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AFL Wage policy fight opens

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

The WLB named the special panel which will hear the AFL case. Ralph T. Seward, associate public member of the Board will be chairman, with Charles R. Hook, Jr. of the Rustless Iron and Steel Co., Baltimore, as the industry representative and Pres. Edward J. Volz of the Photo-Engraving Intl. Union (AFL) as the labor member.

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

The AFL, in a statement released here said Sec. Treas. George Meany will open its case, followed by economists for the federation and by representatives of any AFL unions desiring to present evidence.

Although the AFL criticized the WLB's method of hearing its case, the statement said it "welcomed the opportunity to challenge the Little Steel formula as the first ray of hope of obtaining realistic wage adjustments for American workers to make up for increased living costs."

WLB study moves ahead

WASHINGTON (FP)—Chairman William H. Davis of the National War Labor Board revealed at a press conference March 31 that President Roosevelt's special cost-of-living committee is engaged in comparing the reports filed by the committee's labor members and the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The committee was named by President Roosevelt in November, 1943 composed of two industry, two labor members and Chairman Davis. He requested a report in 60 days.

When no report was forthcoming from the committee, the labor members, AFL and CIO, made their own investigation and reported the cost of living had increased 43.5 per cent from January, 1941 to December, 1943.

For the same period the BLS reported an increase of only 23.4 per cent.

Davis admitted that several times the period requested by President Roosevelt had elapsed but he said (Continued on Page 6)

Swanson returns to job—heads East to convention

By VICTOR S. SWANSON
Business Manager, Local 3

After spending 78 days in the St. Francis Hospital I am home again, and have been coming in to the office a few hours each day, trying to catch up with some of my work. I must say, however, that very little of it was left undone.

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 co-operation of the entire membership, and office employees.

It was my privilege, and pleasure, to again attend a regular monthly meeting last Saturday night, April 1st. To me it was a pleasure never to be forgotten, to again be privileged to SEE and to meet so many of the brothers who were present at this meeting. All of whom had been so helpful to me during my sickness.

I expect to leave on April 5th, for our International Convention which is to be held at the Stevens Hotel, in Chicago. This convention will be the largest ever held by our International Union. Eleven delegates from Local

Union No. 3 will be present, and I am sure that some very constructive, and worthwhile legislation will come out of this meeting.

Under the most able and efficient leadership of our General President, Wm. E. Maloney, our International has gone forward by leaps and bounds, and will continue to do so under his guidance.

Never in my memory have we had such able, and worthwhile International Executive Officers, and Executive Board, as we have today. Never before has there been such co-operation from our International Office as during the present administration, and because of that co-operation our Local has prospered and gone forward!

I know that I am expressing the sentiment of our entire membership, including the 1,511 members who are now fighting in the armed forces of our country.

I hope to have an interesting report for our next news issue, upon my return from the Convention.

Again I wish to thank all of the members for their splendid assistance, and co-operation, during my illness.

Anti-union drive Labor-haters draw plans to crush organized labor

LOS ANGELES (FP)—A group of big businessmen linked with the Republican party met secretly in Los Angeles to plot the destruction of organized labor in California.

The meeting was called by the Merchants & Manufacturers Association, California's NAM, to raise \$300,000 for a campaign to put an anti-union "right to employment" amendment in the state constitution.

Petitions are circulating through the state for the measure, which follows the pattern of acts in legislatures throughout the south and west by the Christian American Association, native fascist tool of anti-union employers. It provides:

"Every person has the right to work without interference because he does or does not belong to or pay dues to a labor union. Anything done or threatened to be done which inteferes with or is intended to interfere with said right is unlawful. Relief shall be granted in civil action in the superior court of any county upon complaint of any person."

This would destroy completely the right of collective bargaining, nullifying the Wagner act.

(See warning against petitions on page 8).

At the secret meeting Chairman Paul Shoup asked those in attendance to keep the MMA's interest in the amendment confidential for the time being.

He reported that it would cost \$43,000 to get the 250,000 necessary signatures for the petitions and \$250,000 to put the amendment over in the November election. The MMA has already given \$10,000 for the preparation of the petitions, he revealed.

The boards of directors of the organizations represented were asked to contribute from \$1000 to \$5000 to help carry the expense. Employer groups at the meeting included the Aircraft Parts Manufacturers, Metal Manufacturers, Motor Car Dealers Association, Apartment House Owners, Los Angeles Realty Board. Shoup is a notorious anti-union retired railroad president and a prominent member of Gov. Earl Warren's delegation to the Republican national convention.

Unions throughout the state are mobilizing to fight the sinister amendment. Sec. C. J. Haggerty of the California Federation of Labor has informed all AFL affiliates that this is a campaign to destroy the labor movement and create chaos on the home front. Unionists are urged to broadcast the warning not to sign the petitions in their communities and to register to vote immediately, since labor's political action is the only way the amendment can be fought in November.

The labor press of California, AFL and CIO, is making every effort to publicize the threat, warning that it means the beginning of fascism in the state.

WASHINGTON (FP)—The AFL and CIO charged the War Department with evading the issue of giving servicemen a fair picture of labor's record on the home front.

Post-war opportunities

Abundance of ores in West plus foreign markets here hopeful postwar prospects

By OTTO NEVER
Business Representative

This is the third and final article on Post-war opportunities in mining. Limited time because of the beginning of construction season compels the writer to devote less time in looking to the future, and more time to the present needs of brother members.

In our past articles, we dealt with the steel possibility and spent a little time on gold. Now let's treat minerals in general.

We all know of the demand for steel plate for shipbuilding now, but what about post-war industry? We have over a million newcomers in California alone. Stop the shipbuilding and airplane building, and then what?

Every concern now in business in the territory covered by Local 3, and engaged in war work has some plans on post-war production of products similar to those they are now manufacturing. Small companies, such as metal furniture companies, surgical tool companies,

may expand; companies now building machinery parts for shipyards and plane factories may turn to making farm and lumber machinery, as well as mining equipment. There is also the shortage of refrigeration; the possibilities are unlimited.

These different types of manufacturing will demand not only steel, but aluminum, copper and many other metals as well, and we have plenty of that on this coast. Enough, by far, to make us self-sufficient. In that way, we have mining employment as well as employment in manufacturing.

In addition to aluminum, we have silver (Nevada is known as a magnesium and silver state), nickle, chrome, coal, copper, gold, and over 150 other ores, but the above mentioned are in abundance. Right now the process of producing magnesium and aluminum is developing into one of our major industries.

The competition between the West Coast and the East Coast will probably be decided by the lowest

cost of electricity. We can produce electricity here on the West Coast for less than .016c per kilowatt. The east coast will have a hard time getting electricity for less than .035c per kilowatt.

We are producing about 20 per cent of the magnesium produced in the United States and about 35 per cent of the aluminum. If we consider also that our market here is not only the rest of the United States, but that we are the potential exporter for everything we make to the Orient, we can begin to see what the possibilities are.

Japan will no longer be able to force China to take her products. Instead, China will awake to her need for our metal-made products. This can include everything from refrigerators to locomotives.

We realize that the government owns most of our Western steel mills, aluminum plants, and magnesium plants. In the post-war period, our Western businessmen will have the opportunity to take over the plants and compete with the (Continued on Page 8)

Airport job near Alturas opens soon

By E. A. (Red) HESTER
Business Representative

Redding—Larson Bros. & Harms Bros have been awarded a portion of the Alturas Airport job in the amount of about eight-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000). They are moving equipment in on this project at the present time.

Work should be well under way by April 20th. This job is located eight (8) miles north of Alturas. This contract is only a small portion of the entire project. Other contracts and contractors are expected to be under way soon.

Bids will be opened on April 5th for thirty (30) miles of repairing and resurfacing of the State highway in Tehama County. There is also a lot of this kind work to be done in Modoc County this summer. That is about all the new work that can be reported in this district.

All of the work at the Big Bend Hydroelectric Project will be completed within two (2) weeks. There have been several of our brothers laid off due to the completion of the work.

