Workers' new law

BY FRED VULIN

When Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. signed into law this week a bill establishing agricultural labor's right to organize in California, he will be granting farm workers' rights which other workers in America were given 40 years ago.

The bill, which passed the Assembly by a margin of 64-10 and the Senate by 31-7, will let farm workers choose their own representatives for collective bargaining and secret ballots elections. The elections will be regulated by a state agency.

Under the 1939 National Labor Relations Act, industrial workers in America were granted these rights. Now, 40 years later and after years of violent summers in California's fields, the bill is expected to finally settle the question of whom the farm workers want to support—the Teamsters, the CCA or the United Farm Workers of America or no union at all.

The Teamsters hold contracts with more than 630 growers in California while the membership of the UFWA has declined to its present level of only 5,000.

The bill has moved as fast as it has, most observers feel, because of the ability of Brown to get the different parties together to agree on what compromise. For the last 10 years the Teamsters, the UFWA and the growers haven't been able to agree on much: only that the respective sides would not hedge on their principles.

But through the efforts of Brown, weeks of middle of the night sessions and establishing some sort of basis for a compromise, the bill will become law probably today or tomorrow. Aside from the provisions for the secret ballots elections, the bill also allows elections during the peak harvest season and permits the use of the secondary boycott, on which the UFWA has used against Gallo wines.

When the bill, which goes into effect on August 29, was going through the legislative process, student government leaders were asked to give their opinions on the proposal and on agricultural labor in general.

Among those interviewed was Dennis Edlund, a representative from the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Edlund is pleased the law provides an alternative to the violence of the past.

At the beginning of the recent legislative session, there were at least six different bills dealing with agricultural labor and no definite solution seemed to be in sight. In fact, it looked like legislation would not be forthcoming from Sacramento this year.

Then Gov. Brown stepped in with his midnight sessions and a compromise was worked out. Edlund likes the idea of Brown talking different avenues. He's less hard-nosed than Reagen. He did provide his own alternative.

The SAC representative doesn't favor any one design and uses the phrase "choice of the lesser of two evils." Edlund feels some farm workers would prefer to have nothing done to them and be represented by a union. He claims some growers and workers have found less hassle in this way.

And as for the boycott of Gallo wines by the UFWA, Edlund thinks it has not been as effective as was expected. If there were any, the state has been delayed and would be self-canceling. It is seen more clearly what the implications of a steady state enrollment are.

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Concert to feature TV trumpet soloist

A guest performance by the lead trumpet player of the band for the historic 1975-1976 season will highlight the second annual Jazz Night concert to be held Friday in the Cal Poly Theater.

Bill Berry has been a featured soloist on the Griffin show for 12 years. Since 1971, he has also had his own band operating out of both New York City and Los Angeles. He has worked with the bands of Woody Herman, Maynard Ferguson and Duke Ellington.

Berry will perform with the UFWA Band (College), one of four instrumental groups scheduled to participate in the concert beginning at 8 p.m. The concept is to conclude a lecture series related to the National Bicennial observance of the Mexican Revolution. The first lecture, titled “Mexico: The United Neighbors’ Defeat the Redcoats,” will take place June 6. The second lecture, “The Revolutionary Party: Agitation and Unity,” will be held June 4.

The democratic movement in America for independence will be presented by Dr. Scott Maughan of the History Department.

He is expected to examine the parallels of the United States in Vietnam and Mexico involvement in the United States as they relate to the demands of resources, inflation, taxation and poverty today.

Dr. James Conway of the Speech Communication Department will take up the question of the quality of their oratory during the American Revolution. The third lecture will conclude a lecture series related to the National Bicennial observance of the Mexican Revolution. The fourth program will feature a special UFWA Band (College) concert.

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Master's program

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mind: Community planning with an emphasis in rural and regional planning with an emphasis in rural development. He said these are areas in which graduates are needed in the state but there are no other schools in the state which offer these specialties.

Orlick explained the master's degree in planning trains the student to be a public policy maker, pointing out the advantage to offering this type of program: "As the master's level students determine solutions to problems and can act as advisors to city councils and planning commissions," he said. "The bachelor's degree trains the students to assume the more technical staff role. The usual planning degree is the master's degree."

