county organizations rests with the unions. Unions affiliated to the State organization are to send delegates to the county councils, *in accordance to their membership*

Non-labor organizations which subscribe to the platform of the League are eligible to membership in the county councils of the League, but are restricted to two delegates.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT CLUBS

Fifteen persons who subscribe to the platform and declaration of principles of the League may make application to the County organization for a charter. If the County Council makes favorable recommendation, the State office will then issue the Charter, whereupon an Assembly District Club of the League may be set up.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

No person shall be eligible to membership in the League who does not subscribe to its platform and declaration of principles. And no person shall be barred from membership because of color, creed or political affiliations.

Individuals wishing to work actively in the League should make application for membership to the County Council or Assembly District Club of their area.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Individuals who subscribe to the platform of the League but cannot work actively in it may become members-at-large by making application to the State office and by paying yearly dues of one dollar. Such members have no vote in the management of the League, but will receive all publications issued by the State office.

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Members of unions which are affiliated to the State organization of the League do not thereby gain individual membership in the League. They have a voice in the League affairs through their unions; but all union members may join the League as individuals through their ~~unions~~ County or Assembly District organizations, thereby becoming active members in their own political districts.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ON ORGANIZATION

1. State Officers: State officers must be members of labor unions or one of the organizations eligible to affiliation to the State Organization of the League. They must be registered voters of the State of California.

2. County Officers: All County officers and two-thirds of the County Executive Committee members must be from organizations eligible to affiliation to the State Organization of the League.

3. *Political parties + Clubs are not eligible to affil. with League*

HOW TO ORGANIZE A UNIT OF LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

Eligible to Affiliation:

1. Organizations of the American Federation of Labor
2. Organizations of the Committee for Industrial Organization.
3. Railroad Brotherhoods
4. Workers Alliance (representing the unemployed)
5. Negro Congress (representing the majority of the organized negro people)

6. Bonafide independent unions (upon and following investigation and approval of the Executive Committee)

Individuals:

1. May become regular members by joining their County or Assembly District Clubs.
2. May become members-at-large by making application to the State office. Such members are not permitted to participate in the affairs of either the County or Assembly District organizations.

Cost of Affiliation:

Labor Unions and other eligible organizations to be affiliated to the State organization of the League shall pay ten cents per member per year. This payment is to be made either in advance for the year or in quarterly installments. Central Labor Bodies shall pay ten cents per delegate per year.

Regular Individual Members shall pay a minimum initiation fee of one dollar, fifty cents of which goes to the State organization. In addition, such members pay whatever dues are set by the County or Assembly District Club to which they belong; but in no event may such dues exceed three dollars per year.

Members-At-Large shall pay one dollar per year to the State Office.

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Charters will be issued by the State office upon receipt of the affiliation fee.

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Further information, and the minutes of the last convention, may be obtained by writing to the State Secretary, J. Vernon Burke, 83 Wallister Street, Room 316, San Francisco.

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CONFERENCE BECOMES LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA!

A new name and nation-wide prestige and strength comes to the Conference in adopting the name of "Labor's Non-Partisan League of California". The decision came following a week-end conference between E. L. Oliver, Executive Vice-President of the League, and a committee of ten appointed by the Executive Committee conference to conclude the deal with Oliver.

In announcing that the officers of the Conference were appointed as the officers of the state League, Oliver declared that all former League officers in this state were retiring and the entire field will be left clear to our organization. The change of name will not effect any fundamental reorganization of the work we have been doing. The decision of the national League to use the machinery of our Conference in organizing in this state is said to have been based largely upon the fact that our organization had established County groups in the method that the League was following in all other states.

Under the uniform terminology adopted to conform to the practices of the League, the former "County Councils" will adopt the title of "Labor's Non-Partisan League of _____ County". Hereafter, the "People's Lobby News" will be known as "Labor's Non-Partisan League California Bulletin". All present subscribers for the Lobby News will receive the new bulletin.

