$50 Million Complex Hangs in Balance

Operating Engineers voting Nov. 7 in Santa Clara may be the final say on a proposed $50 million sports arena/convention center complex whose fate has hung in the balance of an "advisory proposition.

Mayor William Glisler of Santa Clara said the proposal, which was put to a vote earlier this month to seek the union's support in getting Santa Clara's Proposition "D" approved by the voters.

The proposition is an advisory vote to the Santa Clara County Council to measure the amount of support which exists within the community for a sports arena and convention center to be built on city-owned land that is currently being demanded.

"What I'd really like to see is a 3-1 margin approving the project," Glisler said.

"That way the City Council would have a clear indication that the people back them up." A close election or a defeat could very well ring the death knoll for the project.

The major feature of the proposed facility would be an indoor arena with a capacity of 18,000 or more for sporting events—making it the largest indoor stadium in the Bay Area. Studies carried out on the feasibility of the project indicate that its location—adjacent to Marriott's Great America—makes it a prime potential home for some of the Bay Area's professional sporting teams who are currently looking for larger facilities.

I envision this project as a door opener for development on the city's other 320 acres of land lying dormant in the area," Glisler said. It could also mean the future expansion of Hwy 237 which merges with Hwy. 101 in the vicinity.

The proposed convention center to accompany the sports arena would provide 150,000 square feet for conventions of up to 1,000 to 5,000 people.

One feature that should bring no complaint from the voters is that the entire project is to be funded entirely by private enterprise.

No local property taxes need to be approved to fund the project. "Glisler said that the city has already talked to several parties who expressed an interest in providing the massive financing as long as they know the city is behind the project.

That way, every vote counts. Members living in Santa Clara should encourage their friends and neighbors to vote "yes" on Proposition D.

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Bitter Strike Hits Fourth Week As Members Picket Duval Mine

If there are still cynics out there planning to "go fishing" on election day, Oct. 7, to cover the strike, "what the heck, how much does one vote count anyway?" consider.

Cleveland Mayor Dennis Kucinich held on to his office against a recent recall effort by just 236 votes out of 120,264 votes cast. Both Democratic and Republican candidates have primaries in Alaska last August were settled by less than half of one percent of the total vote.

In the presidential election two years ago, a switch of fewer than 10,000 votes in Ohio and Hawaii out of the 80 million-plus national vote would have reversed the presidential election.

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By DALE MARR, Business Manager

Labor Leaders Confront Threat Of Right Wing At IUD Meeting

(Editors Note: We attended a conference of the Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO, on the threat of the Radical Right Wing in America. We don't think anyone in attendance left this conference with any doubt in their mind, not only as to the seriousness of this threat to the American working people, but the need for unified action by the American labor movement to combat these anti-union radicals. Following are excerpts from some of the more important presentations.)

"Dirty Work of American Business"

Operating Engineers President J. C. Turner told the IUD conference that the Business Roundtable, which includes leaders of 175 of America's largest corporations, "is hand in hand with the New Right in every reactionary move" to weaken the trade union movement.

Moreover, he continued, although the new right claims in public that it is not supportive of big business, "in fact, the new right has found a profitable role for itself by doing the dirty work of American business."

Noting that the New Right's active opposition to labor law reform, Turner said, "there was no logical reason for that bill to be defeated except the vicious right wing attitude of the American corporate structure." And, he pointed out, American corporate leadership, unlike that of all other modern industrial societies, refuse to recognize that collective bargaining "is part of the institutional fabric of this society." He added: "I think that, when we recognize the kind of confrontation we have with business, the kind of polarization that has developed, we've got to have a completely new concept of the magnitude of our efforts in political activity. We've got to get out there and do a lot bigger job."

"$50 Million to Elect Conservatives"

Plumbers and Pipefitters President Martin J. Ward told the IUD conference that estimates of money being raised by the far right, through sophisticated and far-reaching direct mail operations, go as high as $35 million. In addition, he noted, corporate political action committees who "will help the anti-labor guy even if he is something of a crackpot on other issues... will contribute another $25 million or so to elect conservatives and, in effect, will be part of the whole raising machine."

Ward said: "What's new about the right wing is simply that it has developed a skewed sophistication about how to achieve its essentially unchanging goals. That sophistication manifests itself in two principal ways - organization and money."

"The 'money machine' can be described as a new use of modern technology and modern marketing methods to produce a product for which there exists a ready and identifiable market."

Through the creation of many new "front groups," the new right is reaching out beyond fund-raising into the organization and management of election campaigns for conservative candidates. Ward continued. They already are having successes in congressional elections, he said.

"Get Our Own Act Together"

Today's radical right has one major objective in economic affairs: "to return labor to the statute of a pure commodity," historian John Roche told the conference. Roche, now acting dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, is a syndicated newspaper columnist and former presidential aide.

The real danger of the movement today arises solely from the fact that it is not, in 1978, seen or perceived as radical," Roche continued. Changing economic times and conditions have given the radical right the opportunity to emerge from the defensive attitudes of the 1940-1970 period and to resume its attempts at making the great corporations into private governments, he said.

"In the United States there has developed a majority that's not poor, it's not black, and in tune with the general political scene today it just wants to relax and tune out," Roche said. "As this exodus has moved over the American left, a new, extremely sophisticated bunch of spokesmen for the radical right have been playing the American mood like a violin."

"The radical right today sees public self-interest as the wave of the American political future. The trade union movement and its political allies can cope with this. We have before, but not to view reality and to take the momentum and our opponents."

Rather than looking for assistance from the national government, Roche continued, "what we have to do is get our own act together."

"Missionary Zeal and Bulging Coffers"

Right wing and right-to-work forces are waging an unrelenting campaign to eliminate the trade union movement as a social force in America. Steelworker's President Lloyd McBride told the IUD conference, "The fight for our elimination is not confined to the right-to-work issue," McBride declared. "It is a widespread campaign that is being waged on many fronts by more and different front groups, but with one common purpose: to get rid of unions. They go about their self-designated role with a missionary zeal and bulging coffers."

