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Despite delays created by heavy spring run-off, work is going full bore on Elko County's dam project (see page 7).



**Union Stew**—Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy (center) stirs the pot in hotel kitchen of the State Fed convention, while Fred Felix of HERE and Loretta Mahoney, Culinary Workers, check the results.

## California Labor Federation holds its biennial convention

Delegates to the 16th biennial convention of the California Labor Federation met in Sacramento this month, approving a number of resolutions supporting the rights of trade union members throughout the state.

The boycott instituted by Stationary Engineers Local 501 against Miller Brewing was given full support, as well as boycotts and strikes against Watsonville Canning, Disneyland Hotel and C&H Sugar.

The United Farm Workers "Wrath of Grapes" campaign against toxics in agriculture was enthusiastically endorsed along with other resolutions supporting efforts to get rid of toxics in the workplace.

Key addresses by several of California's key legislative leaders were also given to the delegates.

### Opportunity and obligation

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown told the delegates that they have both the "opportunity and the obligation" to put Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles in the governor's office.

"You ought to respond in such a way that you will return George Deukmejian to Long Beach to practice law," Brown declared. "You ought to be prepared—literally—to do nothing between now and November 4 but elect Tom Bradley."

"Deukmejian's conduct, Brown said, "has been designed to stop you, organized labor from being able to do what you do best, and that is to represent your workers and to represent your membership," he charged.

Labor and the Democratic party did not do its job in 1982, Brown conceded. "Bradley was our candidate and he should have won. A great tragedy was unleashed upon us. George Deukmejian was elected governor."

Since then, labor has been subjected to the "most harsh treatment," Brown said. He admitted that he is tired of having good labor legislation passed through the legislature, only to have it killed by a governor who does not care about the working men and women of California.

### Curb's history cited

Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy told the delegates that GOP candidate Mike Curb is asking Californians to forgive four years "of a failing performance, of absenteeism, and his own admission that his term as Lieutenant Governor was a waste of time."

"Mr. Curb won the Republican Primary nomination over Senator Richardson with a 'run and hide' campaign," McCarthy explained. "That's to say that his TV commercials ran everywhere while he hid 400 miles away from Richardson, whom he refused to debate."

"Upon his primary victory, Curb challenged me to debate and then promptly disappeared. He's scarcely been seen since. There was one unconfirmed sighting in Hawaii."

McCarthy, who was a San Francisco supervisor before rising to the speakership of the Assembly and then Lt. Governor, credited the labor

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## 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 McCorquodale (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 wastes.

"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," Local 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 in."

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 McCorquodale.

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 employees 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 the procedures for developing the standards and administering the certification examinations.

- Establishes fines of up to \$5,000 and possible imprisonment for violation of the law.

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 Wastes Committee is carrying the legislation in the Assembly.

## Devil's Slide Bypass finally moves ahead

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 members represent 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 sent 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.





By T.J. (Tom) Stapleton, Business Manager

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## Convention

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movement with making significant changes in the "whole system" of the American economy.

Labor has created a "middle class by providing opportunity, by inspiring people... to grow; that parents can hope for something a little better for their kids by way of an education, a chance for jobs, stability in the family fabric," he said.

### Supreme Court defended

State Senator Barry Keene, whose Republican challenger has focused campaign attacks on Chief Justice Rose Bird, hit back with a defense of the entire Supreme Court in a speech before the delegation.

"The fight over the Supreme Court really has nothing to do with the death penalty," Keene declared. "The problem with the death penalty in California is lousy laws, assisted by the Briggs initiative, which is too ambiguous and too vague to enforce easily."

"The fight has everything to do with a court that has been fiercely independent of special interest politics and repeatedly willing to protect the rights of working people and their families, the rights of the aged, the disabled and the poor, and above all, the rights of the individual over the demands of big corporations."

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 Citizens 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 supposedly 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 for another decade. And 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 they know that the pro-union bureaucrats in Washington would 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."*

**"...labor's friends always have and always will be outspent by the ultra-conservative opposition. We manage to help our candidates win ... because our friends are better candidates."**

Let's take a look at who's the real threat to American democracy.

Jesse Helms accuses "big union bosses" with "corrupting" the political process with our campaign contributions. Nowhere does he mention in his letter that in 1984 he raised \$17 million for his campaign—the vast majority from outside his own state.

That's more than any other Senatorial candidate in the United States. Where did he get this money? He got it from direct mail fund raising letters like the ones above, and from corporate and agribusiness political action committees.

Mr. Helms would be rather embarrassed to admit that all by himself, he managed to raise more money than the top five "big union" PACs combined. At the same time Mr. Helms was raking in \$17 million into his war chest, the top five labor PACs together raised only \$10 million.

Mr. Helms would not want to mention in his letter that for every dollar raised by Democratic candidates, Republicans raise \$6. Millions and millions of these dollars are spent on high-paid fund raising consultants, like the ones Jesse Helms uses for his direct mail letters.

The simple fact is, labor's friends always have and always will be outspent by the ultra-conservative opposition. We manage to help our candidates win despite being outspent, because generally speaking, our friends are better candidates. They are more interested in representing people than big business.

GOP money has been used to build a high-tech political machine. The party has acquired extensive computer resources providing political and demographic data on states and districts. Cash has been used to hire a network of field workers and recruiting staffs, which has sought out prospective candidates who can be guaranteed direct party support.

More millions are spent on sophisticated polling and slick television ads

which make even the most pathetic candidate look like a star.

A perfect example is right here in California. Mike Curb is the Republican candidate for Lt. Governor against our friend, Leo McCarthy. Curb made a complete ass of himself as Lt. Governor under Jerry Brown, and we all thought we were rid of him when he lost against Deukmejian for the Republican gubernatorial Primary Election four years ago.

But because of his ties with Hollywood and the GOP money makers, he managed to win the GOP Primary to oppose Leo McCarthy for Lt. Governor in November. He has \$4 million in the bank for his campaign. McCarthy, a proven legislative leader has been on the fund raising trail for a year and a half and has raised only a fraction of that amount.

Curb knows he cannot beat McCarthy on experience or issues. He cannot win a debate. He cannot get too much press exposure, because he always says something stupid that he has to retract later on. So he'll spend millions on television commercials and try to lie low in the bushes until the election is over and hope he comes out on top.

In the state senate, I'm told that the GOP plans to spend a million dollars each on at least four targeted races against Democratic incumbents who have been good friends to us. That's more than has ever been spent on any individual state senate race.

Our candidates don't have that kind of money. But they do have experience and proven leadership and loyalty. They are unquestionably the better choice.

Unfortunately, even superior candidates can lose if the opposition has enough money. That's why it is absolutely essential we do our part by making sure we are registered and that we vote on election day.

If we go a step farther and walk a few neighborhoods in support of our friends, that would be even better.

