

## Red Tape Cut in California's Job Insurance

Payments Speeded and Amount Is Higher in Some Cases—Cops Part of Plan.

By NEWTON STEARNS  
SACRAMENTO, Cal. (UP)—A new law cutting much of the red tape for payment of unemployment benefits, expected to speed up checks to California's jobless by several weeks in some cases, assumed importance today as the forerunner of an extensive program of social legislation sought by the new democratic administration.

The implication amendments cut the required waiting period in half and besides facilitating payments and increasing the total benefits for most individual claimants, were designed to reduce the size of the mounting reserve fund, which is now above \$130,000,000.

Regarded as a "stopgap" measure, Gov. Culbert L. Olson was reported to favor more extensive revisions of the jobless insurance act when the legislature returns from its February recess.

Unanimous approval was accorded the emergency measure in both the republican-controlled senate and the administration-dominated assembly, but opposition is expected when the governor seeks additional liberalization, such as proposed increase in the benefit range from \$7 minimum and \$15 maximum to \$10 and \$20 a week.

### Cops Part of Plan

Opponents of Olson—first democratic governor of California in 44 years—also are watching the chief executive's plans along other lines, such as self-help co-operatives for unemployment relief, increased income taxes in brackets above \$3,000, and severance taxes on removal of natural resources.

One of the most important features of the new unemployment benefit provisions is reduction of the waiting period from four to two weeks. Another predication payment on the basis of one instead of two years of earnings. The 80 branch offices of the state department of employment began using the new standards Jan. 30.

Under this setup, claimants will receive their first insurance checks during the fifth week after original filing of claims, whereas the elapsed time under the old law would have been seven weeks. The seven weeks, however was only theoretical, as there were complaints that routine work required of the department had prolonged the interval to 20 weeks at times.

### Five Week Interval Now

While the waiting period itself is only two weeks, checks are not issued immediately on completion of that time. The claimant must first certify as to unemployment during the third week, which is known as the "first compensable week." A week is allowed to mail certificates to the central office and several more days for writing and mailing the checks, and the claimant should receive his check the fifth week.

The new procedure also makes it possible to compute the payments by machine instead of manually, as was required under the old routine. Most of the red tape was eliminated by a provision enabling the department to figure the rate of payment on an earnings record covering four out of the last five quarters, rather than eight of nine.

The change results in increased benefits to persons whose employment has been more regular during the past year than in 1937. For instance, a claimant who earned \$1,500 in four quarters under the old system was entitled to \$193 in benefits, while the same claimant will receive \$300 under the new plan.

### Higher Scale Effective

In single quarter earnings under the old system, a claimant who earned \$156 during one quarter, the minimum entitling him to compensation, would receive \$23. The minimum remains at \$156 under the new system, but the claimant who earns this amount any time during the year is entitled to \$50 in benefits.

Department officials explained that

weekly benefit rates remain at \$7 minimum and \$15 maximum, but the increase to \$15 on the basis of earnings is faster under the urgency law.

Under the old law, there was no legal waiting period for partial benefit claims, frequently requiring more elapsed time in disbursement than for total payments. The new law sets up a two-weeks waiting period for partial as well as total unemployment benefits to correct this. Another important change sets a four-week penalty for leaving work voluntarily or being discharged for cause, while the term was eight weeks under the old law.

Director of Employment Carl Hyde predicted that the simplification would save \$500,000 annually in administrative costs, despite an anticipated increase in claimants over last year's total of 470,025.

### APPROVE FRENCH STAND

PARIS, Feb. 24 (UP)—The French chamber of deputies gave the government of Premier Daladier a vote of confidence today on a question equivalent to parliamentary approval of D. E. Jure recognition of nationalist Spain. The vote was 223 to 261. Daladier announced that he planned to propose recognition of Generalissimo Francisco Franco to the French cabinet Monday. A small opposition group demand immediate debate on the question of recognition. The chamber rejected the demand.

### EXTEND CREDIT CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (UP)—After hot debate over loans to foreign countries the senate today passed a house-approved bill extending operations of the Export-Import bank and the Commodity Credit Corporation until June 30, 1941. The bill provides that outstanding loans and other operations of the Export-Import bank shall not exceed \$100,000,000. It increases the borrowing authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation from \$500,000,000 to \$900,000,000.

### THREE DIE IN FIRE

ORILLIA, Ontario, Feb. 23 (UP)—Three young sisters were burned to death early today when fire swept their homes, but their brother leaped to safety from an upstairs window. Their charred bodies huddled together were found in an upstairs room after firemen had brought the blaze under control. Arnold McLaughlin escaped by leaping twenty feet to the ground. The victims were his sisters, aged 15, 14 and 10.