"They have put away their brass knuckles and stopped buying munitions and tear gas for the local police to keep unions out. Instead, they have become an effective opposition to virtually every piece of legislation supported by labor. Moreover, he continued, it is being supported in its anti-union efforts by many of the leaders of the business and financial world."

"We are going to have to devote much time and effort to defeat this latest campaign against unions and all that we stand for and for our labor movement."

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"Whenever the right wing takes over, the natural, obvious, clear result is dictatorship." (Continued on Page 6)

Local 3 Members Strike Duval Mine

(Continued from Page 1) in connection with the project have refused to work and construction on the project has reportedly come to a near standstill. J. P. McCarthy, Duval resident manager said that those employees found guilty of the charges would not be re-employed after the strike. He said conviction would mean the strikers had participated in violence against the company.

His statement was later toned down by Marsh Campbell, a labor relations representative of the firm who, according to Yarbro said that the company had not decided what action it would take in the event the employees are found guilty of the charges against them, but that some kind of disciplinary action would no doubt be taken.

It has been the general contention of the strikers that the display of a firearm by Franklin employees on two separate occasions has been the primary cause of a breakdown in an otherwise peaceful and orderly strike.

Approximately 18 Local 3 members have filed charges against Franklin Construction in connection with the firearm incidents.

In the course of the strike, employees of Franklin Construction have reportedly been accommodated temporarily in mobile homes and camping vehicles located inside the fence surrounding the mine property. Groceries and other essential items are being carried onto the premises.

Local 3 has also filed NLRB charges against Duval and Franklin Construction for not being in good faith.

Yarbro noted that, since construction of the gold plant is behind schedule and until the plant is finished, there little for the mine workers to do. "I think they wanted us to strike," he said. "They came in with one offer and said 'take it or leave it.'"

LOCAL 3 BUSINESS AGENT Mickey Yarbro (shown with white short sleeve shirt and glasses at left) addresses a group of members who voted 113-1 to strike against the Duval mine at Battle Mountain. Members have picketed the facility (pictured in background) since Oct. 1, when the company came in with an unsatisfactory offer.
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For the higher center spans, the same approach project will involve the use of steel girders that will be used instead of concrete. Lumber piles will be driven into the ground for the construction of the facility. This will then mean that the bids can be called and contracts awarded in time to start construction.

Geothermal Project Nearing

The State Department of Water Resources' filing of a "notice of intention" to build a 55-megawatt geothermal power plant in The Geysers area may mean that bids can be called and contracts awarded in time to start construction of the facility in early 1980. The water resources department filed its notice for the Bottle Rock plant with the State Energy Commission this month in the first step in obtaining necessary approvals.

The plant, big enough to serve a city the size of Santa Rosa (pop. 78,000) will be capable of producing 55 million kilowatt-hours a year and will be the first of three geothermal plants planned by the Dept. of Water Resources for The Geysers. The electricity will be used for the pumping needs of the State Water Project. Construction of the power plant will begin in January, with necessary approvals.

Overpass Funding Bill OK'd

Legislation permitting the state to use toll bridge revenues to rebuild the 19th Ave.-Bayshore Freeway interchange in San Mateo has been signed into law by Governor Brown. State Senator Athen Greyer (D-Meaux Park) introduced the legislation, receiving major support from Assemblyman Louis Papan of Daly City, San Mateo city officials and Local 3. In addition to allowing toll funds to improve the interchange currently supported by rotting timbers, the bill also permits the use of bridge tolls to complete the stretch of 19th Ave. between San Mateo and Foster City.

State Approves Reno Freeway

Plans for $8.3 million in construction on the first two phases of the North-South freeway through Reno have been approved by the State Highway Board. The project involves $4.5 million worth of work from Villanova north to Mill Street and $3.8 million in construction from Moana Lane north to Pumb Lane. The federal government recently as- signed an additional $3.5 million to speed up the project designed to relieve traffic congestion. Also approved by the highway board were plans for an $11.6 million project which will complete work on Mill Street. Additional $4.5 million plan to complete the Carlin bypass on Interstate 80 was also endorsed.

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Operating Engineers in Butte County will have an opportunity to vote this Nov. 7 in favor of constructing a PG&E coal burning power plant near Oroville. The decision is the result of a court order by Superior Court Judge Reginald Watt, which overrules the Aug. 22 decision by the Butte County Board of Supervisors to reject petitions signed by an estimated 19,000 Butte County voters seeking to put the measure on the ballot. The initiative will have no legislative power, but will provide an indication of whether the residents in the area are in favor of or opposed to construction of the geothermal plant. The question posed on the petition will be: "Should a PG&E coal-burning power plant be located in Butte County?"

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This project allows for the testing of a new material to be used over the old concrete. A thin layer of plastic cloth is being laid over existing cracks in the concrete before resurfacing begins in an effort to reduce the damaging effects of cracks on the new asphalt. This method has been used in the past on airport runways and has been successful. The total cost of the project is $2.3 million.

CalTrans Opens Bids

The California Department of Transportation has opened bids on 21 highway construction projects located in northern California. Included in the list of new projects are the replacement of raling on Highway 99 in Delano for $229,000; resurfacing of 13 miles of Highway 198 in Hanford for $618,000 to the apparent low bidder of Granite Construction Company in Watsonville; resurfacing of several segments of various routes in Monterey County for $381,000 to the apparent low bidder of Madonna Construction Co.; and the construction of a left turn lane on Route 20 in Lake County for $445,000.

In other CalTrans news, bids have been called on a $3.5 million project on Highway 17 in Alameda County. The bid calls for the resurfacing of the Nimitz Freeway from Hegenberger Road to 2 miles north of High Street in Oakland, the construction of median barriers and the repairing of a bridge.

