In another in a continuing series of public hearings, operating engineers turned out in force before the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to express support for the planned San Bruno Mountain project. An overflow of 150 operating engineers, attended the most recent hearing at the War Memorial Center in Daly City, California.

Speaking for Local 3, was President Harold Huston and Assistant District Representative for San Mateo Dick Bell.

Development of the area now planned and being adapted before the first plan was conceived in 1965 and since then four other plans have been submitted. Development of the land was not undertaken for various reasons.

The plan for San Bruno Mountain now includes 765 housing units on 262 acres of land. Also planned is 158 acres for retail, industrial, school and road use. 206 acres of developed park and open space; 464 acres of undeveloped public use and 139 acres for a regional resources park and permanent open space.

The plan has been delayed, in an attempt to soften some of the opposition to the project from 12,500 housing units on 1000 acres of land. The size of the regional park has grown from 350 acres to its current proposed size of 1900 acres. According to project manager Robert Follett, "the size of the park was one of the major concessions Visitacion Associates made to the environmental interest.

A major recreation facility is planned for the development, to be known as Town Center. This center will include various recreational facilities such as an ice rink, as well as library, a health clinic, religious facilities and child care and pre-school education centers. Other smaller, community centers would be located throughout the development with the services offered by each to be determined by the special needs of the residents in the immediate area.

These centers, in addition to other facilities would provide jobs for 10,000 people after completion. Visitacion Associates estimate that the project will provide over 500 construction jobs annually for the next 15 years, in addition to 10,000 permanent jobs.

Local 3 President Harold Huston told the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors that two years of studies and hearings on the proposed San Bruno Mountain project is long enough. The overflow crowd included over 150 operating engineers.

Even though the long dry spell that has gripped the State of California for weeks has finally broken, the effects of the drought will be felt for years to come.

Throughout the state, cattle are dying, crops are drying up, river should be wild and roaring, are a mere trickle. What is even worse, the back-up reserve of water, the annual snow-pack in the Sierras, is drastically below normal.

The drought has reached such proportions that Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., has appealed to the federal government for natural disaster relief. Many counties throughout the state are preparing emergency water rationing plans in the event that more rain does not come soon.

State water officials say that adequate water supplies are being contained in the state's two man-made systems (the California State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project) to provide all the water for their customers with "firm" contracts even if the dry weather continues through next year. Another block of customers, though, who pay a lower rate in exchange for a non-guaranteed supply of water will probably be cut off. These customers, mostly water districts in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, usually can shift to well water.

Many people forget the important role of water in daily living.

The continuing drought brings the necessity close to home. Communities relying on local streams, shallow reservoirs, or shallow ground water may experience less water flowing to turn the giant power turbines to supply the state with electric power. Current estimates say that an extra 20 million barrels of oil will be needed to offset this loss of power.

The dry weather has forced an indefinite extension of the fire season in Southern California, and in the central coast area, the fire season was reopened in mid-January. The situation in the southern Sierras is becoming critical.

Even though man's dependence on water is obvious and the necessity of adequate supplies and resources have been proven this winter, still certain groups and politicians refuse to admit it.

In legislation introduced in the 10th Congress in the New Melones Dam issue, Senator Peter Behr is trying once again to block construction of the dam. Peter Behr refuses to admit that he holds a minority view on this issue.

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Proposition 15, the Nuclear Safeguard Initiative, or the Anti-Nuclear Initiative as it should be called, will appear on the June 8 California ballot.

The question of nuclear power is one that has no clear cut answer. Depending on who you listen to, nuclear power will save the country from the blackmail situation we find ourselves in with the Arab oil producing nations, it will enable the United States to reach energy independence, or it will blanket the nation with radioactive pollutants, subject the nation to terrorist blackmail and contaminate the earth for thousands of years.

All of these arguments, however, are emotional attempts to sway public opinion in either direction. None of the arguments are valid.

However, all of the facts are not yet known. No one can say for certain that nuclear power is completely safe, no one can say that nuclear power will do all the catastrophic things that its detractors say it will do.

The truth of the matter is that nuclear power will go a long way in providing the energy this nation needs to conduct its business. It will provide relatively inexpensive energy without the type of air pollution that other types of energy contain. Nuclear power is inevitable. We need all the alternate sources of energy that we can develop. Nuclear power is just one of the alternate energy sources.

On February 16, I had the privilege of addressing a two-day seminar on jobs and energy, in Los Angeles. In my speech, I explained the feelings of frustration that working people of this nation are feeling. These people want to work, they want to be able to provide for their families, they want to lead a productive and useful life.

