



50th birthday bash

The most famous bridge ever to be built by union craftsmen celebrated its 50th birthday in grand style last month, with nearly one million people cramming onto the deck on the Memorial weekend bash. (See story on page 3)



Graduation

The JAC held its annual graduation ceremonies this month, with 105 apprentices receiving their completion certificates. (Story on page 6)

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Delegates pack Capitol steps over Cal-OSHA



Largest attendance ever at annual legislative meeting

The AFL-CIO Joint Legislative Conference moved to the steps of the State Capitol last month, and the largest number of delegates ever to attend the annual event rattled the windows of the venerable building for an hour with shouted choruses of "Save Cal/OSHA!"

Worker concern over the plan to turn all of Cal/OSHA's private industry functions over to a short-staffed and economically besieged federal OSHA was a main factor in the record turnout of trade unionists at the convention, leaders of the sponsoring organizations agreed.

There was agreement also, as delegates assembled at Sacramento's Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn that the attack upon California's acclaimed worker safety and health watchdog agency helped generate the labor support that swept Cecil Green to victory May 12 in a special election in the 33rd Senate District in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

And speakers told the delegates that Green's election heralded a new, more progressive era for California.

Mayor Ann Rudin of Sacramento turned to the Cal/OSHA debate as quickly as President Al Gruhn of the California Labor Federation introduced her for welcoming remarks on Monday morning.

"We're concerned about safety for our employees," the mayor declared to thunderous applause. "We don't want to see Cal/OSHA cut back."

John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the state federation, told the delegates that Green's election spelled a break in "the tide of conservatism that is running against us in every aspect of American life."

Jerry Cremins, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, a sponsor of the conference along with the state federation and the State Council of Carpenters, said the governor had made a big mistake in attempting to kill Cal/OSHA in order to cut \$8 million from the budget.

"What the governor has done . . . is awaken a sleeping giant," Cremins warned. "We in the labor movement

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New procedure established for return checks

Recording-Corresponding Secretary William M. Markus has announced that, due to the increasing costs of handling bad checks, the following policy will become effective as of July 1, 1987 for those who issue bad checks in the payment of membership dues, application and/or registration fees.

Individuals who submit a bad check for the payment of dues or fees will immediately be backdated to their status prior to the receipt of the check. They will be notified by mail that their check did not clear the bank and that full payment plus a \$10 handling charge is required.

If the bad check was for registration on the out-of-work list, the registration will be deleted by the dispatcher. If dispatch occurred, the individual cannot reinstate or re-register on the out-of-work list until the returned check is made good.

Remittance of and/or failure to resolve a bad check may result in suspension of membership, forfeiture of application or jeopardize future employment.

Delegates pack steps on Capitol for Cal-OSHA rally.

Local 3 helps pass key bill to speed up highway jobs

By John McMahon

The California State Senate took a major step towards speeding up the backlog of state highway projects earlier this month with passage of a bill that allows for the contracting out of certain design and engineering work.

By a vote of 30-3, the Senate sent to the Assembly SB 516, by Republican Senator Marian Bergeson. The bill will require the Department of Transportation to contract for the services of engineers, architects, designers, surveyors and planners to provide professional and technical project development to Caltrans.

The Senate approved the bill after heavy lobbying on the part of Local 3, the Manufacturers Association, the League of California Cities, several county boards of supervisors and the Associated General Contractors.

The Department of Transportation has traditionally performed all project development work, including design, specifications and contract administration with its own staff resources. However, with the federal interstate highway program set to end within the next few years, state engineers have

The bill will require Caltrans to contract out some engineering work in order to avoid a backlog in construction jobs.

been giving priority to federally funded projects.

There have been many recent instances where a project on the state highway system is being fully or partially funded by local or private sector funds. These projects, while not competing for state funding, end up competing for state project development resources. Consequently, there are a number of delays in project completion schedules.

Caltrans typically delivers 80 percent of projects programmed for a particular year. The remaining 20 percent, for a variety of reasons, slip a year or more. This scheduling problem is further jeopardized by recent events which have substantially added to their workload, including:

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Looking at Labor

By T.J. (Tom) Stapleton
Business Manager

This past month the officers once again participated in our annual Joint Apprenticeship completion ceremonies for those apprentices that have successfully completed the training program. We are proud of our training program and the 105 graduating apprentices can be proud of their new status as journeymen.

Apprenticeship training has come a long way in our industry. When I was a young man first getting my feet wet, it was my father and my uncle — both operating engineers — who helped me get started. There was only one thing bad about working for my relatives. They were very tough. I can still remember that feeling when I broke a cable on my rig and the old man said, "You broke it. You fix it." The greasers used to think the best place to put grease in was that tube. If you've never pulled a cable out of a tube packed with the dirtiest grease you've ever seen, you've missed out on a great experience.

Today we have better training and a lot better equipment. This equipment is expensive. You could buy a business for what most of the rigs cost that our journeymen are running today. The employer has a tremendous investment in the equipment and he has a tremendous investment in each of his operators.

That's why we work so hard to see that we have the highest skilled operators in the world. According to a recent report, the average employer in the United States spends only \$300 a year per employee for job training. It costs \$9,000 to put each apprentice through his or her first 10 weeks of training at Rancho Murieta. Another \$5,400 will be spent at the training center by the time they progress through their four periods. That doesn't include the investment in time and money made by the employer when the apprentice comes on his job.

We don't want that investment wasted. The only thing that keeps us more competitive than the non-union contractor is our superior skill. If we lose it, or if we fail to improve on it, we're finished.

That's why we're also coming forth with programs to have a clean workplace. When I say clean, I mean drug and alcohol free. It's an absolute necessity. If we impede our ability to work safely and productively with alcohol or any kind of mind altering drug, then we lose our competitive edge — and we endanger the lives of those with whom we work.

We must work with our union employers to see that they stay competitive and stay union. We cannot afford to continue the old adversary relationship between the union and the employer. We have a vested interest in their success. If they go out of business or go non-union, we're either out of a job or we're working for wages we can't live on.

If we go out on the job just to pull in our paycheck, this union won't be around too much longer. But if we go out there to do a job we can be proud of, we're going to be around for a long time.

We should never forget the value of our retirement program. Take a look around you. How many employers provide health insurance for their retirees? Where in the construction industry can you get a pension that measures up to ours? Our pension program is currently paying out \$4 million a month to over 8,000 retirees.

If we want to continue with what we have today, everyone has to do his part. We have to continue to learn everyday we're out on the job. We have to avoid drugs and alcohol on the job. And most important, we have to work eight honest hours for eight hours pay. It's a small price to pay for what we get.

"We cannot afford to continue the old adversary relationship between the union and the employer."

June 1, 1987

Mr. T. J. Stapleton
Business Manager
Operating Engineers Local 3
474 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Stapleton:

In recent weeks, I have heard from and met with many labor union members, representatives, and other interested citizens about the Governor's proposal to eliminate the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. As a result, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know directly my conclusion on one of the most significant issues to face California workers in many years.

In short, I oppose the proposal.

I conclude that elimination of Cal/OSHA would do a disservice to the health and safety of California workers, and would result in the diminution of inspection, maintenance, and correction measures which now prevail with respect to California employers and which are studiously, effectively administered. Moreover, the advocacy of many California employers and management organizations on behalf of Cal/OSHA is evidence of not only the concern over the effect on the safety of their employees, but also their insurance costs. It would be a mistake for all concerned parties to eliminate Cal/OSHA. Accordingly, I voted "aye" on Thursday, May 28, 1987 on the state budget adopted by the Senate which contains the needed money for Cal/OSHA.

In closing, let me say I have welcomed your thoughts and comments on Cal/OSHA and invite you to contact me at any time on any other issues of interest or concern to you.

