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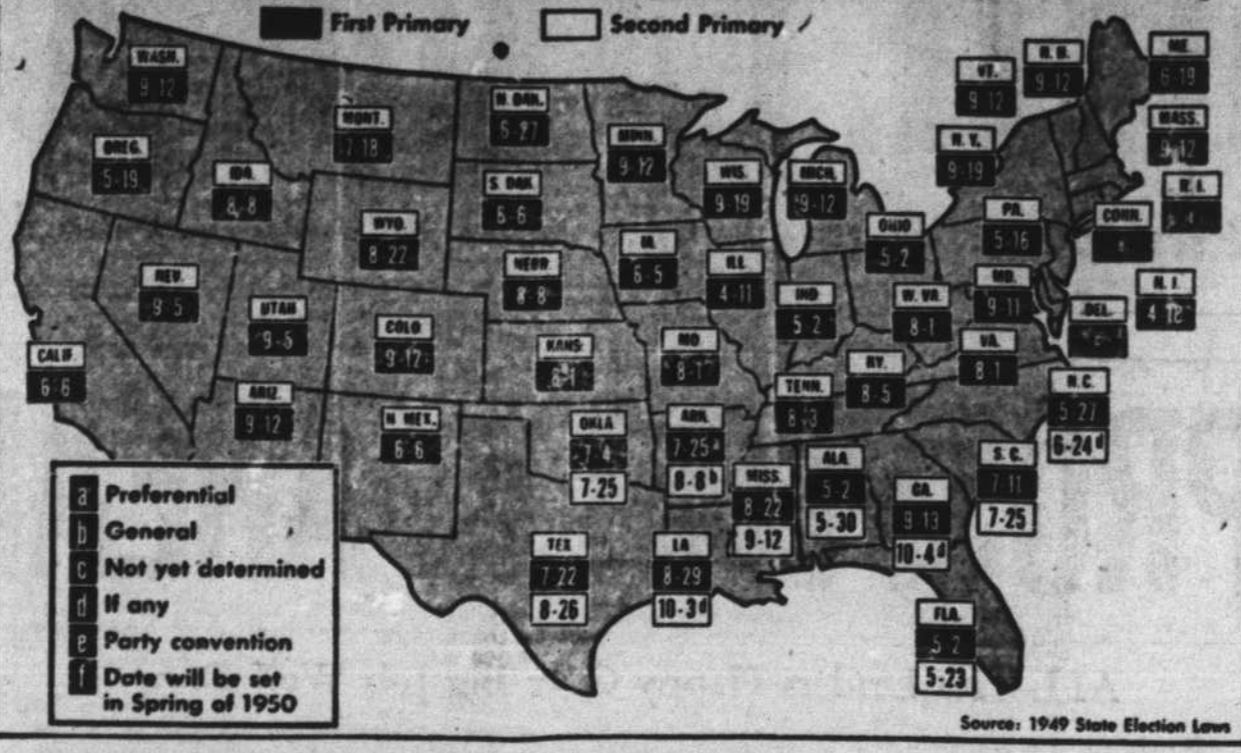
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U. S. Issues Stamps To Honor Gompers

WASHINGTON.—Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson has authorized issuance of a new 3-cent stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the American Federation of Labor.

The stamp will be placed on sale for the first time at Washington, D. C., on January 27, 1950, the 100th anniversary of Mr. Gompers' birth in London, England.

The size, color and design of the stamp will be announced later. It is expected to be the size of the "famous Americans" series and will contain a likeness of Mr. Gompers.

Mr. Donaldson acted on a request of AFL President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany made in behalf of the AFL committee for observance of the Gompers' centenary.

President Truman threw his efforts behind the request, one of 400 pending for 1950 commemorative stamps. The President was understood to feel that if only one commemorative was issued next year it should be in honor of the man who founded the AFL, the most enduring, oldest and biggest national trade union center in American history. Plans for the first day sale and appropriate cachet will be announced.

Here's How To Get Gompers' Stamp

Washington—AFL stamp collectors and members who want copies of the new Samuel Gompers commemorative issue can obtain them by writing to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C.

The postoffice department announced that anyone desiring first-day cancellations of this new stamp may send as many as 10 self-addressed stamped envelopes to the postmaster at Washington, D. C., together with money order or postal note remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

The stamp honoring the AFL's founder and first president will be purple and printed in sheets of 70. It will be placed on sale

for the first time on the 100th anniversary of Mr. Gompers' birth on January 27, 1950.

The stamp is 0.85 by 0.98 inches (Famous American size) in dimensions, arranged vertically. The central design is a portrait of Mr. Gompers, framed by a border of colonial design with a spray of laurel leaves over the lower left portion. Below the portrait is the name "Samuel Gompers" in white Gothic on a dark background. The denomination "3 c" in the same style appears in the lower right corner. Above the portrait in dark Gothic is the wording "United States Postage."

New Stamp to Carry Gompers Likeness



Washington.—Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced that the new commemorative postage stamp in honor of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the American Federation of Labor, will be in three-cent denomination, purple, will carry a likeness of Mr. Gompers and will be one of the "Famous Americans" series. Plans are to put the new stamp on sale here on the 100th anniversary of Mr. Gompers' birth, Jan. 27, 1950. Issuance of the stamp is one of the events marking the centenary of Mr. Gompers' birth to be carried on by the AFL throughout 1950.

States Start Organizing Drive For 1,000,000 More Members

WASHINGTON.—Harry O' Reilly, AFL director of organization, announced that state federations of labor are setting January dates for Samuel Gompers Memorial Organizing rallies in the drive for 1,000,000 new AFL members in 1950.

Ohio will hold its rally Jan 21 and 22 in Columbus. Indiana will meet Jan. 28 and 29 in Indianapolis.

Southern states are setting dates to follow consecutively after each other in line with the recommendations of the successful 14-state

southern organizing conference held in New Orleans.

The organizing rallies are the opening features of the Samuel Gompers Centennial Year to be observed throughout 1950 by the American Federation of Labor in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founder and first president of the AFL.

ational Gompers Memorial Dinner at Hotel Statler, Washington, on Jan. 5, in advance of the January 27 birthday of Mr. Gompers.

The 1,000,000 member organizing drive is linked in with efforts of AFL's Labor League for Political Education to elect a liberal Congress in the 1950 campaign.

DEFENSE SECRETARY LISTS WORK RULES

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, who addressed the AFL's 68th convention at St. Paul, has listed 10 principles governing human relations in his department.

The rules prohibit discrimination because of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, lawful political affiliation, or physical handicap and guaranteeing the right of employes to join or refrain from joining any labor organization.

SOAP CAMPAIGN EXTENDED

New York.—Endorsements of the Care Soap Campaign by top labor officials gave impetus to the drive to get soap to war-

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