New Attempt To Stop Dumbarton Bridge

Overcoming the energy crisis af-
flcting the world's developing na-
tions was the issue confronting the re-
cent International Labor Or-
ganization Conference (ILO) 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

Business Manager and Inter-
national Vice President Dale
Marr, a nationally known ex-
pert on safety equipment, has
pledged himself to "ceaseless
dedication in a state and na-
tional effort to improve the
collection and quality of the
bases 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 Mar-
ticre," 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 equip-
ment.

Conf. Politics Played

By JAMES EARP

With a full page ad in the May 26 San Francisco Chronicle, the YES on 15 Com-
mitee has made another last
ditch effort to sway the pub-
lic in its favor to vote yes on
Proposition 15 and ban nu-
clear power in the state.

Exploiting the current popu-
larity of attacking the "big ma-
dle," the YES people give their
view of the nuclear initiative is-
to the "people saying yes" vs.
the "corporations saying no."

Attacking the NO on 15 Com-
mitee because of the corporate
contributions it has received, the
YES committee prizes its "grassroots movement," even
bragging that a State Senate
newcast that they have received all their contributions from the "little peo-
ple" 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 Prop-
osition 15 than support it.

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

In an attempt to impress read-
ers with the universality of its
movement, the YES on 15 Com-
mitee has printed on a flyer a list
of "grassroots people and organ-
izations endorsing the nuclear ini-
tiative."

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veals that the representation im-
plied in the list is less than ac-
curate.

To sway the democrats in the
state, they have listed four Demo-
crats representing delegates who have endorsed Prop. 15. But
there are 84 other Central Demo-
crats who have not endorsed the initiative.

"The San Francisco Young Demo-
crats" and "California Young Demo-
crats" have listed only 47 out of over 6,800 Young Democrats in the state.

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According to a spokesman
from the YES committee, the
"little people" were not asked to sign the endorsement.

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

Marr felt the conference was
time well spent, although he rec-
ognizes that there are still many
unsolved 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.

Recording Corresponding
Secretary James R. Ivy has
been chosen to organize the
semi-annual meeting of the
member-
ship 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 strong 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 take-over in the late 1900'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 90% of high 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 and exploitation 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 society-whether as a full-fledged god or as a remote deity-will be forced to sacrifice much for the sake of 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 America to 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 loss whose sympathies 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.

Following is the text of AFL-CIO President Harold Williams 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 policy and economic planning are an integral part of the economic recovery. They will be faced with choices the problem of sustaining its recovery survival until the next paycheck comes, if it ever comes.

They will be forced to decide if no American family should have to make: Which is more important, food, fuel, or a roof your heads? Which bill must be borrowed in order to buy medi- cine for the old folks or shoes for the children?

Then there is the mental anxiety that comes with unemployment: their fear of harassment over unpaid bills, idle hours, loss of self-esteem, stresses and strain on family relationships, sometimes leading to divorce, alcoholism, depression, 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 30 consecutive weeks—nearly four months. During that time the standard of living of an unem- ployed 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 able to ignore the human prob- lems 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 work for pennies to support their families, because decent housing is beyond their parents' means.

The young minds 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.

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ECONOMIC PROGRAM OF PROGRESS

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 un- 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, wage restraint and budgetary cuts has helped spawn a 57 per cent increase in the Consumer Price Index since January 1969.

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Many of our brother engineers call and write me asking, Hal, 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 off-the-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 and writing to our members, 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 of both the members and the unemployed. There is so much to be done to help get new projects approved and started as quickly as possible, it is the only way.

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 that 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 of dead center. The telegram was sent to Congressmen Bia Johnson, Glenn Anderson, Norman Mineta, Allen Howe, Don Clausen and Barry Goldwater, Jr.

There has been some progress 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 if you 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 Captain, U. S. Coast Guard, for Environment, Safety and Consumer Affairs of the Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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

Dear Mr. Clausen,

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:

Although I have received your letter of April 9, 1976, I have not yet received the requested information. As of this date, I have not had an opportunity to review this project or to contact the Coast Guard, the Department of Transportation or any other official concerned with this bridge project.

Thank you for your interest in this bridge project. If I see any further assistance, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Washington, D.C.

Mr. Don H. Clausen
Representative

Dear Mr. Clausen,

I appreciated your telephone call and your letter of April 9, 1976, regarding the New Dumbarton Bridge across the San Francisco Bay. The letter was received in my office from the Office of Program Management, Division of Environmental Impact Statement, U.S. Coast Guard, for Environment, Safety and Consumer Affairs of the Department of Transportation. This completion of both reviews, the document will be submitted to the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, for consideration. A final decision will be made on the New Dumbarton Bridge project.

The Dumbarton Bridge is a proposed $100 million dollar project, which is being made to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Dumbarton Bridge across the San Francisco Bay. This project is a part of the overall transportation plan for the San Francisco Bay Area.

If you have additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Thousand Oaks, California

Mr. Don H. Clausen
Representative

Sincerely yours,

Dear Hal:

Thank you for contacting me about this matter, Hal, and appreciate any comments which you may have, if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With special regards,

HAROLD HUSTON

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO

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. 