Utah Dam to Receive Studying

Temporary land use permits from landowners along the Provo River north of Heber will allow contractors and government employees to conduct a preconstruction investigation for the proposed Jordanelle Dam. The dam and its reservoir are part of the Bonneville unit of the Central Utah Project and will provide 320,000 acre-feet of water to be used by municipal and industrial users along the Wasatch Front in Utah and Salt Lake counties. The investigations will require test pits, drill holes and water observation wells and provide the final data needed to design the earthfill dam.

Bigger Carbon Dioxide Plant Set

A 300-ton-a-day carbon dioxide plant scheduled to be built in the Bay Area will now be a 425-ton facility, with a $7 million investment in refining equipment and storage for 4,500 tons of liquid carbon dioxide. According to Airco, Inc., construction of the plant is start as soon as site negotiations are finalized, with completion of the project scheduled for next spring.
First, let me take this opportunity to personally wish each member and his family a very happy Thanksgiving holiday season. We should take some time out during the holiday season to count our blessings. Even with the many problems we face daily, we still have much to be thankful for. Please stop and think about it.

Your President has been very busy the past month in negotiations, contract violation grievances, jurisdictional disputes, and presiding at all the District Meetings throughout our jurisdiction. Every problem a member can bring to our immediate attention, and action has to be taken to resolve the grievance in the best interest of the member in accordance with the language that is written in the agreement he is working under.

Pacific States Steel Corporation and American Forge Company should be in mudholes by the end of October, according to company officials. This is one of the state's oldest steel plants, and the largest private employer at Union City. We are shocked with this happening, and so many of our brothers being laid off.

I had the privilege of being our Business Representative for the period of 1980 through 1981, and being the chairman of their negotiating committee since 1973. These men are highly skilled at their jobs and dedicated union men. Their present agreement expires on November 30, 1981.

The shutdown of Pacific States Steel represents the fourth California steel-making plant to close down in the past three years. In Northern California only Judson Steel Corporation of Emeryville, remains as a steel-making operation.

In previous articles, I stated that steel mills are closing down throughout the United States with the main problem being foreign steel companies are undercutting American competitors by selling heavy structural steel in the United States at a substantial loss according to the Treasurer's Department. As many as 180,000 steel workers may have lost their jobs over the last two years.

We are happy to report the U.S. Department of Labor approved General Letter 143 of the Department of Labor for Trade Adjustment Assistance under the Trade Act of 1974, for the employees of Pacific States Steel Corporation, Union City, California. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Certifying Officer made the following certification:

"All workers of Pacific States Steel Corporation, Union City, California engaged in employment related to the production of bars and structural steel became totally or partially separated from employment as a result of increased imports to the worker receives. Workers separated on or after March 20, 1977 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2 of the Trade Act of 1974."

The sad part is that he also denied eligibility for workers of American Forge. We are requesting administrative reconsideration by the Labor Department.

On this subject, we filed a petition for review with the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The Trade Act of 1974 provides that workers who believe they have been or will become totally or partially separated from employment as a result of increased imports may petition the Secretary of Labor for certification to apply for adjustment assistance. The cash trade readjustment allowances amount to 70 percent of a worker's average weekly wage, not to exceed the national average weekly manufacturing wage, for up to 52 weeks.

Generally, the amount of the trade readjustment allowance is reduced by the amount of the unemployment insurance the worker receives. Workers separated on or after the impact date are eligible to apply for trade adjustment assistance under the Trade Act of 1974.

Workers are not eligible for assistance if their last separation from adversely affected employment occurred before the impact date or on or after the termination date if any specified in the certification.

We are all very proud of our retired brother engineers and their lovely wives. I appreciate the many letters we receive from our retirees. The following letter was received from Brother Claude Johnson, former Chairman of Marysville Delta Chapter, Retiree's Association.

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3
474 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
"Mr. Harold Huston:

Friend Harold:

Received my 35 year pin and my Gold Card, and am proud of both of them also would like to say for 35 years the Operating Engineers has been nothing but good to me and has helped me anytime I asked them.

So, Harold, thank you and all the best to the Boys, Dale Marr, James Ivy, Robert Mayfield, D. R. Kinchloe, Mr. Sweeney, Alex Cellini, and Alex's office force. In fact the whole damn outfit has been good to me.

Well see you from time to time at the Retiree's Meeting. If there is anything I can do to help, just holler.

Always your Friend,

Claude R. Johnston
Box 191
Dobbins, CA 95935

Several Underground Projects Start in Eureka

District Representative Gene Lake reports that the underground projects in Eureka that have been in the state of limbo are getting started. J & W Pipeline has kicked off its $6 million project in Crescent City. Kirkwood Bly is starting a $2.3 million project in Mc- Kinleyville, John Petersen, Inc. has started the earthwork on the $2.3 million project in Crescent City. Huffman- ment plant.

Avenue drainage project in McKinleyville. John Petersen, Inc. has started the earthwork on the garbage transfer project in Eureka, to name a few.

However, the "big sewer project" is still in a state of turmoil as the sewer line extension to the downtown area is still not approved. The Humboldt Bay Wastewater Authority's (HBWA) request for a permit extension for a trans-bay sewage line died when commissioners from the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District could not come up with a motion on the proposal.

The pipeline would pump raw sewage across the bay to a treatment plant. The chairman of the HBWA board, that the Harbor District must now take responsibility for the three problems HBWA was trying to eliminate through the regional wastewater system.

The project was designed to eliminate three problems in the Humboldt Bay area," he said. "One of the problems was to remove pollution from the bay and eliminate raw sewage running in the streets from overflowing septic tanks."

"The second was to allow the lifting and prevention of building inlets so that houses can be built and industrial growth can take place to help solve the unemployment problem," he said.

And the third thing the HBWA would do would be to provide treatment for the dairy manure boat basin's sewage and to get it connected to the boats that tie up at the marina."

