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Semi-Annual Meeting: Recording-Corresponding Secretary James "Red" Ivy has announced that the next semi-annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, July 10, 1982, at 1:00 p.m., at the Seafarers International Union Auditorium, 350 Fremont Street, San Francisco, CA.

Credit Union Meeting: The annual meeting of the Credit Union will be Saturday, July 10, 1982, immediately following the Local 3 Semi-Annual meeting at the Seafarers International Auditorium, 350 Fremont Street, San Francisco, CA.

Important Election Notice: An Official Election Notice concerning the nomination of officers, and the complete text of Article XII (Elections) of the Local Union Bylaws appear on pages 14 and 15 of this issue.

Prop. 9 will decide fate of Peripheral Canal

VOTERS TO DECIDE ON \$3 BILLION IN WATER PROJECTS

By James Earp
Managing Editor

There is one issue and one issue alone that ought to be reason enough for every Operating Engineer to vote in the Primary Election on June 8. That reason is Proposition 9, the Peripheral Canal referendum.

Not since the massive California Water Project was approved by the voters in 1960 has there been a referendum on the ballot that has such direct impact on the livelihoods of building and construction tradesmen. Simply put, the approval of Prop. 9 will lay the groundwork for over \$3 billion in water development projects over the next 10 years. And the vast majority of it belongs to Operating Engineers.

It doesn't take much imagination to realize just how many jobs that much work will provide. There probably isn't a veteran catskinner in Local 3 who hasn't brought home wages at some time in his career from working on a water development project. Water is the lifeblood of this state's economy and the dams and canals our members have built are the arteries that carry it.

Since 1960, building tradesmen have been the beneficiaries of over \$2 billion of construction on the California Water Project. That doesn't include the countless canals and other transport and storage systems that have been built by local water agencies to utilize the state system.

Passage of Prop. 9 would give green light to many other projects

The passage of Prop. 9 in June will give the stamp of approval not only for the Peripheral Canal, but a host of related facilities:

- Canal Projects. Passage of Prop. 9 would authorize feasibility studies for two facilities that would maximize the yield of the canal by allowing storage of water during peak flows. One is the Thomes-Newville Reservoir, a scaled-down version of the original Glenn Reservoir complex, and the other is the Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Contra Costa County.

- Delta Projects. To improve water quality and enhance the fisheries and wildlife of the Delta, the referendum would authorize the construction of facilities in the Suisun Marsh and the Delta itself.

- Groundwater storage projects. Prop. 9 would also give the green light to feasibility studies for the extension of the California Aqueduct and the use of groundwater storage basins throughout the state to "bank" water during peak flows.

The Peripheral Canal itself then, at a cost of roughly \$800 million, comprises only the third largest of the projects that Prop. 9 would authorize.

A tough fight ahead

Unfortunately, it does not look like clear sailing for the approval of the referendum. Water has always been the most controversial issue in the history

of the state. That is evident by the fact it took 10 years of constant wrangling in the state Legislature to arrive at the compromise legislation that is to be voted on in June.

The controversy over Prop. 9 has its roots in the original Burns-Porter Act, which contained authorization to build

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Brown slams Reagan economic policies at labor conference

Governor Brown sharply attacked Reagan Administration policies that have already weakened job safety, product liability, prevailing wage and unemployment insurance standards and called for "a new program in Washington" to bring down interest rates, enact a fair tax program, cut the deficit and develop national priorities to enable the U.S. to compete effectively in world trade in an address to organized labor's Joint Legislative Conference in Sacramento.

"Look at what's happened to housing! It's a disaster. Look at what's happened in auto's! It's another disaster. There's no national game plan other than cut taxes, raise interest rates and weaken the regulations," the Governor said in referring to President Reagan's policies.

Charging that the Reagan Administration is guilty of "mindless abdication of responsibility in leadership," Brown observed:

"In Japan labor and business and government are working together. In Germany they are working together. And they are competing. They've developed a strategy to go after TV or steel or autos and then they grab more and more of the market share.

In contrast, he asked:

"In our country, what do we have?"

"We have a tax program that gives gigantic tax relief but doesn't ask the company to reinvest in America. And what you're finding out is that a number of these tax breaks go off shore to combine with cheap labor to put you out of work.

"So not only are you losing the benefits of the labor standards, the clean air, the schools, the scholarships, the mass transit aid and all the things we've come to depend upon but it is being recycled through multinational corporations to Third World countries and cheap labor markets and coming back to put you out of work.

"And then when you want to get on unemployment insurance they tell you you can't collect unless you're willing to compete with undocumented workers.

"I think it's unfair, it's unworkable... it's unAmerican and I think we can change that in 1982," Brown declared.

Noting that the 30 percent rule under the Davis-Bacon Act has been removed in every state except California, The Governor declared that it's not going to be weakened in California "no matter what the Labor Department says in Washington."

In an address punctuated repeatedly by strong rounds of applause from

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A special report on the Helms project

Suspended in the middle of a 970-foot vertical shaft at the Helms hydroelectric project, Local 3 member Dick Coster gets ready to ride the man cage to the top. This month, *Engineers News* takes an in-depth look at the controversies and challenges surrounding this awesome underground project (see pages 9-11).



By DALE MARR, Business Manager

LOOKING AT LABOR

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In less than 500 days in office, President Reagan has exploded the myth that the Republican Party is good for business. Even Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan admits that "the country is in a mess." As for the working people of this nation, those who didn't know better than to vote for Reagan before, have certainly learned their lesson by now.

By virtually every yardstick, the economy is worse off now than when President Reagan took office. Here's his record:

- Real Gross National Product, measured in 1972 dollars (which is the standard) is down \$33 billion.
- The growth rate is down from 8.6% to a *minus* 3.9%.
- The industrial production index is down 10 points.
- Plant utilization is down to less than 72%.
- Business earnings are down. Housing starts are down. Auto sales are down. Steel industry, airlines, chemicals, forest products, mining and metals—down, down, down.

But not everything is down. Unemployment is up—way up. The national average is pushing hard to break the 10% mark, and in the construction industry, we passed that figure a long time ago.

Business failures are up 57%. The average mortgage rate is up. Interest rates are way up as everyone in the construction industry is well aware.

What makes the problem worse is that generally in a recession, the interest rates go down. This eventually helps to stimulate the economy once again. Not so under President Reagan's leadership. Money for building homes and expanding businesses is locked up tighter than a drum.

Despite the high interest rates, corporate borrowing is pyramiding, much as it did prior to the Great Depression—a possible sign that things are getting worse.

The only good news is that there has been a drop in inflation. But the facts are that inflation is down because there's an oil glut, because American farmers have produced bountiful crops and because Reaganomics is strangling the life out of American businesses.

And what is President Reagan doing to combat these intolerable trends? Well, let's just say that he has a lot of good intentions. But good intentions do not guarantee wise presidential leadership.

The President talks about tax avoidance, but he doesn't say what he's going to do about it. He talks about tuition credits, but leaders of Congress know such legislation won't pass at this time, because it would increase the already huge deficit.

He talks about high interest rates—but his deficits and tight money policies cause those high rates. He tries to take credit for the drop in inflation, but if he insists on doing that, he also better take credit for putting over 1.8 million people out of work in the last 12 months.

The harsh reality is that President Reagan is presiding over the decline of the American public. His actions and inactions have entered into the daily American experience; our lowered expectations, our doubts about our children's prospects, our willingness to accept pay freezes and cuts under the threat of losing our jobs entirely.

Fortunately, democracy has its own correctives. They are public opinion and elections. Those are our weapons. They don't destroy cities or devastate economies, but they can overturn the mighty.

It is time to stop listening to Reagan when he tells us that "prosperity is just around the corner." We have rounded more corners than we can count and it has only brought us into a rat's maze. It's time to break out.

On June 8, we have an opportunity to wield the weapon of democracy. We can't vote Reagan out of office—yet. But we can vote for Senators, Congressmen and state legislators who believe in the same things we do and who are willing to stand up and fight for working men and women and vote against Reaganomic legislation.

I urge every member of Local 3 to carefully study the candidates and issues he or she will be voting on. Read the special Primary election report in this issue and take it with you to the polls. Our vote and our freedom of speech are the best weapons we have to protect our own futures.

Legislative conference held in Sacramento

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some 500 trade union delegates representing California's 1.8 million AFL-CIO union members, Brown said:

"The Reagan economic policy is based on nothing more than tax breaks for the rich, high interest rates and economic bloodletting, a cure that's worse than the disease."

Asserting that "Herbert Hoover proved we can end inflation with a severe depression," Brown said:

"I hope Mr. Reagan won't try to prove the same proposition, that rising unemployment and widespread bankruptcies bring down the inflation rate to zero—that's what it was in 1933. We don't need that kind of economic doctrine. But it's all the Republicans have. They travel under the doctrine of anti-government, anti-regulation—but they want unbridled control of the market place."

The Governor also announced that his administration is developing a billion dollar package with the state pension funds and the state legislature to direct more money into construction and new industries that could create tens of thousands of new jobs.

"That is an economic policy that makes sense," he said.

In reference to his bid for the U.S. senate being vacated by S. I. Haya-kawa, Governor Brown noted that Reagan "compromised all the time" when he was governor of California because he had a Democratic state

Senate.

"So if you want to make Reagan a better president, you have to give him a Democratic Senate," Brown, who won the California AFL-CIO endorsement for the seat last month, declared.

In another rousing speech, Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr., stressed the need for a "Yes" vote in Propositions 10, 11 and 12, the reapportionment measures that have been upheld by both the state and U.S. Supreme Courts, and also attacked Reagan Administration high interest rate policies that have given the nation its worst depression in the housing industry in half a century.

He pointed out that California should be building 315,000 housing units a year but that, for the first time, housing construction in California was down to just 136,000 units.

He also said that the Assembly has taken a position in support of 27 pending California AFL-CIO-backed bills.

John F. Henning, the California AFL-CIO's executive officer, cited some of the major advances won by California workers during Brown's Administration in a spirited introduction of the Governor, including full unemployment disability coverage for pregnancy, free choice of doctors under workers' compensation, collective bargaining for all school employees and "the abused and maligned and exploited farm workers of this state."

"If he is elected to the United States Senate," Henning predicted, "he will have no truck with the belly crawling right wing Democrats of the south-eastern part of the United States."

Other speakers at the opening session of the conference included James S. Lee, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, and its lobbyist Paul Radford; Albin J. Gruhn, president of the California Labor Federation; and Assembly minority leader Bob Naylor.

Senate President Pro Tem David A. Roberti and Senate Minority leader William Campbell were unable to attend due to the press of Senate business.

Following a review by Henning of the current status of dozens of measures supported or opposed by labor, the delegates recessed and proceeded to contact their legislators to drive home the need for improvements in the state's unemployment insurance benefits program, actions to curb the hemorrhage of plant closures in California and require the licensing of so called labor-management consultants and other measures.

Another highlight of the conference was an afternoon workshop on plant closures which featured presentations by Assemblywoman Maxine Waters and Assemblyman Pat Johnston.

All day Tuesday was devoted to contacting legislators.

Hawaiian Senator selected to post on labor committee

Washington — Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga of Hawaii has been appointed to a Democratic vacancy on the Senate Labor & Human Resources Committee, and AFL-CIO Legislative Director Ray Denison said he will be "an excellent addition."

Matsunaga, who has served in the Senate since 1976 after 14 years in the House, has an 85 percent "right" voting record by AFL-CIO standards—putting him in the mainstream of Senate Democrats. He fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Harrison A. Williams (D-N.J.) earlier this year.

