

New Attempt To Stop Dumbarton Bridge

Nuclear Opponents Still Clouding Issue

Union Against New Legislation

In a last minute, back-door attempt, the California Legislature is considering legislation which would drastically cut back the scope of the already approved reconstruction of the Dumbarton Bridge in the South San Francisco Bay Area.

The bridge, obsolete and dangerous by anyone's standards, has the support of virtually every governmental agency involved with the exception of a few bedroom communities in the south Peninsula area.

The new attempt at stopping the project is Assembly Bill 3219, introduced by Assemblymen John Knox of western Contra Costa County, Dixon Arnett of southern San Mateo County and Michael Wornum of Marin County. The bill is coauthored by State Senators John Nejedly of Contra Costa County and Arlen Gregorio of San Mateo County.

The legislation attempts to tie the Dumbarton Bridge project to the construction of Highway 17 (the Hoffman Freeway) from Interstate 80 in Richmond to the beginning of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The bill permits the upgrading of all approach roads to the Dumbarton, but does not allow for reconstruction of the bridge itself. Instead of replacing the dangerous lift span, it calls for a cosmetic widening and resurfacing.

With the money saved from reconstruction of the Dumbarton, the legislation allows for the construction of the Hoffman Freeway, a freeway that has been in the planning stages for many years.

Business Manager Dale Marr said that the Operating Engineers are strongly opposed to A.B. 3219. He said that "Dumbarton Bridge is all set for the advertising for bids. We have been fighting for this project for years. It is my understanding that the only thing holding up this project is the signature of a Coast Guard official in Washington, D.C. If this bill passes, not only will the Dumbarton Bridge project be cut back drastically, but the Hoffman Freeway will not be built for years and years to come. We cannot agree to any legislation which will delay the Dumbarton Bridge."

Marr also voiced concern that the union's opposition to the legislation will be viewed as opposition to the Hoffman Freeway itself. "What some people don't understand," said Marr, "is that by tying the Hoffman to the Dumbarton projects, both projects will be delayed indefinitely. If the proposed legislation for Dumbarton becomes law, it will mean years of more studies and hearings, because it is essentially a new project. It will mean a new Environmental Impact Statement, the whole construction permit process will have to be repeated. This process takes years. We cannot go along with that."

"We support the Hoffman Freeway, it is definitely needed to

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AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY sent two representatives from the International Union of Operating Engineers to attend the International Labor Organization's regular meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. Pictured

above are, at left, Ninth International Vice President and Local 3 business manager Dale Marr and right, Eighth International Vice President Frank Hanley.

Marr, Hanley Attend ILO Meeting

Overcoming the energy crisis afflicting the world's developing nations was the issue confronting the recent International Labor Organization Conference (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dale Marr, Local 3 business manager and IUOE ninth vice-

Business Manager and International Vice President Dale Marr, a nationally known expert on safety equipment, has pledged himself to "ceaseless dedication in a state and national effort to improve the construction and quality of the buses used in transporting our school children."

"Although all the facts are not yet in, I am convinced that better structure and rollover protection mandated by state and national safety laws could have greatly reduced, if not have eliminated, the fatalities in the tragic accident on the Marina-Vista freeway in Martinez," said Marr.

Marr has helped write many of the national and state safety standards and is considered the father of rollover protection on California construction equipment.

president was one of the two U.S. Labor representatives selected by AFL-CIO President George Meany to attend the conference, which was held April 28 to May 6. IUOE eighth vice-president, Frank Hanley was the other labor representative accompanying Marr.

"Because of the increasing need for energy in the developing countries, the ILO met on the basis of developing coal resources," Marr said.

Many of the developing nations have either slacked off in their coal production or they have never had a chance to get a foothold in the coal industry because they lack the technology to do it," he commented.

Marr said the purpose of the conference was to discuss and draft solutions to the main problems preventing emerging nations from developing their coal resources. Most of these problems lie in the areas of health, safety and the training of workers to operate highly mechanized machinery.

Representatives from 21 countries participated in the section of the conference dealing with coal resources, each sending two officials in the fields of labor, management and government.

Selected for his expertise in

mining and equipment safety, Marr was a key member in the committee that drafted a list of safety procedures and programs to be adopted on a worldwide basis by the ILO.

"Safety can be a real problem in training workers to operate machinery they have never even seen before," said Marr. "Mechanization can increase production tremendously, but a lot of these guys that have never been around big machinery don't know it can kill you quick, if you don't follow safety procedures."

Another problem that needs dealing with is the actual design of the machinery.

"When you send the kinds of coal mining machinery we operate here to some of the developing countries, you will frequently find that their smaller stature makes it almost impossible for them to reach all the controls."

Marr felt the conference was time well spent, although he recognizes that there are still many unresolved problems.

Money is needed to administer the safety programs. "This is in itself a real problem," said Marr, "because even the United States has a hard time implementing the safety programs it should."

Confusing Politics Played

By JAMES EARP

With a full page ad in the May 26 San Francisco Chronicle, the YES on 15 Committee has made another last ditch effort to sway the public in its favor to vote yes on Proposition 15 and ban nuclear power in the state.

Exploiting the current popularity of attacking the "big machine," the YES people give their view of the nuclear initiative: the "people saying yes" vs. the "corporations saying no."

Attacking the NO on 15 Committee because of the corporate contributions it has received, the YES committee praises its "grassroots movement," even bragging in a Channel 5 newscast that they have received all their contributions from the "little people" of California and nothing from corporations.

But who are the "people" really supporting?

The last two California Polls have shown that, by a significant margin, more people oppose Proposition 15 than support it.

Other facts begin to punch even more holes in the credibility of the YES on 15 Committee's claim that the people support them.

In an attempt to impress readers with the universality of its movement, the YES on 15 Committee has printed on a flyer a list of "grassroots" people and organizations endorsing the nuclear initiative.

Even a cursory examination reveals that the representation implied in the list is less than accurate.

To sway the democrats in the state, they have listed four Democratic Central County committees who have endorsed Prop. 15. But there are 54 other Central Democratic committees who have not endorsed the initiative.

The San Francisco Young Democrats are also listed. They represent only 47 out of over 6,800 Young Democrats in the state. In their last annual convention, the California Young Democrats voted overwhelmingly in favor of a NO on 15 position.

Trying to scrape up a Republican representation, the committee listed Preston E. Cook, President of the San Francisco Young Republicans as endorsing Prop. 15. According to a spokesman from the Republican Party Headquarters in San Francisco, the Young Republican organization

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Recording Corresponding Secretary James R. Ivy has announced that the next semi-annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, July 10, 1976 at 1:00 p.m., at the Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California Street near Taylor, in San Francisco.



LOOKING AT LABOR

By DALE MARR, Business Manager

Make no mistake about it, the nation's construction trade unions are engaged in a deadly ideological war against a strange coalition of liberal-management-government forces that are hell-bent on destroying traditional concepts of the apprentice-to-journeyman programs.

In many cases there is the added element of Fabian socialists who would import the discredited European "labor party" systems and inject them into the American labor movement. This is nothing new. In fact, it was the militant craft trades unions that turned back a socialist-communist union take-over in the late 1800's and again during the war and depression years of the early 1900's.

What makes this new drive different and dangerous is not only a lack of militancy on the part of labor unions, but the fact that militant Third World ideologues, government and management are using these efforts to attain their own ends.

Management, because any major disruption of the traditional craft movement will allow them to increase their open shop and non-union activities which, according to recent studies, has reached the point where 60 per cent of construction work is being done by non-union workers. This, of course, removes union restraints that prevent employers from exploiting the tradesman in everything from unsafe working conditions to unpaid fringes and straight pay for overtime. Conditions that result in an immediate and larger profit for management, but ultimately result in complete demoralization of the work force. So, the "profit god" of management is what brings management to this unholy alliance.

Finally, government, faced with more need for control over the worker through use of the tax dollar would like the ultimate power of total control of the economy and even though to date, politicians and bureaucrats have made only sporadic attempts to control wages and prices, to gain ultimate, total control, they would have to put limits on profits and follow the same disastrous course as England did when it attempted to nationalize its major industries.

Let me say this right here. It was an honor to be selected to represent American Labor at the recent 120-member International Labor Organization Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. It was also an eye-opener to find out about the sad and archaic conditions that the foreign construction and mine worker has to deal with overseas and especially behind the "Iron Curtain" countries. I would never, never want to see the American working man and his family lower his expectations to the conditions I learned about there. If there is a job to be done, it must be one of raising salaries, fringe benefits and safe working conditions for the badly exploited foreign workman. I can only say, thank God I am an American.

Recently Ken Erwin and I had a series of day-long meetings with legislators and members of the Brown administration on the many problems facing the construction trades in California. Fortunately, our timing was excellent as Finance Director Roy Bell had discovered some 600 million surplus dollars in the general fund, and we were able to get our oar in on behalf of the unemployed construction worker.

As a result of these meetings, I have asked Ken and the Public Relations staff to prepare a one-time capital outlay list of highway and public work projects that are on-line and in high unemployment areas. We have been assured such a list will be given priority consideration.

We also met with Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally regarding some of the union's problems affecting our industry and can expect his support across the board.

In closing, let me say that my personal and heartfelt sympathy go out to our President, Harold Huston, his wonderful wife Loretta and their surviving daughter Debbie, over the loss of their beautiful daughter Kris in that terrible and tragic bus accident last month. I am sure I speak for all our officers, staff and membership when I say that our love, sympathy and prayers will be offered for Harold and Loretta and all the parents of the children killed and injured in this tragic accident. May the good God sustain them in their hour of need.

Which Way America?

Economic Program Of Progress

Following is the text of AFL-CIO President George Meany's testimony before the Democratic Platform Committee in the Senate Caucus Room. The testimony concerns specific economic policy which the labor leader believes should be written into the Democratic Party's 1976 Platform.

We believe that government policies which perpetuate unemployment are economically and morally wrong.

In economic terms, jobs are the source of the wages that generate mass purchasing power—the underpinning of the economy. From jobs come the tax revenues government must have to provide essential services and programs to help its citizens.

As every economist agrees, each percentage point of unemployment costs the federal government \$16 billion—\$14 billion in lost tax revenues and \$2 billion in added costs for unemployment insurance, welfare, food stamps and other social services.

Unemployment has caused havoc in America's cities—increasing welfare costs while robbing the cities of essential tax revenue. The threatened financial collapse of many cities can be directly tied to continued high unemployment.

In human terms, a job is a key measure of a person's place in society—whether as a full-fledged participant or on the outside looking in. Work is the source of individual fulfillment. It is a positive, constructive activity that broadens an individual's horizon.

Jobs are also the solution to poverty, to hunger, to filling the ever-present needs of workers to feed, clothe and shelter their families. Jobs enable a person to translate legal rights to equality into reality; and, thus, fulfill a commitment to equality laid down in the Declaration of Independence, won in revolution, secured in civil war and still not fully achieved even in our lifetime.

Thus, the AFL-CIO seeks a commitment from both parties to achieve and maintain full employment in America. We accept no other definition of full employment than a job opportunity at a decent wage for each person able and seeking work.

To the American economy, just as to individual Americans, full employment is an absolute necessity.

Because of present economic policies, 20 million American workers will be unemployed some

time this year. Millions of families will be faced with the problem of surviving until the next paycheck comes, if it ever comes.

They will be faced with choices no American family should have to make: Which is more important, food on the table or a roof over their heads? Which bill must be ignored in order to buy medicine for the old folks or shoes for the children?

Then there is the mental anxiety that comes with unemployment—fear of harassment over unpaid bills, idle hours, loss of self-esteem, stresses and strains on family relationships, sometimes leading to divorce, alcoholism, drug abuse and crime. Physical health, too, is affected at a time when there is no money for doctor bills.

The average period of unemployment now lasts more than 15 consecutive weeks — nearly four months. During that time the standard of living of an unemployed family can be irreparably damaged.

High unemployment also affects the way a society perceives itself. The longer people are out of work, the more desperate their situation becomes. Yet the longer people are unemployed, the easier it is for the well-off and the comfortable to ignore the human problems caused by joblessness.

Unemployment also affects the young:

The students whose college dreams are shattered when their parents become unemployed.

The young children forced to grow up in unhealthy neighborhoods, because decent housing is beyond their parents' means.

The young mind filling with bitterness as it watches a jobless parent lose hope.

The many teenagers seeking their first "work experience" — standing in an endless line, for a job that isn't there.

High unemployment also creates stresses and strains within society, further widening the gap between the haves and the have-nots; pitting worker against worker for the available work; creating division where there should be unity. Just as America could not survive as a nation that segregated its races, it cannot survive if it segregates its people between those who work and those who are always jobless.

Specifically, we seek a flat rejection of policies that utilize un-

employment as an instrument of national economic policy.

For the last seven lean years, planned unemployment has been an integral part of the economic policy of the national government. It has failed to achieve its announced goal of reducing inflation, which was 4.2 per cent in 1968. Rather, planned unemployment as part of a policy of high interest rates, tight money and constricted budgets helped spawn a 57 per cent increase in the Consumer Price Index since January 1969.

The inflation that has plagued America for the past seven years has not been caused by excessive demand, which is the classic reason for inflation—too many dollars chasing too few goods. Therefore, the classic weapons used by economists to fight inflation have not worked and will not work.

Instead of planned unemployment, America needs planned employment. There is nothing wrong with the American economy that more jobs wouldn't cure, and we believe that government must play a key role in that planning, along with industry and labor.

Economic planning for full employment is no more incompatible with a free enterprise system than planning for unemployment through fiscal and monetary policies. The haphazard method of economic decision-making in this country—with the Administration going one direction, the Federal Reserve another, Congress going many different ways, and business and labor straining to hear the distant drummer — must be changed.

Arbitrary dollar limits placed on the ability of the economy to grow and expand must be removed. Policies that do the most good for the fewest and the least good for the most must be replaced by policies that provide all citizens with the opportunity to advance—an opportunity based on individual skills and desire, not restricted by the superficial barriers of race or sex or age or the neighborhoods in which people live. No longer should the many be forced to sacrifice much for the benefit of a chosen few.

In other words, we believe the economic choice confronting America in this election year is between a continuation of the disastrous "trickle-down" economics of the past seven years—with its recurring recessions, high unemployment, reduced buying power,

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A New Direction For Progress

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living and, thus, cannot afford new consumer spending necessary for a growing economy.

In addition, the fear of losing one's job—the specter of unemployment—still hangs over many workers, contributing to pessimism and the resultant split-level market.

Thus, the economy is in danger of another, deeper recession on the heels of the worst recession since the 1930s.

