Building Trades ‘Bite The Bullet,’ Pass Controversial Resolutions

By MARK STECHBART

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Semi-Annual Meeting

Recording Corresponding Sec- retary James R. Ivy has an- nounced that the next semi- annual meeting of the member- ship will be held on Saturday, July 9, 1977, at 1:00 p.m., at the Masonic Auditorium, 1111 Cali- fornia Street, between Taylor and Jones, San Francisco.

Business Manager Dale Marr has notified the membership that the follow- ing officers of the credit union shall be in attendance:

IUOE Pres. Jay Turner

Marr noted that the bill, if passed, will also "make it more difficult" for nonunion organiz- ations like the Associated Builders and Contractors to set up their own apprenticeship programs with the intent of training non- union craftsmen.

Under existing law, the Califor- nia Apprenticeship Council only has the power to establish stand- ards for minimum wages, maxi- mum hours and working condi- tions for apprenticeship agree- ments, but is not expressly re- quired to establish criteria for ap- proval or disapproval of appren- ticeship programs.

AB 861, which won the approval of the Assembly Labor, Employee- ness and Consumer Affairs Com- mittee by a 10 to 8 vote, now goes to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. If passed by the Leg- islature, the bill will be added to the section of the Labor Code dealing with apprenticeship.

Resolutions

Hit Illegal

Alien Issue

The Executive Board of the California Building Trades ad- duced the support of illegal aliens at its annual Joint Legis- lative Conference with the California Labor Federation this week in Sacramento.

With 900,000 Californians un- employed, the presence of at least one million illegal aliens in California draws consider- able attention, but the addi- tional problem of "instant pen- sions" for aliens is too often overlooked. In California, Ille- gal aliens are primarily Mexi- can nationals who take a wide range of jobs at a lower wage scale than normally offered.

If the alien is over 65 or disabled, they can qualify for Supplemental Security Income and free medical care after 30 days residence.

The Building and Construc- tion Trades have responded to these issues by passing two resolutions, one calling for a comprehensive solution to im- migration, and another calling for prohibition of "instant pensions" now available to aliens through existing welfare holes in the Social Security law.

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By DALE MARR, Business Manager

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More On Illegal Aliens

The Executive Board also adopted the following proposals:

- require employers to verify legal status when hiring through existing identification cards. Employers failing to do this would face criminal charges and stiff fines.
- tailor foreign aid programs to help countries such as Mexico that continue to rob the United States of its potential and vitality, so their citizens can better themselves and be employed at a decent wage.
- help to establish a legal trade union concept in these countries to allow workers to organize and protest their employers.
- renew efforts by the AFL-CIO to organize exploitive cheap labor in the U.S.

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"We are attempting to organize an oilfield service company in the Monterey area," says Ballard. "Teamsters No. 890 and Local No. 3 are jointly participating in a June 17th election with Rich-Sand Service Co., San Ardo. We will be representing the equipment operators. Jack Ballard, Assistant Dist. Rep., is working with Teamster No. 890 President Ed Gay and Representative Dave Lindell.

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Community Sewage Treatment Projects Ordered Accelerated

The California clean water effort is moving ahead on many fronts. An estimated 174,600 man-months of employment has been created on 72 community sewage treatment projects in the state since 1973. Approval was given by Governor Brown ordered the program accelerated.

MGM Awarded Pipeline Contract

The Bureau of Labor Statistics study of sewage treatment plant construction employment patterns. About 300 man-months of labor were generated for each $1 million in total project cost. One-third is on the construction site, the remainder in manufacturing and other support services. Approximately 64 per cent of the jobs are in the craft worker, operators, service worker and laborer categories where union labor predominates. The Clean Water Grant program is a nationwide effort to clean up municipal wastewater discharges. Congress authorized $118 billion for the program in 1972. California supplements the federal 75 per cent grant with a 12 1/2 per cent grant funded from 1979 and 1974 Clean Water Bond Issues. Early in his administration, Governor Brown ordered acceleration of the program to speed up compliance with clean water goals, spur employment and forestall price increases due to inflation. For the future, the State Board made a conservative projection that it will approve projects costing $670 million and generating 201,740 man-months of employment by September 1977. Money will run out from state bond issues somewhat shortly after that date and the federal appropriation has not yet been renewed. "We expect Congress to continue funding the program and Speaker McCarthy has introduced a state bond issue for the 1978 ballot, both of these are needed to keep the program moving," said Bryan.

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Redding

Doesn’t Look Too Promising

District Representative Ken Green reports that work in the Redding area has not picked up and is not looking too promising for the coming work season.