It's too bad the Jesse Helms' of the world are allowed to get away with putting out the kind of garbage they do in their attempts to raise political war chests. It's an abuse of the principle of free speech.

But if we do our part, we can beat these dangerous people, no matter how much money they have.

## 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 let the truth be known" and limit the "snowball effect of misinformation" being created by groups seeking repeal or changes in the way the Act is administered.

The committee said it wants to dispel

the misconception that:

- Davis-Bacon means union rates.
- Davis-Bacon increases construction costs.
- Davis-Bacon discriminates against minorities and women; and that
- Davis-Bacon is a result of the Depression.

The conventional wisdom used to be that Davis-Bacon rates were union rates, an assumption not far off the mark 15 to 20 years ago when most construction was done by union building tradesmen. Davis-Bacon detractors often argue that this continues to be true at a time

when the bulk of construction now is done with nonunion labor.

The Committee's examination of every wage and project wage determination issued by the Department of Labor for the first four months of this year indicates that 42.6 percent of 559 area prevailing wage decisions "provided wage rates that were union rates" and that 23 percent of the 2,799 project decisions were "union." Of all prevailing wage determinations issued by DOL through mid-May of 1986, 26.2 percent were "union" according to the

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## NLRB stiffens 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 appointees, 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 Diaz Dennis, who has 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 tem-

porary, 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 hirings had little effect on employee rights. 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.

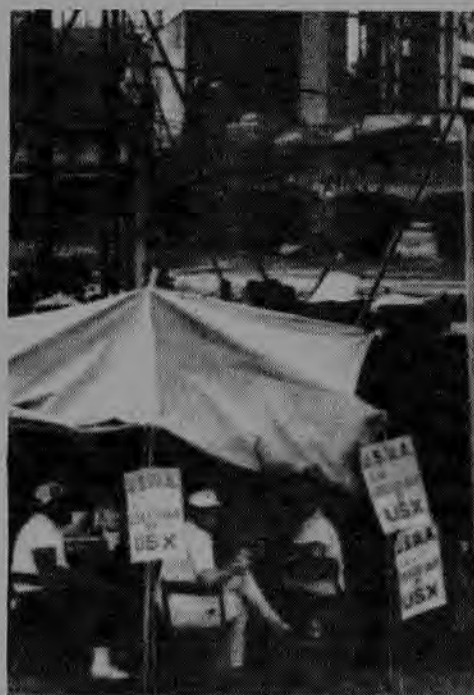
"The Global Assembly Line," an examination of the human toll of international labor patterns is scheduled to air on or near Labor Day. Planned for the same time is "The Women of Summer," a tribute to a little-known summer school for women factory workers in the 1920s and '30s.

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

Both films received major funding from The National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support from the Labor Institute of Public Affairs, on behalf of the AFL-CIO.

"The Global Assembly Line" takes viewers inside the global economy. In the parking lots of closed American plants where workers picket in anger. Women in industrial zones in Mexico and the Philippines describe high-technology sweatshops and organization efforts. Corporate executives talk about their worldwide search for low-wage, non-union labor.

"The Women of Summer" depicts the alumnae of the Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women Workers. At a 50-year reunion the women share their memories and achievements. The film takes viewers back to the days of the women's youth with film and photos.



**Steel shutdown**—USWA members, locked out by USFX Corp., begin a long vigil at plant gates in Braddock, PA, after the company rejected the union's offer to keep the mills running under the expired contract. More than 22,000 USWA members have been idled by the lockout and another 23,000 workers are on layoff.

## 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 Lumber, 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 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 331,314 in 1982.

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% increase from 1982, when Gov. George Deukmejian took office.

Since then, Cal-OSHA's inspections dropped from 1,212 in 1980-81 to 321 in 1984-85 — a 74 percent decline.

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 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.



## Your Credit Union

By Bill Markus  
Secretary-Treasurer

The annual meeting of the Credit Union took place July 12, in conjunction with the semi-annual 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 James Brown from No. 8 for three years; Bill Dalton from No. 9 for three years; James Killeen from No. 10 for three years; James Caumiant from No. 11 for three years; Don Barney from No. 12 for two years to finish an unexpired term; and Nathan Yasso from No. 17 for three years.

Supervisory Committee members elected were Hank Munroe for three years; and Stephen Bentivoglio 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 is 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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## 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 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 1988 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. Kealii Arthur and Robin Drolet 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, digging is difficult, Lean says. E.E. Black is doing the digging. Lean says the digging 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 Kawainui 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. If not in compliance, 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 tests are 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

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





## 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.



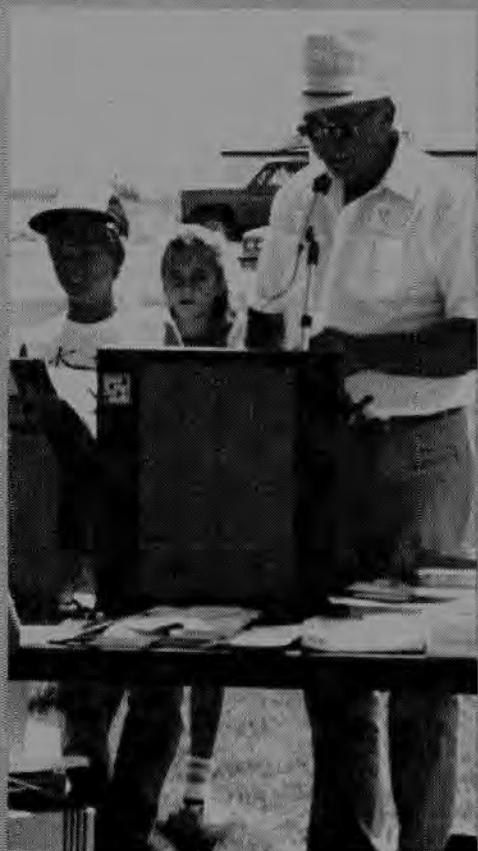
## First ever picnic for Eastern Nevada

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.





## 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 trouble seeing their hands in front of their faces.

A couple of the divers may have just come off from working at East Bay Excavators' asphalt batch plant in Hayward. They are Al Rita and his son, Al Rita, Jr.

They are volunteers on the Alameda County Sheriff's Department Underwater Rescue Squad.

Al Rita says the sheriff's department calls squad members anytime its looking for weapons that have been dumped, stolen goods or a drowning victim.

Once, he said, the divers retrieved pay telephones 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 Rita, 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 signatory contractor with Local 3 for nearly 40 years.

Both Ritass skin dive and scuba dive recreationally. Al Rita joined 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."

Most of the time, the water is so murky or it is night, that the divers must feel their way along. This makes for some surprises.

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

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

Al Jr. says that's because if the sheriff's 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 volunteer," Al Rita said. "The service is for any police or body of people who need it."

Al Rita 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.