Given the many environmental roadblocks that the government has put in front of most construction projects, the opportunity to work in the construction industry is becoming more and more difficult to do. However, these are all governmental policies that can be changed once the people in power realize their misguided route.

The future we face in the construction industry is more serious than any change in governmental policy can solve. We face the possibility of depleting our energy. Without the power to power the industry of this nation, there will be a need to construct new facilities. Unemployment will rise even higher.

We have a desperate need for a new source of energy in this country that must be met. Environmental groups tell us that we can’t use coal, our most abundant source of energy, because it causes air pollution and its mining scars the land.

We can’t drill for oil off the southern California coast because of the danger of oil spills. Natural gas is becoming scarce and expensive, yet the North Slope of Alaska contains one of the richest natural gas fields in the world, but we aren’t allowed to build a pipeline because of environmental dangers. Solar power is said to be the answer to our problem, but its practical use is years away.

In attempting to solve our energy requirements, we must realize that in reaching a long-term solution, certain trade-offs will have to be made, we must agree to certain compromises. Either Americans learn to do without such high levels of energy consumption or we agree to certain undesired consequences of satisfying our needs. These consequences may be additional hydroelectric dams on our rivers, which environmental groups will strongly oppose, or we must increase our strip mining of coal and construction of coal fired power plants such as the Kaiparowits plant in southern Utah, or we must continue to build more nuclear power plants.

Whatever the answer, it will not come easily, it will not be cheap, it will not be efficient, it will not be clear, it will not be profitable, it will not be billions of dollars. The problem of supplying energy to a growing nation is difficult, it is something that operating engineers must concern themselves with. It is something that we will be talking about again in the future.
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It seems as though a lot has happened these past thirty days, as every week I've been in another plane to another rather important meeting.

Last month's columns, I mentioned the project agreement negotiations which were scheduled with the Stone & Webster Corporation on the Valmy Power Plant Additions 1 and 2 in the boondock area between Winnemucca and Battle Mountain, Nevada. I'm most happy to report that since last month's report; agreement was reached with Stone & Webster, the engineer for Sierra-Pacific Power Company (the owner) and the Northern Nevada Building Trades Council and ourselves. This agreement will involve at least $500 million worth of new work which is scheduled for completion in about six years. Initial work is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Fall of this year (1976). First steps will begin with a new road to the project site and construction of a bachelor camp and related facilities, as this will be provided for all workers at this site who elect to stay there, in lieu of subsistence, as this is not a remote facility to live otherwise is some distance away. In my opinion, this type of agreement is a major effort and victory for all Unions in the building and construction trades. A project of this size is the target of many of the larger non-union companies who do this type of work all over this country today, and to guarantee continuity of work and job security for the many locals involved is indeed a small victory for all Unions in the building trades. We've planned a small price to pay to guarantee a union project for all crafts.

This past week (February 13 and 14th), two long days were spent in the office of the Northern Nevada Building Trades Council, myself, Dale Beach (Nevada District Representative) and Dave Young (Business Agent), and Taylor Construction of Nevada. The purpose was to work out the last minute details to conclude the new MGM Hotel in the center of Reno, very similar to the one now existing in Las Vegas. This company is the same one that constructed the MGM Hotel in Las Vegas and another large hotel in Florida. The price tag on the Freemont Hotel, we are told, will be in the ballpark figure of at least $500 million. Peak manpower requirements would be in the 5000-7000 man range and the large majority of these would be craftsmen rather than Operating Engineers, but of course we would like to have our members work on this project. Many of the larger non-union companies and locals who work on this project are union members.

I mentioned at the last meeting that since the long-standing inequity. Means and Methods of Operations is the new title being given to this operation, and the problems of such an operation better than anyone else, and their expertise in these mine negotiations is very important.

John Rohenkohl of Santa Rosa, a long-time member of the Needleman's and self-proclaimed fan of the oysters there sat down in the patio court restaurant for his favorite seafood. "I have been looking forward to this day and a half, and when they came I found something in one of those plates that made my day," said Mr. Rohenkohl. "I couldn't figure out what it was because you don't have to read it.

Pat Vadon, waitress at Michaelangelo's, said she looked for an oyster that still wasn't supposed to be there. "I was surprised," said Ms. Vadon, "and his rare find. A Jewel Of A Meal With Oysters" by Sidney Margolius, Consumer Expert for Engineers News The recent action by the Federal Trade Commission to bar the "holder in due course" clause in installment financing contracts as adopted by the holder in due course law. Unfortunately, many millions of dollars have been extracted from moderate-income families by other widespread exploitation of the "holder in due course" clause of your referral-creating and house-selling promotions. An especially shocking aspect of the hard-sell promotions based on this legal loophole has been the participation of not only local finance companies who specialize in this kind of transaction but also many of the nation's largest and most reputable banks.