Additional advantages in a master's program pointed out by Orlick include the opportunity to reach a higher level of planning theory and methods and the possibility of accessing research grants and student assistantships which are available only to graduate programs.

Orlick said no students had been admitted to the master's program at the time it was postponed.

Performing arts offer new course

Are you looking for fascinating entertainment to help keep you out of the scorching summer sun? The answer may be a new course "designed to expose students to the very best the West Coast has to offer in the performing arts," according to its instructor, Dr. Harold Evans. The three-credit course is "Art in Live Performance. It will meet one hour a week at a class "to coordinate activities and for background lecture on coming events," said Evans. The instructor noted that "more activities than one student could possibly attend have been planned to provide a variety of choices."

Typical of scheduled activities, which will range from San Francisco to Los Angeles, will be dance programs, concerts, plays, and visits to art galleries.

"Students will be graded on written reports stressing personal growth," said Evans. Course associated with the course will be limited to transportation which will be pooled, and the purchase of tickets. Evans added that tickets will be purchased in large blocks to reduce their cost.

Crisis prompts student petition

A group of Christian and Muslim Arabs concerned with "the danger to peace in the Middle East and with the plight of the Palestinian nationals" will be circulating a petition to be presented to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and to Congressional representatives of Central California.

The petition is directed against U.S. military in Israel and will be circulated by interested students beginning Wednesday, June 6th. A table for signing will be placed in the University Union Plaza.

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On the whole, Edlund agrees with most parts of the law and is satisfied that farm workers will have the choice to pick any union, if one is desired at all.

Another member of student government, SAC chairman Mike Hurtado, also feels it is time California had a comprehensive agricultural farm labor law.

Next year's AIS president says the UFW boycott of Gallo wines has been very effective, not so much that it has hurt the wine company, but that it brought about social awareness to those who are not part of the union.

Hurtado called the battle of the old and new parties of Teamsters, UFW supporters and growers, "very effective." Had Ronald Reagan still been governor, according to Hurtado, "He would have turned his face to the whole issue. Brown is a moderate. He is willing to go out and hear both sides."

US military lecture

A professor of military science at Cal Poly will speak on "The Role of the Armed Forces Today" Friday as part of the last lecture series sponsored by the AIS Speakers Forum.

SAC rep C. Black will cover gun barrel diplomacy and overseas military involvement by the United States in his lecture. He will be speaking in Room 230 of the University Union at 2 p.m.

Black has spent 25 years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea, Germany and West Germany. He is a planetary, Formosa and U.S. base.

Admission to the lecture is free.

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Tennis squad off to Colorado

While most Cal Poly students will be converging on their finals, the Mustang juniors team members will be applying their minds and bodies to a different kind of finals.

On Saturday, June 7, Mustang coach Ed Jorgensen will bring his team to the NCAA Division II finals in Pueblo, Colorado to be held June 10-14. It will be the Mustang’s sixth straight trip to the nationals.

In those six years Poly has finished second twice, and third, fourth, and sixth all one time. Jorgensen said that Poly has always had an excellent showing in the nationals and this year should be no different.

Representing the Mustangs in Pueblo will be Pete Lamberti, Jim Martin, Tom Zem, and Rudy Van Solingen. All four will compete in the singles while Lamberti will team with Martin and Zem will pair up with Solingen in the doubles.

There will be over 200 people competing for the individual title and 64 doubles teams. Jorgensen said Lamberti and Martin both have good chances at finishing high.

“On a good day either one of them could win the championship, but you have to remember that there are 300 of the best college division players in the nation,” he said.

The top eight finishers in the individual finals are chosen as All-Americans. The Mustangs have had an All-American for the past six years.

For the team title Jorgensen says defending champion University of San Diego and perennial powers UC Irvine both have to be considered favorites.

“The Mustangs feel this year can dominate the nationals because we have better weather and are able to play more tennis,” Jorgensen said.

On the year the Mustangs compiled a 24-7 dual match record in repeating as CCAA champions. Last year’s team had a 22-1 record, but Jorgensen said that the teams are almost even.

“We will be going into this year’s nationals looking for the works, and hopefully we place high again,” said Jorgensen.

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