Swansonacked by Two Bullets

Vicious assault endangers Business Manager's sight

Victor S. Swanson, business manager of Local 3, was viciously attacked, his eyes, head, arms and chest seared with acid by two unidentified thugs as he was leaving a meeting of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council last month. Swanson was sluggered from behind and, as he stumbled into his automobile, the assailants threw acid over him, seriously burning serious burns on other parts of head, arms and chest in addition to the physical injuries resulting from the attack.

While it was at first feared that Swanson's eyes were permanently damaged, Mrs. Swanson reports from St. Francis Hospital that Dr. T. H. O'Connor and Dr. W. S. Swett indicate that the vision in Swanson's right eye will be good and there are prospects of saving part of the vision of his left eye.

As Swanson lay in St. Francis Hospital fighting for his life, Local 3 immediately announced a $10,000 award for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the attack.

At the same time, leaders of the Metal Trades Council denounced the attack and pledged every assistance in the discovery and punishment of the assailants. Messages of sympathy and offers of assistance flooded into Swanson's hospital room from union members as well as officials, and his many friends, brothers, sisters, relatives, and employees.

Swanson is handling union affairs at the San Francisco office during Brother Swanson's absence. For so far as any value have been reported, the identity of the assailants is still unknown.

Swanson said the attack was so sudden and so surprising that he did not get a sufficient view to identify his assailants. He is positive that there were two men and has the impression that one was tall, the other short.

A door of rubber hose and a little mayonnaise bottle from which the acid had been thrown were found in Swanson's car. Police are studying them for fingerprints.

The attack was made as Swanso n left a Metal Trades Council meeting on the night of December 26. Inspector Sidney Dubois recounts the story.

It happened on Cupp Street, a hilly street, some 200 feet from the car, where Swanson's car was parked. Two men jumped at Swanson and he ran to his car, getting into the front seat. One of the men forced him and beat him with the rubber hose, hitting him with his flat side. Soon, Swanson was lying on his back on the front seat. Then the

Victor S. Swanson

Mrs. Swanson expresses appreciation for kindness

To the Officers and Members of Operating Engineers Local No. 2:

I wish to take this means of expressing in a small way the sincere appreciation of Mr. Swanson and myself for the innumerable kindness shown to us during these past weeks since he was brought to the hospital.

Having received so many beautiful flowers, hundreds of messages and letters, I find it almost impossible to answer them all personally at this time. Time does not permit; since most of my kind expressions of sympathy and, your understanding willingness to be of assistance in ever-

Please accept this message as our most sincere thanks for all your kind expressions of friendship and sympathy, and your understanding willingness to be of assistance in every way possible, all of which has been the greatest help and inspiration in keeping up his spirits and hastening his recovery. For myself, personally, I just cannot tell you how much it means to have so many loyal friends.

I am very happy to report that both Dr. T. H. O'Connor and Dr. W. S. Swett have given us the assurance that my husband's vision of the right eye will be good and there are prospects of moving part of the vision of the left one. This, of course, is the best news that could come to us at this time.

With our deepest gratitude, and our very best wishes to all.

Very Sincerely,

Mrs. Victor S. Swanson

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
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OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
**Local 3 asks assistance in apprehending thugs**

*By OTTO K. NEVER*  
Business Representative  
**Elko, Nevada**

To the President and Members of the Local 3.

Recent events have caused the International Executive Board to express a desire for the help of every one in the effort to apprehend the criminals responsible for this latest crime.

Brother George Hardwick is doing his best to get the United Mine Workers reasonable reparation of the criminals responsible for this attack on Brothetik Swanston.

We ask all trade unionists not to undervalue the importance of this fight.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments.

Signed  
Brother C. R. Swanson,
President.

**Never reports Eureka shocked at attack on 'Brother Vic'**

By OTTO K. NEVER  
Business Representative  
**Elko, Nevada**

The following letter was printed in the November 19, 1943 issue of the *International*.

Eureka, Nevada, November 12, 1943:  

To the Editor of the *International*:

I have read in the paper about your recent meeting with the United Mine Workers in Eureka.  

I wish you would say to Brother Swanston that Local 70 is very sorry about the whole thing and sincerely hope that those who are responsible will be caught up with and punished.

