Local 3 spearheads hazardous waste bill

By James Earp
Managing Editor

Legislation initiated by Local 3 that would mandate protection for heavy equipment operators working at hazardous waste sites will face its final hurdle on the Assembly floor this month.

Senate Bill 2575, introduced in February by State Senator Dan McCork PDOld (D-San Jose) would establish requirements for certifying employers and workers before they would be allowed to work around hazardous waste sites and provide funding for testing and training on the capping or removal of toxic substances.

"We recognized the need for this kind of legislation after a number of Local 3 members working on a contract to cap a known hazardous waste site became very ill," Ilocal 3 Safety Director Jack Short explained. "After investigating the incident, we found that the contractor had never informed the workers of the hazardous materials they were working with.

Short said that Local 3 took prompt action on the case and was able to get OSHA to enforce the right-to-know law on the project, with the help of Congressman Matsui (D-Sacramento).

"We realized, though, that with over 130 known hazardous waste sites in California alone, we were going to be faced with this kind of problem more often." Short said.

Discussions were held with legislators in Sacramento, which led to the authoring of SB 2575 by McCarthy. Specifically, the bill would do the following:

- Requires Cal/OSHA to adopt a standard for removal and/or capping of hazardous waste site, and establish requirements for the certification of employers and contractors who work on hazardous waste sites.
- Prevents any contractor from engaging in hazardous waste removal unless the supervisor who will direct the project has passed an approved hazardous substance removal examination.
- Establishes an advisory panel composed of representatives from Cal/OSHA, Contractors License Board, State Dept. of Health Services, and industry contractors and workers experienced in hazardous waste removal. This advisory panel will establish procedures for developing the standards and administering the certification examinations.
- Establishes fines of up to $5,000 and possible imprisonment for violation of the bill.
- The bill also empowers the Contractors License Board to revise and update the certification procedures based on new public information on hazardous substance removal. The standards to be adopted by the state will include specific work practices to be used around hazardous wastes.
- It designates a qualified person to conduct air sampling, evaluation of soil and sampling of contaminated materials and mandates that hazardous waste conferences be held where information can be shared among industry representatives.

The legislation passed through the Senate last month and has been voted out of committee in the Assembly. The bill may face a close vote on the Assembly floor, since it requires a two-thirds majority and a number of Republican assemblymen have expressed their opposition to the bill.

Assemblywoman Sally Tanner, who chairs the Assembly Toxic Waste Committee is carrying the legislation in the Assembly.

A $51.4 million bypass of the Devil's Slide section of California Highway 1 in Northern California gained the final local approval needed in July.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the agency that plans San Francisco Bay Area transportation projects, approved construction of the 4.5 mile bypass.

The approval by the MTC brought to an end the lengthy public hearing phase of the project. For over two years, representatives from Local 3 appeared at several hearings held by the County's planning commission, Board of Supervisors and the State Coastal Commission.

The bypass would run between Pacifica and Montara and would replace the unstable and often impassable section of Highway 1 on the steep hills above the Pacific Ocean.

Although the plan was approved, lawsuits challenging the new route in San Mateo County on environmental grounds could continue to stall the project and possibly kill it.

The transportation commission, whose jurisdiction covers nine Bay Area counties, voted 14 to 2 that the bypass proposed by the California Department of Transportation meets regional transportation plan guidelines and is eligible for funding.

The commission rejected the proposal to the federal government for approval, which is needed from the Federal Transportation Commission. The federal commission has until Sept. 30 to provide money for the work.
This month I received some interesting letters from Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina and the director of the Center on National Labor Policy, Inc. Before I summarize them, I think I should explain that this labor "research group" is just another phony front for soliciting direct mail political donations for ultra-conservative right-wing politicians.

Jesse Helms' letter reads in part:

"In 1986, a good many conservative candidates may go down to defeat because of illegal union campaign activities. I need you to join with me and my friends at the Center on National Labor Policy today in an urgent lawsuit to stop the flow of illegal union campaign contributions to liberal, anti-Reagan, anti-business politicians. The Center has formed the Emergency Committee Against Union Bribery to battle corrupt unions that give thousands of dollars to their political 'yes men.'"

Helms goes on to say that he nearly lost his last election because his Democratic opponent took over $10,000 in supossed illegal union PAC money. Nowhere does he specify how the contributions were illegal, who gave the money or why the government never prosecuted the guilty parties if they did break the law.

In this direct mail appeal was another letter from a Mr. Stephen Goodrick, the Executive Director of the Center. In his lengthy letter, he includes such choice expressions as these:

"...the union bosses are determined to buy this year's elections to keep them in power. They will lie, cheat or steal, they intend to win."

"...over 50 sitting Congressmen and senators took illegal money from union PACs to get elected in 1982 and 1984 -- including such heavyweights as Ted Kennedy and Tip O'Neill. Did the Center's Emergency Committee Against Union Bribery in Washington ever cover for them?"

"I'm filing a federal lawsuit to stop the AFL-CIO and other Big Unions from illegally buying this year's Congressional elections. I believe that this lawsuit will stop the unions from continuing to corrupt the American political process."

