Nonunion tunnel job riddled with hazards

By James Earp
Managing Editor

An investigative hearing by Assemblyman Dick Floyd on charges of unsafe working conditions at a non-union tunnel project in Shasta County provides dramatic evidence that federal OSHA does not hold a candle to the Cal-OSHA program which was scuttled while trying to get a derailed tunnel project in Shasta County pro-project being built by the company on complaint from a former employee.

Following months of negotiations, hardball politics and behind the scenes maneuvering, the California legislature approved a last minute bid to the United States Department of Energy for a multi-million dollar super collider project. The project, which will be the world's largest superconducting super collider known as SSC, is an underground atom smasher 60 miles in circumference and 20 times more powerful than any other atom smasher in existence.

In submitting its bid, California joins Utah and 20 other states for the $4.5 billion project. California nearly missed the deadline; however, the major stumbling block was provisions for minority and women owned companies to participate in the project. But a fragile compromise worked out at the eleventh hour, spurred the state supercollider commission to turn in the state's bid and avoid the national embarrassment of being the only major state without a proposal.

Important
See pages 4-5 and 12 for official notices on the election of delegates to the 33rd International Union Convention.

Bay Area to get $53 million in highway funds

Bay area highway projects received nearly $53 million in state construction funds last month, but almost $10 million of it is contingent upon local funds being found to match the state funds.

The highway construction monies—in scarce supply throughout the state—were awarded by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in conjunction with its adoption of the 1987 State Transportation Improvement Program, which lays out priorities for spending state and federal highway construction monies over the next five years.

After intense lobbying by East Bay legislators, the CTC programmed $12 million for widening the Nimitz Freeway (I-880) in southern Alameda County and promised to keep the 10.6 mile-long project on schedule so that the improvements, which will ultimately cost an estimated $77 million, could be completed in 1990. The legislators pointed out that Alameda County is a "self-help county" whose residents last year voted to increase their sales tax to fund transportation projects, including other improvements to the Nimitz Freeway.

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Last minute flurry for super collider

CA after several employees of Traylor Brothers, a non-union construction company out of Chicago, Ill. quit work because of unsafe working conditions at the Muck Valley hydroelectric power project being built by the company on the Pit River. One employee, Jeff Buchanan, suffered a crushed hand while trying to get a derailed muck car back on track in a 12-ft. diameter tunnel on the jobsite.

Shawn Mecham, a former worker on the tunnel project tried unsuccessfully to get federal OSHA to inspect a long list of safety violations that he provided to compliance officers, because he was told the agency couldn't respond to a complaint from a former employee.

"The feds said they didn't think they could go down there on my complaint because I no longer worked there," Mecham testified at the hearing. "The ventilation was bad, there were no

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California has two possible locations for the 53-mile underground oval tunnel that will house the huge atom smasher.
Looking at Labor

By T.J. (Tom) Stapleton
Business Manager

Last April 28 construction workers in Bridgeport, Conn. died when an apartment complex they were working on collapsed, sending thousands of tons of concrete and steel crashing down on unsuspecting workers below. It was the second-worst construction accident in the 17-year history of the federal OSHA program.

In the 10 months that L'Ambiance Plaza was under construction, the federal agency responsible for protecting workers' lives had spent one hour inspecting the site. This is the same agency that is now in charge of job safety enforcement in California, thanks to an irresponsible governor who looked for a way to get even with labor and found it by eliminating the best state-run job safety program in the nation.

When Deukmejian proposed to dismantle Cal-OSHA last January by striking out funding for it in the new budget, we did our best to alert the legislature and the public. We sent out petitions. We held news conferences. We put together rallies. We spent a lot of time talking to our state legislators. Nearly everyone agreed -- even most employers -- that dismantling Cal-OSHA would be a costly mistake.

It didn't do a bit of good. In typical mule-like fashion, Deukmejian remained true to his word and on July 1 of this year, Cal-OSHA as we know it ceased to exist.

In the meantime a young tunnel worker in Shasta County died. Last April 28 construction workers in Bridgeport, Conn., died when an apartment complex they were working on collapsed, sending thousands of tons of concrete and steel crashing down on unsuspecting workers below. It was the second-worst construction accident in the 17-year history of the federal OSHA program.

Workers tell their story on Muck Valley tunnel
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Workers in California are in for an unpleasant surprise if they ever have a safety problem on the job. They're going to find that the laws just aren't going to be there when we need them. There will be many job sites where people will have to lose their lives before Cal-OSHA will come out and make a serious inspection of the problems. That's the way they work.

OSHA relies on "voluntary compliance" by contractors to meet safety regulations. Inspectors routinely play a numbers game to look good to the boys in Washington who provide their funding. They rush through job sites as quickly as possible in order to make more inspections. Under Reagan, the agency has backed off of strict enforcement. Inspectors spend more time reviewing paperwork and making audits than saving people's lives.

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And Weatherall, Laborers expressed his admiration for the 14 inspectors who on many occasions were contacted by him in the middle of the night and would respond immediately to a serious tunnel injury elsewhere in the state.

"To think somebody is going to come in here from some other place and do this job, even if they wanted to, is just crazy," he stated. "These fellows know the people who work those tunnels. To think you can just gather up people from anywhere and assign them to look at the safety of a very specialized industry is just not in the cards."

This tunnel is now over 3,000 feet I am told," Weatherall continued. "It's the only tunnel in this state that has ever got that far in without me being in it. I guarantee you, I have the power to shut a job down if it's not safe. My heart goes out to these young fellows out here who can't even get anybody to look into the situation."

I myself have responded to a telephone call concerning an imminent danger 300 miles away and have been on the job in five hours," Henry McIntyre, a compliance officer for Cal-OSHA's mine and tunnelling unit said. "That's the way we work. That's the way we prevent fatal injuries."

He pointed out that the federal program "works after the fact. They wait until men have lost their lives, after there has been a disaster."

Assemblyman Floyd concluded the hearing by inviting representatives of Taylor Brothers to give him a tour of the tunnel project. An attorney for the firm denied the request on the grounds of liability.

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Coors boycott comes to an end

10-year campaign ends with settlement on issues

The AFL-CIO declared the Coors boycott ended last month, concluding a 10-year demonstration of the economic power that organized labor and its allies are capable of wielding against even a rich and powerful corporation.

Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL-CIO, announced in Washington that a settlement had been reached. He said Coors had agreed to an expedited union election at its brewery in Golden, Colo., where the boycott began in May of 1977, and had promised to employ union workers in the construction of any new Coors brewery.

A statement issued in Denver in the name of Peter Coors, the brewery president, said the corporation would assure employee "freedom of choice" regarding union representation.

Kirkland called the boycott "a complete success, a resounding success."

Dave Sickler, long-time national coordinator of the boycott and now AFL-CIO regional director, said that victory was complete.

"After 10 years and four months of fighting one of the most viciously anti-union companies in the history of the labor movement, we have achieved a victory through the boycott, the said Sickler, who was employed in the brewery at Golden before Joe Coors set out to buy his' local in 1971. "

"I want to thank all the affiliates and all the other organizations that participated. This was only a cause supported by the rank and file, nationwide."

"We have proved a number of things," Sickler declared at Los Angeles on Wednesday.

"First, we've shown that the boycott works. We've shown that if labor and its friends get together, we can win no matter how powerful the opponent or how long the fight lasts."

Howard Wallace, Coors boycott coordinator for Northern California, echoed Sickler's words about labor and its allies.

"We just last weekend directed a protest against a Coors-sponsored touring bicycle race that left promoters complaining about their chilly San Francisco reception, questioned whether some of labor's allies ever would forgive the Coors family for financing anti-conservative causes."

"John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, cited the devastating impact of the boycott upon Coors sales in this state."

"He pointed out that Coors was number one in California in 1977 with better than 45 percent of the total beer sales and today has only a 14-percent market share."

"That is economic power," Henning said. "These figures tell a story that even the most unredeemed enemy of working people, can easily and quickly understand."

Sickler provided additional measurements of the disaster that Coors brought upon itself.

"Coors has been forced, literally, to run across the country in an attempt to escape the effects of the boycott," Sickler said.

"When the boycott started, Coors was the best-selling beer throughout its market, which consisted of 11 western states. Today, Coors is selling about the same total amount of beer a year, but is trying to operate in 46 states rather than 11. It is no better that number three in sales in any market."

"This is in spite of an advertising budget that grew from $7 million in 1977 to more than $200 million in 1986 while producing barely the same sales that the company had 10 years and four months ago," Sickler added.

Kirkland said he expected a renewed organizing drive to begin among some 1,000 eligible workers at Golden within a matter of days, leading to a vote within weeks.

"First, we've shown that the boycott would cover contracts of more than $50,000."

"There never was a better time to refurbish this memorial," Kirkland said, "because the labor movement is also in the midst of a period of renewal and rededication."

The AFL and its affiliates raised the funds to erect the impressive bronze monument that President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated in 1933. Today's labor movement joined with the Metropolitan Washington AFL-CIO in funding the restoration.

Congress slaves off another attack on Davis-Bacon

The House Education & Labor Committee rejected the Reagan Administration's plan to slash prevailing wage protection on federal construction and adopted instead a compromise package of amendments to the Davis-Bacon Act.

As approved by the committee, Davis-Bacon would cover contracts of more than $50,000 for new construction and contracts over $15,000 for repairs and alterations.

Committee Republicans sought to limit Davis-Bacon coverage to contracts over $1 million and several indicated their preference for repealing the law entirely.

The present threshold of $2,000 for all types of construction was set in 1935 and there was general agreement that it should be raised. The battle, certain to be refought when the bill reaches the House floor, was over the level at which it should be set.

Building trades unions did not oppose the compromise, although the proposed threshold was higher than they considered desirable.

On the plus side of the compromise bill, AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Dept. President Robert A. Goerz testified at hearings last May, were provisions to clarify the definition of "helpers," improve wage surveys and establish a right of workers to sue for back wages when the law is violated.

Phony contracts

The compromise bill also includes union-backed bars to splitting contracts in order to come below the threshold for coverage.

The key sponsors—Rep. Austin J. Murphy (D-Pa.) and Committee Chairman Augustus F. Hawkins (D-Calif.)—said they expected the compromise would end the perennial attempts to weaken Davis-Bacon coverage through amendments to appropriations bills.

But Labor Sec. William E. Brock made clear that the Administration isn't prepared to settle for the compromise.

He complained that the committee bill would add to costs and remove from coverage less than 2 percent of the dollar amount of federal construction.  

Solidarity

State troopers shield the Lock Haven, Pa. plant of International Paper Co. It was the starting point of a solidarity march by 5,000 union supporters.  

Stepped-up campaign

More than 250 local leaders of the Paperworkers picket International Paper Co. headquarters in Memphis after approving a stepped-up corporate campaign against the paper manufacturer. Some 3,400 IPUIU members are on strike or locked out at four IP plants fighting management's give-back demands.
MEETING SCHEDULE

Nomination of Delegates and Alternates to 33rd I.U.O.E. Convention

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Form in which nominations will be made.

Nominations shall be in writing and signed by one or more nominators giving each nominator's Social Security Number and Register Number in the form following:

If by a single nominator:

NOMINATION

I hereby nominate ______

Register No. ______ For

Social Security No.

Register No.

If by more than one nominator:

NOMINATION

We hereby nominate ______

Register No. ______ For

Signature Social Security No. Register No.

When nominations are called for by the Presiding Officer, if a single nominator, he shall address the Presiding Officer reciting his name and Register Number and the name of the Member, and deliver his written nomination to the Nomination Committee. If there is more than one nominator, one of the nominators shall address the Presiding Officer reciting his name and Register Number and the names of the other nominators and the name of the Member, and deliver the written nomination to the Nomination Committee.

All Members nominated, otherwise eligible, in order to continue to be eligible shall have filed with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Local Union within ten (10) days after having been notified in writing by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of his nomination as Delegates or Alternate Delegates, Section 504 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 and Article X of the Constitution, includes the requirements of the preceding paragraphs.

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DECLARATION OF NOMINEE

The Undersigned states that he declines all nominations:

(Name) ____________________________  (Signature) ____________________________

(Register No.) ______________________  (Social Security No.) ______________________

(Date) ______________________________

ANCEPTANCE OF NOMINEE

The Undersigned states that he will accept nominations for:

(Delgate or Alternste Delegate)

I desire my name and office, position or contract classification to appear on the ballot as follows:

(Name) ____________________________  (Signature) ____________________________

(Office, Position or Contract Classification) ____________________________

(Register No.) ______________________  (Social Security No.) ______________________

(Date) ______________________________

In the event no statement is received by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary on or before twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of the notice provided for in Article XII, Section 3g) of the By-Laws, the nominee shall be deemed for all purposes to have declined all nominations.

