WASHINGTON (FP)—Public hearings were scheduled to begin here April 4 in the American Federation of Labor's fight to force a peaceful conclusion of the Little Steel formula, the National War Labor Board announced March 29.

The WLl named the special panel which will hear the AFL, NRA, and Continental Steel Corporation. A nominated public member of the Board will be chairman, with Charles R. Hard, Jr., of the Baldwin-Lima-Young Steel Co., Baltimore, as the industry representative; Charles Byrd, Jr., of the Photo-Engraving Union, AFL, as the labor member; and Bernard M. Voigt of the Photo-Engraving Union (AFL) as the neutral public member.

In the post-war period, the steel industry may turn for less than .016c per kilowatt hour. In the opinion of its top officials, it was then a pleasure.

Brother Harry Metz, who was working as my assistant at the time I entered the hospital, continued doing a good job with the splendid and able help of all of the Officers and Business Representatives, as well as the wonderful cooperation of the entire membership, and I am very pleased.

As provided by the WLl's recently adopted ruling, the AFL will present its evidence in the panel and the panel will make a report to the full WLl Board which will then decide whether or not to carry the investigation further. Only the AFL evidence will be heard, with the industry ease to come only if further hearings are directed by the full WLl.

The AFL, in a statement released here by Sis. Tressa. George Massey, will open its case, followed by economists for the Federation and Labor officials of the auspicious desire to present evidence.

Although the AFL criticized the WLl's method of hearing its case, the union had the opportunity to challenge the Little Steel formula and any hope of obtaining realistic wage adjustments for American workers was raised up for increased "living costs."
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By W. A. Red HESTER
Business Representative

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Bids will be opened on April 5th for thirty (30) miles of roadwork, the largest section of the Roadway in Tehama County. There is also a large section of construction to be done in Modoc County this summer. That is about all the new work that can be reported in this district.

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A great many of our brothers in this district also have been induced into the service. We have very few men out of work but we do have a lot of calls for men which we are not able to fill.

I am leaving tomorrow, April 5th, to attend the Third Convention of the Operating Engineers and expect to return about April 22nd. Otto Newe, Business Representative in Eureka, will take care of some of the controversies which may arise in this district. His phone number is Eureka 200.

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Here are Local 3's own 'pin-up girls'

By P. K. VANDENBERG
Business Representative

San Francisco - Since the last issue of the Engineers News, work conditions have changed a great deal, and the outlook for the future is now very optimistic.

Several jobs have started in earnest, with the advent of good weather. Macdonald and Kinmatt Housing Project on Wisconsin Street now has several of our members employed. Phoenix Builders have started excavation on the De Haro Housing Project.

Frito Farm job at Third and Paul is also using several members. Karm and Smith has a nice large street paving job on the Metropolitian Housing Project which should last several months. Maconnic & Kravens Turtles are now working on several new ware houses at the Martin Supply Base,

Hunters Point, Pacific Bridge Company, Barrett and Elipco, Construction Company, Sankey, and McGee & Hater, are still doing construction work with several of the members still with jobs varying from trenched work to building.

Uncle Sam is still steadily driving into our membership. We now always depend on Uncle Sam for the right answer. Not only did Uncle Sam do her own job, but she was also always ready and willing to pitch in and help others when work was too slow. She always leaves a gap in the personnel of the office.

An informal dinner was held in Uncle Sam's honor shortly before her departure, and a bracelet and lapel pin was presented to her from the officers and membership of Local 3 as a small token of appreciation for her many years of faithful and efficient service.

San Francisco's outlookbrightens as jobs start

Here are the guests at the farewell dinner given to honor of Mabel (McKee) Murphy, seated left to right: Pat Meier, Ethel Walt, Margaret Holkesgren, (San Francisco Office): Helen Balsamhagen, (Oakland); Mabel Murphy, (San Francisco); Margaret Elauman, Theresa Barnes Nagel, Margaret Ayerswell, (Oakland); Heidi Gustavson (San Francisco).

Standing, left to right: Edith Gratham, (San Jose); Audrey Peters, Ethel Herbert, Frances Bellanin, Marie Armstrong, List Novack, Alice Carpenter, Norma Scammell, Dorothy Tayer, Mildred Rees, and Eda Neron (San Francisco).

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***Fresno***

By T. D. BRISBY
Business Representative

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**Fresno**—Considerable activity is still to be seen in the vicinity of Fresno and Tulare.

The E. J. Haddock Company is still busy at its land-leveling work in the vicinity of Fresno and Tulare. The company is keeping some of its members of our union.

The Griffith Company has two Draglines and two Dozers working on the Tulare River near Coarseo.

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The regular meeting of the Fresno Branch is held on the fourth Saturday night at 10:35 Broadway, Fresno, Calif.