The FTC's new ruling barring the holder in due course clauses doesn't go into effect until May 14. Meanwhile you can safeguard yourself by avoiding signing such contracts. You can insist that any such clause be crossed out.

Typically, the holder in due course clause in a contract will read something like this: "If the seller should assign this contract to a holder in good faith to a third party, I shall be precluded as against such third party from attacking the validity of the contract on grounds of fraud, duress, mistake, want and consideration." Also look for any other clauses or sentences in the contract or installment agreement that say you "waive" your defenses against the finance company in case the dealer fails to deliver agreed-upon satisfactory goods or services.

The forthcoming FTC ruling also will require sellers to insert a clause in installment contracts to effect: Notice: Any holder in due course of this consumer credit contract is subject to all claims and defenses which the debtor could assert against the seller of goods or services obtained pursuant hereto or with the proceeds hereof. Recovery hereunder by the debtor hereunder shall exhaust amounts paid by the debtor hereunder.

Note that the forthcoming rule applies only when the dealer or seller arranged for the financing. On loans you arrange yourself with a lender to make your own purchases, you, of course, have to pay back the loan even if the purchase was misrepresented or defective.

Nor will the FTC's new rule completely assure you of dependable loans or merchandise. You still need to be sure to get written rather than merely verbal statements of the seller's promises. But at least now you have the right to raise against the third party (the lender) any legal claims and defenses you may have by warranty, or by defective merchandise or misrepresentation by the seller.

Too, the new rule will make finance companies and banks more cautious than they sometimes have been about financing high-pressure or fly-by-night sellers. The FTC is to be congratulated by consumers for having taken this courageous step to eliminate this long-standing inequity. Meanwhile, of course, many millions of dollars have been won back from the pockets of innocent consumers to those of dealers, traveling contractors and lenders.
Grievance Committee Elections Dates Set

Recording Secretary James R. Ivey, has announced that in accordance with Local 3 By-Laws, Article X, Section 10, the election of Grievance Committeemen shall take place at the first regular quarterly district and subdistrict meeting of 1976. The schedule of such meetings at which the Grievance Committee members will be elected is as follows:

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Grievance Committees

Section 1 District and Subdistrict Grievance Committee

There shall be a Grievance Committee in each District and Subdistrict. It shall consist of five (5) Members—(a) one (1) District Executive Board Member, or Subdistrict Advisor, if a Subdistrict; (b) one (1) District Representative, one (1) Subdistrict Representative, and three (3) Delegates, who shall be registered voters in the District or Subdistrict, elected by the Members.

Section 2 Nomination Procedure

No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected or hold the position of Grievance Committee Delegate: (a) unless he is a Member in good standing in the Parent Local Union and a registered voter in the District or Subdistrict in which he is a candidate when nominated; (b) unless he was continuously a Member of the Parent Local Union for not less than two (2) years next preceding his nomination; (c) if he is an Officer of, or on the full-time payroll of, the Local Union; and (d) if he is an owner-operator or a contractor.

No Member shall be nominated unless he is present at the meeting, or unless he has filled with the Recording Secretary a statement in writing, signed by him, to the effect that he is eligible to be a Grievance Committee Delegate and will accept the nomination if nominated.

Section 10 The term of office for the three (3) Delegates of the Grievance Committee shall be for one (1) year, and the election shall take place at the first District or Subdistrict meeting of the year in each respective District or Subdistrict.

Election Committee Officers Election

James R. Ivey, Recording Secretary, has announced that in conformity with Article XII Section 3 Elections (b) of the Local Union By-Laws, elections will be held at the first regular district meeting in each district beginning in March for Members of the Election Committee which will conduct the election of Officers and District Executive Board Members of the Local Union in the month of August, 1976.

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3
OFFICIAL BALLOT


Thirty-eight (38) Delegates and two (2) Alternate Delegates are to be elected. Vote by placing an "X" in the box opposite the names of the candidates of your choice. If you vote for more than thirty-eight (38) Delegates or for more than two (2) Alternate Delegates, your ballot is void.

MARK YOUR BALLOT AND RETURN IT IN THE ENVELOPE MARKED "BALLOT".

Special Delegate Election Notice

SPECIAL NOTICE

Only ballots received in the Post Office Box in the return envelope by 10:00 a.m. February 26th, 1976, will be counted.

In a white envelope marked "OFFICIAL BALLOT," please return your ballot envelope, business reply envelope and ballot. Watch for the envelope. When you receive your Official ballot, seal the business reply envelope and close it in the ballot envelope, and follow the directions on the ballot envelope.