Sincerely yours,
Quentin L. Kopp

But funding is still in jeopardy

Court rules against Duke on Cal-OSHA

A Sacramento Superior Court has dealt a blow to Governor Deukmejian's efforts to eliminate California's Occupational Safety and Health Act and shift it to the federal government.

Judge Roger Warren said Deukmejian's letter in February telling the federal government to take over the Cal/OSHA program is null, void and without legal effect.

Warren said "the governor has no authority, acting solely on his own and outside the legislative process, to withdraw from the program and he is clearly acting contrary to legislative policy."

But the governor says he still intends to make that shift on July 1, despite the decision and despite opposition from a rare coalition of labor and employer groups.

At a capitol news conference, Deukmejian said he "had legal advice that there was no question I had the authority" to send the letter withdrawing from the program.

He wouldn't comment on Warren's ruling without reading it, but said, "I suppose it probably winds up at the appellate level."

The governor, in his 1987-88 budget issued in January proposed killing the Cal/OSHA program to save \$8 million and let the U.S. government take over safety and health inspection of private workplaces. He sent a letter to the U.S. Labor Department in February saying the state would end its program. The federal OSHA program, approved in 1970, allows states to run their own programs. California has been operating Cal/OSHA since 1973, one of 27 states to do so.

Deukmejian contends that the state could save \$8 million a year by eliminating its own program, but critics say the state's job site health and safety enforcement program is much more rigorous than the federal government's. Some employer groups have joined labor unions in opposing the moves, saying increases in insurance costs could easily offset the cost savings.

Deukmejian, asked whether any employer

groups support the shift, answered, "I don't know" and said that employers who worry about rising insurance costs should conduct their own job safety programs to hold down losses and premiums.

The suit to stop the governor's move was brought as a class action suit on behalf of 10 million private sector workers. After the gover-

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A great birthday bash!

One of the most beautiful structures ever built by building trades craftsmen celebrated its 50th birthday in grand style last month. Well over a million people participated in the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge, making it the largest party the Bay Area has ever seen. It started with the closing of the bridge to traffic for a sunrise walk. Organizers expected 50,000 to march across the bridge and were overwhelmed when over 800,000 pedestrians streamed onto the deck ahead of schedule, jamming it from end to end. The weight of the crowd was so great it made the graceful upward arch of the bridge sag down over 12 feet in the middle. The marching band couldn't march and the leaders of the parade could do nothing to control the masses.

Following the bridge walk, festivities moved to Crissy Field and the Marina Green where concerts and carnivals filled the day. The Golden Regatta took over the Bay at noon with yachts, Navy ships and schooners of an earlier era, while 128 planes zoomed overhead.

All this was an impressive warmup show for what many people were really waiting for. After a traditional rendition of "I Left My Heart In San Francisco," by none other than Tony Bennett, a dazzling fireworks display commenced. A \$400,000 extravaganza of pyrotechnics filled the sky for a half hour. It all culminated in a "waterfall" of fireworks streaming from the bridge deck to the

water below and the climactic permanent lighting of the towers.

Fairfield sets up new golf meet

The first Fairfield golf tournament was such a popular success earlier this spring that they have decided to hold another one in July. Walt Powers and Martin Wibbenhorst have said that the response from the members in April convinced them to hold a tournament in the Oakland District at San Ramon's Royal Vista Golf Course.

The tournament will be held Sunday, July 12 at 10:15 a.m. Wibbenhorst says that they only have room for 32 players, so spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is \$30 per person and includes green fees, carts and prizes.

Interested members should send their check payable to:

Martin Wibbenhorst Golf Tournament
1245 Travis Blvd., Suite C
Fairfield, CA 94533.

They can contact Powers or Wibbenhorst (707) 429- 5008.



Photograph by Floyd Tucker

Trade unionists join in Golden Gate celebration.

Recollection of 50 years ago

In the days before there was a Local 3, Operating Engineers Verdon and Gordon Garner (pictured at left) played a key role in building the Golden Gate. The two were part of a crew which put in the underwater support structure for the world famous suspension bridge.

Working for Pacific Bridge Co., they poured a 15-foot thick concrete coffer dam for the south pier. Once the wall was built, the sea water was dredged out and the pier was built.

Bridge work was not without its hazards in those days, even for those who worked at sea level. Verdon Garner has vivid recollections of a time when, due to heavy fog, a ship almost rammed their anchored rig.

"We were ringin' those fog bells like the devil," he says. The ship finally pulled out of the way "just in the nick of time."

After their work on the Golden Gate Bridge was through, the crew moved on to help with the Bay Bridge for a year.

Caltrans bill passes Senate

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- Over \$1.1 billion in developer-financed state highway projects have been added to the state transportation improvement plan in recent years;
- Three counties have enacted sales tax increases for highway projects. While the local agencies will contract out the work, the department must still prepare project concepts, review plans and approve the design work. This locally financed work amounts to more than \$2 billion over the next 15 years.
- The interstate highway program is scheduled to expire in 1991. The department must accelerate the remaining design work to capture all federal fundings needed.

Under the provisions of the bill, Caltrans is authorized to hire an additional 400 employees to assist in the design and engineering work. Any additional help needed will come from private firms who will bid on the work.

Besides speeding up the design work on highway projects, which would get the dirt moving for Local 3 members, passage of the bill will also have a beneficial effect on the Local 3 tech engineer department. It is estimated that with the contracting out of the engineering work, over 150 additional jobs for tech engineers, surveyors and soil testers will be created.

With passage of the legislation by the State Senate, the bill now moves over to the State Assembly. Its first test will be before the Assembly Transportation Committee sometime next month.

Cal-OSHA

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nor's move, legislators, unions, construction firms, occupational health physicians, insurance companies and environmental groups rushed to Cal/OSHA's defense.

They cited loss of worker protection. Under the federal takeover, job inspectors would shrink from 200 to 100 and offices would be in only four locations, leaving out the Central Valley.

"We're thrilled," said Jan Chatten, Los Angeles deputy district attorney, who worked closely with Work Safe and the Committee to Save Cal/OSHA.

"We feel very strongly that the judge made absolutely the right decision that no one person, including the executive officer of the state, can unilaterally make a decision of this magnitude that would affect millions of Californians.

"There has been almost no support for the governor's position even from the business community, while there has been very broad-based opposition."

Market Area Committeemen Elected

Below is the list of the Geographical Market Area Committeemen elected to serve for the ensuing year. They were elected at the regular district membership meetings held in N. California and Nevada in the first quarter of 1987.

San Francisco	Ray Mangini Charles Shafran Tom Mathers	Eureka	Joseph Biasca Donald Allen Dennis Reynolds
Ignacio	Trent Erven John McDevitt J. D. Sumner	Fresno	Carl Meadows Charles Ogden Jr. Don Hays
Fairfield	Roger Wilson Ken Peterson Ed Burns	Marysville	Rodger Eliason Bill Hodges Raymond Horton
Reno	Tom Gallagher Steven Hawkins Willis McCullah	Redding	Bryan Jones Robert Litwhiler Robert Fauvor
Oakland	Lake Austin Marshall Bone Myron Pederson	Auburn	Jim Leach Wilmouth Shields Ronald Worthington
Stockton	Joe Casey R. David Jones David R. Griffin	Sacramento	Albert Rittenhouse Linda Rosenberg Daryl Shankles
		San Jose	Peter Burum Haughey Chambers William Haddox
		Watsonville	James Spinetti Manuel Pinheiro Waldo Simons

Contractor donates building

Child care center gets 'lift'

When the Parent and Child Center of Hawaii was soliciting donations last year, it needed help with something that could be dropped off at its Kuhio Park Terrace headquarters. The Center had outgrown the small concrete structure given to it almost 20 years earlier. It had a \$48,400 federal grant for renovations, but regulations forbade using any of the money to build or buy additional space. R.H.S. Lee was contacted by the State to dispose of an old portable building from Honolulu International Airport, so Lee donated the building. Lee frequently does building-relocation work, so soon the center had an extra thousand sq. ft. of free space. The McLenroy Foundation augmented the government renovation money with a \$10,000 grant for materials. Work crews from the Oahu Community Correctional Center did the actual renovation work.