His appointment restores the committee ratio to 9 Republicans and 7 Democrats—an almost even division between conservative Republicans and a bipartisan moderate-to-liberal coalition.

The New Jersey Republican named to succeed Williams in the Senate, Nicholas F. Brady, was assigned to the Armed Services Committee and the Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee. In both cases, the committee ratios shifted to give the Republicans a 10-8 majority on Armed Service instead of 9-8 and 9-7 majority on Banking, up from 8-7.

The resignation of Williams also left a Democratic vacancy on the Banking Committee, which was filled by Sen. Jim Sasser of Tennessee.

PROJECT

Lahontan Dam modifications Get key approval from BuRec

Proposed modification for Lahontan Dam in west-central Nevada have been submitted to Congress for a 60-day review and oversight, Commissioner of Reclamation Robert N. Broadbent announced this month.

Lahontan Dam and Reservoir are major features of the Newlands Project, authorized in 1903 as one of the first Federal Reclamation projects. During the dam's 67 years of service, the spillway concrete has deteriorated, exposing reinforcing bars in the floor and walls of the spillway steps.

The proposed modifications would be made under provision of the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act in 1978, which authorized necessary modifications at existing Reclamation dams for safety purposes.

Techniques for determining maximum probable flood conditions have been greatly improved during the years since Lahontan Dam was designed and constructed. Engineering evaluation using the latest hydrologic data and state-of-the-art techniques indicates that the spillway could fail during releases well below those required if the current maximum probable flood were to occur.

Proposed modifications to ensure structural integrity of the dam and the spillway and safe passage of the maximum probable flood include:

- Placing overlaying concrete slabs on spillways, stilling basin, and outlet walls where deteriorated surfaces exist;
- Raising outside walls of both spillways to accommodate 34,000 cubic feet per second flows; and
- Placing backfill concrete around the penstock in the left outlet conduit.

Two construction seasons are expected to be required to complete the work at a total estimated cost of \$4.5 million.

As a partial and temporary measure, interim operating criteria have been instituted for Lahontan Reservoir to reduce the risk of dam failure. One of the criteria is to maintain a reservoir level which would give the dam the capability of accommodating 80,000 acre-feet of flood runoff from November 1 to March 1, the period of greatest flood danger.

When snow survey data indicated runoff conditions significantly above normal, like this year, the controlled reservoir level is lowered to provide protection against late springtime floods.

The 80,000 acre-feet flood control area is necessary to limit spillway flows to 4,000 cubic feet per second, the estimated safe capacity of the spillway, until the modifications are completed. The original design capacity of the spillway was 30,000 cubic feet per second.

Utah lets I-15 grading job

UTAH-Sixteen bidders went after a Utah Department of Transportation contract to prepare a highway section for paving, submitting bids ranging from \$7,404,960 to \$12,890,096. The low bid, submitted by Owl Constructors, Irvine, CA, was about two percent below the runner up, L. A. Young Sons Construction Co., Richfield, Utah, and undercut the engineer's estimate by 25%. All but five of the bids for the job came in under the engineer's \$9,836,962 estimate.

The winning firm will grade and install drainage structures on a 12.8 mile section of Interstate 15 in Juab County. The four-lane divided highway will eventually reach from Mills Junction to about four miles south of Nephi. Owl's contract calls for 4,050,000 cu. yd. of roadway excavation priced at 94 cents per cu. yd. and for 11,100 cu. yd. of ditch excavation priced at \$4 per cu. yd.

Stony Gorge Dam report sent to Congress

A report on proposed Safety of Dams modifications for Stony Gorge Dam, west Sacramento Valley, CA, has been submitted to Congress for 60-day review and oversight, Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Michael A. Catino announced last month. The modifications are required to enable the dam to safely accommodate reviewed design flood and maximum credible earthquake conditions. "The design flood for Stony Gorge Reservoir has been

revised using state-of-the-art techniques and more data than was available during original design of the dam in the 1920's," Catino said.

Under the new projections, the design flood would overtop the concrete dam and could cause dam failure by eroding unprotected foundation material at the downstream base of the structure. Accelerations from the maximum credible earthquake could overstress the concrete structure and subsequently cause its failure. Proposed modifications call for the placement of additional structural concrete to protect the dam foundation from erosion during overtopping and to strengthen the dam to safely withstand seismic forces. The estimated cost of the recommended plan, at \$6 million, is less than half the cost of two other alternatives discussed in the report. The alternatives involve increasing the dam's spillway capacity by building a gated spillway either north of the dam (at an estimated cost of \$13.2 million) or at the right abutment (at an estimated cost of \$13.6 million.)

Water agency pushes dam partnership

AUBURN-The Placer County Water Agency agreed tentatively this month that the water agencies and boards of supervisors in Placer and El Dorado counties should form a partnership to help finance and build Auburn Dam. Agency board members say they wanted to meet as soon as possible with representatives of the other boards to discuss details of a draft joint-powers agreement. The agency also agreed to retain Ebasco Services, Inc. of New York for a fiscal study of the dam project, as long as the other boards agreed to share the study's \$25,000 cost. The analysis would be due before the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's June 1 deadline for commitments from non-federal groups seeking a share in dam construction.

The draft proposal for an "American River Authority" makes no reference to Auburn Dam. The new joint-powers authority would have broad powers, including the right to build and operate dams, hydroelectric power plants and related projects on the American River between Folsom Reservoir and the Middle Fork project.

Bechtel tackles Diablo Canyon

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has hired Bechtel Power Corp., San Francisco, to act as project manager for the completion and licensing of the utility's beleaguered Diablo Canyon nuclear powerplant. Bechtel will take charge of restoring the company's suspended low-power license for unit 1, securing a full-power license for the plant, completing construction of unit 2, and providing start-up engineering and construction support to bring both units into commercial operation.

Road approvals accelerated

Ray Barnhart, chief of the Federal Highway Administration, is directing a major new effort to reduce regulations and create one-stop environmental reviews so that procedural delays for highway projects are greatly reduced. That comes on top of his clearing controversial projects for action and fighting for increased highway user taxes to boost expenditures. FHWA calculates that up through the Carter administration the average processing time for a project from conception to construction was more than seven years. Barnhart is moving to reduce that period in both regulatory and legislative ways. One reason for the effort is that the agency says the delays more than double the cost of a project before construction begins. FHWA has come up with 24 legislative proposals to eliminate duplication, especially in the area of environmental policy and review.

Council's redevelopment wish list

VACAVILLE-A multi-million dollar wish list to use city redevelopment funds has been sent to the Vacaville Planning Commission for comment by city councilmen. The city expects to collect \$200 million in property tax during the next 35 years within its 1,300-acre redevelopment district — but by the time fees and interest rates are paid, Vacaville should only have \$50-\$60 million to use on public works projects. Those projects, which will be given priorities by the City Council with the help of the Planning Commission and perhaps the Capital Improvements Committee, are expected to attract industry and commerce into Vacaville to pay for the public improvements. New property taxes from the development will all be used to pay bonds the city will purchase to fund the public improvements.

Historically, the council and staff have had three top priorities, according to City Manager Walter Graham:

- Extension of the Browns Valley parkway bypass from Brown Street to East Monte Vista Avenue across city and county land at an estimated cost of \$1 million or less.

- New offramps and onramps to Interstate 80 at Depot Street at an estimated \$500,000 to \$1 million price tag.

- Parking lots, including 100 stalls in the downtown south of Mason Street at an estimated \$500,000.

Under the plan being submitted to the Planning Commission, the city may be able to eventually spend \$200 million, but as a safeguard, no more than a cumulative total of \$40 million may be encumbered at one time. The majority of the projects would build new streets or improve existing travel ways.

Brown signs 'master drain' bill

Gov. Brown has signed into law a bill designed to protect water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay if a huge drain is built to carry used, brackish irrigation water from the San Joaquin Valley to the Delta. Since the 1960s, the state and federal government has begun construction of the San Luis Drain to carry away water from lands irrigated with federal water.

But the state has been unable so far to get farmers to agree to reimburse the state for its share of construction costs. Latest estimates have pegged the price at upward of \$1.5 billion. State officials still are trying to reach agreement with the farmers. Meanwhile, government officials, including the governor, have warned the unless the drain is built, accumulated waste water could cause the valley to become a desert. In his 1979 "State of the State" address, the governor warned that the drain would cost "hundreds of millions of dollars" but would be worth it. Delta and Bay residents and environmental groups have protested the drain. The bill by Assemblyman John Thurman, D-Modesto, is designed to allay their fears that the drain would result in lowering the water quality in the Delta and the Bay.

'Hole Through' on Santa Clara Tunnel

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Michael A. Catino announced "Hole through" this month on the Santa Clara Tunnel of the Bureau's San Felipe Division, Central Valley Project. The tunnel is being constructed to connect Santa Clara Valley Water District with San Luis Reservoir via Pacheco Tunnel (also under construction), Pacheco Pumping Plant, and Pacheco and Santa Clara Conduits (Scheduled for future construction.)

The Bureau's contractor on the tunnel job, Shank-Artukovich of Littleton, Colorado, began work on inlet and outlet portal access last September.

Actual excavation of the 1-mile tunnel was started in late December using a Caldwell tunnel boring machine known as the mole.

Catino said that since January 7, contractor forces have been working three 8-hour shifts per day — devoting day and swing shifts to excavation, and graveyard shift to repair and maintenance of the tunnel borer.

Drilling of the tunnel progressed at an average rate of 68 feet per day. The tunnel boring operation also involved erecting steel supports at average 4.8-foot intervals throughout the tunnel length.

The Santa Clara Tunnel is not the first tunnel job for the mole, Catino said. The machine was also used in the construction of Lafayette Tunnel in California, and the Denver Water Board's Foothill Tunnel in Colorado.

Under an option in the Bureau specification for Santa Clara Tunnel, Shank-Artukovich elected to drill an over-sized (13-foot, 4-inch diameter) tunnel to use the existing mole. When concrete lining — the next step — is complete, the inside tunnel diameter will be 9-feet, 8-inches in lieu of the specified 8-feet, 6-inch minimum diameter.

Currently ahead of schedule, Shank-Artukovich is now projecting completion of the tunnel by next December, eight months ahead of the August 1983 required completion date under the contract.

UPDATE

Redding recuperates from record rains

This Winter many new precipitation records have been established in the north end of the state, reports District Representative Ken Green. At this writing Redding has received almost sixty inches of rainfall so far with another four to six weeks left in the rainy season.

"We have had bridges wash away, roads slip out and homes and some businesses flooded," Green said. North bound Hiway I-5 near Railroad Park has slipped out and Cal-Trans crews are attempting to stabilize the slide with asphalt concrete. So far the slip has dropped the original pavement grade about 1/2 foot. The slide is threatening to

wipe out several homes and could conceivably close that portion of I-5 to northbound traffic.

J. F. Shea Company is waiting on the weather to start their I-5 overlay and guard-rail job.

Ferrante Construction has resumed work on their Hiway 97 job at Weed and will be starting on their Dunsuir to Mt. Shasta project a soon as the weather looks like it is going to settle down.

Granite Construction was the successful bidder on the Sierra Ordinance Depot road reconstruction project (Lassen County). Easley Construction was the successful low bidder on the Big Springs Garrick Road project (Siskiyou County).

C.C. Meyers Company has been working very sporadically on the Dunsuir I-5 bridge all Winter. The December '81 floods carried away their temporary bridge along with a good deal of stock piled material.

Cal-Trans has indicated the Victor Avenue and Hiway 44, over-crossing will be advertised for bid this year.

Roy Burks Construction is going full bore on their Hiway 139 job near Tulelake. They are replacing the undercrossings for irrigation ditches from Malin to Merrill.