Under no circumstances change the address on the business reply envelope since the address is designed to prevent your ballot from being mixed up with the general mail of the Union.

Do not insert dues payments, letters, etc.

If you have a foreign address, you will not receive a ballot, but will be required to pay the necessary postage yourself, since under present regulations it is impossible for the Local Union to arrange delivery.

In the event you do not receive a ballot by February 18, 1976, or your ballot is destroyed or lost, you should contact Price Waterhouse & Co., 555 California Street, San Francisco, California 94104, telephone (415) 392-1023, and ask for the person in charge of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 election for Delegates and Alternates to the 39th I.U.O.E. Convention.
Redding to Get New Sewer System

By KEN GREEN, District Representative and BOB HAVENHILL, Business Representative

The Redding City Council has authorized applying for state funds to build an elevated crossing over the railroad tracks at South Street. Redding asked for $6 million in an application to the Public Utilities Commission last year and landed low on a priority list of other project proposals. The city owns track crossing, roughly $60,000, has not been reflected in current or projected city budgets.

The Redding City Council became the last of four local entities to approve the sewer system. The city approval made the effort to attend the Redding overcrossing, roughly $40,000, has gravel operation a project. With any luck the city's share of the proposed equipment for the rock, sand and gravel operation will have to be Redding District's share.

Concern had been expressed earlier cost studies and the revenue projection to build an elevated crossing over the railroad tracks at Mike has worked out of the Fresno Paving. Four operating Engineers, these "titles" can change, were elected to serve on the Grievance Committees of their respective districts for the ensuing quarter of 1976. The seven-member CAL/OSHA Standards Board approves and issues the State's job health and safety standards, grants permanent variances from standards, and hears appeals from the granting and denial of temporary variances.

Director of Safety Jerry Martin Appointed to CAL/OSHA Board

H. J. (Jerry) Martin, safety and training director for Operating Engineers Union, Local 3, San Francisco, has been appointed to the California Occupational Safety and Health (CAL/OSHA) Standards Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. He replaces William K. Stuckey of San Diego whose term has expired.

The unusual balmy Winter that Brother Engineer, was involved in an accident where he was knocked unconscious. These "titles" can change, such as the case at the Fremont sand and gravel pit now under the management of and known as Niles Sand and Gravel Company, Fremont, CA. This plant has been in operation over various producers for nearly 25 years and has become generally recognized as "definitely not the cleanest, safest plant around."

For several years Martin was a director of safety and training and, as such, was a nationally recognized authority in pit and strip mining operations. For several years Martin was a director of safety and training and, as such, was a nationally recognized authority in pit and strip mining operations. This situation and numerous other safety hazards and infractions have been cleaned up and corrected thanks to the joint cooperation and effort made by Bob Lard, District Representative, H. J. Martin, Safety and training director for Operating Engineers Union, Local 3, San Francisco, has been appointed to the California Occupational Safety and Health (CAL/OSHA) Standards Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Mr. Ken Green
Operating Engineers, Local No. 3
100 Lake Boulevard
Redding, California 96001

Dear Ken:

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to you, the Operating Engineers Union as a whole, and to those operators who actively supported our application for a use permit for a sand and gravel and asphalt plant facility to be located off Clear Creek Road.

Also, it's a pleasing experience to find us on the same side of an argument for a change. Very truly yours,

W. Jaxon Baker
Even though many members have been in the union for a long time, they may not know all the benefits provided by the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan. Shown above are four brothers engineers working out of the Stockton district brushing up on the full list of benefits during their lunch break. From left to right are Bill Parrell, Gene Vierra, Leonard Peireira and Fred Salari.

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By CLAUDE ODOM, District Representative, BOB MER- RILEY, Business Manager, and HAROLD SMITH and JERRY BENNETT, Business Representatives.

The California Department of Transportation has opened bids on highway construction in several counties. The project was called for before the recent imposition of a moratorium on new highway construction by the Department. Work on this project will begin in early 1977.

The Fresno County project is for repair of a bridge on Highway 99 at Draper Street in Kingsburg. The project calls for a bridge over Stockton Road Construction Company was low bidder out of seven submitted bids. Kaweah Const. Co. of Visalia turned in the lowest of 2 bids to Teichert for construction of a 43,000 foot long sewer line, to connect the two canals at Canal Dam, which was bid $450,000. The project was called for bid in November and started construction in December 1975. The project is expected next week. The project calls for a bridge on Highway 99 at Draper Street in Kingsburg. The project calls for a bridge over the river. The project is estimated to cost $1,984,574.

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By DALE BEACH
District Representative, U.A.W.