With developments and renovation of resorts and commercial buildings Hawaii's construction industry is on a roll, reports Financial Secretary Wallace K. Lean. After four years of steady decline, the industry began recovering in 1985 and hasn't looked back. Construction employment of some 21,600 persons last December was higher than at any time since 1981 and is expected to remain strong this year.

Particularly encouraging is how much money is being spent renovating and improving existing resort and office facilities. That's a trend that deserves further encouragement on all islands.

G.W. Murphy was the General Contractor for Tactical Equipment Maintenance Shops, a Pacific Ocean Division, Honolulu District in Schofield for the U.S. Army. Other companies that worked on the project were Bateman, R&R, Delta and Hawaiian Bitumuls.

E.E. Black has finished a job in Nanakuli, which is a Pollution Control Project for Environment Protection. It is a \$1.7 million wastewater pump station. Also, on the Leeward side, Delta Const. is finishing a water line job. Eight and four inch water mains will go along Maipalaoa and Meaulu Roads in Maile.

Haitsuka Bros. is doing the landfill project along the highway, going into the Waianae Coast across from the West Beach project. It is in the Waimanalo Gulch. From a planning standpoint, the proposed dump is in a good location. Geologically, the gulch apparently won't be susceptible to as much chemical leaking.

What's more, Leeward Oahu can expect faster population growth over the next 20 years than most other parts of the island, particularly with the development of the Ko'Olina resort at West Beach and of new residential communities.

The landfill also will be close to the planned H-Power garbage-to-energy plant at Campbell Industrial Park. After 2004, it's expected the landfill will be used mostly to store ash from that facility.

Judge clears way for H-3

Federal Judge Samuel P. King cleared the way for construction next month of the long delayed H-3 Freeway and its tunnel through the Koolau Range. In his 13 page written opinion, King dismissed the suit filed against the project in 1972 and dissolved it, effective June 15, 1987.

The Judge rejected claims by the Stop H-3 Association, challenging the con-

stitutionality of Congress' decision last year exempting the freeway from certain provisions of the Federal Environmental laws. He also denied the Association's request to extend the court's injunction until the completion of a study of the highway's impact on archaeological sites in windward Oahu. State transportation officials hailed the ruling and promised to start work as soon as the ban is lifted.

State Transportation Director Edward Hirate, will immediately reinstate seven separate contracts to complete design of the project. Those projects have been awarded previously. Once completed, all of the design work for the highway from Halawa to Kaneohe will be finished.

Actual construction that had been suspended - on the Hale Kou interchange, would also resume immediately barring further court imposed delays. Eight segments of the Trans-Koolau artery—totaling \$120 million will be ready for construction within six months.

Colin De Silva, whose company is building the 39 story, Royal Capital Plaza in Kakaako, is adding another condominium project to his Company's construction schedule. Site work is set to begin in June for 25 units in three buildings at 982 Prospect St. in Makiki, with occupancy planned for the end of the year. Business Investment, Ltd. said a "park setting" was planned for the \$3.5 million project, to follow closely, the Punchbowl Design District guidelines. Existing banyan and monkey pod trees would be retained, and views would be protected from future buildings. The two and three story structures will be erected on a sloping hill. The units which already are almost 50 percent sold, range in sizes from 800 to 1,037 square feet.

De Silva's company is also constructing a 20-unit condominium building nearby at 1520 Liholiho St. Completion is scheduled for the end of July.

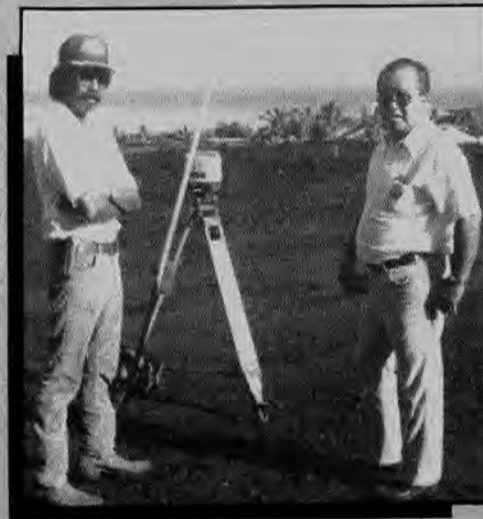
Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program will be anchor tenant for the \$42 million Pacific Park Plaza complex now under construction at Cooke St. and Kapiolani Blvd. under a 10-year, \$6 million lease. Kaiser will occupy the entire 40,000 sq. feet of the building.

Sandy Beach project was approved, despite opposition from various groups. The Honolulu City Council voted to grant Kaiser Development Co., a shoreline management permit for its controversial housing project across Kalaniana'ole Hwy. from Sandy Beach. Kaiser Development Co. is expected to build 192 homes.

Honolulu Federal Savings & Loan Association plans to have a \$46 million Business Conference Center built on 23.5 acres in Makaha. Current plans call for the 300-room "Pacific Basin Conference Resort" to be run by International Conference Resorts.

Grievance Committee Election

At the Maui quarterly district membership meeting on April 23, 1987 the following three men were elected to the Grievance Committee: L. M. Awai, Walter Kanhai, and Donald Poepoe



Pictured above is the Pali Momi project in progress. At left, Amado Labasan talks with apprentice coordinator Jerry Nago on Delta Construction's Kaanapali Hillside project in Maui.



In the bottom photo, John Kuamoo runs a loader for Delta Construction on the Kaanapali Hillside project in Maui. Working on the same project (second photo from bottom), is Daniel Delima on a rubber tired blade.

Labor Roundup

New bill would 'fine tune' Davis-Bacon

Building trades unions are supporting a carefully crafted effort to amend the Davis-Bacon Act by trimming back its coverage but strengthening its enforcement.

Legislation introduced by Reps. Austin J. Murphy (D-Pa.) and Augustus F. Hawkins (D-Calif.) is on the right track, President Robert A. Georgine of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Dept. testified at House hearings, although it reduces coverage more than unions consider appropriate.

Davis-Bacon, dating back more than 50 years, requires contractors on federally funded construction to pay prevailing wages and benefits to their workers.

Under the Reagan Administration, the Labor Dept. has weakened the law's protections through changes in regulations. And in recent years, repeated attempts have been made in the House and Senate to reduce Davis-Bacon coverage through amendments to bills funding various government programs.

Reasonable changes

It is against this backdrop that Hawkins, as chairman of the Education & Labor Committee, and Murphy, who heads its Labor Standards subcommittee, are seeking to update the Davis-Bacon Act.

The bill they introduced would raise the dollar threshold for construction contracts covered by the law from the \$2,000 level set in 1935 to \$50,000 for new construction and \$15,000 for contracts involving repair or alteration.

Georgine said the building trades could support a rise in the threshold figure to \$25,000 for new construction and perhaps \$10,000 for repairs and

alterations. Exemptions beyond that level, he suggested, would encourage some agencies to split up contracts to stay under the threshold limit.

But Georgine welcomed other provisions of the Murphy-Hawkins bill that he said would "significantly improve" the administration of the law. The plus side, he testified, includes a clear affirmation of the right to sue firms that violate the law and the closing of various loopholes.

GOP loses political skirmish

In related news, the Senate Armed Services Committee has voted down a Republican attempt to gut the Davis-Bacon and Service Contract prevailing wage laws, but a new attack on worker protections is expected in the House.

Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.) proposed to exclude defense contracts of less than \$1 million from the two prevailing wage and benefit laws. He was beaten on an 11-9 vote, with all committee Democrats opposed.