All Members nominated who are more than one hundred (100) miles from Regular Meetings held in San Francisco on the day prior to and the day of the Semi-Annual Meeting in San Francisco are excused from attendance good cause, as are all who are less than one hundred (100) miles from their regular District Meetings the day before and the day of the Meeting. However, a Member nominated who claims to be excused for this reason shall notify the Recording-Corresponding Secretary in writing, by letter or telegram, not later than 5:00 p.m., Local San Francisco Time, within five (5) days after such Meeting.

Notice of Right to Nominate

(1) Eligibility of Members to Nominate.

Every Member of the Parent Local Union and its Sub-divisions (except the Registered Apprentice Sub-division), who is not suspended for non-payment of dues, and who has not been suspended for non-payment of dues preceding the first nominating meeting shall have the right to nominate.

3. Elections.

(a) The election shall be held during the month of February of each year by a vote of the Members of this Local Union under the supervision of the Election Committee and a nationally known firm of certified public accountants selected by the Executive Board, with such other technical and legal assistance as may be provided.

(b) The Election Committee shall determine whether or not each candidate nominated is eligible. Any candidate found not to be eligible shall be declared ineligible by the Election Committee. The Committee's decision shall be promptly communicated to each such ineligible candidate in writing. Unless the Election Committee's decision is reversed on appeal, it shall govern, and the ballots shall be prepared accordingly.

(c) The Election Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the election, and specifically for:

(2) The preparation of the list of eligible voters, showing the Member's name and last known address as inscribed on the records of this Local Union; the preparation and printing of the ballots, listing the nominees in alphabetical order by their last name, place of abode, and their position or contract classification, and in addition, in the case of collective bargaining agreement classification, if any, given by him being printed as it appears on Acceptance of Nominee Form; and envelopes; and the giving of a Notice of Election, by mailing a printed Notice thereof to each Member of the Local Union at his last known address appearing on the records of this Local Union not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the mailing of the ballots to eligible voters.

The Election Committee shall cause a sample ballot to be published in the January edition of the Engineers News preceding the election, and to be promptly posted in the District Job Placement Centers.

The Election Committee shall deliver the list of names and last known addresses of eligible voters, and cause the printer to deliver the ballots and envelopes to the nationally known firm of certified public accountants chosen by the Local Union Executive Board, which firm shall retain a post office box to which the ballots shall be returned.

(d) The certified public accountants shall mail the ballots and return envelopes to the eligible voters between February 10th and 16th preceding the election, and shall open the post office box on the first and last time on February 26th, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day.

The certified public accountants shall remove the returned ballots, count the same, and certify the results in writing to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee, or a sub-committee thereof, shall be present at the mailing of the ballots, the opening of the post office box, and the counting of the ballots.

The Election Committee shall make certain that adequate safeguards are maintained so as to protect the secrecy of the ballots.

(e) The Election Committee shall declare the candidates receiving a plurality of the votes elected.

The certificate of the certified public accountant shall be published in the first edition of the Engineers News following the election.

(f) Every Member who is not suspended for non-payment of dues as of February 11th, 1988, the date for the mailing of ballots, shall have the right to vote. No Member whose dues shall have been withheld by his Employer for payment to the Local Union pursuant to his voluntary authorization in a collective bargaining agreement shall be declared ineligible to vote by reason of any alleged delay or default in the payment of dues by his employer to the Local Union.

4. Observers.

Each candidate shall have the right to have an observer at the polls and at the counting of the ballots that is, each candidate shall have the right to have an observer to check the eligibility list of voters, check the ballots, see that the ballots are mailed, be present at the post office box and the counting of the ballots. The observer may challenge the eligibility of any voter, and the ballots of all Members may have been challenged shall be set aside, pending determination as to their eligibility. If the challenged ballots are sufficient in number to affect the results of the election, all Members shall be notified by the Election Committee to determine their validity as promptly as possible.

5. Right of Expression.

(a) Every Member shall have the right to express his views and opinions with respect to the candidates provided, however, that no Member shall libel or slander the Local Union, its Members, its Officers, its Executive Board, its Candidates, and all Members shall avoid all personalities and indecorous language in any expression of view and opinions with respect to candidates.

(b) Any Member found guilty of violating Paragraph (a) shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, and if such Member should be a candidate he shall, if found guilty, in addition to any fine, suspension or expulsion, suffer the loss of the position for which he is a candidate, if elected thereto.

6. Campaign Literature

The Recording-Corresponding Secretary, upon request of any bona fide candidate, shall distribute such candidate's campaign literature by mail or otherwise; provided the candidate making such request does so in writing, advising the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the type mailing, or other form of distribution desired, and all costs involved, and delivers the literature, if it is to be mailed, to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary and stamped and signed copies of the literature, the contents of the sealed and stamped envelope and two (2) of the envelopes in which the literature was enclosed. Two (2) copies of the literature are to be delivered to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary if it is to be distributed other than by mail.

No such request shall be honored if made on or after 5:00 p.m., Local Time, the 5th Day of February, 1988.

7. Unopposed Candidates

Where there are no more candidates nominated for Delegates and Alternate Delegates than are authorized by the Local Union By-Laws, the secret ballot election shall be dispensed with and the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall cast one (1) ballot for all the nominated candidates for Delegates and Alternate Delegates, who shall then be declared duly elected.

Rules Adopted By The Local No. 3 Executive Board

In addition to the Business Manager, President, Vice President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer who are Delegates by virtue of Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws, there shall be 33 Delegates and 2 Alternate Delegates elected.

The names of the Candidates shall be arranged in descending order based on the total number of votes received by each of them. The Candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be at the top of the list, the Candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be at the bottom of the list. The number of Delegates shall be numbered in descending order, one (1) through the total number nominated and eligible for Delegate or Alternate Delegate.

In the event that two (2) or more Candidates receive the same number of votes, their names shall be arranged in descending order based on the length of membership in Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3. The Candidate who has been a member for the shortest period of time, and they shall then be numbered as in this Section provided, and the Candidate with the next highest number of votes receive the number next following the number assigned the tied Candidate who has been a member for a shorter period of time, and they shall then be numbered as in this Section provided, and the Candidate with the next highest number of votes receive the number next following the number assigned the tied Candidate who has been a member for a shorter period of time.