For various reasons we here in District 11 are going to deviate on our usual monthly page this month. Our internal deadline was at 10 AM February 12, 1976. However, the District Representative, Jim Young, has just submitted a report for the month of January which is more pertinent to the present condition of the construction and labor situation in the area. The report is attached to this page.

February, 1976

ENGINEERS NEWS
Annual Eureka Crab Feed will be March 6

By ROBERT WAGON
District Representative and E. D. (GENE) LAKE
Business Representative

At this time the work picture is pretty bleak on the North Coast. This is partly due to the winter rains, and, of course, the general lack of construction projects.

Up in the Crescent City area the Ladd job on Highway 199 is completely down at present. Due to heavy storms slides completely closed this highway, which is the link between Crescent City and Grants Pass. Also, Cannon Company, Inc., who contractor for Ladd job’s have finished the viaduct footings and moved out of the area.

Further northeast on Highway 199 at Lytldwell the grading project that was dropped last spring is being reconsidered. Cut-Trans informs us that this project now has a very high priority and should be let out for bid this spring. The cost estimate is approximately $2,000,000.

In Crescent City construction activity is at a low level, however, precast concrete and under construction projects are in the making. This summer the Bartich project will be completed and to materialize. This one is to be between 2-3 million. The Pilkey project track should follow shortly thereafter.

In addition the Crescent City sewer treatment plant will be necessary. The Redwood Empire Aggregate plant at Smith Bay is currently operating with a skeleton crew. At the present time it is mostly repair and maintenance work. They are anticipating a good season this year in the rock and black top business.

At the Essex Water Diversion plant the driving of sheet piles continues. Problems have been encountered with large buried logs. These, of course, have had to be dug out, cut up and removed. This project has not had any down time and should continue this way.

Guy F. Atkinson is still working on a small scale on the structures on the Arcata freeway. This project is due for completion late this fall. The base rock and paving will give the Arcata Redwood Empire Aggregate plant a good shot in the arm.

K. M. Messman Company on the Southside informs us that they hope to be poured-out sometime in April. This has been another good job for the past 1/4 years. Most of the smaller contractors in the area are really pretty shoddy at this time. They will be waiting for the call for bids on the 2.5 million dollars worth of damage work to be performed on the North Coast State Highways. The County projects are important also.

The new small boat basin another project expected to be bid in April or May is in the vicinity of 9,000-00,000. This is a project that has been pending for a year or more. Eventually it will tie into the Humboldt Water plant, which should go bid in 1977. The price on this one will be around 40,000,000.

Better Wells that pretty much sum up the work picture at the present.

At this time, on behalf of our contractors, International Vice President J. S. Marr, President Harold Huntington Recording Corresponding Secretary, and Manager Steger, Gerald Davern, Lee Garfield, and Kenneth Bettis, for your donation to our Blood Bank!

Yes, the Eureka Crab Feed is coming soon—March 6th to be exact.

The Annual Eureka Dinner Dance Crab Feed for all Operating Engineers, wives and guest will be held Saturday, March 6, 1976 at the Moore Lodge, 4320 Campion Rd. in Eureka, according to Bob Wagner, Eureka district representative.

A no-host social hour will begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Any person wishing to vote reservations for this affair will be grateful. Handled by your Eureka (1976) 432-7272, by telephone

The surprising thing at this writing is the weather. By the time this article comes out in the Engineers News, it may be raining "like cats and dogs," but the weather has been good up to now. Work has generally slowed down. Ball has been working right along with the exception of the job being closed down at the Long Creek for the Winter and probably will not be back there until April. While the weather is slow, with the exception of the shops and the Goldfields.

WEST SIDE

The shops are doing well at this time. The plants are doing about usual for this time of year. All in all, it looks like a fair year is coming up.

BLOOD BANK

Thank you to Charles Steger, Gerald Davern, Lee Garfield and Kenneth Bettis, for your donation to our Blood Bank!

Our bank is badly in need of donors. Anyone wishing to donate blood can do so at the following places, and remember to tell them it is for the Operating Engineers.

Chico: Every Monday—3:00-6:00 p.m.

Fresno: Every Tuesday—1:00-4:00 p.m.

San Francisco, California 94103, to College Scholarships at the address shown above.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The Application— to be filled out and returned by the Applicant.

2. Report on Applicant and Transcript— to be filled out by the applicant’s principal or designates and returned directly to the Local No. 3 by the officer completing it.

3. Letters of Recommendation— every applicant shall submit one to three letters of recommendation giving information about his character and ability. These may be from teachers, community leaders, friends, or the like. These shall be submitted with the application, or sent directly by the writers to Local No. 3.

4. Photographs— a recent photograph, at least 3 inches by 3 inches, with the Applicant’s name written on the back. (Photo should be clear enough to reproduce in the Engineers News.)