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Highway Committee explodes Davis-Bacon myths

Fed up with what it believes are unfounded and misleading claims about drawbacks of the Davis-Bacon Act, the National Joint Heavy and Highway Construction Committee attempted this month to "explode the myths" regarding the federal prevailing wage statute. Terry Bumpers, director of the Committee, said "it is high time organized labor tell the truth be known to the public the the view is accurate that the snowball effect of misinformation being created by groups seeking repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act is being mitigated."

The committee said it wants to dispel the misconception that:

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NLRB stiffs labor on strike ruling

Unionists were dealt a blow earlier this summer when the National Labor Relations Board ruled employers can hire scabs as temporary replacements when a contract expires.

The board, dominated by Reagan-appointed, ruled 3 to 1 that employers can legally hire non-union workers when the union members are locked out during a strike.

The dissenter, Patricia Dia D'Amato, who since moved to the Federal Communications Commission, said the tactic is destructive of workers' rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

A New Jersey equipment maintenance firm had locked out members of Local 825 of the Operating Engineers who would not take pay cuts and other concessions. The company would not extend the expired contract or negotiate. Herter Equipment then hired temporary, non-union workers, and Local 825 filed charges of unfair labor practices.

An administrative law judge ruled Herter's tactics legal, but the union appealed to the labor board.

Board Chairman Donald L. Dotson, and members Marshall B. Babson and Wilford W. Johansen ruled that if an employer is after a favorable collective bargaining agreement, lower-paid employees can be hired.

The justification, they ruled, is that the plant has had little effect on employee lives. The lockout and replacement hirings are legitimate employer interests, and union members could have accepted concessions, the board ruled.

Two labor specials to be aired on TV

This year television viewers can get an idea of the ideals behind Labor Day when the Public Broadcasting System airs two specials depicting workers and workplaces.

"The Global Assembly Line," an examination of the human toll of international labor patterns is scheduled to air on or near Labor Day. Planned for the same time is "The Women of Summer," a tribute to a little-known summer school for women factory workers in the 1920s and '30s.

Viewers should consult their local television guides for the time and date of the films.

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Woodworkers settle

Most of the picket lines at Weyerhaeuser Co. operations in the Pacific Northwest ended in late July when the International Woodworkers of America settled with the company.

By a vote of 2,833 to 1,458, the IWA ratified a two-year contract. About 6,500 IWA members had been on strike.

About 1,000 members of the Lumbar, Production and Industrial Workers union did not settle and were still on strike when the IWA ended its walkout.

Under the contract approved by the IWA, workers will get a profit-sharing plan in exchange for an approximate $4 an hour cut in wages and benefits.

The settlement came as Weyerhaeuser announced profits rose 15 percent in the first quarter that ended June 29, and were up 21 percent for the first half of 1986.

The company complained that concessions were necessary to remain competitive with Canadian imports.

Saluting the Speaker—Retiring House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill accepts the 1986 Murray-Green Meany Award, the AFL-CIO's highest tribute for service to the nation's workers. The award includes a bronze medallion and a $5,000 grant. Making the presentation is Community Services Director Frank Emig. O'Neill has served in the House since 1953.

Work injuries rise under Deukmejian

Serious work injuries rose 20 percent in the last three years, while the state's safety investigation agency cut preventive inspections, statistics show.

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health, or Cal-OSHA, cut its preventive safety checks of the state's most dangerous industries 74 percent from 1982 to 1985, according to its records.

Former deputy director Michael Schneider believes there is a link to the drop in inspections and increase in work-related injuries.

Schneider contends rigorous inspections by the agency limit injuries. Agency statistics reveal 373,959 disabling injuries in 1980, a number that dropped to 331,214 in 1985.

But in 1983, injuries rose to 344,060, then 373,600 in 1984. The state Bureau of Labor Statistics and Research estimates the 1985 number will be about 400,000—a 20 percent increase from 1982, when Gov. George Deukmejian took office.

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Cal-OSHA failed to conduct preventive safety inspections at 38 of the top 100 industries with the highest preventable injury rates, according to records obtained by the Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

Cal-OSHA critics—labor unions, Democratic legislators and the agency's employees—say the inspection drop results from Gov. Deukmejian's policies.

"Prevention to him (Deukmejian) means government going in and placing some restrictions on the businessman's prerogative," Assemblyman Dick Floyd says.

Open House

The Screen Actors Guild celebrated the opening of the union's headquarters in Los Angeles with public festivities and a reunion of six past presidents. The new offices are housed in a building designated a historic landmark just across the street from SAG's first headquarters, which opened in 1933.

Pictured in back row are Leon James, Dana Andrews and Charlton Heston. Front row are Ed Asner, William Schallert and Dennis Weaver.
A Golden Anniversary
Al and Mary Dalton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a surprise party given by their children on June 21 at the Sunken Gardens Golf Course in Sunnyvale, CA, where they renewed their wedding vows.
They were married June 27, 1936 in Monroe, UT. They have three children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Al is a 41-year member of the Operating Engineers Union and worked for 17 years as a Local 3 business agent.
Although he is now retired, Al remains active in the Auburn chapter of the union's Retiree Association. Their children gave them an Alaskan cruise as an anniversary gift. They will be accompanied by their long time friends, Art and Barbara Garofalo.