Harvey F. Hart,  
Humboldt County, Nevada.

Never has reported that several people were injured at the attack upon Brother Vic Swanston which the newspaper items carried telling the general public.

We shall keep you informed of developments.

Signed  
Brother Fred W. Lafler,  
Secretary-Treasurer.
Ogdens looks back at old farm
By SCOTT LEDENHAM
Business Representative
ODGEN, UTAH — The Interna- 
tional Union at operating Engi-
neer L. L. ("CURLY") SPENCE
Business Representative
PROVO, Utah — The result of a

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pany and placed into produc-
tion. These units include Cane Oven
Building, the part of the ore bed-
ning and smelting
plant and the boilers in the
building. The last of the units
construction is still being car-
ried on.

Other units that will soon be
placed into partial operation are
in the best of union condition.
Many members of Local Union
No. 3 have made application and
has been expected. Everyone
should be pleased to accept jobs
with the steel company. However,
our membership, due to the stock
in construction, is being urged to
accept all the good jobs open now.
Not everyone will wish to accept
a job now. We request that all
members who have been laid off be
notified immediately on receipt of
this notice.

In future to employ all our men.
None of us know what defeat
will mean to us.

Spence’s home phone which should
have been completed at Hill Field.

About $17,000,000 worth of work
has been completed at Hill Field.

During this last
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San Francisco —Dredge work
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East and West shall meet

The Washington scene

WASHINGTON — Gen. Geo. C. Marshall's big new organizational blast at organized labor has only served to keep still more attention on an already tangled wages situation.

But one clear result emerges from the wrangling of charges and counter-charges. The chief of staff's New Year's eve statement, handed out to the public as emanating from a high official source, has become the signal for renewed attacks on labor from all sides, perpered with a few continuous demands for labor law legislation.

Organized labor spokesmen were quick to point out the irresponsible and inflammatory nature of the general's remarks. Most logical reply to Marshall's charge that the rail and steel cases had proved a stand in the arm for the Nati morale in the Balkans was given, by AFL Press, William Green, and CIO Press, Philip Murray, who cited organized labor's outstanding war production job.

"There must be little "psychological comfort" for the enemy in this amazing record," Murray commented, "when our bombers fly over Europe their steel-encased bombs and our steel-encased missiles. When our ships roam the high seas they are steel-encased armed with steel-encased shells rather than psychological. Our tanks, our long-range guns, our machine guns, our rifles—all are made of steel and steel technology."

Joining labor in its condemnation of the chief of staff's remarks have been a number of congressmen, angered at this latest illustration of what they apparently becoming a fashionable technique in labor-bashing—for officididion to protect itself from deduction anti-labor trusts in industry.

Whether an investigation, as denounced by AFL Pres. William Green and several congressmen, will follow is not yet known. Sen. Harry Truman (D. Mo.), co-sponsor of the Trans-Mississippi resolution authorizing $60,000,000 for 100,000 members of 15 non-operating rail unions, has said such an investigation would have harmed his war investigation committee's scope. But personally, he told reporters, he wished the statement had never been made.

Much speculation, centering on whether President Roosevelt authorized Marshall's remarks, followed a statement by White House press secretary Stephen T. Early. Reading excerpts from the President's December 22 declaration, stressing the urgency of settling the rail wage case, Early said that "the high official source" had "been around the labor department all along." While this is on the surface an admission of a presidential endorsement of Marshall's position, some labor spokesmen pointed out that the President could not have been expected to repudiate publicly his own chief of staff.

And there is increasing evidence that Marshall was speaking only for himself. Newspapermen present at the highly select press conference when the general cited his views describe him as being in an agitated, angry frame of mind at the time.

Contrary to published accounts of the conference, Marshall's main argument was not that the rail and wage dispute had bolstered morale of the Nati population, as a whole, but that they had disturbed allied deals with a few key Balkan officials.

Facts for workers

Raw facts of this war are told to the army and navy have the films that can do it. War workers have to realize that they are pitted, man for man and woman for woman, against the workers and machines of Nati Europe and Japan. We have to look on ourselves as the making and being steeled for invasion on a continental scale. Labor leaders and such government men as Director Elmer Davis of the OWI are giving the facts, no matter how brutal. Military authorities also seem inclined to let the public see films that will jolt it out of any complacency.