To bring the economy to full employment and to forestall future recurrences of recessions each worse than the last, America needs the following:

1. A statutory government commitment to full employment that spells out specific steps and programs that will be taken to achieve full employment and maintain it.

2. An immediate reduction in mortgage interest rates to no

more than 6 per cent so that the housing construction industry can once again lead this nation out of recession and fill the ever-mounting need for shelter. The federal subsidies that may be required would be one of the soundest possible investments in America.

3. An overhaul and modernization of the unemployment insurance system, the nation's first line of defense against depression.

4. A continuation of the lower federal income tax withholding rates through 1977 to provide a continuing stimulus to consumer purchasing power. In addition, gaping tax loopholes must be closed to bring justice to the tax structure and provide essential tax revenue.

5. A comprehensive energy policy to rapidly reduce the nation's dependence on insecure foreign sources of oil and to establish energy independence. At the same time, America must maintain its commitment to cleaning up the environment, adjusting timetables where necessary to achieve energy objectives but without sacrificing the goal of a clean environment.

6. A reexamination of U.S. foreign trade and investment policies that are destroying America's productive economic base and transforming this nation from a producer nation into a service nation, dependent on foreign sources of goods, much of which are produced by U.S.-based multinational corporations whose loyalty is not to this nation but to the dollar.

The recession cannot be truly proclaimed as "over" until the unemployed have returned to work and the nearly 30 per cent of industrial capacity that today lies idle is restored to production. Today's unemployment—about 7 per cent by official government figures and over 10 per cent by our more realistic calculations—is the measure of how many people must get jobs in order for the recession to be over.

There are some who have proposed redefining the "acceptable" level of unemployment, as if changing the definition from 3 to 4 or 5 or even 6 per cent makes unemployment any easier for the unemployed to bear. The difference between 3 and 6 per cent unemployment is nearly 3 million people—people who have a right to dream the dream that is America. The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is empty indeed if a person happens to be one of the "acceptably" unemployed.

For those to whom dollars, and not people, are important, it should be noted that the difference between 3 and 6 per cent unemployment is nearly \$48 billion added to the federal deficit.

It is wrong for any nation, particularly the most powerful and richest on earth, to set its goals lower than can be possibly achieved with a maximum effort. Clearly the United States can do far better than the 7 per cent jobless rate forecast for this year or the 5 per cent predicted for the end of the decade. It is incumbent upon the platform writers for the two major parties to set this nation's goals even higher, to tell the American people what we as a nation can do, not what we can't do.

and hardship, even poverty for the many—and the creation of a balanced, full employment economy built on mass purchasing power, full production and general prosperity. We choose full employment.

The economy today is in a perilous condition. The recovery to date has been too slow and too shallow to significantly reduce unemployment.

The economy needs increased consumer spending from all segments of the population if it is to sustain recovery.

The working poor, those who receive only the federal minimum wage, lack the buying power to reach even the government's poverty level.

Other workers, whose purchasing power is at 1968 levels, need substantial wage increases just to maintain their present standard of



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Dear Mr. Clausen:

This is in reply to your request for information on the Coast Guard Headquarters review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Dumbarton Bridge across the San Francisco Bay.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement is presently undergoing Coast Guard review prior to review by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Consumer Affairs of the Department of Transportation. Upon completion of both reviews, the document will be transmitted to the Commander, Twelfth Coast Guard District in San Francisco for printing, preparatory to filing with the President's Council on Environmental Quality. You may be assured that every effort is being made to complete this review process as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you for your interest in this bridge project. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

R. H. Wood
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Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Congressional Affairs
By direction of the Commandant

I mailed the following letter to Congressman Clausen, dated April 22, 1976:

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April 22, 1976

Mr. Don H. Clausen
Representative in Congress
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Dear Don:

I appreciated your telephone call and your letter to me dated April 9, 1976, along with the report from the Coast Guard concerning the Dumbarton Bridge.

Labor has worked very hard to get this project started and we feel the Coast Guard has had ample time to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

I would appreciate receiving from you, any additional information you may obtain in the future regarding this. Thanks again for your help in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Harold Huston

HAROLD HUSTON,
President
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Brothers, the reason I have printed all of the above letters is to show you the tremendous amount of work that is involved for each project in addition to the many hearings we attend.

Thanks again to all the brothers, and your families who have attended the numerous hearings and helped us when we have called upon you. *I know by working together, as a team, we will get the job done!*

A Personal Note from The President's Pen

By HAROLD HUSTON
President



Many of our brother engineers call and write me asking, Harold, what are the officers doing to help get new jobs started throughout our jurisdiction? They state the tremendous hardships their families are being put through with long periods of unemployment. The dispatcher calls them for a job which turns out to be a job of very short duration, then its back on the out-of-work list again.

This is the reason I continue to state in my monthly news article that our number one goal is a job for every member who is able and willing to go to work or "Full Employment!"

I try to keep the members and their families informed in my news article of the many new projects now under consideration. This means attending hearings night after night with you brothers and your families, speaking out for you on the issues, hoping to get new projects approved and started as quickly as possible!

In addition to attending the many hearings we keep updated files on the various projects under consideration looking for any obstacle that might be thrown in the way before and after the hearings, which must be removed. This is why labor must demand more than just talk from our elected public officials, of whom we have endorsed.

They must stand up and be counted and cast their votes for labor when we call upon them to do so. *If they do not live up to their commitments they gave to us prior to receiving our endorsement, we should never support them again, no matter what they promise!!*

One of many projects we have been fighting for sometime is the New Dumbarton Bridge over the south part of the San Francisco Bay. This approximately 100 million dollar project would employ many of our brother engineers. My feeling is the United States Coast Guard has had ample time to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Dumbarton Bridge, and render their decision.

I sent the following telegram on March 19, 1976, hoping to get this project off dead center. The telegram was sent to Congressmen Bizz Johnson, Glenn Anderson, Norman Mineta, Allen Howe, Don Clausen and Barry Goldwater, Jr.

It has come to our attention that approval of reconstruction of the Dumbarton Bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area is being delayed pending permit approval by the U.S. Coast Guard. This project, supported by the Governor of California and his Department of Transportation as well as the surrounding communities, cannot begin construction until the Coast Guard permit is granted.

With unemployment in the construction industry at intolerable levels, the reconstruction of this bridge will aid our industry greatly.

Since the Coast Guard is under the jurisdiction of the public works and transportation committee, of which you are a member, could you try to determine the reason for the delay on the Coast Guard's part?

Members of our staff will be meeting with Governor Brown and his transportation staff on Wednesday, March 24, to discuss ways and means of expediting transportation construction projects, it would be helpful to have any information available on this matter by that time.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Harold Huston, President
Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO

The following letter, addressed to myself, was received from Congressman Don H. Clausen, Representative in Congress, dated April 9, 1976:

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Congress of the United States
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April 9th, 1976

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Dear Hal:

I have just received the enclosed report from the Coast Guard concerning the Dumbarton Bridge. I believe that it is self-explanatory and after your review of it, I would appreciate any comments which you may have.

Thank you for contacting me about this matter, Hal, and if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With personal regards,

Don H. Clausen
DON H. CLAUSEN
Representative in Congress

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Also, enclosed with Congressman Clausen's letter to me, was the letter he received from R. H. Wood, Captain, U. S. Coast Guard Chief, Congressional Affairs By Direction of the Commandant:



RIGGING LINES

By BOB MAYFIELD
Vice-President

Negotiations are once again becoming a focus of attention for this writer. By the time this article reaches press, hopefully a successful conclusion will have been attained with the employer (Kaibab Industries) and ratified by the membership involved. This operation is located in the extreme south central portion of Utah very near the town of Kanab and involves a large group of employees working at logging and milling finished lumber.

Also upcoming of major importance is the Utah AGC (master construction agreement) contract. The contract will be in the second year of a 3-year agreement with wages and fringes only being open at this time. However, some of the other basic crafts are open at the same time as we are, but their contracts are to be opened in their entirety. We have heard from some sources that the employers just might attempt to go open shop or even non-union by withdrawing their bargaining rights from the Utah AGC. This in effect would leave these unions with no one to bargain with. This state is a right to work state as most people by now fully realize. The open shop and non-union highway contractors in the past 8 or 9 months have been successful low bidders on jobs totalling at least 20 and maybe even 25 million dollars. All of the above facts make our union negotiation committee's work double tough to get an honorable settlement for our members and at the same time keep the fair employer in competition with a small profit at the job's conclusion. The first official negotiation is scheduled in the first week of June with the contract to expire on the last day of June.

I was able recently to attend a barbeque luncheon held in honor of all the retired Operating Engineers and their wives at the Rancho Murieta Training Center. I must say this event was truly one of the nicest events I have had the privilege of attending. It was really great to witness these old timers reminisce with each other and once again break a little bread and enjoy life and retirement the way it is supposed to be. The food was excellent and well prepared with an orderly system set up to quickly accommodate the crowd of around 800 or so who attended, so that no one had to stand in line for any long period of time. The tastiness of the food and the quantity available caused many people to go back for a second helping. Even the weather cooperated to the fullest with a just comfortable 80-85° temperature for all to enjoy along with the shade of the many oak trees under which most of the tables and chairs were located. I most sincerely hope this event can become an annual affair. I'm certain this would be welcomed unanimously by all retirees who were in attendance. All of the people who made this event possible, including the R.M.T.C. instructors who donated their time and efforts, should certainly be congratulated and thanked for a job very well done.

In concluding this month's article, I would be remiss if a few words were not said extending my personal condolences to our President Harold Huston and his entire family on the very untimely death of his daughter, Kris. She was, of course, just one of 29 victims killed in the school bus accident of the Yuba City High School Choir. In a tragedy such as this it is very hard for any of us to fully understand why it should happen to such a young and innocent group of people whose lives had only just begun. Because of our older age, I'm certain that many of us would be more than happy to trade places with them if it were possible to do so, and let these young and bright people live. Yuba City is my own home town where I was born, raised, educated, and got a beginning as an Operating Engineer, so I knew many of the families involved. I'm very sorry to say that even though I consider this place a very nice place to grow up and live in, it seems that every few years the nation hears the name Yuba City in a spectacular manner—all catastrophes: the 1955 flood, the Juan Corona murders, and now the worst school bus accident the state of California has ever had. I hope this will be the last of this type of news to ever happen in that area again and I must say this event has to mark one of the saddest occasions I have ever heard of.

In conclusion and as a reminder to anyone who might read this column and has registered to vote (if this has not been done it is now too late to register for the primary election) I would urge you to make certain to mark your calendar to vote. For those in California, many important candidates as well as propositions will be on the ballot and certainly we have the freedom to vote as we choose. However, ask yourself which candidates might truly look after your interests the best and not just sound off with a lot of empty words. Regarding Proposition No. 15 (the Nuclear Shutdown Initiative) I strongly urge everyone to vote No on this one. This can in my opinion only cause many jobs to be lost, electricity prices to rise sharply and will result in a worse and dirtier atmosphere due to burning coal and oil as a replacement for clean nuclear power.

The Public Broadcasting System will be telecasting a program on Proposition 15, the Nuclear Shutdown Initiative on Monday, June 7 in limited areas in California. The program will examine the economic consequences of the ballot measure. The show can be seen in the San Jose to Monterey area on channel 54 at 10:00 p.m.; in the Sacramento area on channel 6 at 8:00 p.m.; and in the San Mateo and East Bay area on channel 14 at 10:00 p.m.

Which Way America?

Domestic Programs For Progress

Following is the text of AFL-CIO President George Meany's testimony before the Democratic Platform Committee in the Senate Caucus Room. The testimony concerns specific domestic policy which the labor leader believes should be written into the Democratic Party's 1976 Platform.

We believe that the government of the United States has a moral as well as constitutional responsibility to represent all of the people, to break down discrimination, to provide opportunity, to feed the hungry, to educate the young—in short, to provide economic and social justice for every American.

It is politically fashionable today for some politicians to attack big government and social programs. Their rhetoric is laced with code words of division, the tool of the demagogue. They would retreat from the 20th Century, to that so-called "simpler" time when the social ills of poverty, deprivation and discrimination were left to right themselves—the "good old days" of sweatshops, segregation, starvation.

The leaders of this anti-government campaign are those who have always sought to halt social progress. They seek to turn the clock back—to tear apart the institutions society has created to protect its citizens and replace them with the ethics of the marketplace.

They appeal to the baser instincts, attempting to create in the minds of the haves fear of the have-nots. And, so, they attack Social Security. They attack the regulatory agencies that were created when people discovered the marketplace has no ethics. They undermine equal employment and civil rights through policies that perpetuate unemployment. They attempt to create divisions among the innocent victims of these policies through dubious schemes that further undermine the rights of workers. They attack education, welfare, public housing, health care programs, food stamps, vocational rehabilitation.

And they attack the labor movement itself, knowing that if we were to abandon the fight for social justice that cause would be lost. They seek to trap us into defending the status quo, into forgetting what we truly mean when we say—as we have said since Samuel Gompers' time—"More."

The status quo must never be good enough for America and it will never be good enough for the labor movement. So, we come before the platform committees of the two major parties to pick up the gauntlet laid down by the opponents of social progress.

The social programs we defend—sometimes in lonely battle—are not good enough. They were created by fallible people and must be improved. Social Security has been good for America, but it can be better. Free public education has made America great, but there must be more of it, accessible to more of the young. Medicare and Medical, for all their problems, have helped millions of Americans, but now it is time to extend that help to all people through comprehensive national health insurance.

Workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, minimum wage, occupational safety and

health—each of these has bettered the lot of every worker in America, but they, too, must be improved, strengthened, extended.

We recognize the attacks on these programs for what they are. The attacks come from those who fought the programs in the first place, tried to weaken them before enactment, attempted to destroy them through malevolent administration, sought to strangle them through inadequate funding and now seek to polarize America with a "them vs. us" psychology and ride that tidal wave of fear into office.

No one can afford to forget what these programs mean to America and what they mean to the Americans they help, because the alternative to a government with a social conscience is a government that runs poorhouses.

In spring 1975, while the economy was plummeting to the depths of the recession, it was not any "new realism" that saved America from depression. It was "old" social programs—unemployment insurance, Social Security, public service jobs, food stamps and welfare combined with the tried-and-true policy of increasing consumer buying power through a tax cut for low and middle-income families that provided the boost the economy needed.

These are the programs that helped save the nation from a depression:

- Unemployment insurance including the temporary federal program, provided about \$1.3 billion per month in the first quarter of 1975 and prevented a total collapse in the buying power of millions of families. Benefits paid in fiscal year 1976 totaled \$18.2 billion and went to approximately 20 million workers.

