Caltrans unveils largest five year spending plan — $10.2 billion program

Deeming it the "largest transportation spending plan in California history," State Transportation Director Adriana Gianturco this month unveiled the department's $10.2 billion, five-year transportation program.

The new Caltrans program, which covers the period from fiscal year 1982-83 through 1986-87, is nearly $3 billion larger than the last comparable proposal which was prepared in 1980.

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The highway portion of the program reflects Caltrans' commitment to utilizing land and its contribution to the American transportation system. The Department"s proposal estimates new facilities was up dramatically over previous years, expenditures for the Department's administration and operation would actually decline. "We are recommending that $769 million be combined with the limits on the program imposed by complying with the first set of guidelines, have made it impossible for us to put as many resources into maintenance and rehabilitation as the guidelines would suggest."

The Department's proposal estimates it will have some $9.72 billion to spend from the state highway account over the next five years — up almost $2.88 billion over 1980. In addition to new state revenues generated by SB 215, Gianturco noted that California expects to receive $1.205 billion more in federal funds for the 1982 program than it did for the 1980 five-year program.

In her comments to the press Gianturco explained that while spending for new facilities was up dramatically over previous years, expenditures for the Department's administration and operation would actually decline. "We are recommending that $769 million be allocated to Caltrans as the result of the passage of SB 215 last year and the Federal highway dollars that we expect will be allocated to California," Gianturco explained.

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By DALE MARR, Business Manager

EDITORS NOTE: Below are excerpts of a speech given by Dale Marr on the Peripheral Canal at a luncheon meeting in July, 1980, at the San Francisco Fairmont Hotel.

In California, when you talk about water, you talk about politics. The two have been inseparably connected since the first barge of gold-seekers in 1849 turned from panning for gold to plowing the land. And so, even though I have been asked to speak for a few minutes about the Peripheral Canal, and what its effect will be on California’s water program, what I will also be addressing is the role politics will play in this great venture.

Politics is the art of compromise—the art of taking a disparate set of interests to an acceptable place. It is an area where there can be no perfect solutions. It is the area between the hill and the valley. But, despite the differences that exist, agriculture and commerce, conservation and cities, big business and labor, there is something that binds us all together. It is the people who create the nation’s goods and services. It is the people who are bound by contracts to deliver those goods and services.

One of the white-collar union occupations which is disproportionately over-represented, is White collar teachers and nurses. Workers who face the production craft and trades, who produce and transport goods. People who create the nation’s goods are above statements tend to cover the key issue most of the time. These views were expressed through the selection of inter- nal and external monitors. The monitors found that workers’ need are met.

The most frequent reports of union issues came into being, approved by a vote of the people. The Peripheral Canal is not needed. The Canal will save Delta water. The Canal will cost $800 million—1 billion. The Canal costs will be paid by the taxpayers. The San Joaquin Valley and Northern California will dry up. The Delta is a national heritage. The Canal will not save the Delta. The Canal will wind up the Delta. The Peripheral Canal is not needed. It is an environmental and water supply necessity. The Peripheral Canal is not funded. The Canal will save the Delta. The Canal will ruin the Delta. The Canal will save the Delta. The Peripheral Canal means more water for all the state. The Peripheral Canal will destroy the Delta.

One of the interesting and other contradictions that are evidenced in the Delta is the Delta-Delta Water Task Force recommendations. All purporting to be factual—and all evidently glaring contradictions provide a host of arguments on every conceivable issue. We hear that the Peripheral Canal is an environmental and water supply necessity. The Peripheral Canal can not be funded. The Canal will save the Delta. The Canal will ruin the Delta. The Canal will cost $800 million—1 billion.

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Utility Department water conservation projects. This opposition will concern the possible detrimental effects on the Bay of reduced flows. It is unfortunate that this opposition is not more directed toward the real problem that needs to be addressed—burgeoning urban areas will continue to use more water, thereby reducing the water available for the Delta.

Opposition from the farmers of the rich agricultural areas in the Delta is not a new phenomenon. They have been facing water problems even though the Canal would improve Delta water quality and provide against levee erosion and flood flows. A common theme in SB 200 opposition comments is similar: “Why is the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors trying to force us to do something we are not interested in doing? Why is the County Board of Supervisors trying to force us to do something we are not interested in doing?”

Sutter County supervisors have voted 4-0 to place a proposed joint project on the ballot--either as an advisory election to determine whether the county should pursue the matter or as a more detailed measure outlining a specific proposal.