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Three suction dredges and one Clam Shell dredge are building Levens on the San Joaquin River. They are experiencing considerable trouble underwater in the vicinity of Fresno and Tulare.

It has about seven miles of endless belts and has a considerable back-filling to do there.

The L. H. Hansen Company has a Dragline and a Dozer working on the Tulare River.

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A. J. Telcher Company is just about finished with its Pipeline line in the vicinity of Dawson and expects to be moving on to another job in the vicinity of Antioch soon.

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The A. J. Telcher Company has started on its section of the Friant Modern Canal. The company has already started on the dam shift, but it expects to double shift as soon as it gets straightened around.

The Larsen and Harms Company is pretty well along on its section of the Friant Modern Canal. It expects to be finished in about two weeks. Also the Ogden Brothers job on the Syphon across the Friant River is nearing completion.

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The Utah Construction Company is still working with its Dragline on the Friant Dam and expects to finish the job in about two weeks.

The M. J. R. Cody Company was low bidder on a $10,460 Highway job in Madera.

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Some eight Cat Skinneos are working on Salinas-Farmers Expressway work. They are all skilled workers and are paying less than the union scale. After a little permission we were able to convince him that it paid him more to do what he was ordered union operators and the job is now all right.

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**Geneva mill pushes ahead**

Gloom, rumors of a mill plant closing, plant work continues, Spence reports

By M. G. MURPHY
Building Materials

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The Springer Co. has notified this locality, and our number of unemployed has declined a great deal since the last issue of Engineers News.

The new work has not really started in on the mill yet, but when I return from Chicago, that work will be going full blast.

Hunter Leggett road job is still under way and Camp Roberts is doing a nice job of work. U. S. Engineers took over the responsibility of building the Military road from Leggett to the Harbor and Dock facilities.

Watsonville is slated to get a new mill, and I am sure that deals for the Bessemer improvements and more installations of articles for construction, Halister will get another little job for them.

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**Seabee finds unique way to drill hole**

WASHINGTON—When a Seabees becomes exasperated, a pet project may take the form of drilling a roadway out of volcanic rock at a Pacific base. But even the best efforts of two men drilling such a hole while another 8 hours were required to work so that it would have enough to start a small charge at the opening.

King City Airbase is under its expansion program and going along nicely. Salinas has been quiet and not doing a thing. Monterey is much the same as Salinas. However, I understand there is about $5,000,000 to be spent on improvement at the Harbor and Dock facilities.

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No hitching on this ride

By PFC Joe Palooka

When a fella gets into the ring with Death a couple times a day, as us guys at the front do, he naturally gets to wonderin' what all this is about. What's he doin' it for? What's he gonna get out of it— if he's lucky enough to get home, I mean. The fella I talk to all think that the people back home in their soft beds mug up get a new slant on this world. We ain't riskin' our necks so a few lucky guys who have a bitta dough can go right on makin' more than they'll ever need—at the expense of everybody else.

Things have got to be different if we even get out of this mess.

We want to see a county where every guy gets a fair shake, no matter what color his skin is or what church he goes to. It's the Constitution thing—now—but it ain't in the hearts of the constitutives, if you know what I mean.

We're not fightin' these Fascist murderers over here just for the fun of comin' home and findin' other Fascists makin' things there. Hate is no way to get things done. We're sick of hate and we're gonna expect Americans to stop hatin' each other and start understandin' each other instead. There's plenty of everything in that great country of ours if we're ready to find a way to give every guy a chance at it.

And that means a decent house for every family, enough healthy food, a chance to get an education and a chance to do somethin' useful with all the learnin'. It raises the Four Freedoms, too—but not just on the poster in a cafe window. It means the Four Freedoms as a practical, operational plan put into work by our U.S. Government along with the other United Nations big shots.

We ain't fightin' to go back to any old days, good or bad. We're fightin' to go forward, to better days. And this time we ain't settlin' for promises either . . .

The little black line

By George Fiebing Eliot

I worked a great deal with maps. Some of them are huge wall maps, on which colored pins represent the position of opposing forces. But for detail, it is better to use smaller maps, showing the territorial features such as hills, valleys, woods, roads, and villages. On such maps the battle area can be followed from day to day and indeed from hour to hour by the use of little black lines.

Now, when a new line goes down on one of these maps—perhaps to be reproduced next morning in your daily papers—it does not mean that artillery has opened fire, or bombs have been dropped, or tanks have charged. It means that territory has changed hands—it means, in other words, that our infantry has advanced and taken new ground, or has been compelled to withdraw and give up ground to the enemy's infantry.

It is the location of the infantry that makes the map important. It is the holding or taking of ground that really matters. And that means—infantry: muddy, hazy,Check, tired, foot-sloggin' infantry.

If our infantry can advance, we're winning; if they can stay where they are, we're holding our own; only when they are compelled to retire can we be said to be losing. And that isn't often.