Hardrock Construction has a small job on Hiway 96 (Klamath River Road) near Hamburg.



Pictured above are District Representative Hugh Bodom, Assemblyman Tom Hannigan, District Representative Ken Green and Asst. District Rep. Stan McNulty at the country western barbecue, Dixon Fairgrounds. The event was held to raise funds for Hannigan's re-election campaign.

Local 3 assists in BBQ fundraiser

Asst. District Representative Stan McNulty reports that the Fairfield office and District Representative Ken Green of Redding took the opportunity last month to assist Assemblyman Tom Hannigan in a western style barbecue fundraiser.

"Thanks to Ken Green and his barbecue rig we were able to provide some much appreciated assistance at Assemblyman Hannigan's fund raiser," McNulty stated. "The event was probably the largest political turnout in Solano

County history and promises to be an annual event."

In other developments, Benicia's city council took a definite turn from no growth to growth with the election last month of two Local 3 backed Councilmen. The council now stands 4 to 1 in favor of continued development. This should result in the approval of several sub-division's that have been in a holding status, a new shopping center, and renewed investment in Benicia's industrial park, McNulty added.

ATTENTION ALL DREDGE HANDS

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Dredgemen Picnic, which will be held in Rio Vista on August 22, 1982. For further information call:

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By HAROLD HUSTON, President

A Personal Note From The President's Pen

I hope that each member and their family had a wonderful Easter Sunday and all the lovely wives were taken out for a special dinner. This holiday has always been very special to my family and we look forward to it each year.

My personal congratulations to the one hundred fifty-six apprentices who received their Completion Certificates at the Annual Completion Ceremony for Graduated Apprentices of 1981, held at the Woodlake Inn on Saturday April 3, 1982.

I counted it an honor to present to you your Completion Certificates along with Frank Pozar, who I work very closely with in the monthly Northern California Joint Apprenticeship Committee meetings.

The outstanding apprentice of the year honor went to Brent Tetlow (Rock, Sand and Gravel) and Emigdio Galicia, Jr. (Heavy Duty Repairman). Brother Galicia and his lovely wife sat at our table during lunch and we had a very interesting conversation in regards to the Apprenticeship Program.

Your Officers just concluded the round of District Meetings and Retirees Association Meetings in Eureka, Redding, Yuba City, Gridley and Hawaii. Again, I would like to express my personal congratulations to the Election Committee Members who were elected in each District.

Both the social security tax rate and the maximum earnings subject to the tax were increased on January 1, 1982.

Most workers will be affected only by the change in the tax rate, which rose for both workers and their employers from 6.65 percent of covered earnings to 6.7 percent. A worker earning \$20,000 a year will pay only \$10 a year more as a result of the rise in the tax rate - a total of \$1,340 instead of \$1,330 under the 1981 rate.

Only persons who earn more than \$29,700 - which was the 1981 ceiling on wages subject to the social security payroll tax will be affected by the rise in the taxable wage base to \$32,400.

Persons earning \$32,400 a year or more will pay a total of \$2,170.80 in 1982 - up from the \$1,975.05 maximum last year. About 10 percent of employees are in this group. In return for paying more into the fund, they will become entitled to higher future retirement benefits and greater family protection in the event of disability or death.

These other changes also took effect on January 1, 1982:

- The maximum amount that beneficiaries may earn

annually and still receive full social security payments rose from \$5,500 for those over 65 and under age 72, and from \$4,080 to \$4,440 for those under 65. Benefits are reduced \$1 for every \$2 of earnings exceeding those amounts. At the present, persons 72 and over may earn any amount without any reduction of benefits. The age at which earnings are unrestricted is scheduled to drop to 70 in 1983.

- The amount of earnings required for a quarter of coverage under the social security system increased from \$310 to \$340.

Social Security's trustees have warned Congress that, unless it acts soon, the system will be unable to pay benefits on time to retirees and survivors, beginning in July 1983.

The trustees, three members of President Reagan's Cabinet, said in their annual report to Congress that recession and high unemployment have made the short-term outlook for Social Security "significantly worse than was estimated last year", and severe long range problems as well.

The Reagan administration and Congress put Social Security's problems on the back burner this year after failing to come to grips with its troubles in 1981. The President withdrew his own controversial proposals for cutting early retirement and other benefits and instead set up a commission to seek a bipartisan solution.

The trustees reported that for the seventh straight year the combined old age and survivors' trust fund and the disability fund paid out more than was taken in. Those two funds dropped by \$1.9 billion in calendar year 1981.

But the hospital or Medicare trust fund rose by \$5 billion - thus the three combined funds finished the year in the black, taking in \$178.2 billion in payroll taxes while paying out \$175.1 billion in benefits and medical bills for 36 million people.

The trustees - Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan and Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker - said that "under present law, and on the basis of any reasonable set of economic assumptions, the expenditures of the (old age and survivors) program will continue to exceed income from payroll taxes and other sources through at least 1986".

Social Security operates on a pay-as-you-go basis; the trust funds serve as a buffer or contingency reserve during periods when outgo exceeds income. But if the old age fund were depleted, it would cause delays in the system's

ability to send out checks on time.

As a stopgap measure, Congress allowed the old-age fund to borrow from the healthier disability reserve this year, as it also did in 1980.

Negotiators for the Reagan administration and both political parties in Congress are discussing a reduction and delay in this year's Social Security cost-of-living increase as part of a compromise to reduce budget deficits according to congressional sources.

Sources said an oil import fee also is being considered as part of a plan to raise taxes by as much as \$30 billion. Reagan's Pentagon budget and a reduced pay increase for federal employees also are under consideration, the sources added.

These sources, who declined to permit use of their names, stressed repeatedly that no decisions have been made in the private discussions, which have involved White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker, White House Congressional Liaison Ken Cuberstein and Republicans and Democrats from both the House and Senate.

The White House initiated the discussions several days ago after prodding from congressional Republicans, who were concerned about Reagan's seeming intransigence on his budget. Reagan's spending plan has little support in Congress, where members of both parties fear the deficits are too high to permit a sustained economic recovery.

Sources said the participants in the talks have begun going into details on numerous individual steps that can reduce the deficits in Reagan's big deficit budget for 1983 - including areas that the White House and some congressional Democrats have been extremely reluctant to consider.

One area is Social Security, where Reagan has said repeatedly he wants no changes until a bipartisan study commission issues a year-end report. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D.-Mass.), on the other hand, has told reporters he is willing to consider changing Social Security only if Reagan will propose something.

Despite these public positions, sources said the negotiators are considering a plan to limit cost-of-living increases this year for Social Security to 4 percent and to delay them by three months to October 1. Normally, the increase would be the same as the increase in the Consumer Price Index from the first quarter for 1981 to the first quarter average for 1982, expected to be roughly 8 percent.



Rigging Lines

By Bob Mayfield
Asst. Business Manager & Vice President

At long last it appears that the wettest winter of this century (According to those people who keep records of such events) is about over, as the last three weeks, at least in Northern California has been quite warm and sunny. However, lingering showers and snow, up to this writing are still plaguing Utah and the Rockies, where, hopefully, a great deal of work will ultimately take place in 1982.

The great Spring weather in Northern California has triggered at least moderate calls for some new jobs and equally, or more important, several hundred regarding recalls have taken place in the past two weeks alone. We certainly need a whole lot more of the same.

The same scene and beautiful 80 degree weather was afforded the dedication ceremony that took place on May 1st of our new Fresno Office. It was certainly nice to see at least 1,000 members and their families who attended the great barbecue and for most of them to see a beautiful and practical building which is theirs (the members).

This building will be a lasting monument, and one that should be trouble and maintenance free for many years to come. The other old building we had in

recent years had been plagued with all kinds of very high maintenance costs, which we all ultimately pay for and besides the neighborhood has generally become rundown to where theft and damage were all too common.

Brother Claude Odom, the Fresno District Representative and his staff did an outstanding job, not only in preparing the public for a fine building tour, but a most orderly picnic as well. As always, Ken Greene, the Redding District Representative, cooked the two whole Angus Steers in his portable trailer drawn rotary spit, had this meat to perfection.

The actual sight of two whole steer being turned at the same time as easily as two chickens on your backyard barbecue pit is a sight the average person won't soon forget. All in all, in my opinion, a great time was had by all, and it is great to chat with the many brother engineers, as well as those others who had not seen old friends and were getting together for the first time in a long time and did like I did. I had a fun day as well as a new sunburn.

Two weeks ago, I am most happy to report that I was able to head up the Union delegation and negotiation com-

mittee in a settlement of the Duval Gold Mine contract, located very near Battle Mountain, Nevada. Like all negotiations occurring these days in such a depressed economy and actual shutdowns and lay offs, this committee had to listen and negotiate under a dark cloud from the outset.

Literally, on the first day of negotiations the company executives were meeting in Houston, Texas to determine if the mines were even to remain open for the balance of that week, or to in fact, close as many other mines as they have done in recent times all over the West. In fact, lay offs and reductions in the immediate area of Battle Mountain is the rule.

The gloom and doom that enters anyone's mind, if you are a miner by selected choice, and know that you may not have a work place next week, and there is no other real place anywhere to turn for work, is indeed a sad prospective and a poor posture of bargaining strength. To make a long story short, I am happy to report that none of the unhappy potentials mentioned took place.

The Union wasn't successful in getting the moon and stars, but we did get, probably more than anyone in the Rank & File would have thought. We obtained more administrative changes than perhaps any Duval contract in history. We had to take-a-ways whatsoever which are occurring in some U.S. industries we may have read about in newspapers in recent months,

All of the C.O.L.A., (Cost of Living Adjustments) hanging, were rolled in as a permanent part of the Wage Base effective 5/1/82. Further, all future C.O.L.A. that have been in effect for several years will remain totally in effect and on the same quarterly intervals that have been in effect.

The contract is a three year agreement, but for wage and fringe benefit purposes this contract will be completely opened in one year. Hopefully, the economy and the profits of the operation will be much better a year from now when we would then be in a much better posture to cut off a bigger piece of the pie.

The attitude and pleasure of the large gathering of members was loudly and clearly expressed as, well over 90% of the Rank & File voted in favor of ratification. A very special thanks should be extended to the five Union Stewards: Dale Gibbons, Dan Potter, Chris Ehlert, K.C. Rochester and Joseph Leonard,

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Letter from a member

(Editor's Note: Engineers News recently received the following letter from Local 3 member Floyd Harley.)

March 26, 1982

I OUR A INGUNAR

Blood sweat tears, an old saying with a lot of meaning. I am young, I am wild and I am untrained. There is nothing I can't do, there is nothing I can do. I am 18 years old with a high school diploma and no direction. Life is ahead of me with no where to go. AH! the Army I tell myself, but soon I learn the Gastly Truth. I served my country in a war that is no war and I come home to forget.

I am a man and I have a goal, I have a direction but I am untrained. In 1967 I hear of a training program to become a surveyor. What is a surveyor? I don't know but it is a job. In September 1969 I took and passed the Operating Engineers apprenticeship program and since that time have been an Operating Engineers (SURVEYOR) I ask nothing from no one but the opportunity to work and make a living for myself and my family.

For my 13 years as a surveyor I have shed my blood and sweat to do my job and to do my best. Now I show tears, for it seems that your best is not good enough, that your fellow employee's best is not good enough. To me the American worker is the sacrificial goat to correct the ills and mismanagement of the past 40 years of government.

To me it seems a crime to put people out of work and say things have to get worse before they get better and then in the same breath give yourself raises because of the wonderful work you are doing as government agent.