Superior supervisors voted in October to help Yuba County build the project should it be approved. County supervisors voted in October to help Yuba County build the project should it be approved. This action was taken at the time the project was approved and was included in the resolution that approved the expenditure of $10.5 million for the construction of the Bridge.

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North coast work picture looks encouraging

The work picture on the North Coast for 1982 is far more encouraging than it has been for the last couple of years, reports Eureka District Representative Gene Lake. "Maybe the recession, depression, economic slump or whatever you wish to call it is beginning to subside."

At the present time there is over $26 million worth of work committed for the coming season. Of this figure only about 15% is for highway work.

"Considering the already poor condition of the North Coast highways prior to the heavy rainfall we have had so far this winter we should have a banner year foroverlay and maintenance work," Lake commented.

The largest CalTrans project in the district so far is the Elk River/Hwy 101 Interchange. This project located about a 1/2 mile south of Eureka on Highway 101 has been the scene of numerous accidents over the years. Low bidder for the project is Nally Enterprises of Rio Dell in the amount of $325,976.

Business Representative Jim Johnson reports that Coast Marine Construction of Coos Bay, Oregon is the low bidder on Contract II of the Eureka Waste-water project. This project calls for construction of the outfall line that will carry treated sewage from the treatment plant into the Humboldt Bay for discharge on outgoing tides. The price tag on this one is $185,000. Work is expected to get underway by April. Coast Marine is also doing some dock maintenance work on Humboldt Bay at the present time.

The low bidder for Contract III of the Eureka Wastewater project treatment plant is Brotherhood Construction Co., Eureka. Their bid is $1,721,000. The bids are under review at this time. Bidding on these projects has been very competitive. Another wastewater project contract was H. M. Byers of Reno, Nevada as the low bidder. This one is for the influent force main and access road in the amount of $405,627.

Now the press is blossoming with headlines, "ARE YOU BETTER OFF THAN YOU WERE A YEAR AGO?" The stories recite all the details about rising unemployment, poor people suffering cuts in food stamps and in medical assistance, the budget deficit, rising housing costs and in-home building under Reagan that in their spending years even Democrats have never been able to cure. Budget deficit, the attendant disaster in construction employment and about continued at-once double digit inflation, interest rates that keep people in buying cars or homes (if there are any) and about other depressing news like that.

Some people are going to carp no matter what. Anyone can focus on bad news and on all those people that are getting zapped and on the lousy shape of the economy.

But the fact is, just about a year after the Reagan administration took the reins, we are doing better off. That is, we are better off if we're wealthy: if we're all companies; if we're profitable firms buying up unprofitable firms' tax breaks plus a couple of "Fs." Congress gave the nation a priceless Christmas gift -- IT ADJOURNED!

Republicans departed among self-congratulations that they had spear-headed an "historic" conclusion on a new course, and that the Democrats had been "bad."

To a degree both were correct. Republicans, under Reagan's direction, did put the nation on a new course. They gave us recycled ideas from the Harding, Coolidge and Hoover administrations and thus this was a spanning-new notion for America. David Stockman's Office of Management and Budget now forecasts decreases of $109.1 billion for Fiscal 1982, $152.1 billion for Fiscal 1983, $162 billion for 1984. These expectations contrast grimly with Stockman's predictions last July of $354.3 billion for the same years of $42.3 billion, $52.7 billion and $44.2 billion, respectively.

Vocally—a change in the cumulative deficit from $39.4 to $42.4 billion. Of course, these figures can change, but the unmistakable trend is up. My heart goes out to all the people that were affected by the worst Northern California storm in memory. At least 46 confirmed deaths, some 539 people were reported injured and property damage approached $300 million for the duration of the storms. 6,023 homes were damaged and 439 destroyed, said Nels Rasmussen, Chief Administrative Officer of the California Office of Emergency Services.

Years from now, the homeless vigil of the Pacifica couple who waited through four days for rescue workers to uncover the bodies of their three children will summarize the flood of 1982. Those bereaved parents will represent the untold suffering of dozens of families with their own irreparable losses.

We can't help but feel the insensible damage of Bill Velez, who awoke in the middle of the night when a massive mudslide knocked him from his bed. The terrified man struggled through the mud, rocks and debris toward his 9 year old son's room, only to be met by a wall of debris at the boy's door. Bill Velez and his wife were forced to flee their house with their two dogs, helpless to reach the boy, or their 14 and 4-year-old daughters. Although they could hear the children crying for a time, the house from up the slope settled down on top of them. The Vel ez's and their neighbors were utterly helpless.