- The one-shot stimulus of rebates and payments to Social Security recipients helped spark a pick up in retail sales.

- The Social Security system, as of October 1975, provided benefits for nearly 32 million people thus providing essential, continuing buying power for the nation.

- Food stamps during 1975, helped approximately 18½ million people.

Since the food stamp program is under such a bitter and continuing attack from the right, it should be examined in more detail.

1. The food stamp program, serving 18½ million people, cost \$5 billion in 1975. The capital gains tax loophole, on the other hand, cost the federal treasury about \$5 billion to provide benefits for 600,000 individuals, 88 per cent of whom have incomes of over \$50,000 a year. By contrast, 87 per cent of food stamp recipients live in households earning less than \$6,000 a year and 45 per cent in households earning less than \$3,000 a year.

2. This program has served America on three levels: It helped millions of families maintain adequate nutritional levels and avoid hunger; it assisted agriculture and related retail industries by maintaining consumer purchasing power of food stuffs; and, along with unemployment insurance, welfare and the emergency tax cut, it helped cushion the entire economy from the impact of the recession.

3. Allegations of massive fraud

do not square with official government reports. For example, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the program with a notable lack of top-level enthusiasm for its goals, states that the incidence of fraud is less than one-tenth of one per cent among participating households. On the other hand, recent exposes of fraudulent actions by food stamp vendors indicate lax administration of the law and should be swiftly prosecuted in courts of law. We reject the concept of punishing the millions who need this program for the sins of a few.

Heated, overblown political campaign speechmaking is hardly conducive to rational examination of social issues. So we urge both parties to shun expedient rhetoric and place social programs on the balance scale of their benefits to society and seek ways to improve, not destroy, these programs.

For instance, the unemployment insurance program cannot be measured solely in terms of payouts of benefits to the unemployed, as important as that is. The consequences of a weakened unemployment insurance program adversely affect the landlord, the grocer and the merchants in any community. Large-scale mortgage foreclosures and repossession of home appliances, furniture, automobiles, or other major items considered as part of the American standard of living would not benefit a local business enterprise. Turning the unemployed into paupers before they can receive help might meet the reactionary rhetoric of some candidates, but it would be a prescription for economic disaster for business throughout America.

Secondly, there is a danger inherent in tying up social programs in red tape just to cull out the "chiselers"—that mythical faceless army of people just itching for the chance to ripoff Uncle Sam. With one notable exception, the Health Security program we support, most proposed national health insurance schemes would require the government to keep extensive records on every American as the method of keeping "chiselers" from getting the health care which is their right.

How many hours did each person work?—by the week and the month? How much did they earn? Is it above this level or below that? Have they paid their deductible? Or co-insurance? How many days have they been in the hospital? How many times have they seen the doctor?—because if it is five, then one plan pays, or if it is six, then the patient pays.

Such extensive recordkeeping is not unique to proposed plans for national health insurance. It has infiltrated all social programs, bogging them down in so much expensive and extensive paperwork that their function of providing assistance to people in times of need is severely hampered. And there is an even more fundamental question—a constitutional question—just to satisfy the demagogues' campaign against so-called "welfare chiselers," the government would be—and is—keeping police state dossiers on millions of Americans.

So, we urge both parties to examine social programs not on the basis of those few who cheat, but those many who benefit.

Nominating Rules Are Announced Vote For San Mateo Supervisors

OFFICIAL NOMINATING RULES ANNOUNCED NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Recording-Corresponding Secretary James "Red" Ivy has announced that in accordance with the Local Union By-Laws, Article XII, Elections, nominations of Officers and District Executive Board Members shall be made in the month of June 1976 at the following Regularly Scheduled Meetings as a Special Order of Business or at Specially Called Meetings as indicated.

SCHEDULE OF NOMINATING MEETINGS — JUNE 1976

District No.	Location	Day & Month	Meeting Place and Address
1—SAN FRANCISCO	Specially Called	Wednesday 2nd 8:00 p.m.	Engineers Bldg., 474 Valencia St.
2—OAKLAND	Specially Called	Wednesday 2nd 8:00 p.m.	Labor Temple, 23rd & Valdez
9—SAN JOSE	Specially Called	Wednesday 2nd 8:00 p.m.	Montgomery Theater, W. San Carlos & S. Market Sts.
4—EUREKA	Specially Called	Thursday 3rd 8:00 p.m.	Engineers Bldg., 2806 Broadway
8—SACRAMENTO	Specially Called	Thursday 3rd 8:00 p.m.	Labor Temple, 2525 Stockton Blvd.
10—UKIAH	Regular	Thursday 3rd 8:00 p.m.	Grange Hall, State Street
5—FRESNO	Specially Called	Friday 4th 8:00 p.m.	Engineers Bldg., 3121 East Olive
7—REDDING	Specially Called	Friday 4th 8:00 p.m.	Engineers Bldg., 100 Lake Blvd.
12—PROVO	Regular	Friday 4th 8:00 p.m.	Carpenters Hall, 600 South, 600 East
3—STOCKTON	Specially Called	Saturday 5th 8:00 p.m.	Engineers Bldg., 2626 N. California
6—OROVILLE	Specially Called	Saturday 5th 8:00 p.m.	Prospectors Village, Oroville Dam Blvd.
11—RENO	Regular	Saturday 5th 8:00 p.m.	Musicians Hall, 124 W. Taylor St.
17—HILO	Specially Called	Friday 11th 7:30 p.m.	Kapiolani Elementary School, 966 Kilauea Ave.
17—HONOLULU	Specially Called	Saturday 12th 7:00 p.m.	Washington Intermed. School, 1633 S. King
06—GUAM	Specially Called	Monday 14th 7:00 p.m.	Santa Teresita Church (social hall), Mangilao, Guam

I NOTICE OF RIGHT TO NOMINATE

Eligibility of Members to Nominate: Every Member of the Parent Local Union and its Sub-divisions (except the Registered Apprentice Sub-division), who is not suspended for non-payment of dues preceding the first nominating meeting shall have the right to nominate.

II ELIGIBILITY TO BE A CANDIDATE

(a) Officers other than the Business Manager: No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected or hold any office, unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year and continuously a Member of the Local Union for not less than three (3) years, all next preceding the first day of the dues period in which the election is held, and nominated by at least 1/10th of 1% of the Members of the Local Union and its Sub-divisions (except the Registered Apprentice Sub-division), who are not suspended for non-payment of dues as of the first nominating meeting, in the manner and form set out in Section III—Nominations. The 1/10th of 1% shall be 1/10th of 1% of the Members shown on the records of the Union as of the last day of February preceding the election (subject to [d] below).

(b) Business Manager: No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected or hold the position of Business Manager unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union for a period of three (3) years, all next preceding the first day of the dues period in which the election is held, and nominated by at least 1/10th of 1% of the Members of the Local Union and its Sub-divisions (except the Registered Apprentice Sub-division), who are not suspended for non-payment of dues as of the first nominating meeting, in the manner and form

set out in Section III—Nominations. The 1/10th of 1% shall be 1/10th of 1% of the Members shown on the records of the Union as of the last day of February preceding the election (subject to [d] below).

NUMBER OF NOMINATORS REQUIRED FOR OFFICERS

Membership of the Local Union on February 29, 1976 was 36,297 members. One-tenth of 1% of the membership on February 29, 1976 was 36 which is the number of nominators required for each Candidate other than District Member of the Executive Board.

(c) District Member of the Executive Board: No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected or hold the position of District Member unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year and continuously a Member of the Local Union for not less than three (3) years and has maintained a residence in the District he represents or seeks to represent for not less than one (1) year, all next preceding the first day of the dues period in which the election is held (subject to [d] below).

No Member who is on the full-time payroll of the Local Union may accept a nomination for or be elected to the position of District Member. No District Member shall continue to hold the position of District Member if he accepts employment on the full-time payroll of the Local Union.

(d) Members of the Registered Apprentice Sub-Division, Members who do not meet the age requirements of the International Constitution, and Retired Members (per Constitution as amended at the 30th Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers) shall not be eligible for nomination or election to any Office or Position set forth in (a) through (c) above.

Note: 1st day of dues period:

(a) For quarterly dues—July 1,

1976, and

(b) For monthly dues—August 1, 1976.

No Member whose dues have been withheld by his Employer for payment to the Local Union pursuant to his voluntary authorization provided for in a collective bargaining agreement shall be declared ineligible to nominate, to vote or be a candidate for office in the Local Union solely by reason of alleged delay or default in the payment of dues.

Note: However, such eligibility may be lost by failing to file as required by III(c) hereof, or by not attending his regularly scheduled District Meeting and Semi-Annual Meeting held after nomination and before election unless excused from attending for good cause such as physical incapacity death in family, but not including work assignment.

Semi-Annual Meeting: July 10, 1976—1:00 p.m.—San Francisco.

REGULAR MEETINGS

- July**
 13—Eureka, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
 14—Redding, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
 15—Oroville, Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
 21—Honolulu, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 22—Hilo, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
 28—San Francisco, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

- August**
 5—Oakland, Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
 10—Stockton, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

III FORMS ON WHICH NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE

(a) Nominations shall be in writing and signed by one or more Nominators giving each Nominator's Social Security Number and Register Number in the form following:

If by a single Nominator:
NOMINATION
 I hereby nominate For
 Register No.
 Signature
 Social Security No.
 Register No.

If by more than one Nominator:
NOMINATION
 We hereby nominate
 Register No.
 For
 Signature Social Security No. Register No.

(b) When nominations are called for by the Presiding Officer for a particular office or position, if a single nominator, he shall address the Presiding Officer reciting his name and register number and the name of the member and the office or position for which he is nominating the member and deliver his written nomination to the Nomination Committee. If there is more than one nominator, one of the nominators shall address the Presiding Officer reciting his name and register number and the names and register numbers of the other nominators and the name of the member and the office and position for which he is nominating the member and deliver the written nomination to the Nomination Committee.

(c) All Members nominated, otherwise eligible, in order to continue to be eligible shall have filed with the Recording-Corresponding

In addition to the general primary election being held statewide in California on June 8, the people of San Mateo County will also be voting for members of the County Board of Supervisors. Our Union is supporting three candidates for the Board, they are Bill Royer, Jim Fitzgerald and Mc-Robert Stewart. We would appreciate any and all support for those candidates.

The work picture in the San Mateo area hasn't changed very much since last month's Engineers News. There is still no major road work in this district.

The one encouraging sign for work this summer is in the home building part of the industry, with Syntex Company of Foster City probably the major developer in the county.

This company has three projects under construction at the present time in Foster City with more in the planning stage, various sub-contractors are busy on these projects doing the underground work, street grading and paving, landscaping, framing and as there are brother engineers working in each of these phases of development it keeps quite a few of the good brothers working and bringing home a paycheck each week, hopefully the trend will continue till all of the brothers are working.

Secretary of the Local Union within ten (10) days after having been notified in writing by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of his nomination to Local Union Office, Section 504 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 Affidavit, and a written acceptance of his nomination to office and, in addition, shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union Membership meetings and home district membership meetings held after nominations and before election, subject, however, to a reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as physical incapacity, and death in family. Within five (5) days after the nominations have been concluded, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each Member nominated, at his last known home address, notice of his nomination and the office to which he has been nominated.

(d) No Member may accept nomination for more than one office or position.

DECLINATION OF NOMINEE

The Undersigned states that he declines all nominations:

(Name) (Signature)
 (Register No.) (Social Security Number)
 (Date)

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINEE

The Undersigned states that he will accept nomination for

(Office or Position)

I desire my name and (if not the incumbent) one occupational classification as set forth in collective bargaining agreement entered into by the Local Union to appear on the ballot as follows:

(Name) (Collective Bargaining Agreement Classification)
 (Signature)

(Register No.) (Social Security Number)

(Date) (PRINT Name)

In the event no statement is re-

Another of the area's major developers, Whitecliff Homes has started two new projects in San Mateo County and is soon to start one or more in the East Bay as well.

This company has a project in Belmont and one in the city of San Mateo with Fiske Firenze Mc-Lean Company and their crew of very competent journeymen engineers doing the grading and underground work.

Homer Olsen Company is making good progress on their job at San Francisco Airport and also on their Daly City Sewage Treatment Plant.

Freeman Sondgroth Company has completed the street grading in Portola Valley on a new subdivision for a Palo Alto development firm. I understand that this will be a "build on order" type of project, and will probably stretch over a long period of time but still should provide work for several of the brother engineers.

Thirty-three states have regulations restricting advertising of prescription drug prices. A Ralph Nader group has challenged the Virginia law, contending that prohibiting the advertising of prescription prices violates the public's right to free speech.

ceived by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary on or before twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of the notice provided for in III(c) above, the nominee shall be deemed for all purposes to have declined all nominations for the offices or positions for which he has been nominated.

(e) All Members nominated who are more than one hundred (100) miles from San Francisco on the day prior to and the day of the Semi-Annual Meeting in San Francisco are excused from attending for good cause, as are all who are more than one hundred (100) miles from their Regular District Meetings the day before and the day of the meeting. However, a Member nominated who claims to be excused for this reason shall notify the Recording-Corresponding Secretary in writing, by letter or telegram, not later than 5 p.m., Local San Francisco Time, within five (5) days after such meeting.

(f) No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected, or hold any office or position, and no person shall be employed who has been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, offensive to trade union morality, or who has been found after trial by the Union or by Civil Court to have been false to his trust or misappropriated Union funds or property or who is commonly known to be a crook or racketeer preying on the labor movement and its good name for corrupt purposes, whether or not previously convicted for such nefarious activities.

(g) No Member shall be in good standing unless he has paid all current dues to the Local Union within thirty (30) days after they shall have become due and payable. No Member whose dues have been withheld by his Employer for payment to the Local Union pursuant to his voluntary authorization provided for in a collective bargaining agreement shall be declared ineligible to nominate, to vote or be a candidate for office in the Local Union solely by reason of alleged delay or default in the payment of dues.

Which Way America?

A Party Platform For Progress

Following is the text of AFL-CIO President George Meany's testimony before the Democratic Platform Committee in the Senate Caucus Room. The testimony concerns general economic and domestic policy that Meany believes should be written into the Democratic Party's 1976 Platform.

The American people have traditionally had confidence in the moral rightness of their system of government. They were certain it would conform, in Webster's terms, to the right ideals or principles of human conduct. Events of the four years since the major political parties last wrote their platforms have severely shaken that confidence, leading many Americans to question the direction their nation is taking.

In that period, a President and Vice President were forced to resign for unrelated criminal acts. Many leading U.S. corporations and business executives admitted widespread bribery and political payoffs at home and abroad.