War Department reports, a film now ready for factory and theater showings in 300 cities, is the staff's official report to American war workers. It combines captured enemy footage with films shot by our own service observers, and shows that fighting men are at the other end of the long conveyor belt that starts in the war plants of home. It shows the enemy's resources in materials, machines and men. It explains by maps and animated diagrams the tremendous power of the production machine. The OWI advertisement—suggests how long and costly the war can be.

Heroes in denim

By Federated Press

220,000 cigarettes a month

They are easy to send, they go regularly and they're appreciated by the boys in camp. Every month, Dist. Council 28, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), sends 220,000 union made cigarettes to American soldiers in Alaska.

And every month D. W. (Buba) Marshall, who handles the promotion, is flooded with thank-you letters and postcards from the frozen north. When the boys don't answer individually, someone in the company is delegated to write.

Memo to Hitler

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Oakland office reports on members, jobs
By Al Clem, Ed Doran and Joe Walther—Business Representatives

Engineers' Union had good year

Taking all, in the numbers of the Engineers' Union, residing in this vicinity, have had a very good year.

We have lost some of our Brothers to the Armed Forces, but we sincerely hope that they will be back among us before another year has rolled around.

There were some 1,000 members dispatched from the Oakland office in the past year. This figure includes both construction jobs and shipyards. The highest month for construction was January, 1945, when 54 men were dispatched.

This fell off to 255 in December, 1945 which is a good indication that construction work is tapering off in this area.

We in the Oakland office would like to extend our thanks to all stewards for the splendid cooperation that they have given us in the past year.

We would like to give honorable mention to the following Brothers for the splendid cooperation they gave fellow members and the Union in doing a vital job in the capacity of stewards during the year:


Brother Oscar Shinn is back from Alabama recuperating from a threat operation earned from breathing too much 7.10.0.

Brother Cliff Gilley has returned from his summer working in Alaska.

Brother Manuel Cardenas has just returned from Nicaragua. He has been operating a ferry-boat on the Suchitoto McCracken & Valens, Ltd., on the government ship dining at the present time.

It took several minutes to recognize Brother Steve Pierce when he called in the office re.

Shipyards hang up busy year

The shipyards have been very busy during the past year. We would say that they have had a busy year.

One main cause of this being is because of the many months of overtime duty.

Brother Wm. Carroll, who is stationed at Camp Boring, Davis-ville, Rhode Island, recently enjoyed a fair length of time there. He has been in the AEF for 4 months, 6 weeks of which was in Newfound-

land, where he was in charge of heavy equipment. He reports that the California operators were the best, in fact, most of the others followed had to be broken in.

In the past year, Best Manufacturing Co., has been very busy. They have picked up many of the operators from the shipyards who have been laid off.

Brother Al Duff, has been in the Army Engineers for the past year.

News from our men in service

Brother Bert Butterfield, who is stationed at an army hospital at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was a recent visitor in our office. Bert has had several months of overseas duty.

Andrew J. Newman, who was a r.ecruit for H. Earl Parker in Marysville, is now completing one year in Uncle Sam's army. He is now a Technical Fourth Grade in the Radio Division stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Brother Newman has also been stationed in Tennessee and Georgia, but so far hasn't acquired that Southern Drawl. We were glad to see him home for the holidays.

Brother Rudy Kosching, former Local 3 member, now on Servi-

ce Withdrawal, now stationed at the Seabees Base at Camp Parks, Pleasanton, was a recent visitor in the Oakland office. Rudy has been in the Service for 15 years—most of this time was spent in the Atlantic working on Heavy Equipment. There are 2 other members of Local 3 on the job. They are top men. Most of the fellows in the outfit were from the western states.

Before entering the service Rudy was employed on govern-

ment work in the Bay Area.

Brother F. E. pige, Eugene Wilson, who has been in the service 30 months, is now enjoying a 10 day vacation. Eugene received positive basic training in Fresno. At the present time Eugene is stationed at Oregon State College, and is taking a course in Civil Engineer-

ing, says it's alright, but he would much rather be back run-

ning a cut. It would be more fun.