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### BOY STRUCK BY CAR

Friday afternoon, Kenneth Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill living on South 9th street, suffered a minor injury when he was struck down by an automobile on North 6th street. The lad, with a group of friends, had seemingly been playing tag and Kenneth had fled out in the street from the side of two other-cars and an auto, traveling at a very low rate of speed, and the driver, not seeing the lad until he was out in the street, had run into him. The injured lad was taken to the office of Dr. O. C. Hudson where medical aid was given him and he was later taken to the home of his parents.

### PINOCHLE GAMES

From Friday's Daily—The pinochle tournament met for its weekly session last evening at 8 o'clock at the Recreation Center. The winners of the evening were Mrs. P. D. Sullivan and Edward Stewart. The following were the scores:

Edward Stewart, 5930; Frank Konfrst, 5910; John Richardson, 5880; Mrs. P. D. Sullivan, 5800; E. A. Cadwell, 5770; Virgil Urish, 5700; Emmett Rice, 5520; Thomas Solomon, 5310; Maymie Mendenhall, 5180; P. D. Sullivan, 4950; Mrs. Emmett Rice, 5690; Harvey Manners, 4640; Jerry Konfrst, 4470; Albin Chovanec, 4390; Lee Phillips, 4210; Florence Rhoades, 4160.

### BOB WHITE PATROL

The Bob White patrol met at the home of Albert Richards for its weekly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Raymond Evers, assistant patrol leader.

We discussed advancement and practice signaling. The meeting came to a close with the Indian benediction after which a delightful lunch was served.—George Jacobs, acting scribe.

### HITLER PRAISES DANCER

CANNES, France, Feb. 23 (UP)—Marion Daniels, 19-year-old American tap dancer who flew to Munich Tuesday in a special German airplane to dance before Adolf Hitler, said today that Hitler told her "you are the best dancer I have ever seen." The fame of Hitler's enthusiasm was such that it has brought her a contract in Paris.

### FRATERNITY ROW RESTRICTED

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (UP)—Despite convincing arguments by attractive co-eds, the Salt Lake City mission has decided to restrict fraternity and sorority houses at the University of Utah to within 600 feet of the campus. Non-collegiate residents of the area had complained that the value of their properties was diminished due to "loud parties."

### CRASHES INTO CAR

From Friday's Daily—Last evening Sheriff Mrasek and members of the night police force were called to Chicago avenue where a car bearing a Lancaster county number was reported to have crashed into a car which carried a Scottsbluff county number. The cars were going south and the car driven by Raymond Forbes of Fort Crook was proceeding along at a very low rate of speed when the car coming from the north crashed into the rear of the Forbes car. The impact damaged the radiator of the Lancaster car and the driver leaving the scene without stopping had apparently gone west and in confusion of the streets finally wound up on Maiden Lane. Sheriff Mrasek asked several motorists to try and run down the car which was apparently unable to travel any great distance. Residents of the west part of the city saw the car coming west on Granite street at a high rate of speed and bouncing over the dirt roads Carl Ofe, one of those deputized to search for the car finally located the car and driver at Madien Lane where the car had gone into the ditch. The driver was brought into the city and lodged in jail to await filing of a complaint.

### NEWLYWEDS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wondra returned Friday from their honeymoon trip to the south end where they enjoyed several days of the Mardi Gras at New Orleans. They were married at Auburn and with their attendants, Mr. and Mrs. John Wondra, continued on to the south. On the way they stopped at Vah Buren, Arkansas, made famous by Bob Burns. They also visited at Baton Rouge, the state capital of Louisiana, where they made their headquarters as it was impossible to secure quarters at New Orleans due to the pre-Lenten festivities. The bridal party enjoyed very much Shrove Tuesday parade, the climax of the festivities as well as the entrance of King Rex and his queen into the city.

### TO PLAY ON RADIO

Peter Gradoville, well-known and popular band leader and musician, received an invitation from Omaha to have his orchestra broadcast over radio station WAAW in the near future. At the present time Mr. Gradoville is making plans and arrangements for a good orchestra to represent Plattsmouth on the air. The invitation is a sense of gratitude and expression of the public in informing Mr. Gradoville of the fine music and talent that he and his orchestra members have displayed in the last few years. Announcement of the date will be made later.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. SVOBODA

From Friday's Daily—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Edward Svoboda who passed away Tuesday evening were held this morning at 9:30 a. m. at the Holy Rosary Catholic church in the west part of the city. A number of the old-time friends and neighbors attended the last rites.

Due to the illness of the pastor, Rev. Joseph R. Sinkula, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church, celebrated the requiem mass. Msgr. Agius also delivered the sermon in which he brought words of comfort and hope to the members of the bereaved family circle.

The choir of the church assisted in the singing of the mass most impressively, Miss Dorothy Svoboda being the accompanist.

Following the services the body was borne to its last resting place in the Catholic cemetery beside that of the husband who passed away June 10, 1938. The pallbearers were selected from among the old friends and neighbors of the family, they being: Adolph Koubek, Joseph Novotny, Joseph Holly, James Sedlak, Joseph Kvapil, and Frank Konfrst.