The Candidates for Delegates, numbered one (1) through thirty-three (33), shall be elected as Delegates. The Candidates for Alternate Delegates, numbered one (1) through two (2), shall be elected as Alternate Delegates.

Each Alternate shall serve as necessary. The Alternate with the highest number first, and the alternate with the lowest number second.

In the event the average number of members on which the Local Union has paid per capita tax for the year ending September 30, 1987, has increased, the number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be increased accordingly. The Alternate with the highest number of votes shall be designated as Delegate. The Candidates for Alternate Delegates, numbered one (1) through two (2), shall be elected as Alternate Delegates.
List of Bay Area highway jobs

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San Mateo County and Marin County were told to come up with matching local funds in order to receive $5.7 million and $4 million respectively for state funds for improvements to Route 101.

The San Mateo County project calls for widening the freeway from the Santa Clara/San Mateo County line north to Whipple Road. Marin County hopes to purchase the right-of-way needed for high occupancy vehicle lanes on Route 101 from Mission Avenue to North San Pedro Road in San Rafael.

The monies allocated by the CTC for the projects in Alameda, San Mateo and Marin counties, plus an additional $1 million appropriated for several Bay Area soundwall projects, came from a fund reserved for rehabilitation projects. The CTC dipped into this fund for a total of $65 million to finance new highway construction throughout the state.

The fact that the CTC needed to borrow from the rehabilitation reserve was evidence that state highway monies and local funds were inadequate.

In fact, the state Department of Transportation predicts that as early as next year the state may not generate enough money to match federal dollars, potentially causing California to lose federal funds to other states.

Abnormal rain also contributed to the CTC's list of high-priority Bay Area projects totaling $88 million. The regional list of highway improvements was the result of a lengthy process of reaching consensus among the region's cities and counties.

"MTC identified a total of $2.3 billion in needed projects but we have yet to be funded throughout the region," said MTC Executive Director Lawrence DiStefano.

Major projects in the Bay Area which did not receive funding from the CTC include an interchange on Route 29 at Redwood Road/Trancas Street in the city of Napa, an interchange on I-80 at North Texas Avenue in the city of Fairfield, a bridge in the city of Alameda and Contra Costa counties to the Bay Bridge for high-occupancy-vehicle lanes. Improvements on I-80 and Route 237 in Santa Clara County.

In related news, the California Department of Transportation has issued its three-month list of highway projects that will be put out for bid. Among those are many multi-million dollar projects in the northern half of the state. Included are:

• A $1.7 million project to replace Scotts Creek Bridge in Lake County on I-80 about 10 miles north of Lakeport.
• A $2.5 million project to replace a bridge on the Eel River near Rio Dell in Humboldt County on Hwy 101.
• A $2.5 million project to replace a bridge about 11 miles east of Clear Lake on State Road 5.
• A $2.2 million project to reconstruct a roadway near Redding.
• A $1.8 million project to rehabilitate the roadway north of the Yuba River Bridge to School Street near San Juan (portions).
• A $1.1 million project in Contra Costa, and Marin County to renovate feeders in Richmond & San Rafael at various locations on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
• A $13.2 million project in Alameda County to widen 6 lanes near and in Pleasanton from Happy Valley Road to 0.1 mile north of Route 580.
• A $1 million project in Contra Costa County, to modify drainage in Richmond at South 34th Street.
• A $19.9 million project in Contra Costa County, to modify sidewalks & rails in Richmond & San Rafael at the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
• A $2.4 million project in Contra Costa County, to widen crossing & modify ramps, in Danville at Sycamore Valley Rd.
• A $2.5 million project in San Mateo County, to replace the bridge at Pescadero Beach.
• A $5.1 million project in Contra Costa County for a retaining wall, in Richmond from Marine St. to 0.1 mile South of Sycamore Avenue.
• A $3.8 million project in Contra Costa County, to modify traffic control system, in Richmond & San Rafael at the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
• A $5.4 million project in San Francisco, for lighting at various locations.
• A $4.7 million project in Foster City & Hayward at the San Mateo Bridge, Treasure Island Creative.
• A $1.5 million project in San Benito County, to rehabilitate roadway in and around Nipomo.
• A $5.5 million project in Monterey County, for freeway & structures near San Lorenzo.
• A $1.3 million project in Tuolumne County to rehabilitate roadway at & near Bakersfield.

State Fed wins approval on key worker issues

The California Labor Federation's proposal for improvements in the Workers' Compensation program and the Unemployment Insurance program were approved by the State Senate last month as legislators worked in the final week to maneuver bills out of their houses of origin. Both bills now move on to the Assembly.

The federation's workers' compensation measure, SB 323, authored by Sen. Ben Hollis, D-Hayward, passed 22-14. It would boost the weekly temporary disability benefit from $166 to $186.

In related news, the California Department of Transportation has issued its three-month list of highway projects that will be put out for bid. Among those are many multi-million dollar projects in the northern half of the state. Included are:

- A $1.7 million project to replace Scotts Creek Bridge in Lake County on I-80 about 10 miles north of Lakeport.
- A $2.5 million project to replace a bridge on the Eel River near Rio Dell in Humboldt County on Hwy 101.
- A $2.5 million project to replace a bridge about 11 miles east of Clear Lake on State Road 5.
- A $2.2 million project to reconstruct a roadway near Redding.
- A $1.8 million project to rehabilitate the roadway north of the Yuba River Bridge to School Street near San Juan (portions).
- A $1.1 million project in Contra Costa, and Marin County to renovate feeders in Richmond & San Rafael at various locations on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
- A $13.2 million project in Alameda County to widen 6 lanes near and in Pleasanton from Happy Valley Road to 0.1 mile north of Route 580.
- A $1 million project in Contra Costa County, to modify drainage in Richmond

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The report also spells out the costs, local and federal, of building an Auburn Dam. The highest alternative dam would hold 2.3 million acre-feet of water and cost $1.1 billion. It, too, would include the excess water storage for new users and power generation. A dam that holds 850,000 acre-feet of water but without excess capacity, streamflow augmentation, and power generation would cost $62 million.

Other strictly flood-control alternatives would be to build an Auburn Dam that holds 650,000 acre-feet of water for $618 million and another that holds 315,000 acre-feet of water for $355 million.