The outcome reflected the political change in the new Congress. Last year, under Republican control, the committee voted to raise the threshold for prevailing wage coverage on defense contracts. Despite the committee rejection this year, the issue could come up again when the Senate takes up the Defense Dept. bill.

Reps. William L. Dickinson (R-Ala.) and Charles W. Stenholm (D-Tex.) are expected to offer an amendment when the defense bill comes to the House floor that would raise the threshold on Davis-Bacon coverage from \$2,000 to \$1 million.

That would exclude 95 percent of military construction contracts.



IAM's Indy Contender—Machinists union racing team services the car of veteran driver Josele Garza during a race in Las Vegas, Nevada. The IAM also ran two cars at this year's Indianapolis 500 race, one driven by Garza and the other by Pancho Carter. This was the eighth consecutive year the IAM race cars ran at Indy.

Labor donates labor for college stadium

Over one-half million dollars in labor costs is being donated by Sacramento area labor unions whose members are volunteering time to build a \$1.4 million baseball stadium at Sacramento City College.

"All of the crafts have pitched in. The response has been overwhelming," said

Bill Meehan, business manager of the Sacramento-Sierra Building and Construction Trades Council. "The crafts which have performed out there so far have done a tremendous job."

The dream of a first class stadium is becoming a reality for Coach Jerry Weinstein, who said, "Every craft is unbelievable. Without the participation of the Building Trades Council, there would be no project."

Plans for fundraisers have been put aside so far since labor and materials have been '100 percent' donated," Weinstein said.

It is estimated each craft will perform at least 1000 hours of labor, with some crafts donating much more. Many of the craft union members are past ball-players at SCC and some have children who have played or are current ball-players, Meehan said.

The new stadium will replace a bleacher set-up of 300-400 seats which has accommodated SCC's baseball team, the Camino Norte Conference League champions from 1981 to 1987.

Phases One and Two of the stadium project are being conducted simultaneously. The stadium will boast 1,500 aluminum seats with backs, located between first and third base. There will be an enclosed press-box and camera deck, dugouts below the level of the grandstands, locker rooms and offices under the grandstands and connected to the dugouts. Phase Three is the construction of the lighting systems and scoreboard.

Besides the Operating Engineers, labor is being donated by members of the Asbestos Workers, Bricklayers, District Council of Carpenters, Carpet Layers, Cement Masons, Electrical Workers, Glaziers, Iron Workers, Laborers, Lathers, Painters, Plasterers, Plumbers and Pipe Fitters, Roofers, Sheet Metal Workers, Sprinkler Fitters, Teamsters, Tile Helpers and Tile Layers.

AFL-CIO food program assists needy families

Houston—Every month, 3,500 needy families turn to the Harris County AFL-CIO for help in feeding their children and stretching their dollars.

The central body is one of just four organizations in the county that distributes surplus food to unemployed workers and their families under a contract with the Dept. of Human Resources. The food is purchased by the Federal Agriculture Dept. through the commodities subsidy program and must be stored or sold on the common market.

Harris County AFL-CIO Sec.-Treas. Don Horn said 16 local unions participate in the distribution network, with families receiving a one-month allotment of emergency food. In addition, the central body distributes food on a weekly basis, and in some hardship cases, on a daily basis, he added.

The distribution program has been operating for about two years, Horn said, setting up shop after the Reagan Administration was pressured to begin distribution of tons of surplus food that was in storage.

Both unions and non-union families are served by the program, he noted, adding that "sometimes 100 families a day" come to local union halls for emergency provisions. Last year, the county labor federation distributed more than \$300,000 worth of food to

needy families. All families must meet government eligibility guidelines, Horn said, but nearly all unemployed workers in the area qualify for the benefit.

Horn said that the labor federation tries to supplement the government surplus goods—butter, cheese, corn-meal, flour, dried milk and rice—with special purchases bought through labor fund-raising drives.

Food for the

jobless: Jobless workers in Houston draw emergency food supplies at Pipefitters Local 211 — one of 16 unions participating in the area's AFL-CIO community services network.

Last year the central body gave out more than 300,000 lbs. of surplus cheese, butter, dried milk, grains and other food. The program serves more than 3,500 needy families.





After completion ceremonies, graduating apprentices gather around one of the scrapers they trained on for a photo with officers.

JAC graduates apprentices

By James Earp
Managing Editor

Over 500 friends and family members came to the Rancho Murieta Training Center on June 6 to pay tribute to the 105 graduating apprentices who received their completion certificates.

Local 3 Vice President Bob Skidgel kept the program moving along as the emcee, while the JAC staff did its usual outstanding job of making sure everyone got plenty to eat.

JAC administrator Paul Headings gave a brief outline of the progress that has been made in the training program during the past four years. "Today we're teaching from challenging course outlines backed by performance based efficiency testing," he explained. "Students now receive a minimum of 37 hours a week of hands-on training."

New heavy equipment and innovations in the training system have made it possible to "dramatically accelerate the transfer of knowledge from instructor to student," Headings emphasized. But none of these improvements would accomplish the necessary task without the dedication and skill of the JAC instructors and staff.

"You can be proud of your son or daughter," Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton told the crowd. "This is not the easiest school in the world, but it's the best."

Stapleton observed that the training program was one of several key programs the union has developed in its arsenal to fight the growth of non-union employers. "It takes a whole network of programs in this day and age to fight the war with the non-union element," he declared.

"We started talking about the need to become competitive quite a few years ago," Bob Lowry of Gradeway Construction recalled. "I believe it's working. We should all be proud of being members of Local 3. We should also be proud of being union contractors. They go hand in hand."

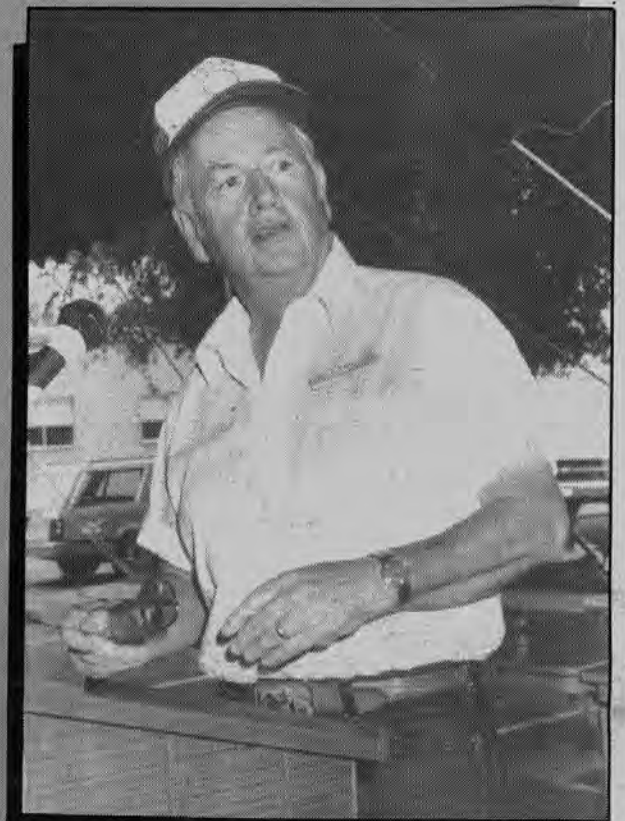
Lowry said the non-union element is everywhere you look. "The competition is out there," he noted. "We can't change it unless we can compete with it."

"You've acquired good basic skills here and believe me, you will learn the rest of your life. If you don't, you're going to fall by the wayside."

The only way we can survive is to be better than the contractor that's working non-union."

The contractor "can afford to pay top dollar" if he has a productive operation, Lowry added. "that means the finest equipment, the finest management and the finest operators and employees."

Business Manager Tom Stapleton summed it up for the graduating apprentices: "The greatest thing you have going for you is your skill. You've acquired good basic skills here and believe me, you will learn the rest of your life. If you don't, you're going to fall by the wayside."