Remember the little black line on the map. That's the pay-off. That's where the infantry is. That's the yardstick of victory or defeat . . .

Take your pick

"A majority can never replace a man. A majority always represents both stupidity and cowardice. There is no principle so wrong as the parliamentary principle."—ADOLP HITLER.

"No man is good enough to govern another without the other's consent."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Combined operations' includes labor

WASHINGTON—American workers are included in the definition of "combined operations" by Lieut. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In giving his definition, General Vandegrift paid tribute to the part labor has played in the war effort. "Our combined forces are air, land and sea power, and home-front power," he said. "Without the latter, the others are useless. And when we refer to combined operations, let us remember that the co-ordinated production of supplies and fighting equipment for our fighting men is an essential part of the combination."

General Vandegrift warned that the Japs still possess a real and dangerous reserve of vicious striking power. "Recent successes in the Pacific," he said, in comparing the Pacific war to a prize fight, "have produced a situation that could tempt us to throw caution to the winds, and to sail into the foe, flailing wildly, without regard for timing, balance, wind, or any of the basic rules of defense. But we must not—and will not—he so blind with optimism as to commit any such error. The enemy is by no means exhausted."

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"But ships, planes and troops are not, in themselves, enough. In the past 20 months, when we Americans have said 'combined forces' we have meant more than air, land and sea forces. And we shall mean much in the future. All the people of this nation make up our combined forces. The total effort of this nation represents our combined operations," the General concluded.

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Jobs picking up in East Bay area

Construction work in this area is picking up considerably. We are still having difficulty in securing offers for the shipyards as well as for construction jobs.

At the present time H. O. Buxton is still on the job of Port Chicago and employing 300 men. Local No. 3, Brother Tom Shaw of Napa is acting foreman. Fredrickson and Watson are moving their camps on the job and at the present time they are using about 10 members, and Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are on the job at DeForest Barge and File Driver Engineers.

Mace Construction Company is busy filling all of their quotas with their job in Alameda.

Barrett & Hilby is finishing its contract at Camp Parks. The company anticipates more work being let there in the near future.

Betchel, McCoy and Parsons has 56 members of Local No 3 on its job in Richmond at the Standard Oil Plant.

A. Bissotti Company is busy on its hearing job project in Berkeley.

Parton Bros. are moving their camps to San Lorenzo to do the grading on the Balboaam & Shimoon Milling Contract. Brother Lester Nodwell was the first to be cleared on the job. They have employed about 20 engineers.

Brothers Jim Jones and Clark Snow are busy driving piles at the Western Marine Sausalito Industrial Company. Brother Booker is employed as Fireman.

There are several engineers employed on the Water Line job for McCawley and Heston in Richmond.

We note in the Daily Construction Service that Brother R. J. Driscoll, is now president and general manager of the J. D. Proctor Company, was low bidder on finger pier job at Treasure Island. We think perhaps this is one of the largest jobs that the Proctor Company has won so far. We wish Brother Proctor a lot of success.

Brother Louis Aneta, stoker at the Ballet Yards at Antioch, California, reports they are very busy turning out wooden boats.

Brother Bill Seccom has returned from Washington, is employed as Master Mechanic at the N. M. Rail Shop in Berkeley. They are very busy overhauling their equipment.

Suite Company is finishing its landscaping for the Housing project at Richmond and is working on a sewerage disposal system job in Richmond.

Work in the various gravel places is picking up encouragedly.

We received a report that Brother Victor Smith, a stone cutter employed at Bethlehem Steel Company, Alhambra, died last week with a broken leg. Brother Sals was injured in a mess- teracy accident.

While talking to Brother Curtis Conley, old time member of Local No. 3, shortly informed us that he has three sons who have answered the call of their country. We think this is somewhat of a record for one family as all three are in the navy.

Navy in 1941. He was at Pearl Harbor during the raid. One year was spent at Gadsden Naval Ordnance, also. At the present time Clyde is going to a Technical School at Jacksonville, Florida. Clyde is a member of Local No. 3.

Howard (center) enlisted in 1940 in the Navy. He was also at Pearl Harbor, Mississippi.

Here’s prize for reader farthest off

We have heard considerable discussion and many comments from members in this area about how far our Engineers’ News travels each month.

To settle this controversy several of the members have made a donation, which amounts to the sum of $5.00, which is to be sent to the member who can direct this office from the farthest distance away. This offer applies to this issue only and all answers must be in this office, 2222 Webster Street, Oakland, California, by June 15, 1944.

We regret—

We regret to report the death of Brother Carl E. Richeson, old time member of Local No. 5, who met with a fatal accident while driving a truck on Tuesday evening previous, March 25.

Funeral services were held at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley.

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Funeral services were held at the Little Chapel of the Flowers at Emeryville, March 30, 1944, for Brother Russell Bartie, 1 member.