We were glad to hear that Eugene's brothers, H. L. Wilson, is now stationed in Virginia at a Sea Bee Base, and is an instructor on a Rifle Range. He has been in the service since November 1942.

Brother Mike Allen is running Easter on Hillert.

Proctor started his 1st driv-

ing job at 8:11 on the Finger Pier.

Brother Jackson is the new swing shift steward at Yard 2, Richmond, replacing Brother R. Murphy who will soon be doing E. P. duty for Uncle Sam.

It's an "oldtimers" story

In 1905 the H. & B. Rick Company started a quarry in Contra Costa County at a place known as Siegro. Since then the City of El Cerrito has grown and has pra-

cially absorbed Siegro.

Two decades ago there

was an old timer by the name of Tom Marshall who went to work for the Company as a shovel operator. Tom has been there all these years and is doing a mighty fine job.

Two years later there was another old timer who bough along with the new Company, operated under the name of Tom'sCRU 7.

He was a good man and he has been there ever since and is still holding the bucket.

Brother Roy Ayres and Roy Ayres have both been there for the past several years working with Art and Tom in the capacity of Mine foremen. Brother Lynn Ashley is on the job operating the Locomotive Crane for the past 20 years. Working with him is Brother J. Morgan, who has been there for 22 years and C. Schimmer.

Working in the mill we have Brothers J. Cardonas, R. E. Fos-

den, R. B. John, and Brother Bills. Brother Bills has been there for 20 years and Brother Foster 10 years. Brother Will Jones is running the quarry boxing rock with a Dooer. He has been on the job for 23 years.

The production in this plant has been curtailed since December 3, owing to some difficulty with the property owners in the immediate vicinity. We will be glad to see the plant start up again.

There has been approximately two million yards of dirt moved in this plant in the past 20 years and we hope to see that many more yards moved, as this will furnish employment for many members for some time.

East Bay Shipbuilding & Repair Company

Oakland

WHO'S CONGRESSMAN DRIPP? *The repair dock and production line of the East Bay Shipbuilding & Repair Company, a war industry with a peace time future. *Producers of gun mounts and other pre-fabricated sections for troop ships and Liberty ships. *Operating engineers at East Bay are doing a wonderful job as skilled workers for Victory.

W. H. STEVENS, President

JAY GRAVES, General Manager

(Continued on Page 9)
Hester says nothing new at Redding

By F. A. ("RED") HESTER

Business Representative — Another busy week and another one, virtually, that is new, whatever that is to report at this time. 6,000 yards of concrete have been poured in the Shasta Dam, with concrete still going in.

The Bureau of Reclamation Engineers have regulated the flow of water through the Shingletown section, water in the Shasta Dam reservoir has risen about eight feet. The rainy season in this district is almost six weeks late this year, but all indications show that it will be and when it gets here, it will come drenching down. To avoid any advice you hear, (according to some sources), this very early rain, will come this way after an early employment at this time. However, we do contemplate on some jobs now.

There have been quite a number of our men on the Big Bend project laid off, so we have some “out of work” as such. Such as shovel runners, starters, etc., where there is plenty of good men and are anxious to get back to work.

I have been told to report that there are non-union men operating equipment on the Shasta. Fortunately there is every probability that these reports are true and most of these men are of the kind of a “foot and mouth” disease.

Boyd, a member of our yard, was recently involved in an auto accident and we wish him well.

Shipyards bend Sunday work

All shipyards building merchant vessels were emptied this week, by the Maritime Commission to move the buildings on January 1st. This will get more of our men to turn up our agreement and work.

In the near future, we will have more than the usual number of men on the job and the yard will be seen its best work yet.

Seaboard, Pennine, and many others have been in regular attendance at all of our meetings, and wish a happy New Year to all.

H. A. TIESLAU

California Pipes and Machinery Co.
Used Construction Equipment

RENO, NEVADA

Plant and Yard, 1316 East Sierra Highway at Gibson, Reno, Nevada

PO. Box 457, Reno, Nevada

Phone Tesla 9009
**San Jose reports**

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY

Business Representative

SAN JOSE—Billed as some good information the other day in Minges and Wataville regarding the extension of the Watsonville and Santa Cruz Highway, and I'm almost sure we will have some activity in that neighborhood before long. There is supposed to be over a million dollars spent in that locality in the near future on highway construction.

