

U.C. to establish 2 labor research centers in '64-65

New Centers for Labor Research will be established by the University of California at its Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses.

Following final approval by the U.C. Board of Regents, the university announced that the new centers will be established during the 1964-65 academic year within existing Institutes of Industrial Relations at the two campuses.

Appropriations to the institutes will be increased by \$20,000 in Berkeley and \$35,000 at UCLA.

The university said the centers will provide enlarged and improved labor research and education programs to benefit unions.

But, emphasized U.C. President Clark Kerr, the expanded activities will be on a "non-adversary character." Kerr said there will be no university involvement in current labor disputes or partisan or political activities.

LEADER TRAINING

The education programs will stress utilization of personnel from the labor movement and the outside community as well as university instructors as faculty members.

A joint committee consisting of seven labor and seven university representatives will be established in an advisory capacity.

The U.C. Regents' action culminated lengthy discussions between representatives of organized labor and the university.

Guidelines were developed for expansion of the programs and formation of the joint committee and were approved by the California Labor Federation Executive Council at its June meeting.

"They represent a long stride in the implementation of a 1962 resolution (No. 253) adopted by the Long Beach convention of the State AFLCIO calling for an expansion of labor research and education services by the University," said CLF Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts.

Under the guidelines, labor education programs will be expanded through a comprehensive series of classes, courses and conferences on and off campus in cooperation with unions.

They will be in three broad areas:

- Training in basic principles of unionism for membership and emerging leadership.

- Training of officers in union administration and education in problems of the union's environment.

- Professional and academic training for union leaders and staff officials.

Work of the statewide committee will be supplemented by local labor - university advisory committees.