Brother Bartie passed away as the result of an illness of bronchial pneumonia.

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Brother C. E. Livensperger, 5 members, passed away at Methodist Hospital, Oakland, recently.

Albert Engelhardt Pursel had charge of the arrangements for shipping the body to Knoxville, Tennessee, for burial.

We wish a lot of success to Brother Frank Enhorst, old time member of Local 3, who left recently for Kansas where he expects to purchase a store and go into business for himself.

He has been out of work for some time due to a hand injury sustained while employed on a job for J. B. Martin.

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It has been reported that Brother Bob Robinson, Yard Prefab Driver, Westside, has been admitted to the Permanent Hospital with a case of the mumps. We wish Bob a complete and speedy recovery.

Brother Herb Sudduth, who underwent an appendectomy last month, has completely recovered and is back on the job again.

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Oakland Office Reports on members and jobs

By Al Clem, Ed Doran and Joe Watfrlin, Business Representatives

Fighting sons of Local 3 members

News from East Bay servicemen

A recent visitor in our office was Brother T. J. Stg. A. E. "Buzz" Greenhouse, who is enjoying a 15-day furlough from army duties at Gelrey Field, Washington. "Buzz" has been in the service 8 months and is following construction work in the Engineers Aviation Battalion.

A much enjoyed V-Mail letter was received by this office from Brother Paul Chipahe, M. M. 2nd, who is stationed with a Seabees Company in New Guinea. Paul reports they are working very hard and long and as they were used to long hours before entering the service, the only thing that bothers them is the heat and rain. He had received an issue of our news for which he was very grateful, as no news down there is quite a novelty.

We wish a lot of good luck to the following members who were called to serve their country during the past month: Brothers Martin Campbell, Navy; Merle Barton, Army; L. B. Mitchell, Navy; Eugene Correll, Navy Ship Repair; Joe Porter, Army; Sidney Hickman, Navy; T. F. Fry, Navy; Peter L. Cumming, Army; J. A. Brooks, Army; C. A. Blount, Jr.; P. J. Sheehan; Paul Ellis, Army.

A. B. Biisotti Company in Richmond is very busy on its hearing job project in Berkeley.

Paterson Bros. are moving their camps to San Lorenzo to do the grading on the Balboaam & Shimoon Milling Contract. Brother Lester Nodwell was the first to be cleared on the job. They have employed about 20 engineers.

Brothers Jim Jones and Clark Snow are busy driving piles at the Western Marine Sausalito Industrial Company. Brother Booker is employed as Fireman.

There are several engineers employed on the Water Line job for McCawley and Heston in Richmond.

We note in the Daily Construction Service that Brother R. J. Driscoll, is now president and general manager of the J. D. Proctor Company, was low bidder on finger pier job at Treasure Island. We think perhaps this is one of the largest jobs that the Proctor Company has won so far. We wish Brother Proctor a lot of success.

Brother Louis Aneta, stoker at the Ballet Yards at Antioch, California, reports they are very busy turning out wooden boats.

Brother Bill Seccom has returned from Washington, is employed as Master Mechanic at the N. M. Rail Shop in Berkeley. They are very busy overhauling their equipment.

Suite Company is finishing its landscaping for the Housing project at Richmond and is working on a sewerage disposal system job in Richmond.

Work in the various gravel places is picking up encouragedly.

We received a report that Brother Victor Smith, a stone cutter employed at Bethlehem Steel Company, Alhambra, died last week with a broken leg. Brother Sals was injured in a mess- teracy accident.

While talking to Brother Curtis Conley, old time member of Local No. 3, shortly informed us that he has three sons who have answered the call of their country. We think this is somewhat of a record for one family as all three are in the navy.

Navy in 1941. He was at Pearl Harbor during the raid. One year was spent at Gadsden Naval Ordnance, also. At the present time Clyde is going to a Technical School at Jacksonville, Florida. Clyde is a member of Local No. 3.

Howard (center) enlisted in 1940 in the Navy. He was also at Pearl Harbor, Mississippi.

Here’s prize for reader farthest off

We have heard considerable discussion and many comments from members in this area about how far our Engineers’ News travels each month.

To settle this controversy several of the members have made a donation, which amounts to the sum of $5.00, which is to be sent to the member who can direct this office from the farthest distance away. This offer applies to this issue only and all answers must be in this office, 2222 Webster Street, Oakland, California, by June 15, 1944.

We regret—

We regret to report the death of Brother Carl E. Richeson, old time member of Local No. 5, who met with a fatal accident while driving a truck on Tuesday evening previous, March 25.

Funeral services were held at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley.

... ... ... ...

Funeral services were held at the Little Chapel of the Flowers at Emeryville, March 30, 1944, for Brother Russell Bartie, 1 member.

Brother Bartie passed away as the result of an illness of bronchial pneumonia.