STATE WIDE CONVENTION CALLED FOR DECEMBER 11 & 12

San Francisco was named as the convention city of the first organizing convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League of California. The plan is to have a two day convention, December 11 and 12, devoted entirely to adoption of a constitution, arrangement for per capita tax, allotment of proportional voting strength, and election of officers. Calls for the convention are being sent this week. The decision that a convention must be held came as a result of a meeting of the Executive Committee immediately following the conference with E. L. Oliver.

State Secretary, Herbert Resner, is in charge of the details of the convention and A. F. Gaynor, State Chairman, expects to devote full time to publicizing the meeting. The plan now is that the sole business taken up by the convention will be organizational details, and no endorsements of candidates made or other action taken.

E. L. OLIVER DECLARES PURPOSES OF NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

"Labor's Non-Partisan League feels that the tremendous sentiment for Roosevelt should be crystallized for future purposes", said E. L. Oliver in opening the negotiations with our organization. The League, he said, was an important feature in the President's campaign. More than \$1,000,000 was spent. Thereafter a more permanent program was set up.

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"The outstanding development in the League to date has been in municipal campaigns", said Oliver. He cited victories in Newark, N.J.; Canton, Ohio; Akron, Ohio; county elections in Pennsylvania, and in Michigan. "The basic principle of organization is that labor and farmers constitute the great bulk of the population. But there are other economic interests which should also be tied in. Our program therefore, is not narrowly labor, although labor should and does control". He stated that most of the large international unions were affiliated with the League and most of the A.F. of L. locals are joining in the League activity in the states.

"On the matter of the organization of a new political party, our attitude is just like that of a big business house. They have people in all political parties, and have no sentimental attachment to any particular party. There are many progressives and labor leaders that for some occult reason believe that they must have a new party. Our stand is that where labor and farmers can best be served by the League's acting through the Democratic Party, we will be Democrats, and where they will best be served through the Republican Party, we will be Republicans, and where it is necessary we will have a new party."

"We are accused of being the vehicle by which John L. Lewis proposes to climb to fame. I think this is disproved by the manner of my own appointment. I had never met Lewis until I was picked for my job. If Lewis had political ambitions he would not have permitted a man to be placed in such a strategic post in that way. This just does not square with the idea of his having ambitions". Oliver stressed the important part played in the League nationally by Sidney Hillman, its Treasurer.

COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL UNITY WILL NOT OVERLAP FUNCTIONS OF LNPL

Two weeks ago, a meeting of liberals and progressives was held at Fresno. Many of the leading figures of Upton Sinclair's campaign in 1934 were there. A permanent organization under the title "Committee for Political Unity" was formed, and a convention for the purpose of selecting candidates for the 1938 elections was set for the first part of next year.

Will this new Committee compete with our organization? The answer definitely is no. For one thing, there is sufficient overlapping membership between the two organizations so that at all times their activities will be closely coordinated. In addition, the two groups have definitely different fields to work on. In his recent visit, E. L. Oliver stated that in almost every state there were two organizations prominent in the progressive movement. One, usually the League, took in trade unions and other organizations that function like trade unions (unemployed, professional, farmer, etc., groups). The other included all the balance of the progressive movement which, in most cases, is composed of forward-looking individuals who are not attached to any organization. Oliver stated that where this latter group had been placed immediately in with the labor groups, friction often resulted.

It is not at all impossible that, after the League is established in this state, it can act jointly with the Committee for Political Unity, and to a certain extent the organizing work in the precincts could be fused.

NEW COUNTY UNITS are constantly springing up, formerly as a part of the Conference and now, of course, as units of LNPL. Councils have been formed in Long Beach and Alhambra, and organizing committees are at work in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Both the Los Angeles, Contra Costa and Alameda County groups are becoming regular and well-coordinated Councils. The San Francisco group is pioneering new territory for our organization in its splendid campaign in the municipal elections by its "Honest Government Committee".

LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

Room 212, 1095 Market Street, San Francisco—Market 8282

May 18, 1938

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The San Francisco members of the Executive Committee met in the state office on May 16, the following members being present: Herbert Resner, J. F. Shelley, C. L. Dellums, Germain Bulcke, and J. Vernon Burke.

The meeting was held at the request of the southern board members, owing to the fact that the problem of Assembly District Club representation is confronting the southern board in an acute manner at the present time. They have previously written you, stating their position.

Difficulties regarding our recent decision to withhold the franchise from the Assembly District Clubs have already been encountered by the state office. However, you have two problems here.

The members meeting in this office did not concur completely with the opinion of the southern members, in that we believe there should be one representative in the convention from each Assembly District, rather than from each Club. The members meeting here were particularly concerned about keeping our organization strictly in the control of the unions, and it was felt that to allow each Assembly District Club a representative in the convention would make it a comparatively simple matter for some politicians to stack the convention.

At the same time, it is apparent that the Assembly Clubs will be able to campaign more effectively than will the unions, as such. So we did not believe the Clubs should be completely disfranchised. And, at the same time, we do not wish to lay the League open to the charge that it is an organization which embraces people other than those engaged in the labor movement.

Considering that there are already fifty-five Assembly District Clubs formed, in approximately forty Assembly Districts, and because the Clubs will have the main responsibility for maintaining the County Councils financially, this decision was made which is enclosed herewith in the form of a ballot. The State Secretary was instructed to communicate with you immediately, asking that you cast your vote and forward it to this office just as soon as possible.

REGISTER FOR VOTING IMMEDIATELY!

It is necessary that we act as quickly as possible, owing to the fact that the Assembly District Clubs will have to make arrangements for financing their delegates if they desire to send any to the convention; and also to arrange for joint meetings of all clubs in any given district where more than one club exists.

In considering this matter I must ask you to realize that we are not in danger of having our convention stacked by any political organization if this method is followed; and more important, several of the counties are collecting the per capita fee each month from the individual members for the purpose of maintaining the county organization. The unions are maintaining the state organization and in a great many instances cannot be expected to contribute further financial aid to the county councils.

There are a great many members signed as individuals whose unions have not affiliated, for one reason or another with which we are all familiar. These people in particular, as well as the remaining members who are interested enough to become active as individuals, feel that they should have some recognition in the state convention.

We feel that an affirmative vote in favor of the enclosed ballot will give them recognition and, at the same time, protect ourselves against the charges that we are not a strictly labor organization.

The problem in the northern part of the state is particularly acute on this subject, which accounts for the fact that we could not quite concur in the recommendation of the southern board members. We sincerely hope that the members in the south recognize this. We would like to concur, very much; but owing to the situation that exists here in the unions we can foresee that definite and extremely detrimental repercussions would follow if we allowed each Assembly District Club a representative in the convention.

We realize that we will be confronted with untrue charges from time to time, but hope to keep them down to a minimum and we feel that this action will accomplish the desires of all of us who are concerned; if not completely, at least in a satisfactory manner.

May I, therefore, respectfully request you to immediately inform this office as to your attitude by marking the enclosed ballot and forwarding same immediately?

Reminding you again of the Executive Committee meeting to be held in Fresno on May 29, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

J. Vernon Burke

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State Secretary

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August 29, 1939

TO ALL CALIFORNIA TRADE UNIONS

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

A short while ago Labor's Non-Partisan League forwarded resolutions to the various unions pertaining to a Third Term for President Roosevelt. Many of the Unions have concurred in the resolution and have returned them to our State office.

Our State Executive Committee believe, however, that we should go even further to assure ourselves of a New Deal candidate on 1940. We must prepare ourselves for a long and vigorous campaign in behalf of President Roosevelt or any other New Deal candidate in order to avoid being placed at the mercy of reactionary candidates who might win the election.