"This is not the easiest school in the world, but it's the best," Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton (above) tells the crowd. Rulond Cottrell of the Labor Dept. presents awards for meritorious service to Vice President Bob Skidgel and employer representative Bob Mounce. Presenting the Contractor of the Year award (bottom left) to Max Teuton of Sierra Constructors are Nick Rado of Ghilotti Bros., Bob Skidgel and Tom Stapleton. Apprentice of the Year awards went to Craig Barbender and William Hays, bottom right.





A lot of meat was cooked ...



A lot of people porked out ...

Retirees know how to picnic!

Over 3,000 retirees and their wives attended the annual Retiree Picnic May 30 at Rancho Murieta.

Thanks go to JAC administrator Paul Headings and his staff for a job well done. A very special thanks also goes to Ken Al en and the organizing department, Don and Joanne Doser, Ray and Judy

(Beth) Morgan and their two daughters, Rinda and Kristen.

Charlie Warren, John Sweeney, Ron Wilson, Jerry Bennett, Harold (Smitty) Smith, Bud Ketchum, Ken Bowersmith and his agents and Don Luba were also a big help.

Also a big thanks to all the retirees who worked so hard to help set up tables and chairs.



A lot of prizes were given out ...



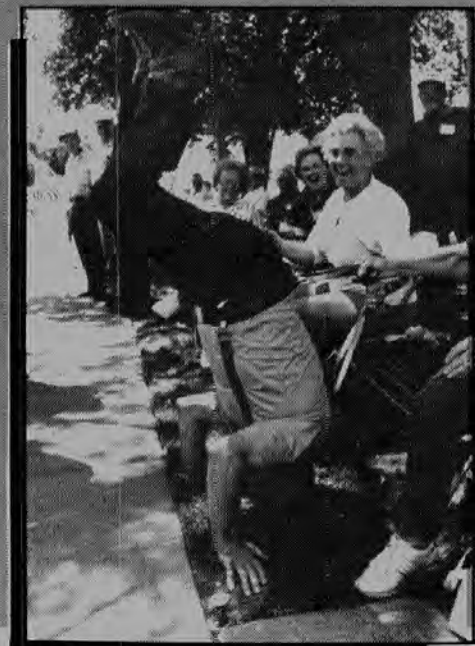
Lots of people worked hard ...



Many bought Local 3 jackets ...



Gallons of beer were swilled and a very good time was had by all.



Despite slow start

Marysville area looking up

In spite of the slow, late start of work in the Marysville District, the work picture looks good, reports District Representative George Morgan. The contractors were able to work a lot this past winter with the small amount of rain we had so the work that they should be doing now was completed during the dry winter.

Kiewit-Pacific was low bidder on the widening and bridge replacement on Hwy 99, 3.5 miles North of Gridley. This project went for \$5 million plus. This project will take over 300 working days.

There was a project bidding May 20th which should be over \$11 million. This job is the freeway from the Hwy 99 and 149 junction and will be four lanes to Chico, a much needed highway.

"I just wish that the Duke had to drive up Highway 70 or Highway 99 to work everyday (if he works)," Morgan said.

The work picture on the West Side is starting to pick up some, reports Business Representative Dan Mostats. Jaeger Construction is busy on a subdivision in Yuba City, with Floyd Johnston doing the storm drain work.

Roderick Construction from the Oroville area is busy on a Cal-Trans Project in Yuba City. They have signed a

Santa Rosa getting off to a slow start

Work in the area has been slow getting started as most everyone realizes, however, all indications show that it should be a busy season. Business Agent Stew Orchard, reports that Pete Barretta has had a problem getting started on the Rockpile Road job. It seems that there was a problem with the "right of way." This job should be going full bore by the time this issue goes to press.

On the north coast, Baxman Gravel Company picked up a job for the city of Fort Bragg. This job went for around \$500,000 and should keep our brothers busy for awhile. Argonaut Construction has a crew working at Sea Ranch again this year and should finish up by the end of summer. Pete Barretta has just finished up a slide removal job about 2.5 miles south of Fort Ross on Highway 1 in an area where only mountain goats can get around. Piombo Construction picked up a job to reconstruct Highway 116 between Duncan Mills and Jenner. That job went for around \$800,000. Packard Paving was awarded an overlay job near Warm Springs Dam that went for around \$800,000.

Joe Ramos Company, from Hayward, was low bidder on the Conde Assessment District job in Windsor at \$2.9 million. Another job on the east side of Highway 101, the Brooks Road Assessment District will also be put to bid. This area is going to really start growing in the next few years. Schram Construction picked up a completion contract at C.C.P.A. #1, at the Geysers, for about \$3.5 million. This will include bringing in a large portable generator for start up of the unit and will be getting ready to bring it on line by the end of the year or early 1988.

Another four week gradechecking class will begin on July 8 at the Santa Rosa District Office. Call the hall to get on the list.

contract with Local 3, and in the future the Company will keep many brothers working.

Baldwin Contracting is starting to gear up for a fair year, with the Pentz and Stoney Creek Rock Plants moving into high gear. Baldwin has begun work on a sub-division project in Yuba City, and they have also started work in Chico on the overlay work in various locations.

Stimpel-Wiebelhaus has moved back in on the Road 7 Project west of Willows and should finish it this year. The equipment dealer shops, Tenco Tractor and Peterson Tractor, are working some six-day weeks now which is a good indication of a good work season.

A.R.B. Construction has moved into the tank farm in Chico and should be busy for some time. West Valley Construction from Chico is starting to get some work going.

Answell Construction has started work on a \$676,770 bridge job on Hughes Road with Foundation Drilling setting the timber work for the bridge. M&M Electric is doing a fair amount of work in the Yuba City area.

This upcoming year is beginning to look like it will be a good year for everyone in the Marysville area.

Things are also beginning to move on the East Side reports Business Representative Vern Hughes.

Claude C. Woods is back to work at Parks Bar. They are hauling rock to their job on the Sacramento River.

Baldwin Contracting has picked up several jobs and has put a lot of Local 3 brothers back to work. Robinson Construction has started two jobs in Oroville, with Frank Green also working two jobs in Oroville.

Contri Construction has started work on their part of Haypress Hydroelectric Project in Sierra City. C. F. B. Construction is installing a new bridge on Fruitvale Road. Kaweah Construction is working on the water treatment plant at Forbestown.

At the time of this writing, Stimpel-Wiebelhaus is still working on Hwy 70. With all the work coming up for bid, we should have a good year, Hughes reported.

Once again, the annual Marysville District Picnic held on May 16 was a huge success. "I would like to thank each and everyone who attended and helped make our 3rd Annual Picnic a great success," says Marysville District Representative George Morgan. A total



Pictured above at the Marysville picnic enjoying the company of far too many ladies for one man is retiree Sid Murrey. Bill Parks (right) holds up a winning prize while Swede Haraugthy and Al Edwards (below) relax.

of 473 people were served, more than in prior years, which indicates our picnic will be increasingly better each year.

A special thanks to the following people who helped us out: Lil Fromm, San Francisco Contracts Department, and her husband George. Lil sold raffle tickets and helped serve and George cooked; Brother Jack McCutcheon who donated a mounted pheasant and duck for auction as a fundraiser.

The food, which everyone said was delicious, was the responsibility of the following cooks: Eugene "Bing" Pennington, Marysville District Dispatcher; Don Doser, Redding District Representative; Bill Hodges, Marysville District Grievance Committeeman; Gene Garewel, Marysville District Grievance Committeeman; Bob Christy,

Marysville District Executive Board Member; Glen Moore, Marysville District Grievance Committeeman; and Brother Jack McCutcheon; Carol Hughes cooked the beans (thanks, Carol, they certainly were tasty).