Hawaii project will convert waste to energy
Turning waste into energy is the idea behind Hawaiian Dredging's construction of a $195 million power plant. District Representative Wally Lean reports.
The H-Power garbage to energy plant, expected to produce electricity cleaner than oil-fired plants, is being built at the Campbell Industrial Park.
The plant is the most expensive public works project in Honolulu's history. It started slow, Lean says, but money is now available and work can start. The plant is two months behind schedule, putting the October 1985 construction deadline in jeopardy.
Lean says there should be no more delays, and he hopes the plant construction means jobs for Local 3 members.
Members already on the job include Albert Armitage, steward Grant Davidson, foreman Joe Galindo, Gerardo Paet, Julian Rosa and Jim Beyer. Kenfi Arthur and John Robin Drotel are apprentices on the job.

Pollution control
In Ewa, construction of a $2.85 million pollution control project called Ewa Beach is under way. Federal, state and city money is paying for the work.
Because of hard coral in the area, digiing is difficult, Lean says. E.E. Black is doing the digging. Lean says the dredging and chopping of coral made for slow work at the start. Backhoe operators William Adolpho and David Villanueva were on the job.
Lean says a trench digger was brought in to dig down 6 to 8 feet, which made it easier for the backhoes to grade 13 to 14 feet more. Because the job site is near a stream, water seepage was a problem, Lean says.

View of volcanoes
A $5 million observatory and geological museum on the island of Hawaii's Kilauea volcano is being built. Lean says. The additions to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park will accommodate about 1.8 million visitors a year.
The observatory and the museum are being built at the rim of the Kilauea Caldera, where an older observatory exists.
Work on the 26,000-square-foot observatory began in April 1985. The museum will get 3,700-square-feet and be connected to the observatory. Lean says the museum will house an earthquake location computer that can show the 150 to 200 tremors a day on Hawaii, and new seismographic equipment that outlines volcanic activity as it happens.
Also, the Hawaiian story of the volcanoes and the legends of Pele will be shown in a painting by Herb Kawaiunoi Kane.
Park attendance has increased steadily since the 1970s, Lean says. Between 3,000 and 5,000 visit the volcano every day. More come whenever there is an eruption on Kilauea, as in 1982, when about 45,000 people came to the park in less than 24 hours.

Lean says the new observatory is designed by the National Park Service's Denver Service Center, and the general contractor is Constructors Hawaii Ltd.

Driver improvement
Under the Driver Improvement Program in Hawaii, coordinator Herman Meek ensures that member truck drivers meet the state's requirements.
By law, anyone operating a truck of more than 10,000 pounds gross weight must have the proper license and a current doctor's certificate. These are requested when a driver is stopped by state officials. The driver and company can be fined.
In addition, drivers must take the annual "over the road test" conducted by licensed examiner Howard Yoshida. The test is held Saturdays in Keehi Lagoon Park and include an obstacle course and two-hour road test.
Those who pass are issued a card by Yoshida. The card should always be carried with you.

Pictured above are blade operator Danny Foster and gradessetter Howard Akamine, who are working for Royal Construction on unit 61 of the Millani project.

Your Credit Union
By Bill Markus
Secretary-Treasurer
The annual meeting of the Credit Union took place July 12, in conjunction with the union's semiannual membership meeting in San Francisco.
Elections were held for expired and unexpired terms for members of the Board of Directors. People were elected for at large, district member and Supervisory Committee positions.
At-large members elected were: Harold Huston for three years; Wally Lean, for three years; and William Markus for one year to fill an unexpired term.
District members elected were: Bill Dalton from No. 8 for three years; James Wilkinson from No. 9 for three years; James Caumaint from No. 10 for three years; and William Markus from No. 11 for three years.
Supervisory Committee members elected were: Hank Monroe for three years, and Stephen Bento for one year to finish an unexpired term.
1985 was a good year for the Credit Union, and so far, 1986 looks even better. Assets, as of June 30, were over $141 million, and more than 24,000 members participate in the Credit Union.

Retirement
As you prepare for retirement, remember, you may still participate in the Credit Union's programs. The Golden Three Account, designed specifically for retired members and their spouses so the "golden years" are a little easier.

The Golden Three Account includes direct deposit of social security and pension checks into a share savings account. It also has the major payer option, which pays your mortgage or rent payments directly from the account each month, and transfers money for living expenses to your bank. Retirees do not lose the insurance accumulated on share savings accounts. The interest rate on the Golden Three Account is special. You receive 7.5 percent, just as the savings does annually, but it is compounded monthly so you earn more.

We want your retirement to be a time when you can enjoy life, not worry about paying bills on time or whether you are earning as much as you could be. Participation in the Golden Three Account assures you that the Credit Union is helping make life a little easier.