... ... ... ...

Brother C. E. Livensperger, 5 members, passed away at Methodist Hospital, Oakland, recently.

Albert Engelhardt Pursel had charge of the arrangements for shipping the body to Knoxville, Tennessee, for burial.

We wish a lot of success to Brother Frank Enhorst, old time member of Local 3, who left recently for Kansas where he expects to purchase a store and go into business for himself.

He has been out of work for some time due to a hand injury sustained while employed on a job for J. B. Martin.

... ... ... ...

It has been reported that Brother Bob Robinson, Yard Prefab Driver, Westside, has been admitted to the Permanent Hospital with a case of the mumps. We wish Bob a complete and speedy recovery.

Brother Herb Sudduth, who underwent an appendectomy last month, has completely recovered and is back on the job again.

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By C.L. CASEBOLT and T. L. CLARK
Business Representatives

The Engineers’ diary was held at the Neuhause Hotel on March 18. It was a tremendous success, and all who were present had a very enjoyable time. Chisels are all, everything went so smoothly that no one would have believed that it was the Engineers holding the dance. The invited Brother Swanson to be here himself or have a representative from the rank and file to see “how we do it.”

The crowd, coming and going through the evening ran into several hundred persons, all Engineers and their wives and sweethearts, interested in the program we are carrying on in this state.

While they were coming and going, the dance floor was as crowded as it could be from the time they started until the finish. In conclusion, the dance was a tremendous success, but we did miss the presence of Brother Swanson, or someone from their designated by him.

We wish to report that Brother Ralph Walker was injured on March 18 and is in the St. Mark’s Hospital where he is taking rapid steps toward recovery.

In concluding this month’s news letter, we wish to inform you that Ralph G. Hurlbut passed away suddenly on March 6th of natural causes, and the officers and members will miss him to a very appreciable degree.

Survey sees postwar boom

NEW YORK (AP) -- Postwar housing demand will probably exceed 5,000,000 units per year for the first 10 years, continuing a vast program of employment and producing in home building and related industries “in excess of anything accomplished in the past.”

This prediction highlighted results in a major survey of the entire field of American housing, its problems and prospects, conducted by the 25th Century Fund. Research was directed by Miles L. Colen, architect, who resigned his post as assistant administrator of Federal Housing Administration to conduct the survey.

Basis for the survey’s assurance of widespread postwar construction activity is its finding that “the housing stock as a whole is in an extremely deteriorated condition.”

In urban areas it found “more than 22 per cent of all dwellings had no private bath in 1940 and over 10 per cent were in need of major repairs. In the rural community, these percentages were considerably higher, and on farms higher still.”

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President

Well?

Further news, we have work going on at Hooper, Price, Gregory, Davis and Westmore, which is satisfactory to the Engineers. W. W. Clyde Company is starting work this putting in temporary bridges and roads preparatory to starting work on the Glenwood dam.

The Utah Construction Company has a large number of Engineers working on the dike job at Garfield. We are now attempting to negotiate an agreement with this company covering its present interest, etc., and all future construction work in the state of Utah. This question should be decided some time during this week.

Brother H. L. Spencer will undoubtedly give a report concerning the Geneva Steel situation in which all of us are interested and attempting to help.

Harold L. Williams
Auto Recapping
Member of Local No. 3
24th and Harrison
Oakland, California
Stockton's job
New shipyard contracts
promise steady activity

By WM. C. WAACK
Business Representative

Stockton—Steady activity
has again been
the keynote of Stockton's
10 shipyards for the
remainder of 1944 and the
early part of 1945 was assured recently
by the new Army and Navy contracts.

Polk, the largest shipyard
in interior California, has been
awarded 46 craft of various types
including floating docks. Marine
Equipment has a continuing
contract with the Navy for construct-
ing invasion barges and as well as
a type of rescue dredge. This will
keep them busy for another
month. At least.

Coneg is building a group of
nurse ships. The present govern-
ment contracts expire in July.

Historical note: Colorado
Clyde Woods seem to have it
all handled.

Stockton took a new lease
on life as a shipbuilding center,
shortly before America entered
the war. $116,118,600 worth
of ships have been awarded
here. Of this number, $45,171,014.80
worth have been delivered while a good
portion of the remainder are in
various stages of construction.

Permanent. Metals suffered a
large loss by construction
of several government
contracts expiring in July.

It is a purpose of this type
of nature are hard to
handle. When it comes to relocating the
gang, "Happy Arkelsmuth," after oper-
ing for many years, decided
to take a withdrawal and go farming.
He bought himself a farm tractor; and by the
time that he get through tell-
ing me how much beautiful
magnolia there was on the
property he could see it
popping out of the
winds and the roof of the
building.