According to the chairman, HBWA has "done everything we can as the wastewater authority" to meet those three goals "and we can't go any further, not if the project is going to be hamstrung by the Harbor District."

Highway 101

On the brighter side of the coin, Lake reports that the $4.5 million project to extend Highway 101 from Scotia to the county line has started. The contractor, Gale Easley and crew have finished the dirt moving on the W. Jaxon Bakers Highway project south of Scotia in practically record time. This was the major grading job this season and shows what good hardworking together can do, Lake commented.

The city of Eureka is putting down base rock on the above mentioned job and will follow immediately. The contractor Fraser is also busy on the 161 overlay project in southern Humboldt County. Their plants at Coos Valley and Fortuna have been very busy this season and will continue to be at least until the rains come.


By HAROLD HUSTON, President

A Personal Note From The President's Pen

LOCAL 3 MEMBERS — Save dollars on your Disney- land trip. Ask for your free membership card. Call Ken Erwin, at 415/431-1558 or mail the coupon below to him.

CLIP AND MAIL

To: Ken Erwin, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3

474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Please send me:

☐ A membership card for the Magic Kingdom Club

My name is: ___________________________ (please print all information)

Address: ___________________________

City, State, and Zip Code ___________________________ Social Security Number

November, 1978
Dumbarton Gets Good Start

It doesn't look much like a new Dumbarton Bridge yet—because it isn't. But Local 3 members working for Guy F. Atkinson are making good progress on the project after completing the steel and wood access trestle which will be used to carry equipment and materials for the actual bridge.

There are currently just a few dozen members working on the job at the present time, but the local 130 members will increase as the project gathers momentum.

The two contracts for the main bridge work have been awarded to Guy F. Atkinson, but eventually there will be contracts for the approach roads and for tearing down the old bridge, as well as for other miscellaneous work needed.

Workers are currently involved in driving piles for the construction of coffer dams which will enable the workers to begin work on the bridge trestles.

Crews will be working on about six trestles at a time, according to foreman and engineer Ralph Sommerfield. For the shallow-water spans, 10-inch prestressed concrete spans will be hauled from Violeta where they are being made. On the site they will be connected together with tension cables and epoxy glue to form 160-foot long beams. They will then be hoisted onto the piers by means of a belt arrangement from the top of the piers.

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This project allows for the testing of a new material to be used over the old concrete. A thin layer of plastic cloth is being laid over existing cracks in the concrete before resurfacing begins in an effort to reduce the damaging effects of cracks in the new asphalt. This method has been used in the past on airport runways and has been effective. The total cost of the project is $2.3 million.

**CalTrans Opens Bids**

The California Department of Transportation has opened bids on 21 highway construction projects located in northern California. Included in the list of new projects are the replacement of railing on Highway 99 in Delano for $229,000; resurfacing of 13 miles of Highway 198 in Hanford for $618,000 to the apparent low bidder of Granite Construction Company in Watsonville; resurfacing of several segments of various routes in Monterey County for $881,000 to the apparent low bidder of Madonna Construction Co.; and the construction of a left turn lane on Route 20 in Lake County for $445,000.

In other CalTrans news, bids have been called on a $3.6 million project on Highway 17 in Alameda County. The bid calls for the resurfacing of the Nimtz Freeway from Hegenberger Road to 2 miles north of High Street in Oakland, the construction of median barriers and the repairing of a bridge.

**Utah Dam to Receive Studying**

Temporary land use permits from landowners along the Provo River north of Heber will allow contractors and government employees to conduct a preconstruction investigation for the proposed Jordanelle Dam. The dam and its reservoir are part of the Bonnieville unit of the Central Utah Project and will provide 320,000 acre-feet of water to be used by municipal and industrial users along the Wasatch Front in Utah and Salt Lake counties. The investigations will require test pits, drill holes and water observation wells and provide the final data needed to design the earthfill dam.

**Bigger Carbon Dioxide Plant Set**

A 300-ton-a-day carbon dioxide plant scheduled to be built in the Bay Area will now be a 425-ton facility, with a $7 million investment in refining equipment and storage for 4,500 tons of liquid carbon dioxide. According to Airco, Inc., construction of the plant is to start as soon as site negotiations are finalized, with completion of the project scheduled for next spring.
Several Underground Projects Start in Eureka

District Representative Gene Kirkwood reports that the underground projects in Eureka that have been in the state of limbo are getting started. J & W Pipe Lines has kicked off its $5 million project in Crescent City. Kirkwood Bay is starting a $2.3 million Manila project, Huffman-Lee is starting a $2.3 million project in Crescent City.

The shutdown of Pacific Steel Steel represents the fourth California steelmaking plant to close down in the past three years. In Northern California only Judson Steel Corporation of Emeryville, remains as a steel-making operation.

In previous articles, I stated that steel mills are closing down throughout the United States with the main problem being foreign steel companies are undercutting American competitors by selling heavy structural steel in the United States at a substantial loss according to the Treasurer's Department. As many as 180,000 steel workers may have lost their jobs over the last two years.

We are happy to report the U. S. Department of Labor approval of the Department of Labor for Trade Adjustment Assistance under the Act of 1974, for the employees of Pacific Steel Steel Corporation, Union City, California. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Certifying Officer made the following certification:

"All workers of Pacific Steel Steel Corporation, Union City, California engaged in employment related to the production of bars and structural steel would be treated as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 6 of the Trade Act of 1974."

The sad part is that he also denied eligibility for workers of American Forge. We are requesting administrative reconsideration by the Labor Department.

The Trade Act of 1974 provides that workers who believe they have been or will become totally or partially separated from employment as a result of increased imports may petition the Secretary of Labor for certification to apply for adjustments assistance. The cash trade readjustment allowances amount to 70 percent of a worker's average weekly wage, not to exceed the national average weekly manufacturing wage, for up to 52 weeks. Generally, the amount of the trade readjustment allowance is reduced by the amount of the unemployment insurance received by the worker. Rejected workers or those that have been laid off up to the date of the employment can apply for trade adjustment assistance under the Trade Act of 1974. Workers are not eligible for assistance if their last separation from adversely affected employment occurred before the impact date or on or after the termination date (if any) specified in the certification.