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Heat doesn’t hamper annual Stockton picnic

Hot San Joaquin valley temperatures didn’t seem to dampen spirits much at the annual Stockton district picnic this month. About 350 people came for a steak barbecue, fresh picked sweet corn and all the trimmings at Oak Grove Regional Park. Jim Aja and Harold Bowen shucked a lot of corn for the gathering, and a number of good hands put in a shift at the barbecue pit, including Treasurer Norris Casey, Hugh Rogan, Ray Morgan and Walt Nichols.

George Matzek’s booming voice did an admirable job of filling in when the P.A. system failed. All in all, it was a great time for all!

The dredgers picnic was also hit by summer heat at the Oak Grove Park on August 3, but plenty of soda and beer kept things on an even keel. Of course, everyone ignored the heat when it came time for the annual tug-of-war between the clam and suction dredgers. The suction crew did the clams in this year, as shown in the photo above right.

The picnic also featured a rope toss, where contestants throw a boat rope around a dock cleat. Winner this year was John Hardy, with Dredge Agent Martin Wibbenhorst coming in second place (see photo above left). There was a raffle in which Dick Sparks won $180, water balloon tossing contest and plenty of games and activities for the kids. About 300 people showed up for the event.

First ever picnic for Eastern Nevada

The first annual Carlin, Nevada picnic was held in mid-July under clear, bright skies and warm temperatures. Over 150 members and their families attended the event. Held at the Carlin Community Park, those attending enjoyed pit-roasted beef, beans, salad, soda and beer. Volleyball and horseshoe throwing was also available.

Special thanks are extended to the city officials of Carlin and to the local utility company who donated the electrical power for the event. A similar picnic was held in Reno this month at Deer park in Sparks, where over 200 retirees and active members enjoyed a day of fun and sun.
Whether working or diving

A real father-son team

The water is cool and dark and the divers searching for weapons dumped in the water or a drowning victim have their hands in front of their faces.

A couple of the divers may have just come off working at East Bay Excavator Company to get some rest before searching for the weapons. The divers are Al Rita and his son, Al Jr.

Divers volunteer for the Alameda County Sheriff's Department Underwater Rescue Squad.

Al Rita says the sheriff's department calls squad members anytime it's looking for guns, cars, or a drowning victim. One, he says, the divers retrieved a pay phone that had been stolen and dumped in San Francisco Bay off Alameda County. Another time they found nothing. That's because the supposed victim was sitting on a hillside watching them dive, Al Jr. said.

Al Jr., 50, is a 27-year member of Local 3. Al Jr., 26, is a seven-year member, and both enjoy working for Frank Ivaldi, owner of the batch plant who has been a good sightseer contractor with Local 3 for nearly 40 years.

Both Rita skin dive and scuba dive recreationally. Al Rita played the volunteer rescue squad 14 years ago, while Al Jr. followed suit about four years ago.

Al Rita loves the water and loves to skin and scuba dive. "However, I'm involved because I think anybody who drowns should be recovered and have a decent burial," Al Jr. agrees, and also notes the challenges.

"It's a challenge in a sense, and gives a different perspective on the water."

Some of the time, the water is so murky or it is night, that the divers must feel their way along. This may make some surprise.

"You know your hand is in front of your face, but you can't see it," Al Jr. says. "Thing about it, you're concentrating on finding a drowning victim and having the pay working next to you grab you is a jolt."

Both live in Hayward, and are on the same dive unit. There are two units, each with about 30 members.

Al Jr. says that because the sheriffs department needs him while he's working as the batch man at Ivaldi, or his father is at work supervising the operation, the volunteers can be called out anytime it is needed. "It's a worthwhile service that's strictly voluntary," Al Rita said.

The service is for any police or city official who need it.

Al Jr. said his team usually goes on about three or four dives a year. The divers enter the water and can stay for about 45 minutes before their oxygen tanks must be refilled.

The divers hope to rely on eye witness accounts of where a person may have gone down, or a weapon dropped but even then it can be tough, especially in a large body of water.

Caltrans allocates funds to repair Rio Dell bridge

Caltrans decided to repair the Paul Mudgett Memorial Bridge north of Rio Dell, rather than replace it. Eureka district representative Gene Lake said.

Caltrans preferred a new $7.2 million bridge, but decided on repairs because of the lack of money. The repairs are estimated at $4.6 million.

Repairs to the northbound spans, damaged in February's flood, could be finished by fall 1987, according to Caltrans officials.

Longer spans will replace the damaged ones, Lake says. These will allow debris during high water to pass better under the bridge. A logjam damaged the bridge in February and caused traffic jam.

The new 300-foot spans will be about six feet higher than the damaged section, and all four of the bridge will be raised, Lake says.

Caltrans considered other alternatives, ranging from replacing the damaged spans with the same design, to building a new bridge similar to the undermined southbound section.

Eureka plans to proceed this summer with repairs to the second slough and McCullens Avenue sewer systems, Lake says.

In June, city officials approved a $3.72 million contract with Contra Construction, Reno, Nevada, for the needed repairs. The unknown federal contribution stalled the contract.