Local 3 members Al Rita (above) and Al Rita, Jr. (left) earn their living working at Ivaldi Brothers Asphalt batch plant in Hayward, but spend many nights doing volunteer diving recovery work for the county sheriff's department.



## 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 says.

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 it to sag.

The new 300-foot spans will be about 6 feet higher than the damaged section, and the rest 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 undamaged 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 Contri Construction, Reno, Nevada, for the needed repairs. The unknown federal contribution stalled the contract.

The Environmental Protection Agency agreed to pay 55 percent of the \$2.87 second slough work. Eureka officials were counting on 75 percent. They blame the state for leading them to believe the city would get it.

The slough plans got federal approval in 1985. The plans had been in the works for several years, and the state Water Resources Control Board assured city officials the project qualified for 75 percent funding.

The EPA offered 75 percent funding for certain projects approved before October 1984. Since then, funding has been limited to 55 percent.

The difference costs Eureka \$270,980. The Humboldt Community Services

District, which shares the project with the city, must pay \$362,105 extra.

None of the \$850,000 McCullens Avenue project is eligible for 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 costs. Work started this summer and should take about 18 months.

City officials will try to recoup the \$600,000 difference between the 55 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 could 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-Benicia, supports the prison in Crescent City, and has sponsored funding legislation.

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## 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.

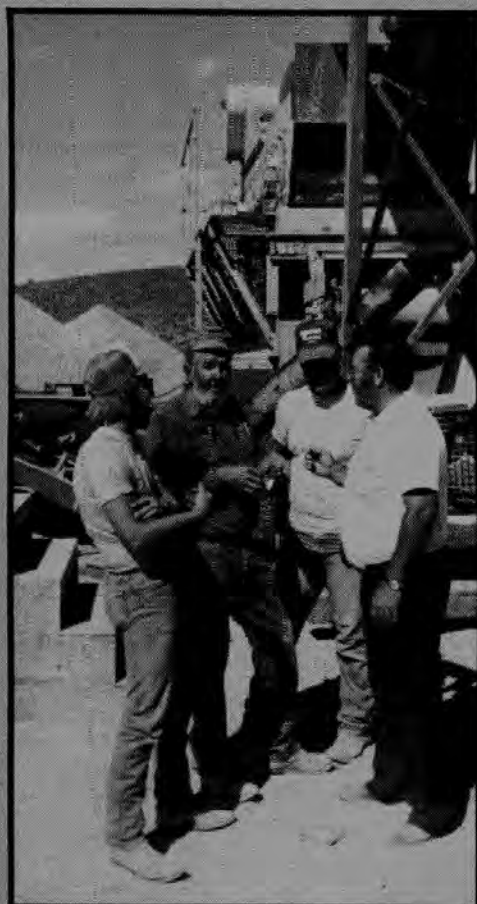
The South Fork Dam is to be a rolled earth-fill dam, containing an estimated 1.2 million yards of material. On completion, it will be 85 feet high and 1650 feet long. The reservoir behind the dam will impound 40,000 acre feet of

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.



Pictured clockwise, beginning upper right are: blade operator Craig Maestretti, Bob Shaft, loader operator Jack Jones (plaid shirt) and batch plant operator Clarence Shields. Taking a break in bottom left photo are Frank Gandolpho, Luther Anderson, apprentice David Grock and Business Agent Derlin Proctor.





## Fringe Benefit Forum

By Don Jones,  
Director of  
Fringe Benefits



August is the open enrollment month for the voluntary Retiree Dental Plan. In August, retirees and their spouses throughout the U.S. (except Hawaii) have the opportunity to enroll in the plan for the first time, 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

There are two plans available to retirees and their spouses:

■ The Safeguard Plan (Valu-Dent in Utah) is available at a cost of \$10.33 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 other western states. Valu-Dent has one office in Salt Lake City.

■ Delta Dental Service costs \$18.44 for a retiree, or \$34.70 for a retiree and spouse. It lets you use the dentist 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. If you enroll now, 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 October 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, you 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 August 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 pension check.

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

■ To participate in the Dental Plan, the retiree 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.

### Open Enrollment for Retiree Dental Plan

- ☐ I wish to enroll in the Safeguard Plan (Valu-Dent in Utah).
- ☐ I wish to enroll in the Delta Dental Plan.
- ☐ I wish to change my present enrollment from Safeguard (Valu-Dent) to Delta Dental, or from Delta Dental to Safeguard (Valu-Dent).
- ☐ I am presently enrolled in either Safeguard (Valu-Dent) or Delta Dental, but no longer wish to be enrolled. I understand that I will not be allowed to enroll again even when there is an open enrollment period.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and mail to:  
Operating Engineers Trust Fund  
642 Harrison St. San Francisco, CA  
94107

### Annuity plan

All Operating Engineers covered by the California Annuity Plan recently received an Annuity Statement. It lists employers, hours of work by month, and benefit contribution for the period July 1985 through December 1985.

Participants also will receive a year-end statement that reflects Annuity Plan participation from July 1985 through June 1986.

The Annuity Plan is being reviewed by the Internal Revenue Service. **No monies can be paid out until final Internal Revenue Service approval.**

The funds contributed to the Plan and money that will come in later are being deposited in an interest-bearing account. The interest will be credited to your individual account. It will be reflected on your year-end statement once IRS approval is received.

The Annuity Plan is separate from the Pension Plan. But it helps provide a better future. Because it is designed primarily to provide retirement income, all contributions and investment earnings are taxed only when you receive them.

### Nevada gatherings

Our recent trip to Elko, Nevada, for a pre-retirement counseling meeting and to Carlin for a picnic the following day proved rewarding.

Union members and their spouses who attended the counseling exhibited the same keen interest in the Credit Union, Pension Plan and Retiree Medical Plan that we've seen throughout Local 3's area.

Members thanked trustees for Plans which will provide for them in their retirement years, and we remind them that it was their foresight many years ago which got these Plans rolling in the first place.

Mild, pleasant weather greeted all of us the next day in Carlin, where many gathered for a picnic, featuring some of the finest beef we've tasted. A very relaxed atmosphere, good conversation, a little volleyball-retirees and active members alike spent an enjoyable Saturday afternoon.

Many thanks to members in the Elko and Carlin areas for their warm reception and their demonstrating the same spirit of union unity we see throughout Local 3.

## Lake County work on upswing

# Syar employees ratify contract

District 10 Representative Chuck Smith thanks all the people who worked hard to make the Second Annual District 10 Barbecue a success.

A special thanks to Jim Shelly for the donation of his dunk tank. Smith says it was nice until he was in the hot seat. Proceeds from the tank went to the SELEC fund.

The Syar 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.