A few projects are under way at this time—such as Hensel Phelps South Bonnyview bridge crossing. As far as Engineers on the books, the situation looks to be only three. One Loader operator, a Crane for hoisting and driving the railroad, and 2 operators on the sub on the clearing and abutments from Hensel-Phelps.

Green says P. J. Shaev was having problems getting their Curry job awarded. After the successful low for the Redding-Carson crossing, he believes every county is allotted $1 million for State highways to be set aside in a fiscal year.

Traffic near Canyon gets Modoc’s County’s $1 million. Gene also said if the Buckhorn Summit is finished, there will not seriously affect the safety of that stretch of highway—for a better road messenger than the one lost in the same accident ratio as there is at this time. The cost as per Green’s estimate is $1 million to too probable at this time to justify fixing Highway 290.

The $870,000 project—there will be set for the Central Utah Project because the government had to delay it until 1978.

Gene Kenable was asked to give you his take on the Las Vegas Business News. According to Business Representative Craig Canepa reports that activity in the Redding District is on the pace of the last few months. Parsons Construction, working on the new State Highway 105 north of the eastern part of the state, has finished moving the dirt and should be piling in the near future.

Frehner Construction in Ely is widening up the by-pass job as is Hultman’s Demolition business.

The MGM Grand Hotel in Reno has slowed some but will not be completed until 1978. Dahach Inc. is on the last stages of the I-80 highway job at Verdi.

Control Co. in the Reno-Carson City-Tahoe area has leveled off. However, life is starting to take place again at the lake with Del Webb on the Parks Tahoe project and the eight-story garage adjacent to the Sahara-Tahoe Hotel.

In addition, the Jennings and Oliver Hotels should get their financing from the Supreene Court ruled against the “League to Save Lake Tahoe,” and it is in favor of the State’s plan.

H. M. Ryan has the excavation for the 267 million Reno Sahara Hotel Casino which includes a three story underground parking garage.

Canepa says the “West Side Alternate. Case is still going on the drilling with an air axis will move in a 2000 and 1200 and two-elevator-lifts.

The erection of the concentrator for Anaconda is at present sinking six storeys per foot. The operation is in full swing, there will be approximately sixty million dollars unofficially.

Strate also reports that the final environmental impact statement for the proposed construction of I-70 through the Sevier Valley in Sevier County has been approved by the Utah Department of Transportation. Approval of the federal agency, actual construction of the project can begin. The proposed construction is for 32 miles of I-70 from Sevier Junction to in favor of the “West Side Alternate.” The West Side Alternate was one of three alternatives for the location of the highway which were considered at public hearings.

The project is expected to start in late summer at a cost of approximately sixty million dollars unoffically.

Anaconda is at present sinking four vertical shafts to mine underground for high grade copper; some will be mined in Utah.

According to Lasler, company officials have indicated that the ore will be shipped to Montmart for smelting.

The operation is in full swing, there will be approximately 400 employees working on a permanent basis; this work will be finished 1979. Bids were opened by the Department of Transportation in May for the fencing and clearing of the highway construction strip from Redwood Road west to 4000 West North Temple. There 180 men and women will work the old U.S. Highway 40 route and be rebuilt as I-40.

Business Rep. Rex Daughtery reports that Gibbons & Reed Company is under way on their project located between Farming- ton and Layton. This is a ten million dollar job that is to be completed by October, 1979. Half of the project will be excavated by August and the other half is to be imported borrow. These materials will be hauled from G & R Rock and Sand at White Hill Pit, 22 miles north of Reno.

Large Jobs Slated For S.F.

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According to Business Representative Charles Snyder Perini Gate University Building at 536 construction is expected in August 1978.

According to Business Rep. Phil Pratt, Weidman and Triple A Shipyards have been largest employers of Operating Engineers and will be working in keeping the out-of-work list for crane operators at a minimum for the last few months. This has been a lot of help for the Brothers and an example of how things have been on the down side for so many months.

Because a Brother was concerned enough to spend a dime for a phone call and report a non-paying contractor working in the area, I would like to report that an Informational Picket was used against the contractor. That the work is being put out for bid again,

Pratt said: “This time it is being offered to contractors signatory to our agreement. It does help to call your agents on known violations, if he is not aware of a violation, he may be too late to take action on it if he finds out by other methods.”

There are three jobs in progress at U.C. Hospital, Nelson Nickles on the new dental building, Larson & Sons on the Moffett Building extension with Wagner Const., driving the foundations of the present time, and Anaconda doing extensive remodeling on the Nevada Power Building.

