

# Public Employes Target For Union Organization

Labor unions, facing a decline in membership, are making a militant drive to organize public employes such as teachers, nurses, policemen, and firemen.

This has been found by Randy H. Hamilton in a study published in the current "Public Affairs Report" of the University of California's Institute of Governmental Studies on the Berkeley campus. Hamilton is executive director of the Institute for Local Self Government, an independent research and education organization.

Union membership has declined by about a million members despite increases in total employment, Hamilton found. Also, public employment has become the fastest growing sector of the U. S. economy.

increased their share of the public jobs from 13 per cent to 16 per cent in the past 10 years, for a total of one and a half million members today.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has increased by 500 per cent to nearly a half-million members over the past decade, and is the fastest growing union in the AFL-CIO.

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has climbed from 45,000 to 145,000 in the same time, while the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) rose from 51,000 to 235,000.

Almost all U.S. cities with a population over a quarter-million now have one or more employe organizations.

Hamilton quotes a study of the National League of Cities that pins the incentive for public white collar workers to unionize on the fact that "pay scales lag behind those of blue collar workers who have long been unionized and we have won 'prevailing rate' contracts." He quotes municipal employe salary figures showing electricians and plumbers making nearly equal or greater salaries than librarians and social workers with advanced degrees.

# Early Renewal of License Urged by Vehicle Director

Have a birthday coming up driver's license in the next six months should renew it now.

That advice was given all California motorists this week by Verne Orr, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Orr, noting that driver's licenses in California always expire on your birthday, suggested that motorists who are facing expiration of their license should renew it now.

"You do not lose time by early renewal," he said. "Unless you have accumulated too many moving violations your license is good for four years."

If motorists wait until more than 90 days past the renewal birthday, the term of the license is shortened to three years, Orr explained.

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**QUITTING BUSINESS...** Larry Macaray, art and travel columnist for the Press-Herald, is calling it quits after operating his own art gallery at 1425 E. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, for four years. Shown here are a few of the paintings which he currently is offering for sale. The gallery will close its doors Oct. 1.

## ...Let's Go By LARRY MACARY

In this day and age it is sad to see any small business finally give up and close its doors. With more modern and centralized shopping centers being built, the trend of buying is certainly more favorable toward the larger "chain" operations. Only the large chain stores can afford the higher rents and long leases involved in a shopping center type store, not to mention the large inventory that surely must be maintained.

The day of "Mom and Pop" starting on a shoestring and building any — even a living — is gone. It takes a considerable amount of capital to start even the smallest business today. It seems that so many factors are pushing the small business man toward losses and bankruptcy. Higher sales taxes, high inventory and personal taxes, social security and unemployment taxes, higher postal rates, higher advertising costs, and an endless list of other expenses almost spell doom for him.

After almost four years of operating our own Art Gallery at 1425 E. Lincoln Ave. in Anaheim, we are going out of business. What a disappointment to

learn that after this period of time, the sales do not even bring enough to "break even." It started as an avocation with the hopes that eventually it would become a paying proposition. Not so — nor do I think that 10 years would make it work.

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS** seems to be a magical term. The people that were hiding with the old faded bills stuffed in their mattresses are now venturing forth to buy paintings for their bare walls. Money that was destined to buy a new suit or dress is now being diverted toward acquiring a good piece of art. Those who never seemed interested in art before are now eager and anxious to cut even the sale price an extra ten percent.

It isn't necessary for anyone to spend thousands — or even hundreds — of dollars to start and build an art collection that will almost certainly increase in value in years to come. There are, and always have been, many opportunities to obtain real bargains in art. It is possible for anyone to buy good, reasonably priced art. The best way, obviously, is to catch an art gallery when it is going out of business.

Taking a loss on selling a washing machine or an automobile is one thing — but to slash the price of a man's creative work is very difficult to do. The basic intrinsic values of a finely made object by hand are becoming more real in this electronic age and these values will become more valid as time goes on. Many creative things that men do with their hands are disappearing — but good paintings still cannot be made by a machine.

**BASIC EDUCATION** in the appreciation of art — paintings in particular — seemed to us to be a relatively simple matter. We would just expose the viewing public with good works of art by such noted artists as Al Lecocque, Leon Franks, Rex Brandt, Jim Stancin, Frank Manouso, and many others. Soon, because of the extremely high quality of the work, the public would understand the difference between "assembly-line" imports and good serious painting. How wrong we were.

Who buys paintings? Not the older people — except those who happened to grow up in a family that appreciated art. Most older Europeans who have come to this country seem to appreciate art. In Europe, people have long invested in paintings and other art objects — not only as a hedge against inflation, but because of deeper esthetic reasons.

It is the younger married couples who seem to be doing most of the art buying. They see the values in creative work that their parents did not — they want to invest in more than a color television and an automobile. Highly expressive paintings can feed a man's soul — just as good food can feed a man's body. If your soul needs feeding, come and see us before we close our doors on Oct. 1.

"SINCE OUR biggest future growth in employment will not be in blue collar operations, union recruitment of white collar members is of a life-or-death significance for unions," according to Hamilton. "This being so, the new militancy of public employe unions is not going to decrease. The movement to unionize public employes has entered a new era in which tough, no-holds-barred trade union methods will be commonplace."

Hamilton says unions are working "night and day to create a new climate of public opinion" that their leaders believe will result by the end of this year in at least 50 per cent of the population accepting public employes' right to strike.

HE CITES these figures showing a sharp upturn in the militancy and strength of public labor unions:

- Strikes increased in number from 28 in 1962 to 42 in 1965 and more than 150 in 1966. Present tallies at mid-1967 indicate a possible doubling of that number this year.
- Every working day 1,000 government employes join a labor union.

## Governor Names New Secretary

**SACRAMENTO** — Winifred W. Adams, 50, former Republican party official, has been appointed as cabinet secretary to Governor Ronald Reagan.

Adams, who has been with the administration since and during the 1966 campaign, moves to the governor's office from the resources agency where he was assistant to the administrator. The move actually involves a cut in pay of about \$2,000 a year but is considerably higher in the administration echelon.

Adams replaces William P. Clark Jr., who became executive secretary upon the resignation of Philip N. Battaglia.

Adams retired after 20 years in the U. S. Air Force and was campaign director for the Republican state central committee for about four years. He was director of the Cal-Plan to elect Republican legislators. He is married and resides in California.

## Road Improvement

Pavement will be constructed on a 650-foot section of the east side of Avalon Boulevard near Carson Street to increase motorist safety and the convenience of left turn traffic.

Marine Pvt. Matt Laolagi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valioa Laolagi of 1064 W. 254th St., Harbor City, completed two weeks of training under simulated combat conditions in the fundamentals of day and night patrolling, employment of infantry weapons, survival methods and assault tactics at this Marine Corps base.

## Extension Courses Set Here

University of California Extension has scheduled two Monday night courses for teachers at North High School beginning Sept. 25.

"The Education of Exceptional Children," meeting from 7 to 10 p.m., will examine characteristics of the educational provisions for mentally and physically handicapped children, for the gifted, the emotionally disturbed, and the socially disadvantaged, according to instructor Keith Hunsaker.

The course is applicable on the Standard Exceptional Children Credential.

Meeting from 7 to 9:45 p.m., "Development in Adolescence" will explore factors in the home, school and community which influence the ways young people face their problems. Instructor for the course is Ray Aguirre.

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