The Environmental Protection Agency agreed to pay 95 percent of the $2.87 million cost. Eureka officials were counting on 75 percent EPA funding. Eureka will pay $590,000 and the community services district $260,000.

Repairs to the second slough sewer lines and pump stations have been a high priority for many years. Installed about 35 years ago, the existing system is too small and has weakened with age, causing millions of gallons of raw sewage to daily spill into Humboldt Bay during the winter.

Eureka and the community services district will use investment proceeds to cover the extra cost. Work started this summer and should take about 18 months.

City officials will try to recoup the $600,000 difference between the 95 percent and 75 percent EPA grants. If an appeal doesn't work, the city may sue the state for the money.

Del Norte prison?

In Del Norte County, unemployment runs about 15 percent, twice the state average. Lake says. One in every six residents get food stamps, also twice the state average.

For reasons such as those, some in the county seek what other communities don't want: Construction of a state prison.

This prison would provide up to 2,000 new, well-paying jobs. Lake says. In a county of 18,000 people, a prison could turn the economy around, he believes.

It appears the Department of Corrections may like the idea also. The department is consulting the community about a prison and studying the area. Lake believes construction could start in 1987.

The Crescent City site is listed in the departments master plan for prison construction in the state.

Funding for the prison is now making its way through the Legislature. Sen. Barry Keene, D-Beneicia, supports the prison in Crescent City, and has sponsored funding legislation. (Continued on page 9)
Work proceeds on Elko County dam job

Construction of the Elko County Recreation District's South Fork Dam project is proceeding at a slightly slower pace than originally hoped, but is still close to schedule. The problem is a higher than normal flow on the Humboldt River for this time of year.

But despite the problem with the mud and ground water, the general contractor, Frehner Construction of Las Vegas, expects the $13.5 million project to be completed on time and on budget. Construction of the dam began in February with the official groundbreaking ceremony held on March 3. Nevada Governor Richard Bryan attended the event and turned the first shovel of dirt. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 1987.

The South Fork Dam is to be a rolled earthen-fill dam, containing an estimated 1.2 million yards of material. On completion, it will be 83 feet high and 1650 feet long. The reservoir behind the dam will impound 40,000 acre feet of water with a normal surface area of 1650 acres.

The dam was first proposed in June 1938, when the Congress passed the Flood Control Act which authorized the Corps of Engineers to make initial site feasibility studies for dams and reservoirs on the Humboldt River.

In 1962, the Elko County Recreation Board began setting aside funds for the future development. The county would eventually raise $6 million to help fund the project. In 1973 the Nevada Assembly adopted a resolution endorsing the project and directing state agencies to cooperate with the Corps and fund an engineering and environmental study of the effort.

Little was done on the project until 1982 when the Elko County Recreation Board hired a consultant to develop preliminary studies. The cost at the time was estimated at between $16 and $20 million. Legislation by the State Assembly and Senate granting $16.5 million in state funding was approved in 1985.
August is the open enrollment month for the voluntary Retired Dental Plan. In August, retirees and their spouses throughout the U.S. (except Hawaii) have the opportunity to enroll for the first time or change their coverage, or terminate their coverage. Retirees in Hawaii have their own dental plan through Hawaii Dental Service. It has a separate open period.

Two plans available

- **The Safeguard Plan (Valu-Dent in Utah) is available at a cost of $103.33 a month for retirees and spouses. It requires use of a panel dentist and pays according to their schedule. Most Safeguard dentists are located in California, with only limited service available in western states. Valu-Dent has one office in Salt Lake City.**

- **Delta Dental Service costs $15.44 for a retiree, or $34.70 for a retiree and spouse. It lets you use the dentists of your choice and pays 50 percent of most charges.**

There are five rules for these plans:

- You may enroll now or wait until next year. However, unless you wait until next year, your coverage will start Oct. 1, 1986. Next year in August there will be another open enrollment at which time you will be given another opportunity to enroll. Those who enroll then will have coverage effective Oct. 1, 1987.

- If you have either Safeguard (Valu-Dent in Utah) or Delta Dental and wish to continue — do nothing. Unless we hear from you, we will be re-enrolled for the 12-month period beginning Oct. 1, 1986.

- If you wish to enroll for the first time, change your enrollment or cancel your enrollment, please indicate your choice on the form attached and return it by Aug. 30, 1986, to the Trust Fund Office, 642 Harrison St., San Francisco, Calif. 94107.

- Each enrolling retiree must agree to remain in the program for at least one year. The appropriate deduction will be made from your monthly benefit check.

- If you terminate a coverage, you will not be able to enroll again even if there is an open enrollment period.

- To participate in the Dental Plan, you must be a Local 3 member in good standing.

Widows of deceased retirees will have an opportunity to purchase the Dental Plan. No union dues are required from widows or widowers. The letter sent to widows and widowers explains the different ways payments can be made.

Further information about the plans can be obtained from the Fringe Benefit Center or the Trust Fund Office.