Pratt said there have been a couple of contracts let to the Hunt- ington Construction Company for development work. O. C. Jones Const. was low bidder and will be starting soon.

J. C. Penney project at Stead, which all expire the end of this month.

DESPITE BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS plaguing the San Francisco sewer project, the first portion pictured at right continues on schedule. The pump house is still in the excavation stages with pipe supporting the concrete work.
Santa Rosa Gets Federal Money

The area where first loan is being made is for the purpose of meeting a Fire Department construction project. It is expected that the Federal funds will provide the necessary financial assistance for the project to proceed.

Best In Three Years

Stockton Work Improving

The credit union has been active in various projects, including second-mortgage loans, to improve home equity. Examples of loans are provided, along with monthly payments and terms.

Terms: Up to 15 years to repay if you use the money for home improvements. Up to 10 years to repay if you use the money for other purposes.

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**Efforts to Legalize Laetrile**

Perhaps one of the most controversial substances in the current American drug debate is Laetrile. It is a pain-relieving agent that is said to be effective in treating cancer. Proponents argue that Laetrile should be legalized, while opponents claim it is ineffective and potentially dangerous. The debate continues as state legislatures consider bills to regulate or ban Laetrile.

The Senate was scheduled to vote on a bill to decriminalize the apricot-pit extract that reportedly contains the active ingredient of Laetrile. This change would allow the state legislatures to decide on the legal status of Laetrile.

Proponents predict success, believing that the revised version approved in May will be more acceptable to the Senate. The revised version includes provisions that would make the bill more palatable to lawmakers.

**Measles On The Increase**

Measles is on the increase across the country. Recent statistics indicate that the number of cases of measles has jumped more than 50 percent in 1977 over comparable figures in 1976. Dr. Gregory P. Hayden, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, advises parents to keep on their children's vaccination records to be sure that their children are inoculated against the disease, with the right vaccine at the right age.

Dr. Hayden said that the disease is showing up among many junior and senior-high school students, some of whom mistakenly believed they were vaccinated.

"Parents should make certain the shot a child received was for measles and not for rubella, or German measles," the doctor warned. "Sometimes the two are confused, and one does not afford protection against the other."

Another thing to watch out for is that a second dose of vaccine does not protect against the disease. "If a person is not vaccinated, they should be inoculated before the disease is introduced," Dr. Hayden said.

The Federal Government is proposing a phaseout of fluorocarbon gas in aerosol sprays, with a complete ban on such products to be in effect two years from now. The reason for the elimination of fluorocarbon use centers around evidence that these compounds destroy ozone in the earth's atmosphere, thus allowing more of the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation to reach the earth. The decrease in the ozone layer could lead to an increase in skin cancer, plus altered climate and harm to agriculture.

The products that will be primarily affected by the ban would include deodorants, hair sprays, antiperspirants, colognes, perfumes, pesticides, household cleaners and air fresheners. About 30 percent of aerosols use fluorocarbons. Industry has been switching to other propellants and pressurized containers.

The proposed timetable for the phaseout is as follows: By October 15, 1978, no company will be allowed to manufacture fluorocarbon sprays for use in aerosol cans; by April 15, 1979, no product containing fluorocarbons will be allowed to be shipped in interstate commerce.

Prior to the actual ban, all aerosol products that contain fluorocarbons will be required to carry a notice on the labels. The proposed legislation exempted from the ban the use of fluorocarbons in essential products, such as drugs.
Wharton Gives Keynote Speech

By James Erp

The challenge confronting retired members of the Operating Engineers is to create a unified voice that will speak for the needs of senior citizens throughout the nation.

This was the message of IUOE President-Emeritus Hunter P. Wharton, who was the keynote speaker recently at the Local 3 annual Retiree Association picnic at Rancho Murieta Training Center. In a nation with 23 million people over 60 years in age and growing at a rate of 500,000 a year, the issues confronting senior citizens are becoming increasingly important, Wharton said.

Pointing to the fact that President Carter “made many rash promises on behalf of senior citizens” which have gone unfulfilled, Wharton emphasized the time has come for senior citizens to overcome the disorganization and apathy that has traditionally plagued them.

“The problem with our senior citizens is the same problem we have always had with safety,” Wharton explained, and that is attitude. Too many people believe “it will only happen to the other guy,” he said.

“How do we change these attitudes?” Wharton asked.