It is the responsibility of the Applicant to see to it that all the above items are received on time and that they are sent to:

MARCH 6, 1976
**Major Highway Construction Set To Aid Work in Stockton**

By MIKE KRAYNICK, District Representative, and JACK BULLARD, NATE DAVIDSON, BOB FLECKENSTEIN, Business Representatives

Some major highway projects for 1976-77 have been approved for Santa Clara County. Probably the most important rush job will be construction of an interchange at Fowers Avenue/Colin Road in San Jose over Route 101 (Bayshore Freeway). The project will include the installation of ramp metering devices to limit access during peak hours. The state's share of the $5,885,000 project is $2,200,000. This interchange will open the way to the huge Marriott Park already under construction.

Route 101 (Bayshore Freeway) widen the overcrossing and approaches to Colvin Expressway in San Jose. The state's share of the $1.5 million project is $500,000 with the rest to be paid by the federal government. Ramp metering devices will be installed at various interchange locations along Route 101.

Route 17: Install metering devices at on-ramps and make lane adjustments between Saratoga Avenue, Los Gatos and Route 101. Cost: $1,100,000.

Route 17: Reconstructions portions of the powered by the new Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto on Route 101 in Saratoga. Using a crane to hoist this 1940 car up 92 feet onto what is known as the "World's Shortest Freeway." The 600-foot long unfinished portion of Interstate 280 over High- way 101 in the Peninsula is now unconnected at both ends because of a state highway fund freeze.

Central Coast Rep. said he will be providing a pre-job conference for the sub-contractors involved in this project at a later date. We will keep you informed of further developments.

Another project that has been approved is a sewage treatment plant to be built by the City of Palo Alto in the Palo Alto dump area. We are very pleased to see that both of these contracts were awarded and construction is scheduled to begin around March or April this year. These projects together are going to provide a lot of work for quite a few engineers plus a lot of other crafts in the area.

By WALT TALBOT, District Representative, and JAY VICTOR, Business Representative

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The U.S. Department of Health and Welfare through their AMIS PROGRAM, wants to get new members of the Operating Engineers L.U. No. 3 who have had a heart attack within the last 5 years on their AMIS Project. This program is free of charge and covers all costs for the best heart doctors in the U.S.

Medicine and a complete check-up are provided once a month.

If you are interested in ob- taining more information and details about this program, call this number collect:

**New Melones, I-5 To Aid Work in Stockton**

By WALT TALBOT, District Representative, and JAY VICTOR, Business Representative

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At Petaluma Creek
Oakland Brothers Beat Scab Dredgers

By BOB SKIDGELL, District Representative and GIL ANDERSON, Business Manager

RON BULTER, BILL DORSEY, RON RUSSELL, BILL FOX, DAVID HAM, BOB MANN, HANK MUNROE, Business Leaders

Work in the Southern Alameda County area looks fair at this time due to the potential for an additional second shift that was going well into the winter, and keep those on the streets. This job is scheduled to go well into the second quarter and though the outside temperature may keep it from going like we would like, it will keep the work going.

FREEMAN-SONDOUGH as yet hasn’t got going on their Mission Blvd. job. Once spring breaks in the job should really get off the ground.

The new court facility in Fremont is in the final stages and the job is to be completed this month.

The Super-Sewer project is now in the planning stages and the work on this project will run from 3.5 to 8 feet at the Oakland end. The estimated cost is $844 million dollars.

Brothers have a lot of projects in the planning stages, and it is the only way they can get the jobs going in to attend the various meetings and keep their crews going. They have been busy with the Oakland Office, as there is a need for heavy lift crane operations.

All the scrapyards are slow. The gravel plants are all running and don’t see too much slow down of the plants to maintain. The project is being worked on by the Oakland City Council.

As most of the dredge hands know, a Texas company, Brown- ing & Ferris Industries by name decided to challenge the dredge business locally at Petalu- ma Creek. They planned on doing the work with 2 Mudcats and 2 Boaters. They bid the job $10,000—$12,000 higher than the last low bidder and once again we lost. My reaction was to sink those scales on the dock and never put them back out again.

Ron Marr said we could not do this in 1975 or we would probably have to do it if the council decided to put in pickets and had a lot of conservation with different dredge hands. We made a decision that if we ever got in we would fight it but if we were not on the outside people off the street, and the low production of the manning and get the bird watchers off, their people off the street, and their money off the street, and their work should be in the early part of the year.

CRANES—Cranes are picking up a bit after the holidays and looks like it may be a fair year. San Jose Crane is busy at this time. They have two cranes at the San Francisco Airport and are just about all over the Bay Area doing jobs.