A great many of our brothers in this district also have been inducted 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 22nd Convention of the Operating Engineers and expect to return about April 23rd. Otto Never, Business Representative in Eureka, will take care of any controversies which may arise in this district. His phone number is Eureka 200.

I am proud to have been chosen one of the delegates to represent you at the Convention. I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your confidence in me as your representative. I assure you that I will do the best my ability will afford.

Soldier vote law unsatisfactory

WASHINGTON (FP)—President Roosevelt let the mass of red tape comprising the "states rights" soldier vote bill become law without his signature, but in a message to Congress March 31 appealed for an amendment so as to authorize all service men and women to use the federal ballot without prior express authorization by the states.

The President suggested that in this manner Congress would be cleared of any responsibility for blocking service voting and put that question squarely up to the states.

As now enacted, he said "it will, of course, be understood by those in the armed services, who want to vote but cannot, that the Congress itself shares the responsibility through the complexities of this bill."

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



Local 3 reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mabel Murphy who has faithfully served the Engineers as chief bookkeeper for the past 17 years.

Mabel served Local 45 up to the time of the amalgamation and has been with Local 3 from then on. During these years she has been the mainstay of the office force and has been the personification of "the ideal employee," always on the job, always efficient, always dependable, and always cheerful.

Anyone with a question could

always depend on Mabel for the right answer. Not only did Mabel do her own job, but she was always ready and willing to pitch in and help others when work was heavy. Her absence will leave a gap in the personnel of the office.

An informal dinner was held in Mabel'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.

Here are the guests at the farewell dinner given in honor of Mable (McAdoo) Murphy. Seated left to right: Pat Moore, Ethel Wall, Margaret Holmgren, (San Francisco Office); Helen Babasinian, (Oakland); Mabel Murphy, (San Francisco); Margaret Lisman, Thelma Borgen Nagel, Margaret Aylward, (Oakland); Hedi Gustafson (San Francisco).

Standing, left to right: Lydia Graham, (San Jose); Audrey Perreault, Ethel Herbert, Frances Bellantoni, Marie Armstrong, Lois Novacek, Alice Carpenter, Norma Swanson, Dorothy Dwyer, Mildred Kruse, and Eda Ricca (San Francisco).

San Francisco's outlook brightens as jobs start

By P. E. VANDEWARK
Business Representative

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

Several jobs have started in earnest, with the advent of good weather. MacDonald and Kahn Housing Project on Wisconsin Street now has several of our members employed. Piombo Brothers have started excavation on the De Haro Housing Project.

Pete Farish job at Third and Paul is also using several members. Eaton and Smith has a nice large street paving job on the Metropolitan Housing Project which should last several months.

Morrison & Knudsen Twaits are now working on several new warehouses at the Marine Supply Base at Hunters Point. Pacific Bridge Company, Barrett and Hill, Case Construction Company, Harney, and McGuire & Hester, are still doing construction work with several of the members still with jobs varying from trenching work to shipbuilding.

Uncle Sam is still steadily delving into our membership. We now

have 1550 in the service of our country. Several old members who have left recently are Ralph O'Hara, Johnnie Petersen, Don Baldwin, D. L. Smith, and Bob Wallace.

Bob McGregor was a recent caller at the office; just back after several months in Alaska, looking none the worse for wear!

Sid Rosenberg, back on furlough from the South Pacific area, after two years absence with the Seabees, looking swell and now a C.P.O.

Red Edminister was also a recent visitor to the office. He is now stationed at a Navy Camp in this area awaiting his turn.

Captain H. T. Peterson was also a recent visitor to the office. As you all remember, he used to be the Business Representative down in Fresno. We wish Pete good luck!

The shipyards are continuing along on an even keel at the present time. We are desperately in need of oilers in the yards though, so if any of you brothers know of anyone who is interested please send them to the San Francisco office.

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Fresno

Job activity on upgrade

By T. D. BRYSON
Business Representative

Fresno—Considerable activity has developed in the past two weeks in the Central Valley, with more calls for Engineers and Oilers recently than we could fill. Prospects are that we will soon have to call on some of the other branches for Cat skimmers and oilers.

The Earl H. Parker Co. has moved twelve cats in on the Cohn and North Central Levees of Tulare Lake where it has quite a large job raising the Levee. This same firm has a section of the Friant Madera Canal which it expects to start soon.

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

The Griffith Company has two Draglines and two Dozers working two shifts on the Tule River levee near Corcoran.

The regular meeting of the Fresno Branch is held on the fourth Saturday night in each month at eight o'clock p.m. at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, Calif.

Three suction dredges and one Clam Shell are building Levees on the Tulare Lakes. They are experiencing considerable trouble keeping dredgemen as living conditions are none too good. The town of Corcoran is having a real boom and it has not met the housing problem there yet. It is to be hoped that something will be done to right this situation soon. Experienced dredgemen can go to work there most any time.

The L. H. Hansen Company has a Piledriver and a Dragline working on the west Levee of Tulare Lakes. It has about seven miles of piling to drive and considerable back-filling to do there.

The W. A. Bectel Company is just about finished with its Pipeline job in the vicinity of Riverdale and expects to be moving on to another job in the vicinity of Antioch soon.

The A. Teichert Company has started on its section of the Friant Madera Canal. The company has nine cats working at present, one 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 Madera Canal. It expects to be finished in about two months. Also the Oberg Brothers job on the Syphon across the Fresno River is nearing completion.

The Utah Construction Company is still using about ten Engineers on the Friant Dam and expects to finish some time in June. The M. J. Rudy Company was low bidder on a \$130,000 Highway job in Merced County.

Some eight Cat Skimmers are working on Salyer-Farms Equipment near Porterville. This job is 100 per cent union. With Brother Albie Gaylord, foreman, and Brother Tommy Cecil, steward, everything is working out nicely. Salyers put two Dozers on Santa Fe work, started out with non-union men and paying less than the scale. After a little persuasion we were able to convince him that it paid to go along on this job so he ordered Union operators and the job is now all right.

Jobs better in San Jose, report says

By M. G. MURPHY
Business Representative

San Jose—Prospects brighter in San Jose... Conditions are improving here in 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 as yet, but I am in hopes when I return from Chicago, that things will be going strong.

Hunter Liggett road job is still under way and Camp Roberts is also showing signs of activity. The U. S. Engineers took over the responsibility of building the Military road from Liggett to the Coast. That would have been a swell contract job.

King City Airbase is under its expansion program and going along nicely. Salinas base is 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 of the Harbor and Dock facilities.

Watsonville is slated to get another one of those million dollar deals for the Base improvements, and more installations of articles for protection. Hollister is going to get another little slice for their needs.

Santa Cruz is still quiet only for a small job to be let very shortly. I've heard no more in regards to the Highway work, which the State has been contemplating for the last few months. It may be Post War but again, one may get a surprise in the Daily Construction News any time.

Moffett has some more work and Granite Construction Company was low bidder, as yet the award has not been made, perhaps in the next few days.

Pittsburg is still hammering away on the tunnel. San Jose itself is the same as usual, not a great deal of activity, just the same run of small jobs here and there.

Personalities

Brothers going to the Armed Services include James E. Barnwell, Army; O. C. Baird, Navy; Don Cass from Monterey, Navy; Little Dick Looney, Army; and Willie Franks, Navy.

Received letters from the following Brothers in the Service: Martin Shirk, Bill Crosson, Jack McGuire, Harley Davidson, and Ed. Thompson. I have certainly enjoyed immensely, hearing about all their interesting escapades. Any of you Brothers wishing the addresses of these Brothers, just drop me a penny post card, and I'll see that you receive it by return mail.

"Steamboat" Morgan was in the office the other day from the Aleutians, and had a very interesting story to tell about how the boys took over Kiska and Attu, and then hung up the well known sign, Under New Management. Stanley says he was there with Martin Shirk, and Art Cox all the while.

I understand that Dave Hanny, and Herbert Whiting have returned from Alaska.

Brother Ben J. Blackman came in office with his 1st Lieutenant son Robert Blackman, who has been home on furlough. Ben has reasons to be proud of his Nite Fighter Pilot son.

Brother Emery Anderson home from South Pacific where he was serving as Quarter Master on one of the transports. Emery had very interesting tales to tell us, especially evading a couple of tin fish.