To begin with, he said we must convince the younger members of our organization that they will eventually be numbered among the ranks of senior citizens. “You only have two alternatives,” he pointed out, “you either die or you become a senior citizen, and no one particularly likes the first alternative. Wharton revealed that in his own case at age 77, he has had a major open heart operation, after which he said “I expect to live to be 100 years old.”

Explaining that the old age in our society need a “survival strategy” to see that their needs in health and welfare and other benefits are taken care of, Wharton urged the retirees and their wives in attendance to become involved with senior citizens on a national basis. He urged the members to join the three million strong National Council for Senior Citizens, which has had a good record in the past of helping to pass legislation beneficial for senior citizens as well as labor.

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Introduces IUOE President Emeritus Hunter P. Wharton to retirees at the annual association Picnic held at Rancho Murieta Training Center.

ing on a national basis toward the senior citizens movement. He also encouraged the retirees to become more active within Local 3's own Retiree Association, saying that "When we're working in behalf of senior citizens in our own organization, we are working in behalf of senior citizens throughout our country."

Over 1,900 retirees attended the annual picnic at Rancho Murieta.

Retirees enjoyed a roast beef dinner to country and western music by Country Fever. Several presentations were made. Chief among them was the recognition given to Larry Walker (see front page picture) as the member in attendance with the longest record as an Operating Engineer. Walker, who became a member of the Operating Engineers in 1928 still fell short of Hunter Wharton's 51 years of membership with the Operating Engineers.

Local 3's own Retiree Association, which operated for a number of years on a loosely organized basis is now a chartered, well organized group working towards the goal of "bringing retirees together as a group to work for their own advancement in political and other areas."

In keeping with a commitment he had made, Business Manager Dale Marr began organizing the Retiree Association as we know it today following his election to business manager of Local 3. An initial round of meetings were set up and attended by the Local 3 officers for retirees in October and November 1974. From these meetings the Retiree Association was set up with 20 chapters throughout the jurisdiction, elected officers and bylaws.

Attendance at the chapter meetings reached a remarkable total of over 2,000 the first year. Now over 5,000 strong, the Local 3 Retiree Association enjoys the distinction as an organization that has been used as a model for other union retiree groups throughout the country.

Following the dinner, retirees listened while Business Manager Dale Marr (right) spoke a few words.
Blue Marlin Sets Charter Boat Record

Business Rep. Willy Crozier is the proud owner of a new record which was set for Brother Cho's charter fishing boat, the Makaala-C, recently off the island of Hawaii.

The accompanying picture shows the 742-lb Pacific Blue Marlin that was landed aboard Al Cho's 45-foot Custom. The fortunate angler, Willy Crozier of Hilo, gives full credit for his fine catch to the able and competent skipper and crew of the Makaala-C.

According to Crozier the fishing trip started out at a very slow pace on that beautiful Sunday morning as we departed from Honolulu Harbor near Kalaniana‘ole and started to fish in big game areas near the Kona coast. The entire morning went by without so much as a single strike. Although there was no action as far as fishing, the beautiful day and calm sea made it a relaxing and peaceful time to enjoy nature’s great abundance of marine life.

The porpoises were all around the boat and they put on quite a show by swimming near the surface and coming up to our backs. We saw some humpback whales in the distance, too. They were right out of the water. They would swim very close to the boat and play around the boat and they put on quite a show by swimming near the surface and coming up to our backs.

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District Representative Glen Hoover reports that work in the Sacramento area is picking up. Granite Const. and A. Teichert Co. are both cranking up on their sewer projects in the south area. Teichert has most of the dirt moved adjacent to Freport Blvd. and the railroad tracks to make the pad for the underground line to go in. They now have an excavation for a connecting structure at Meadowview Road and Freport Blvd. that will connect Granite's job to theirs. Both contractors will be putting pipe in the ground shortly.

Hoover reports that the County sewer plant is a "beehive of activity." Huber, Hunt & Nichols is getting under-way with the main plant structure and are adding people to their payroll to meet the time line. J. W. Sibley has the bulk of the dirt moved and has cut on the sewer system. They have most of the underground and all the backfill, so they will keep working hard for most of the duration of the project, he explained.

Limbach Co has started on the railroad tie replacement portion, but they will require very few operating engineers. Pacific Ready Mix is supplying the concrete with an on-site batch plant. They have two operating engineers employed and will be there for the duration of the job.

Holiday Inn has the green light for their hotel in the downtown area. This will be built in the Macy's parking lot between 3rd and 4th Street. The other hotel office complex at 19th and K Street still has not won City Council's approval.