At the Santa Clara and San Jose areas is slow, but it looks like they’re picking up a bit. They have a number of larger jobs scheduled in Las Vegas on a P.G.&E., job and this will go for a while, and also the 17 on-ramp to the I-80 and Moon Bay which is going through. There is also a few small cranes in the area.

Bean is slow, but is still doing work at Lockhead and doing small jobs here and there.

Shoody is busy in the San Fran- cisco area and as far north as downtown San Francisco and Go- men Corner nears Good.

Kier Crane is busy in the Modesto area and their work looks good.

Reliable and Valley are busy and getting ready to pick up work in the valley at this writing.

Cranes work in the Bay Area look good, outside of the Bay Area where the majority of you brothers are interested in overseas work, please send me your name, address and phone number and we will try to get our brothers in the right areas.

In Central Contra Costa County most of the work has slowed down for the winter, but we still have a new start or two.

One of the new contracts in South San Fran- cisco has started a three million yard job in back of the P.G.&E. lines, and was able to get a few cranes up and running.

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job is scheduled to go well into this matter.

The American Forge picture is much the same as the mill. We have had some tough grievances in this shop. They are considering filing a grievance against the stewards. The mill is in a bad shape and the stewards are not keeping up on the grievances.

The Union, Building Trades, and the Maritime Com- mission have gone to many hearings with the Union, Building Trades, and the Maritime Commission. The mutual agreement with the P.G.&E. was between the Neptune, costs. They’ve had some rigs in the area and it is to the credit of these 18-inch bi- formate rjp-rap and planting will be placed on the slope.

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Business Manager Dale Marr and the Officers of Local Union 15 have set a February 20 deadline for political activities. The four projects will cost about $30 million and will generate $180 million in revenue. The case, brought in the names of several Western Airlines employees, contends that the court should consider the involvement of the employer in the labor organization. The Railway Labor Act obligates the employer to set up a refund procedure so that a person required to pay the excess run-off during the rainy season can treat and pump it into the ocean.
With Safety In Mind

Sacramento Forms Family Safety Center

By JERRY MARTIN, Director of Safety

We always like to think that behind every good safety minded member of our Union there is probably a good safety minded family. It seems only natural that they should go hand in hand.

Even though your Safety Department finds itself busy in its daily activities, it is to the credit of our members on the job, we try to find various ways of promoting safety to include our members' families. These efforts under these various aspects of BEING INVOLVED, bring to mind some of the basic objectives of what we as a Local Union REALLY stand for might be interesting to review our By-Laws.

For those of you who don't have a copy, it begins as follows: "Article I—Declarations of the Objectives of the Union: Section 1—the object and purpose of this Local Union is to provide for the general welfare of its members and employees and working men, women, and minors insofar as in the opinion of this Local Union, their general welfare has or may have any effect, direct or indirect, upon the general welfare of the members of this Local Union or the employees represented by this Local Union or both."

I'd like to skip over Section 1-(a) through 1-(g) and go to paragraph (h) which states:

"To protect and promote the rights and aspirations of working men, women, and minors, and consumers, and the security and welfare of all people."

With Safety In Mind

Specifically the National Safety Council of Sacramento's Long Range Planning Committee set forth a ten-year expansion program for the Sacramento council. The committee, consisting of leaders from throughout the community, strongly favored the development of a regional Safety Center. The Safety Center will be the hub of the region's safety oriented activities and would be a centralized base for service to residents of all the surrounding counties.

All of the facilities developed at the Safety Center are designed for maximum efficiency with all facilities having multiple use. Even the parking lots will be designed so that they not only provide for classroom and administrative parking but will also be utilized for motorcycle training, bicycle training and defensive driving demonstrations.

Phase II will include the construction of Safety Town and Home Safety Demonstration Instruction site.

Safety Town is designed to teach pedestrians, bicycle and vehicle safety skills to elementary school students. Additionally, a further goal of Safety Town is to generate a respect for the concepts of traffic enforcement and safety. Safety Town will also include supplemental instruction in fire training; child molestation precautionary training, plus general home and camping safety instruction. Classrooms and parking facilities for the operation of current programs as well as the implementation of many new programs made possible through the increased efficiency of the operation.

The extensive services that will be provided by the Center are divided into five main areas:

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2. Traffic Safety
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5. Employment Services

The number of women holding the lives of the Nation's miners are prime qualifications for this important Interior Department post," Marr said. "We supported the appointment of Mr. Barrett because of his qualifications and dedication to the safety of mine workers. With as many members as Local 3 has working in the mines, it is vital that some one in the federal government looks out for the interests of the workers."

Robert E. Barrett

Robert E. Barrett representing the saving of 40 lives and the prevention of 2,700 disabling injuries.