The people learned their government had deceived them about foreign affairs, allowed respected agencies to violate the civil rights of citizens, and misled them about the nation's economic health, thus causing widespread hardship and suffering.

As we perceive it, morality, as it applies to government, goes far beyond the avoidance of simple criminality to a philosophy that places people, their welfare and their liberty, above all else. It encompasses the manner in which a government conducts its relations with other countries and with its own citizens.

Our belief that morality must be restored to government policies at home and abroad is the bedrock of the AFL-CIO Program for America. We are presenting it, in identical language, to the platform committees of both major political parties, for we know morality is not divisible along party lines.

Governmental morality cannot be defined in dollar amounts, placed on a chart, or reduced to a political slogan. It can't be bought, sold, traded or negotiated away. We do not think morality is old-fashioned or naive, and we reject

the notion that any "new realism" is equal to or higher than morality.

Therefore, we have prepared detailed suggestions on a great many issues which follow this statement. Taken individually, they are programs for a better America and a better world. In sum, they are a rededication to the philosophy so eloquently expressed in the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."

As both parties seek the consent of the governed in this election, their platform proposals on economic, foreign and domestic policy must answer this question: "Which way, America?"

The AFL-CIO believes there is only one way—the way that puts people first, that rejects arbitrary and artificial limits on what a government can and must do to help its citizens, that places the freedom of people above the politics of governments.

In detail the document we are submitting to this committee is how America's trade unionists answer the question "Which way, America?" for economic and domestic policy.

Summary

The major problems confronting America are national in scope and can be resolved only by national solutions, national leadership and national commitment.

It is to these national issues that both parties should address their platforms. We believe that platforms must be above regional, petty self-interest, partisan bickering or the divisionary rhetoric of the demagogue. They must present positive programs—programs around which the people can unite—in order to restore public confidence in the political institutions of this country.

Above all else, platforms should

provide moral, as well as economic and political, direction to the conduct of this nation's affairs for the next four years.

The candor we seek must be genuine—not cosmetic. The American people have been lied to too often, for too long. They are rightly suspicious of parties and candidates who try to be all things to all people or attempt to disguise a lack of substance with political slogans.

The lesson of Watergate is not one of human weakness or that the system ultimately worked to cleanse itself. It is that the American people are not afraid of the truth. They are a confident people, with a rich and enduring heritage of facing up to the facts when they know them.

During the darkest days of Watergate, some who lacked confidence in the people, said that America could not stand the truth. The truth, they claimed—an impeachment inquiry and trial—would tear the nation apart. That was nonsense. When the truth finally did emerge, it had exactly the opposite effect as all who truly believed in this nation's character knew it would.

It is nonsense, too, to contend that the American people cannot properly determine the course their country should take in the future, to answer the question "Which way, America?"

No problem is too tough or too sensitive for the people of this nation to solve if its dimensions are squarely laid out to them.

That is what both parties must do in their platforms: Present both the issues and the proposed solutions squarely; restore public confidence by honestly and factually presenting the party's proposals for the next four years; bind standard bearers and legislative leaders to keeping the party's word as put forth in the platform; end the duplicity that undermines public confidence in the candor, honesty and effectiveness of government.

Nothing else would be worthy of the spirit and true meaning of the Declaration of Independence. Nothing less will be acceptable to the American people.

Support Needed For Postal Reform Bill

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 has joined the International Labor Press Association in urging the U.S. Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee to approve legislation introduced by Senator Gale McGee (Dem.-Wyo.) to establish a federal subsidy for the postal service and to include an amendment setting a percentage ceiling on postal rates for non-profit second-class mail.

In a statement filed with the Committee, ILPA Secretary-Treasurer Allen Y. Zack termed non-profit second-class publications "an endangered species." He said that "trade union publications are being cut back due to the inflationary pressures that affect all publications—newsprint, printing, materials. But the principal cause of cutbacks has been increased postal rates."

Local 3 business manager Dale Marr said in calling for passage of the bill "our union is in a different position than most locals. Our by-laws require that *Engineers News*, the official publication of Local 3, must be mailed to each member every month. With 36,000 members, spread out over 246,000 square miles, the expense of postal rates is staggering. We need help from the federal government in assuring that increased postal rates will not require us to decrease the size or

quality of our newspaper."

Zack blamed the current ills of the U.S. Postal Service on "mismanagement, inflation, and soaring energy costs. Operating costs are going up, services and volume are going down."

"In a race to get the USPS to break even, piecemeal solutions have created a postal monster which threatens the constitutional rights of freedom of speech, press, expression and association.

"If continued increases in postal rates force more publications to fold, freedom of expression will become a luxury for only those who can afford it," Zack said.

The McGee bill—S.2844—provides for a public service subsidy for the USPS in the amount of approximately \$3 billion over the next three years. It further provides for creation of a commission to research, study, and report in two years what should be defined as public service and how much public service appropriations should be meted out to the postal service on an annual basis.

The amendment proposed by ILPA would restore to qualified non-profit organizations the level of postage rates paid by them prior to enactment of the 1970 Postal Reorganization Act—approximately half the applicable commercial rate.

Dumbarton Bridge In Danger...

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serve both as a connector to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and as a critical transportation artery for the City of Richmond. But the fact remains, that the Dumbarton Bridge is all set to go. After we get started on that project, then we can go all out for the Hoffman Freeway. Using an old expression we used when I was growing up, 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.' We have Dumbarton within our grasp—we don't want to lose it now.

"The idea of holding out a carrot like the Hoffman Freeway does sound interesting. But we have to remember that the Hoffman Freeway is nowhere near ready for the construction stage. There is right-of-way to be purchased yet. There has been little or no environmental impact studies completed yet. There has been no public hearings held yet. As we have seen with the Dumbarton Bridge, which was approved by the state initially in 1968, simply because the legislature has authorized a project, doesn't mean that construction will begin next week. The Hoffman Freeway is years away from actual construction."

Opened to traffic in January, 1927, the Dumbarton Bridge was the first vehicular crossing to be built across the bay. In the early 1960's, the Cities of Newark, Fremont and Union City began pressing for improvement of the Bridge. In 1955, the State Legislature authorized the sum of \$100,000 for a study to review the need for improvements or reconstruction. The study, completed in November, 1966, concluded that a replacement facility would be necessary.

In 1968, the Legislature author-

ized \$1,750,000 to finance a program to plan and design the new crossing. Work on the project is currently proceeding under this legislation.

In 1972, the State Legislature amended the 1968 legislation to authorize construction and included provision for financing of new additional westerly approach connections to Highway 101.

The current proposal, waiting for final Coast Guard approval, includes the improvement of Route 84 between Highway 17 in Alameda County and Route 101 in San Mateo County. A new four lane high level bridge, widening of east and west approaches to four lanes, construction of necessary toll facilities, and new eastern connections to Route 101 are included in the proposal.

The most serious deficiency in the present bridge is in safety. From 1966 to 1972, a total of 19 people were killed in accidents on the small bridge. Since the reconstruction was authorized by the State Legislature in 1972, nine people have been killed and over 120 have been injured. The fatality rate on the Bridge (nine fatal accidents per 100 million miles traveled) is five times the average for all California freeways. The most predominant reason for the high accident rate on the bridge is the lack of curbs and barriers separating directional traffic.

The freeway is also deficient in traffic capacity, drawing a rating of .58. (By using recognized standards, any rating under 1.00 is considered deficient.) The load capacity is also low, designed using 1924 standards, many trucks are now considered too heavy to travel over the Dumbarton Bridge.

Presidential Politics Ignoring The Issues

There is a danger that the 1976 political campaign will be allowed to focus on the wrong issue in the wrong manner at the wrong time.

The wrong issue is "big government," not because it's unworthy of discussion, but because the candidates aren't really discussing it. They—and "they" means candidates for Congress as well as the Presidency—are doing nothing more than sloganeering and shedding lots of heat and no light.

The only candidate who ventured to spell out what he'd do about "big government" was Ronald Reagan. He said he'd lop \$90 billion off the federal budget—and with the \$90 billion would go such programs as school lunch aid, medicaid, aid to education, food stamps, mental health programs, housing and others. (He made no mention of all the benefits "big government" bestows on huge corporations and rich individuals.)

The response was so hot that Reagan promptly dropped his spe-

cifics and returned to the more comfortable generalities of "big government."

The fact is, when most candidates talk about cutting back "big government," they mean programs that help working people and the poor, not those that succor the rich and the corporations. They are talking about *you*.

And they are talking about it in the wrong manner because while there can and should be serious debate about the way we can get the most mileage out of our tax dollars, you won't get serious debate about it in the context of a political campaign.

Our government is big—but how could it be anything but big with 215 million citizens?

The question is not so much whether or not we should have a big government, but how it can be a good government.

It can be good government only when it addresses itself to real issues—and the same can be said

about the 1976 political campaign at all levels. It will be a good campaign only if it includes discussion of real issues, not a phony one.

It is up to all of us, as citizens, to demand that candidates for all federal offices tell us what they will do about unemployment, what they will do about inflation, tax justice, health care, housing, the education of our children, energy and the environment.

As citizens and voters, we have to keep candidates' feet to the fire and not let them mess up the 1976 campaign with sloganeering on a hoked-up issue at the expense of genuine debate on genuine issues.

This is, after all, our nation's bicentennial, a celebration of 200 years of democracy.

Local 3's own political programs, through EPEC, SELFEC, VOTE and COPE, are doing their utmost to focus on real issues and to inform members about them. It will be good if the candidates do likewise.

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Fringe Benefits Forum

Prescription Drug Claims Play Key Role

By ART GAROFALO, Director of Fringe Benefits

The simple fact that prescription drugs play a vital role in modern medical treatment emphasizes the importance of the Out of Hospital Prescription Drugs Programs available under the Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Trust Fund. Both active and retiree health and welfare plans provide payment of 100 per cent of the usual and customary charges for prescription drugs in excess of \$1.50 for each covered prescription.



Art Garofalo

Claims for prescription drugs should be filed by completing a "prescription drug card" and mailing it to the Trust Fund Office, 50 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94133. Claims must be filed within 90 days from the date on which the prescription is filled.

According to the Trust Fund Office, claim forms are accumulated as they are received and paid in one draft each month. This is due to the large number of claims that the Trust Fund Office receives and the low average cost per prescription.

Q: My son broke his leg last week, and we had to rent a set of crutches for him. Is this covered by the comprehensive medical benefits; and if it is to what extent? Also, how do I submit the claim?

A: Provided that your son qualifies as a dependent, meaning simply that he is under 19 years of age or a full-time student 23 years of age or younger, the rental of crutches is a covered expense under the comprehensive medical plan. The plan will cover 85 per cent of the rental. To submit your claim for the rental charge, you need only send a copy of the invoice to the Trust Fund Office. Be sure to indicate on the invoice, if they are not already indicated, or a separate note attached to it, the name of the dependent, claimant, and the doctor who prescribed the equipment.

Q: I am an owner operator and just recently received a letter from the Trust Fund Office regarding my contract. Must I have a current contract with Operating Engineers Local No. 3 in order to participate in the Owner-Operator's Health and Welfare Plan?

A: Yes, an owner operator must have a current contract with Operating Engineers Local No. 3 and have also signed an application for the Owner-Operator's Health and Welfare Plan to participate in the health and welfare program for owner operators. The Operating Engineers Contract Department suggests that owner operators whose contracts have expired or are coming due, contact our office.

New Prescription Drug Card

To insure that your claim for expenses incurred for the purchase of a prescription drug are processed expeditiously, the claim card should be filled out completely both by the member and the pharmacist filling the prescription.

Part I, the upper portion of the card, is to be completed by the member. All entries should be printed except the signature of the member. It is important that the member's name, address, and social security number are legible. Be sure to include your zip code.

If the claim is for a dependent this should be indicated by checking the appropriate box on the claim card. The dependent's name should then be given as well as relationship, i.e. wife, son or daughter, and their age. If the dependent for whom the claim is being made is over 19 years of age, the name of the school that he or she is attending should be indicated.

If the prescription charges are due to occupational injuries or are due to sickness covered by Workmen's Compensation Legislation or similar law, this should be indicated also. Charges due to illness or injury caused by your employment are not covered by the prescription drug program.

Each claim card submitted to the Trust Fund Office must be signed and dated. The name of your current employer or your last employer should be indicated on this same line in the space provided. If the member is retired and eligible for health and welfare benefits under the Pensioned Op-

erating Engineers Health & Welfare Trust Fund, simply indicate "retired" in this space.

Part II, the lower portion of the card, must be and can only be completed by a licensed pharmacist. When purchasing your prescription drugs have your pharmacist complete his part of the card. Check to insure that he has answered all of the information that is requested. This will eliminate the possibility of having your claim card returned to you for further information. Again, as with the member, the claim card must be signed by the pharmacist.

Covered charges by the out of hospital prescription drug plan are as follows:

- Pharmaceuticals requiring a written prescription and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist or by a hospital pharmacy during a period not involving hospital confinement.
- Compounded dermatological preparations such as ointments and lotions which must be prepared by a pharmacist according to your physician's prescription.
- Therapeutic Vitamins, Cough Mixtures, Anti-Acids, Eye and

Ear Medications prescribed by your physician to be used in the treatment of a specific illness.

- Insulin and Diabetic supplies. A prescription is not required.
- Prescriptions dispensed by a physician or dentist in his office, which are not otherwise covered under the program, and for which a separate charge is made.

The following charges are not covered by the prescription drug program:

- Prescriptions dispensed by a licensed hospital during confinement.
- Contraceptives, Contraceptive Tablets and Immunization Agents as well as appliances and other non-drug items.
- Pharmaceuticals lawfully obtained without prescription.
- Prescription charges due to occupational injuries or due to sickness covered by Workmen's Compensation Legislation or similar law.
- Multiple and Non-Therapeutic Vitamins which may be purchased with or without a physician's prescription.
- Any unreasonable supply of drugs.