"The subdivision work is still going strong in the Sacramento area," said Hoover. "It has been the lifeblood of our work picture for the past two years." All the local contractors have their full crews working full time building streets, houses, underground, etc. Granite, Teichert, Repco, and others have used over 700,000 man-hours and are still riding the crest and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Big Catch For Hawaii Agent

Brother Alvin Cho (right) at the helm of his boat, "Makaala-C." Below is the 742-lb. Blue Marlin caught (from left to right) by Willy Crozier IV, Alvin Cho and Willy Crozier III.

We have several contractors that are up for negotiations, Hoover pointed out, which will "keep us busy for the next couple of months trying to hammer out a good agreement for the builders affected by those agreements. We are also busy in the organizing office, and have several new contracts to put together with these employers that will be acceptable to our new contractors that are employed by the employers," he said.

We have received word from the Sacramento office that the Sacramento office is beginning to get calls from contractors about violations of the contract by different employers. "We would just like to say we really appreciate these calls," he said. They have resulted in putting several contractors to work as well as collecting money for manning violations. These calls are kept confidential and are very helpful to all the agents.

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Oakland District Report

Business Rep. Bob Marr reports that the work picture is improving but "we must not let our guard down." The prospects for growth, he says, are even more involved in politics of utmost importance," he says.

"If you break it you will begin to look at your city councils you will see some very interesting things. In almost every city in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties the councils will have people who are progressive and those who are no-growth," he points out.

Once we have identified the people we must begin to support or fight them, depending upon which way they lean. If there are those who seem to be riding the fence, then we must begin to talk to them in order to get our concerns and needs across to them.

"One single most important thing we can do is vote in every single election there is," Marr adds. "If you hear a person say that an election is not important. When this happens, we are only hurting ourselves."

"The years we have allowed our environment to become entrenched in local areas such as school boards, park boards, planning commissions, city councils, county offices, etc.

Because of this, the schools are teaching our kids to be no-growthists, the parks are buying land, not to be used but just so that nothing can be built there; planning commissions are deliberately checking the communities byunderlying sewer systems; and city councils are planning such excessive demands on projects that they become economically impossible to build. But all these together and you end up out of work, so please -- TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT."

City's Order: One Tree To Go

Business Rep. Chuck Ivie reports that the Pittsburg City Planning Commission "weighed the value of a tree and a hamburger" recently and the tree lost. A developer asked to saw down a full grown eucalyptus tree to make room for a Jack-In-The-Box Restaurant and after a month of planning, a compromise was worked out.

According to Ivie the City of Pittsburg has just started a big boom, with housing going full force. All kinds of plans are in the fire to take care of the new residents that are going to be moving into the new homes.

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Business Rep. Bill Parker reports that bids on Humboldt Bay Wastewater Authority sewer project will be opened in the near future, and he plans to have further information by the next issue of the Engineers News.

On May 9th bids were opened for Smith River Water System with Jaeger Corp.'s of Yuba City low bidder at $319,443. Parker announced this job amounts to 21,100 ft. of 8 inch, 11,000 ft. of 6 inch, and 2,000 ft. of 4 inch main line plus services. All the main lines will be completed in 30 days. The company will either use 800 Case Backhoes or a trencher, the ditch will only be about 5 feet deep, this job should be completed and paved within 120 days. Bob Saling will be the superintendent on this job.

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More From Santa Rosa

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According to Pat O'Connell, Peter Kiewit and Sons and Sully-Miller are keeping about thirty engineers busy in Lake County on the North side of the lake with collector lines and laterals in Lec- cerne and Nice. J. C. Plumbing in Clearlake Highlands is fighting rock, Division of Industrial Safety and labor problems.

Lange Bros, is keeping busy at three locations in Mendocino County and at Snow Mtn. Parnum Paving and Mendocino Aggregates are starting their own jobs at various locations in Mendocino County.

Brazil Bill Adams recently retired and is firmly established in his refurbished resort in the Clearlake Highlands; P.O. Box 268 (707) 994-4174. The resort features cabins and boat rentals, also some of Lake County's better fishing guides.

Talking To Techs

Mike Womack
Paul Schissler
Gene Machado

Recently a contract violation was processed under the Grievance procedure for a hiring violation. A grievance under the Union By-Laws was also filed on the member involved. The member was working without being properly dispatched. He was notified to appear before the Grievance Committee for the Oakland District. The employer has now paid wages and fringe for each day plus 20 per cent Liquidated Damages as provided in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The member was reprimanded and is currently on probation.