To me it is a crime to say this country needs to go back to the good old days. When the good old days meant non Unions, 12 hour work days and child labor. Every man and woman that has a family, works hard so their children can have a better life. There were never any good old days or if they were "those good old days" are now! Well they were up until a couple of years ago.

To me it is a crime to work, pay taxes, live your life not bothering anyone and be told that you better save your money because your Social Security System is going broke. You are told that your taxes will be reduced so you can have money, and then say it is your fault that you are out of work, that you and your Union want to much and that we should go back to the good old days.

I am a man not child I am an Engineer with a proud Union behind me. I want nothing from no man other than to be able to work for my needs.

I'm registered to VOTE! ARE YOU?



Local 3 Vice President and Asst. Business Manager Bob Mayfield (left) discusses the Duval Gold Mine contract negotiations with Reno District Representative Dale Beach. A photo of the entire Local 3 negotiating committee can be found on page 8.

Late storms dampen Reno work

Last month's optimism about work picking up with the onset of spring, was dampened somewhat by the storms that hit the Sierras and lasted more than a week, reports District Representative Dale Beach. Work was most certainly held up by some of the worst weather on record for this area and time of year. The highway job on I-80, in Lovelock, went to bid the first of April and was awarded to S.J. Groves and Sons for \$1,539,467. Work should commence in the next month but, as was previously reported, will only employ a few Operating Engineers. The construction of 13.213 miles of highway on U.S. 50 put to bid by Douglas County went to R.L. Helms Construction for \$2,770,061.

The Nevada State Transportation Board endorsed a plan for additional repaving to be done in the Reno area. One project is a \$6.5 million job which will run west from Keystone Avenue for eight miles on I-80.

Also, a four mile section of U.S. 395

from Interstate 580 north will be repaved at a cost of \$3.5 million.

The Board also recommended \$1 million worth of repair and resurfacing work on State Route 28 from Lakeshore Drive near the California-Nevada line on Lake Tahoe's north shore, in addition to a \$700,000 repair project on the Carlin tunnels which are located on Interstate 80 east of Carlin, in Elko County.

Negotiations began the last week of April on the contract with Duval Corporation, a gold mine that employs approximately 235 Union employees. "We're confident that a settlement will be reached much easier than last contract's 111-day strike," Beach stated.

As primary elections draw near, it's time, once again, to remind all of our Brothers and Sisters to get registered to vote. We must take advantage of our voting privileges if we hope to see our country get back on its feet.



Pictured above is Gorhardt and Berry's expansion of the Veteran's Hospital in Reno, Nevada.

PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT

TAKE THIS LIST TO THE POLLS

The following list of candidates are Local 3's recommendations for the Primary Election on June 8. The candidates are listed by their election district numbers with a description of which counties they encompass so that you can easily identify which candidate will appear on your ballot.

FOR STATEWIDE OFFICES

Governor
TOM BRADLEY (D)
 No Endorsement (R)

U. S. Senator
EDMUND G. BROWN, JR. (D)
 No Endorsement (R)

Lt. Governor
LEO McCARTHY (D)
 No Endorsement (R)

State Treasurer
JESSE M. UNRUH (D)
 No Endorsement (R)

Secretary of State
MARCH FONG EU (D)
 No Endorsement (R)

State Controller
KENNETH CORY (D)
 No Endorsement (R)

Attorney General
JOHN VAN DE KAMP (D)
 No Endorsement (R)

Superintendent of Public Instruction
WILSON RILES

FOR CONGRESS

Dist.	Counties	Candidate
1	Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Modoc, Butte, Sierra, Lassen, Plumas, Nevada, Placer, Yuba, Glenn, part of Sacramento	Douglas H. Bosco (D) Don Clausen (R)
2	Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Part of Sonoma	Open (D) No Endorsement (R)
3	Most of Sacramento	Robert Matsui (D) No Endorsement (R)
4	Colusa, Sutter, Yolo, Solano, part of Sacramento	Vic Fazio (D) No Endorsement (R)
5	Marin, parts of San Francisco, Sonoma	Phillip Burton (D) No Endorsement (R)
6	Most of San Francisco	Louise Renne (D) No Endorsement (R)
7	Most of Contra Costa	Open (D) No Endorsement (R)
8	Alameda (northern), part of Contra Costa	Open No Endorsement (R)
9	Alameda (central and eastern)	Fortney H. (Pete) Stark (D) No Endorsement (R)
10	Alameda (southern) Santa Clara	Don Edwards (D) No Endorsement (R)
11	Most of San Mateo	Tom Lantos (D) No Endorsement (R)
12	Santa Clara (north western), some of San Mateo	Keith Raffel (D) No Endorsement (R)

13	Santa Clara (southern)	Norman Y. Mineta No Endorsement (R)
14	San Joaquin, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Mono, Tuolumne, parts of Sacramento and Stanislaus	Open (D) No Endorsement (R)
15	Merced, Mariposa Madera, part of Stanislaus and Fresno	Tony Coelho (D) No Endorsement (R)
16	Santa Cruz, Monterey San Benito, part of San Luis Obispo	Leon E. Paneta (D) No Endorsement (R)

FOR STATE SENATE

Dist.	Counties	Candidate
2	Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, part of Sonoma	Barry Keene (D) No Endorsement (R)
4	Colusa, Sutter, Yolo, Solano, part of Sacramento	O. H. Fifi Zeff No Endorsement (R)
6	Most of San Francisco	Leroy F. Greene (D) No Endorsement (R)
8	Alameda (northern), part of Contra Costa	John Foran (D) No Endorsement (R)
10	Alameda (southern), Santa Clara (northern)	Bill Lockyer (D) No Endorsement (R)
12	Santa Clara (north-western), some of San Mateo	Dan McCorquodale (D) No Endorsement (R)
14	San Joaquin, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Mono, Tuolumne, parts of Sacramento, and Stanislaus	Open (D) No Endorsement (R)

FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

Dist.	Counties	Candidate
1	Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta Siskiyou, Trinity, Tehama	Open (D) Stan Statham (R)
2	Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma (northern)	Scott Keene (D) No Endorsement (R)
3	Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra Nevada, Placer, half of Butte	Larry Miles (D) No Endorsement (R)
4	Yolo, parts of Solano and Sacramento	Thomas M. Hannigan (D) No Endorsement (R)
5	Sacramento	Jean Moorhead (D) No Endorsement (R)
6	Sacramento	Lloyd Connelly (D) No Endorsement (R)
7	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mono, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Tuolumne	Norman S. Waters (D) No Endorsement (R)
8	Napa, Solano, Sonoma	Louis J. Gentile (D) No Endorsement (R)
9	Marin, part of Sonoma	Paul Chignell (D) No Endorsement (R)
10	Contra Costa (eastern)	Phillip Isenberg No Endorsement (R)
11	Western Contra Costa	Robert Campbell (D) No Endorsement (R)
12	Alameda, Contra Costa	Tom Dove (D) No Endorsement (R)
13	Alameda (north-western)	Elihu Harris No Endorsement (R)
14	Alameda (central)	Johan Klehs (D) No Endorsement (R)
15	Alameda (southern, eastern)	Margaret Kovar (D) No Endorsement (R)
16	San Francisco	Art Agnos (D) No Endorsement (R)
17	San Francisco	Willje L. Brown, Jr. (D) No Endorsement (R)
18	San Francisco, part of San Mateo	Alister McAlister (D) No Endorsement (R)

19	San Mateo (northern)	Louis Papan (D) No Endorsement (R)
20	San Mateo (southern)	Jack Smith (D) No Endorsement (R)
21	Santa Clara (north-western)	Byron Sher (D) No Endorsement (R)
22	Santa Clara (southern)	Richard Overhouse (D) No Endorsement (R)
23	Santa Clara (urban)	John Vasconcellos (D) No Endorsement (R)
24	San Benito, Santa Clara (rural)	Dominic Cortese (D) No Endorsement (R)
25	San Clara (north-eastern), part of Alameda	Jerry Estruth (D) No Endorsement (R)
26	Parts of San Joaquin and Stanislaus	Patrick Johnston (D) No Endorsement (R)
27	Most of Stanislaus and Merced	Gary Condit (D) No Endorsement (R)
28	Monterey, Santa Cruz	Sam Farr (D) No Endorsement (R)
29	Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara	Kurt Kupper (D) No Endorsement (R)
30	Madera, Mariposa, part of Fresno	Jim Costa (D) No Endorsement (R)
31	Fresno, Tulare	Bruce Bronzan (D) No Endorsement (R)

LOCAL RACES

Local 3 Dist.	Candidate & Office
District 1: San Francisco	
Anna Eshoo	Supervisor, San Mateo County
Albert Howenstein	Sheriff, Marin County
Warren O'Blennis	Mayor, Benicia
Bob Stockwell	Supervisor, Marin County
District 2: Oakland	
Fred Cooper	Supervisor, Alameda County
Glenn Dyer	Sheriff Alameda County
Dennis Jeffery	Sheriff Alameda County
Sunne McPeak	Supervisor, Contra Costa County
Tom Powers	Supervisor, Contra Costa County
James Walsh	Judge, Alameda County
District 3: Stockton	
Eugene Azevedo	Judge, Stanislaus County
Ann Chargin	Judge, Stockton
Ralph Epperson	County Clerk, San Joaquin Co.
Rick Macias	Sheriff/Coroner, San Joaquin Co.
Ed Volpe	Sheriff, Tuolumne County
Ken Ferguson	Judge, San Joaquin County
Sandra Smith	Judge, Stockton
District 4: Eureka	
Tom McMurray	Eureka City Council
District 6: Marysville	
Earl Withycomb	Supervisor, Sierra County
Dick Dahms	Supervisor, Yuba County
Mazie Mazerolle	Clerk/Recorder, Yuba County
Daphne Schliesman	Treasurer, Sutter County
District 7: Redding	
Gene Toten	Sheriff, Shasta County
Leo Gatos	Coroner, Shasta County
Jack Graham	Supervisor, Tehama County
District 8: Sacramento	
Carl Adams	District Attorney, Sutter County
Wallace Engel	Auditor, Sacramento County
Alex Ferreira	Supervisor, Placer County
Duana Lowe	Sheriff, Sacramento County
Richard Pacileo	Sheriff, El Dorado County
Ann Taylor	SMUD Director, Sacramento County
David Watts	Judge, Placer County
District 9: San Jose	
Bob Ahern	Judge, Santa Clara County
Elvira Robinson	Judge, Santa Clara County
Fred Novinger	Judge, Monterey County
Rod Diridon	Supervisor, Santa Clara County
Tom McEnery	Mayor, San Jose
Susane Wilson	Supervisor, Santa Clara County
District 10: Santa Rosa	
Walter "Bud" Kamb	Supervisor, Mendocino Co.
James Gallagher	Assessor, Sonoma County
Vincent Lechowick	Judge, Mendocino County
Art Hollingsworth	Rohnert Park City Council
Dennis Marcheschi	Sheriff, Mendocino County

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITIONS

The fate of an unusual package of propositions will be decided by California voters on the June 8th state primary election ballot. The 12 measures are extraordinary in three major respects:

- **The qualification** of even one referendum for the ballot is rare in California. The June ballot will contain four — the Peripheral Canal measure and three reapportionment bills opposed by the Republican Party.

- **Voter decisions** on four measures — the two inheritance tax initiatives, the income-tax indexing initiative and the proposed prison bond issue — will have an immediate impact on the state budget under consideration by the Legislature.

- **Although the ballot** will contain a total of 12 statewide propositions, there will really be only nine issues before the voters. That is because the three reapportionment referenda present essentially a single decision for the electorate. (In the event both inheritance-tax proposals are approved, the one receiving the most affirmative votes will become law.)