Their tragedy captured the attention of dozens of Bay Area residents who followed faithfully progress of rescue efforts. Volunteers and public workers dug through the remains of the two houses, using huge cranes to lift the wreckage of the overlying house. Only irrational hope and the urgent need to do something kept crews digging until at length they found the three small bodies.

"PLEASE, LET US ALL TAKE A MOMENT TO BOW OUR HEADS AND PRAY!"
Rigging Lines
By Bob Mayfield
Asst. Business Manager & Vice President

I'm somewhat pleased that at this writing, a number of happenings, hopefully for the good of us all, have occurred since last month which I will attempt to describe. For starters, the killer storms and rains that plagued Northern California for weeks in December, 1981 and January, 1982 have all departed. The area has been plowed over by three consecutive beautiful weeks (at this time with the temperatures soaring to the 60's and even 70's).

Believe it or not, even some iron and other rigs with Hands in the seat are making dust and the like. We need more of the same, for sure. Our good fortune and good weather has come, and the bad weather has been sent to the Rockies and points East, with what may prove to be the worst winter on record yet. I'm told that places in Utah, which is where a good work projection is likely, had temperatures plunging to as low as 40 degrees below zero. Needless to say, that is nice agreement and settlement on any pure wage increase in this short period. The negotiations were of a high level and on a no nonsense basis, by both parties (and in my opinion, on all such occasions should always be, but unfortunately are not). Both sides came to the table with the positive idea that an agreement was going to be reached with a fair and equitable economic package in mind.

The Union's idea of this goal and the Employers, most times are far apart, but this one proved not to be the case. After five days, agreement in total was reached. Highlights of the agreement includes: great strengthening in the hiring hall provisions, new pre-job conference language and added protection for those employees laid off, who were on the job which in this tough and dangerous business, happens more often than not. The Economics were also good.

The Driller Classification, in this two year agreement, received a $2.92 pure wage increase in this short period, not to mention Vacation, Health & Welfare, Pension and Retiree income with 6% interest. As a result, the classification will jump to $16.94 per hour, pure wage. Other Fringe Benefits, by August, 1983, will take this Classification's total Economic package to around $21.00 per hour.

Also, too helpful and qualified Business Agents, Frank Townley and Ray Morgan, are to be commended for their input and help prior and during active negotiations, and then in the ratification meetings that they conducted. Having completed the above statements, I strongly urge all Rank & File oilfield hands not to take for granted the above contract. It is now our duty and obligation for the industry's highest wage and fringe rates to be the most stable and protected.

Economic slump still plagues Nevada area

Work in Nevada has gone from bad to worse, reports District Representative Dale Beach. The downturn that began in August 1981 now has over 40% of the Nevada Operating Engineers on the out of work list and another 10% has either left the area or are working outside the trade.

If being out of work isn't bad enough, along comes more cuts with Washington and Nevada. It was recently announced the state will have to close one unemployment office in Reno which will mean laying off 51 people. This can only add to the hardships of those forced to live on unemployment compensation.

The bright spots are few, but here goes. Helms picked up $3.9 million job near Las Vegas and should be able to take a few Local No. 3 members with them. Aside from a few pieces of equipment at Airport Gardens, Helms has everything they own parked in the yard at Sparks.

Granite has been modifying their crusher operation with more production in mind. With any help from the weather, they should get started on the $1.5 million Longley Lane job this month. They are also planning to put a crusher on Rattlesnake Mountain to make rock for this project.

The mining industry seems to be the only thing Reagan hasn't been able to advance yet. We have over 600 members working in this sector and they are doing very well. Our contract with Tutor-Saliba-Mitry is due for negotiation in April so we have been holding pre-negotiation meetings. It took a 111-day strike three years ago to get a contract and we sure hope things will come a little easier this year.

Help! If any of you Engineers out there have any hobbies or personal interest stories you think might be of interest to your Brothers and Sisters, we would be more than happy to put them in this space next month.

By Bob Mayfield
Asst. Business Manager & Vice President

Japanese firm takes low bid on Baker project

Obichay-Gumi, Ltd., Los Angeles, was the successful bidder for the Bureau of Reclamation project to rehabilitate the Strawberry Tunnel Inlet of the Bonneville Unit, Central Basin Project. Business Representative Rex Daugherty, Obichay-Gumi, Ltd., submitted the lowest bid of $11,284,190, nearly $5 million under the Bureau's estimated cost of $16,303,487.