We are all very proud of our retired brother engineers and their lovely wives. I appreciate the many letters we receive from our retirees. The following letter was received from Brother Claude Johnson, former Chairman of Marysville Delta Chapter, Retiree's Association.

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3

474 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Mr. Harold Huston:

Friend Harold:

Received my 35 year pin and my Gold Card, and am proud of both of them also would like to say for 35 years the Operating Engineers has been nothing but good to me and has helped me anytime I asked them.

So, Harold, thank you and the rest of the Boys, Dale Marr, James Key, Robert Mayfield, D. R. Kinchloe, Mr. Sweeney, Alex Cellini, and Alex's office force. In fact the whole damn outfit has been good to me.

Well see you from time to time at the Retiree's Meeting. If there is anything I can do to help, just holler.

Always your Friend,
Claude R. Johnston
Box 191
Dobbins, CA 95935

Charles Snyder reports that construction in the downtown areas of San Francisco has been on the increase with a new approach of the rainy season. The latest projects to get underway is the Golden Gateway Commons, a $80 million addition to the Gold En Gate Way Embarcadero Center redevelopment. It will consist of shops, offices and townhouses and will be constructed on a three-block area.

The project is expected to be completed within the next five years. Builders feel it has started a $6 million complex for the aged at Fourth and Shipley Streets.

Pombo-Wong Const. are well underway on the excavation for the Verba Basement Convention Center at Fourth and Polk. In northern San Mateo County, Ray Helmick reports that work is good, with most of the Brothers working.

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The two-day program included speeches, (Continued from Page 2)

Ted Sheedy is seeking re-election as Supervisor, 1st District, Sacramento County. Ted has always been a friend of Operating Engineers Local 3 and deserves your support.

Other candidates in Sacramento County are: Mary “Dayo” Hagan, Supervisor; 4th District, Local 3, Sacramento District, incumbent; Tom Hannigan, Assembly, 1st District; Supervisor; 2nd District, Vic Fazio, U.S. Congress.

The candidates in El Dorado County are: Joseph Flynn, Supervisor, 4th District; Tim Foley, Constable.
3 to determine the needs of the construction industry in her district. She promises to be a responsive representative, whereas McClosky has demonstrated by his record to be a consistent opponent to working men and women.

At the state level, races for the Lt. Governor and Attorney General seats promise to be very close. Incumbent Mervyn Dymally has been a strong and consistent friend of Local 3 and the rest of labor during his term as Lt. Governor. Governor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke has one of the most impressive voting records of any representative in the House. She has shown by her consistent record that she is a strong supporter of the jobs, civil rights and economic growth, and deserves the support of Local 3 members on her bid for Attorney General.

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Fringe Action

Skyrocketing Costs of Health Care Make it Second Largest Industry

Recently there has been a multitude of news articles and reports on the soaring costs of health and medical care. It is estimated that over the past 35 years health care has become the second largest and fastest growing industry in the United States. Nearly 9% of the nation’s work force is employed as a result of this need, while the cost of health services are up a staggering 300% from 1950.

Much of this increase in cost is a result of expanded and more sophisticated health services now being provided. Hospitals and physicians now employ an army of diagnostic, surgical and therapeutic devices to relieve illnesses that were previously intractable. For example, the average cost to equip an intensive cardiac-care unit is $800,000 per bed. And, as a direct result of these services, deaths from heart disease have dropped by 11% and mortality from strokes has decreased by 22% over the past 10 years.

Most hospitals claim they cannot operate efficiently without these facilities. The reason is that doctors who admit patients to such hospitals demand that the hospital be totally equipped. Doctors are practicing or practicing defensive medicine to avoid malpractice suits, and for them the best medicine has become the new rule.

A typical hospital will employ a battery of equipment that includes a 7,000,000 radiation therapy unit for cobalt treatments to cancer patients, a $250,000 coronary blood analyzer, a $75,000 gamma camera and computer, a $206,000 ultrasound scanner, a $250,000 microangiography scanner and a computed tomography scanner priced between $500,000 and $700,000. Add to this the normal complement of clinical machinery used for X-rays, laboratory, pathology, maternity, therapy, intensive care and the emergency room and the typical hospital becomes a multi-million dollar investment in health care.

Health insurance has long been feeling the bill for the new advanced equipment and the extensive treatments. Insured patients have not been too concerned as their net cost has remained relatively low in the past. However, insurance premiums now take up much a larger percentage of union benefit packages, and medical costs continue to rise faster than inflation.

Another contributing factor is that improved health care leads to even larger expenditures. The number of aged, who require more hospitalization, are rising rapidly. This, combined with the realization that healthy workers off the sick rolls. The result is obvious: Health benefits have been increased in the past to cover the increases in premiums, but employees are no more healthier.

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Every working person had better be in the voting booth on election day. The wages a working person will be allowed to earn and the prices of the necessities a working person must pay and the amount of taxes right off the top of the paycheck will all be determined by the flavour of the vote.

An Apprentice is a person who has chosen to get off the daff and try to prepare for a better life in a world, a couple of more backs in the pocketbook. The Apprentice is attempting to move into a higher wage bracket or at least to insure more hours of employment per year in order to stay even with the costs of necessities.

Others are just sitting back and spending their spare time complaining about the sorry state of the world and accusing "all them other guys" that caused things to go sour.

It does not matter which category your personal persuasion. The important thing is that you do what you can do to pursue your best interest.

There is little time before election day. Become informed as best you can in the limited time available through the daily papers, observing TV, and reading your own Engineers News.

Your Employer and your Union are both working very hard to produce a climate of stability and reasonable remuneration for efforts expended and the Union member/employee has got to do his part too.