A simple majority vote will enact any of the propositions, including the bond issues. An affirmative vote on any of the referenda is a vote in support of the bill enacted by the Legislature; a negative vote is a vote to defeat the Peripheral Canal or any of the reapportionment plans.

1 PRISON CONSTRUCTION BONDS

This proposal would provide for the issuance of \$495 million for the construction of state prison facilities. VOTE "YES".

If this measure is enacted, the state will be able to sell \$495 million in general-obligation bonds to finance the construction, renovation, remodeling and maintenance of prison facilities. This proposal would provide partial funding for some 10,000 permanent beds. Assuming that the bonds are sold at the maximum legal interest rate of 11 percent and are paid off over a 20-year period, the total cost to the taxpayers would be about \$1.067 billion.

California in the past few years has enacted more tough anti-crime laws than ever before. The result has been a significant increase in commitments of felons to prison, and the prisons are getting dangerously overcrowded. Unless additional cells are provided, the state faces the possibility that the courts will order that prison conditions be improved or that prisoners be released. Brown estimates that this measure will provide housing for 7,000 additional prisoners. This measure offers Californians the best method of financing prisons because the facilities will be used for 50 or 60 years and will benefit future generations.

2 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

This proposed constitutional amendment would remove the lieutenant governor as president of the state Senate. VOTE "YES".

This measure would eliminate from the constitution the provision designating the lieutenant governor as president of the Senate. The Senate would designate a president from within its membership, and tie votes would defeat measures.

State Senator Barry Keene, the main sponsor of this proposal, makes three main arguments for its enactment. First, he claims, the lieutenant governor is a member of the executive branch of government and serves with the full power of the state's chief executive when the governor is out of state. It is even conceivable that the lieutenant governor could vote for a bill in the Senate and then have to decide as acting governor whether to veto or signs the measure. Secondly, Keene maintains that the Senate alone should be responsible for its actions. His final argument is that this measure brings the law into conformity with reality because lieutenant governors do not often preside over the Senate, and the last tie-breaking vote was cast six years ago. Lieutenant Governor Mike Curb supports the measure.

3 VALUE OF CONDEMNED PROPERTY

This proposed constitutional amendment will change the property-tax laws so the owners of property taken by government agencies will be able to retain the full benefits of Proposition 13 (The Jarvis-Gann property-tax initiative). VOTE "YES".

The measure, which passed both houses of the Legislature unanimously, is designed to assist those who are forced to give up their homes and businesses because of government action. If this measure is approved, those who are forced to sell because of eminent-domain proceedings or inverse condemnation purchase will be able to "comparable property" without having the replacement parcel reappraised. "Comparable property" is defined as one which is similar in size, utility and function to the one from which the owner was displaced. The parcel need not be of comparable value to the one being replaced.

4 DENIAL OF BAIL

This proposed constitutional amendment would give judges additional grounds for denying bail to defendants in felony cases. NO RECOMMENDATION.

Under current law, courts must release on bail all persons accused of committing crimes while the defendants are awaiting trial. Bail may be denied only for those accused of capital crimes (those punishable by death). In fixing the amount of bail, statutes require that judges consider the seriousness of the offense, the defendant's criminal record and the likelihood that the defendant will appear at the trial. The state constitution prohibits the setting of "excessive" bail.

Proposition 4 would place in the constitution the statutory considerations for the setting of bail. If the measure is passed, the Legislature would not be able to establish new bail standards without a vote of the people. In addition, the proposition would establish two new sets of circumstances under which bail may be denied:

- In felony cases involving acts of violence where there is substantial likelihood that release of the defendant would result in great bodily harm to others.
- In felony cases where the accused has threatened another with great bodily harm and there is a substantial likelihood that the threat would be carried out if the defendant were released.

5 & 6 INHERITANCE TAXES

These proposed initiative statutes would repeal most state inheritance and gift taxes. VOTE "NO".

California levies an inheritance tax based on the value of property received by each heir or beneficiary. The federal government taxes estates left by deceased individuals, and this levy is based on the total amount of the estate regardless of the number of beneficiaries. The state's gift tax is based in the amount received each year by each recipient. In 1980, the state Legislature made major changes in the inheritance and gift taxes in an effort to eliminate some of the hardships brought about by these levies. The tax rates, which are the same for both gift and inheritance taxes, now range from 3 to 24 percent of value — depending upon the class of recipient and the value of the property. Children of the deceased are subject to the lowest tax rates and non-relative beneficiaries to the highest rates.

Adoption of one of these measures would reduce state revenues by about \$130 million in the 1982-83 fiscal year, by about \$365 million in 1983-84 and by higher amounts thereafter.

Proposition 5 and 6 are almost identical. The only differences between them are rather technical. If one would go to less than 6 percent of the beneficiaries. Inheritance and gift taxes are among the fairest forms of taxation because they are proportional to the amount inherited and thus to ability to pay. The state is in critical financial straits and cannot afford to lose hundreds of millions of dollars. In recent years both state and federal taxes on heirs have been reduced substantially, virtually eliminating any middle-income hardships that may exist.

7 INCOME—TAX INDEXING

This proposed initiative statute would apply a cost-of-living factor each year to the state income tax. NO RECOMMENDATION.

Under California's income-tax system, the rate of taxation is determined by 11 brackets — ranging from 1 to 11 percent, depending upon total taxable income. Each year, these brackets are revised upward to compensate for the rate of inflation. Otherwise individuals would be paying taxes at a higher rate every year — even though their actual income (adjusted for inflation) did not increase. The state tax law also provides for the indexing of credits. During the 1980 and 1981 tax years, the brackets and the tax credits were fully adjusted to account for an increase in the California Consumer Price Index. Under current law, the credits will remain fully indexed. But starting this year, the brackets would be raised each year by the percentage increase in the California Consumer Price Index which exceeds 3 percent in any year. Governor Brown has vetoed legislation that would maintain full indexing for an indefinite period.

This initiative is sponsored by Howard Jarvis, the co-author of Proposition 13 of 1978. It would require permanent full indexing of the income-tax brackets starting with the 1982 tax year. It is anticipated that the increase in the Consumer Price Index will be about 12.8 percent this year. If this measure passes, the brackets would be adjusted upward 12.8 percent rather than 9.8 percent.

8 CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This proposed initiative measure would enact numerous changes to the criminal law via constitutional amendment and statute. VOTE "NO".

The measure is a hoax because it will not reduce crime. It will mangle nearly every section of the criminal justice system it touches. For example: Because there is a good chance Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, it could result in courts throwing out valid criminal convictions; the measure would take away law enforcement's ability to negotiate with criminals to get them to testify against each other; the proposition would allow defense lawyers to attack the character of police witnesses; nobody knows what the "safe schools" provision means and how it might be implemented; the measure contains no money to pay for the increased costs of running the justice system; much of Proposition 8 is already law, and this measure could impose its confusing language on top of current clear statutes. This measure abuses the initiative process and is a political ploy that will make it harder to convict criminals, will lead to endless appeals and will create chaos in the legal system.

9 PERIPHERAL CANAL (See feature story page 1)

10, 11 & 12 REAPPORTIONMENT

These three reapportionment statutes were enacted by the Legislature and thereafter were placed on the ballot via the referendum process. VOTE "YES".

If Propositions 10 (Congress), 11 (Senate) and 12 (Assembly) are approved, there would be no change in the boundaries for the state's congressional and legislative districts until 1991. If the measures are defeated, the Legislature will be charged with drawing new lines "essentially different" from those contained in the bills enacted last year. It is important for voters to understand that a yes vote is a vote in favor of the Legislature's plans; a no vote is one in support of the Republican party's efforts to kill the three sets of lines.

The redistricting plans are fair. They meet the one-person, one-vote requirements of the federal constitution and they do not break up communities unnecessarily. The Republicans are attempting to use the referendum process to gain an advantage that they have not been able to win through the election of a Republican majority in the Legislature. It will cost \$1 million to draw alternative plans and the Republicans have not shown the public what lines they want drawn. The bills were passed after extensive hearings and they meet every requirement of law.

More from Mayfield

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who were extremely helpful and totally knowledgeable about this whole contract.

Also, District Representative, Dale Beach and Mine Representative, Derlin Proctor should be commended for having done their homework well.

I am also happy to report that the big new railroad job I previously wrote about, beginning near Rangely, Colorado and ending at the Moon Lake Power Project near Vernal, Utah has been awarded to a Union Contractor. The W.W. Clyde Co. was the successful bidder.

We don't know the dollar amount yet, but we suspect somewhere in the \$25 million range. A Pre-Job Conference is scheduled for May 21, and at that time, the Union fully expects that all details which are important will be revealed, and that a project agreement will actually be signed with this company, as well as all subcontractors. At that time we will reveal the details of the job, because it should be an excellent Operating Engineers' job.

At the Moon Lake Project itself progress on the many facets are already in evidence, and till now a great deal of Operating Engineers are doing quite



Pictured above is the Local 3 negotiating team for the Duval Gold Mine contract. Left to right are Dan Potter, Joe Leonard, Chris Ehlert, Bob Mayfield, Dale Beach, Dale Gibbons (in doorway) and Casey Rochester.

well. Since last month, at least \$50 million of the new work has been let and work should commence very shortly on these new segments.

One segment for the conveyor belt systems went at a cost of at least \$22 million. The Centric Corporation of Colorado was low on another segment of the project for a bid of close to 30 million. This company is doing another segment bid in 1982, and by in large, I am told has been a decent company to work for if you are an Operating Engineer.

However, one very serious disagreement has arisen regarding surveyors, whom this company is trying to call field engineers. Our battle is now going before the Arbitrator on May 14. The Union contention is that these surveyors should be classified as such, and not field engineers as the company claims.

We seek the work assignment by way of this arbitration, plus all past wages, fringe benefits and proper penalties as the remedy. I think and sincerely hope the Union will be successful in this endeavor.

Work holding up well for cranes

Work is still holding up good with truck cranes, bare lease, and rentals, reports Business Representative Bill Dorrestyn.

As of this writing, Sheedy is very busy. They have been doing a lot of general hoisting, some tower crane work, and some good Saturday and Sunday work in San Francisco. They also have a few jobs in Oakland, Marin at the geysers, and as far south as Vandenburg. Sheedy has been going all over the state, so you may run into them anywhere you go.

Bay cities Crane is still hitting the refineries, and are very busy. Winton just took delivery on a new 165 Ton American. This is a very, very fine crane for crane rental work. Winton is always fairly busy and gets a lot of refinery work.

Hill Crane is still a little slow doing some general hoisting in the Solono County area. San Jose Crane is doing fair. They have been in Solono County a few times on the wind generators for PG & E, but most of their work is in the San Jose area and down south.

Husky is still doing very well. You will find their cranes most everywhere in Nevada and California. They have a new crawler on the way. This company is expanding very fast. They do a lot of structural steel and general hoisting.

Rineholm Crane slowed down with the rain; slowing the tiltup work down to a walk. As of this writing, his work has picked up a bit. They picked up a used 140 P & H so they are acquiring a good sized fleet of rigs.

Marin Crane is still doing well and are always expanding. They're a good company as the operators and oilers work fairly steady. Their other unit is Reliable Crane. They are doing very well as the work is picking up in the Sacramento area a bit.

"I have had a lot of calls from crane

Weather finally lets up in Eureka area

Both the weather and the work picture seem to have taken a turn for the better here in the North Country at the present time, reports District Representative Gene Lake.