Well, boys, this is about all the news for this time, so I will put

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Geneva mill pushes ahead

Gloomy rumors laid to rest as steel plant work continues, Spence reports

By H. L. SPENCE
Business Representative

Provo—The structural mill at Geneva is to be completed as predicted in a former article, and work is well under way on it at present.

Seabee finds unique way to drill hole

WASHINGTON—When a Seabee becomes exasperated, strange things may take place. Such was the case of Seabee Thomas J. Waters, Chief Carpenter's Mate, of Arlington, Mass.

Waters' exasperation was caused by the delay brought about by the tedious process of drilling holes with a compressor and 1 1/4 inch bit in blasting a roadway out of volcanic rock at a Pacific base. Six men were kept busy for two hours drilling such a hole while another six hours was required to enlarge the hole enough to insert the explosive charge.

To Waters that was a waste of time and money. Failure to find a short cut had the Seabee thoroughly exasperated. But he didn't quit. About that time a Marine gunnery sergeant came by in his M-4 General Sherman Tank. Waters' face lit up with a smile. He stopped the tank which carried a 75mm gun.

Arrangements were made to "borrow" the tank and shells for an experiment. Waters had a few armor piercing projectiles fired into the volcanic rock. It was found that the projectiles drilled holes approximately 10 inches in diameter and between eight and ten feet in to the rock.

It was found that a six-man crew working with a tank could blast loose enough material in four and a half hours to keep three shovels working 24 hours. Without the tank the same crew worked 12 hours to keep only one shovel at work for 20 hours. And the cost of drilling the hole with the tank cannon was \$59.50 for each hole as compared with approximately \$125 for the conventional method.

This should lay to rest some of the Gloomy Gus predictions that said the plant would never operate—steel would never be rolled at the mill.

Construction work at the Geneva plant has dropped from approximately 9000 men 3 1/2 months ago to about 4400 at present. The American Bridge Company has only a skeleton crew of engineers left. The Midwest Pipe Company shipped out their rigs and only have a few of our members left on the payroll. U. P. M. has not had a large layoff of engineers recently and are continuing along with about the same crew as in my last report.

The A. F. of L. organizing drive is gaining ground at the plant and every day sees more and more authorizations coming into the Metal Trades Office. It is apparent that many of our own members and many who are not members of any union and many ex-members of the CIO are beginning to see the greater benefits to be obtained under A.F.L. organization than can be obtained under CIO organization.

The Metal Trades Council is of-

Thirty-hour week bill after war

NEW YORK (FP)—Rep. Arthur G. Klein (D., N.Y.) announced that he had prepared for introduction in Congress a bill providing for a 30-hour week within five years after the war.

Specifically, the measure would amend the wage-hour law to provide for an immediate reduction of hours to 35 a week as soon as the war ends and a reduction of another hour a week each year until the 30-hour week is established.

The act would cover all employees "engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce." It would forbid employers to permit longer hours and would provide the same penalties as now exist for violations of the wage-hour law.

Purpose of the act, Klein said, is to spread employment and provide "a more abundant life for the laboring classes of the nation."

fering to the workers of this area engaged in production work a chance to protect a trade and gain all the benefits and more than can be gained by the so-called CIO Industrial Unionism. In fact, it is becoming more and more apparent that the A. F. of L. is the real industrial organization and all the CIO has to offer to their members is a plant type of organization which rapidly deteriorates into a semi-company union.

The organizing plan being offered to the membership at Geneva is that those members of the various trades employed in the maintenance of the plant will retain their craft status and their present trade union affiliations. If necessary, a man working under another union's jurisdiction may transfer without any additional cost to him by presenting his paid-up membership in the other union.

For those engaged in production, whose work is not easily defined into crafts, a production union has been established with the same transfer benefits. A universal initiation fee of not less than \$5.00 has been established by all unions. This gives to the worker far more than can be obtained from the CIO.

The CIO filed for a collective bargaining election at the Payson Quarry alleging that they represented a majority of the employees employed there. The Metal Trades Council immediately intervened and Brother Van Winkle and Brother Fackrell of the Teamsters and myself represented the Metal Trades Council at the informal hearing held in regard to this plan.

At this hearing the Examiner decided that a formal hearing would be held within the next few weeks. Since that time we have held several organizing meetings and are steadily gaining ground. Hardly a day passes that new authorizations aren't obtained.

The Carl B. Warren Company, successful bidders on the pipe that is part of the Dear Creek Salt Lake City Aqueduct, has proven a little difficult. At first it appeared that it was going to be necessary to strike the job because of the attitude of the owner, Carl B. Warren. However, after Labor Coordi-

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No hitching on this ride



What will they come back to?

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 guys I talk to all think that the people back home in their soft beds oughta get a new slant on this world. We ain't riskin' our necks so a few lucky guys who have a lotta 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 ever get out of this mess.
 We want to see a country where every guy gets a fair shake, no matter what color his skin is or what church he goes to. It's in the Constitution now—but it ain't in the hearts of the constituents, 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 runnin' 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 means the Four Freedoms, too—but not just on the poster in a cafe window. It means the Four Freedoms as a practical, operatin' 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 Fielding Elliot
 I work 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 terrain features such as hills, valleys, woods, roads and villages. On such maps the changing battle scene 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 paper—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 take 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, lousy, unshaven, tired, foot-slogging 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."—ADOLF 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 redefinition 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—be so blind with optimism as to commit any such error. The enemy is by no means exhausted."
 The general prediction that sooner or later the enemy will suddenly straighten up and lash out with every ounce of his strength. "Our guard must be up," he said. "We must be ready to fend off his blows, while we move inside to deliver our own special brand of haymaker."

The Marine leader indicated that all will not be smooth sailing when he said "if two or three of his blows happen to catch us where they hurt—which they may very well do—we must be strong enough to absorb them and go right on moving in. When I say 'we' I mean not only the fleet, or the Marine Corps, or the Army. I mean the American people."
 Faith in the outcome of the struggle against the Axis was sounded by the General when he spoke of future offensives. "As you watch Allied offensives unfold in the future, keep in mind the fact that we are driving along more than a single road to gain Berlin, and more than a single road to reach Tokyo.

"But ships, planes and troops are not, in themselves, enough. In the past 26 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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Oakland Office Reports on members and jobs

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

Jobs picking up in East Bay area

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

At the present time H. O. Rutherford is still on the job at Port Chicago and is employing 10 members of Local No. 3. Brother Tom Shaw of Napa is acting foreman. Fredrickson and Watson are moving their cats on the job and at the present time they are using about six machines. Brothers Lee Patters and M. L. Stevens are on the job as Derrick Barge and Pile Driver Engineers.

Macco Construction Company is busy hauling fill from their quarry to their job in Alameda.

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

Bechtel, McCone and Parsons has 50 members of Local No 3 on its job in Richmond at the Standard Oil Plant.

A. Biasotti Company is busy on its housing project job in Berkeley.

Patterson Bros. are moving their cats to San Lorenzo to do the grading on the Bohannon & Chamberlain Housing Project. Brother Lester Nidroe was the first member to be cleared on the job. They anticipate employing about 10 engineers.

Brothers Ira Jones and Clark Stowe are busy driving piles at the Western Pacific Mole for Sinnock Company. Brother Booker is employed as Fireman.

There are several Engineers employed on the Water line job for McGuire and Hester in Richmond.

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

Brother Louis Aretta, steward at the Fulton Boat Yards at Antioch, California, reports they are very busy turning out wooden boats.

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

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

Work in the various gravel plants is picking up considerably.

We received a report that Brother Victor Sala, 3 B member, employed at Bethlehem Steel Company, Alameda, is laid up with a broken leg. Brother Sala was injured in a motorcycle accident.

Fighting sons of Local 3 members



While talking to Brother Curtis Conley, old time member of local No. 3, lately he 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.

Clyde (left) enlisted in the U. S.

Navy in 1941. He was at Pearl Harbor during the raid. One year was spent at Guadalcanal Ordnance 1/c. 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 on December 8 as a Radio Operator 1/c at a submarine base. He is now training as a Naval Aviation Cadet at Athens, Georgia.