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. I speak on the tax laws, Mr. Clausen, your families and you 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!
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 the trade union. This negotiation 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 A.G.C. (master construction contract) agreement. The contract will be in the second year of a 3-year agreement with wages and fringe benefits being to be increased. 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 hope that there might be a tentative agreement that might help us to go open shop or from union by withdrawing their bargaining rights from the Utah A.G.C. This effect would leave these unions with a base to regain. This state is a result of being weak state as more people by now fully realize. The open shop and non-union highway contractors in the past 6 or 8 months have been successful low bidders on job after job at prices below the $50,000 dollar mark. All of the above facts make our union negotiation committee's work double tough to get an honorable settlement for our members in the same time frame that the other unions have had 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.

The Public Broadcasting System will be telecasting a program involving a local event in the San Diego area. 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 to have the opportunity 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 know 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—catastrophes: the 1965 Food, the Joan Crawford murders, and now the worst public relations come from the state of California has ever had. I hope this will be the last of this type of news to happen in that area again and I must say this event has to mark one of the saddest occasions.

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 before the primary selection), 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 California Constitution to vote as an option, too. However, ask yourself which candidates might truly look after your interests the best and not just sound off with a lot of platitudes. Following Proposition No. 15 (the Nuclear Shutdown Initiative) I strongly urge everyone to vote No on this one. This can be 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 replace ment for clean nuclear power.

The Washington Post 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 3 at 10:30 p.m.
Voting for San Mateo Supervisors

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

Recording Corresponding Secretary James Redly has announced that the Local Union for the year 1976, and in addition to the general primary election being held on Nov. 8, will also be voting for the candidates of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. Our Union is supporting three candidates for the positions of District Supervisor: Roy Royer, Jim Fitzgerald and Mc- Robert Stewart. We will appreciate any and all support for these candidates.

The work picture in the San Mateo area is currently slowed very much since last month's News. There is still no major road project in this area.

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 subcontractors are busy on these projects doing the underground work, grading, landscaping, framing and as there are brother engineers working in each of these phases of the contract, it keeps quite a few of the good brothers working bringing home a paycheck each week, hopefully the trend will continue till all the brothers are working.

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NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE

(a) Nominations shall be made in writing signed by one or more in the East Bay as the one encouraging sign for Plant. San Mateo with Fiske Firenze Mc- Lean Company and their crew of Electricians who are doing the grading and under- ground work.

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

Freebond Groff Co. has completed the street grading in Portola Valley on a new division for a Palo Alto development firm. I understand that this will be a "build on order" type of project, and will be an area of much long period of time but still should provide work for several of the brother engineers.

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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 held in Caucus Room. The testimony concerns general economic and domestic issues that should be written into the Democratic Party's 1976 Platform.

Our party tradition has consistently had confidence in the moral rights of their system of government. The party tradition 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 of the country.

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

Our party tradition had demanded that government had deceived them about foreign affairs, allowed respected agencies to be used to move millions of citizens, and misled them about the nation's economic health, thus causing scores of deeped hardship and suffering.

As we perceive it, morality, as it applies to government, for the avoid the avoidance of simple criminality to a philosophy that places the nation's security and liberty, above all else. It encomprises the manner in which a government deals with its citizens with other countries and with its own,

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 its present form, to the committees of both major political parties, for we know it must be a part of the policies of all Americans.

Governmental morality cannot be defined in dollar amounts, place not only in the economic, but political language. It can't be bought, sold, traded or negotiated away. We are not speaking of this as a fashion 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 many issues which follow this statement. Individually, they are programs for a better America and a better world. In the long run, they build 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, the following suggestions on economic, foreign and domestic policies must answer this question: "Which way, America?"?

The AFL-CIO believes there is only one way—the way that puts the people first. While budgetary and artificial limits on what a government can and must do to help the people are indispensable, the freedom of people above the politics of governments should be restored to government policies at home and abroad.

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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.

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The lesson of Watergate is 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 the facts.

During the darkest days of Watergate, some who lacked confidence in the political institutions of this country had deceived them about the facts. What is it to America's trade unionists an answer to the question "Which way, America?"?

There is no problem too tough so simple that they will do about it in the context of a political campaign.

And they are talking about it in the wrong manner because there can be a serious debate about the way we can get the millions of people that are already currently unemployed to keep them in the workforce to put them to work in the context of a political campaign.

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 a 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, on citizens, to demand that candidates for all federal offices tell us what they will do about inflation, tax, energy, health care, housing, the education of our children, energy, and the environment.

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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 by both the member and the pharmacist filling the prescription.

Part I, 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 this 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 for the out of hospital prescription drug plan were as follows:

- Preparations requiring a written prescription and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist or by a hospital pharmacist during a hospital confinement.
- Compounded dermatological preparations such asointments and lotions which must be prepared by a pharmacist according to your physician’s prescription.
- Therapeutic Vitamins, Cough Mixtures, Ant-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 legally obtained without prescription.
- Prescription charges due to occupational injuries or due to sickness covered by Workmen 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.