Hefty price tags accompany decisions either to build or not build the controversial Auburn Dam, with the local share of funding growing and the federal share shrinking the grander the scheme. A preliminary federal report spells out the alternatives left to federal, state and local authorities who have been wrestling with the project since construction began in 1967 and then was halted by earthquake fears in 1975.

The report was prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's mid-Pacific regional office in Sacramento.

The alternatives in the report range from simply not building the dam to building a $1.4 billion structure that could handle the type of flooding that occurred in early 1986 and prompted the most recent Auburn Dam debate.

Whatever the decision, the report makes clear, there will be a cost.

For instance, not building the dam will mean closing the bureau's Auburn office, declaring the dam site and reservoir lands surplus and transferring them to another federal agency for a possible sale.

The federal government bought the 26,230 acres for $13.6 million. The federal government still would have to continue paying local law-enforcement and fire agencies and the state Department of Parks and Recreation until it could dispose of the land. According to the report, the cost of simply not building the dam would be $452.5 million, adding in the $295 million already invested in the site.

But that still would leave the Sacramento basin with a potential flood problem. That could be solved by expanding the water-storage capacity of the existing Folsom Dam to a so-called 85-year flood level at a cost of about $150 million more. Work on the flood levees could cost an additional $60.5 million and bring the total cost to the government to $513 million.

Elmer Solvang, rodman-chairman (left) and party chief Ken Anderson have been members of Local 3 for 29 years and 19 years respectively. Both work for M.J.M. & Assoc., Inc. of San Ramon, CA.
Mining industry on the rise in Nevada district

While the Reno out of work list continues to hover around the 140 mark, Berlin Proctor reports that the gold mining industry continues to improve. Right now, Newmont Gold stands out ahead of all the rest in both growth and production in Nevada.

Newmont Gold has been signatory with Operating Engineers for many years and continues to maintain a good working relationship. It has been just a short time since Newmont completed its new mill and expanded its mining operation, and now they are expanding again to the north and to the south of the main plant where they have been contracted out. Some of the site preparation work is being done in-house and other parts are being contracted out. Approximately 52 hands have been hired since the Reno mill since Las Vegas Paving began moving dirt at the site sometime around April, and the work is being done under a Mining-Stripping agreement which was set in place to recover some of the mining work that we have been losing over the years and so far, it has worked out very well.

Battle Mountain Gold is holding its own with a steady, slow growth and has expanded its mining operation some. Most of their expansion work has been done in-house, but in the future they may contract out for part of the work. "This is one of the worst years we’ve had in a long time," reports Ed Jones.

Frehner Construction was recently awarded an overlay job consisting of approximately 20 miles of overlay in Lyon County. Victory Valley from north of Wabuska to the junction with U.S. Hwy. 50, Frehner’s bid was $2,678,443, and Las Vegas Paving will do approximately 23 miles of overlay in Churchill County on U.S. Hwy. 95 from a location on Gabbis Road (S.R. 361). Their bid came in at $2,324,107.

CCPA#1 has been contracted out for many of our “active” members in the outlying areas of Nevada to take advantage of our preferred provider prescription drug program, particularly in the Elko area, at the Relay’s store located at 2511 Mountain City Highway. The program provides for drug prescriptions prescribed by your physician. If you need further information on other drug stores available under the plan, please contact the district office.

We would like to welcome Pete Cox, our new business representative. Pete is a 30-year member. Born in Twin Falls, Idaho in 1936, he graduated from high school in 1956 and went to work for Hoops Construction in Eureka, during which time he joined Local 3. From there he went to work for M&K from 1957 to 1961 as a grader operator and then ran dozer and scraper. He was drafted in 1961, during which time he worked as a mechanic. After an honorable discharge, he ran scraper for Ibel Match and Wells Cargo. From there, he moved to California and ran scraper for Dravo, worked as a grader operator and blade hand for Peter Kiewit, and ran blade for Frederickson & Watson Construction until about 1968, when he went to work for Granite Construction Pete worked at various locations as a blade hand until 1974 when he went to work for S.J. Groves as a driver contractor and paving superintendent.

In 1977 he rejoined Granite and was employed by them until July 17, 1987, at which time he was hired by Local 3. And, although he’s been here for several months now, let’s also throw out the welcoming mat for Ray Morgan, our new district representative. Ray comes to us from Sacramento, formerly an organizer, and has been a member of Local 3 for close to 25 years.

Not a banner year for work in Santa Rosa

As many members are aware, there is not much work going on at the Geyers. There are nine operators working at CCPA#1 for almost as many contractors. The companies that are still working at CCPA#1 include Scott Co. of California, Schmeekle, Valley Erectors, Oilfield Constr. and Delta Erectors. Piombo Const. has started on their job on Geysers Road improvement. This job is split into two sections, one on Oilfield Construction and Delta Erectors. Poether end of the job did a few years ago.

Pete Barretta is going strong on the Rockpile Road job for the Corps of Engineers. This job should keep about 15 to 20 operators busy until the early part of the season. When this job is finished then Sonoma County may break loose of some of their funds to improve Hot Springs Road, the only access into the new facility.

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Our round of visits to the district offices will be starting soon. Please check the schedule on this page and come by and talk to us if you have any questions about the benefit programs. We would like to see you!

### Generic Drugs

If your physician is writing you a prescription, be sure to ask if a generic drug can be substituted. Many of the generic drugs cost less than brand-name drugs. You will be saving money for yourself and the Plan.

### National RX services, Inc.

You may wish to use the Mail Order Prescription Drug Plan, especially if your doctor has prescribed a drug for you to take on a continuing basis. The Plan will pay the reasonable cost without a deductible charge for each prescription and refills if the Mail Order Plan of National RX Services, Inc., is used. Pre-addressed claim forms and envelopes are available at the District Office, the Fringe Benefit Center, or the Trust Fund Office.

### Surviving spouse benefit

This is a special reminder regarding a benefit that has been in place for you since April 1, 1985. The Surviving Spouse Benefit is available to the spouse of a deceased Retiree who was eligible for benefits from the Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Trust Fund. The spouse may purchase the same health, medical and surgical benefits that the spouse was covered under the Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Trust Fund. There are pre-addressed claim forms and envelopes available at the District Office, the Fringe Benefit Center, or the Trust Fund Office.