The work, located 23 miles east of Heber City, Utah, consists of constructing a new tunnel inlet, generator pads, and other water facilities and connecting tunnel inlet structures.

At the present time, Tutor-Saliba-Mitry, Encino, California, has the subcontract for excavation to the portal. This portion of the job should be completed this month and we expect to start dispatching men to Obichay-Gumi about the same time.

Tutor-Saliba-Mitry will move their operations to the Upper Stillwater Dam, located about 40 miles northwest of Duchesne, as they have been awarded the contract for excavation of the foundation for the Upper Stillwater Dam. Tutor-Saliba-Mitry Company's winning bid of $5,854,000 was 34 percent below the Government's estimated cost of $8,911,350.

Upper Stillwater Dam is part of the Bonneville Unit's Strawberry Collection System which will transport water from Utah's Uinta Basin to the Bonneville Salt Lake. Upper Stillwater Reservoir, created by the dam, will serve as an equalizing reservoir and will provide recreational opportunities.

The dam is designed to be constructed of rolled-concrete concrete. The new process combines the best properties of an earthfill and a concrete dam. This will be the second dam in the United States to be constructed of rolled compacted concrete.

The Current Creek Pipeline, which will carry water from Upper Stillwater Reservoir Reservoir, has been completed. The contract for the Current Creek Dam and Pipeline was let in 1974 to S. J. Groves & Sons Company.

Both the dam and the pipeline were finished in 1977, but when the pipeline was tested, leakage developed and so it was drained. Finally the Bureau of Reclamation and the contractor developed a solution to the problem. A welded steel liner was inserted inside the original pipeline, using a concrete mixture behind the liner to take up the space.

Asst. District Rep. Don Strate reports that the work in the Salt Lake Lake area has about come to a standstill. In early January we had from eight inches of snow in the valley to four feet in the mountains.

"The ski resorts are reporting about 15 feet of snow and we haven't seen the heavy snowfall months yet, Strate comments. "We have about 250 on our out-of-work list at present and we expect that figure to grow before the March 1st strike.

All is not doomed, however, The Utah Department of Transportation has a long list of highway jobs slated to be bid next month. By Bob Mayfield
Asst. Business Manager & Vice President

News of idle heavy equipment at Robert L. Helms construction yard provide testimony of the high unemployment in the industry.

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This article will be of importance to ALL Engineers, and especially to those Engineers who are retired or thinking about retirement.

Each year there is an increasing number of deaths, with ever increasing problems on the processing of claims for payment. Too many of the Death benefit claims being processed today must be left to the decision of parties other than the immediate family. WHY? Because members have overlooked changing their Designation of Beneficiary card with the Union.

Over the years you have exercised your rights, changed your marital status and signed your name to many documents... but you may have neglected to UP-DATE your Designation of Beneficiary card.

Possibly you are not aware of some known facts: a beneficiary card, completed by you some 15 or 20 years ago, wherein you had named a previous wife, friend, etc. and exchanged, since you remarried, in a matter of grave concern. Now years later, WHO will receive the benefit?

The Local 3 and International Death Benefits would revert to "Who shall be Beneficiaries" as indicated in the "By-Laws" and "Constitution" wherein these specific benefits are payable to the "Next of Kin".

However, the Life Insurance and or Pension benefits will be payable to:

(1) the named Beneficiary, currently on file,
(2) left to the decision of a Board of Counselors, OR
(3) the named Beneficiary, in the event the family, unable to reach an agreement and settling a decision to be made by "impartial parties", as to whom they believe should be the recipient of ALL benefits. If and when it reached this point, the Local 3 and International Death Benefits are also included in the final decision by the courts on dispossession of all eligible benefits.

It bolds down to this... but you have a current Designation of Beneficiary card on file, a choice which should have been yours... you might be left to others with a possibility of the monies involved being split several different ways and a large portion allocated towards attorney fees and court costs. You are the only one who knows for certain what your wishes are. And you and alone, as a Member of Local 3, can take the guess work out of WHO is your Beneficiary? The importance of having a current designation of beneficiary card on file has been stressed at various Membership meetings over the past few years, with a tremendous response. If you have not updated your Beneficiary card, please do so. Inquiries and new beneficiary cards should be directed to the San Francisco office, either by telephone (415) 431-1658, or in writing to the Operating Engineers Local 3, P.O. Box 5412, San Francisco, California 94101, to the attention of Evelyn McClure. Effective January 1, 1981, the Death Benefit was increased from $1,000.00 to $2,000.00. This Death Benefit is to assure the Member of a proper burial.