About a week after he made up
his mind to farm, he tried to show
his son how to ride a pony he had
bought from Miss Mary Taylor. And
after he found it a little more
difficult to ride than the side of the
Lawrence, he was on the
hilltop, then he was
biting the ground (in the usual
fashion) he had to visit the
boots cracker for several weeks to get
his hips and neck in which
they ought to be.

Well, yes you can guess it.
Because the mouth was out and he had
his withdrawal card three days; he
came back. So you stumblers, take
düsü, try to climb the
bank if it isn’t made of iron. You
ask, How is he now? I am not bothering
the M. & M. at Riverlawn.

George French and his gang
are getting ready for a busy summer.

Every unit has been worked over,
and when they have
their yard, it isn’t with a pet of paint. Mclear is
in becoming some conversion work at the
plant and Joe Borden could limp the
street and sewer job in Stockton.

I was told that a considerable
number will be spent on both
Crews Landing and Vermilion
this summer on both landings and
conveys.

Another was on splice at
Western Freight Handling. Being
associated with tanks and tank
operators and what have you, beside
the Colonel, Masters and the rest
of the Army must excite the
b traditional spirit of the
gang so they took the management.

The best is the first round, the second
was soon and in the lab the gang
decided to call it a draw. Maybe it
wasn’t as clever, because he hit his
Jack Baele and the Cloudie Wood
job at West Point at about the
same time. The skimble here
was easy light and everyone is again
settled down to the business of
building a strategic road.

Operating Engineers Local No. 3
at Stockton Unit of Stockton
will be in full uniform for storage
within the next 30 days.

Emmet Bettinger, out on with-
drawal from No. 3 to be Scout
Master, Leo Sprenger, a super al
Masters, will be his assistant.

The change of this group of
boys, mostly in need of a
sponsor to send them on their
journey,

And as a parting shot, "Get ready for
the battle of the
shipyard against the
Labor "Flight of Employment" initia-
Ive. Don't sign this petition!

(See Page 11 for an interesting
article about Stockton's Engineers.) **

San Jose

(Continued from Page 9)

The usual process is to
vessel, and I hope I will find things
pouring and going full blast when
I return from Chicago, some time
around April 14th or 15th. Again
I want to thank each and every
one of you who made it possible
(by voting for me) for me to
make this trip and I assure you
while I'll do all in my power
to make a better and stronger or-
ganization of the Engineers.

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Dredges still need hands

By JACK FOSTER
Business Representative

The dredge situation is about
the same as last month.

The machines are all operat-
ing short handed. They need
dockhands badly; twenty or
thirty jobs are open for men
dockhands and booms.

The job pays $16.10 per hour,
time and one-half for all time
over 40 hours. These crews work
48 hours plus Sunday on repairs.
two or three Sundays in month,
which boosts the pay from $57.20
up to $104.40 per week on a seven
day week.

This is fairly good pay at this
time for our men. The construc-
tion contracts are slow in get-
ing started, so $80 or 80 per
would help keep the old boom
roll from dwindling too much.

The prospects are very bright
for the dredges around the Bay
this year, as the Shoshone Air-
ports will be enlarged to a great
extent. That means steady work
on these machines.

This new agreement is now
before the Washington authori-
ties waiting the decision on a
substantial raise of pay.

Come in and get to work.
Must any one can earn a living. Report
at any of the offices in the
district.

Joshua Hendy
to finish engines

The Joshua Hendy Iron Works
of Sunnyvale, Calif., will complete
the Liberty Ship engines which
are being built by the Iron Firman
Mfg. Co. of Portland, Ore.

The Maritime Board recently
announced.

The firm's contract was can-
celled when a fire put the
plant out of operation after delivering
of the last of 389. Flerner and
Coffey of Mfg. Co. is getting
on the other four engines.

Uncompleted parts will be ac-
quired by these companies from
Iron Firman in accordance with the
Commission's policy of trans-
fering construction materials un-
available at one plant to another
concern operating within the
area, according to the
agreement.

Work down San Mateo
way better, Clancy says

By PATRICK CLANCY
Business Representative

San Francisco—Work in
San Mateo county and vicinity has been on
the up-grade. The Pas-American
Airline, with several contractors
working, has employed quite a
number of Local 3's members.

The Union Paving Company
is starting a $60,000 paving job at the
Ritter. It also set up a hot plant
back of South San Francisco.

The big job at Mills Field is still
in the making. I hope to have some
further information to report on
this in the next paper.

Guy F. Allen's yard at South
San Francisco is busy building a
yard, unloading, loading and un-
loading. Many of our heavy
drydock repairs coming in from other
jobs are working here for a while
later to go to Long Beach or other
jobs for the Guy F. Allen Com-
pany. As you know, however, this
is to be the main yard.

The Bahia Shipyard laid off a
few engineers and clerks. They are
busy on construction work which
should terminate about August. I
think they receive a new contract.
They have been doing repair work
on one steel board which came in
from the Oakland side.