Galen (right), age 19, has been in the Navy 1 year. Is now on duty on a destroyer tender near Honolulu. Joe Soures, Galen's father-in-law, is a member of Local No. 3.

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 \$15.00, which is to be sent to the member who contacts this office from the farthest distance away. This offer applies to this issue only and all answers must be in this office, 2221 Webster Street, Oakland, California, by June 15, 1944.

We regret—

We regret to report the death of Brother Carol E. Schlosser, old time member of Local No. 3, who met with a fatal accident while cleaning a gun Saturday evening, 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 in Berkeley, March 29, 1944, for Brother Russell Barton, 3 member.

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

Brother C. R. Livesay, 3 A member, passed away at Permanente Hospital, Oakland, recently.

Albert Engle Undertaking Parjors had charge of the arrangements of shipping the body to Knoxville, Tennessee, for burial.

We wish a lot of success to Brother Frank Earhart, old time member of Local 3, who left recently for Kansas where he expects to purchase a store and go into business for himself. Frank has been out of work for some time due to a hand injury sustained while employed on a job for J. L. Martin.

It has been reported that Brother Bob Roesbery, Yard Prefab Steward, Day shift, is confined to the Permanente Hospital with a case of the mumps. We wish Bob a speedy recovery.

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

News from East Bay servicemen

A recent visitor in our office was Brother T/4 Sgt. A. E. "Buzz" Greathouse, who is enjoying a 15-day furlough from army duties at Geiger 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 Chipchase, MM 2/c, who is stationed with a Seabee 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 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 Camera, Navy; Merle Barton, Army; L. B. Mitchell, Navy; Eugene Carroll, Navy Ship Repair; Joe Perry, Army; Sidney Hickman, Navy; R. T. Fry, Navy; Peter L. Cunningham, Army; J. A. Brooks, Army; C. A. Blisserd; P. J. Sheeham; Paul Ellis, Army.

Brother Barry Bell is equipment superintendent for Twaits-Morrison & Knudson at the Naval Supply, Oakland. Barry is an old-time member of Local 3 and has worked everywhere there was a job of any good size or importance. We know Barney will give the members on the job a good shake.

Brother Tom Fry is being replaced at Pacific Bridge as steward Day shift, by Brother Len Ackeret.

Brother Fry is leaving for the navy.

A well attended meeting was held at Ides Hall in Pleasanton last month for members employed in the Rock, Sand and Gravel Industry. Plans for the new agreement were discussed.

Brother Cliff Hughes, 3 member, is under the doctor's care for a back injury received as the result of an accident which occurred on a Devilbiss Company job in Richmond recently. The northwest 25 crane Brother Hughes was operating turned over. In an attempt to jump, he caught his foot and went under the machine. It was an hour before his fellow workers were able to get him out.

We understand it will be some time before Brother Hughes will be released for work again.

A card was received by this office from Brother Bob Timm, who reports that he is now in Santa Ana, California, and is employed by Morrison & Knudson.

Brother M. L. Downing left recently for Alaska where he will be employed by the U. S. Army Engineers.

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Anti-union contractor

Salt Lake launches fight to sign up firm that has fought union conditions

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

Salt Lake—The sun is shining and the snow is gone and it appears that jobs will open up within the immediate future to a much greater degree than they have heretofore.

Our most important news item, and one that we think will be of interest to the entire membership within and without the state of Utah is that we have at last taken the bull by the horns and are attempting to line up one of our most notorious non-union contractors.

This firm is the Carl E. Nelson Company of Logan, which has been a headache to the Operating Engineers for many years. It has consistently refused to abide by Union rules and working conditions, though in the past few months it has come up to practically the union wage scale.

But it has always refused to negotiate with or recognize the unions, Engineers, Teamsters, and Laborers, as a proper collective bargaining agency for its employees. It has had a large number of company boys working for them in this tristate district, who believe that the sun rises and sets in the Carl E. Nelson Company.

We had a rather fortunate, or unfortunate occurrence in pulling the men off this job, depending on the view point from which you view the situation. At the time our picket line was placed on the job, four men refused to go to work.

Subsequently, two, supposed to be union members, Desmond Deppe, and John Jardine, returned to work for the company on the promise that they would be given practically continuous employment and would receive a deferment from the Army. Both of these "finks" are members, or supposed

to be members, of Boise Local 285. By their actions they definitely proved that unionism was only being used by them to obtain work and that they had no union principles.

We have notified Boise Local concerning the inactivities and are taking this method of letting every member of the Operating Engineers in the Western part of the United States know that any job that they might sneak or crawl upon should be struck immediately or have them displaced.

With the beginning of the end in construction in sight, especially in this area, we have to fight for our rights. We know that all of the anti-union or "going-along" employers have been waiting for this day, and will be out in full force to attempt to fight us, and we believe that it was better to be on the aggressive side than on the defensive side.

The Wendover area is going along very well with a few engineers working on this job in that area. Dugway and St. Johns is slow with the exception of one small job just starting in that vicinity. The Kellogg job at the Utah Oil Company still has seven members on it, and is now producing oil. Construction men are being reduced as fast as possible.

While no contract has been signed with the Warren Construction Company for the Deer Creek project as yet, all of the Unions involved have practically one hundred per cent membership on this job, and are actively attempting to get a contract signed. The R. E. and J. B. Walker Company have been awarded a contract for the siphons on the Deer Creek aqueduct. This company is under a Building and Construction Trades agreement and will be commencing work shortly.

Farther south, we have work going on at Helper, Price, Greerton, Columbia, and Westwater, which is satisfactory to the Engineers. W. W. Clyde Company is starting this week to put in temporary bridges and roads preparatory to starting work on the Schofield 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 dike, shop, and all future construction work in the state of Utah. This question should be decided some time during this week.

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

The Engineers' dance was held at the Newhouse Hotel on March 18. It was a tremendous success, and all who were present had a very enjoyable time. (Believe it or not, everything went so smoothly that no one would have believed that it was the Engineers holding the dance.) We invited Brother Swanson to be here himself or have a representative from the coast 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 Rule Walker was injured on March 18 and is in the St. Marks Hospital where he is taking rapid steps toward recovery.

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

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Survey sees postwar boom

NEW YORK (FP)—America's post-war housing demand will probably exceed 1,000,000 units per year for the first 10 years, bringing a vista of employment and production in home construction and related industries "in excess of anything accomplished in the past."

This prediction highlighted findings in a major survey of the entire field of American housing, its problems and prospects, conducted by the 20th Century Fund. Research was directed by Miles L. Colean, architect, who resigned his post as assistant administrator of Federal Housing Administration to conduct the survey.

Basis for the survey's assurance of widespread post-war 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 23 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 communities these percentages were considerably higher, and on farms higher still."

WLB study moves ahead

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that suggestions that we are deliberately holding back are untrue.

Asked what the industry members were doing, Davis replied: "They are waiting for an analysis of the two reports." This analysis is being done, he said, by the WLB staff and "an advisory group."

Davis' comments came as he released a "Stabilization Code" incor-

porating the WLB's basic principles in handling the wage question. He said he was releasing it because of allegations in some quarters that 'the government hasn't got a wage policy.' The code is simply a reiteration of the WLB's policy of keeping to the Little Steel formula and of adjusting wages in instances of 'gross inequities.'