SHIRKING THE FEDERAL DUTY... The President's outrageous proposal to turn over a vast area of federal responsibility to the states must not go unchallenged or unexplained.

A White House official was close to the mark when he spoke of the proposal as "Reagan revolution," although counter-revolution might have been a more apt phrase. Certainly, such a drastic realignment of federal and state responsibilities described in the canned description than the President gave in his State of the Union address.

If his plan is enacted, Mr. Reagan said, "by 1988, the states will be in control of over 40 federal grant programs." Thus, "in a single stroke...we ensure that these programs will be more responsive to the people who pay for them."

What programs, well, as a starter, the White House listing included: elderly welfare assistance and food stamps, an assortment of health, child nutrition and social service grants, vocational rehabilitation, job training, mass transit assistance, sewer construction grants and low-income energy assistance.

In the same way, many more included, and the White House says it will be seven months before the specifics of the plan are worked out.

The bottom line, though, is that there would be absolutely no obligation for the states to continue any of these programs, which are set up to meet the needs of poor... they could leave the poor to the strained resources of private charity or re-arrange the county poorhouse if they so wish.

During a phaseout period, states could tap a federal trust fund to finance the programs or use the available money for any other purpose.

But the phaseout, however, there would be no more trust fund. Any thing the states wanted to do to continue or replace the federally-funded programs would have to be funded by new taxes voted by state legislatures.

The Reagan people make a big thing of the fact that the federal government would drop most of the excise taxes it now imposes, thus opening up a new revenue source for the state. However, the states would not have to impose state excise taxes to replace the federal levy. And even if they chose to do so, this would be no answer to the problem of the loss of federal revenue.

Since voting new taxes is no more popular among state legislators than among members of Congress, it's safe to assume that most federal funded programs turned over to the state would be abandoned or starved of resources. Again, the poorest states with the biggest problems would be the worst off.

That's where President Reagan's new federalism leads, and it will be a tragedy if Congress takes the nation down that path.

President Reagan stepped through the looking glass to deliver his recent State of the Union message.

All of the nation's problems, he said, date back to the Great Depression 70 years preceding his arrival in the White House. During 16 of which he neglected to say the country was led by GOP Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford.

His policies have lowered interest rates, he said, and home ownership soared over another. Based on factors normally used in awarding academic scholarships, the University Scholarship Selection Committee will submit to the Local 3 Board recommendations for finalists. The list of potential winners and their qualifications will be reviewed and studied by the Executive Board and the scholarship winners selected.

Scholarship winners will be announced as soon as possible, probably in either May or June, and the checks will be deposited in each winning student's name at the college or university he plans to attend.

INSTRUCTIONS:
All of the following items must be received by MARCH 1, 1982:
1. The Application—to be filled out and returned by the Applicant.
2. Report on Applicant and Transcript—to be filled out by the high school principal or person he designates and returned directly to Local No. 3 by the officer completing it.
3. Letters of Recommendation—every Applicant should submit one to three letters of recommendation giving information about his character and ability. These may be from teachers, community leaders, family friends or others who know the Applicant. These may be submitted with the application, or sent directly by the writers to Local No. 3.
4. Photograph—A recent photograph, preferably 2 inches by 3 inches, with the Applicant’s name written on the back. (Photo should be clear enough to reproduce in the Engineers News.)

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

James R. Ivy
Recording- Corresponding Secretary
Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
520 Valencia Street
San Francisco, California 94103
or to College Scholarships at the address shown above.
Caltrans takes tentative step on construction of Fresno interchange

The California Department of Trans-
portation took a tentative step in a series of actions that could lead to the con-
struction of a long proposed interchange on Highway 399 at Barstow Avenue.

A meeting was held in Tulare where the District Representative Claude Odom
spoke to the department about the project.

The project, if approved, would cost $2.6 million, as required by state and federal law.

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The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation has awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons Co. (Con-
cord, a $64,149 million contract to rebuild a section of the inside face of San Luis Dam which was damaged by a slide last September.

The bureau did not reveal the range of bids submitted from a dozen of the biggest construction firms around because it was not actually bids, but more a negotiated contract. Repairs have begun on the slide area, now more than twenty acres. Rebuilding the dam would prevent filling the 2.1 million acre foot San Luis Reservoir with sediment.

When the slide was discovered Sep-
tember 14, the reservoir was filled to 415 feet above sea level, about 120,000 cubic yards of the embank-
ment would be 300 feet wide at its center line and flooding of the San Luis Reservoir. The repairs will be con-
struction of a buttressing berm 1,800 feet along the inside toe of the dam. The embankment will be moved to a new location and tapered in width towards the ends.