THE ILLUSTRATION at right shows a properly completed prescription drug claim for a member's dependent. Note that both Part I, to be completed by the member, and Part II, to be completed by the pharmacist, have to be completely filled out and signed. Also shown is the advice of payment statement that a member receives with their reimbursement check indicating who the claim was made for, the date expense was incurred, the amount charged by the pharmacist, and the amount reimbursed by the plan. *

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 Phone: 415/431-1568
 474 Valencia Street
 San Francisco, Ca 94103
 Trust Fund Administration Office
 Phone: 415/391-4440
 50 Francisco Street
 San Francisco, Ca 94133

DO NOT FOLD, MUTILATE OR STAPLE THIS CARD

PART I - MEMBER MUST COMPLETE (PLEASE PRINT)

MEMBER'S NAME: **JOE ENGINEER** MEMBER ID: **000 12 3456 3**

MEMBER'S ADDRESS: **3 SCRAPER ST. PADDLE WHEEL, CA 94440**

1. IS CLAIM FOR YOURSELF YOUR DEPENDENT IF DEPENDENT, GIVE NAME: **JANE** RELATIONSHIP: **WIFE** AGE: **29**

2. IF CLAIMANT IS DEPENDENT CHILD OVER 19, GIVE NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

3. ARE THE CHARGES INDICATED BELOW DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY CAUSED BY YOUR EMPLOYMENT? YES NO

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: *Joe Engineer* DATE: **6/2/76** EMPLOYER: **ACME CONST CO**

PART II - LICENSED PHARMACIST MUST COMPLETE (PLEASE PRINT)

A - NAME OF PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN: **DR. DOWELL**

B - NAME OF PHARMACY: **MAIN STREET DRUG STORE** ADDRESS: **3 MAIN ST PADDLE WHEEL, CA**

PRESCRIPTION NUMBER	QTY PURCHASED	NAME OF DRUG AND STRENGTH	CHARGE	DATE
317824	100	VALIUM 5mg	9.25	6/2/76
317825	100	ACTIFIED	10.25	6/2/76

MEMBER PAYS DRUGGIST TRUST REIMBURSES MEMBER

PHARMACIST SIGNATURE: *L. K. Jones, 922 P105* DATE: **6/2/76**

DEPENDENT NAME	MO.	DAY	CHARGE	NP	PAID
JANE	6	2	10.25		8.75
TOTALS			19.50		16.50

ISSUED: **6 15 76**

C. W. SWEENEY & CO. ADMINISTRATOR



TEACHING TECHS

By ART PENNEBAKER
Administrator, Surveyors' JAC

If you are unemployed and have skills to present, then you had better become a political animal. If you are underemployed and possess underutilized skills, then you had better become politically aware.

If you are fully employed and your Employer is grasping at the fewer and fewer available clients, then it is time to become personally and politically involved.

It has become obvious that POLITICIANS have decreed unemployment as the solution to inflation.

It has become obvious that ENVIRONMENTALISTS, in their ardor, are ignoring the fact that a person must not only see, smell and hear but he must also earn a living so that he himself can eat and his family survive.

It has become obvious that an individual, by himself, does not have the capacity nor the resources to make a small dent in the manipulations that he is subjected to.

Both Labor and Management have found a common ground. Both are being manipulated into an undesirable and impossible position.

A national primary and general election are approaching. Do I vote for a pretty face?; a well turned word?; a vague statement that has a righteous ring to it?; a nebulous recommendation for his best purpose?; or do I say screw it and not vote at all?

There is one overriding issue: If I have a job, I will feed, clothe and house myself and my family. I will give a good day's work for a good day's pay. I am willing to share with the less fortunate, but I cannot share NOTHING.

In June, an election will be held to sort out the candidates who will be seducing you in November. To not cast an informed and calculated vote will be a form of simple suicide.

Your Employer will be working very hard at politics in order to produce more clients, your Union will be working very hard at politics in order to produce more jobs. As an end product, they are both working at politics to produce the same thing.

What are YOU doing personally, as an individual, politically to better your position in the world? It seems to be either get off the rusty dusty time or make the other choice and live with "as it is" another four years.

One vote may seem to be just a tinkle in the overall picture, but the votes of 35,000 plus Operating Engineers can make a loud noise heard all over the land.

It is not enough to have the skills. It takes your personal added voice and your added energies. 34,999 is just not as big or audacious as the number 35,000.

There is a whole lot of politics going on right now. If you can't find a place to plug in, contact Mike, Paul or Gene, they are plugged in everywhere.

While the political necessities are being accomplished, the practical day to day activities must, at the same time, be accommodated.

The California Conference on Apprenticeship meets every two years. It is a meeting of all the various entities that have an interest in training a competent workforce. This year's conference was held in San Francisco.

The nature of the meeting was not just another convention as a reason to get away and whoop de doo or an excuse for speechmakers to speak.

Seminars on special interest subjects, headed by panels of skilled persons, provided an interchange of knowledge, experience and ideas. In addition, individual industry conferences were scheduled for each craft and occupation.

One such meeting brought Dale Marr, Business Manager of Local No. 3 and his Tech Reps together with Dick Corbitt, Business Manager of Local No. 12 and his Tech Reps.

Standards, selection, related training, on the job training, affirmative action, implications of the Davis-Bacon provisions and the effects of all of these on the uncomfortable rate of unemployment were concerns of the productive California delegation meeting.

A separate conference made up of both Labor and Management members of the Northern and Southern Joint Apprenticeship Committees took place. The practicalities of producing viable training programs within the many Federal and State laws, rules, regulations and precedent setting court rulings were dissected and discussed.

It may seem like a lot of talk and no reported action, but it would seem to be a good investment to gather all the information, knowledge, experience or whatever before carefully considering all the facts and proposing useful solutions that serve the best purpose of the trainee.

Participants, from the Local No. 3 area, were: Paul Weisshaar, representing the Bay Counties and Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Association, Inc. and Chairman of the N.C.S.J.A.C.; A. A. Pennebaker, Administrator of the N.C.S.J.A.C.; Mike Womack, Director of the Tech Engineers Department; his two special Tech Reps, Paul Schissler and Gene Machado; and the Business Manager of Local Union No. 3, Dale Marr.

Tech Rep, Paul Schissler, has indicated to the Administrative Office that the Santa Rosa Trainees have requested another Red Cross First Aid class. Arrangements are now being made with a target date of Saturday, June 19, 1976.

The logistics of room size, number of instructors, etc. make it mandatory that a head count be made soon. Contact Paul Schissler, the Local No. 3 Santa Rosa office or the N.C.S.J.A.C. Administrative Office as soon as possible. Room will be provided to include your wife, kids and 80-year-old grandmother, but we have to know the number in order to make adequate arrangements. If you are interested, let us know now—not the day before the session.

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Attempt To Stop Tahoe Work

BY CRAIG CANEPA,
Dispatcher, Reno Office

The League to Save Lake Tahoe renewed their battle to block construction of two Stateline hotel-casinos, the Tahoe Palace and Hotel Oliver, by filing a suit in Reno U.S. District Court. It asks the State certificates, allowing construction to proceed, be voided and calls for injunctions blocking further construction. It's beyond our comprehension how they can file a suit and try to stop something that has already gone all the way to the Supreme Court and been approved.

The work situation here in Nevada is beginning to pick up with the warmer weather. Jack Parsons had started paving in the eastern part of the State on I-80, near Oasis. They should wind it up in about six weeks. They'll be sharpening their pencils on the next section of I-80, approximately three miles at Silver Zone Pass, which will be let this month.

Max Riggs has a few operators working in the I-80 structures near Carlin and S. J. Groves I-80 job in Winnemucca has a full crew but they will be through paving in June.

Robert L. Helms Construction was the low bidder, in May, on two big overlay jobs; one located at McDermitt and the other at Montgomery Pass. In Reno, his 395 North project is moving ahead and will provide work all summer. He has moved his crusher off the 395 North job near Bordertown and will begin paving soon.

Rodoni Construction of Saratoga is working 18 operators on the site preparation for the M.G.M. Grand Hotel but is experiencing some temporary shutdowns due to the level of ground water. Nevada Aggregates, forced to relocate to make to room for the hotel, after receiving a blow when the Sparks City Council refused them a permit to set up a hot plant at the old Vista pit has informed us they are going out of business. They have been employing 35 engineers.

Ground breaking ceremonies have been held at the downtown site of the new Onslow Hotel which formerly was to be called the Kit Carson. Brunzell is the contractor. Out in Dixie Valley, Tannenbaum Construction has started the dirt work for Nevada Paving after overcoming their water problems or, should I say, lack of it. There is 14 miles of secondary roadway that will keep some hands busy for several months.

In the Shops, we held a meeting and ratified a contract with Sierra Engineering after a week and a half of picketing. It is believed the Company committed several unfair labor practices and we are filing charges with the N.L.R.B. We're in the middle of negotiations with Wells Cargo and the Incline Village General Improvement District. This latter contract will be complicated as they just pur-

John Thornton (he operates the Apprenticeship Programs in Utah) has inquired about the HP 45 seminars recently conducted for California Field and Construction Surveyors. He anticipates similar presentations for Local No. 3 Surveyors in the State of Utah.

John is not only interested in Operating Engineer Trainees, but has arranged for well attended Related Training Classes for Surveyor Trainees utilizing the N.C.S.J.A.C. curricula material. He tells us that at least three of his graduates are now pursuing their Licensed Land Surveyor certificates.

TALKING TO TECHS

MIKE WOMACK, Dir.
PAUL SCHISSLER
GENE MACHADO



Mike Womack

Going back in time, we have found many things in history that have changed or have been abandoned because of many reasons. We ran across a little history that is so like what surveying is all about, that we thought it should be mentioned here to bring our thinking into its proper retrospect.

The following is condensed from field notes of 1851. Any member wishing the full 13-page article should write to Mike, Art, Paul or Gene at the Tech Engineers Center, 675 Hegenberger Road, Oakland, California 94621:

It was July 8, 1851, that the Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California, commissioned Leander Ranson, D.S., to establish an east and west base and a north and south meridian line, passing through the most prominent peak of Mount Diablo.

Mr. Ranson hired five men and rented horses and mules along with provisions to last the time required to complete his contract.

He proceeded from Benecia (then the capital of California) to the foot of Mount Diablo at a ranch belonging to Mr. Bishop. Then, the next day, he proceeded up the mountain as far as they could with horse and mule, then on foot in 100° temperatures to the top. Now, quoting from his notes:

"Arriving at the summit of the mountain, we were fortunate in finding a very prominent, narrow and precipitous 'hog-back' ridge, running up to a point at the extreme east, and then falling off rapidly several hundred feet on the sides, as well as the end. At this extreme point, which is very apparently the highest point, we found a prominence of solid rock, not unlike a small 'haycock' in the top of which we excavated a hole nine meters deep and six meters square as the point through which to run an east and west base, and north and south meridian line."

He then proceeded to set and monument the four lines and his notes are too long to repeat in this article. However, the following are worth noting from them:

"One herd of elk that we saw on the mountains numbered at least 200, also herds of antelope and deer abound here."

He went on to set township and section lines up to 12 miles in the four directions before returning on September 20, 1851.

In conclusion, we quote again from his notes:

"Surveying in California is a different operation in many respects from it is in the other states of the Union. You meet at the threshold with difficulties, perplexities, and annoyances, that cannot be duly appreciated by any who are not fully initiated.

"Your tools, camp equipage and provision, the hire of laborers and the transportation of baggage and fare of men, all partake of the inflation produced by the 'gold fever.'

"To make the disparity of prices in this and other states appear more fully, I give a comparison of a few of them:

California Prices	Michigan or Indiana Prices
Axemen and chainmen per month	
\$75.00 to \$100.00	\$13.00 to \$15.00
Steamboat fare per mile	
.05 to .08 cents	.01 to .02 cents
Potatoes per bushel	
\$3.50	.25 to .50 cents
Beans per bushel	
\$4.00	.63 to \$1.00
Bacon per pound	
.20 to .25 cents	.04 to .06 cents
Oats or barley for horse feed per bushel	
\$4.00 to \$5.00	.20 to .30 cents
Milk per quart	
.25 cents	.03 to .05 cents
Corn meal per bushel	
\$2.25	.25 to .37 cents
Onions per bushel	
\$10.00 to \$11.00	.50 to \$1.00"

As we can see, the times were different and the make up of survey crews have changed, but, the work accomplished remains to date. The work we do today will remain for history to look on.

There is lots of history to search out and be of interest to all of us, if you would like more, let me know.

chased Japan Golf Inc. and we will have to merge the two contracts.

We recently acquired Basic, Inc., located in Gabbs, from Local 12 due to its geographical proximity to Reno and, with the help of Steward Kap Keller, have increased the membership from 22 to 130. Out at Dumphy, Nevada, we are in the process of negotia-

tions at N.L. Industries Baroid plant. At Eimco Corporation's graystone mining area near Crescent Valley, we are proceeding to organize. Hiring at Duval and Anaconda is picking up. Carlin Gold has increased its pit crew by 20 per cent, adding two new 992 loaders and six 75-ton haulpaks in order to meet the increased stripping rates.

Major collective bargaining settlements reached during 1975 generally provided for larger wage increases than agreements negotiated during 1974, according to preliminary estimates issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Obituaries

Business Manager Dale Marr and the Officers of Local Union No. 3 offer their sympathy and condolence to the families and friends of the following deceased.

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- Alexander, Lyman (Elizabeth, Wife) 4-23-76
633 Ramona Ave., No. 67, Los Osas, Calif.
- Berg, T. H. (Faye, Wife) 5- 1-76
1129 Folsom, Folsom, Calif.
- Bush, John (Thelma, Wife) 4-13-76
41-876 Oluolu St., Waimanalo, Hawaii
- Chilsted, Arthur (Kathryn, Wife) 4-28-76
736 1st Street, Rodeo, Calif.
- Elking, Robt. M. (Betty, Wife) 5-15-76
63 Rosa Morada, Hollister, Calif.
- Fisher, Henry (Phillip, Son) 4-22-76
2065 Los Gatos, San Jose, Calif.
- Freshour, Wallace (Thelma, Wife) 4-22-76
745 Oak St., Yreka, Calif.
- Hill, Omer D. (Laverne, Wife) 5-11-76
20 Short Ave., Oroville, Calif.
- Horne, Leslie (Ora, Daughter) 5- 1-76
111 Euclid Ave., San Bruno, Calif.
- Huey, Harvey (Joyce, Wife) 4-17-76
2333 Court St., Redding, Calif.
- Johnston, Lloyd (Dovie, Wife) 4-25-76
1229 Fulton St., Modesto, Calif.
- Kirkpatrick, Robert (Lucy, Wife) 5- 6-76
2197 Fairway Dr., San Leandro, Calif.
- Koller, Hershel (Hershel, Michael, Benjamin, Sons) 4-19-76
P. O. Box 5, Trowbridge, Calif.
- Larsen, Harry E. (Nellie, Wife) 5- 9-76
Box 183, Forbestown, Calif.
- Long, Clay W. (Maude, Wife) 5-11-76
266 N. 20th, San Jose, Calif.
- Main, Howard (Cordia, Wife) 4-12-76
P. O. Box 351, Downieville, Calif.
- Mathews, Martin (Bonnie, Daughter) 5-17-76
462 42nd St., Oakland, Calif.
- Nedrow, Lester (Ruby, Wife) 4-21-76
732 N. Cypress, Ontario, Calif.
- Pritchard, Michael (Ethel, Wife) 5- 8-76
907 Los Robles Dr., Sonoma, Calif.
- Rathjen, John A. (Margaret, Wife) 5- 9-76
P. O. Box 365, Tracy, Calif.
- Robinson, L. J. (Linda, Wife) 5- 5-76
718 Yori, Reno, Nevada
- Roush, John (Verla, Wife) 4-28-76
8501 Fairway, Citrus Heights, Calif.
- Sattler, Leo (Blanche, Wife) 4-19-76
450 E. Romie Ln., Salinas, Calif.
- Selzle, Emil (Hazel, Wife) 5-17-76
P. O. Box 404, Portola, Calif.
- Shook, Arthur (Rose, Wife) 5- 8-76
Rt. 3, Box 721 A, Sonora, Calif.
- Symmonds, John W. (Della Mae, Wife) 5- 3-76
P. O. Box 77, Carlin, Nevada
- Van Drunen, John (Cornelia, Wife) 5- 8-76
208 Dubois St., San Rafael, Calif.
- Whitman, Charles (Ruby, Wife) 5- 1-76
13625 E. Lonetree, Manteca, Calif.