Coast Marine Construction Company of Coos Bay, Oregon has started on their part of the Eureka Wastewater project. Their contract carries a price tag of nearly \$2 million and consists of an effluent discharge line into Humboldt Bay. At the present time this company has put five of the local brothers to work

and will probably double this in the near future.

Nally Enterprises of Rio Dell has begun work on their interchange project near the south city limits of Eureka on Hiway 101. Jarrett out of Sacramento is currently driving piles on this project.

John Petersen, Inc. has started moving dirt on Contract III of the Boat Repair Facility located at Fields Landing, currently there are four engineers working on the \$700,000 job which includes parking lot and services for the boat repair

facility. Petersen also has a slipout project located east of Bridgeville on Hiway 36.

Mercer Fraser Company, a local paving contractor is getting its plant and equipment located near Garberville ready to start making material as soon as the Eel River drops enough to get to the gravel. Mercer Fraser has picked up a couple of good overlay projects in the southern part of Humboldt County.

This company also has plants located

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BUILDING TRADES FAMILY JAMBOREE

JUNE 5, 1982 Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT THE JAMBOREE
See Magicians, Story Book Characters, Marionettes, & Clowns.
Watch a Puppet Show, visit our Petting Zoo and take part
in Organized Games. There is a Special Children's Area.

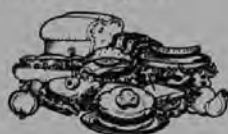


CONTESTS OF STRENGTH

Tug of war, arm wrestling, races and other games give everyone a chance to participate and show off.

PRIZES AND TROPHIES

To recognize and award the participation of individuals in the Jamboree, trophies, certificates, cash prizes, plaques and ribbons will be given out for craft contests, athletic contests, displays, demonstrations, photography contest, arts and crafts, and all children's games.



TASTE TREATS FROM OTHER LANDS

In addition to the food the fairgrounds normally provides, a number of church and community groups will be selling food from different cultures and different parts of the world. There will be several picnic areas as well, if you choose to bring your own food.

PHOTO CONTEST

\$6800 in prizes

Construction workers and their families are invited to enter pictures of construction workers, work site, and finished work for our contest. 300 selected pictures will be displayed at the Jamboree. 60 pictures will be picked for a show at the S.J. Museum of Art.

Entry deadline: May 5

Entry terms: See coupon on next page.

Building Trades Family Jamboree Volunteer, Tickets, and Photo Contest

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____ Local Union _____

- Send me a photo contest entry form
- I will help on June 4 or June 5
- Send me _____ Adult Fairway tickets
- Send me _____ Children's Fairway tickets



ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Limited space available to display and sell hand made goods. Work will be juried by categories and prizes given.

Entry categories:

Woodworking, Leather, Glass, Fabric & Natural Materials, Metalwork & Jewelry, Pottery, Drawing, Painting & Graphics, Sculpture, Writing, Design

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Deadline for application, May 1

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBIT

Entry Form & Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____ Local _____

Description of entry including size and photo if possible _____

- I am interested in selling work.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP. GIVE OF YOURSELF.

Volunteers are still needed to assist in preparations for the many events of the Family Jamboree. Offer a few hours to help on June 4 or 5. Volunteers will be given a special commemorative Jamboree T-shirt and a certificate of recognition.

ARM WRESTLING CONTEST

Men and women will compete for trophies and championship. Only the first 300 people will be accepted.

Entry Fee: \$3.00

Weight Classifications

Men's Lightweight	150 lbs. and below
Men's Middleweight	151 lbs. to 175 lbs.
Men's Light Heavyweight	176 lbs. to 205 lbs.
Men's Heavyweight	206 lbs. and above
Women's Lightweight	135 lbs. and below
Women's Heavyweight	136 lbs. and above
Southpaw Lightweight	175 lbs. and below
Southpaw Heavyweight	176 lbs. and above
Senior Lightweight (over 45)	170 lbs. and below
Senior Heavyweight (over 45)	171 lbs. and above

ARM WRESTLING CONTEST

Entry Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____ Local _____

Age _____ Weight _____ Classification _____

Send entry forms to:

Building Trades Family Jamboree
2102 Almaden Rd. Rm 208
San Jose, California 95125
(408) 265-7643

TICKET INFORMATION

Fairway Tickets Only

Under 7 - Free

7-13 - \$2.50

Over 13 - \$5

Merle Haggard/Lacy J. Dalton Show
\$10.00 all seats - festival seating only



Looking up the T-3 Surge Chamber at the Helms project, the entrance to the shaft 500 feet up is barely visible.

The Helms Hydroelectric Project

AN UNFORTUNATE TARGET OF A BIASED PRESS

Articles and Photographs By James Earp

IT'S FREQUENTLY CALLED "THE HIDDEN power plant." Five miles of tunnels connecting two lakes and a powerhouse the size of a 10-story building—all encased in the granite mountains of the High Sierra, 50 miles east of Fresno.

These days, however, the massive Helms Pumped Storage Project is all but hidden. A tragic accident that killed seven workers last year, and subsequent allegations of rampant theft and mismanagement have thrust a lot of adverse publicity onto the project. Some of it was warranted, but the vast majority of it can only be attributed to unfounded rumors and sloppy journalism.

Helms has become the target of investigations by the state Public Utilities Commission, CAL/OSHA, a state legislative committee and PG&E, the owner of the project. Among the prime subjects of inquiry:

- **Cost:** When the project was first brought before the PUC in 1973, its cost was estimated at \$211 million in 1980 dollars. The price has risen to \$680 million.

- **Deaths:** Ten workers have been killed on the project. The worst accident occurred in January 23, 1981 when a large work platform in a 900-foot deep vertical shaft collapsed, sending seven workers to their deaths. A highly publicized CAL/OSHA investigation resulted in a \$60,250 fine and numerous citations against Granite-Ball-Groves, the contractor consortium which is building the project.

- **Crime:** News reports have charged that job theft has run rampant on the project—even to the point that expensive welding equipment, loaders and even a dozer have disappeared from the jobsite.

Many of these allegations have been sensationalized by the press. This is in spite of the fact that a lengthy investigation conducted by the state PUC found most of these charges to be

tunnel. I talked to our members and photographed them at work. I rode in a tiny man cage with Local 3 member Dick Coster down into the T-3 surge chamber and saw where seven miners fell to their deaths. I listened to our men tell what it's like to work and live on a project 9,000 feet up and thousands of feet in the belly of a mountain—and then have townspeople refuse to cash their checks because they work at Helms.

I spent the better part of the night in the work camp talking to workers and finally at 2 a.m. in the morning, I drove back down the long, switch-back filled road into the valley and got an idea what it would be like to come home to the family after a week's work up on the mountain.

I even delivered a letter to the editor of the Fresno Bee that the workers had

If you could spend even one day on the project—talking to the workers and touring the site—you would come away with a very different impression than what the media has been feeding the public. I spent a long day there with Business Representative Jerry Bennett, who services the more than 300 Local 3 members who work on the job.

With him, I travelled through every

been unable to get published, because the newspaper chose to attack the project rather than find out what it's really all about. After talking to the editor, he agreed to run it. It was the least they could do after all the bad publicity.

After an experience like this, what kind of impression does one get about the Helms project? It's awesome. It's an engineering feat that few projects can compare with. It's tough, it's remote and when the weather is bad, it's a piece of hell perched against the heavens.

It is no wonder the project has taken longer to build and cost more than originally anticipated. It is understandable how men stuck in a work camp by night and in a deep tunnel by day could go stir crazy. And yes, it's a tragedy that 10 men have died on the project. Human life is a heavy price to pay for anything. Yet, how many jobs of this magnitude have been completed without loss of life? Death is ever present and unfortunately a very real fact of life in underground construction work. No matter how hard you try to avoid it, it comes.

It's a line of work that few have the stomach for, and even fewer choose to make a career of. When you're in a vertical shaft on a work platform with hundreds of feet of thin air above and below you, you have to rely on your own abilities and look out for your fellow workers—and trust that they will do the same.

There is rarely such thing as a tiny mistake in an environment like this. If you drop a bolt, it could slam like a bullet into someone's head below. If you trip over a cable, it could be the last and most dramatic fall you'll ever make.

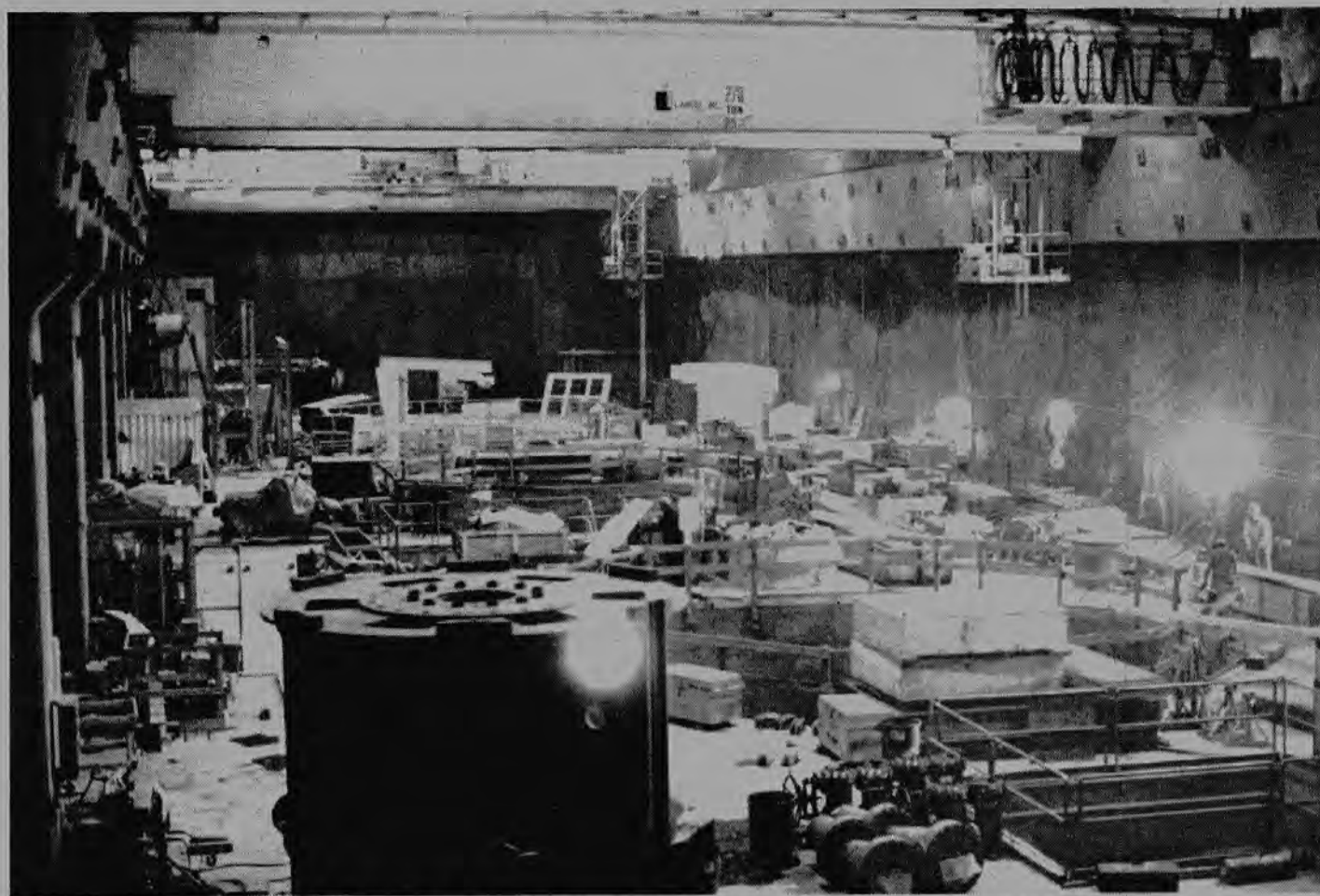
That's why workers on this kind of a job respect and appreciate men like Dick Coster. A Local 3 member, Dick has been working underground a long time. He's a "Walker." In miner's jargon, that means he's a foreman. While working at Helms, Coster supervised the second shift crew at the T-3 shaft. He's a big man. Your first impression of him is that you wouldn't particularly like to cross his path on a bad day. Indeed, he doesn't put up with a lot of crap on the job.