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

### Words on work

Work in Lake County has been better

## Second phase begins on Hwy. 70 flood damage job

Work is still in full swing with most hands working, Marysville District Representative George Morgan reports. Stimp-Wiebelhaus is just getting under way with its crushing program, which will last most of the rest of this year. This is the second phase of the flood repair on Highway 70.

Jaeger Construction is in full operation on the site preparation on Babcock & Wilcox's Powerhouse on Feather River Boulevard in Marysville. On the Gray Avenue job in Yuba City, Cleo Anthony is finish blade operator for Jaeger Construction. Peterson Tractor in Willows is also in full operation.

Baldin Construction, at their Stoney Creek Plant, is going great guns. Plant Operator Maurice Herlax is now running their portable hot plant and is getting in plenty of travel time between Stoney Creek and Susanville. Shop Foreman Bob Barber has had the shop floor as clear as it's been in a few seasons, Morgan says.

"We have been keeping an eye on Redding Constructors, which was low bidder on almost a million dollars of overlay in Butte and Glenn counties. This is a non-union employer which has set up a portable plant in Valley Rock's plant in Orland. Everyone from this district knows that this company is also non-union," Morgan said.

While discussing Redding Construction, Morgan expressed his thanks to Doser, and Tom Hester for their help on the picket line in Chico against Redding Construction.

Work in the Marysville area is still moving along very well, reports Business Representative Dan Mostats.

Claude C. Woods is busy at Parks Bar, moving in and setting up the crusher plant for the rock on the Sacramento River in Grimes. The rock plants in the Marysville area are all working at peak performance, working long hours and on Saturdays. The equipment dealer shops, Tenco Tractor and Peterson Tractor, are also in full operation and it looks like they still have a fair amount of work, Mostats says.

M.C.M. is in full operation on the Gianella Bridge project, with Baldwin Construction doing the dirt work. Robinson Construction keeps busy with the Highway 32 Forest Ranch project and the Highway 99 overlay.

than usual this year, Smith reports. Kiewit Pacific is about done with a \$5 million access road from Bottlerock Road to the CCPA unit in the Geysers. Parnum Paving will supply the base rock and do the paving. Brother Bob Molini says the dirt crew is about finished and will probably head for work in Sonora.

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

Mendocino Paving recently picked up a \$1 million job on NCPA leasehold in the Geysers and work is under way. Mendocino was low bidder on a \$2 million Highway 20 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 CCPA No. 1 at the Geysers. American Bridge has moved in to set the steel and Marley Erectors is waiting to get started on the cooling towers, Smith says.

Up north, Parnum Paving and Mendocino Paving are busy doing a few overlay jobs on various roads in Mendocino County. Piombo Construction picked up the spillway stabilization job at Coyote Dam. This job went for about \$1.5 million. It looks as if something is finally going to get started on improving the Geysers Road. Preliminary surveys are being done on both ends of Geysers Road.

At Sea Ranch, Argonaut Construction has picked up more work putting in roads and utilities for the remaining units to be built there.

The rock, sand and gravel plants are at full production. Workers there are making 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 rocked and paved.

Syar Industries has taken over ownership of Basalt's Healdsburg, Doyle, and Todd Road plants. Those supervising Syar have nothing but good words for the members who look forward to a change in management.

The next gradechecking classes start Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Union Hall. These classes are open to every member of Local No. 3. Just call the hall and get on the list.

## 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.

| DATE                 | LOCATION     |
|----------------------|--------------|
| September 13, 16, 20 | San Jose     |
| September 17         | Santa Cruz   |
| September 18         | Monterey     |
| September 19         | Salinas      |
| September 23         | Redwood City |

If you have any questions about this program, or your eligibility, please contact the Trust Fund or your Fringe Benefits office.



# Credit Union

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## Young savers

There is no better gift than helping your child or grandchild learn to save money and plan for the future. The Family Three program at the Credit Union lets you open a share savings account for a family member for as little as \$100.

This program allows you to pass on to family members what you already know: Saving at your Credit Union helps you earn higher dividends than those offered by other financial institutions.

The Family Three makes participating in the Credit Union available to family members of Local 3 members including grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. For more information about the program, call the Credit Union and ask to speak with a savings specialist.

## Outlook on IRAs

The future of Individual Retirement Accounts did not look promising in early summer. However, our elected officials are beginning to listen to the public and reconsider plans to eliminate the tax-free status of IRAs.

In late May, the Senate Finance Committee approved a tax reform proposal that recommended removal of IRA tax deductions by people employed by companies offering pension plans. The House of Representatives approved a tax reform bill that kept IRA deductions.

The final tax reform bill, which must be passed by the House and Senate, is expected to go to the president by Labor Day.

A House and Senate conference committee is working on the provisions of the final bill. Public outcry about IRAs has been loud. People want IRAs available as an alternative retirement savings plan with the tax deduction. In this election year, members of Congress are listening.

Proposals on IRAs include leaving them alone; reducing the tax deduction available on them; removing the tax deduction for those people working for an employer who offers a pension plan; and removing the tax deduction for those people who are vested in a pension plan, but allowing the deduction in the years before a person is vested.

We urge you to write your representatives in Washington with your thoughts on this issue. An IRA gives you the ability to plan your retirement and not be entirely dependent on Social Security or pension programs.

## Auto loans

August and September are when automobile dealers begin clearing out stock to make room for new models introduced in October. If you are in the market for a new car, 4 x 4 or recreational vehicle, this may be the best time of the year to buy.

The Credit Union offers new vehicle loans at annual percentage rates of 11.5 percent for the saver's rate; and 13.5 percent for the regular rate. You may finance your loan up to 60 months and may borrow up to 100 percent of the purchase price of the vehicle, including tax and license.

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

# WITH SAFETY IN MIND



By JACK SHORT, Director of Safety

*This article appeared in the August 1986 issue of National Safety and Health News.*

The elderly woman was brought into the emergency room because she had been vomiting. A doctor questioned her and learned that her stomach was upset, and she wasn't able to keep food down. Then the woman complained that her left shoulder hurt, although she could move it without difficulty.

The doctor began to suspect heart trouble and performed an electrocardiogram on her. The test showed the woman had suffered a heart attack the night before.

The woman in this true story was lucky, but many are not. Although the number has declined somewhat, heart attacks continue to be the No. 1 killer in this country. Of the 1.5 million people who suffer heart attacks each year, 650,000 die.

The key to surviving a heart attack seems to be prompt medical care; half the people who suffer a heart attack but don't receive medical care die. About 20 percent of those who reach a hospital die. For this reason, it's important to know the symptoms of a heart attack.

A heart attack is the death of part of the heart. This occurs when one of the coronary arteries becomes obstructed and can't receive oxygen. Most heart attacks result from coronary heart disease, a progressive condition that may begin early in life.

Over time, fatty deposits build up in the coronary arteries and cause them to narrow. Eventually a blood clot or an alteration in the artery obstructs the flow of blood through the artery. Depending on whether the obstructed artery is a major or minor branch, the heart attack will be severe or mild.