### Open enrollment for Kaiser plan

October is open enrollment month for Kaiser. Both Active and Retired Operating Engineers have until October 15th to change their Hospital-Surgical-Medical care election to or from Kaiser Health Plans. Operating Engineers can make this change from one Plan to the other only once each year in October for November coverage. Therefore, members are urged to carefully consider the merits of both Plans before making any choice. Once an election has been made it must remain in effect for the year. The only exception is if the member moves out of the 30 mile Kaiser service area. All other benefits to which you are entitled will continue to be provided directly by the Trust Fund regardless of which medical coverage you elect.

If you wish to change your current coverage or if you want additional information, please complete the attached form, cut out and mail to the Trust Office at 642 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA, 94107. Election forms will be mailed to you directly. Your election must be made no later than October 15th for November coverage.

If you do wish to change your Hospital-Surgical-Medical coverage—no action is required. The benefits provided by Union Labor Life are described in the Health and Welfare Booklet, Kaiser Health Plan benefits are described in a separate open enrollment booklet, and Fringe Benefit plan benefits are described in a separate open enrollment booklet.

### KAISER ENROLLMENT

**Name**

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**Address**

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☐ ACTIVE  ☐ RETIRED

☐ I wish to change from the Comprehensive Insured Plan (Union Labor Life) to Kaiser.

☐ I wish to change from Kaiser to the Comprehensive Insured Plan (Union Labor Life).

☐ I need a Kaiser brochure/Health and Welfare Booklet.

Clip and Mail to: Operating Engineers Trust Fund

642 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA 94107

### Senate dumps Reagan nominee for OSHA mine safety opening

Unions whose members risk their lives in mines welcomed a Senate committee's rejection of President Reagan's nomination of Dorothy Strunk to be Assistant Secretary of Labor in charge of the Mine Safety & Health Administration. AFL-CIO Legislative Director Robert M. McGlothen described the post as "of life-or-death importance" to workers in a letter to Senator Labor & Human Resources Committee Chairman Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

The AFL-CIO and unions representing workers in all forms of underground and surface mining—metallic and nonmetallic, stone, coal, as well as coal—had challenged Strunk's qualifications for the post.

They didn't dispute her good intentions but questioned whether employment as an aide to Republican members of the House Education & Labor Committee made up for the lack of professional qualifications for the post.

A 9-7 committee vote, along party lines, would normally keep the nomination from the Senate floor and lead to its withdrawal. Labor opposition was unanimous. President Richard L. Trumka of the unaffiliated Mine Workers told the labor committee meeting that in his training in a highly technical field "it's a luxury we can't afford when thousands of lives are at stake.

Comparable concerns were expressed by Steelworkers President Lynn R. Williams, whose union has 35,000 members covered by the mine safety law. "We urge your committee to reject this unfortunate nomination," he wrote.

Chemical Workers President Frank D. Martino noted that most of the fatal accidents to ICWU members have been at mining locations. Operating Engineers President Larry Dugan and Legislative Director John J. Brown stressed that "where the lives of our members are concerned, we cannot have inexperienced and uninformed administrators.

During the hearings, Kennedy questioned Strunk about her comments in drafting a Republican mine safety bill that she would have kept the new safety enforcement. Strunk's explanation was that she didn't personally support the bill but was merely complying with the wishes of the House Republicans who sponsored it.

### Fringe Benefits Director schedules office visits

Don Jones, Director of Fringe Benefits, will be in your district office on the date listed below and will be available to meet with you and answer any problems or questions you may have relating to Fringe Benefits. Please contact us if you need any help or information.

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### Utah reports on loss of union members

The Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 recently lost two active members and one retired member from my area reports business agent Virgil Blair. It's difficult to lose good members like these.

Brothers Burdel Wakefield and Lanny Rees were both lost to heart problems while they were working in California. Wakefield and Reese were top hands who knew their work and performed it with their usual enthusiasm.

The retired member was L.T. Garrett. Garrett never missed a meeting until his health failed him. He's been missed at union meetings, and people will miss having him around.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of these members.

Two more members are lucky to still be with us, as they were both hurt on the job. Carroll Featherstone was injured while running a loader in California back in May, and was hospitalized for some time. Featherstone is now recovering and is back to work or as call to "The Utah Richard Wolters, mechanic for Helms Construction at Lakeside, was injured while working a truck last month. Wolters feels if it hadn't been for the quick thinking and quick action of Ken Dejarnatt, another mechanic on that job, he would have been injured much more. Wolters sends his heart-felt thanks to Dejarnatt, who is better known on the job as "Grizz." Wolters is also at home recovering from his accident.

Let's hope for the speedy recovery of all our injured brothers.

Safety on the job site is very important for everyone. Please be sure your equipment is in safe to operate. And all you mechanics be sure the equipment is handed safely when you're working on it.

Everyone takes a chance once in a while to save time, but if you're careless, you may get a second try at it. Look out for your brothers, and see you on the jobs, not in the hospital.
Work steady in Tahoe Basin

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earns 7 percent compounded quarterly (Golden Three members are eligible for non-compounded earnings on this certificate). A 6 month certifi-cate earns 7.25 percent, also com-pounded quarterly.

Our newest Certificate is a Tax-Deferred Certificate. This is advan-tageous to those who are receiving social security or other retirement earnings until 1985, when the tax rates will be lower for most people. The Tax-Deferred Certificate earns 7.25 percent for the first 12 months, then payd-upon maturity in 1985.

Please call your Credit Union at 800-562-3277 for information on any of our Certificate programs. Utah members should call (801) 261-2222. Our short terms and low minimum depos-it means you CAN AFFORD to invest.

With Safety In Mind

By JACK SHORT
Director of Safety

Thinking of "customizing" your safety hat? "Don't!" says a safety engineer pointing out that "doctoring" hard hats is dangerous, and that they should be "modified" in an eastern steel mill revealed that slight "modification" on a hard hat can cut protection by as much as 50 percent.

In the experiment, two safety hats, one with slots cut in the sides for goggles, and the other with two small holes drilled in back "to improve ventilation," were tested on a tensile machine.

The hat with slots withstood a maximum pressure of 250 pounds on the side and 500 pounds on the top. The hat with the two holes withstood a maximum pressure of 300 pounds on the top. On the other hand, two safety hats in their normal condition withstood a maximum pressure of 1,000 pounds on the side and 950 pounds on the top.

Safety equipment was carefully de-signed to give you the best protection possible. Don't take chances. Leave it alone.

The average safety hard hat weighs about 14 ounces. The average man's head weighs 14 pounds. So there's an ounce of safety for every pound of hard hat-provided the head protection is properly worn and maintained.