As a case in point, he recalls how they dealt with one elevator operator who once went a little too far with a

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Ready to make the descent into the T-3 shaft are Dan Webb, miner; Jack Bowling, shifter and Dick Coster, walker.



Pictured above is the 10-story underground chamber where the Helms power plant will be housed.

Helms project suffers from biased press

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practical joke. The only way to get in and out of the surge chamber is to ride the man cage. It looks just like it sounds—a bird cage big enough to haul about three men and their gear. The cage is hoisted topside by an operator. Workers communicate with the operator by pressing a buzzer. How fast or slow you want to go up or down depends on how many times you depress the buzzer.

On this particular day, the workers signaled the operator to let them down fast. The operator decided to play a joke and pulled the brakes completely off the cable, letting the cage fall free for about 20 feet before reapplying the brakes. For a brief moment, everyone in the cage thought that their time had come. When they realized what had really happened they signalled the operator to bring them back up "and then we beat the s— out of him,"

Coster recalls. "That's not the kind of stunt you want to pull on our men."

Coster and his crew have some strong feelings about the bad publicity surrounding the Helms project since the platform accident. They feel that the news reports have completely ignored the benefits the project will bring when it goes on line this fall.

They feel that if the the news media chooses to criticize the workers and Granite Construction for the things that have gone wrong, they should also give them credit for the good things they have done. On a number of occasions workers on the job have pulled people from boats capsized in Lake Wishon or aided in search and rescue operations. Pulling travellers' cars out of snow banks is a routine operation in the winter, and you don't see the workers getting credit for any of these things, Coster charges.

None of the news media talk about

what the Helms project has done for the local economy. The Fresno Bee goes out of its way to report on how the workers are supposedly stealing the contractor blind, always high on dope and getting in fights at the local tavern. Yet, millions of dollars in earned wages have filtered back into the local economy, keeping many businesses from going under during this current recession.

With all the criticism surrounding the accident, few people have recognized that, primarily through the efforts of Fresno District Representative Claude Odom, the Helms project is equipped with a full paramedic team to provide immediate care and a helicopter to speed seriously injured workers to St. Agnes Hospital in the valley. This program has saved lives and is a testimony to the union and the workers' dedication to job safety.

The Helms project is not perfect. No one said it is. If it can be proven that Granite Construction has acted negligently or that PG&E, the project owner, has been inept at keeping costs under control, then let them pay the price—whatever that may be as determined by the courts.

But let's not consider the entire project a boondoggle, nor allow ourselves to be misled by sloppy and one sided news reporting. As the accompanying articles point out, the Helms project has been built despite the tremendous challenges posed by its remote location, severe climate and difficult geology.

Someday, when it is all over, it will be recognized for what it is—one of the greatest engineering feats ever, a monument to the grit and determination it took to beat the elements at their own game. It's a shame that so many people have chosen to focus only on the controversial parts of the project. Every great achievement commands its price. At Helms, the price has ben high—but so then, has been the achievement.



Business Rep. Jerry Bennett and Don "Mucker Man" Kiemole

Helms surmole

In simple terms, the Helms project is basically designed to act like a huge drain pipe. Through 19,000 feet of concrete lined tunnels, water is taken



District Rep. Claude Odom and Labor Relations Consul

Stabilization agreemer

District Representative Claude Odom and labor unions working on two hydroelectric projects in Fresno County have signed an agreement on the projects.

Odom stated that the agreement with the Storage Project and the Kerckhoff 2 hydroelectric project agreement, but is simply incorporates existing contracts.

According to Odom, the agreement is necessary because it requires all contractors on the projects to follow a procedure for immediate arbitration in the event of a dispute, which are handled through existing contracts.

Odom also reports that negotiations with the unions began June 10 for the \$300 million Bakersfield Shaver lake. This project is owned by Southern California Edison and is set to get underway in August of this year.

In addition to this project, negotiations for the Fresno Creek hydroelectric project will also be underway. A \$100 million bond issue was recently approved, similar to the Helms job.



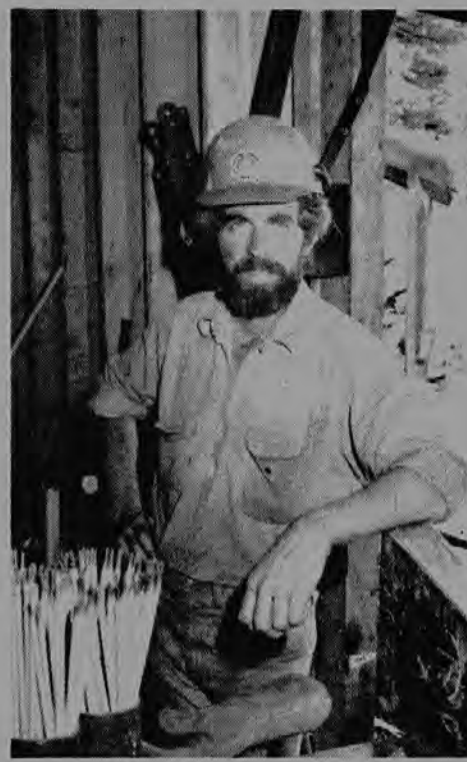
The second shift crew at the T-3 site gets ready for a day's work. Pictured left to right are Dave Finch, master mechanic; Wayne Broughton, miner; Dan Slisson, miner; Alan "Catfish" Holder, miner; Dick Coster, walker and 20-year member of Local 3; Jerry Bennett, Business Representative; Marvin Staller, mechanic-welder; Mitchell Welton, miner; Ben Borrigo, heavy duty mechanic; and pictured top back are Dan Webb, miner and Jack Bowling, shifter.



Mechanic Welder Walt Nichols



Grease Truck Operators
Ron Pringle and John Mitchell



Mechanic Foreman Paul Porter

Helms workers express anger at bad press

This letter was drafted and signed by the hands working on the T-3 shaft at Helms, and printed in the Fresno Bee after being delivered to the editor by a representative of Local 3.

It is hard to understand how the actions of a few can condemn so many, both labor and management. Your articles on the Helms Creek project make it sound as though anyone who works here is some kind of animal. How can the irresponsible actions of a few men turn the high Sierra into an urban nightmare? This is one of the most beautiful places in the country. Come up and take a look. Talk to the men who care; not one or two of those with a grudge against Granite or PG&E.

You talk of cost abuse because of thievery, waste and management. Why don't you talk about how much it costs or takes out of a man to keep a camp open when it snows 12 feet in 12 hours. Take, for example, the T-2 jobsite, a tent camp supplied by helicopter, where you need a crew of men and a D-4 Cat for snow removal from December through February. Costs are increased because the rock in a 1,700 ft. incline shaft did not break the way the geologist thought it would when you drilled or blasted. Costs are increased when a superintendent shuts down a piece of equipment for repair, for maintenance or safety and all the parts needed are in Chicago.

I work at a place called T-3 Surge and anyone who reads the Bee knows where that is — the place where engineers, management and labor wait for accidents to happen. You must think we are all fools. We did have an accident here but it was just that, an accident. The men that work here are not fools; they won't work on equipment or a platform they feel is unsafe and no one expects them to.

You wonder how green hands or inexperienced help happen to be working in some of these places? They are usually the brothers or best friends of well-known and experienced men on the crew. Everyone knows this and helps to train them and keep an eye on them. The men that we train will be working with us on other jobs and are our replacements for the future.

How has so much work been completed if we've been cutting hoses for oil spills, stealing front-end loaders and D-8 cats, brawling in mountain taverns (there is only one) and spending \$200 a week more than we earn on drugs? It's too bad people believe everything they read. We have had some bad experiences here but not to the extent that we should be ashamed of where we work or the company we work for. We are not all thieves and drug addicts; we are responsible men with families who are doing a great job, working for a good company on a project that will benefit all of us. We need your help, not criticism!

DAN E. WEBB

This letter was also signed by Danny O. Simon, Ben Borrego, William W. Broughton, Wayne R. Miller, Vernon Schmall, Mitchell D. Welton, Marvin L. Statler, Allen Holden, Jack Bowling, Richard Bengel, Steven Lundgren, Larry Kellerhal, Ed Brown, Roger A. Welton, Tom C. Herrington, Dick Coster, Tony F. Coyle, Merlin Stringer, Larry Weathers, Roger King, O'Neal Baker, Scott Worenstein, Gordon Lance, Richard Pickering, J. Hungerford, Scott Ruch, Jack D. Rowland, Ted D. Christensen, Harold Bowles, Richard Jackson, Philip Tarkir, Randy Harper, Brian Wash, Arthur W. White, Michael Chambers, Peter Sullivan and Mike Corcoran.

nts tough geologic, weather conditions.

out of Courtwright Lake and deposited into Wishon Lake 1,500 feet below.

The tremendous power of the water as it makes its drop is used to turn

three 375-megawatt generators located in a powerhouse chamber deep within the mountain.

The project is designed to produce 1,125 megawatts daily—enough to service a city of one million residents. This power is to be generated during the day to meet peak demand loads. At night, when demand slackens, the turbines will convert to huge motors and heave the water back up through the tunnels to Courtwright Lake, where it will be used again on another day.

Because of the enormous amount of power needed to propel the water back up to Courtwright, the Helms project will actually burn four units of energy for every three it produces. However, the project's value lies in its ability to provide massive injections of electricity into PG&E's grid when the system needs it most—thus preventing power outages and brownouts.

It's an ingenious system—particularly when you consider that the project was intended to be a companion to the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The cheap electricity generated by the nuclear plant is supposed to be used to pump the water back up to Courtwright Lake at night. However, with all the delays this project is experiencing, it looks as though Helms will have to do without Diablo Canyon for a while.

The project was awarded to Granite-

Ball-Groves on March 10, 1977 and excavation started two months later and progressed almost simultaneously on tunnels 1 and 2 and the powerhouse access tunnel.

The tremendous challenges posed by the underground excavation and the adverse weather have been the chief factors for the increased costs of the project. Nearly every year since the project began, snow and rain levels have been 1-1/2 to 2 times the normal levels. This has severely hampered construction operations on numerous occasions.

Geological problems in the rock frequently forced workers to realign tunnels or use excessive shoring and concrete to support the rock.

The massive proportions of the Helms Project can only be realized when one considers the amount of material either being moved out or into the tunnels and chambers.

The granite blasted and hauled out of the Sierra Mountains to create the project would fill the 52-story Bank of America building in San Francisco. There's enough concrete being used to pave a four-lane interstate highway from San Francisco to Stockton (80 miles). The underground powerhouse structure is the size of a football field and the height of a 10-story building.



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Pictured in front of the Helms access tunnel are (left to right) Jim Davis, Jack Fusari, Justin Caudel, Sergeant Shira, Joe Mobley, Business Representative Jerry Bennett and Ray Moyers.

