



PRODUCED HERE . . . A new pyrotechnic initiator, with a variety of electrical and pyrotechnic characteristics, is now in quantity production by Fleming Industries, Inc., at 2433 Moreton St., it was reported here yesterday by Walter H. Fleming, president. The unit is being produced for use on the Saturn space vehicle, he said.

Availability Requirement for Jobless Trainees Rescinded

Unemployed workers now will be able to receive unemployment insurance payments while being retrained to fit themselves for new jobs.

Under amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Code passed by the 1961 Legislature and signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, effective Sept. 15, an unemployment insurance claimant is relieved of the obligation to be available for work and seek work if he is undergoing a course of retraining to fit himself for new work.

The retraining benefits are described under Article 1.5, Sections 1255 through 1273 of the Code.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment, submitted to the 1961 Legislature as Senate Bill 20 with the backing of Governor Brown and Employment Director Irving H. Perluss, is stated under Sections 1266 of the bill:

"Experience has shown that the ability of a large number of the population of California to compete for jobs in the labor market is impaired by advancement in technological improvements and widespread effects of automation and relocation in our economy. It is the policy of this State to assist such individuals, by providing unemployment compensation or extended duration benefits during a period of retraining to fit them for jobs and thus avoid their being forced to remain in a job classification where work opportunities no longer exist or are diminishing."

Perluss stated today that "the measure reflects Governor Brown's and the Legislature's concern for the problems of unemployment in California and demonstrates the Governor's leadership in seeking to redirect the skills and abilities of California workers to occupations where they can best produce for their own good and the good of our business and industry."

Measles, Mumps Top City Ills

One case of measles and four cases of mumps were at the top of the county reportable disease list for the week ending Aug. 26.

Other diseases reported included a single case of Gonococcal infection and two cases of Encephalitis.

"IT IS interesting to note in this connection," Perluss added "that California is ahead of all other states and, in fact, ahead of the national administration, which has introduced similar retraining legislation currently pending in Congress."

The policy of the Dept. of Employment under the new legislation will be to make retraining benefits available potentially to any individual who has been displaced from his job, and for whom reasonable opportunities do not exist or are substantially diminished.

"It makes sense to offer a man, whenever practical, the opportunity to be retrained for a new job where he can support himself," Perluss said, "rather than to leave him with no alternative but to exhaust his unemployment insurance benefits because there are no job opportunities for his old skill."

TRAINED JOB placement interviewers of the Dept. of Employment will make determinations of potential eligibility for retraining benefits. The claimant must be enrolled in an approved course of instruction for an occupation or skill for which there are reasonable opportunities for employment in the labor market, and he must submit with each weekly unemployment insurance claim a certification that he is enrolled and is satisfactorily pursuing the retraining course.

Perluss emphasized that the Department "will not sit back and wait for displaced workers to apply for retraining but will actively promote the program and seek out workers for retraining." The Dept. of Employment is working now, he said, with the Divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Apprenticeship Standards to establish suitable training courses.

"This service to workers will not stop there, however," Perluss said, "In addition to considering the individual for retraining, the Dept. of Employment will make every effort to place him in a new job."

Students to Be Greeted With New Changes in California Education

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Students entering their classrooms for the start of the new school year will find some changes from the previous routines. The 3.6 million junior Californians will find that several legislative steps have been taken to bring the instruction they receive more nearly in line with the needs of the day when they take over the state and the nation.

Some of the changes may not be greatly appreciated by the young people whom they will affect, but all were developed for the essential purpose of im-

proving our system of public education, and preserving our American way of life.

For years, special courses of instruction have been made available for retarded pupils. But until recently, not much attention was paid to the needs of specially gifted children. The sudden coming of the space age changed our attitudes abruptly. One of our most pressing problems became the identification of brighter children, and offering them opportunity to advance their learning as rapidly as their ability permits. Therefore, one of the most signifi-

cant educational results achieved at our last session was the enactment of a law to provide state aid to gifted children.

THIS NEW LAW authorizes local school districts to schedule special courses for mentally gifted minors, and appropriate state funds for grants to districts which do so. Such grants, to pay for the added cost of such courses, cannot exceed \$40 per school year for each student enrolled in them. The law sets up the standards which students must meet in order to be selected, and pro-

vides for the methods by which they are to be identified.

So that such classes could be set up and conducted this school year, it was provided that the law should become effective as of July 1. Advance payments to districts to defray the cost of identifying gifted students were authorized, to get the program started promptly.

Elementary students in most school districts will find considerable change in the curriculum. Millions of dollars of both state and federal money have been made available to develop better instruction in

mathematics, science and foreign languages. Basic training in such fields will be intensified, and classes will be offered in earlier grades than in the past.

THIS SHIFT in emphasis will be particularly important in the language field. Teaching of foreign languages, such as French, Spanish, and even Russian, in the elementary schools was first authorized by law for this school year. Tests on a preliminary basis in several districts over the state demonstrated to the satisfaction of us legislators that starting such instruction early in life provides students with a more comprehensive and durable knowledge of the languages in-

olved. This change should do much to overcome our traditional American heel-dragging in the ability to communicate easily with people of other nations.

I have previously discussed in this column the program of testing public school students which we authorized by law, so as to give parents and school administrators some idea of how well our educational system is working.

Educating our youth so that they may both take full advantage of the benefits which the future will bring, and carry out their responsibilities in a more complex society, is the greatest governmental cost burden which falls on our California taxpayers.

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