Unfortunately, the symptoms of a heart attack are not always easy to identify. Some people may feel intense pain, while others feel discomfort they mistake for indigestion. Some of the common signs of a possible heart attack are:

■ Uncomfortable pressure, pain, fullness or a squeezing sensation in the center of the chest for more than two minutes.

■ Pain that spreads into the neck, arms, or shoulders.

■ Severe dizziness, weakness, fainting, difficulty breathing, vomiting, or shortness of breath.

Some heart attack patients describe their pain as being like "an elephant sitting on my chest," or "a ton of bricks on my chest."

Despite being in obvious pain, many heart attack victims — even doctors and nurses — deny at first that a heart attack is occurring. They may insist that they're just suffering indigestion from what they ate for lunch.

Heart attacks may at times be mistaken for angina pectoris, which occurs when the heart doesn't receive enough oxygen to do its job, although the muscle doesn't die. Angina sufferers find that when they become physically active or emotionally stressed, they feel symptoms similar to heart attacks. Usually when the person rests for a while, the symptoms disappear.

This doesn't mean angina isn't serious. Many angina sufferers end up suffering full-blown heart attacks later. Anyone who suffers an angina attack should see a doctor quickly.

If you believe someone is suffering from a heart attack — or experience symptoms yourself — immediately call your local emergency number for

medical aid. Don't try to drive a victim to the hospital yourself unless emergency aid is not available. If the victim goes into cardiac arrest, the paramedics are equipped to get the heart beating again — you are not.

While you wait for help, make the victim as comfortable as possible. If the person loses consciousness, check for breathing and pulse. If there are none, the victim has gone into cardiac arrest, and quick action is needed to save the victim's life. If you are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, administer it immediately.

No one is immune when it comes to heart attacks. Heart attacks have surprised young, apparently healthy people. There are, however, some risk factors that raise a person's chances of suffering a heart attack. These include:

- Cigarette smoking
- High blood pressure
- High levels of fat and cholesterol in the blood
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Lack of regular exercise
- Family history of heart disease
- A high stress level

If you or anyone in your family has several of these risk factors, you should be especially alert to the symptoms of heart attacks. You would be wise to take a CPR course through your area Red Cross or Heart Association so you can take prompt action if someone near you suffers a heart attack.

Finally, remember that the best way to avoid death by heart attack is to reduce your risk factors. You cannot control your family history or your age, but you can avoid smoking, stick to a low-fat diet, and get regular exercise.

## Honorary Members

*It was reported at the June 22, 1986 Executive Board Meeting that the following retirees have 35 or more years of membership in the Local Union, as of June 1986, and have been determined eligible for Honorary Membership, effective July 1, 1986:*

William G. Bettencourt...#0440025  
Frank E. Burnett...#0668742  
Roy Callahan...#0661098  
Paul Z. Cone...#0683161  
William C. Connolly...#0683162  
Toy Green Marlin...#0683201  
Harvey O. Mobley...#0683283  
Frank Ramirez...#0635600  
Theodore Rife...#0338447  
Joseph Sobrero...#0630733  
Peter Storch...#0683303  
Talbert E. Stover...#0674781  
John H. Watson...#0679066  
Robert Wright...#0683238

## More Eureka

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Lake says the state senator believes there is support in the Legislature for a 2,200-bed prison in northwestern California.

There are two sites — Malarky Forest and the Stary-Aubell Ranch — under review by a Sacramento engineering firm.

Sen. Keene's legislation authorizes \$27 million for planning and land acquisition.

## Prompt medical care can prevent heart attack deaths

### THIRD ANNUAL A.R.P. BARBEQUE

10:00 a.m.

September 28, 1986 (Sunday)

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2200 Santa Rosa Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA  
(707) 542-3655 or 800-228-3939

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6288 Redwood Drive  
Rohnert Park, CA  
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# Kennecott Copper, Kaibab ratify new agreements

Utah District Representative Donald R. Strate reported that the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 held their Kennecott 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 as a block. The final count was 1,809 in favor of the contract, 592 not 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

1. Eliminate Cost-of-living Clause
2. Revise Medical Plan to eighty percent (80%) coverage.
3. Delete Pension cap for hourly employees
4. Revise Retirement, Death and Disability Plan to provide for a Lump Sum Payment of \$7,500.
5. Eliminate Prescription Drug Plan
6. Revise Dental Plan to a \$100 Individual Annual Deductible and Eliminate Coverage for Orthodontic Services.
7. Eliminate Vision Care.
8. Eliminate Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan.
9. Reduce weekly accident and sickness benefit by \$45 and limit the weekly benefit to 26 weeks in a year.
10. Eliminate group life insurance payment for permanent disability cases
11. 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.
12. Eliminate accrual of sick leave.
13. Eliminate double time for hours worked after 12 hours.
14. Eliminate fifth week of vacation.
15. Eliminate vacation bonus pay.
16. Eliminate Easter holiday.
17. Limit seniority rights while on layoffs to three years.
18. A \$1,000 bonus paid by the company to all eligible employees upon ratification of this contract.
19. 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 economic slump 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 Kennecott stewards Dean Lipsey, Walt Finnas, 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 Lynn Barlow reports that successful negotiations for wage and benefits have been completed with Kaibab Industries. Beginning July 1, 1986, the fifty-cent (50¢) 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, Planer; Lamar Barney, Mill; Don Bridges, Maintenance.

Kaibab Industries owns the lumber manufacturing plant located in Panguitch. 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 1972 Kaibab was organized by the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

Logs are harvested principally from the United States Forest Service land 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, Willard and Ogden operations ratified a one-year contract retroactive to July 14, 1986. An increase of thirty cents (30¢) 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 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 \$1,377,971 on State Highway section SR55, also called the Price Airport Road, in Carbon County. The job consists of six to nine miles of grading, drainage, widening, and surfacing.

Johansen Construction of Mt. Pleasant, Utah was low bidder of \$987,581 on the culinary water system in Fillmore in Millard County. The cast iron waterline job should keep 12 hands employed through the rest 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 must continue between the International and local unions if the unions 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 and also the Bonneville Dike project. Phase I of the Pollution project, which consists of a large (chemical) waste

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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.