Your Fair Firm employs Local No. 3 members. Supervisors, Councilmen and the Union have all been involved in activities that should force the issue even further.

Until a great deal of pressure was imposed most public bodies were simply ignoring that portion of the Law that required notification to Contractors that Prevailing Rates (Technical Engineers Master Agreements) and Training Contribution payments must be made.

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When the Boards of Supervisors, City Councils, and other Governing Boards insist on paying work on a Professional basis instead of awarding cheapy contracts then the battle will be won.

The Employer who is a signatory to a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local No. 3 is in for better position to furnish Professional Survey Services than others because of the simple fact that the work force has been in a constant educational process from as far back as 1966. With equal cost per hour for Survey Crews, the odds for a more Professional job at a lesser cost will favor the Fair Firm.

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Go to the poll and do your thing!

Mike Womack Dies In Airplane Crash

On Sunday, Oct. 15, Local 3's Director of Tech Engineers Mike Womack and passenger Terry Lee Lewis were fatally injured when a small hydraulic propelers biplane crashed into the Sea near Placerville, Ca. The fatalities put a tragic end to a well-fil fielded two day air show that had taken place at the Kaneohe airpo

Mike's untimely death will be felt deeply by those of us who worked closely with him in the Tech Engineering Department and throughout Local 3. He was a hard and conscientious worker whose expertise in the field of surveying and soils materials testing was instrumental in bringing Local 3 representation to workers in those crafts throughout northern California.

Mike was hired by Local 3 in 1965 as a special representative to organize workers in surveying and soils materials testing in both the public and private sectors. In 1974, the newly elected Business Manager Dale Marr created the Tech Engineering Dept. and assigned Mike as the director with two representatives to help him in servicing tech engineers scattered throughout northern California.

In addition to his involvement with Local 3, Mike was also very active in the Civil Engineers Association in El Dorado County where he resided. He was a charter member of the El Dorado Air Force Search and Rescue Squadron, where he flew many surveillance missions, particularly in the area of narcotics enforcement.

In commenting on Mike's death, a close friend, Sheriff Richard Pacilio said, "Mike flew several surveillance missions for us and he was a great leader of low enforcement. Like all of the squadron, all of his time was donated. He was a very experienced pilot."

Mike was also a member of the El Dorado County Planning Commission where he played a key role in community development and had the reputation of being one of the Commission's most outspoken members.

A former Marine and later a competent chief of Party, Mike's wide and varied experience formed an integral part of the organization and he made Local 3 a leader among labor unions. He insisted on strong training programs for Local 3's tech engineers and believed in providing representation that fit the needs of the tech engineers.

Gifted with so many talents, it would be easy to remember Mike primarily for his accomplishments. But even more important than the impressive credentials is the memory that Mike "told it like it is," and was respected by members and employers alike. He was relied upon by many as a true friend and a strong family man who sets a high mark for his wife, Debra and children Mike Jr., Brenda, Jack and "Little" Ernie.
On September 22nd District Representative Tom Bills and Business Representative Bill Mar- kus were invited to spend an after- noon with Mr. Francis Burns of the U.S. Department of Labor and three trade unionists from Turkey, Mr. Kemal Ozer, President, Turkish Mine Workers Federation; Mr. Yucel Ozbek, Director, Education and Interna- tional Relations, Turkish Mine Workers Federation, and Mr. Zon- quldak Yusfziya, General Secre- tary, Turkish Mine Workers Fed- eration.

The visit was arranged by the Trade Union Exchange Program Division, Office of International Visitor Programs of the U.S. De- partment of Labor, Washington, D.C. Mr. Francis Burns was the Team Manager for the group dur- ing their visit to this country.

The purpose of the visit was to provide a broad exposure to the counterpart unions and the role and function of the American labor movement in Trade Union matters as well as economic and political policies and commit- ment to community affairs that serve to improve the quality of life for American workers.

“We were honored to have the opportunity to meet with these representatives from another country,” Bills commented.

Business Rep. Wayne Lasstter reports that U.S. Representative, Scott C. Matheron has given the go ahead to the completion of the I-355 Southeast Quadrant. Con- struction of the belt route was first proposed in 1957. In the three years that followed, information meetings and public hearings were held and in 1960 the State Commission adopted an alignment.

From 1960 to 1970 traffic forec- casts for the southeast portion of the Salt Lake Valley were devel- oped and a large amount of way acquisition be- gun and a new design, six lanes instead of four, was accepted for I-355. In 1976 the National Environmental Policy Act was signed in- to law and the Federal Highway Administration recommended that all of I-355 be included in an Environmental Impact Statement.

Representative Al Mc- Namara reports work is still very strong this season in the Stockton and Ceres areas. “As fast as a member comes in from a job we dispatch him out on another job,” he says. “The members lost a few opportunities with the operators on account of rain, but are right back at it again. There is a lot of work in the area, and the contractors are hoping to get it done for the season.”

Nickels-Nicholls low bidder with $12 million plus on the Water Treatment Plant at Tracy. Steven Yates Co. will do all the work on this job and we will have seven or eight members on the job.

The New Melones Dam is still going strong. They should top out the Dam sometime in November. There is still a lot of work to be done on the Dam, which should keep none of the members working for another six months.

In the mountain counties the Contractors are doing a lot of black topping for both the State and Counties and almost every day there has been thunder storms, and the weather has turned colder and the brothers are getting quite a bit of overtime trying to get the work done.

Back in the valley, Novo-Rados on I-5 should start the concrete work in October unless the rains hold them up.

On the construction of the Merced By-Pass is back at it again. They have had a rough time getting fill material for the job, but things look now better and they should work through the winter.

More from Redding

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ing in this area also include Al- turas, Adin, Happy Camp and Weed.