In view of this thought we have petitions which we are asking individual members of organized labor to sign. The petitions call for a voluntary contribution to the campaign fund of any amount the individual cares to give. We will be happy to forward copies of this petition to each union who desires them, upon request.

May I urge you to carry on your political activities through the medium of your own organization, Labor's Non-Partisan League of California. We must be ever watchful of these new organizations which are springing up of which we know very little.

We are looking forward to your cooperation in building a strong campaign for the 1940 Presidential election.

Sincerely and fraternally,

J. Vernon Burke
 State Secretary

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Organize to Vote Wise!

October 6, 1939

Mr. Harry Miller
Supervisor of the Personnel Department
State Relief Administration
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Miller:

The 17th Assembly District Club of Labor's Non-Partisan League has instructed me to convey to you the appreciation of the Club for the removal of a member of the Alameda County Republican Central Committee, Mr. Roy Blackburn, from the local office of the S. R. A. Mr. Blackburn was endorsed for the County Central Committee by the Joe Knowland machine, and his name was run on the front pages of the Oakland Tribune.

After Governor Olson was elected, Blackburn in some manner was placed in the S. R. A. The 17th Assembly District Club protested, and we wish you to know that we appreciate the above referred to move, and that we stand solidly behind the present administration in its efforts to give California a progressive administration.

Very sincerely yours,

C. L. Dellums, Chairman
17th Assembly District Club of
Labor's Non-Partisan League

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cc. Mr. P. J. Gallagher, Oakland

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Senator Sheridan Downey
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Downey:

As you know, Mr. Ed. Snelling, who was employed in the Special Delivery Department of the Oakland Post Office for twenty years, was dismissed around the first of this year. The National Negro Congress, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Labor's Non-Partisan League and many other organizations entered strong protest with Postmistress Donahue. I served on the first committee to interview Mrs. Donahue just a few days after Mr. Snelling's dismissal. At that time, Mrs. Donahue indicated that there was nothing against Mr. Snelling's record, but that he had just served his time and was dismissed because of his age. I asked Mrs. Donahue if Snelling was the oldest man in that department, and she answered in the affirmative. I pointed out to her that she had been misinformed because there was one man in the department some two years older than Mr. Snelling. Mrs. Donahue seemed surprised, and asked me if I was certain, and I told her that I was absolutely certain.

Since so many protests came in, Mrs. Donahue took steps to justify the dismissal and an account was prepared against Snelling covering the entire twenty years. A few weeks ago, I went over those charges with Jack Tolan, son and secretary of Congressman Tolan, and we found that the charges were very weak and that the only important charge against Snelling was to the effect that his eyes were bad and that he had refused to wear glasses. I called Mr. Snelling and had him to join me at Congressman

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Tolan's office for an interview with Jack. It developed that no one had ever suggested to Snelling that he needed glasses. So, we sent him to Doctor Albert Boles, an eye specialist, for an examination. Doctor Boles reported that Snelling did not need glasses, and that they would do him more harm than good. While in the Congressman's office, I picked up a newspaper which had a reproduction of some long hand writing in it, and was very difficult to read, and handed this to Snelling to see if he could read it, and in the presence of Jack Tolán he read it without difficulty. This man should not have been dismissed. He is one of our leading citizens, with an invalid wife, and this dismissal has given his future a blackout.

As chairman of the 17th Assembly District Club of Labor's Non-Partisan League, as well as Chairman of the National Negro Congress, I am requesting that you use all of the influence of your high and esteemed office in seeing that this injustice is corrected. Jack Tolán can supply you with much information since he has personally interviewed Mr. Snelling, and I am certain that Mr. Tolán would be very happy to give whatever assistance he could in correcting this injustice, as the 17th Assembly District is very much disturbed. Because, as you know, the 17th Assembly District is the best organized District in the whole state. The Olson, Patterson, Downey, and Tolán ticket went over stronger in our District than in practically any other District in the whole state and all of the reactionary forces have centered their attack upon us since the election.