DECEASED DEPENDENTS

- Ledford, Christopher—Deceased: April 14, 1976
Deceased Son of Ronald Ledford
- Willey, Loah—Deceased: March 28, 1976
Deceased Wife of John Willey

Oilfield Work Strong

By GEORGE MORGAN and FRANK TOWNLEY, Oilfield Representatives

The work in the patch is going strong without much slowdown. There is much activity going on out on Union Island just northeast of Tracy. Hunnicutt & Camp Drilling Company has two of the rigs there with a 5-man crew on each. With the new contract in effect, when depth is over 8500 feet there is a 5th man when spudding in. Well, as I mentioned in my last article, the new pocket-size contracts are out and most of the good brothers have theirs. If we miss anyone please let me know. I wish to ask that you good brothers keep track of these contracts as they are in short supply.

I was fortunate recently to get back up in the Geysers and see all the good brothers that I haven't seen in quite a while. At the time of this reading I hope every member got out and voted NO on Prop-

osition 15. This week's Foust Report reports that there are quite a few new locations being staked. I would like to thank all the drillers and the tool pushers for their cooperation in using the hiring hall. It is moving real smooth. We have approximately 30 men in the Sacramento hall and about that many on the Santa Rosa list.

The Geysers work both in Middletown and the Cloverdale side are booming with work. Camay Drilling Company is waiting for Shell Oil Company to finish locations. As of the time of this writing, Camay Drilling Company is painting and repairing their Rig No. 25. It looks very nice with all of the new blue and white paint on it.

I am very sad to report Brother Larry Damran was injured on the Hoover Drilling Company Rig E-2 in the Geysers last month. Larry will be down for about six months. All of us wish Larry a speedy and

Who's Fooling Who

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has not even functioned in San Francisco for two years.

The vast majority of organized labor has come out in firm opposition to Prop. 15, so the YES on 15 committee has had to dig deep to find a few labor representatives who endorse a YES vote.

Sec.-Tres. Claude Fernandez of Local 428 Retail Store Employees Union has endorsed a YES position, but admits "that's only my view," since the 7,000 member Local 428 has officially endorsed opposition to Proposition 15.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1969, has legitimately endorsed a YES position on Prop. 15, although they are the only local in the entire IBEW California membership of 70,000 that is endorsing the measure.

Finally, to fill out the list, the YES on 15 Committee has included the names of various city and county officials sprinkled throughout California to give the implication that the people of California are backing the nuclear initiative.

But in several cases they have picked their officials glaringly out

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Negotiator's Notebook

By DON KINCHLOE, Treasurer

Negotiations have been continuing day by day. We have been negotiating the Tenco Tractor and Tow Motor shops' agreements from Sacramento. Clem Hoover, Alex Cellini, Eldon Fowler, Job Steward and myself are negotiating Tenco Tractor which has over 100 employees. After much time spent, the employer has given us a final proposal and we will be taking it to the membership soon for an accept or reject meeting.

A strange thing happened to me on a negotiation recently. I guess when it's the first time it's happened, it makes it strange.

We were negotiating Sonora Aggregate Agreement and negotiating over the telephone. The employer and myself came to an understanding and agreement. I went to Sonora Aggregate plant where three employees were employed. We ratified the agreement with two employees and started to go some distance to talk to the other employee when the employer called the Superintendent and told him to tell me his Board of Directors would not agree to our understanding of settlement.

I had to telephone the employer and re-negotiate. Al McNamara from the Stockton office and myself regrouped all three employees and explained what happened. The second proposal was very little different from the first proposal. We asked the employees to discuss this between themselves. After a few minutes, the employees agreed unanimously to accept a one-year agreement with 8½ percent increase for wages and fringes.

Beginning June 1, 1976, negotiations will begin on the Material Dealers (Concrete Batch Plants) and on June 10, 1976, R. S. & G. negotiations will get underway.

San Felipe Job Delayed Again

By JAMES EARP

For a cost of \$15.00, the Environmental Defense Fund and the Sierra Club have filed a suit against the Bureau of Reclamation, which is delaying the construction of the San Felipe water project near San Jose at a cost to the taxpayer of over \$1,358 for every hour of delay, or \$32,592 dollars a day.

The proposed project, which would tap water from the San Luis Reservoir via a tunnel near Pacheco Pass to supply badly needed water to Santa Clara County and growers, was delayed indefinitely May 27 in San Francisco Federal District Court.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Weigel ruled that EDF and the Sierra Club would be given "reasonable time" to come up with "findings of fact and conclusions of law" to support their case.

No stipulation was given as to how long a "reasonable" amount of time was.

"Due to the ruling, we are under a temporary injunction," said Jerry King, public information specialist of the Bureau of Reclamation. "That means no bids, no contracts and no construction."

Using the conservative figures of \$170 million for the cost of the project and a construction inflation index of seven percent, King said the delay was "costing the taxpayers a lot of money," at \$1,358 in rising costs.

The EDF and Sierra Club have fought bitterly against the project, which was first planned in 1960.

The present suit by the two environmental groups is actually an amendment to an earlier suit filed last July, however, the suit was

"conditionally" dismissed by the judge on the grounds that the plaintiffs were not in attendance to present their case. A clause was left in the ruling giving the plaintiffs the opportunity to reopen the suit if they could show sufficient reason.

Little was done by those opposing the project in the following months. The environmental impact draft and final statements were prepared and filed by the Bureau of Reclamation along with the required holding of public hearings. Everything appeared to be set for the May 21 opening bids date.

Then, within three weeks of the day for bidding, several incidents occurred almost simultaneously.

On May 5, a letter was sent to Interior Secretary Thomas Kleppe by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Russel Train, protesting the project as it now stands.

Meanwhile, the Sierra Club and EDF filed a petition on May 7 to reopen their suit against the Bureau of Reclamation. Six days later on May 13, a separate suit against the Santa Clara Water District was filed by Sierra Club environmentalists, Jane Baron and Joseph Carlton.

Dale Marr, Local 2 business manager immediately sent telegrams to President Ford and Secretary Kleppe, calling for final approval of the long awaited project. Marr, who sees San Felipe as a vital economic and environmental resource was disturbed by the latest turn of events.

"The fact that these lawsuits and the EPA letter were all filed at about the same time is suffi-

cient evidence in my mind that these acts were calculated to indefinitely stall the project," he said.

"The EPA had several months—plenty of time to review the environmental impact statements and make their recommendations," Marr pointed out. "And then examine the fact that Walter Hayes and Jeffrey Oderman, who are taking the suit for Jane Baron and Joseph Carlton, against the Santa Clara Water District, are the same lawyers working for the Sierra Club against the Bureau of Reclamation."

"These are not widely separated acts by different concerned citizens. These seemingly conspiratorial suits are being carried out by a small group of people who are making a mockery of the democratic process. Nearly everyone else concerned with San Felipe have approved it," he emphasized.

Ms. Enander, clerk of the board, Santa Clara Water District expresses the same feeling that the filing of the EPA letter and the suits all within eight days was no coincidence. "The EPA has done this kind of thing before," she said.

Ms. Enander noted that it cost only \$28.50 for Baron and Carlton to file their suit against the Water District. "If two people can screw up two million people with a \$28.50 suit, then something is very wrong," she criticized.

Future Uncertain

At this point, the future of San Felipe, which has been in the planning stages for 16 years is uncertain. Officials in the Bureau of

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At its meeting on May 16, 1976, the Executive Board granted Honorary Memberships to the following Retirees:

Name	Reg. No.	Initiated	by Local No.
Harry Carte	304343	May 1941	3
Mike Glage	261500	April 1938	235A
Troy Carrigan	304377	May 1941	3A

complete recovery.

R. B. Montgomery has a rig working for Burhama Oil above Middletown. Leroy Aulger is the tool pusher. I would like to welcome into Local No. 3 Brother Johnnie Brower, driller, and Brother Elmo Cook, derrickman.

With Safety In Mind

Ground Broken For New Safety Center

Ground breaking ceremonies were recently held for the Sacramento Safety Center; the first all-purpose Safety Center in the United States.

The Center will be constructed in three phases. When completed, it will house Administration and classroom buildings and Safety Town to teach general recreation safety. There will also be a Home Safety Demonstration and Instruction site to educate persons regarding common household dangers. The Industrial Safety Demonstration site will be an integral part of the attempt to curb injuries to workers by practicing work techniques under controlled conditions.

Local No. 3 has played a crucial part in the construction of this innovative Center. Our Safety Department of Local No. 3 and Participating Employers Pre-Apprentice, Apprentice and Journeymen Affirmative Action Training Fund and Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Northern California agreed to donate their services to prepare the site of the Sacramento Center. Trainees, instructors and earth moving equipment were brought from Rancho Murieta to prepare the site and, in return we used the site for an on-the-job training facility. We certainly believe that it is a worthwhile effort on the part of Local No. 3 to promote a wider range of safety services available to more people, and to participate as much as possible towards the welfare of our California community.

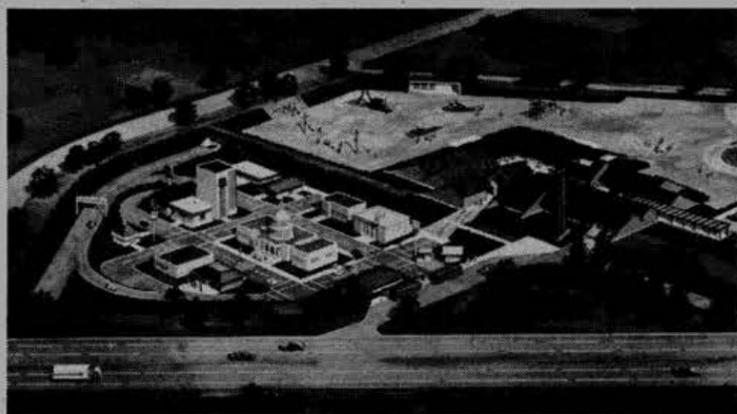
The construction of the Sacramento Safety Center truly represents a joint effort on the part of many people and organizations who are concerned with safety. Saf-T-Cab, for instance, designed, fabricated and installed in three days the cab on the compactor operated by Local No. 3 apprentice Jim Hanson. Everyone agreed that the equipment was to meet the highest safety requirements and Saf-T-Cab made a commendable effort to provide the compactor with the kind of roll-over-protective-structure that will soon be on all equipment in California.

Last Thursday, by the way, the California Occupational Health and Safety Standards Board voted by an overwhelming majority to make ROPS mandatory on all equipment back to the 1960 models. Older equipment without ROPS cannot be moved on transport of any kind without ROPS. It is a real victory for us that the quality of cab safety we demanded for the equipment used in Sacramento will now be mandatory on all jobs throughout the state of California. Our Safety Department of Local No. 3 led the push for a revised ROPS proposal which was supported by both management and labor representatives on the California Standards Board.

There is never too much effort made in the field of safety. The Standards Board, Safety Centers, on-the-job safety meetings all work towards the same goal in different ways—and that is a safe environment for us all, free from hazards. Safety is also a field where we all share responsibility; it can't be left up to others. We must all THINK SAFETY, WORK AND PLAY SAFELY and take advantage of the educational opportunities available to us through facilities such as the Sacramento Safety Center.



Jerry Martin



THE SACRAMENTO SAFETY Center, shown above, is now under construction. The Center is being built by building tradesmen throughout the state as their contribution to insuring that safety prevails on the jobsite. At left is Local 3 Director of Safety Jerry Martin pointing out to Recording-Corresponding Secretary James "Red" Ivy, the new Roll Over Protective Structure on the Saf-T-Cab being operated by Local 3 apprentice Jim Hanson.



San Felipe Delayed

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Reclamation express hope that the charges brought forth in the suit and EPA's letter can be answered in the environmental impact statement.

The water quality in the delta region is a key issue in the federal lawsuit.

Most of the water to be tapped from the San Luis Reservoir would come initially from the delta region, southwest of Sacramento via the California Aqueduct.

However, the California Department of Water Resources has expressed concern that the large volume of water which would be taken out of the delta would increase the possibility of salt water intrusion from the San Francisco Bay.

Since Water Resources owns the California Aqueduct, it refuses to let the bureau use its aqueduct unless the bureau agrees to comply with the water standards.

Due to a ruling last October by Congress, the bureau is exempt from conforming to state water quality standards, so it has countered by planning to use the smaller Delta-Mendota Canal, which runs parallel to the California Aqueduct and is owned by the bureau.

The suit by EDF and the Sierra Club asserts that the Delta-Mendota Canal is not large enough to carry the delta water, although the bureau says it is.

"It is obvious that the environmentalists are trying to prove that the Delta-Mendota Canal is too small, so that the bureau will be required to rely on the California Aqueduct," said Marr. "And Water Resources isn't going to let the bureau use its aqueduct unless the bureau is forced to agree to water standards that by law they are not required to conform to."

Stewards' NEWS

by Ray Cooper, Job Steward Director

Stewards in Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 are usually members who have a good deal of work experience and have gained respect from the other employees for their knowledge of the job. Chris Peterson fits this description, even though at age 30 he is probably one of the youngest stewards in the Union.



Ray Cooper

Chris was raised on dredging. His father, Frank Peterson, was in the business before Chris was born and is currently a supervisor for American Dredging in Louisiana. Chris started working around the levees in Japan with his father and by the time he received his Local 3 card at 19, he was capable of handling any job on a suction rig. Brother Peterson is presently steward and deck mate for Smith-Rice.