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This means that Operating Engineers and their Spouses nearing age 65 who do not file for Social Security retirement benefits must apply for Medicare coverage within 7 months before age 65 and three after in order to get coverage. Anyone who fails to apply during that time must wait until January 1, of the next year to apply and they must pay an additional 10% per year for Part B premiums.

For example: If you become age 65 on January 1, 1982, have not established eligibility for Social Security retirement benefits, and fail to enroll for Medicare coverage during the seven-month initial enrollment period, starting October 1, 1981 and ending with April 1982, you will have to wait until January, 1983, to apply. Your coverage will then begin on July 1, 1983. During the seven-month initial enrollment period, Part B premium will be $12.10 instead of $11.00. MEDICARE IS IMPORTANT

Medicare is a health insurance program for workers age 65 and older and those permanently disabled under age 65. Medicare insurance has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage (after certain deductibles) and Part B, which provides medical coverage (after certain deductibles). Medicare usually does not pay the full cost of covered services.

A dollar for dollar, Medicare is still one of the best bargains in health insurance today. Once enrolled, those covered under Medicare receive Part B. If you fail to enroll for Medicare in time, Part B coverage requires a monthly premium, currently $11.00 per person.

Operating Engineers Plans

The operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plans are set up so that benefits must be coordinated with Social Security retirement benefits. This means that Local 3 members and their spouses who are eligible must enroll for Medicare in order to avoid losing any protection from the Plan.

On the first day of the month in which the individual becomes eligible for Medicare, the benefits payable under Medicare must be deducted from the regular benefits payable under Operating Engineers Plans. In turn, the Operating Engineers Plans pick up covered charges not paid by Medicare including deductibles.

Operating Engineers and their spouses nearing age 65 who are not eligible for Social Security retirement benefits must apply for Medicare coverage. This is usually done by completing an enrollment form and submitting it to the Fringe Benefit Office. If the same guy works 30 years he will receive $516,000.00 during his lifetime. If the same guy works 35 years he will receive $607,500.00 during his lifetime. If the same guy works 40 years he will receive $912,000.00 during his lifetime.

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With Safety in Mind

Kaiser Sand & Gravel Co.

By JACK SHORT, Director of Safety

Kaiser Sand & Gravel Company's Felton plant has indeed established an outstanding safety performance record over the past few years. Plant Manager, Bill Berger, credits the achieved safety record to the quality of working relationships and working conditions maintained at the plant.

The Felton plant currently employs 15 union employees and 6 company employees who work well together to maintain their safety record. The most recent lost time injury occurred in August of 1978 when a Heavy Duty Mechanic slipped and fell, straining his lower back, which resulted in 3 work days lost. Since that time there have been 123,395 man hours worked without a lost time injury.

Each individual at the Felton plant realizes that safety is, in fact, an important part of their job. And as the record indicates, this, along with others, is a part of their job that is done exceptionally well. Congratulations, Felton plant!

Shown in this picture are the following men, whose combined years of experience amount to 228 years:


The members of District 10 have been blessed with over a week of sunshine since our last major storm. Many of our streets were under water, and snow closed the roads into The Geysers for several days. Needless to say work activity is still pretty slow in our area.

The general consensus is that the work picture for District 10 in 1982 should be about the same as last year. Since it appears we will have a bit of a slow year, District Representative Paul Wise is sad to report that the no-growthers have shot down the Frates Ranch Project. The proposed project would have transformed 381 acres of marginal producing hay land into 581 acres of marginal producing hay land into a campus-style industrial park and a 27 hole golf course. This attractive mix of recreation, industry, and housing would have enhanced our life style and strengthened our economy. "It is unfortunate that our area will miss the benefits that this well thought out project would have provided," Wise said.

"If our area is to prosper and have a healthy economy and lots of jobs, then we need growth," Wise continued. "The high interest rates of the past two years have put a lot of housing development. It's pity the no-growthers stopped the Frates Ranch project when it already had the necessary financing. We could have used the jobs and hopefully all of us would have liked to have a stronger local economy."