Western Pipe and Steel has a
small change in policy—the
crews operators are still under the Main-
tenance Department while the
others have been put under the
Transportation and Materials De-
partment, therefore constituting
two separate and distinct depart-
ments. Instead of having three
president, we now have five and
some more to go to work in the
very near future. This change in
policy seems to be working out
OK, at this time.

There are also other small jobs
scattered throughout the county.
The Hatch Hetchy Tunnel job of
the G. C. Clifford Company is getting
on under way. These two tunnels are
small water tunnels and I do not

(Continued on Page 11) 

John Festa

General

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The title of the petition is...

"THE RIGHT OF EMPLOYMENT" DO NOT BE FOOLED!

PROPOSED SECTION: Every person has the right to work, and to seek, obtain and hold employment, without interference with or impairment or abridgment of said right because he does or does not belong to or pay money to a Labor Organization.

The term, "Labor Organization" means any organization of any kind, or any agency or employee representative committee or plan, which exists for the purpose of, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, rates of pay, hours of employment or conditions of work.

If the LABOR HATERS get 178,764 signatures in the State of California, this will then be put to a vote of the people. If this goes through, it will end COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. It will end our right to take up labor disputes. It will end our right to discuss with employers rates of pay, hours of employment, and conditions of work.

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Minutes for April 1

By C. F. MATTHEWS
Managing Secretary

Meeting of Local 3 was called to order at 8 a.m. April 1, 1944 in the Building Traders Temples, San Francisco, President Clancy presiding. Toll call showed Conductor Riley and Guard O'Brien absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Register Meeting of March 4 were read by motion approved as printed in the Building News.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of March 18 were read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of April 1 were read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read. Regarding the section of the Minutes referring to the letter from Mrs. Mahel Murphy who has left the employ of Local No. 3 on April 1, it was regularly moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to answer her letter, expressing thanks and appreciation for her loyal service to the members of the union.

COMMUNICATIONS

Cards of thanks from Folke Backlund, Mrs. Addie Cleveland and Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Albert B. Benson and the family of Albert E. Groff.

REPORT OF THE SICK COMMITTEE

It has been reported that Brother Philipson, E. E. Hill, James Reed, Earl Andelin and R. S. Burton are ill. It was also reported that Brothers Albert E. Groff and T. C. Backlund are deceased.

BUSINESS AGENTS REPORTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the business agents' reports be dispensed with. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was called to the attention of the membership that the last day they may register is April 1. It was requested that all members register.

There was considerable discussion regarding members carrying two cards; after which it was regularly moved and seconded that a committee be selected to investigate this matter, Carried.

There followed a discussion on the unwritten laws and it was revealed that these laws be included in the working rules.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a change in the equipment of the union.

Regarding business of Bethlehem Shopyards, Brother Vande
erk reported there had been two additional meetings of the Metal Trades Council and reported progress had been made.

Brother and Captain H. T. Pe
ter of the P. S. Army Engineers talked in detail with officers of assigning the men to the men in the service engaged in the labor force. It was stated that servicemen are being paid by erroneous reports in the newspapers in connection with strikes. He expressed his appreciation for being able to attend the meeting and stated that he hoped, upon his discharge from the Army, to again be a business representative for Local No. 3.

Brother Prine was in attendance for the first time since his accident and expressed his appreciation for being able to attend this meeting and for the kindness shown him during his forced stay in the hospital. He thanked the officers and members for their help and expressed appreciation for the love shown him by telegrams, letters and telephone calls received while in the hospital.

Brother Brandjock, manager of the Steelton Building, reported that everything was fine in Stockton and requested all members to be sure to come in and see him when in Stockton.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Wallace praises labor's war job

BOSTON (FP)—Soaring propa
ganda which drives a wedge be
tween strikebreakers and organized labor, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace in a radio interview here praised labor's "remarkable contribution to the war effort."

Servicemen cannot be opposed to labor because "more than 20 per cent of them came from the ranks of labor," Wallace declared. "Labor has done much better than most people realize," he pointed out. "It has been on the job 95.96 per cent of the available time."

Wallace predicted slight govern
tment interference with industry in the post-war period provided busi
dess assumes the responsibility for maintaining full employment.

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Renor opens drive on bad employer

By JOHN DE LARGANCE
Business Representative

-- A picket line was placed on Carl E. Nelson's job approximately six miles east of Reno, Friday, March 18, by the Operating Engineers in Utah and Nevada to protest unceasingly for the past two years to sign Nelson to a union agreement.

The Union wage scale was adopted by the State Labor Department of Nevada March 18, 1944, and spread in all local specifications. The picket line will be kept on this job until a satisfactory agreement has been reached between the Contractor and Local Union 365.

To date we have no definite information on the stripping and mining job in that vicinity.