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 that he is under 26 years of age or a full-time student 21 years of age or younger, the rental of crutches is a covered expense under the comprehensive medical plan. The plan will cover 80 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.

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: 415/431-1588
474 Valencia Street
San Francisco, Ca 94103

Trust Fund Administration Office
Phone: 415/391-4440
30 Francisco Street
San Francisco, Ca 94112

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**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 Drug Programs available under the Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Trust Fund. Operating Engineers Local No. 3 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.

Claims for prescription drug charges should be filed by completing a “prescription drug card” and mailing it to the Trust Fund Office, 50 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94112. Claims must be filled 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: 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 Program 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.
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 unemployed and possess under-utilized skills, 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 professionally involved.

It has become obvious that POLITICIANS have decreed unemployment solutions to be akin to their national security. It has become obvious that ENVIRONMENTALISTS, in their order, are ignoring the fact that a person must not only see, smell and hear but must also earn a living so that he can eat and his family survive.

It has become obvious that an individual, by himself, does not have the qualifications 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 transmuted 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 near Oasis. They should wind it and mule, then on foot in 100' temperatures to the top. Now, quoting 'A wave of an eye'... what do you get?

One vote may seem to be just a tinkle in the overall picture, but they will be through paving an undesirable and impossible position. sons had started paving in the foot of Mount Diablo at a ranch belonging to Mr. Bishop. Then, the purpose?, or do I say screw it and not vote at all?

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Administrator of the N.C.S.J.A.C.; Mike Womack, Director of the Tech in the middle of negotiations with…

A whole lot of politics going on right now. If you can't find...

In the Shops, we held a meeting and ratified a contract with Sierra Employers Union, the N.C.S.J.A.C., and a half of picketing.

The following is condensed from field notes of Mr. Ranson hired five men and rented horses and was the low bidder, in May, on the four directions before returning on September 20, 1851.

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

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The Domes, at the foot of Mount Diablo.

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Oilfield Work Strong

By GEORGE MORGAN and FRANK MONTGOMERY

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San Felipe Delayed
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Reclamation express hope that the charges brought forth in the suit will be resolved in a manner that is acceptable to the federal
impact statement.

The study area in the delta region is a key issue in the fed-
eral lawsuit.

Most of the water to be tapped from the San Luis Reser-
voir would come initially from the delta region, southwest of Sacramen-
to. This area flows into the San Joaquin River.

However, the California Depart-
ment of Water Resources has ex-
pressed concern that the large volume of water which would be taken from the delta would in-
crease 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 water without the bureau agrees to comply
with the water standards.

Due to a ruling last October by the bureau is exempt from
complying to state water standards. The bureau has not con-
cluded its consultation with the state's Department of Water Resources.

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mentalists are determined to keep the bureau from tapping all the water it wants
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Our Safety Development Committee, along with our
Management Committee, have agreed to a plan that will help us
achieve these goals.

First, we plan to establish a new facility that will provide a
place for our members to learn about safety in the workplace.

Second, we plan to provide additional training for our mem-
ers to help them become more effective in their jobs.

Finally, we plan to work closely with the Environmental
Protection Agency to ensure that our operations are in con-
formity with environmental regulations.

The new facility will be located near the current site of our
operating area.

It will include classrooms, workshops, and a computer lab to
help our members improve their skills.

We are confident that these initiatives will make a signifi-
cant difference in the way we approach safety on the job.

Thank you for your support in making this possible.

Safety, Work, and Play Safely

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

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- Print or type the wording you want in your advertising on a separate sheet of paper for easier reading. Use black or dark blue ink and write in 30 points or larger. Please indicate your name, complete address, and telephone number.


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, the graven image is detested and belittled by the same organization that finds him full of unlimited virtue and "the noblest of man who are not". To paraphrase Lord Acton, "education leads to power and power gained this way only corrupts everything that ensues." It is as if with the passing of our outer moral certitude we have lost sight of the need to cautiously examine the real fiber of those we declare "true". We must begin again to examine the role of the people, who are the true "divine right of kings". I propose this was derivable from a zeitgeist derived from perennial considerations in the number of votes cast. For cultural and color rights. Af- ford with the right to govern signifying nothing, "maybe we have lowered our po- litical expectations to the point where we no longer care since we now rank seventh among free na- tions in the number of votes cast. Maybe we have become jaded, disillusioned and just plain complacent. We must do something about the political 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 char- acters of the politicians who make}

**The Following Candidates Have Been Endorsed by the Executive Board of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 Upon Recommendation of the Various Grievance Committees.**

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**Among women, those 30 to 34 years of age had the highest labor participation rate in 1974: 73 per cent, according to the U.S. De- partment of Labor's 1975 Hand- book on Women Workers.**

**The Following Committees Have Been Endorsed by the District Committee to serve on the Election Committee for the forthcoming election of Officers and Executive Board Members:**

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**Credit Union Annual Meeting**

Secretary-Treasurer-James F. New has announced that the Credit Union Annual Meeting will be on **Saturday, June 18, 1976**, following the end of the Local 3 Semi-Annual Meeting at the Masonic Auditorium, 1611 California Street, between Taylor & Jones Streets, San Francisco.