Lake County work on upswing

Syr employees ratify contract

District 10 Representative Chuck Smith thanks all the people who worked hard to make the Second Annual District 10 BBQ a success. A special thanks to Jim Shelly for the donation of his dunk tank. Smith says it was a hit and he was able to raise funds. Proceeds from the tank went to the SELC fund.

The forestry Industries contract was ratified by the members working there. Smith says he gives special thanks to Clarence Tonn for his input during the negotiations. The entire membership at the Healdsburg plant are happy with the new agreement.

Safeguard Co. is out of the underground business and is working under a sand, rock and gravel agreement.

**Words on work**

Work in Lake County has been better than usual this year, Smith reports. Kewi Pacific is about done with a $5 million access road from Bottorff Creek to the Pacific Power line at the Geyers. Parnum Paving will supply the base rock and do the paving. Brother Bob McLeon is directing the dirt work and has finished and will probably head for work in Sonora.

Parnum Paving is getting its Morgan Valley Rock Road job finished. The 10-12 operators on the job have another couple of months to complete it.

Mendocino Paving recently completed up a $1 million job on NCPA leasehold at the Geyers and work is under way.

Mendocino was low bidder on a $2 million Highway 26 job at the junction with Highway 29 north of Lakeport.

It is nice to see some jobs going on close to home for the members who live in Lake County, Smith says.

Dan Caputo Co. is winding down on CCBA No. 1 at the Geyers. American Bridge has moved in to set the panel and Marley Erectors is getting started to get the cooling towers, Smith says.

Up north at the Geyers and Mendocino Paving are busy doing a few overlay jobs on various roads in Mendocino County. Piombo Construction has picked up more work putting in a few overlay jobs on various roads. The rock, sand and gravel plants are at full production. Workers there are working backfill material and getting their stockpiles of road base built up in anticipation of the rush that happens at this time of the year when the contractors want to get those jobs rock and paved.

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Employees of the union for the following days are scheduled to receive their payments:

- Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

- **Health Examinetics Testing Schedule**

The Health Examinetics Testing Schedule for September is listed below.

You may call for appointments now. Call toll free 1-800-542-6233 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

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The elderly woman was 80 years old and had been a nurse for 30 years. She had been known for her dedication to the hospital and her patients. She was admitted to the hospital with chest pain and shortness of breath.

Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with a heart attack. The symptoms included severe chest pain, shortness of breath, and nausea. The medical team worked tirelessly to stabilize her, but she passed away shortly after her admission.

Luckily, her family was able to leave a large sum of money to her children, who are now planning to use it for their own health and wellbeing.

We urge you to write to your representative in Congress and ask for support for heart attack research and funding for heart health programs.

Honorary Members

It was reported that the number of heart attacks in the United States has increased by 30% in the past 10 years. The American Heart Association reports that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, responsible for about 1 in 4 deaths.

In response, the American Heart Association has launched a new campaign called "Heart Health Month" to raise awareness about the importance of heart health and to encourage people to take action to reduce their risk of heart disease.

More Eureka

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Lake says the state senator believes that the budget crisis in the Legislature may force a special session to address the state's financial situation. He adds that the budget problems are likely to continue into the next legislative session.

The Credit Union also has several vehicle purchase plans available to members to help them save more money.

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AUGUST 1986
Kenscott Copper, Kaibab ratify new agreements

Utah District Representative Donald R. Strate reported that the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 held their Kenscott ratification meeting on Monday, July 7, 1986. He explained that because of the ruling set up by the Non-Ferrous Bargaining Committee and the copper companies involved concerning the voting procedure, the ballots from all the different unions were taken to Scottsdale, Arizona, and counted in a block. The final count was 1,809 in favor of the contract, and 12 voided ballots.

The summary of the new contract is as follows:

- Wage Rates—Pay Level A at $7.50 Per Hour Minimum through Pay Grade J at $12.75 Per Hour Maximum
- Eliminate Cost-saving Clause
- Revise Medical Plan to eighty percent (80%) coverage
- Delete Pension cap for hourly employees
- Revise Retirement, Death and Disability Plan and provide for a Lump Sum Payment of $7,500.
- Eliminate Prescription Drug Plan
- Eliminate Dental Plan to a $100 Individual Annual Deductible and Eliminate Coverage for Orthodontic Services
- Eliminate Vision Care
- Eliminate Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan.
- Reduce weekly accident and sickness benefits by $45 and limit the weekly benefit to 26 weeks in a year.
- Eliminate group life insurance payment for permanent disability cases
- Terminate all insurance coverage for laidoff employees at the end of the month in which layoff occurs, which also includes employees on strike or discharged.
- Eliminate accrual of sick leave.
- Eliminate double time for hours worked after 12 hours.
- Eliminate fifth week of vacation.
- Eliminate vacation bonus pay.
- Eliminate Easter holiday.
- Limit seniority rights while on layoff to three years.
- A $1,000 bonus paid by the company to all eligible employees upon ratification of this contract.
- Expiration date will be June 30, 1990.

Strate commented that it is a sad state of affairs when unions are forced into negotiating backwards. The members have obviously decided they need to keep their unions intact so the unions will have something on which to start building.