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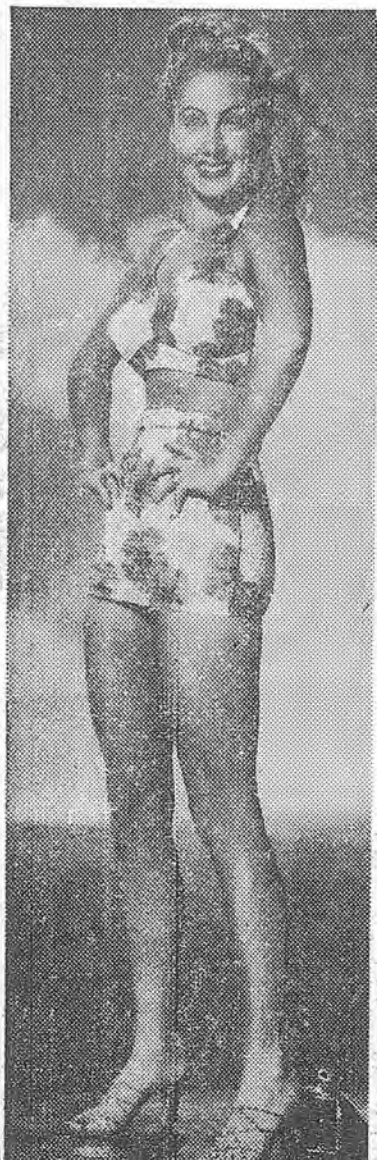
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LEWIS of the Screen Actors Guild (AFL) offers a preview of what the well-dressed 1944 bathing beauty will wear. On her it looks good. (Federated Pictures)

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Stockton's jobs

New shipyard contracts promise steady activity

By WM. C. WAACK
Business Representative

Stockton—Steady activity in at least four of Stockton's 10 shipyards for the remainder of 1944 and the early part of 45 was assured recently by the new Army and Navy contracts.

Pollock, the largest shipyard in interior California, has been awarded 46 craft of various types including floating drydocks. Moore Equipment has a continuing contract with the Navy for constructing invasion barges and as well as a type of rescue derrick. This will keep Moore busy for another 12 months at least.

Colberg is building a group of purse seiners. Their present Government contracts expire in July. Hickenbotham Brothers, Kyle and Clyde Woods seem to have all they can handle.

Since Stockton took a new lease on life as a shipbuilding center, shortly before America entered the present war, \$106,418,140.00 worth of ships have been awarded here. Of this number \$45,172,026.00 worth have been delivered while a good portion of the remainder are in various stages of construction.

Permanente Metals suffered a large layoff. Building No. 1 is down for repairs. New residue unloaders are being installed and kilns are being set up to change the process of pellet making. Many of the operators are now working at the shipyards as crane oilers, etc. Layoffs of this nature are hard to handle when it comes to relocating the gang.

"Happy Arbuthnot," after operating for many years, decided to take a withdrawal and go farming. He bought a farm tractor, and by the time that he got through telling me how much banana squash and alfalfa he was going to raise, I could see it popping out of the windows 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 for him. When Hap got aboard he found it a little more difficult to ride than the seat of the Loraine he is now on, and after hitting the ground (in the usual fashion) he had to visit the bone cracker for several weeks to get his hips and neck where they ought to be.

Well, yes you can guess it. Before the month was out and he had his withdrawal card three days, he came back. So you skinnners, take notice, don't try to climb on the deck if it isn't made of iron. You ask Hap. He is now piledriving for M. & K. at Riverbank.

George French and his gang are getting ready for a busy summer. Every unit has been worked over, and when these boys overhaul, it isn't with a pot of paint. McGaw is doing some conversion work at the plant and Joe Bevanda copped himself a street and sewer job in Stockton.

I was told that a considerable sum of money is to be spent at both Crews Landing and Vernalis this summer on both landings and runways.

The feuding was on again at Western Freight Handlers. Being associated with tanks and tank busters and what have you, beside the Colonel, Majors and the rest of the Army must excite the latent war-like spirit of the gang so they took the management on. The boss won the first round, the second was even and in the third the gang decided to call it a draw. Maybe it was spring fever, because it hit Jack Beale and the Claude Woods job up at West Point at about the same time. The skirmish here was also light and everyone is again settled down to the business of building a strategic road.

Operating Engineers Local No. 3 Boy Scouts Unit of Stockton will be in full uniform 24 strong within the next 30 days.

Emmet Bettinger, out on withdrawal from No. 3 is to be Scout Master. Leo Kruger, a super at Moores, will be his assistant. Mike Thorpe, Jim Roberts, Bob Warnick, Harold Hamrick, George Gibson and Vernon Dark will represent No. 3 on the Board of this group. Our organization will be proud of this group of boys, sorely in need of a sponsor to send them on their way.

And as a parting shot, "Get ready for the battle of the phoney anti-labor "Right of Employment" initiative. Don't sign this petition!"

(See page 11 for an interesting story about Stockton's Engineers.)

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San Jose

(Continued from Page 3) the usual period on this chatter, and I do hope I will find things roaring and going full blast when I return from Chicago, some time around April 24th or 25th. Again I want to thank each and everyone of you who made it possible (by voting for me) for me to make this trip and I assure you while there I'll do all in my power to make a better and stronger organization of the Engineers.

Dredges still need hands

By JACK FOSTER
Business Representative

The dredge situation is about the same as last month.

The machines are all operating short handed. They need deckhands badly; twenty or thirty jobs are open for men as deckhands and boatmen.

The job pays \$1.10 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 a month, that boosts the pay from \$57.20 up to \$70.40 per week on a seven day week.

This is fairly good pay at this time for our men. The construction contracts are slow in getting started, so \$55 or \$60 per would help keep the old bank roll from dwindling too much.

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

The new agreement is now before the Washington authorities waiting the decision on a substantial raise of pay.

Come in and get to work. Most any one can do this job.

Report at any of the offices in the district.

Joshua Hendy to finish engines

The Joshua Hendy Iron Works of Sunnyvale, Calif., will complete 73 Liberty Ship engines which were being built by the Iron Fireman Mfg. Co. of Portland, Ore., the Maritime Commission recently announced.

Iron Fireman's contract was cancelled when a fire put the plant out of operation after delivering 312 engines under a contract calling for a total of 389. Filer and Stowell Co. of Milwaukee, Wis., will build the other four engines.

Uncompleted parts will be acquired by these companies from Iron Fireman in accordance with the Commission's policy of transferring construction materials unusable at one plant to another concern operating within the merchant shipbuilding program.

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 Pan-American Airbase, with several contractors working there, has employed quite a number of Local 3's members.

The Union Paving Company is starting a \$400,000 paving job at the Base. 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. Atkinson yard at South San Francisco is busy building a yard, unloading, loading out and repairing. Many of our heavy duty repairmen coming in from other jobs are working here for a while, later to go to Long Beach or other jobs for the Guy F. Atkinson Company. As you know, however, this is to be the main yard.

The Belair Shipyard laid off a

few engineers and oilers. They are busy on conversion work which should terminate about August 1 unless 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 had a small change in policy—the crane operators are still under the Maintenance Department while the others have been put under the Transportation and Materials Department, therefore constituting two separate and distinct departments. Instead of having three leadermen, we now have five and one more to go to work in the very near future. This change in policy seems to be working out O.K. at this time.

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

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Geneva mill pushes ahead, Spence says

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 Senator Van Winkle and Brother Casebolt had a talk with the company's attorney, it apparently changed its mind. The company has notified the U.S.E.S. that it is to be considered a union contractor and has agreed to call its men in the regular manner. It also asked us to put a 100 per cent union sign on the job, which has been done. It is expected that an agreement will be signed within a few days.

The weather has moderated and become considerably warmer and new life is beginning to be noticed in the housing jobs. These jobs for the most part have been closed down due to extremely cold weather in this area. This work will not mean much as far as the engineers are concerned, although a little grading, etc., will be necessary, as most of the digging was done last fall.

However, if the many rumors concerning the plant are finally laid to rest and the houses presently built begin to sell or rent, more housing projects will be there is a possibility that several erected in this area. One thing I would like to caution our membership about and that is that they inquire as to how the house they are buying was erected before buying.

Although we haven't many houses at present that were built non-union, there are a few as one of our members found out to his sorrow, and I would like to warn our members to be more careful when purchasing homes. There is one thing we can definitely state in this area and that is, "a union built house is a better built house."

The Ryberg-Strong and Grant Road job is proceeding along fairly rapidly. The drain pipe that had to be put in before grading could be commenced is finished. The indications are that the grading of the road bed will start in the near future and this will use several of our members.

We are, also, informed that the company intends to open up a gravel pit for the purpose of supplying gravel to this job and that ought to also supply some employment to our membership. Although the present indications are that there will be several road jobs started this spring, it is well for our membership to be advised that work on the whole is slackening off and they should contact our office before considering coming into this area for employment.