Monica Boucher, Christy and Cindy Hunt, members of the Sutters Chapter 4-H Club, served. Sue Morgan and Diane Mostats sold picnic tickets; Frances McCutcheon, Pat Pennington and Phyllis Garewal also sold raffle tickets.

Thanks also to Paul Self, who served beer; Tiffany Mostats and Nick Morgan who served soft drinks.

Thanks to Talahi Hughes and her friend Chris who helped serve and clean up; and Redding District Representative Don Doser who donated a lovely burl clock for our raffle.

Big I-80 job at Auburn to be advertised

Business Representative John Bonilla reports that Cal-Trans is advertising the \$27 million freeway project at I-80 and Auburn again. They are hopeful that it will be bid by mid July.

Negotiations have been completed with Joe Chevreux's rock plant in Meadow Vista. The guys got a 4 percent increase. Chevreux employs 10 to 15 operating engineers year round.

R. C. Collet's rock plant in Rocklin is already running two shifts this summer as they are expecting a very busy year. There are approximately 20 operating engineers employed at the plant.

Mallory/Greenhalgh is hard at work at the Stanford Ranch project, which is a large subdivision. R. C. Collet, located across the street, has been fur-

nishing most of the materials. It looks like Mallory/Greenhalgh has picked up about \$5 million in more work on this project.

A. Teichert & Son, Granite Construction, and M.C.M. Construction are very busy working on the Highway 65 project, which should open by mid July. The guys at Auburn Placer Disposal are also very busy at this time. They have hired three or four new employees in the past month or so.

The Engineers have just picked up an industrial plant in Rocklin, which employs 110 operating engineers, the company is called Bohemia. Bohemia is a fiberboard plant, making various wood products. The plant runs a seven day operation.

"At this time, I would like to thank my four job stewards at Bohemia, Pete Angelos, Bob Billington, Jerry Stannard, and Betty Bradley, they have been a great help to me," Bonilla said. Bohemia is the biggest industrial plant to be organized in the Sacramento area in a long time.

A. Teichert & Son is busy at Douglas Blvd. working in the new Target store. They have about 15 operating engineers out there.

Work on the west side of the Sacramento area is moving right along, Business Agent Gary Wagnon reports. Syar Industries has started back with two shifts in their gravel plant. Solano Concrete is working 10 hours a day and

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Lower loan rates: Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 Federal Credit Union has lowered its loan rates on car loans and unsecured personal loans. While other institutions' loan rates may be going up, ours are going down!



Bill Markus

Our new rates on car loans allow you to pick the rate and term that is best for you. Rates on new cars range from 7.75 percent APR to 10 percent APR, depending on the length of the term (terms from 12 months to 72 months are available). On new cars we can finance up to 100 percent of the purchase price, plus tax and license.

If you are thinking of buying a used car, you'll be interested in our lower used car rates: 9.5 percent for 24 month terms, 10 percent for 25-36 months terms, and 11 percent for 37-48 month terms. These are fixed rate terms, so you are guaranteed this low interest rate for the life of the loan.

Line of credit loan rate drops to 16 percent: We have lowered our unsecured line of credit rate, also known as a Phone-A-Loan, from 18 percent to 16 percent APR. A Phone-A-Loan allows you to borrow money as you need it, or in a lump sum. Upon approval you can borrow up to \$10,000 for home improvements, bill consolidations, or even a vacation.

Hate filling out loan applications? With a Phone-A-Loan you only complete an application once. Thereafter, you can obtain advances by phone, mail or in person. Call your Credit Union for an application for a Phone-A-Loan at the new 16 percent rate.

C.A.L.L. Service: We are proud to announce another valuable service for members: C.A.L.L., or Customer Account Link Line service — an automated system that gives you instant access to your Credit Union account(s) through your touchtone phone.

C.A.L.L. enables you to conduct your Credit Union business at the touch of a finger from anywhere, around-the-clock, seven days a week.

To apply for this fantastic new service just contact your Credit Union and we will send you an application and instructions on how to use C.A.L.L.

Free automatic payments: We have eliminated the \$1 fee on our Auto Pay program. Auto Pay saves you time and money by automatically transferring your loan payment(s) from your savings account each month.

It's easy to sign up for this program — just call your Credit Union and ask for an Auto Pay authorization card. Just think, you'll never have to worry about a loan payment again! Our phone number is (415) 829-4400. Utah members should call (801) 261-2223.

My lifelong booze battle

My name is John and I am an alcoholic. I don't know exactly how long I've been an alcoholic, perhaps I was born that way. At any rate, I drank for a long, long time. All told, I drank for nearly forty-five years. Although it took me most of that time to realize and admit that I had a problem, in retrospect I drank alcoholically almost from the beginning. What I mean by alcoholically is that whenever, wherever and for whatever reason I drank, even though circumstances only allowed for one or two drinks, I was never inwardly satisfied. I always wanted more, and when I was in control or I was dictating the circumstances I always got more.

I started drinking when I was eighteen. I had a bit of a carefree attitude and my friends and I used to like to get a "buzz on" when we went to some of the dances. We usually just had a couple of beers, nothing outrageous. Soon after, I landed a job working in the shipyards. Things were going OK until one day, an accident happened that crushed my leg. I could have lost it, but I was young and strong and my leg finally healed. However, I was "laid up" for a good long while and I had a lot of time to feel sorry for myself. To help ease the pain and the situation I began to drink regularly.

World War II was going strong. My friends were all enlisting and going overseas. I wanted to go, but my leg kept me out. I did the next best thing and joined the Merchant Marines. I saw my share of the war, managed to get shot, and in short went through my rite of passage into manhood. We sailed into ports all over the world, and as most people know the Merchant Marines, like the Operating Engineers is not exactly comprised of teetotalers. I got drunk in pubs and bars all over the world. When we weren't working hard the motto for life was "wine, women and song for tomorrow we sail."

After the war I returned to shore and tried to live life the way society said. I met a lovely girl, got married and had three wonderful children. I loved them all dearly and I tried my damndest to be the husband and father they deserved. I had great "people-skills" and earned good money. Unfortunately, somewhere along the way, I contracted a disease that nagged at me incessantly. It beckoned me into bars, caused me to lose entire pay checks, lose numerous good paying jobs and generally relegate all of the things that should have mattered in my life.

By now I was a full fledged, out of control, alcoholic. I lost my family and still more jobs, but I had lots of friends. The bars of San Francisco and surrounding areas were literally filled with my good, kind and caring friends. Even though I had all of these wonderful friendships, life was still going downhill.

I was unable to reason in my alcoholic, always blame the other guy, never accept responsibility, manner that none of what was happening to me was my fault.

I just kept getting dealt bad hands. I tried moving, I tried different lines of work, I tried different women. I even married and divorced again somewhere in that time. I was in and out of jails and had "hot checks" scattered everywhere I went. I knew I had a problem with alcohol, but I always figured the problems I had with drinking were the symptoms of my bad luck and of being

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With Safety In Mind

By JACK SHORT
Director of Safety

Keep cool head when facing heat-related illnesses

Summertime brings a lot of enjoyable outdoor activities. But these same activities can cause a lot of discomfort if you're not careful. If you know how to prepare for warm weather, chances are you won't suffer from heat-related illnesses. All it takes is a little common sense and some preparation.



Jack Short

When the outside temperature rises, your body temperature rises along with it. When this happens, the brain sends signals to initiate action by the body's heat-control mechanisms.

Increased blood flow is one of these heat-control mechanisms. Cooling occurs when the heart pumps more blood to vessels at the skin's surface.

If increased blood flow doesn't control heat buildup, the brain sends a signal to the sweat glands, which are also located in the outer layer of skin, to start producing perspiration. The skin is then cooled by evaporation.