Strate added, "I am convinced the economy is in a poor start than expected this year. Many of the problems this country is in will not change until government officials are elected who are concerned about working people and their welfare."

Strate expressed his thanks to the Kenscott stewards Dean Lipsey, Walt Finsas, Paul Nichols and Grant Evans for the endless hours they spent on these negotiations. "I must add these men are very knowledgeable and dedicated to the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 and the membership," Strate said.

Business Representative Robin Tolworth reports that successful negotiations for wage and benefits have been completed with Kaibab Industries. Beginning July 1, 1986, the fifty-cent (50c) total package will increase wages, pension and retired health and welfare contributions for the members of the Operating Engineers.

Only with the help of a united membership was Local Union No. 3's negotiation committee able to obtain this increase.

"Doing an excellent job on the negotiating committee for the Union were the following stewards: Lynn Allen, Chief Steward; Millard Schow, Plancer; Lance Lamer, Clay, Rich, Don Bridges, Maintenance."

Kaibab Industries owns the lumber manufacturing plant located in Price, Utah. The plant was constructed in 1954 by Croft Parsons Industries. In 1964, Kaibab purchased fifty percent (50%) ownership and then purchased the balance in 1968; in 1969 Kaibab was organized by the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

Logs are harvested principally from the United States Forest Service lands in the Dixie and Fish Lake National Forests. With an annual production of 30,000,000 board feet, Kaibab has employed over 80 bargaining unit employees for many years. The sawmill operation is an integral part of the local economy. Hopefully, it will continue for many years.

After some tough negotiations, the members working for Fife Rock Products Company at their Brigham City, Ward and Ogden were ratified a one-year contract retroactive to July 14, 1986. An increase of thirty cents (30c) an hour allocated to wages, pension, vacation and retired health and welfare was obtained.

It is hoped new forty-hour work week language in the contract will make Fife Rock more competitive with the nonunion element in northern Utah. Fife has been a good employer of forty to fifty of the members of the Operating Engineers in northern Utah for many years.

Business representative Jasper Delray reported that W. W. Clyde, Springville, Utah, submitted the low bid of $37,797 on State Highway section SRR, also called the Price Airport Road, in Carbon County. The job consists of six to nine miles of grading, drainage, widening, and surfacing.

Johnson Construction of Mt. Pleasant, Utah, was low bidder of $897,581 on the culvert waterway system in Millard County. The cast iron waterlines job should keep 12 hands employed through most of the summer months.

Valley Asphalt of Spanish Fork, Utah, landed an asphalt overlay job in Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County. Their low bid was in the amount of $72,818.

Delray also reported James Cape & Sons of Racine, Wisconsin, has finished half of the 8.7 miles of concrete paving on a section of I-15 north of Beaver. "A special thanks to the brothers of Local No. 3 in southern Utah for making the project agreement work. Cooperation and good will between the International and local unions of the union and their memberships are to continue to exist" Delray said.

On the overlay project on I-70 from Crescent Junction east to the Colorado state line, W. W. Clyde only has approximately two months’ work left to completion.

Business Representative Virgil Blair reported that work in Utah is looking better with successful low bids on the U.S. Pollution Control project at Knolls in the Bonneville Dike project. Phase I of the Pollution project, which consists of a large (chemical) waste treatment facility at the U.S. Pollution Control plant, was completed.

Local 3 members Cheryl Osborn and Leisa Abott inspect the finish concrete laid by the Gomaco 5000 concrete paver.

Kiewit-Western paves I-80

Business Representative Nyle Reese reports that the Kiewit-Western I-80 job west of Salt Lake is off and running with the paving operation. They had begun putting down gravel and finishing grade last year in the hope that paving would get off to an early start in the spring. But poor start than expected this year. This job employs about 270 people of which 80 are Operating Engineers. Hands have been working two shifts and are pushing quite hard to have the job completed by October 3.

If the job is completed prior to the deadline, there is a $13,000 per day bonus.

Project Superintendent Steve Castle has been doing a great job keeping this job on schedule for the company. The bid on this job was approximately $30 million and is one of the larger jobs bid in Utah.

Kiewit-Western purchased a new Gomaco 5000 to do this job with, but it was the first time this type of technology had been used and Kiewit had to work some of the bugs out of it. Kiewit estimates the machine will put down 500 yards or more per day. At this time, Kiewit is able to put down as much as 350 yards per day. This machine will pave up to 50 feet wide at one time.

The job has now reached 45 percent completion; the company is now putting down top soil in a lot of areas. This has been a good area for our members and the company has been good to work with.

Kiewit has a batch plant with two 10-yard mixers that are supplying the concrete for the Gomaco in use.

Pictured top photo is operator Kim Jones on Gomaco paver. Above, business agent Nyle Reese discusses the job with Dave English, foreman and Steve Castle, project superintendent. Above left are Elmo New and Dave English, paving foreman and left is operator Kim Jones.
Hawaiian Members

It was reported at the July 15, 1986 Executive Board Meeting that the following retirees have 35 or more years of membership in the Local Union, as of August 1986, and have been determined eligible for Honorary Membership, effective October 1, 1986.