"Strong progress is apparently more important to the no-growthers than to have a strong local economy," he added. The no-growthers are a minority, but they are organized and they VOTE. If in excavation and trench cave-ins in to check with local utilitjes to deter-...
Redding work picture continues unchanged

The work picture in the Redding District does not look like it will be any better in 1982, than it was in 1981. Redding business are looking for encouraging words for the Brothers in this District who have just experienced one of the worst years as far as work is concerned. Ordinarily we would tell you of the many jobs to be let or scheduled to be let in the District, however, at this time there are not many to talk about and may have been several small number to small size jobs advertised for this season. We do not believe that the Job opportunities for us are to get all our men off the "Out of Work" list and start to work this year. Some of the brothers in the Redding District have been on the "Out of Work" list since late 1980, and early 1981. These are the brothers who have been unemployed benefits and are not even counted by the Government as being unemployed.

In an address to the members at the Semi Annual meeting in San Francisco on 1/9/82, Business Manager Dave Marr stated — Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United States of America by less than 60% of the people eligible to vote. In other words, Brothers, more than 30% of the people of the United States have been eligible to vote today, and they did not register or did not vote if they did register.

If you are not registered - go do it now and when the time comes to vote, consider very seriously and very carefully the recommendations of your Union, the State Federation of Labor, your local Building and Construction Trades Council and your family.

Your entire future hinges on Labor's ability to get the votes for those people who are sympathetic to the needs of the masses.

You and I are the masses. If we were successful in getting the other people to get out and vote we would not be looking at the distinct possibility of Social Security and Medicare being drastically reduced, at the probability of Davis-Bacon Act being weakened, revenue sharing to public agencies being reduced or abolished, school lunches being dropped, etc.

The list of things (bad) that can happen practically is almost endless and we can't prevent them from happening without supporting those candidates who support the laboring classes.

Talking to Techs

It would be a wonderful life if an Apprenticed had only to acquire a little education, get a bit of experience, and be set for life in an interesting and highly paid occupation. It appears that surviving in the world requires something more than just being able to do the job when the job becomes available. It requires, in addition, a lot of personal activity and awareness after the learning phase and during the working phase to keep the money rolling in.

In this country we have a representative form of government. That means we get to cast a vote for a person who will ultimately make decisions that we will live with. That person will either make decisions that are helpful or harmful. While spending three or four months meticulously studying and intensely gaining experience in order to insure steady job opportunities, it often seems that governmental representatives who decide if indeed job opportunities will exist are voted for with little or no knowledge of what their decisions will be.

Work is slow — really slow! The bad weather is here and the interest rates are high due to tight money. "Ronnie" is doing away with all kinds of federal agencies and federal funding, telling the states that they are just as bad as we have to take care of ourselves. A few states are already broke and many are on their way to the same demise. Thank God our union and other unions have labor leaders to stand up and fight against Ronnie's adverse philosophies.

BUILDING TRADES JAMBOREE

There will be a Building Trades Jamboree in San Jose on June 5, 1982 at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds. Your local union will have on display, for all crafts and their families, to see first hand, the various types of sophisticated survey equipment and many different types of heavy equipment used in the field. There will be demonstrations among the many crafts including arm wrestling, tug-of-war, etc. Along with booth displays of the various crafts, there will be an area for children, with games geared toward their age. Accommodations there will be beer, soft drinks, snacks and music.

One of the highlights of the Jamboree will be two shows by Merle Haggard and the Strangers. Ronnie's adverse philosophies. The Jamboree is to bring all Building Crafts Trades and families together to create a better solidarity among all the members of the Building Trades Industry. More information on this event coming up in the next issue of "Talking to Techs."

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Be sure to reregister on the out of work list before your 90 days are up, so that your name will not be automatically deleted.

O R G A N I Z I N G

Over the past months your Tech Representatives have spent a lot of time organizing the non-unions surveyors and testing labs. These efforts are paying off with new contracts.

United States Testing is probably one of the largest testing labs in the United States, and through negotiations with their Western States Division, in Modesto, we now have the first contract with this company in California. This will bring in a few new members to Local 3, and also offer assistance for our Testing and Inspection Members. We welcome United States Testing and its members to our organization!

In the Bay Area most of our testing people are still working. For those few members who are not working, a reminder that if they are on days check-off with their last employer, they should be sure to check their dues status. This can be done by contacting your local union hall. This will prevent the possibility of going suspended.
SALINAS: Our condolences to the family and friends of Brother Ervin R. Millard of Salinas, whose son Rand Lee Millard died recently from injuries received in an auto accident. Rand was a graduate student at the University of California, Riverside, for the past six years. He attended Loyola and Washington Junior High Schools, and graduated from Lincoln High School. Rand was recognized in the 1976 edition of Whos Who and received a scholarship to UC Riverside. He was active in the University Christian Church and the rank of lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, and was Cadet of the Year in 1973.