The brain is the control center of the body. The smallest damage to the brain will cause a malfunction of some area of the body. The skull, under normal circumstances, protects the brain. But, when a possibility of injury from falling or falling objects exists, the protection afforded by the hard hat is the objective of hard hats.

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Do your employees recognize the need for personal protective equipment on their jobs? Do they willingly wear such equipment when the job demands it, or when rain or snow is falling? Or do they make all kinds of excuses? Ideally, all machines and processes should be so engineered that the operator is shielded from injury. If such a completely safe design is not possible, personal protective equipment must be used to minimize any injury from harm.

In applying this alternate means of safeguarding workers, the supervisor may find that the protective equipment provided the worker's so-called reasons for not wanting to wear personal protection may be many and varied.

• It's too heavy and inconvenient! • It gives me a headache!

• They're too hot! or "too cold!" and so on.

Many plants have successfully sold employees on conscientiously wearing protective equipment when necessary. Successful supervisors say they have been able to enforce the rules when using such equipment is necessary. Rules without enforcement must be enforced. But when the success of the protection program is dependent upon enforcement alone, without gaining the cooperation of the wearer's, just how successful will the program be? Unconvinced of a rule's value, the employee performing a hazardous task obey when no one is watching?

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If in the morning, rain appears likely, they would leave home without a hat. If in the evening, the forecast is rain, they may carry a raincoat, or umbrella? Although rain coats are inconvenient, which involves a slight inconvenience, but loss of an eye can be very inconvenient.

Employees will admit they know what it's like to be caught in rain or snow or in zero weather, so, they always dress accordingly. The safety engineer would rather you choose exactly the point you're trying to make!

You have caught glimpses, splinter injuries, or other sharp-edged objects that must be carried by hand. You tell the worker to wear gloves to protect his or her hands. They come back with the excuse that gloves are too hot, too clumsy, or too heavy.

Chances are your employee is a base-ball fan. He may even play ball on a team. Ask them how they would like to stand behind the plate and try to catch hot ones with the pitcher with bare hands. They would insist on a catcher's mitt, which is five times as heavy and clumsy as your work glove.

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On Oahu, funds and projects include:
- $1.847 million for hand and guardrail improvements to the main terminal at Honolulu International Airport;
- $1.823 million for renovation of Kukui Hall at the University of Hawaii, Manoa;
- $186,000 for repair of the fire-damaged Building A at Nanakuli High School;
- $11,000 for electrical modernization of Palolo Homes I, and
- $60,000 for installation of fire protection equipment at Pearl Ridge Elementary School.

Projects funded on the Big Island include:
- $302,000 for water systems improvement to Kulani Correctional Facility;
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- $28,000 to complete renovation of Building C at Waianae Elementary School into a kitchen/dining room and temporary library.

Kauai projects which will be funded include:
- $570,000 for construction of additional berths and a loading dock at Nawiliwili Harbor;
- $470,000 for construction of guardrail and shoulder improvements at various locations;
- $3,000 to complete construction of the terminal roadway, parking area and utilities improvements at Lihue Airport.

Mau also will receive funding for some of its projects, including:
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On Kauai, Hawaiian Dredging is also finishing up the Westin Kauai in Nawiliwili, on the old Kauai Surf Hotel grounds. The Hotel is expected to open on Sept. 19th with 200 rooms.

The project's second hotel of 750 rooms which will open in 1990 will start soon. The two hotel sites are a few hundred yards apart, but will be linked by the roadway, horse carriage path and waterways systems that run through the entire project.

Also on Kauai, adjoining the two hotels, Goodfellow Brothers and Wads- worth are finishing the golf course. Groundbreaking for a High Tech- nology Park in Mililani was done in July and construction plans are under final government review. Work is expected to start soon.

Marysville fights to stay ahead of open shop

The work in the Marysville area is slowly getting better, reports District Representative George Morgan. How- ever, he says that the non-union work that is being done is making things worse. He blames a large amount of the non-union work on the favorable treatment they receive from the elected officials in the area.

"How any operating engineer can vote for, or even register to vote for a non-union slate, is beyond me," Morgan says. "We can only survive if we get elected officials who are pro-labor and not like the ones we have today. We are approaching a very important election year, and we need to get out the vote and vote for the right people.

Japanese-American workers in California have been given the go-ahead to work on the project. The three, Harrison Western, Gilbert, and Frontier Camper will bid on the work which will be paid for with private funds. Morgan is hope- ful that M&K will be able to get the project.

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On Kauai, Hawaiian Dredging is also finishing up the Westin Kauai in Nawiliwili, on the old Kauai Surf Hotel grounds. The Hotel is expected to open on Sept. 19th with 200 rooms.

The project's second hotel of 750 rooms which will open in 1990 will start soon. The two hotel sites are a few hundred yards apart, but will be linked by the roadway, horse carriage path and waterways systems that run through the entire project.

Also on Kauai, adjoining the two hotels, Goodfellow Brothers and Wads- worth are finishing the golf course. Groundbreaking for a High Tech- nology Park in Mililani was done in July and construction plans are under final government review. Work is expected to start soon.

Marysville fights to stay ahead of open shop

The work in the Marysville area is slowly getting better, reports District Representative George Morgan. How- ever, he says that the non-union work that is being done is making things worse. He blames a large amount of the non-union work on the favorable treatment they receive from the elected officials in the area.

"How any operating engineer can vote for, or even register to vote for a non-union slate, is beyond me," Morgan says. "We can only survive if we get elected officials who are pro-labor and not like the ones we have today. We are approaching a very important election year, and we need to get out the vote and vote for the right people.

Japanese-American workers in California have been given the go-ahead to work on the project. The three, Harrison Western, Gilbert, and Frontier Camper will bid on the work which will be paid for with private funds. Morgan is hope- ful that M&K will be able to get the project.

The next stretch of Highway 99 work was to let on September 6. Engineers' estimates call for close to $18 million, but with the work picture being what it is, the job may go as low as $12 million. Campaigning for the 1988 elections has already begun in the Marysville area. Sutter County Sheriff-Coroner Roy Whittaker is off and running and he's contending that the incumbent right-wing Republican, State Senator John Doolittle. A fund raiser for Whittaker has been planned for October 17 at the Sutter Youth Organization Building from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. Morgan says that

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Whitaker has been a good friend of Local 35 in the area and that Doolittle has supported the labor movement only by example.