Through conduction, convection, radiation and evaporation, your skin can shed a lot of excess heat. But your body's natural cooling mechanisms become less effective if the air temperature is at or above skin temperature, the humidity is high, or the air velocity is low. When this occurs the heart sends more blood to the skin, and less blood to active muscles and to the brain. If body temperature continues to rise without adequate cooling, certain health problems can occur.

Heat-related illnesses

If the body fails to provide natural cooling, potentially serious heat disorders can occur.

Heat rash, also known as "prickly heat," occurs mostly in hot, humid environments where sweat isn't easily evaporated from the skin. Sweat glands become plugged and inflamed, and a rash appears. If heat rash becomes severe, infection could result.

To prevent heat rash, keep your skin as dry as possible, and wear fast drying clothing (cotton is a good choice). The best way to ease discomfort is to rest in a cool place. A simple home remedy for heat rash is corn starch; simply apply it like baby powder.

Heat syncope, or fainting, usually affects people who aren't used to hot environments. It can also affect those who stand or sit for a long time. The increased blood flow to the skin (one of the cooling mechanisms), combined with inactivity, may cause blood to pool in the lower body. This reduces blood flow to the brain, and may result in fainting.

If an unconscious victim stop breathing, trained help may be required to provide an open airway. CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) may also

be needed.

Once recovered, the person should lie flat and rest in a cool place. A doctor should be consulted—just to be sure. To prevent heat syncope, increase circulation by moving around.

Heat cramps are painful muscle spasms that can happen after or during physical activity in hot and humid weather. Vigorous activity causes a lot of sweating. The loss of body fluids and other electrolytes (body salts) upsets the body's delicate chemical balance, causing cramps.

Treating heat cramps involves drinking plenty of water and massaging the affected muscles. Lightly salted water (one teaspoon per four quarts) and electrolyte replacement drinks also can be taken when you're sweating heavily. Salt tablets are definitely not recommended.

Heat exhaustion is caused by the loss of body fluids and salt from sweating, and decreased blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. Although oral temperature may be around normal at 98.6 F, the heat control mechanisms are in trouble. Some of the symptoms of heat exhaustion are: excessive sweating; pale, clammy skin; extreme fatigue or weakness; nausea; headache or dizziness.

More serious cases of heat exhaustion could include: confusion or disorientation, vomiting, and loss of consciousness.

To treat heat exhaustion, move the victim to a cool place, and if the victim is conscious, provide him with fluids. Be sure the victim rests with his feet slightly elevated. If the victim is not breathing or there is no pulse, an open airway must be maintained, and CPR should be administered by a trained individual.

Call for emergency medical assistance if recovery is not speedy or the victim loses consciousness.

Heat stroke is a serious medical emergency. It is caused by a complete failure of the body's temperature-regulating mechanisms. Heat stroke is a life-threatening condition and must be treated immediately. The symptoms of heat stroke include: lack of perspiration; red, bluish or mottled skin; hot and dry skin; oral temperature of 105 F or higher; mental confusion, anger, or delirium; chills, nausea, dizziness; unconsciousness, convulsions and eventually coma.

If the victim is not cooled immediately, heat stroke can prove fatal. To treat someone with heat stroke:

- Send someone to call for emergency medical assistance immediately.
- Take measures to cool the victim by sponging his body with cold water (use cool water on children under four years old), immersing the victim in cold water (use cool water for children less than four years old), or covering the body with cold compresses (use cool com-

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Retiree Meeting Schedule

- Eureka** July 7, 2:00 p.m.
Engineers Bldg.
2806 Broadway
- Redding** July 8, 2:00 p.m.
Moose Lodge
320 Lake Blvd.
- Marysville** July 9, 2:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg.
249 Sycamore
Gridley, CA.
- San Mateo** July 14, 10:00 a.m.
I. A. M. Air Transport Employees
1511 Rollings Road
Burlingame, CA.
- Fairfield** July 15, 2:00 p.m.
Party Palace
2601 Clay Bank Rd.
- Ignacio** July 16, 10:00 a.m.
Alvarado Inn
6045 Redwood Hwy.
Novato, CA.
- Hawaii** July 20, 10:00 a.m.
Dole Intermediate School
1803 Kam IV Rd.
Honolulu, Hawaii
- Reno** July 25, 11:00 a.m.
Deer Park
Rock Blvd. & Prater Way
Sparks, NV.
- Ceres** Aug 4, 10:00 a.m.
Teamsters Hall
1225 13th St.
Modesto, CA.
- Stockton** Aug 4, 2:00 p.m.
Operating Engineers Bldg.
1916 N. Broadway
- Oakland** Aug 5, 10:00 a.m.
Oakland Zoo Snow Bldg.
9777 Golf Links
- Concord** Aug 6, 10:00 a.m.
Concord Elks Lodge #1994.
3994 Willow Pass Rd.
- Fresno** Aug 12, 2:00 p.m.
Laborers Hall
5431 E. Hedges
- Sacramento** Aug 26, 2:00 p.m.
Laborers Hall
6545 Stockton Blvd.
- Salt Lake City**
Sept. 2, 12:00 p.m.
Murray City Park
5100 S. State St.
Murray, UT.
- Auburn** Sept 8, 10:00 a.m.
Auburn Rec. Center
123 Recreation Dr.
- Watsonville**
Sept. 23, 10:00 a.m.
VFW Post 1716
1960 Freedom Blvd.
Freedom, CA
- San Jose** Sept. 23, 2:00 p.m.
VFW Post 3982
1313 Franklin St.
Santa Clara, CA
- Lake County**
Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m.
American Legion
14770 Austin
Clearlake, CA
- Santa Rosa** Sept. 24, 2:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg.
1351 Maple St.



Caltrans buying them at \$80,000 a pop Survey gear uses satellites

Talking to Techs

By Frank Morales

We often read about the exotic survey equipment but seldom have the opportunity to see or use it. The picture above shows the wild WM-101 Satellite Coordinate Instrument, being demonstrated to Cal Trans. It uses the same satellites used to guide the same shuttle, and ICBM missiles, it tracks up to nine satellites at one time, and takes approximately 45 minutes to complete a series of readings.

Bought in bulk quantities by Caltrans, these units are selling for approximately \$80,000 per unit.

The Master Agreement for Tech Engineers will be open on July 15, 1987 for wages and fringes. We have set-up two meetings as of this writing with Bay

Counties the 16th and the 25th of June, and we hope to have the negotiations over before July 15th so that we can set-up meetings for the ratification of the new contract. Cards will be sent out notifying you when and where the meetings will be held. If you don't receive a notice by July 10th, please contact the Tech Department in Oakland (415) 638-9355.

It is very important that you attend the Ratification meeting—the purpose is to vote to accept or reject the proposed agreement.

The Tech Department would like to congratulate Raymond Morin of San Jose for his 25 years plus membership in Local #3, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Raymond for the effort he has put forth in building this Local Union, and to express our appreciation.

Helms signs union contract

Welcome back, Helms Construction! Goodbye, Lost Dutchman! Business Agent Virgil A. Blair reports that Helms Construction moved back to the Lakeside Railroad Project and Lost Dutchman returned to Nevada where they belong. It took 12 months of hard work and organizing by Blair, George Stavros, and Utah's other agents along with Local 3's officers, to convince the owners of Lost Dutchman and Helms Construction to work this project under a union agreement. The job was loaded with good union members last year, and these men were instrumental in turning the situation around. Local No. 3 in Utah wants to thank all those members who assisted us this last year. At this time, 45 hands are working and receiving union wages and benefits. A few more members will be dispatched to this job later on.

Most of Utah's other projects have been shut down because of the rain the last two weeks. Kiewit-Western on Little Dell Road is anxious to get back to work as they want to complete this road by the end of August this year. Two shifts will soon be working, and this should make it. Kiewit has picked up more slide repair work near Coalville, and should be there most of the year.