Santa Cruz and Davenport are in for some activity as well and I understand we are to have a good job out of McQuaide before long and, and other of those often talked about and proposed jobs. This will be mostly for Army use, coming out of the camp to the main area.

Monterey, as I understand it, is to have some state work, too. If any of the work that I've heard about in the past few days materializes, we will have plenty of action here this spring.

King City, Salinas and South are still very quiet and no news from that district except a bridge job at Camp Roberts, between the Eich and West Garrison.

M. A. Reddy is just about to put a period on his Camp Ord job, and I guess he'll move most of his gang of efficient operators down south into Local 32's territory—if they'll.

Groats Construction is going along nicely on its work on the West Coast, and Naco has just about completed his job there. A. D. C. Company has finished its laundry Sewer job and most of the gang has departed for regions unknown.

E. T. HANCOCK. I understand will soon complete his contract with the Cement Company at Davenport, and I suppose the brothers there will want to start on the second stage.

Harrison's heard a word about the proposed Santa Clara Air Port not anything more in regards to the "City of Light" and "Golden Pheasant Hill." We can all hope, though, I'd sure like to see something big in this district again with lots of action and commotion like it used to be when Roberts, Ord, Clayton, Salinas, Santa Cruz and Watsonville were under construction.

I'd like to meet the old gang again and talk a few sentiments. Know there must be many of them in the services now where we wish we could have seen them or not until after we have kicked the bug out of Hefley Tojo. I don't think we'll see them except over the nearest years and not ever except for the usual run of small jobs here and there and a few paper orders we have out at Santa Clara.

Camp Roberts is still operating and in the Tunnel and there are some small buildings going up, but of little importance. If De Molina Steel, as you may know, have the Tunnel, and have about one hundred men employed there when they started a year and a half ago, Bill Sellon has been there building there for the last 16 months, also Bill Reilly, the superintendent, (better known to his associates as "Clarence").

Huddy Iron Workers War Labor Board says "no soap."

Personalities: We are losing our brethren fast in the Armed Forces. The latest to go from this district are Brother B. T. C. Thompson, William H. Thompson, Eugene Hendy, Joe A. De Molina, and Arthur Davidon. While in Monterey the other day I learned that Brother West (who is at the Ringwood Hotel) going for me finished out in G. O. U. of the outfit.

Got a phone call from Brother Joe Biley (now in the Army, previously Business Representative in this district) the other evening from Camp Roberts wanting to know if I could recommend some place in Pass Robles where he might be able to purchase a quart of beer. He didn't offer to buy it and only a few of the boys were going to a proper meeting. (That's where they all swear for the seven days leaves, and hope the bugler dies before morning.)

Got another letter from Louis Edel in the South Pacific, said he had won out his battle with the Engineers News from resting it and passing it around camp.

Also received a letter from Hark Whiting and a card from Dave Haven. They were everybody at Happy New Year. Dave says it is a new year at Whiting Time. And at the present time they are only repairing the equipment and getting it ready for the next job.

Larry Crocino, C.P.O. and Red Maxwell were here the other day all dressed up in the G. O. U. uniforms and wished a Happy New Year to all and a very speedy recovery to Brother Vic Stevenson who was the victim of one of the most cruel, cowardly, inglorious and absolutely acts ever conceived or perpetrated by any animate or inanimate object of flesh called a human being. There are also 1,800 men of us who wish him a speedy recovery from the bottom of our hearts.

Hope, too, that they will soon catch these animals and bring them to justice and justice.

Got a letter from Tom Bolten and he is back in the States from Nicaragua. Manuel Cardona (that nice fellow who was in the office the other day) told Big Man was also back. Know the boys will be happy to get home to California again.

Well, boys, I guess this is all I have to report for this time. I hope all is well with you all and which we have now laid to rest and that the ensuing one will be even quicker and more prosperous than the last, and may it also bring a victorious end to this terrible war and bring our boys home safely.