This may appear harsh to some members, how- ever, this member was currently dispatched to a firm normally working on a day shift. Then working for a different firm on a night shift, which is in direct violation of Union By-Laws and not just to those other members sitting on the Out of Work List.

While the eastern part of the United States is confronted with an energy crisis brought on by a rough winter the western part of the United States faces an energy crisis brought on by an extremely mild winter.

In Northern California we are largely dependent on hydroelectricity, which poses a strong likelihood of electric rationing in the near future. Isn't it ironic that the one energy source that is totally unaffected by weather, transportation, water and fuel shortages is nuclear power plants? They continued to produce nonpolluting energy which only reaffirms the wisdom of the voters. This is a continuing battle by your Union Representatives.

We have recently concluded several rounds of pre-negotiation meetings with employers working under the Tech Engineering Master Agreement and have had our first meeting with Bay and North Coun- ties Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association, Inc. Additional meetings are scheduled.

At the request of Dale Marr, the Tech Reps assisted the full Negotiating Team in facts and arguments concerning the Technical Engineer provisions in the Associated General Contractor's Master Agreement.

Not too many months ago CAL-TRANS termi- nated the employment of a large number of em- ployees and thereby increased the number of unemployed in the already depressed private enterprise engineering, surveying and related occupations. Many of the CAL-TRANS employees are Registered Engineers or Licensed Land Surveyors.

Within the structure of CAL-TRANS the Registered and Licensed employees have worked diligently and somewhat successfully to place registration and licensure requirements on many previously technical classifications in order to protect their job opportunities within the state governmental organization.

As part of that effort, certain changes to the regulations of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers were made. Those changes affect all engineers and surveyors both in and out of government.

The changes affect not only employees who have collective bargaining agreements with Local No. 3, but can vitally affect every Journeyman Chief of Party and aspiring Chief of Party who is cur- rently employed by private enterprise employers.

Boiled down to the simplest terms the question is: Does "respon- sible charge" mean hiring competent persons, directing their work, applying adequate checks and balances to the work and then certifying that work by affixing the Registration or License Seal?

Does "responsible charge" mean that only a Registered Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor can perform the work?

The new Section 404.1 of the Regulations appears to indicate that every survey party would be required to contain one Registered Engi- neer or Licensed Land Surveyor or at the very least, perhaps, have one stand-by to personally observe the survey crew's every move.

As stupid as this may seem it is now a part of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the California Administrative Code (Section 404.1). The California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors is opposing the new regulation and it is our understanding that the Council is preparing a lawsuit in an attempt to redefine "responsible charge" as it is imposed by the new regulation.

In addition, Ed Park, the Union's Legislative Advocate in Sacra- mento, is working on the project at the present time.

Over 200 Operating Engineer Local Union No. 3 Tech Engineer members have viewed the Roadway Safety presentation prepared for the Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee by the staff of the Local Union No. 3 Public Relations Department. In addition, the presentation has been shown at the annual meeting of the Bay Counties Employer Association, three of its chapters and the presidents of all the chapters of the California Council of Civil Engi- neers and Land Surveyors. Inquiries from other entities desiring a showing will be considered by the N. C. S. J. A. C. at its next meeting.

"This first production is not a Cecil B. DeMille extravagana it was produced as a simple reminder to: DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, BUT BE CAREFUL!"

Reaction, thus far, has been accepting and there have been many comments that future presentations covering other phases of surveyor safety could be productive. Consequently, it will be recommended to the N. C. S. J. A. C. that another segment of Safety for the surveyor be implemented. Most suggestions, thus far, tend toward a presenta- tion revolving around the use of tools and the hazards of working around heavy equipment.

The collective bargaining process has begun and, yes, Apprentice- ship is an integral part of the discussions. Both Union and Manage- ment will be applying several years of experience to the needs and desires concerning training of both new entrants and experienced Journeymen who are broadening their skills.

It would be well for all trainees to respond to the call for the ratifi- cation meetings when negotiations have been completed.

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the Trust are in the process of making accommodations for Apprentices hired under the provisions of Labor Code Section 1775.3.

All public works jobs now contain requirements for a contractor to hire Apprentices in the ratio of 1-5. Even when not required by a collect- ive bargaining agreement to make contributions to a training fund, the public works contract will make such a requirement.

The amended law should provide more job opportunities for Appren- tices and more revenue to operate the expanded Training Program.

More From Utah

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All the concrete treated base and curbing aggregate will be made at White Hills.