Isbell Construction Company is also holding on a stripping job at the Riley Tungsten Mine, 25 miles north of Golconda. The disagreement on the Truckee River at Reno is progressing satisfactorily, with four of our members on this job.

Wheelwright & Bing is working at the Reno Air Base again, pouring concrete warm up aprons at the time.

The newspaper of Reno confirms the 1 million dollar appropriation for an extension at Fallon, Naval Flight Training Station, March 18. This appeared in our "Memos" News. I had a conference with Commander Rine of the Fallon Naval Training Station, at which time he informed me that he had not received any go ahead orders on this work, and I have no information when this extension will start.

An agreement was reached at Las Vegas, March 14, by P. D. Ovrum, of the Silver State Construction Co., and the Nevada Builders and Trades Council to use union craftsmen on his airport extension project at the Army Air Base, located at Indian Springs, Nevada.

The Dow Construction Company has completed its housing project at Hawthorne, California.

The James I. Barness Housing Project is nearly completed. E. T. Hazen has a sub-contractor from this company for the utilities. Our former brother member John Powers is superintendent in charge of this job.

Richard A. Davidson's Scheme Job at Waveland will open up again this month, this job was closed last November due to weather conditions.
San Rafael jobs pick up

BY M. O. FOSSE
Business Representative
San Rafael — Understand that the work at Point it will start soon on approach roads at Marin City—a small job that the firm successfully handled.

A. G. Ralsh is about finished supervising equipment, doing a few odd jobs at Hamilton Field starting re-surfacing on Highway 39 near San Rafael soon. Since Brother Neiper of this outfit took a wife and a farm at Davenport, we got A. G. Ralsh.

Hodkinson Co. at Greenbrae Quarries is working overtime trying to keep up with orders. Brothers Wharram, Lewis and Revelly housing tracks to Rock Mount, their crew is so heavy that Brother Webster is in charge of hot plant. Brothers Pacho (now off pick), Abbe and Loy running levee-erans e curente.

The Ticolor Job at Hamilton Field is progressing slowly through lack of management. Supt. Bud Hall says he did not have a top crew of Local 3 men he would be ready for Napa. Brothers Kingwell and Olsen pushing on this job.

Brother Jerry Aldrich charging out services. Hoping to see this outfit get some extensions on this work. Good spirit.

Kiel B. Henderson has a small job around Tepoan. Rumors of more work on airports in the vicinity of Santa Rosa. More concrete job going again. Carlson Construction Co., Heery-Glackin, superintendent, has subcontractors—Carvelly, Jeep and pullers leveling off hill tops for airport. McDonald and Westbrooks, with Uncle Sam uses paper butt—

WASHINGTON (AP) — More anti-administration spokesmen will pound countless tables during the coming political campaign to warn with little alacrity the flagrant misuse and waste of good paper by the officers of federal agencies. And spokesmen will go up in hundreds of newspapers across the country, loudly calling for the resignation of the President.

But the fact is that Uncle Sam scattered agencies and departments use only about 1.7 per cent of the total supply of paper and paperboard.

Figures compiled by the Government Printing Office here March 19 show that the trouble in paper use in that since 1941 the consumption of pulpwood has been greater than imports and domestic production.
Fifty nations attend to discuss postwar jobs

PHILADELPHIA (FP)—Delegates from 45 nations attended the conference called by the International Labor Office here April 20 to be held to induce a code to govern the organization of employment in the transition from war to peace, ILO representatives announced.

Estimating that jobs will have to be found for more than 130 million persons as the war economy is dismantled, the ILO recommends that plans be made to ensure equal employment opportunities and to bring together the qualified workers and the available jobs in an orderly manner. Among the proposals are:

1. Collection of information on prospective labor supply and demand in each country.
2. Coordinated plans for orderly demobilization and reemployment in civil life of members of the armed forces, with provision for the transfer of millions of workers from one job, industry, occupation or area to another.
3. National training programs geared to postwar needs, with national guidance made available in all.

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San Rafael

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with Sign. Brother Jack trying to keep ahead of houses being erected on the new site.

Syar now building anything that shows up and is doing fine. Syar is an old member of Local 45. Tony says he can still remember making pounds of steam for Arvis Napp merit.

Sorry to report the passing of Brother Emil Pellegrini after a long illness on April 8.

Practically all members working — short of others as if you members know any likely talent, and "em around or we will to roam and send some women away.

San Mateo

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expect to close very soon, so ten at the most, employers employed there.

There is also started a new housing project at Baden. Three or four of our members are working on this.

There is also a new housing project at Keating. Eleven young men in Clearfield are in full swing. Harry Loo, second job in last week.

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Building Tracts Contract April 3. Hanauer has three tracts and is building filling housing jobs. Brayford & Stockton has a small sewer job at Sunset. Edwards sewer job in Clearfield is in full swing. Harry Loo, second job in last week.

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