Railroader of the Year and Dean of Science degree in microbiology in 1980 and was to receive his Master of Science degree in 1982. He has been working on controlling respiratory tract infections in cystic fibrosis patients. His work in that field was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1982. This project is based on his application for a grant to further the studies on cystic fibrosis patients.

FOR SALE: AUTOMATIC STORE-ARM & RACKLINE display, Lindsay. Ca. Phone 209/562-9407. Phone 6 p.m., 209/562-9407.

FOR SALE: SMITHE SAW Blade, 24" diameter, 10" wide, 15 hp motor. $1,950. Shipment available. Phone 209/562-9407.

FOR SALE: 240-AIRE VACUUM CLEANER, 1/2 hp, 90 psi, 50 foot hose, 2500 sq. ft. vacuum area. $250. Phone 209/562-9407.


FOR SALE: 1978 INTERNATIONAL BACKHOE, Digmore, Cab. 7,000 hrs., 6 ft. bucket, 30 GPM, 13100 lbs., $6,200. Phone 209/562-9407.


FOR SALE: 1978 YAMAHA MOTORCYCLE, 350 cc, automatic transmission, 10,000 miles, like new, $1,200. Phone 209/562-9407.


FOR SALE: 1970 CHEVROLET PUDDLEJUMPING, 10 ft. 112 inch, 305 cu. in., 6 cyl., automatic transmission, 35000 miles, $600. Phone 209/562-9407.


ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

March
3rd Salt Lake City: Engineers Bldg., 1958 W. N. Temple
4th Reno: Musicians Hall, 124 West Taylor
11th Santa Rosa: Veterans Bldg., 1351 Maple St.
18th San Jose: Labor Temple, 2102 Almaden Rd.

April
6th Eureka: Engineers Bldg., 2808 Broadway
7th Redding: Engineers Bldg., 100 Lake Blvd.
8th Yuba City: Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Arts/Crafts Bldg., 442 Franklin Rd.
15th San Mateo: Electricians Hall, 300-8th Ave
21st Hollister: Washington Intermediate School, 1630 So. King St.
22nd Hilo: Kapalani School, 966 Kilauea Ave.
23rd MAUI: Kahului Elementary School, 410 S. Hina Ave., Kahului

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Attn: M. Kelly, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, California 94103
Please send me: A Membership card for the Magic Kingdom Club

My name is: (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)
Address: (Street number & name, or box number)

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE Social Security Number

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Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 CREDIT UNION
P.O. Box 2082, Dublin, CA. 94566

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Detailed completion of this form will not only assure you of receiving your ENGINEERS NEWS each month, it will also assure you of receiving other important mail from your Local Union. Please fill out carefully and check closely before mailing.

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ELECTION COMMITTEE NOTICE

James R. Bivens, Recording Corresponding Secretary of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, announces that in conformity with Article XII, Section 3 Elections (a) of the Local Union By-Laws, elections will be held at the first regular district meeting in each district beginning in March for Members of the Election Committee which will conduct the elections of Officers and Executive Board Members in the month of August 1982.

Article XII, Section 3, Elections:
(a) The election of Officers and District Members of the Local Union Executive Board shall be held during the month of August by mail referendum vote of the Members of the Local Union under the supervision of the Election Committee and a national recognized firm of certified public accountants, selected by the Executive Board, with such other technical and legal assistance as may be provided.
(b) The election shall be conducted by a committee known as the Election Committee, composed of one (1) Member from each District in which nominations shall be made. The Members shall be nominated and elected by secret ballot at the regular quarterly or specially called District Meetings by vote of those Members present whose last known address, as shown on the records of the Local Union ten (10) days prior to the first such District Meeting in March preceding the election, was within the area covered by the District. Each nominee shall be a registered voter in the District in which he is nominated, shall have been a Member of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for one (1) year next preceding his nomination and election, and shall not be a candidate, or nominator of a candidate for any Office or Position.

The nominee for Committee Member in each District receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, and, in the event he is unable, or unwilling to serve, shall be replaced by the nominee with the next highest number of votes, and he, under the same circumstances, by the next highest, and so on, until the list of nominees is exhausted.

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MAY
8th Stockton: Engineers Bldg., 1916 No. Broadway
7th Richmond: Point Marina Inn, 915 W. Cutting Blvd.
11th Fresno: Laborer’s Hall, 2102 Almaden Rd.
18th Auburn: Auburn Recreation Center, 123 Recreation Drive