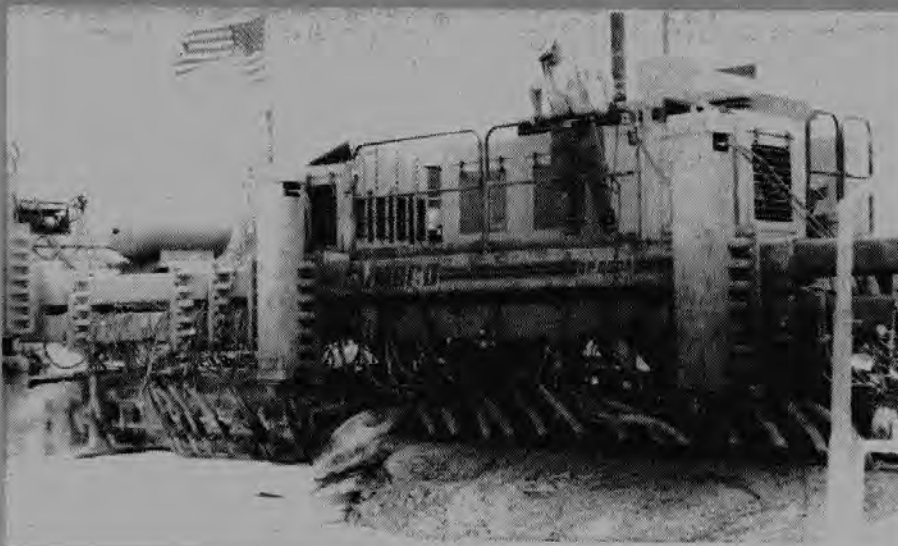
Project Superintendent Steve Castle has been doing a great job keeping this job on schedule for the company. The bid on this job was approximately \$30 million and is one

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 machine 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 hour. At this time, Kiewit is able to put down as much as 350 yards per hour. This machine will pave up to 50 feet width 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 job 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 foremen and left is operator Kim Jones.



# Swap Shop: Free Want Ads for Engineers

**FOR SALE: Bi-level home** 2,400 sq. ft. energy efficient on 27A 44' x 48' diesel shop \$98,500. or just home on 10 acres \$75,000. 32 miles east of Redding, close in sm. comm. Ken Brockman, King Mill Rd., Round Mountain, CA. (916) 337-6667 SS# 555-52-3621 6/86

**FOR SALE: D-8H 46A 27.632 Ser # U Blade**, rippers, safety top, slopeboard, winch, all maintenance records. Asking \$62,000. Lee Green. 31800 Highway 20, Fort Bragg, CA. 95437. (707) 964-3622 or (707) 964-4667. Reg. #1353438 6/86

**FOR SALE: Home \$125,000**; 69 GMC pick-up st. side classic \$2,500; 77 Mercury Cougar only 70 K miles. Needs little body work \$900.00; 78 Van fully cont. \$6,000; Dodge 60,000 K miles terry trailer 25' full self cont. \$5,500. Ismael Gonzalez. 1141 Arthur Pl. San Jose, CA. 95127 (408) 272-6907 SS# 549-98-7219 6/86

**FOR SALE: 3208 CI Eng. with Allison Auto Trans.** Can see and hear run, also has muffler & rear motor mounts, shifting cables for trans. Etc. Henry Sand, Jr. 6643 Woodward, Manteca CA. 95336 (209) 239-2242 before 7a.m. or after 6p.m. Reg. #1101983 6/86

**FOR SALE: Hiel 13'** dump body with telescope hoist & cab shield \$900. Henry Sand, Jr. 6643 Woodward, Manteca, CA. 95336 (209) 239-2242 Call before 7a.m. or after 6p.m. Reg. #1101983 6/86

**FOR SALE: 1969 12 X 60 Silvercrest mobile home.** 1 owner very clean, two 50 ft. awnings, full skirting \$9,500. Reece D. Corwen 6594 No. Tollhouse Rd. Clovis, CA. 93612 (209) 297-0611 Reg. #488584 6/86

**FOR SALE: '84 Starcraft "Islander"** 20 ft. 115 HP Johnson VRO, Cuddy Cabin, fully equipped, \$12,250. Roger H. Soule 1933 Limewood Dr. San Jose, CA. 95132 (408) 262-8632 after 5p.m. SS# 107-22-3148 6/86

**FOR SALE: Florence, Or. Large lot** near N. Jetty 150' X 200', septic in, water, electricity to property line, short walk to ocean \$20,700. Roger H. Soule 1933 Limewood Dr. San Jose CA. 95132 (408) 262-8632 after 5p.m. SS# 107-22-31 6/86

**FOR SALE: 30 Ft. Sports Coach 76 motor home.** 2 roof air cond. G-B w/extra 17' antenna (manual up-down), 8 track stereo, 2 heaters, new engine, trans. run 6,800 mi. other amenities. \$25,000. Joe E. Correia 3065 Adler Ave. Clovis, CA. 93612 (209) 292-8392. Reg. #0592866 6/86

**FOR SALE: 1979-126 motor grader** good cond. Vernon Buck 625 California St. Ripon, CA. 95366 (209) 599-4633. Reg. #0766413 6/86

**FOR SALE: Because of illness in family** membership in Yosemite South and the Coast to Coast parks and still growing \$3,500 Adrian Thomas. 722 S. Drake, Perryton,

TX. 79070 (806) 435-5060 Reg #1492893. 6/86

**FOR SALE: 1981 28 X 48 Mobile Home** 3 bdrm. 2 bath, dishwasher, disposal, range, refrig. washer, dryer, carousel (fireplace) deck. Has great room. 6 lots that face the Payette River. Fronts on Highway, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing (305 ft.) Leon C. Zack Box 29 Smiths Ferry, ID. 83668 6/86

**FOR SALE: Case 580 B Loader-Scraper** Excellent cond. \$15,000.00 Ewell Paxton 1169 Sonuca Ave. Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 378-0856. Reg #1043707. 7/86

**FOR SALE: 1975 Coachman** 5th wheel 31 ft. trailer. new carpet \$5,500.00 (707) 279-2164 7/86

**FOR SALE: 18' 1973 Cadet Trailer** Dual Propane tanks; Battery Charger; Converter; Fully self contained; New Tires; 3-Way refrig; also incl: Air; Stereo; T.V. Antenna. Excellent cond. \$2,650.00. Herb Maunders 21831 Donner Pass Rd. Soda Springs, CA 95728 (916) 426-3175. Reg. #334550 7/86

**FOR SALE: Mobile home** lot in Rancho Murieta Village. Price \$21,000.00. B.W. Sims 7338 Bella Union Ct. Box 103 Rancho Murieta, CA. 95683 (916) 354-9782. Reg. #0581524 7/86

**FOR SALE: 10 Acres** near Georgetown, CA. Two bdrm. 2 bath dblwide mobile home. 80 young Walnut trees numerous fruit trees, garden, strawberries, irrigation, chain-link fence. Walter Karr P.O. Box 928 Georgetown, CA. 95637 (916) 333-1105 after 5p.m. Reg #0868637 7/86