When work was slow, Chris found other jobs in the area and became familiar with the clamshell side of dredging, too. There are probably only a dozen men in the business who know both clamshell and suction dredging and Chris stands in this group.

Welcome to the ranks of Steward, Chris, we're proud to have you with us!



JOB STEWARD CHRIS PETERSON, shown above, is one of only a few men in the dredging industry that can operate both a clamshell dredge, shown at the right, and a suction dredge. Chris is a deck mate for Smith-Rice Dredging.

Sacto. Water Treatment Plant Coming

By CLEM HOOVER, District Representative, TOM ECK, Assistant District Representative, and AL DALTON, BILL MARSHALL, AL SWAN, and BILL BEST, Business Representatives.

Bids will be opened by the County Board of Supervisors on July 1, 1976, for the water treatment plant in Sacramento County. This new plant will replace several small plants throughout Sacramento County which have become obsolete. We are looking forward to this job as it will provide some much needed jobs for the Brothers in Sacramento. Work has been slow in Sacramento, so these kind of jobs are most welcome.

Negotiations are now underway with Tenco Tractor. Hopefully, by the time this goes to press, we will have a good contract for the Brothers. Negotiations are very difficult these days because of the lack of work in the construction industry.

A pre-job conference was held with Hunt Const. Co. on a \$5,495,000 project to build a new high school in the Valley Hi area. Another pre-job will be held on May 17th with Underground Const. Co. for a project in the Lake Tahoe area. Shell Oil Co. will be subcontracting 54 miles of 10" gas line, which will run from the vicinity of the Sacramento Metro

Airport to the East Bay area.

The Sacramento Solons are still hoping to build a stadium at Cal-Expo. Any of the brothers that are baseball fans and even those that are not need to lend their support for this project. We not only need a stadium in Sacramento, but we also need the work. Any member that wants to help, contact Doug Emmans at 927-BALL in Sacramento.

Brothers, it was a privilege and an honor to be elected as a delegate to the International Convention. I wish to thank those that voted for me. It was a very rewarding experience as this was my first convention. It makes you feel real proud to be a part of an organization that is respected all over America. The delegates that have attended several conventions stated that this was the best organized and the best attended convention they had ever attended.

Addressing the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce yesterday, company project engineer John Wells estimated that gross sales of the company's prefabricated generator facilities this year would total \$8 million. Last year's sales were \$12 million.

While Wismer and Becker is still the primary producer for the prefabricated turbine modules, Wells said, the demand for them by oil companies involved in North Slope exploration has de-

clined to two-thirds of last year's peak orders.

Currently, Wismer and Becker employs more than 200 craft workers and an engineering and administrative staff of 100 at its 19-acre construction site on Terminal Boulevard.

"We may jump to 250 or 300 crafts people," said Wells, "before this year's units are finally placed aboard cargo ships for Prudhoe Bay this summer."

Additional contracts with British Petroleum for more units are under negotiation, he said.

Wells added that Wismer and Becker is seriously considering the building of permanent construction facilities on its West Sacramento site. He said these plans depend on the company attracting other large prefabrication construction projects on the West Coast or in the Pacific.

Wismer and Becker's gross sales have doubled over the last five years.

There has been quite a bit of small work throughout the northern part of Sacramento. Subdivisions have been popping up everywhere you look. I don't know where all the people are coming from, but after talking to the sales people on the approximate 900-unit Oak Creek subdivision, they have been selling just about as quickly as the homes are being built.

Personal Notes

MARYSVILLE

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of deceased Retired Brothers Harry E. Larsen and Omer Hill.

REDDING

We wish a speedy recovery to the following brothers: Low Shannon who is home recovering after a lengthy stay at Memorial Hospital.

H. S. "Scottie" Clark is still quite ill at Memorial Hospital. John McCarthy is home recovering from a collapsed lung. John C. Smith is also recovering at home after his back operation. J. T. "Alabam" Green is home after his major operation at Vets Hospital at Martinez.

Bernard Royce is improving every day after his long illness. Al Denning is home recovering after his open heart surgery. Al is improving every day.

SACRAMENTO

We would like to extend our sympathies to the friends and families of Brother Torlief Berg and Brother John Roush, deceased members.

SAN JOSE

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families of the following deceased members: Clay Long, Leo Sattler, Homer H. Lucas and Henry Fisher.

We would like to express our most sincere appreciation to the following members who have donated blood recently: Thomas E. Milton, Larry A. Way, David A. Bardine, Edwin R. Kirby, Robert Sandow, Peter L. Gomez, Jr., and Larry J. Minor.

We are glad to report that Brother Tony Medinas a Grievance Committee Member is back home recuperating from surgery. We wish Tony a speedy recovery.

SAN RAFAEL

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Brother John Van Drunen who passed away on May 8th. Brother Van Drunen had recently retired. We do hope that you went to the polls on June 8th, the most important election in many decades.

STOCKTON

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families and friends of departed Brothers Arthur Shook, Charlie Whitman, Lester Nedrow and John Rathjin and to Brother Marvin Haynie on the loss of his wife, Adell.

Brothers Charles Curtiss and Cecil Hask were either hospitalized or under a doctor's care during the past month. A speedy recovery is wished for both.

SANTA ROSA

"Babe" Cazzorotti stepped into one in a freak accident. It's our understanding he was going out the back door of his home at the same time his son had hit a plastic golf ball. The ball hit him directly in the eye. That was about a month ago and after a time in the hospital and then some time at home he is finally back to work, but with a sore eye, which we hope is not permanently injured. Good luck, Babe.

We have lost an old time engineer, and friend, Mike Pritchard, who was in the hospital for some time before his passing away. Many of you worked with Mike, especially in the Santa Rosa area. We'll all certainly miss him. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and many friends.

SWAP SHOP CORNER: Free Want Ads for Engineers

FOR SALE: BEAUTIFUL LOT on Colorado River, Earp, Calif. All waterfront privileges, water & elect. on lot, paved streets. Lot No. 607, Track No. 7422, \$4,000. D. Collins, 6370 N. Temperance, Clovis, CA 93612. Reg. No. 0998883. 4-1.

FOR SALE: 1948 STUDEBAKER CHAMPION, new upholstery, tires, motor & license, runs like a top. \$2,900. Ph. 209/299-3817 (Clovis, Calif.) Reg. No. 0998883. 4-1.

FOR SALE: CAT 12-99E, Series 7527, safety enclosed cab, heater, 12' sliding moldboard, 1400 x 24 tires. Machine in very good cond. W. Ogden, 5538 1/2 Old Oasis, Redding, CA 96001, Ph. 916/243-4552. Reg. No. 0750170. 4-1.

WANTED: SAND & GRAVEL SCREENING PLANT w/stacker conveyors to buy or lease. M. Williams, P. O. Box 1552, Gilroy, CA 95020 or phone collect 408/623-4616. Reg. No. 1414682. 4-1.

FOR SALE: CHOICE LAKE WILDWOOD property in Smartsville, CA, owner may carry. F. Harley, 354 San Miguel St., San Francisco, CA 94112. Ph. 415/584-7647. Reg. No. 1419455. 4-1.

FOR SALE: 8' COUCH, black naugahyde, exc. cond. \$200. G. E. mobile maid port. dishwasher \$75. K. Prenger, 6036 Lean, San Jose, CA 95123, Ph. 408/226-1983. Reg. No. 1528272. 4-1.

FOR SALE: 14 ACRES ON WINTERS FREEWAY, zoned for 5 acres, good 255' well and pump house, beautiful view. R. Woody, 460 N. Jefferson, Dixon, CA 95620. Ph. 916/678-3268. Reg. No. 0347177. 4-1.

FOR SALE: MACK 401 Gas motor complete, \$250. International 6-cyl. Red Diamond motor complete w/carburetor, head, pan, water pump \$550. L. Mulhair, 97 Southridge Way, Daly City, CA 94014. Ph. 415/333-9006. Reg. No. 1547371. 4-1.

FOR SALE: ONE HALF ACRE w/2 mobile homes, close in, near market. Rent out or retire. E. Stevens, 2290 Poole Way, Carson City, Nevada 89701, Ph. 702/882-6554. Reg. No. 1212581. 4-1.

FOR SALE: WHITE CAP, new w/12 volt air filtering unit, complete \$300. Also, used White Cap \$65. Ph. 415/455-4014. Reg. No. 1136940. 4-1.

FOR SALE: ANTIQUE CAR PARTS, 1951 Cadillac series 60S, 4 d. Flemish giant rabbit breeding stock. Ph. 916/273-3338. Reg. No. 924990. 4-1.

FOR SALE: 27' TRAILER, 1973 Winnebago 5th wheel, fully self-cont., 4 Kw generator, many extras \$8,000. Ph. 209/722-8765. J. Mitchell, 2230 Orchard Lane, Merced, CA 95340. Reg. No. 1027908. 4-1.

FOR SALE: 1970 DODGE SUPERBEE, firm good interior, motor has 18,000 miles, \$700. L. Nelson, 3700 Hilltop Rd., Soquel, CA 95073, Ph. 408/475-1610. Reg. No. 1195021. 4-1.

FOR SALE: HOME appraised for \$27,000, will sell to right party for \$25,000, with \$4,000 down, bal. through bank. Ph. 801/375-5018 eves. H. W. Johnson, 810 W. 2000 N., Provo, Utah 84601. Reg. No. 0388654. 4-1.

WANTED: AUGER HEADS for Williams drill, 2 1/4 sq. inch drive. Six inch to 32 inch needed, single or long flight. State size and price. J. Pawson, 1109 Dix St., San Mateo, CA 94401, Ph. 415/345-3193 after 8 p.m. Reg. No. 0660993. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 1967 CHEVY SERIES 70 hvy duty 2 axle dump, custom heil 6 yd. box, 6V53 Detroit diesel, 5 + 3 trans plus 2 spd axle, full air, looks almost new. B. Ginochio, 4501 Glen Haven Rd., Soquel, CA 95073, Ph. 408/475-3014 or 476-1643 Reg. No. 1451566. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 5 or 10 ACRE parcels, 30 miles east of Fresno, Calif. nr Kings Canyon Nat. Park on Deer Creek. Owner will finance all or part. P. Teppa, 504 Doyle Rd., San Jose, CA 95129, Ph. 408/252-0540. Reg. No. 0538760. 5-1.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: GRADALL 2460, good cond., good rubber, 3-71 upper, 4-71 down, can be seen at Rancho Murieta. Will trade for S.C. late model tr. trailer. P. Teppa, 504 Doyle Rd., San Jose, CA 95129, Ph. 408/252-0540. Reg. No. 0538760. 5-1.

WANTED: FOREIGN COINS and postcards nre 1930, war medals, badges and pistols, match boxes, snuff boxes. Fair prices paid. L. Reeve 302 East 39 Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. Ph. 415/345-0868. Reg. No. 1051351. 5-1.

FOR SALE: VIBRATORY SHEEPSFOOT, 72" Essix Duetz dielise; engine, pull type, exc. cond., \$5500. 6" Barnes trailer mounted pump, diesel engine with 20' suction hose \$3,500. Parking lot lights—30' pole, double 15' arms, 400 watt mercury vapor light fixtures, 220 volt with photo electric cell. \$1,200 each. 1963 Dodge 4x4 power wagon, V-8 3/4T, good shape. \$1,400. 1970 Chevrolet Blisqayne, \$1,000. 1960 GMC bobtail dump truck, V-6 engine 5 spd trans, good cond., \$2,600. 1966 Mack 10-wheel dump truck, 335 Cummins engine, jake brake, new dump box, radial front tires, exc. cond., \$18,500. V30 ditch witch only 30 hrs., 4 wheel drive, dozer blade, like new cond., \$6,200. Ph. 702/782-3530. Reg. No. 1115311. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 1958 EDSSEL RANGER, no motor or radiator, but in good shape, \$300. 7 pc. his 'n' hers bedroom set, two dressers, over 70 yrs. old, in good shape, \$750. P. A. Lachney, P.O. Box 612, Project City, CA 96079. Ph. 916/275-1395. Reg. No. 0528190. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 1974 HARLEY DAVIDSON SPORTSTER 10,000 miles, fully custom & chrome, \$2,300. Ask for Jeff Blumenthal, 2339 - 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116. Ph. 415/661-3326. Reg. No. 1627864. 5-1.

FOR SALE: HW5G A.C. LOADER, good cond., undercarriage like new \$3,950. L. Goltz, 3624 Haven Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063. Ph. 415/369-3453. Reg. No. 0698384. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 1974 SUZUKI MOTORCYCLE 185 trial & street, 5 speed, 1,500 miles. 80 mpg. \$550. exc. cond. 21" front wheel, one owner, R. Crowell, 2810 Corabel Ln. No. 35, Sacramento, CA 95821. Ph. 916/488-4200. Reg. No. 1301535. 5-1.

WANTED: AGRI CAT complete or parts, also need tracks, sprockets and any other drive train parts for Agri Cat. R. Marks, P.O. Box 458, Concord, CA 94522. Ph. 415/825-9147. Reg. No. 1175074. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 1972-22' PROWLER TRAILER will sleep 6, fully self-cont. very clean/one owner. Asking \$3,200. R. Fleckenstein, 1153 Johnson Ave., San Jose, CA 95129. Ph. 408/255-2532 or 408/295-8788. Reg. No. 1001691. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 12'x60' MOBILE HOME w/expando, 2 lots, 3 sheds, lge trees—30 mi. E. Red Bluff. Above valley heat, below deep snow—fishing—hunting. T. J. Cecil, P.O. Box 282, Los Molinos, CA 96055. Ph. 916/597-2712. Reg. No. 0307920. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 1966-450 CASE TRACK LAYER, backhoe-loader combination. Good cond. Also, 20 acres in Lassen County. A. C. Bryce Jr., P.O. Box 294, Lower Lake, CA 95457. Ph. 707/994-5216. Reg. No. 1597726. 5-1.

FOR SALE: 1972 ALJO TRAVEL TRAILER, 26 ft. self-cont. Eye-level oven, freezer-top refrig., forced air heat, fully carpeted other extras, exc. cond. \$3,700. Ph. 415/676-8860 or 209/552-5640. Reg. No. 0682624. 5-1.

FOR SALE: GENERAL ELECTRIC WILL PUMP, Model-5K254XA71A, HP-5, Tucuzzi Bros. Inc. Serial No. NCD-1096. 300. 4170 Rose Ave., Marysville, CA 95901. Ph. 916/742-0949. Reg. No. 0779761. 5-1.