Antonia Kuda was born January 6, 1853 in Czechoslovakia where she was raised to womanhood by her parents. While in Bohemia she was married to Mr. Edward Svoboda.

In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Svoboda decided to come to America to make their future home. In later years they came to Nebraska, coming directly to Plattsmouth where they had resided a number of years on the old family homestead west of this city. Mr. Svoboda being engaged in work at the Burlington shops. In the last few years Mr. and Mrs. Svoboda have been rugged in health and the family residence being disposed of, they were taken to the home of their step-daughter, Mrs. F. H. McCarthy at Union two years ago where they spent the remaining years of their life, where Mr. Svoboda passed away a short time later. Since the death of the husband, the step-daughter had taken care and assisted the mother in the last days of her life. In this long period Mrs. Svoboda had borne patiently the sufferings of the illness until the end that was to bring peace and rest to her after the continued illness. It wasn't until early Tuesday evening, February 21, 1939, that she had breathed her last sigh of hope and relief, passing out of this life at the ripe age of 86 years, 1 month and 15 days.

There is left to mourn the passing of this good woman the foster-daughter, Mrs. Marie McCarthy of Union as well as a number of grandchildren.

Mrs. Svoboda was one of the first members of the Holy Rosary church on its organization in 1892 and had since been a devoted member.

### DIES IN CHICAGO

Word has been received here that Mrs. Henry Hill, 30, of Chicago passed away in that city. She was a daughter of John Marquet, former resident of this city many years ago until his removal to Chicago. Mrs. Hill was born and reared in this city where she graduated from the Plattsmouth high school. Among the many relatives that survive her is one sister, Mrs. Verner Seydlitz of this city.

### SCOUT PATROL MEETING

Stag patrol of the Boy Scouts met Thursday evening at the home of Bill Robertson, patrol leader, who presided over the meeting. The members of the patrol had a very interesting talk by Mrs. P. T. Heineman on the bird life. The meeting was closed with the Scout benediction. Refreshments were served by the host.—Lars Larson, scribe.

## Co. Assessors Hold Convention in Capital City

W. H. Puls of This City, Cass County Assessor, Secretary of the State Organization.

What officials said was the largest group of Nebraska county assessors ever registered on the opening morning of an annual meeting assembled at the Lincoln Thursday morning for the 35th session of the association. Seventy-two of the 93 counties were registered by noon with Secretary W. H. Puls of Cass county. The president, Ludvik Johnson of Buffalo county, presided.

The principal feature of the morning session, following the address of welcome by Mayor Copeland and response by C. A. Emery of Scottsbluff county, was an address by State Tax Commissioner Smith. Smith devoted most of his time to a discussion of pending legislation having to do with taxes. He took up a number of bills in some detail and mentioned but made no recommendations concerning them.

Smith said that 40 bills relating to taxation have been referred to the revenue committee and that 86 bills have been referred to the government committee. Of these 86, he said, 32 concern the counties. He called particular attention to L. B. 5, which provides for a reassessment of real estate in 1939 and every two years thereafter.

Four bills, he reported, relate to the head tax. L. B. 87 would repeal the present two dollar head tax, he pointed out, L. B. 288 raises the age limit from 10 to 65, L. B. 452 turns the proceeds to the county assistance committee rather than to the state committee, and L. B. 472 provides for the payment of the head tax before securing an auto license.

Smith also mentioned L. B. 137, which would make the county assessors office a full time job. In discussing this bill later in the morning, President Johnson said that the legislative committee will recommend striking out the statement that the assessor "shall not engage in other business." The tax commissioner commented on L. B. 190, which proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the taxation of public power districts, to the effect that he doubted whether such taxes, as proposed in other bills, would "stick" unless such an amendment was passed.

The tax commissioner discussed rather extensively L. B. 214, which provides a basis for arriving at a value for taxation purposes. He told of the Saline county case several years ago which resulted in a decision that land in town school districts would pay relatively the same taxes as land outside such districts. Last year, he said, the supreme court reversed the Saline county decision. L. B. 214, Smith said, apparently endeavors, in effect to restore the decision of the district court.

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Cash in Bank	\$ 379.93
Accounts Receivable	5,837.25
Shares in Credit Union Bank	300.00
Inventory, Dec. 31, 1938	4,005.90
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,523.08</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>	
Elevator Buildings	\$ 6,829.50
Warehouse	780.05
Coal Shed	555.22
Scale	701.40
Flour House	318.66
Furniture and Fixtures	428.90
<b>COST</b>	<b>\$ 9,613.73</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 14,666.01</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>	
<b>DIRECT:</b>	
Notes Payable	\$ 5,000.00
<b>NET WORTH:</b>	
Capital Stock	\$ 9,200.00
Net Savings, 1938	\$1,191.15
Less Deficit, 1/1/38	725.14
<b>SURPLUS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 466.01</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>\$ 9,666.01</b>
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