Roy E. Ladd & Carl McConnell J.V. is moving along very well on the Forest Glen job on Highway 66, west of Red Bluff, as is Roy E. Ladd Construction Company on the Highway 36 job near Paynes Creek. Both Bob Blair and Stan Watkins are heading up the Forest Glen and Paynes Creek job.

Cal-Ore has just finished the Cottonwood to Red Bluff over- lay on I-5 and are anticipating mov- ing down to Red Bluff to do a large subdivision.

Business Rep. Bob Havenhill re- ports that J.P. Shea Company currently is working on two sub- divisions in the town of Yreka and hope to get another one in Yreka shortly.

C. L. Fogle Construction Com- pany is still working on the Happy Camp sewerage treatment plant.

Both of these jobs should be com- pleted near the end of the year.

Earley Construction is putting the finishing touches on the Yef- ject Ridge job near Parks of the Salmon River in Siskiyou County.

Rancho Murieta Posts

1,000 Accident Free Days

Here in San Francisco, we are extremely honored and proud of the expertise in which a Training Center is functioning and the fact that the above most important factor of this op- eration is the extreme cau- tion and conscientious manner in which Occupational Safe- ty and Health is being taught and lived in every aspect of the training program.

Many years ago we in the construction industry saw op- portunities for skilled through so-called ac- cidents (human errors and mistakes). There were not to be no feelings by their fel- low workers and employers in that respect, making machines, machinery was cheap and an operator could be replaced as fast as a phone call, and it is a very sad and frustrat- ing thing to call a wife or family of a fellow operator for his compassion toward his fellow humans.

That man is Brother Dale Marr, Business Manager of Operating Engineers Local Union, and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Rancho Murieta Training Center Safety Officer off. I-5 for two years and in 1978, the Training Center logged 1,000 days without a lost-time accident. This is over a period of five years. More important for the job is that things broken down into hours, the following totals are recorded:

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We are proud of our record and what it stands for. We thank all of those that are involved in our Safety Program.
November  
2nd Oakland: Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Street  
7th Stockton: Engineers Bldg., 2626 North California St.  
14th Fresno: Engineers Bldg., 3121 East Olive St.  
28th Sacramento: CEL&T Bldg., 2525 Stockton Blvd.  

December  
6th Ogden: Ramada Inn, 2433 Adams Ave.  
7th Reno: Musicians Hall, 124 West Taylor  
14th Ukiah: Grange Hall, 740 State Street  
21st Watsonville: Veterans Bldg., 215 Third Street  

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Have You Checked Your Dues?  

Due Schedule for Period 10-1-78 through 9-30-79  

Local 3 $397  (Per Qtr.)  
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Local 3B $297  (Per Qtr.)  
Local 3C $297  (Per Qtr.)  
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You are notified of applicable dues based on Local 3 and your classification.  

Local 3D - *Variable by Unit  

Please Note: An amendment to Article VII - dues of the Local Union By-Laws adopted by the members at the semi-annual meeting held on July 9, 1977 defines the provision that a member can pay dues in advance of an increase at the "old" rate (the rate in effect prior to the effective date of each increase). Therefore, the two-rate periods for the periods as indicated above apply regardless of when payment is made.  

*Due to the variation in the dues paid by all members, dues increase will be based on the prior year's dues paid by each member.  

Have any questions, please call the credit union at 829-4400.  

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Hill's body was brought to Chicago where 30,000 people marched in one of the greatest funeral processions ever seen in that or any other city.  

Eulogies were delivered in nine languages, in keeping with Joe's wishes, his body was cremated. His ashes were placed in many small envelopes and scattered throughout the United States and in foreign lands. Joe's ashes were dropped in the state of Utah because Joe "did not want to be found dead there."  

Perhaps the most important facts in perpetuating his memory is the moving song written by Robinson-Hayes called, "Joe Hill."  

Two key stanzas (there are seven):  
And standing there as big as life And smiling with his eyes. Joe says, "What they forgot to kill Went on to organize.  
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Last will and testament of Joe Hill  
My Last Will  
Any will is easy to decide  
For there is nothing to divide  
My kin don't need to fuss and moan  "Moss does not cling to a rolling stone," My body—Oh!—If I could choose I would to ashes it reduce  
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Would come to life and bloom again.  
This is my Last and Final Will  
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Business Rep. Nate Davidson reports that L.E. Wenta has finally moved to complete "The Towers," which is an eight story building next to the Airport. Mari- 

Hotel in Burlington. Seven years ago the initial hole was dug and has been in the process of de-watering for several years since. The structure will be three stories under ground which is right in the bay. It will be quite an engineering accomplishment to complete, Davidson commented.  

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Winter a Welcome Break After Record Year for Work

By James Earp

After working “six tens” or more all year long, most operating engineers don’t need to be told that 1978 was a boom year. Tired bones, fat paychecks (minus big chunks for Uncle Sam) and worn out work clothes all indicate that the coming holiday season will provide a welcome relief for many union members who haven’t had much rest since the rainy season ended last April.

As the statistics roll in, it is apparent that Local 3 members in California, Nevada and Utah have enjoyed the busiest year since the decade began. The Operating Engineers Trust Fund Service Center reports to Engineers News that pension hours are flowing in at a rate four to five percent higher than at the same time last year, which was also a good construction year.

It is estimated that by year’s end, nearly 29 million pension hours will be logged by active participants of the various pension trust funds. A conservative estimate predicts that more successful in getting elected than those who offered more bureaucratic intervention in the lives of the electorate. Throughout the country, solid labor candidates felt the brunt of the voters’ anger. U.S. Senators dropped like flies. Long time friends of the labor movement, Ed Brooke of Massachusetts, Thomas McIntyre of New Hampshire, Dick Clark of Iowa, Floyd Haskell of Colorado, Wendell Anderson of Minnesota—all suffered defeat. In their place the voters elected more darlings of the New Right—Roger Jepsen of Iowa, Gordon Humphrey in New Hampshire.