FOR SALE: Approx. 5 1/2 acres near Stockton, ideal family setup. Close to lakes, gas pump, store, 3 bedroom living quarters in rear, 60x80 dance floor, 40 ft. bar license, 2 cabins—fenced. May take part trade in farming land. Write: Property, 223 MacArthur Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565. Reg. No. 0413422. 5-1.

WANTED: MOTOR HOME or Camper van in trade for 10 acres w/ 10'x50' mobile home. Good well, fenced & cleared, fruit trees, garden, no equity on vehicle trade. R. Pounds, P. O. Box 246, Garden Valley, CA 95633. Reg. No. 0367255. 6-1.

FOR SALE: 17' SILVERLINE DOLPHIN OPEN 17 SAILBOAT, 22' anodized aluminum mast, 163 sq. ft. 575 lbs. Dacron sails. Brand new. Ph. 415/757-5914 after 5 p.m. Reg. No. 1637625. 6-1.

FOR SALE: 3 TRANSFERS (slam bangs): '66 Mac Cummings 335, \$9,500. '66 K.W. Detroit 318, \$15,500. '65 Peterbilt Cummings 335, \$17,000. B. Kinney, Rt. 1, Box 438-T, Chico, CA 95926. Ph. 916/342-5863. Reg. No. 0879591. 6-1.

FOR SALE: HEATHKIT GW14A CB transceiver w/antennas, base power supply & extras Base or mobile \$200. N. Weaver, 6665 Singletree, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Ph. 415/846-7019. Reg. No. 1651958. 6-1.

FOR SALE: CHOICE PLOTS, spaces 1 & 2 Lot 12, Section C Lakeview Sky Lawn Memorial Cemetery Call collect 209/239-9497. Register No. 0649453. 6-1.

FOR SALE: GARWOOD DUMP BOX & HOIST 8-10 yards size \$350. Cummins crankshaft, elec. motors 1/2 and 1/4 h.p. L. Mulhair, 97 Southridge Way, Daly City, CA 94014. Ph. 415/333-9006. Reg. No. 154371. 6-1.

FOR SALE: 1976 F-350 RANGER FORD SERVICE TRUCK complete w/utility box, air compressor, 225 amp. Lincoln welder, vise, bench grinder, and a 150 model Malsbary steam cleaner. H. Kerr, 1704 Greer Ave., Concord, CA 94521. Ph. 415/689-7734. Reg. No. 1229864. 6-1.

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Public Confused On What Proposition 15 Means

Despite the intense media and press coverage that has been given to Proposition 15—the Nuclear Initiative—the fact is glaringly apparent that the public is still confused on the issues.

Several "California Polls" as well as the Cambridge Survey have shown that many voters who favor nuclear power think they should vote YES on the ballot.

This widespread misunderstanding stems from the fact that those who favor nuclear power must vote NO on Proposition 15. A YES vote will place an inevitable ban on nuclear power in California.

The public's confusion was brought painfully to light again as recently as May 26, when the Public Broadcast Corporation (PBC)—the nation's educational network—conducted a filmed interview at a construction site in northern California.

Two out of the three union workers interviewed first said they were in favor of Proposition 15. But when it was pointed out by the PBC interviewer that a YES vote would stop nuclear power development, they immediately changed their position to a NO vote. Only the third member interviewed knew the facts well enough to know what a YES and a NO vote

meant, and he said he would vote NO on Prop. 15.

PBC sent reporter Lisa Feiner from New York City to check on the hotly contested nuclear initiative.

"We did not feel that talking with scientists would do much good," she explained. "Since both sides have engineers and experts to argue their point of view. So we decided to concentrate on the economic aspects of the nuclear issue."

"What the polls and this latest interview show is frightening," says Dale Marr, Local 3 business manager. "Many California voters will enter the booths June 8 to vote either in ignorance or misconception on a proposition that can irrevocably change their standard of living and employment situation for the worse."

"As close as public opinion is on this initiative, the votes cast by those who are misinformed or unaware will be the votes which will make or break the measure," he emphasizes.

"Even though the polls seem to increasingly favor an opposing vote on Proposition 15, I am more frightened about the initiative passing now than I was a month ago," he warns. "We're counting

on getting the rest of the public informed on this issue, and we are doing everything we can to make

the voters aware of what exactly a YES and NO vote means on proposition 15."



BLADEMAN DAVE GENTRY, left, working on I-580 in Alameda County, stopped long enough to express his "No" opinion on Prop. 15 to reporter Lisa Feiner and her film crew from the Public Broadcast Service.

Who's Fooling Who

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of context. John Donaldson, Fresno County supervisor was part of a 3-2 minority in the Board of Supervisors, which passed a resolution to oppose Proposition 15.

Linda Mack, Fresno City Council has endorsed a YES position, but abstained her vote on a minutes resolution which was passed by the council to oppose Proposition 15. Her reason for not voting, according to the city clerk was because she had a conflict of interest.

Two Nobel laureates are listed as endorsing Prop. 15, one of them Dr. Harold Urey, who 10 years ago prophetically predicted that "Man would never be able to land on the moon for both he and his vehicle would be swallowed up in an ocean of dust."

So where do the "people" really stand on Proposition 15? Only the June 8 vote will ultimately tell, but one thing is for certain. The corporations are not the only ones in California who are concerned about where we are going to get our electricity, if the nuclear initiative passes.

1976 SCHEDULE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

JULY held at the Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California Street, near Taylor, in San Francisco.
10 San Francisco, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Semi-annual meeting will be

DISTRICT & SUB-DISTRICT MEETINGS

JUNE
3 Ukiah, Thurs., 8 p.m.
4 Provo, Fri., 8 p.m.
5 Reno, Sat., 8 p.m.

JULY
13 Eureka, Tues., 8 p.m.
14 Redding, Wed., 8 p.m.
15 Oroville, Thurs., 8 p.m.
21 Honolulu, Wed., 7 p.m.
22 Hilo, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.
28 San Francisco, Wed., 8 p.m.

AUGUST
5 Oakland, Thurs., 8 p.m.
10 Stockton, Tues., 8 p.m.
17 Fresno, Tues., 8 p.m.
24 Sacramento, Tues., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER
2 Santa Rosa, Thurs., 8 p.m.
3 Salt Lake City, Fri., 8 p.m.
4 Reno, Sat., 8 p.m.
16 San Jose, Thurs., 8 p.m.

DISTRICT AND SUB-DISTRICT MEETING PLACES

San Francisco, Engineers Bldg., 474 Valencia St.
Eureka, Engineers Bldg., 2806 Broadway.
Redding, Engineers Bldg., 100 Lake Blvd.
Oroville, Prospectors Village, Oroville Dam Blvd.
Honolulu, Washington School (Cafetorium), 1633 S. King St.
Hilo, Kapiolani School, 966 Kilauea Ave.
San Jose, Labor Temple, 2102 Almaden Rd.
Stockton, Engineers Bldg., 2626 N. California.
Oakland, Labor Temple, 23rd & Valdez.
Sacramento, CEL&T Bldg., 2525 Stockton Blvd.

Fresno, Engineers Bldg., 3121 E. Olive St.
Ukiah, Grange Hall (opposite 101 Motel), State Street, Ukiah.
Salt Lake City, 1958 W. No. Temple.
Reno, Musicians Hall, 124 W. Taylor Street.
Marysville, Elks Hall, 920-D Street.
Watsonville, Veterans Memorial Bldg., 215 Third.
Santa Rosa, Veterans' Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple.
Provo, Carpenters Hall, 600 South, 600 East.
Ogden, Ramada Inn, 2433 Adams Ave.

Time To Take Stock

Media Creating Political Strawmen

There is something obscene about the political prostitution currently in vogue in this nation. Every day we read about new alignments and endorsements as each faceless newcomer generates media popularity and old "friends" fall by the wayside.

Yesterday's primary hero has melted and a new idol is immediately created. Frequently, this graven image was detested and belittled by the same organization that now finds him full of unlimited virtue and "the noblest roman of them all." To paraphrase Lord Acton, "Media popularity leads to power and power gained this way only corrupts everybody."

It is as if with the passing of our own moral certitude we have lost sight of the need to cautiously examine the real fiber of those we endow with the right to govern and have returned to that age when the people were subject to the "divine right of kings."

I suppose this was inevitable in a zeitgeist derived from perennial hero worship. A society where rock stars and media queens become overnight sensations and thus millionaires and power brokers. A counter culture that produces anti-heros who have the mass media at their beck and call and deign to drop a foppish handkerchief from time to time at the altar of the body-politic.

It is too bad that in this bicen-

ennial year we have lost the vision of truth, justice and dignity. That our people debate themselves by wallowing in the pig sty of rose-colored mud.

That vacillation and procrastination have become the hallmarks of "new politics." That there seems to be an unspoken conspiracy among the opinion shapers about not asking candidates for office real questions on real issues. It might embarrass them and you might not be invited back again.

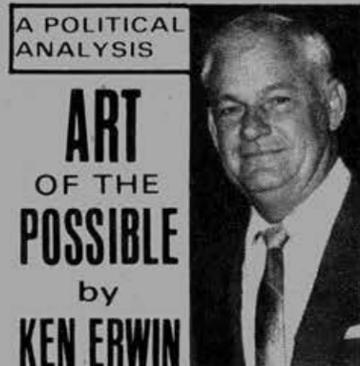
We are still old fashioned enough to believe that what a person stands for is what they are. That you can in true justice judge a person by their deeds and that evil men rise to power because good men fail to act.

The political spectrum in this presidential year abounds in straw men and their sycophants. Most are in the words of Shakespeare "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Maybe we have lowered our political expectations to the point where we no longer care since we now rank seventh among free nations in the number of votes cast. Maybe we have become jaded, disillusioned and just plain complacent.

We must do something about the political selection process and very soon, or we shall pass into history as simply another social experiment.

We must begin again to examine both the issues and the characters of the politicians who make



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promises. We must seek candidates who will try and solve problems. Candidates who support not just the laws of freedom, but the "old spirit" of freedom as well. The freedom of the individual to dissent from the social fads and political artifice of the moment. The freedom to be unpopular without losing dignity and respect. The freedom to stand alone in personal conviction without becoming a victim of mob rule and mob law.

Maybe we need a new coalition of leadership that stands as strongly for individual rights as for cultural and color rights. After all, in a nation created from the blood, sweat and skills of the common workingman there should be some room at the political top.

Today we can only examine the candidates and seek hard answers on the issues we believe important. Only then can we vote our conscience. Only then can we be halfway true to ourselves.

The Operating Engineer's Slate

The following candidates have been endorsed for public office by the Executive Board of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 upon recommendation of the various grievance committees:

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| Office | Candidate |
| U.S. Senate | John Tunney (D) |
| U.S. House of Representatives: | |
| Dist. 1 | Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson |
| Dist. 2 | Open |
| Dist. 3 | John E. Moss (D) |
| Dist. 4 | Robert Leggett (D) |
| Dist. 5 | John L. Burton (D) |
| Dist. 6 | Philip Burton (D) |
| Dist. 7 | George Miller (D) |
| Dist. 8 | Ronald V. Dellums (D) |
| Dist. 9 | Fortney (Pete) Stark (D) |
| Dist. 10 | Don Edwards (D) |
| Dist. 11 | Leo J. Ryan (D) |
| Dist. 12 | Open |
| Dist. 13 | Norman Mineta (D) |
| Dist. 14 | John J. McFall (D) |
| Dist. 15 | B. F. Sisk (D) |
| Dist. 16 | Open |
| Dist. 17 | Open |
| California State Senate: | |
| Dist. 1 | Randolph Collier (D) |
| Dist. 3 | Albert S. Rodda (D) |

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| Dist. 5 | Robert Mendelsohn (D) |
| Dist. 7 | John Nejedly (R) |
| Dist. 9 | Nicholas Petris (D) |
| Dist. 11 | Alfred E. Alquist (D) |
| Dist. 13 | John Garamendi (D) |
| Dist. 15 | Open |
| Dist. 17 | Open |
| Dist. 19 | Open |
| State Assembly: | |
| Dist. 1 | Betty Smith |
| | Bernard Richter (Dual Endorsement) |
| Dist. 2 | Barry Keene (D) |
| Dist. 3 | George C. Shaw (D) |
| Dist. 4 | Vic Fazio (D) |
| Dist. 5 | Eugene T. Gualco (D) |
| Dist. 6 | Leroy F. Green (D) |
| Dist. 7 | Open |
| Dist. 8 | Alfred Siegler (D) |
| Dist. 9 | Open |
| Dist. 10 | Daniel Boatwright (D) |
| Dist. 11 | John T. Knox (D) |
| Dist. 12 | Thomas P. Dove (D) |
| Dist. 13 | John J. Miller (D) |
| Dist. 14 | Open |
| Dist. 15 | Floyd Mori (D) |
| Dist. 16 | Arthur Agnos (D) |

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| Dist. 17 | Willie Brown (D) |
| Dist. 18 | Leo T. McCarthy (D) |
| Dist. 19 | Louis Papan (D) |
| Dist. 20 | Dixon Arnett (R) |
| Dist. 21 | Victor Calvo (D) |
| Dist. 22 | Open |
| Dist. 23 | Open |
| Dist. 24 | Leona Egeland (D) |
| Dist. 25 | Open |
| Dist. 26 | Carmen Perino (D) |
| Dist. 27 | John Thurman (D) |
| Dist. 28 | Open |
| Dist. 29 | Open |
| Dist. 30 | Kenneth J. Lean (D) |
| Dist. 31 | Open |
| PROPOSITION 15 VOTE NO | |

Among women, those 20 to 24 years of age had the highest labor force participation rate in 1974: 63 per cent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's 1975 Handbook on Women Workers.

The following brothers have been elected by their district membership to serve on the Election Committee during the forthcoming election of Officers and Executive Board Members:

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| District No. | Name |
| 1 | Les Brandon |
| 2 | Harold Hansen |
| 3 | Aaron Becker |
| 4 | H. L. (Curly) Spence |
| 5 | John Skeen |
| 6 | Robert Newvine |
| 7 | Walt Hurlburt |
| 8 | Ernie Nelson |
| 9 | Les D. Hodge |
| 10 | Henry Pacheco |
| 11 | Robert Baldwin |
| 12 | Lynn Reese |
| 17 | David G. Camacho |

CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING
 Secretary-Treasurer James "Red" Ivy has announced that the Credit Union Annual Meeting will be on **SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1976**, following the end of the Local 3 Semi-Annual Meeting at the Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California Street between Taylor & Jones Streets, San Francisco.

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