Hoping that you are successful in straightening out this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. L. Dellums, Chairman
17th Assembly District Club
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 Building Service Employees
 HENRY SCHMIDT
 International Longshoremen and
 Warehousemen's Union 1-10
 LOUISE BURKE
 Hairdressers and
 Cosmetologists 148A
 DEWEY MEAD
 Painters' Local Union 1158

Los Angeles County
 JACK TENNEY
 Musicians No. 47
 DON HEALEY
 Brotherhood of Painters No. 1063
 J. C. COULTER
 Oil Workers' Union No. 128
 ELMER MEVEBT
 International Longshoremen and
 Warehousemen's Union 1-13
 JULES KIEVITS
 Federation Architects, Engineers,
 Chemists and Technicians
 HUGH WILKINS
 Los Angeles County Council LNPL
 KARL SCHLICHTER
 Los Angeles Newspaper Guild
 RUDY KOHL
 Moving Picture Painters No. 644
 MORRIS ZUSMAN
 Amalgamated Clothing Workers
 C. G. JACOBSON
 Workers Alliance

Alameda County
 C. L. DELLUMS
 Sleeping Car Porters
 LEONARD FELS
 State, County and Municipal
 Workers Local 91
 CLARENCE TOBBY
 Sign and Pictorial Painters 878
 ESTOLV WARD
 San Francisco-Oakland
 Newspaper Guild
 HENRY L. JONES
 Carpenters No. 36

Marin County
 H. IVARSON
 Carpenters No. 1710
 Mill Valley, California

San Bernardino County
 W. R. HATHAWAY
 Mine, Mill and Smelter
 Workers No. 414

Santa Clara County
 CLARENCE BROOKS
 Typographical Union

Sonoma County
 SAM MARZELL
 ILWU 1-4

Contra Costa County
 WALTER VALDI
 County Council LNPL
 EDWARD HOCKING
 IUMMESSY No. 31
 M. B. TRAVIS
 Steel Workers No. 440

Kern County
 W. A. STARR
 Kern County Central
 Labor Council
 EDWARD WALLACE
 Int. Bro. Ele. Workers No. 428

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 Switchmen's No. 262
 GLEN A. WARREN
 Bakery Workers No. 85

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 C. A. KILLAUGH
 State, County and Municipal
 Workers No. 126
 T. A. POPE
 ILWU 1-54

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 Carpenters' No. 1408

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STATEMENT BY LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA
 ADOPTED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD, FRESNO, DECEMBER 3, 1939

Labor's Non-Partisan League of California is conscious of its growing responsibility to the labor movement and people of this state in the struggle for social and economic progress. In this consciousness, the League confronts a situation today where it believes certain immediate and vigorous actions are necessary.

The paramount issues facing the people of California have been for some time, and become increasingly so with every passing day, the following: (1) Unemployment (2) Relief (3) Pensions and social security (4) Protection of civil liberties.

There will be a Special Session of the California Legislature this coming January. In relation to the Special Session, the League, in cooperation with other progressive and liberal organizations and leaders, will hold a Statewide Conference to outline and secure action on the vital issues named above.

We are calling this conference in the desire to direct the attention of Governor Olson and his administration, as well as that of the Legislature, once again to the major principles as adopted in the Democratic State platform of 1938 upon which the present State Administration was elected.

With the problems of unemployment, relief, pensions and civil liberties crying for solution and action, the importance of the recall movement against Governor Olson fades into the background. If the full attention and energy of the administration are directed toward a solution of these problems, neither the people who elected this administration nor the administration itself will find cause to be concerned with a recall.