At present we haven't many men on the out-of-work list, most of those being laid off having secured jobs in other parts of the country. Still there are a few local men presently unemployed and they should be entitled to the first chance to employment in the area.

Postwar jobs

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 Eastern steel barons and mineral kings.

We are three thousand miles from Pittsburgh, and that means freight saving. And we are three thousand miles closer to the Far East, and that is no small handicap on Eastern competition.

Bear in mind also that the heart of the West Coast shipping, trade, and industry is San Francisco. Visualize what that Port will be when we have destroyed the last bit of the Jap power and ships flying the American Flag dominate the Pacific.

WASHINGTON (FP)—Two national wartime measures that mean much to every American worker and his family, rent freezing and price control, were upheld as constitutional by the U. S. supreme court.

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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 and conditions.

In other words... IT WILL END OUR RIGHTS.
REFUSE TO SIGN ANY SUCH PETITION!

Senators seek national unity on foreign policy

WASHINGTON (FP)—The beginnings of a movement to bring about national unity toward post-war international policies was seen here last month in a joint statement issued by Senators Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah) and Warren R. Austin (R., Vt.).

Although avoiding any sort of formal organization, the two senators from major opposing parties declared as their objective the development of broad general policies in line with the Four Freedoms which would serve as a basis or "lowest common denominator" for agreement on plans to promote and maintain the peace and welfare of the world after the war.

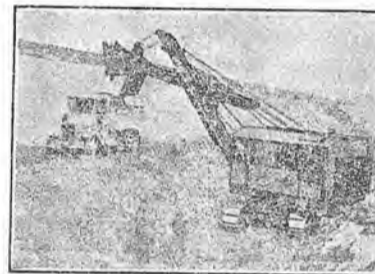
The senators said seven other members of the Senate and Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts were among 13 prominent public figures who have subscribed

to their mission. Thomas and Austin said they hoped to "combine the following five aims" in establishing their fundamental policy:

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Jobs, but no men, Eureka office reports

By OTTO E. NEVER
Business Representative

Eureka—It is the same old cry again, Brothers; plenty of work and no men! This territory has kept all brothers busy all winter and a lot of members have come from Redding, Sacramento, Stockton, and the Bay District. Now that construction is starting, it will be worse.

Marshall Hanrahan will start April 1 at Smith River; soon after at Red Hen. An outfit from Portland is expected to start driving piles at Crescent City at once.

There is quite a job to start at the airport in Crescent City. We don't know how much as yet. Most of the work will be cats and carryalls, with some blade work.

The job on the logging road up the Klamath to Ah Pah Creek for 12 miles has started.

The \$900,000 job at the Arcata Airport will break about May 1 or before. There is also a job that will break at the jetties about the same time. The latter job is to cost about \$100,000. In addition to these, there are several small jobs breaking for ditchers and mixer men.

South of Eureka there will be about 18 miles of patch work.

Brother V. S. Nims has gone back to his mine at Hornbrook. Brother R. F. Dudley has left here to run a Northwest shovel at Sprague River, Oregon.

Brother Bud Henderson, pusher on graveyard at C. B. & I. Co., has left for Chicago to get proper medical treatment for his son. We certainly hate to see these brothers leave and will look forward to seeing them return.

Brother Fritz Jatzek has been recommended for foreman on swing shift. Brother Jim Reynolds has gone with Proctor as piledriver engineer. Brothers Roy Barnes and Ray Anderson are still pushing dirt piles from one side of the housing project to the other. Seems like this job will never be finished.

Brother Warlick has opened up a Richfield station next to the County jail. Says he will furnish smokes to any brother who becomes a guest of the sheriff, providing he's been a regular customer of Richfield.

We need ventilation and welding machine operators at \$1.20 at the local shipyard. Any brothers wanting these jobs, contact me at once. For other jobs here, write or wire me before coming up. In coming up here with a contractor, be sure and clear through this office in Eureka's Labor Temple.

Working rules are strictly enforced here, so we welcome dependable brothers.

Minutes for April 1

By C. F. MATHEWS
Recording Secretary

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4 were by motion approved as printed in the Engineers' 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 approval as read. Regarding the section of the Minutes referring to the letter from Mrs. Mabel 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. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Cards of thanks from Julie Beckley, Mrs. Addie Cleveland and Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Albert Benson and the family of Albert E. Groff.

REPORT OF THE SICK COMMITTEE

It has been reported that Brother Gullickson, E. E. Hill, James Reed, Earl Slausson and R. S. Barton are ill. It was also reported that Brothers Albert E. Groff and T. C. Beckley are deceased.

BUSINESS AGENTS REPORTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the business agent's 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 6. It was requested that all members register.

There was considerable discussion regarding members who carry 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 requested that these laws be included in the working rules.

There was a lengthy discussion on what constituted a change on pieces of equipment. No action was taken.

Regarding leadermen at Bethlehem Shipyards, Brother Vandewark reported there had been two additional meetings of the Metal Trades Council and reported progress had been made.

Brother and Captain H. T. Petersen of the P. S. Army Engineers talked on the necessity of giving

facts to the men in the service regarding labor in the war effort. He stated that servicemen are being misled 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 Swanson 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 innumerable telegrams, letters and telephone calls received while in the hospital.

Brother Braddock, manager of the Stockton 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 adjourned.

Wallace praises labor's war job

BOSTON (FP)—Scoring propaganda which drives a wedge between soldiers and organized labor, Vice-Pres. 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 50 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 99.86 per cent of the available time."

Wallace predicted slight government interference with industry in the post-war period provided business assumes the responsibility for maintaining full employment.

New unity committee

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—When the unions of Contra Costa county sent representatives to the AFL Labor Temple in Martinez to establish a United Labor's Legislative Committee, labor completed its united political front in the East Bay area.

CIO and railroad union locals in the county. It will work closely with unity groups in Pittsburg, San Leandro, Hayward and the Alameda County ULLC to back the Roosevelt administration's win-the-war policies, mobilizing the people to register and put progressive candidates into office.

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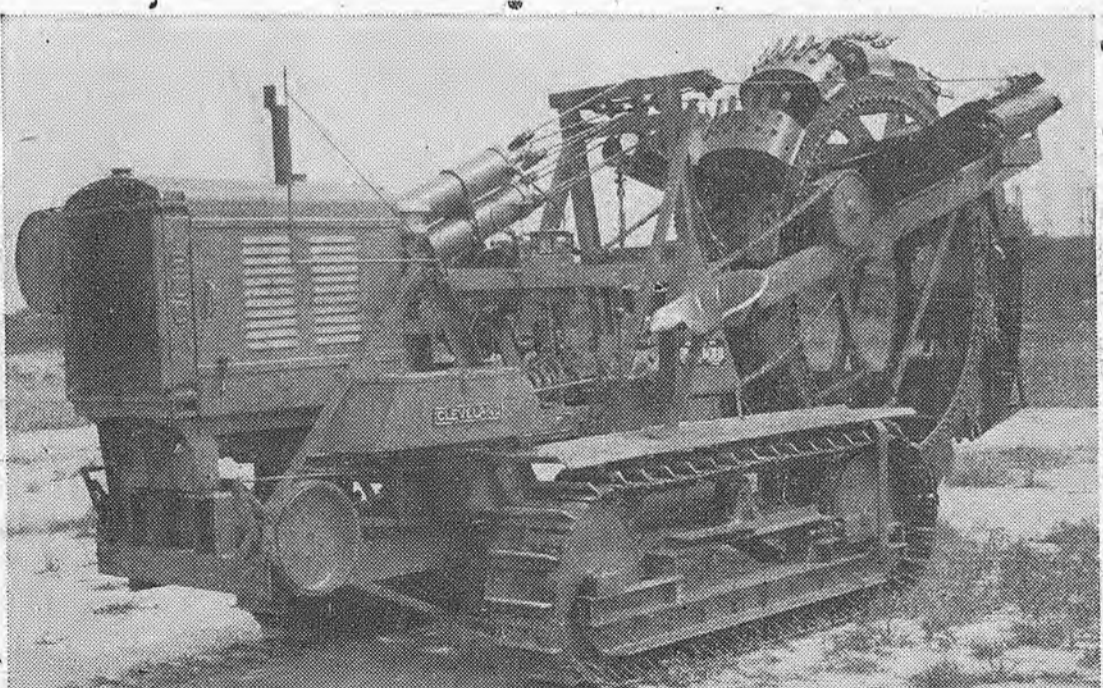
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Reno opens drive on 'bad' employer

By JOHN DE LAGRANGE
Business Representative

Reno—A picket line was placed on Carl E. Nelson's job approximately six miles east of Elko, Friday, March 31st. The Operating Engineers in Utah and Nevada have tried unsuccessfully 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, 1942, and appears in all highway specifications. The picket line will be kept on this job until a satisfactory agreement has been reached between the Contractor and Local Union No. 3.