The amount saved over a five-year period can reasonably be expected to climb to $21 million in the first five years of the Safety Center's operation. This would result from the saving of approximately 4,000 lives and the prevention of 7,500 disabling injuries.

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Stewards NEWS

Stewards NEWS By Ray Cooper, Job Stewards Director

shown below is Gary Bengoechea, Job Steward at Quarry Products in Brisbane. Gary is a dozer operator and doubles as a powder monkey when there is slack. He has 30 years' experience. He has had no mine safety accident of 100 per cent — no accidents or misfires in all of Gary's many years of mining. At January 1, 1976, a Job Steward who had an interesting hobby that nearly put him out of commission. Jim raced stock cars until he sustained two broken clavicles in 1973. He worked for a year and put an end to the driving. Now Jim spends his leisure time fishing, hunting and playing golf.

Brother Cole operates a loader for Baldwin Constuction Company in Marysville and has been a Joeb Steward for the last two years. Jim and his wife reside in Yuba City with their two sons and also have a daughter who is married.
MARYSVILLE
Our dept sympaties to the families and friends of deceased Brothers James Osbidge, Franck Hammended and Charles Miller.

Brother Harry Johnson is recovering from a heart attack in Rideout Hospital, Marysville. We will be glad to see Brother Johnson up and about again.

OAKLAND
Brother Donald Buer had an operation on his eyes in the middle of December. At this writing Donald’s vision is still. His phone number is 823-4104 and his 10:40 to 40 Avenue, Concord. Let’s give Don a call or stop by and see him. I know Don will like to hear from you.

REDDING
Good luck for a speedy recovery to Brothers Leonard Nelson and Al Denning. We hope it won’t be long and they will both be well and up working.

Wishing for all.

MARCUS M. FEEMAN
Assistant Editor

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in Sonoma County

General Plan Hearing Begin

BY RUSS SWANSON, District Representative and BILL PARKER, STAN McNULTY, Business Representatives

The great battle of 1976 in Sonoma County will be the controversy generated by the proposed General Plan. These hearings are long and tedious and generally conflicted, but the State Legislature says we must adopt and name once and all. However, a lot of toes will be stepped on and quite a few special interests will be hollering discrimination, favoritism, etc. It appears from the first few hearings the best thing to do would be to adopt the plan so everyone can get back to work as several major projects awaiting General Plan adoption.

Two interesting facts singled out from the tens of thousands presented are Sonoma County’s population which is expected to grow by 200,000 in the next 25 years and the amount of acreage developed for housing, industry, school, sewer plants, etc. will double in the same period. Current estimates by housing authorities indicate Sonoma County is short 60 to 70 thousand low to medium-priced housing units at the present time.

The drought is providing opportunities for several companies to gamble on the outcome of next season’s projects. Brother Bob Tuski wearing a big smile, as Brother Bennett has on his face, as Brother Bob Tusi wearing a big smile, is coming right along in the same area The Stephen brothers are pushing wherever we can to get a go ahead for construction. The first project that we are hopeful of is the Texas Co. project. Paul Phillips, of the Ray Bros. Co., fired up the Bodega Bay sewer project, with a seven million dollar appropriation to commence construction in the next sewer line job in Lake County, but not much work for the unemployed. Huston told the Supervisors that if the workers are not employed we will have trouble in the future demand for various occupational skills and professions.

H. M. Byars is coming right along in the same area, and can certainly be thankful for the good weather, because if the cold front continues we might well hope the job will be finished.

A & E Pipelines are just finishing the 25 inch line in the Lick instilled by them.

The word is now out that the issue of public housing is going to let be will be a big one. It will be all of the sewer work from Napa to San Rafael. In one contract it will be coming up this summer and should provide quite a lot of work for our Brothers.

Paul V. Wright, Inc., of Santa Rosa, have an offer to produce a contract in Middletown. S & K Construction will be sub-contracting the Ross to Forest Hill. A new radio tower going up and Wright has the contract for the base and a building, from what I understand--there should be more information on this next month.

Work in Napa Valley is very slow, with no good sized jobs showing in the work picture for the town. Sonoma Valley and eastern Santa Rosa are also very slow at the present. There is still quite a lot of housing going on in the Rohnert Park area, but not much work for our Brothers, sorry to say.

The gravel plants in the area have all slowed down to a minimum, but the shops, Empire and Berglund, are doing well for this time of year and they are trying to keep all of the Brothers working for them.

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics is growing in the field of labor at a faster rate than we are, and therefore we must increase the number of trained and skilled workers to keep the wages up and the jobs going. The next few years will be trying for the future of the Elks of our Union, because of his work.

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