Honorary Members

Are you a Registered Voter?

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District Meetings

October
1st District 7: Redding Engineers Bldg. 100 Lake Blvd.
2nd District 6: Marysville Engineers Bldg. 1010 "F" Street.
7th District 17: Kauai Wilcox Elem. School 4519 Hardy Street.
14th District 17: Kona Konawaena School Keakealuela
16th District 1: Ignacio Alvarado Inn 6045 Redwood Hwy.
21st District 17: Honolulu Kahili Waena School 1240 Gulick Ave.
22nd District 17: Hilo Kapiolani School 966 Kiluaea Ave.

Retiree Meetings

Oakland August 26, 10 a.m.
Oakland Zoo, Snow Bldg. 9777 Golf Links Road
Concord August 28, 10 a.m.
Elks Lodge #1994
3994 Willow Pass Road

Auburn Sep. 10, 10 a.m.
Auburn Recreation Center
123 Recreation Drive
Lake County Sep. 18, 10 a.m.
Senior Citizen Building
4750 Golf St., Clear lake
Santa Rosa Sep. 18, 2 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg. 1351 Maple Street
Watsonville Sep. 25, 10 a.m.
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Plans in making for bridge jobs

Plans for a $120 million bridge between Benicia and Martinez in Northern California got approval from the state Senate this summer. The bridge would complement an existing bridge that is no longer able to adequately handle traffic.

A bill by Sen. Barry Keene, D-Benicia, provides $13 million to study traffic and make environmental and engineering studies over four years. The Assembly is scheduled to consider the bill Aug. 15.

Construction of the bridge could take about 10 years. It would have to be approved by the California Transportation Commission and the Legislature.

The money for the study will come from tolls collected on the existing Benicia-Martinez Bridge. If a bridge is approved, a toll increase is possible to help pay for the construction bonds.

Caltrans is expected to spend about $500 million on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge and nearby highways in the next 20 years.

Yuba bridge to be built

A new bridge over the Yuba River in Northern California is planned because the existing 74-year-old span is deteriorating and the lanes are too narrow.

The California Department of Transportation announced in June its plans to replace the Parks Bar Bridge on Highway 20 with a $4 million structure.

The 685-foot long pre-cast tilt-up arches was built in 1912. Caltrans officials expect most of the money to come from federal funds for replacement or repair of obsolete bridges.

The bridge has been included in the state Transportation Commission’s five-year plan, and construction is tentatively scheduled for 1990.

Davis-Bacon (Continued from page 2)

The Committee argues that none of the organizations which attacked the Act can prove any of their figures. “Since we don’t claim to be economists who can puzzle people with equations, charts, and graphs to show a biased viewpoint of how much the Davis-Bacon Act costs, we can only look at the facts revealed in the wage decrees,” the Committee said.

“If Davis-Bacon costs as much as its detractors say, why is it that 44.7 percent of the 2,338 wage decisions we examined indicated that the wage rate was below the Davis-Bacon poverty level recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau?” In March 11, 1966, prevailing wage determination in Centre County, Pa., the committee notes that prevailing rates for five categories of workers were below the federal minimum wage set under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Davis-Bacon detractors have argued that the Act leads to discrimination against women and minorities. The Committee calls this “nothing more than an outright falsehood designed to bolster support for the Act’s repeal.” It cites the 1928 testimony of Representative Bacon that the Act was needed to prevent discrimination and again argues that such claims “are not supported by facts.”

Bonneville dike project to be awarded

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The Bonneville Dike Project, which is part of the state’s pumping system, should be awarded in mid August with work to begin some time later in the month. There will be about 27 miles of dike on this project. At this time, Clyde is also bidding dikes at Amax and work at Anacoda.

“Now the work on the dikes will be quite a change of scenery from Gibbons & Reed’s job at the dam at Smith Morehouse and Valley Asphalt’s job at Mirror Lake in the high Uintas where snow blankets the roads in some areas,” Blair said. “This marks the end of the season for several contractors who have been working in the Uintas.”

In fact, there’s no fresh water on the desert dike project or the toxic waste ponds that Clyde has picked up. All drinking water will have to be hauled to workers on these two projects.

By this time it is published, Valley Asphalt will be laying asphalt on the pond and dike surrounding the pond, went for just under one million dollars.

W.W. Clyde started moving in on the problems on the dam. At last count they were bidding dikes at Amax and pond and dike job with G.P. Construction at the area saline. Blair said, “The dikes will be up concrete buildings in the area this summer. It was so hot this year. Although the waters have been setting quite a few tilt-up concrete buildings in the area this spring and summer.

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Gibbons & Reed is still having water problems on the dam. At last count they had 63 water pumps going just to keep the water from the fill, Gibbons & Reed employs one mechanic solely to keep these pumps running.

Hopefully, things will start going better for Gibbons & Reed and also for the Operators working on this job. The rain and runoff water has kept the hands from getting a full week’s work most of the time.

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