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

Isbell Construction Company is still running two shifts on its stripping and mining job at Kimberly, Nevada. Guy Isbell is in charge of this job and is giving Local No. 3 splendid cooperation. I held a meeting at Ruth, Nevada, Friday evening, March 10th, for our members at both Kennecott Copper Corp. and Isbell Construction Company.

We had a very successful meeting with forty-six members attending. Another meeting will be held at Ruth, Nevada, after the International completes its meeting in Chicago.

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

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

The newspaper of Reno confirms the 2 million dollar appropriation for an extension at Fallon, Naval Flight Training Station, March 18. This appeared in our March Engineers' News. I had a conference with Commander Rice 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 20th, by Andy Drumm, of the Silver State Construction Co. and Clark County Building & Trades Council to use Union craftsmen on his airport extension contract at the Army Air Base, located at Indian Springs, Nevada.

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

The James I. Barnes Housing Project is nearing completion. E. T. Haase has a sub-contract from this company for the utilities. Our former brother member John Powers is superintendent in charge of this job.

Richard A. Davidson's flume job at Westwood will open up again this month, this job was shut down last November due to weather conditions.



Winston Brothers' railroad extension for the Red River Lumber Company north of Camp Bunyon will open some time the latter part of this month.

Brother F. E. Wright, from the Bay district, made a very pleasant and surprising call to our Reno office Thursday, March 30. He informed us that he was up here on particular business, and I presumed his "particular business" was as we call it here, "up for the cure." In other words, dropping the second party, but instead he took unto him his lawful wedded wife, Miss Mary McClain, also of the Bay district. They made the trip to Reno via Overland route (better known as the bus). This office extends its best wishes and "Good Luck" to Brother and Mrs. Wright.

Brother Wadman is filling in in the Bay District while the Representatives attend the International meeting in Chicago. If you members do not see me on the job as often in the future as you have in the past, you will understand that I am all alone with this large territory to cover.

The Reno office wishes Brother Swanson and the ten elected delegates the best of luck at the convention in Chicago.

New angle on "closed shop"

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—Signing a closed shop contract would "collide with the precepts of the church," Arthur Bell, head of Mankind United and convicted seditiousist now out on appeal, told officials of two locals of Hotel & Restaurant Employees International Alliance (AFL).

Known as The Voice, Bell said he could not sign the contract in force in every other hotel in the city for the Cecil Hotel, which he bought recently. Bell fired all employees who were not members of Mankind United when he took over. Nothing wrong with that kind of closed shop, he says.

Construction trades in Utah 'forge steadily ahead, Ledingham reports

By SCOTT LEDINGHAM
Business Representative

Ogden—The Building & Construction Trades are forging ahead in an effort to establish better wages and working conditions.

One of the most commendable steps of progress by this group is the new prevailing wage schedule as set up by the Utah State Industrial Commission. A large bouquet of roses should be given to Commissioner E. M. Royle for the splendid cooperation and effort he gave in gathering data and information in order to make these rates a reality.

The rates graduate from 85c for laborers to \$1.75 for Spray Painters and some operators. It also requires the payment of overtime rates for all work in excess of

eight hours and for work performed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. This schedule will apply on all work done by City, County, State and municipalities. They are set up as the predetermined minimum rates.

We have met with the Associated General Contractors on these rates and they are desirous of submitting the proper forms for the purpose of stabilizing these rates as the predetermined minimum rates on all public or private work throughout the State. We will meet with them again on Wednesday, March 29th to arrive at a final understanding.

From all indications there will be an abundance of work for our people starting within the next 60 days. The Catholic Hospital has now been approved by the House of Representatives and is awaiting

approval by the Senate.

The Labor Advisor for the Federal Works Agency informs me that the Ogden area has a great deal of work forthcoming from this agency. Such as a \$200,000 sewer job, waterworks, hospital and road construction. The Navy Base job is still in the drawing up stages. According to reliable information, it should be under way by April 15th. This is the largest scheduled project in the area.

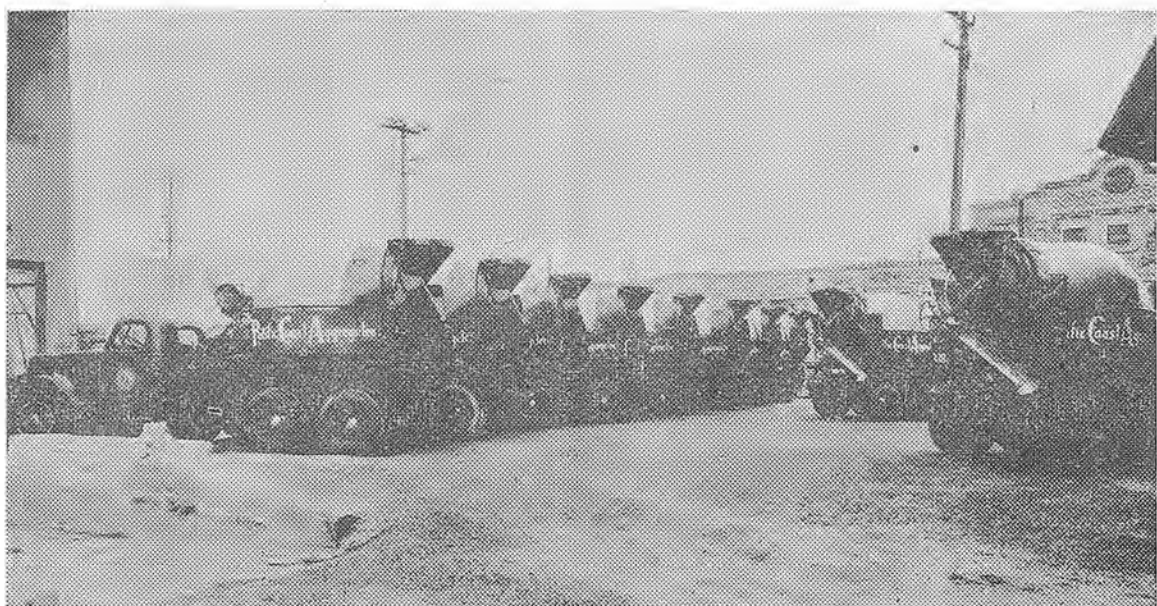
The W. W. Clyde Company is working on a small holdover job. The Gibbons & Reed Company job is going strong. L. T. Johnson Company has six men on a farm job. Waterfall Construction Company is finishing a few holdover jobs. Wheelwright Construction is finding a few small jobs and signed a

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Story of 'dinosaur jockeys'

Shipyard worker describes engineers as they look to bystander on ground

(Reprinted from Pollock News, Stockton—"The Spotlight" by "Londy")

Reason tells us a slab of steel is just so much cardboard in the sure grip of a Colby Crane. But when that man created Dinosaur poises a ten ton fly swatter over us reason gives no comfort.

We cringe in pygmy awe, conscious only of what squashable insects we be. We can almost hear the Colby monster thinking down at us, "Heavy, heavy hangs over thy head, and this time there ain't no redemption. So say your prayers, brother!" And do we say 'em!

But when with a tinkling of bells Dinny Dinosaur swings his long neck and the slice of cold grey doom he has dangled over us floats away, then, like the comic lords of creation we are, we get indignantly up from our knees and mutter after the big brute—"You blankety-blank! get the blank out of here!"