We believe the Statewide Conference we propose will more immediately and effectively serve the interests of the people of California than any other which may be called at this time, such as the suggested Eleven Western States Conference. If such a Western States Conference should be called at a future time, the League will consider its participation at that time, always keeping in mind the League's policy that Labor must have adequate representation; that the League will in no way previously commit itself to the program of such a Conference; and reserving the privilege of taking whatever independent action the League believes necessary to protect labor's and the people's interests.

Labor's Non-Partisan League of California will make its own independent decisions through the democratic processes of its State organization, as to the activities and campaigns in which the League will participate in the future, as in the past.

Organize to Vote Wise!

J. Vernon Burke
J. Vernon Burke

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LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE - 1940 Pre-Primary Campaign
(Analysis and report of Campaign Manager).

Objectives:

- George Newman for
Assembly
1. To elect the candidates
 2. To educate the public in the principles and program of the League
 - a. through speeches made by and for candidates
(fix)
 - b. by radio talks
 - c. through issuance of campaign literature
 - d. through press releases
 - (1) labor press
 - (2) commercial press
 - (3) neighborhood press
 3. To involve people in the actual campaign
 - a. to educate them in the issues involved
 - b. to train them by practical experience in working together on political campaigns.
 4. To lay a basis for further organization and development of Labor's Non-Partisan League
 - a. through increased forces
 - b. through increased interest

Degree of Attainment of Objectives:

1. No Candidates elected

Percentage of total vote cast

		Actual figures	(total)
Melville	8%	871	11,030
Newman	11%	982	8,687
Young	7%	437	5,958
Kwas	7%	2,816	43,054
Johnson	14%	2,859	20,375

2. a. Approximately 120 talks given - in many cases audiences overlapped
Estimated number of different people reached by this means

2500

b. 3 radio talks by two candidates.

c. Printed Campaign literature exclusive of candidates cards, and car and window stickers, and LNPL News

Newman 15,000 leaflets

Melville 10,000 leaflets

Mimeographed leaflets exclusive of LNPL News Extras 85,000

LNPL News -- (printed) July 2,000

August 50,000

LNPL EXTRAS (mimeo) 2,000

Distribution - - - realistic basis - - - 4/5s mimeo material
2/3 printed material

3. Press releases

a. Labor press

P.W. Good publicity - largely due to initiative and co-operation of John Broman

Labor Herald some publicity - courtesy

Ronald Cooley

Labor Journal - Editt ad. for Newman (paid)

b. Commercial Press - some damaging releases in Tribune (Wesley Robbins) - no attention paid to 20 release sent them.

c. Neighborhood press - practically no publicity.

Degree of Attainment of Objectives (continued)

#3 Campaign Chairman for various candidates report on
different people actually involved

Young	- - - - -	30
Johnson		70
Kwas		65
Melville		35
Newman		60

Three Assembly District Clubs grew during the Campaign
in attendance, membership and enthusiasm

15th	slightly
18th	significantly
17th	markedly

For George Newman's Leaflet

1/1/40
for index only

Will support legislation to end discrimination in Civil Service based upon race, creed or color.

Will support legislation to end discrimination by Public Utilities based upon race, creed or color.

Will support legislation to end discrimination on public works based upon race, creed or color.

Will support legislation to make discrimination in places of public accomodation criminal violation as well as a civil violation, when based upon race creed or color.

Will work and fight against any and all forms of discrimination based upon race, creed, color, sex or nationality.

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August 30, 1940

State Executive Board L.N.P.L.
Mr. Estolv E. Ward, Acting Sec'y.
320 Market Street, Room 203
San Francisco, California

Fraternal Greetings:

This is to advise the Board that on Sunday, September 8, day of the Board meeting, I am to arrive in New York City on business of my organization, as well as to attend the International Convention of the same. Therefore, it will be impossible for me to attend the Board meeting, but I hope to be back and able to attend the next meeting.

With best wishes for a successful Board meeting, + remain

Fraternaly yours,

C. L. Dellums, Int'l Vice President

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