Lots of luck and again, a speedy recovery to Vic and may you all be back with us. 

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**Soldier Vote No. 1 issue as Congress resumes, labor newspapers declare**

By Fededated Press

The soldier vote was the No. 1 issue for all labor unions as Congress filtered back into Washington after its holiday recess. A roundup of labor papers indicated that unions all over the country—AFL, CIO and railroad—utilized the congressional recess to campaign for soldier vote legislation similar to the Green-Luxan bill debated in the Senate before the holidays.

Official organs of AFL central labor bodies in most states carried President William Green's statement to Chairmen Eugene Worley (D. Tex., of the House Elections Committee), urging that Congress enact the bill. Other labor papers will provide vote privileges for all who are serving in the armed forces. Yields urged AFL members to back up Green's demand by commencing legislation with congressmen from their districts.

Following through on Pres. Philip Murray's declaration to Congress that the CIO will spread throughout the land a full understanding of the vastly different nature of the Senate's vote on the Green-Luxan bill, the California Labor Herald, the Buffalo Union Leader, the Cleveland Union Leader and other state and city CIO papers republished the Senator's statement in its entirety so that members could tell who voted for it and who against it.

"Shall our soldiers be stalemated in a distant jungle? Unemployment will be back and waiting. Shall we permit all local leaders of CIO to remain employers even in war time? Shall we pile up all the bill of particulars and then demand that union men fight for our soldiers? Shall we demand the same for our sailors of the navy? Shall we demand them as well?"

The News is the official newspaper of United Country Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers (CIO). The Department of Labor's survey of 1938 reports that 20,000 individual congressmen went a similar demand from the general executive board of the United Mine Workers of America and 1,900,000 workers were organized in the CIO.

Thousands of members of United Retail Wholesale and Department Store Employees (CIO) in New York soon talked into the union's news letter to its members on soldier vote legislation.

The Department Store Employees reported.

**San Francisco Labor Council sends letters to all AFL members urging them to "demand safety for fighting men."

The Arizona Labor Victory Committee, made up of AFL, CIO and railroad unions, not only demanded the soldiers' vote, but asked Gov. Sidney F. Go- ban (D) to call a special session of the legislature to facilitate balloting.

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Army duty. Brother Green has been a cat and crane operator out of this office for the past 21 years.

Brother John Prather, who has been acting in the Richmond Shipyard for some time was induced to the latter part of December. He reported to Monterey.

Funeral services were held in Wrethams, Oklahoma for Brother J. H. Dunsmore, who passed away December 30 at Raisin. Farmers Hospital. Brother Dunsmore was an usher in Yard 2, Fremont.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 5, for Brother Louis Kettel, Local 3 A member, who was accidentally killed while working at Moore Dry Dock Company, December 23, 1943. Con. E. Stanton Chapel in San Leandro was in charge of the service.

Brother Peter Viscar, Pacific Coast Engineering employee, is confined to his home recuperating from a knee injury. We understand Brother Viscar has been out of work two months, three weeks of which were spent in the hospital. Mrs. Viscar reports Pete will be able to return to work around January 10th.

He'd been given food so badly prepared that even his tater-tots crumbled to eat it—SHORTRYN J. O'LEARY.

"Production and more production" is the battle cry of a few people. They know that complete security rests with production supremacy—ability to out-produce the Axis. Operating Engineers are playing a vital part in keeping the Nation's assembly lines working at top speed. Their jobs on reservoirs, canals, ditches and canalization are with contractors building military highways, cemeteries, housing and dredging projects, landing fields, camps and ships, and other construction projects essential to the war effort. This they are doing on a twenty-four hour schedule.

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CONGRESSMAN Dripp

BY YOMEN
Minutes of Jan. 8 meeting

Meeting of Local Union No. 3 was called to order at 8:30 p.m., January 8, 1944, at the Broadway Trade Temple, San Francisco, President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed guard O'Brien absent. Brother Meta reported that Brother Clancy reviewed the minutes at the December meeting and the condition satisfactory.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 1943 were read and approved without change. The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 18, 1943 were read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were read and motion approved of all.