An elephant's really something—and yet practically nothing in comparison with Dinny, our robot dinosaur. For brute strength and delicate skill you can't rival him. He can toss chunks of ship around as

though they were plywood . . . and he can swing such teacup trifles as welding machines over acres of ground and feather them down precisely on a row of dimes.

Of course there's human masterminding behind the phenomenal performance of Dinny and his brothers. Perched on the monster's shoulders are those 20th century Alley Oops—Operators Larry Chapman, Elmer Klein, Hornell Green.

And scurrying below in orange hats, waving their antennae-like arms in a fascinating code, are the riggers in teams of three to a Dinny. . . .

From these chief arm wavers Mahouts Chapman, Klein, and Green get their signals, kick their massive charges in the ribs (or do something) and lo! the steel monsters respond patiently, unflinchingly—that is, as long as Oilers Clement Revel, Johnny Williams and George Clark keep them in a reasonably good state of health and repair.

Of all Dinny's helpers perhaps we most admire the riggers. . . . The nerve of those guys! It makes our insides squirm—and our heart pound with admiration . . . the

way they plant themselves a-top a wingwall and give Dinny the "Lower Away!" signal, the way they stand their ground and trust the big boy not to brush 'em off—for keeps! Maybe it's routine stuff to them. But to us it's a beautiful exhibition of faith and courage—one we'd rather not be called on to display. . . .

So now we've talked ourselves into a conviction that at last we've discovered the key outfit without which modern ships couldn't be built. Golly, take Dinny and his pals off the lot and could the rest of us swing the job?

Can you see the burners out in the steelyard cutting off little chunks for the welders to lug away in wheelbarrows? Can you imagine the patchwork quilt sort of craft we'd produce if it weren't for Dinny the Robot Dinosaur and the boys who do his thinking for him?

So when along come the orange hats heralding the approach of Dinny the mechanical Behemoth, just scam and be thankful, you welders. For without that outfit there wouldn't be any nice long 50 foot seams for you to sew up—you'd probably be riveters!

San Rafael jobs pick up

By H. O. FOSS
Business Representative

San Rafael — Understand Biasotti will start soon on approach roads at Marin City—a small job that this firm successfully bid.

A. G. Raish is about finished overhauling equipment, doing a few odd jobs at Hamilton Field and starting re-surfacing on Highway 101 near San Rafael soon. Since Brother Napier of this outfit took on a wife and a farm at Novato we don't see much of him.

Hutchinson Co. at Greenbrae Quarries is working overtime trying to keep up with orders. Brothers Waggoner, Lewis and Rowley bailing rocks to Brother Atkinson and his crew from crushers to mill.

Brother Webster is in charge of hot plant. Brothers Pacho (now off

sick), Asher and Ley running locomotive cranes.

The Teichert job at Hamilton Field is progressing slowly through no fault of management. Supt. Bud Hall says if 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 chasing nut busters. Hope to see this outfit get some extensions on the project.

Frederickson and Watson have a small job around Tgaloo. Rumors of more work on airports in the vicinity of Santa Rosa. . . . Mendocino job going again. . . . Carlin Construction Co., Henry Glackin, superintendent, have subcontract. . . . Carryalls, jeeps and pulls leveling off hill tops for airport.

McDonald and Westbrooks, with

Supt. Walsh got a small extension on Napa airport and winding up again. . . . Casson and Ball, Supt. Brother Red Bennett, with Brothers Roach and Howe assisting, getting along on spring offensive on Napa-Vallejo highway, will start pouring cement about April 10. Some grading on Napa end.

Our members at Florsden plant of Basalt will be on a jump furnishing Red the "mud"; also will cause their quarries to step up production.

This company was successful in getting more ship contracts so it appears Crane Supers Samuelsen and Herrman with crew Uncle Sam has left them will be very busy. Brother Hill still in Mary's Help Hospital but slowly improving.

E. E. Lowell with Supt. Brother Broyster got all equipment busy in the Vallejo territory. C. M. Syar

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Uncle Sam uses paper but—

WASHINGTON (FP) — Many anti-administration spokesmen will pound countless tables during the coming political campaign to view with no little alarm the flagrant misuse and waste of good paper by the scores of federal agencies. And applause will go up in hundreds of newspaper columns while the Republicans cry "Amen."

scattered agencies and departments use only about 1.2 per cent of the total supply of paper and paper-board.

Figures compiled by the Government Printing Office here March 23 show that the trouble in paper is that since 1941 the consumption of pulpwood has been greater than imports and domestic production and U. S. commercial inventories are down to ¼ of normal.

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Labor has job in 5th war loan

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Organized labor again will be called upon to play an important part in the Fifth War Loan which will start on June 12, and run to July 8.

Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, has announced that the goal will be \$16,000,000,000, of which \$6,000,000,000 is to come from sales of War Bonds to individuals.

"In the Fourth War Loan," Secretary Morgenthau said, "individuals invested \$5,300,000,000. In planning to get \$6,000,000,000 of the Fifth War Loan's \$16,000,000,000 goal in individual sales, we are asking the American people for more than ever before. Fifth War Loan goals were set high because the Nation's Treasury must borrow a great deal of money this year to keep the war going. We will need more than twice as much as we can expect to get in taxes.

"Since January 1, 1944, the direct costs of the war have exceeded \$23,000,000,000. With the critical phases of the war still ahead of us, certainly no decline in expenditures is now in prospect. For this reason the \$16,000,000,000—all of which is to be raised from investors other than commercial banks—is urgently needed."

The Secretary pointed out that the major emphasis throughout the entire period of the drive will be placed on the \$6,000,000,000 quota for individuals.

During the period from June 12 to June 26, only sales to individuals will be reported by the Treasury, although subscriptions will be received from all non-banking investors during the entire period of the drive. The campaign to sell to individuals will be supplemented starting June 26 with an intensive campaign to sell all other non-banking investors—the quota for which is \$10,000,000,000.

San Rafael

(Continued from Page 11) with Supt. Brother Murdock trying to keep ahead of houses being erected on the new site.

Syar now bidding 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 Arris Napp outfit.

Sorry to report the passing of Brother Earl Philpott after a long illness on April 4.

Practically all members working—very short of oilers so if you members know any likely talent, send 'em around or we have to soon send out some "oilerettes."

San Mateo

(Continued from Page 7) expect to have over six, or ten at the most, engineers employed there.

There is also started a new housing project at Baden. Three or four of our members are excavating land there now. If the weather holds out like it has been the last couple of weeks, I look to see quite a bit of work in the San Mateo County area.

Utah progress

(Continued from Page 10) Building Trades Contract April 3. Hunsaker has three tractors and is back filling housing job. Stroud & Seabrook has a small sewer job at Sunset. Kiewit's sewer job in Clearfield is in full swing. Harry Lee, sewer job in Layton to start soon. Paul J. Howards landscaping job starting this week. Robert E. McKee has two small building jobs. Don Bowman is hustling small jobs to keep four Engineers busy.

Forty nations attend meet to discuss postwar jobs

PHILADELPHIA (FP)—Delegates from at least 40 nations attending the conference called by the International Labor Office here April 20 will be asked to indorse 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 at once to maintain employment opportunities and "to bring together the available 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 the orderly demobilization and reintegration 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 post-war needs, with vocational guidance made available to all.

4—Flexible public works programs planned in advance.

5—Provision for financial assistance for persons temporarily unemployed.

6—Well-developed and efficient employment machinery.

Within the limits set by military requirements and with such factors as age and length of military service taken into account, the code recommends that governments consider making demobilization coincide with expanding employment.

Governments are urged to invite the collaboration of workers and employers in developing unified national reconversion policies for the demobilization of war industries. Policies on disposal of government war plants and contract termination, the code declares, should be settled before the war ends.

Redistribution of women workers, the code suggests, should be organized on the principle of complete equality of opportunity for men and women on the basis of their individual merit, skill and experience. Measures are proposed to encourage equal pay for equal work.

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are displaying at the front... to make the most out of every tool, every machine, every bit of material and every manhour in producing "bridges to victory" so long as there is need. ☆ ☆

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