Flaming Gorge Dam

According to Daupherty, Osberg Construction Company from Se- attle, Washington is the low bid and will get started this month on a four and a half million dollar water duct system at Flaming Gorge Dam. The pur- pose of this project is to regulate the water temperature that flows into the Green River. The fish in the Green will not spawn as they will migrate to the Colorado River and out of Utah unless the water tem- perature is regulated. This water duct sys- tem will require hard hat divers who will be working 220 feet deep in the lake.

James Reed & Company has started both of their projects in Daniels' Canyon. The total of both projects is approximately four and one half million dollars. This job will be a combination of both scrapers and trucks. The Com- pany should employ approximately 30 Operators.

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By ART PENNEBAKER
Administrator,
Surveyors' JAC

ADDITION: UNION MEETINGS

USING THE NEW 3810 Total Station, Chief of Party Bob Bryant (left on upper picture) and soils technician Jim Pierce work on a subdivision in the San Ramon area. Above, Bob Kingman (left) and Jack Horn are pictured at a housing development in Rodeo. AFTER 29 YEARS OF work (side picture), steward Jim Wilson (left) is retiring from his job with Pittsburg Testing Laboratories. He is pictured with technician Roy Denny (right).
The Oakland Work Picture (Continued from Page 11)

This was done to take advantage of the crude dirt in the culverts as they dried out this summer, Monroe says. This extra shift should last for about 5 to 6 weeks.

Oliver DeSilva has the major dirt moving out at Citation Homes, Rodeo. He also got all the easy dirt in the 2nd phase and left the rock for "Oliver" so we will see how it works out.

Housing Contracts

Business Rep. Buford Barks reports that housing tracts and commercial developments are "looking up all over the place."

Union City, Newark and Fremont have from 5 to 50 lots and footings staked out and graded for single family and apartment complexes underway, and the builders tell me that they are being sold at the first showing of model homes as soon as from the 1st unit showing," says Barks.

The gravel plants are holding up to a 5 day workweek.

Central Contra Costa

In Central Contra Costa, Business Rep. Dewart Markham reports that the dirt crews have "kicked it up a notch or two."

Lamal Enterprises is moving it at Montivadao, San Ramon — about $50,000 yards here. "They also bought some new iron, so it having our first bargaining session with Alcan Metal Powders."

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We have reached agreement with Tilden Park Golf Course after a few days," Butler says, "and these brothers are now back to work."

"We have reached agreement with San Ramon Golf and will soon be entering negotiations with Round Hill Country Club and Diablo Country Club."

"In the next few days we will be having on a continuing session with Alcan Metal Powders. This is always a tough one," says Butler, "but we are looking forward to getting a good agreement for these brothers."

Don't Let Carbon Monoxide Spoil Your Vacation — For Good

WITH SAFETY IN MIND

By JERRY MARTIN, Director of Safety

Now that most of an month has maintained a position of keeping ourselves safe and healthy all these months and months; at work, at home, and yes, at play; don't blow it in these next few months.

Jerry Martin says, "Most of us are aware of the pitfalls where serious injury and even death can overtake us while we vacation; the boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, skin diving, water skiing, etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. to name a few. As a matter of fact some of our families have made formal plans on the do's and don'ts of all phases of their vacation so they'll be enjoying themselves to the fullest and leave us. This bodes us hearty AND SAFELY.

Yes, if we can see, feel, taste or smell a hazard or warning signal, we can more generally figure out a way to handle these situations. But what do you do when there is a silent KILLER nearby, as a matter of fact, right in the very midst of your families and friends? And cannot you see, feel, taste or smell this KILLER?"

Several years ago there was a report of three safety experts who had gone camping and fishing and all three of them lost their lives. It seems the camping cabin was well provided for and these three Safety Experts made all the precautions of how to provide for a fun trip and within the guidelines of total safety. Their one and only total mistake was the fact that they ALL gave little attention to the propane refrigerator located in the cabin and the CARBON MONOXIDE gas given off put them in the deepest sleep of all—DEATH. There have been innumerable persons killed by carbon monoxide from various types of portable camping equipment, including grills, heaters, stoves and lanterns.

Many deaths have occurred in campers, trailers, automobiles, boats (with cabins) and other waterproofed tents. In fact, any enclosure that will allow carbon monoxide to accumulate is a deadly, deadly place to be. Most deaths have been attributed to a propane or butane heater. But any type of fuel-burning device poses a potential threat. One reported case of two children were killed in a pickup camper after they fell asleep while reading in bed by the light of a propane lantern. In one case the pickup camper unit itself was the problem. Three children were riding in the back while the parents were up front in the cab — a very dangerous practice. Careful supervision of the campers from the exhaust system and the kids fell asleep. Luckily their father had to stop and gas up and found the kids only unconscious.