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Election Blizzard too Much

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We were told that, under our second class mailing permit, the newspaper should normally reach most members’ addresses in seven to ten days—with the exception of those mailed to Hawaii or overseas. However, the pre-election day mailing blitz caused a general slow up in the mail.

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Voters Say ‘Cut Fat’ in Spending

By John McMahon

Voters across the nation went to the polls last month to voice their frustration and anger over rising taxes, increased crime, and government inefficiency. In campaign after campaign, candidates expounding the Howard Jarvis philosophy of less government with reduced spending were far more successful in getting elected than those who offered more bureaucratic intervention in the lives of the electorate. Throughout the country, solid labor candidates felt the brunt of the voters’ anger. U.S. Senators dropped like flies. Long time friends of the labor movement, Ed Brooke of Massachusetts, Thomas McIntyre of New Hampshire, Dick Clark of Iowa, Floyd Haskell of Colorado, Wendell Anderson of Minnesota—all suffered defeat. In their place the voters elected more darlings of the New Right—Roger Jepsen of Iowa, Gordon Humphrey in New Hampshire.

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Semi Annual Meeting Recording - Corresponding Secretary James R. Ivy has announced that the next semi annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, January 6, 1979, at 1:00 p.m. at the Marine Cooks and Stewards Auditorium, 30 Freemont Street, San Francisco, CA.
Election Results
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In California, his vote total, over 3,000,000, was the larger ever collective appeal. As the California governor, exceeding even former Gov- ernor Ronald Reagan's previous record of 3,743,012 from 1966.

Although Jerry Brown was re- elected with a record breaking to- tal, his high priority other can- didates into office, the coat tail effect, was practically nil. An obvious factor, was Governor Mervyn Dymally's quest for re- election. Long a friend of Local 3, Dymally fell victim to a political novice, Mike Curb.

Commenting on Dymally's de- feat, Local 3 Business Manager Dale Marr called it "probably one of the biggest disappointments of the election from our point of view. Long before Jerry Brown abandoned his "small is beautiful" philosophy, Merv Dymally was calling for increased economic growth, job expanding development and a streamlining of the environmental permit process. We will be sorry to see Merv Dr victorious is 70 percent.

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In the state of Nevada, much to the disappointment of everyone involved, Local 7's candidate for Governor, Bob Rose, was soundly defeated by his Republican opposite Robert List. The defeat of Rose came despite a superb ef- fort put forth by the agents and members of his campaign. Virtually everyday and after work during the week, Local 3 members could be found walking door to door handing out leaflets and brochures for Rose and other endorsed candidates.

In general, Local 3's rank and file Executive Board endorsed and supported 165 candidates and issues in the states of Nevada and California. Support ranged from an endorsement only to an en- dorsement with in-kind service and monetary contributions and after hour staff assistance. Of those 165 candidates, 74 were vic- torious, 48 lost and 43 were defeated.

In addition to candidate politi- cians, there were also a few ballot measures decided on election day in which Local 3 was directly in- volved. These measures, local in nature, have will have a direct impact on job producing projects for Lo- cal 3's membership.

The biggest issue was on the ballot in Calaveras County. Titled Measure A, this issue authorized the Calaveras County Water Dis- trict to issue $350 million in rev- enue bonds for an estimated $950 million in water projects on the upper Stan- tana River above New Melones Dam. Operating Engineers has been involved with that issue for over three years, beginning with the initial planning stage and fol- lowing through into the political strategy necessary to obtain ballot approval. Measure A passed with 61 per cent of the vote.

Another ballot issue with direct employment ramifications for Lo- cal 3 members was Santa Clara's Measure B. This was an advisory measure on whether or not to approve a $65 million stadium/ convensence center complex near Marriott's Great America. The project will be 100 per cent pri- vately funded.

"Local 3's involvement came at the end of the campaign, but judg- ing from the closeness of the race (11,804 in favor, 10,587 against), Local 3 can say that they made the difference.

Butte County Measure A, yet another job-related issue was not as fortunate however. An ad- visory vote on whether or not to locate a coal-fired power plant in Butte County, lost, due to a defeat by a margin of 30,286 against 22,584 in favor.

Business Manager Marr empha- sized however, that the result of the vote had no authoritative power over the decision to build the plant in Butte. The State Energy Commission will have final voice in this matter. If the narrow and misguided belief that all la- bor wears horns and that the labor move- ment, with the initial planning of manage- ment and profits, will move toward a broader based philosophy that accepts the American workers as a co-partner. We offer our cooperation in this area.

The continued effort on the part of the right and the left to, on the one hand separate and divide, and on the other, blur and absorb the craft trades of the America Labor Movement has persisted with all our strength. Loss of the appeal of the blue collar trades to either movement would be the final and crushing blow to Middle Class America. We can't let it happen.

Finally, we will continue to fight to protect our working members and their families from high unemployment, in- flation, and a boom or bust economy no matter what party or person projects a cure-all for panaceas. That is our collective job and responsibility.

In the meantime, on behalf of myself, the elected officers of your great Local Union No. 3 and the staff that serves you throughout the year, have

A happy and safe Holiday Season!

By DALE MARR, Business Manager

Congressman Ryan's Death
Untimely Loss for Labor

Business Manager Dale Marr and the officers and members of Local 3 express shock and deep regret over the untimely death of Con- gressman Leo Ryan (D-San Mateo) who was killed this month while on an investi- gative expedition to Jone- town, Guyana.

"Congressman Ryan's death is a great loss to the labor movement and the people of our country," said Business Manager Dale Marr. "He was a true friend to Local 3 and he came to our aid on many issues that were important to our mem- bers."

Ryan was a strong advo- cate for farm safety and worked closely with Local 3 in his efforts to provide a program of safety and rehabilitation of dam nationwide.

"There will undoubtedly be many times in the future when we will sorely miss his presence on Capitol Hill," Marr said. "We will miss his individualism and con- stant desire to determine the root of important issues first hand."