In other Marysville area news, business agent Vern Hopkins reports that work on the Kiewit-Pacific project is picking up. Kiewit-Pacific is going full swing on the Highway 99 job at Oriley. The job should keep several brothers busy until the rains come.

Baldwin Contracting and their sub-contractors are moving right along on their job in Chico on Highway 99. Jim Webster is the foreman for Garcia Drayage and has kept the area up to date on the section of the job. Also, MGM has started work on the bridges and should keep several brothers working into next year.

Ruff Stuff Construction has finished removing the old bridge over Hwy. 32 at Standing Rock. They worked 18 hours a day, 7 days a week, to get the job done.

Dutra Construction has started work on the new bridge over Canyons Road. They employ 20 to 25 operators, working 10 hours a day, seven days a week, with a possibility of a second shift according to Mike Dutton, general superintendent. Work on the East Side is still steady according to business agent Dan Mota.

In other Marysville area news, construction of the new Marysville High School sub-division project in Olivehurst, and will also have a fair amount of work in other districts this year.

Baldwin Contracting has had a fair year and has kept a lot of engineers busy. Baldwin is just starting the Bruce Road project in Chico. They are also involved in the expansion of the 20,000 sq. ft. job east of Marysville. They also expect to begin work soon on the convalcent hospital in Yuba City.

Kiewit-Pacific is still full swing crushing rock for the Highway 99 job. The rock plant is set up west of Palermo and is keeping several brothers busy on the day shift. Vernon Roberts and Bruce DeHaven doing the plant maintenance at night.

Omni Pipeline is busy with the underground work at the mail in Chico and should be starting up any day now on the underground work on the Bruce Road project. TheKiewit-Pacific construction is doing the utility work in Chico on the California Park job. The Labor News is keeping track of this work holding onto this project. They have kept a fair amount of our engineers working on this project with the help of the Alliance Agreement.

The rock plants in Marysville have been busy this year and have worked for all the companies. In fact, the Bruce Road project is still running and has several jobs in the area. Kiewit-Pacific and Bruce DeHaven are also busy running.

Several weeks have been slow, but overall, it has been a good year for the employees at these shops.
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out the problems. California has prepared promotional materials for its bid. Officials expect the state to offer "a few hundred million dollars" in land rights, roads, pipelines and other facilities to serve the atom smasher. The Central Valley location appears to have an edge in California competition. Being located near by its own area, its research and educational facilities, an attractive climate and enough political power to supply a machine that will consume an amount equivalent to that of a city of 100,000 people works strongly in its favor.

The term "Superconducting Super Collider" is actually a phrase to describe the technology that makes the accelerator work. "Superconducting" refers to the process of cooling a material to below a few degrees of absolute zero (minus 450 degrees F.) in order to allow electricity to move through it without resistance. The SSC will employ superconduction in a ring of underground magnets to create "super" colliding of protons. It will slam these particles together at energies never achieved before on earth, thus creating unique matter that will give scientists the keys to understanding what the smallest forms of life are made of and how they got there.

On the projects were due in early September. The National Academy of Sciences expects to pick finalists by the end of the year. The Department of Energy is planning to pick the ultimate winner around July, 1988. Construction would begin immediately with construction scheduled for 1992.

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In other areas, business agent Gary Wagon reports that work on the west side of Sacramento is going right on schedule with Rebol Construction about halfway done with their $250,000 underground project in Winters, employing a few engineers.

R.C. Collet has some street work. The report has one large building site nearly completed and is breaking ground on two more. In Davis, Granite has the underground nearly completed in one subdivision and roads nearly ready to pave. Granite is putting in the new target loading facility on Road 102 in Woodland. Granite is setting a hot pace on the new runways at Metro Airport with the help of foreman Terry Waddell and union steward Ernie "Bud" Walker running the finish blade.

Hoffman Construction has moved most of the dirt on the new sewer plant, Kiew-PacifC and T&S are both driving piling. W. H. Eber, Hard-rock Cox, and T & S Construction are working underground in West Sacramento. Each contract was about $2 million. Roy Ladd was just awarded a $1.2 million contract for site removal on the Yolo weir.

Sacramento Valley Crane has two cranes at Arena setting iron for the new stadium.

Election Notice: Election Committee 33rd International Convention Delegates & Alternate Delegates

Recording- Corresponding Secretary William M. Markus has announced that in accordance with Article XII, Section 3 (b) and Article XII, Section 1 (b) of the Local Union By-Laws, relative to the election of International Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Election Committee Members shall be nominated and elected at regular scheduled district meetings during the months of September, October and November 1987, preceding the election.

There will be one Election Committee Member elected from each district by secret ballot of those members present whose last known address as shown on the records of the Local Union 10 days prior to the first such district meeting. September, 1987, was within the area covered by the district. Nominees for the Election Committee must be registered voters within their respective districts; must have been members of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for one year next preceding their nomination and shall not be a candidate or nominator of a candidate for Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 33rd International Convention.

Meeting Schedule

October 1987

13th EUREKA- Engineers Building, 2806 Broadway
14th REDDING- Engineers Building, 100 Lake Blvd.
15th MARYSVILLE- Engineers Building, 1001 "Y" Street
20th MILL VALLEY- Howard Johnsons, 160 Shoreline Hwy.
27th HILO- Kapiolani School, 966 Kilaua Avenue
28th MAUI- Kahului Elem. School, 410 S. Hina Ave., Kahului
29th HONOLULU- Kalii Hi Waena School, 1240 Gulick Ave.
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4th STOCKTON- Engineers Building, 1916 North Broadway
10th- Laborer's Hall, 5431 East Hedges
17th AUBURN- Auburn Recreation Ctr., 123 Recreation Drive
19th CONCORD- Elks Lodge No. 1994, 3994 Willow Pass Road

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Take your picnic!

First Annual District 1 Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 3 at the Allen Witt Park in Fairfield. Tickets purchased in advance will be $7 per person, $8 each at the door. Drink tickets for soft drinks and beer will be three for a dollar. The menu will feature tri-tip steak sandwiches with chilli, salad, bread. Children under 12 are free. Activities will include a raffle, softball, horseshoes, volleyball and much more. Don't miss it!

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Election Notice Change

Rec. Corr. Sec. Mm. Marcus has announced a change in the notice for the election of election committee for the central coast district. The Committee will be elected at the Santa Rosa district meeting scheduled for 1992.