G. P. Construction at Trapper's Loop is waiting for sunshine and dry weather, and they want to put on a second shift, which will put more hungry hands to work. The last four-and-one-half-miles or Trapper's Loop will be bid June 9, and Local No. 3 is hoping to see G. P. stay and complete this project.

Gibbons & Reed's project at Smith-Morehouse got rain just as the job was starting their rolling four-tens. The

second shift worked about two days when the rain hit and no one has worked since. The weather has slowed this job down since it started three summers ago.

When members receive a call to go to work from the company, be sure that the company calls the union hall to get a dispatch. If an agent finds a member on a job without a dispatch, they'll have to make a quick trip to the hall to get one.

Business Representative Jasper Delray reported that Elbert Lowdermilk is completing their work on the slide repair on I-70 in Sevier County. Lowdermilk has worked most of the winter, weather permitting. Don Keele and his crew worked hard to complete this project.

W. W. Clyde's job on I-15 from Baker Canyon to Meadow in Millard County is moving well. Clyde has finished crushing and moved their hot plant in to start oiling in May.

Valley Asphalt has been working all winter on a section of I-15 from the Arizona state line to south St. George in Washington County laying an overlay. This job is moving well.

W. W. Clyde is finishing up crushing on the Dead Horse Point job and has started setting up their hot plant to lay oil.

Combustion Engineering is winding down on the pipe job at the Huntington Power Plant for Utah Power and Light Company and should have been finished in May.

Valley Asphalt is moving equipment onto the Blanding Airport runway project. By the time you read this article, that project will be going. This job will put a few hands to work.

Sacramento

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some Saturdays. Teichert's hot plant and gravel operation worked steady all winter and is getting more business every day. Teichert Construction has twice as much in Yolo County as at this time last year.

The foundation on the Sacramento Sports Arena is starting to take shape. Lukenbill Construction has kept several members working on this job all winter.

Moseman Construction is about completed with the overpasses on Hwy. 99, there is only some false-work stripping left. This project kept several operators busy all winter.

Ford Construction is on the way with \$2 million worth of levy repairs on the deep water channel. Claude Wood is working in four locations doing levy repairs, and will be most of the summer. W. H. Ebert Corp. is working in West Sacramento with two underground crews. Granite has not started their runway work of \$2 million at Metro Airport. Teichert has finished their overlay on Hwy. 99.

Hoffman of Oregon is the apparent low bidder on the \$10 million water treatment plant and has sublet some of the work out to our local fair contractors.

Lund Construction's shop is busy gearing up for summer. They have five heavy duty repairmen working hard and steady trying to stay ahead of repairs.

With the "open purse" on military spending, building construction at McClellan AFB is rampant.

The Sacramento out-of-work list is moving, and hopefully all hands will be working within the month.

Executive Board Election

At its meeting on May 20, 1987, the District 80, Auburn Sacramento membership elected Harold Meadows, S.S. #459-48-54-30, as Executive Board Member to serve the unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of Jim Brown.

Lowdermilk is completing work on the railroad underpass at Spring Glen with only the oil lay and cleaning up the job to finish.

Clyde's I-70 Interstate Highway job from Sigurd to Richfield is moving well. Clyde will be working on the last leg of the dirt work in July and should be done in early or mid-August with only clean up to be finished. Clyde is moving equipment onto the I-70 Sigurd to Salina Interstate Road project and is presently setting up their crusher. The company plans on working two, ten-hour shifts six days a week. This will keep about twelve of our Utah brothers working all summer.

Grievance Committee Election

Recording-Corresponding Secretary Bill Markus has announced that due to the vacancy left on the District 70, Redding Grievance Committee, a Grievance Committee Election will be held at the next regularly scheduled quarterly membership meeting to be held on July 8, 1987, in Redding.

Cal-OSHA dominates legislative conference

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have gone to work. Our people are coming out."

And Robert Hanna, executive secretary-treasurer of the Carpenters state council, cited the huge attendance as

"an answer to those who have been trying to say that labor is down and out."

"It's going to be your job in the next three days to make labor's presence felt, particularly by those politicians who wish we'd go away, who just want to

take us for granted," Hanna said.

The two principal leaders of the Legislature expanded upon the theme of political change in opening morning speeches to the delegates.

"People will tell you the pendulum is still stuck with the Republicans, but don't believe it," said David A. Roberti, D-L.A., president pro tem of the Senate. "It is swinging our way."

Of Green's election, Roberti said, "The victory is labor's every bit as much as it is Cecil's and the Democratic Party's."

"That chicken — little veto of Cal/OSHA brought all of you out," Roberti continued. "You ran the Cal/OSHA blue pencil down (the governor's) throat."

Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr., said he had noticed in the few days since Green's election that "suddenly our message is getting through."

The labor victory points the way toward modification of the Gann spending limits and restoration of the legislature's authority to respond to the needs of Californians' the speaker said.

"I tell you, if we simply steady our course and stay with our issues the results will be fantastic for all of California," Brown said.

The rally for Cal/OSHA on Tuesday came as delegates were engaged in the principal business of the conference: lobbying legislators.

They moved to the Capitol from the conference headquarters hotel in large groups and small after hearing explanations of pending labor legislation from Henning, Hanna and Bill Ward, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Henning opened the rally at the L Street entrance to the Capitol.

"The loss of Cal/OSHA is a threat to the safety of every worker in California," Henning told the assembled union members. "It is something we can't accept and we can't tolerate... the industrial safety system is to be replaced by federal OSHA, which has inferior standards of protection and in many cases no standards of protection for the workers."

Cremins told the crowd, "I know we



Business Manager Tom Stapleton and Treasurer Norris Casey and Bill Ward of the Building Trades attend the rally.

are going to be able to restore Cal/OSHA because we are right on the issue.

"The workers want it. The employers want it. The general public of California wants it. The editorial writers all seem to want it. I think it is only fair, only just, that it is restored."

Delaine Eastin, D-Fremont, spoke for labor's allies in the Assembly.

Sen. Art Torres, D-L.A. noted that the Senate had voted to restore the \$8 million for Cal/OSHA that Deukmejian had blue-penciled from the state budget.

"But this governor not only wants to take \$8 million away, he wants to give back \$14 million to the federal government," Torres said.

Henning pointed out that retention of Cal/OSHA has been urged-in petitions to the governor bearing more than 100,000 names.

Henning sent the crowd back into the Capitol at the conclusion of the rally with a reminder that Republican as well as Democratic votes will be needed to overcome the Governor's blue pencil if Deukmejian persists.

Attend Your District Meetings

District Meetings convene at 8 p.m. with the exception of District 17 (Hawaii) meetings, which convene at 7 p.m.

July

- 7th District 4: Eureka
Engineers Bldg.
2806 Broadway
- 7th District 17: Kauai
Wilcox Elem. School
4319 Hardy Street
- 8th District 7: Redding
Engineers Bldg.
100 Lake Blvd.
- 9th District 6: Marysville
Engineers Bldg.
1010 "I" Street
- 14th District 17: Kona
Konawaena School
Kealahou
- 15th District 1: Fairfield
Holiday Inn
1350 Holiday Lane
- 21st District 17: Hilo
Kapiolani School
966 Kilauea Ave.
- 22nd District 17: Maui
Kahului Elem. School
410 S. Hina Ave.
Kahului, Maui
- 23rd District 17: Honolulu
Kalihi Waena School
1240 Gulick Ave.

Semi-annual Meeting

The next semi-annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m. at the Seafarer's International Union Auditorium, 350 Fremont St., San Francisco, CA.

Credit Union Mtg. Change

The annual Credit Union membership meeting has been changed to Sunday, August 30 at 8 a.m., 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, CA.

August

- 4th District 3: Stockton
Engineers Bldg.
1916 North Broadway
- 6th District 2: Sunol
Sunol Valley Ctry. Club
Hwy. 680 & Andrade Rd.
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