**FOR SALE: Minutes to Lake Oroville.** 2 bdrm, 2 bath mobile, all elec. 12 X 60. 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath, house. Unfinished 2 rm cabin all on 9.6 acres. All fenced, with yr around creek running thru property \$85,000.00. small down payment Owner will finance B&L at 8% int. Eugene Wayman 205 Chapman Avenue. So. San Francisco, CA 94080 (415) 589-7343 Reg #0899497 7/86

**FOR SALE: 2 bdrm. 1 bath home** on 4 lots 100 X 200 ft. Armstrong, Missouri \$7,500.00 cash Eugene Wayman 205 Chapman Ave. So. San Francisco, CA. 94080 (415) 589-7343 Reg #0899497 7/86 \$5,500.00 (707) 279-2164 7/86

**FOR SALE: 1969 International 175 B Front End Loader** Excellent cond., low hours \$1500.00 Charles Phillips 6752 S. Cherry. Fresno, CA 93725 (209) 485-1692 Reg #0994094 SS #554-48-4335 7/86

**FOR SALE: Hill Property** Overlooking Santa Clara Valley. Loc. on Piedmont & Calaveras. Excellent home site 3.9 acres \$125,000.00. Bonnie Ray Everson (408) 292-3617 SS# 240-54-2260 7/86

**FOR SALE: Large pieces of iron.** Can be used to repair Truck

Beds, because of its shape. 3/8 thick. 8-sheets 11'x 24' 8-sheets 11'x 16' \$400.00 per sheet. Bonnie Ray Everson (408) 292-3617 SS# 240-54-2260 7/86

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**FOR SALE: Brand new Laser.** SPECTRA Physics EL-1. Still on warranty. Including tripod. \$3,000.00 or best offer. Mike Smookler 1345 Birch St. Montara, CA 94037-0716 (415) 728-5819 after 5p.m. SS# 556-70-4401 7/86

**FOR SALE: 2 bdrm 1 bath home.** chicken coop, garage, \$29,000.00 1 mile to golf, fishing, & hunting Jack Edwards Sterling, Utah 84665 (801) 835-4844 Reg #1270837 7/86

**FOR SALE: Motor Home 19 FT. 1978 mobile travel.** Roof & Dash air AM-FM & CASS. CB. 4 new tires & awning 4 burners & oven 2 way Refrig. Self contained very clean. \$7,450. W.A. Seeman, 25 Alan Way Martinez, CA 94553 (415) 228-1101 Reg #0251068 8/86

**FOR SALE: 20 1/2 Ft. El Dorado** 76 motor home. 39,000 mi. bunk beds, sleeps 6. Cruise control stereo, Air, good cond. \$10,500. Robin A Wise, 6601 St. Ives, Morgan Hill, CA (408) 779-5129 Reg. #0408155 8/86

**FOR SALE: 1982 Chev Camaro** 4 cyl 4 speed Good condition \$4,500 or take over payments. Eugene Wayman 205 Chapman Avenue So. San Francisco CA. 94080 (415) 589-7343 Reg #0899497 8/86

**FOR SALE: 1982 Honda** Magna V45 excellent cond. Like new \$1,500. Eugene Wayman 205 Chapman Avenue So. San Francisco CA. 94080 (415) 589-7343 Reg. # 0899497 8/86

**FOR SALE: Level lot on Cul-de-sac** Clear Lake Riviera with Membership. \$7,000 H. Bothwell 3847 N. Mc Call Sanger CA. 93657 (209) 292-4789 Reg #0754099 8/86

**FOR SALE: Take over payments on airplane.** Bonanza 35A top shape Payments to Operating Engineers to \$173.00 per month Reason for selling, I am retired. Dell Bunnell 625 Diagonal. ST. George, Utah 84770 (801) 624-4082 Reg # 0714903 SS. # 529-26-7302 8/86

**FOR SALE: 3 bdrm. 1 ba. home** on 2.29 acres, large shop and out bldgs. lrg. pasture fenced & cross fenced close to Redding & Anderson off Hwy. 273 \$75,500.00 Thomas E. Gilbert 7220 Lloyd Ln. Anderson, CA. 96007 (916) 243-

4169 REG # 0813772 8/86

**FOR SALE: Lake County 3 bdrm 2 ba. Mobile Home.** with fireplace, on 1/2 acre nicely landscaped, country setting Rm for R.V. & garden (916) 272-2225 8/86

**FOR SALE: 1980 like new 32 Ft 5 wheel trailer** twin beds, 10 ft. refrig. full bath air, 4000 KW Gen. sleeps 5 Attractive furn. \$14,000.00 Robert M. Henley P.O. Box 31 Burson, CA. 95225 (209) 763-5157 REG # 494258 8/86

**FOR SALE: Lake County Ranchette:** 2 & 1/2 level acres, walnuts, family orchard, custom built 2 bdrm, 2 bath nearly new home, large 2 car garage, well house, and 2 very good wells. Edgar L. Carpenter 4125 Kiowa Way Kelseyville CA 95451 call (707) 279-9128 for an appt. Reg# 0888751 8/86

**FOR SALE: 1980 Ford Welding truck** w/new Lincoln Welder, 10,500. Also SA200 Lincoln Welder. Excellent cond. \$1,600 Charles H. Evans 411 W. Lily Place. Elko, NV 89801 (702) 738-8948 Reg #1446467 8/86

**FOR SALE: Teeth for Case Backhoe Buckets** \$2.00 Ea. Teeth for small Trencher \$1.00 Ea. Side Cutters for Cleveland Trencher \$5.00 Ea. Ewell Paxton 1169 Sonuca Ave. Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 378-0856 Reg #1043707 8/86

## Fresno area mourns death of members

Local 3 extends its condolences to the family and friends of Fresno Executive Board member Marion (Clet) Whitson, who died on July 24 at the age of 62.

Clet was a beloved member of the union and served on the Executive Board from 1977 through 1986. He was initiated into Local 3 in 1957 and was known by many operators in the area.

During the past few years, he was a dozer and scraper operator with Granite Construction in Coalinga and also served as plant steward. He served in WWII with the U.S. Army 69th Division in Germany.

Brother Whitson leaves his wife, Mary, daughters Linda and Emma, step son Gary Woods, brothers Ollie and Bill and sisters Ethel White and Nellie Buck.

We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family. Clet meant much to us and we will miss him.

The Fresno District also extends its sympathy to the family of Lawrence Ramos, and Honorary Member of Local 3 who passed away recently. Larry joined the union in 1941 and took an active role in organizing while working with Vice President Bob Skidgel.