BUSINESS AGENTS REPORTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the reports of the Business Representatives be disposed of, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Alaska, Tuberculosis and Health Association, letter of appreciation for donation to their fund. Received and filed.

From Consolidated Building Trades Council, Local No. 22 Council of Valleys and vicinity, notification that the Berghard Traders Council of Companions of XG, California, is on their behalf the "We Do Not Patronize List." Received and filed.

From the Retail Clerks Local No. 315 of Vallejo, California, notification that Resources Furniture Store of Vallejo is on the "We Do Not Patronize List." Rejected.

From the Central Labor Council of San Joaquin County expressing sympathy to Brother Swanson regarding his accident. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks received from Mrs. Feeney, Mrs. Con-

iner and children, Mrs. Joe R. Dunbar, and children, Mrs. Farrell and son, Mrs. R. D. Keller family, Mrs. Dunn, R. B. Keller family, Mrs. Stone and family. Interests and clubs.

Christmas cards received from George Baker, Joe Benet, Mrs. Con-

iner and children, Mrs. Farrell and son, and family, Pay Anderson, R. B. Keller family, Mrs. Stone and family.

NOMINATIONS

By motion, nominations were closed.

Respectfully submitted,

(George Bak, Jr.)

R. B. Keller

Treasurer in regard to a per capita tax of 8 mills was moved and seconded. Carried.

SOLVED: That the proper

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The home front engineers are adding another big job in helping BROWN ELY CO. of El Cerrito, Calif, specialists in grading power shovel work, etc., finish projects like the Hamilton Air Field, Marin City, and the Marinship Yard. Other prominent men in the construction field is General Excavating Engineer J. HENRY HARRIS of Emeryville, called the rock and fill expert. These two companies are keeping their Operating Engineers and equipment humming to get these jobs done on schedule FOR VICTORY.
WLB still holds out on money for Friant canal

By T. D. DEKSYON
Business Representative
FRESNO—A vote from San Jose Reclamation Board has again refused to release the money for the Friant Kern canal, their excuse being that there still exists a shortage of material.

Tewfild Shields and Fisher are moving right along on their food control job on the Kings river, with about thirty of their members employed, this job will be winding up before long as they will be able to work there after the water starts running down from the Mountains, which is beginning to give some trouble now.

American Bridge Co., is employing twenty-seven twenty-five 3-c members on the Dredge Points, Building Levelers on the Tulare Lakes. The Utah Construction Co., is using twelve of their members on the Friant Dam, where they are setting the Control gates and other features for the Reclamation district.

Lassen and Harris is making good progress on the Friant-Madera Canal, they are using eighteen of our members on this job and job number 2 will last another two or three months. Ober Brothers are getting pretty well finished on the Fresno River Cyphus, they are using six of our members.

J. T. Hulskruck Company, is using six of our members on Ham-mer Field and a small landing field at Wood Lake, these are short jobs and will probably finish up soon.

We have two large crews working for the Reclamation district in the vicinity of Los Banos cleaning irrigation ditches. D. Velieghis Brothers are using four of our members on the Southern Pacific near Don Pales, strengthening hills.

The above covers just about all the activities in the Fresno District, with the exception of a few jobs being worked over and few scattered throughout the oil fields and of course the Rock and gravel plants which are staying down, considerable. Negotiations are still going on the Rock and Gravel Plants in Fresno and Tulare Counties with prospects for a settlement improved somewhat.

A Trench & Soen were the low bidders on the principal part of the Madera-Chowchilla section of the Reclamation, and have been highly recommended by N. C. Earles Jones on the second division about three miles, the bids coming in n D. C. for approval and awarding of the contracts, which has not been done yet.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support during the past year and hope that conditions will improve enough next year so that everyone will have a happy and prosperous year during 1944.

By W. A. SIEBER
Business Representative
SAN JOSE—A review of Union activities at the Permanentia plant taken at the close of the year 1943, give substantial evidence that progress has been consistently marked. In the eyes of our members, and company policy dealing with labor relations, there has been a great many organization activity, there are members who, because complements are not adjusted immediately, very often come to us on offer without comment from authorities. The progress of this program has been brought about by the efforts of members from unions, inclined to cooperate, to change ordinances or agencies, to be regulated, or delayed action on the part of government agencies serving on the permanentia board, to avoid dealing with labor problems.