Any form of combustion will produce some carbon monoxide but the concentrations usually don't become dangerous unless there is an improper mixture of air and fuel, insufficient ventilation of combustion gases and not enough fresh air intake.

Most of these camping devices include a printed warning, "USE ONLY WITH ADEQUATE VENTILATION." But in many cases it may be utterly impossible to get adequate ventilation in a small camper. And there's no way you can be sure until it's too late. In one reported case, the victims had opened the roof vents and the side vents of their camper, yet they still died. A little carbon monoxide goes a long way. It's absolutely dangerous, even in small concentrations because it's absorbed into the blood — very similar — but much more readily than oxygen. The chemical reaction of what actually takes place is that the homoglobin (the red coloring matter of the red corpuscles which carries oxygen from the lungs to the body tissues, and carbon dioxide from the tissues to the lungs) in the blood grapes into the carbon monoxide and ignores the oxygen. To put it very simply, without oxygen you're dead.

Air with a concentration of only .01 per cent carbon monoxide will give you a headache in an hour or two, but once you go to sleep, you've had it. You'll never wake up against the basic principles.

Sleeping bags or wool blankets are the best way to sleep in the chill air of camping. It's just not worth the risk to use any type of portable heating device while you sleep, and this includes charcoal hubbard's or barbecue cookers.

These are some of the disasters we learn about, and believe me, I'd be derelict of my duty if I didn't pass this information along to all of you. You may even call this information to the attention of your neighbors and friends. Please have a safe vacation.
San Jose
Reports On Members
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Jose (formerly Warner Yates), J. T. Lift Truck, Calstone, Peninsula Building Materials, etc. By the time this article reaches the press, we will have had pre-negotiation meetings with both the members and companies involved. We are very optimistic that everything will go along just fine.

Fleckstein was recently nominated as a Treasurer for the Santa Clara County Council on Apprenticeship and Training "SUCAT", which is made up of both Labor and Management Committees. As treasurer, he actively participated in the planning of a recent meeting of the California Apprenticeship Council which turned out to be very successful, he said.

Business Rep. Don Incandonna reports that three brother engineers working for Fairley Construction in San Jose have 91 years of service between them. John Bell, a 36 year member, was born in Los Gatos in 1922. John joined the Union in 1942 and went to work for Permanente. In late 1942 he joined the army and served 3 years as a maintenance sergeant in a flank battalion. After John was discharged he went back to work for Permanente, then he quit to get married, after his honeymoon, John went to work for Earl W. Heiple in charge of a pipe laying crew for 28 years. Finally Heiple was out of business. John then went to work for E. T. Haas which is now Fairley Construction.

D. C. (Doc) Rosenauer was born in 1921 in Southern Oregon. He started in construction in 1922 as a Laborer and that year he was initiated into Local No. 3 and he went to work for E. T. Haas where he took advantage of his training he received in the Army Engineers. Doc worked as a mechanic, Operator Foreman and a job superintendent until 1963 when he went back to work for Frank Sanzalco in Belmont until 1966. He went back to work for E. T. Haas Co. (now Fairley Const.) and he is now employed as a shop foreman.

John Kapetanich (Kap) was born in Leuc, South of a gold mining town. Being the youngest of five children of a widowed mother, he went to work for the Home Stake Mining Co. for three years at $6.32 per day.

"Kap" quit and went to Butler.

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Departed Brothers

Dear Dale:

Just a note to say hello and congratulations on the election. Man, you don't know how much I miss Local 3 and my friends at home. Even in supervision we have backing there, but here it's frustrating as hell to have top operators and not be able to get the conditions for them that even the kids and newcomers in Local 3 take for granted.

You tell my brothers in Local 3 to thank their lucky stars that they have people like yourself, Huxton, Mayfield and the rest of your officers working for them. Amen, enough preaching. But honest to God Dale, when I got here I expected about what I had in Guatemala. Some of my hands had run into people others had Local 3 decals on their hardhats easier—I don't know who they were but I'm sure proud of them.

My general foreman and four or five officers working for them. Amen, enough preaching. But honest to God Dale, when I got here I expected about what I had in Guatemala. Some of my hands had run into people others had Local 3 decals on their hardhats easier—I don't know who they were but I'm sure proud of them.

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No matter where you may be on the "Out of Work!" list check your receiver at least once a week prior to the sixty-fifth day. If you don't—you will be in for some very disquieting news.

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