## Honorary Members

*It was reported at the August 10, 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:*

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Eldon R. Bailey   | 0563036 |
| Joseph Balls      | 0693843 |
| E. R. Bell        | 0610128 |
| Milton Birkhahn   | 0689097 |
| William Briggs    | 0679087 |
| Kenneth Counts    | 0586584 |
| Van Heaps         | 0693863 |
| Clifford Hibbs    | 0693649 |
| Harold Humphers   | 0955085 |
| William Krajcirik | 0603336 |
| Leslie Mears      | 0689169 |
| James Morris      | 0688904 |
| Donald Ostrom     | 0519744 |
| Lee Leon Russell  | 0683297 |
| Harold Steagall   | 0625947 |
| Russell Strain    | 0595240 |
| Devaun Tait       | 0693717 |
| Erman Theodore    | 0512672 |
| William Vaughn    | 0553202 |
| Leonard Vincent   | 0693729 |

## Honorary Members

*It was reported at the July 12, 1986 Executive Board Meeting that the following retirees have 35 or more years of membership in the Local Union, as of July 1986, and have been determined eligible for Honorary Membership, effective October 1, 1986:*

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|------------------|---------|
| Obie Brandon     | 0667288 |
| Cecil Brannan    | 0688806 |
| William Brocco   | 0688808 |
| Walter Byron     | 0661090 |
| William Cecil    | 0667352 |
| Junior Dickason  | 0520479 |
| Benjamin Edelman | 0689209 |
| Vernie Fuller    | 0689133 |
| Philip Hanson    | 0688859 |
| Russell Haskin   | 0688863 |
| Maurice Hereford | 0689147 |
| Earl Horn        | 0623988 |
| Dean Hyder       | 0563100 |
| Fred Ingledue    | 0663919 |
| Albert Lagarbo   | 0535855 |
| Martin Radke     | 0688932 |
| George Rogers    | 0688940 |
| Darrell Schmidt  | 0688948 |
| Dennis Scranton  | 0668771 |
| Ralph Stephens   | 0381149 |
| Robert Theron    | 0657844 |
| George Walker    | 0615153 |
| Daniel Waters    | 0516162 |

## Are You A Registered Voter?

## Hawaii report continued

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carried by the driver. A duplicate, copies of doctor's certificates, traffic abstract and results of a short written test are kept at the district office.

Defensive driving is also part of the program. The course consists of eight hours of training and is given by Walt Janka of the General Contractors Association. A problem with this program is getting members to come on Saturdays for the over the road test. Attendance has increased, however, once members realized the test's importance.

Starting in October, state officials will randomly stop trucks and check the drivers. Violators can be fined up to \$100 and may be arrested if they do not have the proper license. Any members in Hawaii who drive full-time or part-time should contact Meek for more information.

### Apprenticeship

The apprenticeship program continues at a steady pace, Lean says. The apprenticeship program is helping people like Justin Miguel, a Honolulu native who works as a mechanic on heavy duty equipment. He attends a machinist's class at the University of Hawaii and has a green thumb.

Along with his apprenticeship training, Miguel helps raise oriental vegetables on the family farm. They want to expand to grow orchids and other flowers. Since he's good with machines, Miguel also maintains the family's farm machinery.

On weekends Miguel likes to operate his two trucks and restore cars such as a

1957 Chevy and 1932 Roadster. He also races at Hawaii Raceway Park.

Miguel's goals are to get a business administration degree from University of Hawaii, become a journeyman engineer and a diesel mechanic instructor.

### Don't forget dues

With the exception of members working at Checkoff Companies, Industrial Plants and Freight Haulers, dues are payable on a quarterly basis.

They are due on or before the first day of the first month of each quarter: Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1. A member is delinquent thereafter. They are not assessed an extra charge, however, until the 15th of the third calendar month: March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15.

Dues must be paid in the Honolulu or San Francisco offices not later than the 15th. Payments made or received after that time are considered late. If late, members can be suspended from the union. Reinstatement is by paying the delinquent dues, the current dues and one quarter's dues in advance, plus a \$35 reinstatement fee.

Although members have until the 15th of the third calendar month to pay dues, their beneficiaries are eligible for death benefits only if the dues are paid by the 30th of the first calendar month.

Billing cards are a courtesy notice. Whether members receive a card or not, dues are still due on time. If unsure about dues, please call the office for information. The number is 845-7871.



## District Meetings

### October

- 1st District 7: Redding**  
Engineers Bldg.  
100 Lake Blvd.
- 2nd District 6: Marysville**  
Engineers Bldg.  
1010 "I" Street.
- 7th District 17: Kauai**  
Wilcox Elem. School  
4319 Hardy Street.
- 14th District 17: Kona**  
Konawaena School  
Kealahou
- 16th District 1: Ignacio**  
Alvarado Inn  
6045 Redwood Hwy.
- 21st District 17: Honolulu**  
Kalihi Waena School  
1240 Gulick Ave.
- 22nd District 17: Hilo**  
Kapiolani School  
966 Kilauea Ave.
- 23rd District 17: Maui**  
Kahului Elem. School  
410 S.Hina 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.  
V.F.W. Post 1716  
1960 Freedom Blvd., Freedom
- San Jose** Sep. 25, 2 p.m.  
Holiday Inn  
282 Almaden Road

## 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. 13.

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 new 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 existing bridge with 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

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committee. The Committee argues that none of the organizations who attacked the Davis-Bacon Act can prove any of their figures. "Since we don't claim to be economists who can baffle 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 decisions," the Committee said.

"If Davis-Bacon costs as much as its detractors say, why is it that 44.7 percent of the 3,358 wage decisions we examined provide a wage rate that is below the poverty level recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau?" In a March 11, 1986, 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."

## New Hawaii E-Board Member

At the regular quarterly membership meetings held July 22, 23, and 24, 1986, the District 17 membership elected NATHAN YASSO, SS #576-42-1753, Register #1332636, to serve as the District 17 Executive Board Member to fill the balance of a term left vacant by resignation.

## Bonneville dike project to be awarded

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pond and dike surrounding the pond, went for just under one million dollars.

W.W. Clyde started moving in on the waste pond and dike July 16, and have about 25 days to complete this phase. There is a good possibility of five or six months' more work, if the first phase moves well.

The Bonneville Dike Project, which is part of the state's pumping project, 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 Anaconda.

"This 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 Uintahs where snow still drifts along the roads in some areas," Blair said, "The dikes will be nothing but salt, dust and snakes on the salt flats, and the water there isn't the crystal blue color you see in the mountains."

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 the time this is published, Valley Asphalt will be laying asphalt on the

Mirror Lake Road, if the rain has given them a break.

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.

Acme Concrete has completed their job with G.P. Construction at Tremonton and are in the process of moving their batch plant and laydown equipment out. I hope to see Acme back in Utah very soon.

Acme Crane Rental's work has not been so hot this year. Although the hands have been setting quite a few tilt-up concrete buildings in the area this spring and summer.

Shurtleff & Andrews Corporation has also slowed down some, and are hoping this will get better.

Buehner Prestress has set two bridges on the I-215 at 2200 North and has been keeping all their hands busy so far.

With all the work coming up for bid and the work to be starting, it could be a little better for our hands the second half of 1986.

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