Profits headed for record

NEW YORK—While corporation lobbyists are drafting bills, all over Washington about that and that, the permanentia Association predicts that 1944 profits will total close to $5 billion, highest in the country's history.

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Conditions in San Francisco not so good as new year should be

By P. E. VANDERWOU
Treasurer and Business Representative
SAN FRANCISCO—Frantic conditions in work is San Francisco now with the beginning of the New Year not as good as we would like to see them.

New jobs have been lost in the last few weeks, the prospects of additional work is not very promising at present.

Toxie, Marizin & Khlebon are moving along with their warm house job at 6th and Channel with several of the members employed. Fineon & Frank are just getting started on a small job at Tuxenar Island, Meyer & Fraser are up on their main pipe job at Pet. Bue­ verich Hill are still using a number of members on Hunters Point on building jobs.

The employers are in about the same conditions as of the last report. A few cases are coming up now and then for grievances. A meeting was held recently with the members from Bethlehem yards, and as a result five real grievances were selected, and already a noticeable change has been experienced, due to the organized efforts of the stewards.

We were privileged with a visit from some of the old timers who have been outside the United States working. Brother McKen­ zey recently came back from the United States north, leaving next, wait, and ready for more of it according to his statements.

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Fourth war loan starts

WASHINGTON—Mounting tempo of war calls for greater pur­
chasement of War Bonds to offset losses of supplies on the battle­
front, the War Finance Division of the Treasury stated in launching the Fourth War Loan Drive on January 16.

Goal of the drive is 14 billion dollars, which 5 billions is ex­
pected to be made up of individual purchases of extra bonds.

Quoting the Treasury Depart­
ment, OWI pointed out that work­
ers on plant payrolls have always been large purchasers of War Bonds. In addition to buying $250,­
600,000 a month on regular savings, they bought over $90,000,­
000 additional in the “Third War Loan.”

Goal for the Fourth War Loan is at least $200 extra bonds for every worker. Workers are urged to buy extra bonds, as an invest­
ment, to help central inflation, and to back up the attack and end the war possibly.

To illustrate the battle-consump­
tion of supplies, it was pointed out that 1800 blueprint workers, work­
ing 68 hours a week, must work an entire year to replace 400 bachelors lost in one day’s raid over Ger­
many. In Italy, we used up almost half of the 37mm’s on hand. To keep 100 men equipped with rifle s, 40 replacements have to be shipped each year. With some of the hard­
est fighting afield as victory draws closer, those at home will have to redouble their efforts to keep pace with the costly advances on the front.

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Railway magazine snitches

CHICAGO—While the railroads are pleading poverty as an excuse for not giving their employees wage increases, the magazines Railway Age characterized 1943 as “the greatest year in the history of American railroading.” It gives

those figures:

Traffic handled: 725,000,-

600,000 ton-miles, which was 14 per­
cent higher than in 1942.

Passenger traffic: 95,000,000

(1942) and three times as much as in 1939.

Revenue earnings exceeded $4,000,­

000,000,000 for the first time—
topped the previous record of $7,000,000,000 set in 1942.

An unidentified engineer soldier, driving a Bull­
doozer with blade uplifted as a shield, barged through the undergrowth. As he reached a Jap­
pill box he dropped the blade snapping up earth and burying every one of the enemy like rats
in a hole.

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Notices he instructed to with­

draw from the General Sav­

ings Account Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars for the pay­
ment of the advertised reward, when such person or persons are brought to justice, in ac­
cordance with the forms of the advertised reward, and that the Executive Officers be au­
thorized to withdraw from the General Savings Fund such amounts as are necessary to fully publicize the reward. It was regularly moved and sec­
onded that the resolution be adopted as read. Carried unanimously. (First reading.)

Three being no further business to come before the meeting it was

regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn in memory of our deceased Brothers. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHIESON

Secretary.

The British are checking at the story of two English countrymen who were returning on a train to Yorkshire. One said to the other: “George, you seem to have ac­
quired an American accent.” To

which his friend replied, “Why not? I’ve been in London for the last three weeks.”