FRINGE BENEFITS FORUM

By Art Garofalo
Director of
Fringe Benefits



A good many years ago we used to have a box on this page that read "Ask Your Trustees." Over the months that followed we tried to respond to the array of questions asked by members about their fringe benefit programs. Each month we would answer several of the most recently asked questions and eventually the number of questions we were receiving went down. Then we got a little more sophisticated and we put together news articles that answered questions and we put together the Pre-Retirement Counseling program complete with slides that answered questions. We even ventured up to the Apprenticeship classes to explain the programs and answer their questions.

In Local 3 about the fringe benefit programs has been raised tremendously over the past several years. The Boards of Trustees have adopted and promoted the policy of keeping Operating Engineers and their families advised about their benefits, the Plans and their operations.

Still, every once in a while someone will give me a shy smile look and start up with "Excuse me, I don't mean to bother you with a dumb question but..." First of all, the member has nothing to apologize for when asking for information. As representatives of the Union we owe Operating Engineers information. Secondly, it's no bother. Again, as representatives it's our job. Finally, there is no such thing as a dumb question. Old habits are hard to break. These are basic, but smart questions.

How do I keep my health and welfare coverage current?

In order to first qualify you must work at least 270 hours of covered employment in a three month period. These hours will provide you and your eligible dependents with three months of coverage. To continue eligibility you must work at least 90

hours each month. If you work more than the 90 hours required the excess is "banked" and you can accumulate up to 12 months additional coverage in your bank. If you fail to work or run out of hours from your bank you can make self payments for up to three consecutive months for all plan benefits and for an additional 9 months for Medical and Burial benefits.

How do I file claims for benefits?

Separate claim forms are required for the comprehensive Medical benefits, Dental Care, Vision Care, Physical Exams, Prescription Drugs and Medicare Reimbursement. Claim forms are available from the District Office, the Fringe Benefit Center, and the Trust Fund Office. All claims, except Vision Care, are filed with the Trust Fund Office. Vision Care claims are filed with Vision Service Plan directly.

What are the basic requirements for a pension?

First, you must work under covered employment; that means employment that requires contributions be made in your behalf to the Pension Trust. Secondly, you must meet an age requirement; age 55 for Early Retirement, age 62 for Regular Pension. And finally, you must refrain from work at the trade.

Can I lose Pension Credit?

If you have accumulated 10 years or more of credit without a permanent break-in-service you are vested and you cannot lose your Pension Credits of accumulated benefits.

If you have not yet accumulated 10 years, you are not vested and you could lose Pension Credits and benefits if you have a permanent break-in-service. Breaks-in-service are discussed on pages 7 and 8 of the new booklet.

Where can I get information about the Plans?

For starters, right here. Each month you will find several articles about you Local 3 fringe benefits and related subjects.

There are booklets describing your benefits. Copies are mailed out each new printing to all participants.

Booklets, claim forms, and best of all, information is available at the District Office, the Fringe Benefit Center and the Trust Fund Office.

For Hawaii members

Health & Welfare eligibility improved

Effective June 1, 1982 the Hawaii Operating Engineers Health and Welfare plan will have better and broader eligibility rules than ever before. The new improvements will reduce the hours necessary for initial and continuing eligibility, lengthen the hour bank, increase the length of disability, extend coverage for weekly accident and sickness benefits and health and welfare benefits and continue coverage for full time dependent students.

Based on April work which provides June coverage the amount of hours required for monthly eligibility will be reduced from 120 to 90 hours. This means that Hawaii Operating Engineers will work less for their Health and Welfare benefits.

This reduction in eligibility requirements affects two other Plan provisions as well, the initial eligibility requirement and the hour bank. As a result of the improvements Hawaii Operating Engineers will first qualify for benefits after

Vision care updated for non-panel doctors

Effective January 1, 1982 Vision Service Plan has updated their schedule of allowances for non-panel doctors.

Vision Examination	\$30.00	35.00
Materials		
Single Vision Lenses, up to	20.00	25.00
Bifocal Lenses, up to	30.00	40.00
Trifocal Lenses, up to	35.00	50.00
Lenticular Lenses, up to	75.00	100.00
Frame allowance	20.00	30.00
Contact Lenses - necessary	200.00	250.00
cosmetic	75.00	100.00

This change applies only to charges submitted by doctors who are not members of Vision Service Plan's panel. Eligible members who receive care from panel doctors pay only \$7.50 for complete vision care services.

(Utah Vision Care Benefits are provided in accordance with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield schedule of allowances outlined in the booklet.)

working only 270 hours during a three consecutive month period. And in turn, all hours worked above the 90 required for monthly eligibility are banked. The hour bank has been increased to allow members to accumulate up to 12 full months of extended coverage. The maximum that used to be banked was 6 months.

There are two other improvements which will greatly help those Engineers who are disabled and collecting benefits on June 1st or become disabled after that date. The weekly accident and sickness benefit has been increased by extending the payment period from 20 to 52 weeks. This means that disabled Operating Engineers can receive weekly disability benefits at 70% of their average salary up to \$200 per week for one full year if they become and remain disabled from the trade.

Along with that Health and Welfare coverage will also be extended for one full year for periods of certified disability. The Operating Engineer and his eligible dependents remain covered for all Health and Welfare benefits just as if he were working.

The "Eligible Dependent" definition has been improved to include dependent children who are full time students up to age 25. Previously they were terminated from coverage at age 19 regardless of their status.

These eligibility improvements come as a result of the financial soundness of the Hawaii Trust and favorable claims experience of the Plan. The changes strengthen Hawaii Operating Engineers health care protection.

More from Eureka

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in Fortuna and Willow Creek. The Willow Creek plant is at the present getting ready to fire up. Mercer Fraser has also started on their Water Front Drive project, located in Eureka.

Another nice overlay project that was recently bid and is located in Del Norte County was low bid by Wildish Construction of Eugene, Oregon. The bid was for \$657,155.

Medicare enrollment no longer automatic

MEDICARE enrollment is no longer automatic: You must sign up. Benefits payable under the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare plans are coordinated with other group insurance plans, including MEDICARE. In order to avoid any loss of protection from you Union Health and Welfare plans, you and you spouse must enroll for parts A and B of MEDICARE either 3 months before you become eligible for MEDICARE benefits or 3 months afterward. Anyone who fails to enroll during that period must wait until the first quarter (January through March) of the next year for coverage and the premiums are higher.

Benefits that are payable under MEDICARE must be deducted from the regular benefits payable under the Operating Engineers Health Plans - **WHE-
THER OR NOT THE INDIVIDUAL
HAS ENROLLED FOR MEDI-
CARE.** Therefore your enrollment is extremely important to keep your health care protection at a maximum.

Affects 48 western dams

Congress passes dam repair bill

The House of Representatives authorized \$550 million last month to repair, study or replace 48 potentially dangerous Bureau of Reclamation dams in the West, including Folsom and Shasta dams.

But in sending the bill to the Senate on a 335-9 vote, the House backed President Reagan's mandate that those who benefit from the dams ultimately reimburse the government for the costs.

In 1978, Congress authorized \$100 million for safety improvements on 13 dams. The action came partly in response to the collapse of Idaho's Teton Dam, which killed 11 people and cost the government \$350 million in damage claims.

Since then, however, the cost of repairing the dams has risen to \$130 million. And another 35 dams have been found to be potentially hazardous. The Bureau of Reclamation estimates the cost of fixing them will be about \$500 million.

Jerry King, public information officer for the bureau in Sacramento, said that the money authorized Thursday is similar to a reauthorization of more money for ongoing studies and changes at the dams.

Some of the money will go to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for work on the Folsom Lake dikes. The corps is trying to determine if the earthen dikes on each side of Folsom Dam, and the concrete structure itself, will withstand major earthquakes.

Studies will also examine whether time and the elements have changed the strength of Folsom Dam.

The authorization for the Folsom Lake project is for \$10 million. So far, no detailed results on the Folsom Lake studies are available, King said.

Other dams to be studied or repaired include Tahoe Dam, \$3 million; Trinity Dam, \$1 million; Shasta Dam, \$500,000; East Park Dam, \$6.9 million;

Pre-retirement Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, June 1, 1982; 7:30 p.m.
Salt Lake City, Engineers Hall
1958 W.N. Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, June 3, 1982; 7:30 p.m.
Huntington, American Legion
Huntington, Utah

Wednesday, June 9, 1982; 7:30 p.m.
Reno, Musicians Hall
124 W. Taylor Reno, Nevada

Wednesday, June 16, 1982; 7:30 p.m.
Redding, Engineers Hall
100 Lake Boulevard
Redding, California

Thursday, June 17, 1982; 7:30 p.m.
Marysville, Engineers Hall
1010 "I" Street
Marysville, California

Tuesday, June 22, 1982; 7:30 p.m.
Santa Rosa, Veterans Hall
1351 Maple Street
Santa Rosa, California

To Be Scheduled: San Francisco, San Mateo, Watsonville, Napa, Petaluma, and Eureka.

Dam safety bill gets \$50 million

and Stony Gorge Dam, \$4.9 million. East Park Dam and Stony Gorge Dam, both on Stony Creek in Glenn County, are examples of 50-year old dams that the bureau is taking a close look at to determine if they can withstand the worst possible floods.

Study is complete on the two small Glenn County Dams, King said. If the money authorized for them actually is budgeted by the Congress later this year, gates would be built on the two structures to better control the water.

New flood control techniques indicate that spillway gates should be installed on the simple, 1920's era overflow spillway dams. The gates would control the volume of water passing through the spillway, thus preventing the spillway from failing and the dam breaking.

King said the money for the Shasta and Trinity dams would be for seismic safety tests.

Tahoe Dam, which controls water flowing into the Truckee River, was built nearly 60 years ago. Detailed tests will be conducted to see if it is structurally safe, King said.

Stockton area awaits start up of Sohio, North Fork projects

District Representative Jay Victor reports that the work picture in the Stockton and Ceres Area is the same as it has been all winter, very slow; however, there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel.

"The two large projects that we are hoping will become realities in the very near future are, of course, the Sohio Project in Stockton which the site is now being prepared, pilings driven and we expect the first skid to arrive by the time this article goes to press," Victor explained.

"We are also hoping the North Fork Project will go to bid in the very near future. In conversation with the Water District in Calaveras County we are hoping that they will be punching access roads by the end of summer. A lot of the

WITH SAFETY IN MIND



By JACK SHORT, Director of Safety

Cutbacks in government detrimental to job safety

Contrary to what is politically fashionable of late, the general public good is not automatically served everytime there is a cut back in governmental services.



This never has been more evident than in the current debate over how to protect worker health and safety — not just among California's substantial work force (10 million strong), but throughout the United States. While "deregulation" may sound good to some people, meat-ax swings at worker protections, in practice, don't help anyone. In reality, they threaten workers' lives and employers' productivity and liability.

The ongoing attempt by the Reagan Administration to blindly follow precepts for less cumbersome government have run into heavy resistance in states like California when they have attempted to disarm this nation's relatively recent war against unsafe and unhealthy workplaces. But nationally, the emphasis continues to be on less government across the board—regardless.

In recent months, the federal Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Administration

has proposed a significant roll-back of standards for the closely regulated use of lead, cancer-causing worksite chemicals, and other recently regulated hazards. It also has curtailed the extent of its inspections of workplaces, lessening job protections to potentially millions of workers. In the 12 months ended September 30, 1981, federal OSHA inspections declined by more than 6,000, compared to the same period ended September 30, 1980. During the same comparable periods, job safety/health penalties assessed by federal OSHA dropped even more dramatically from \$24 million in 1979 to \$10 million for 1980-81.

Federal OSHA also is changing how it makes inspections. For example, it has proposed forewarning businesses of upcoming inspections rather than doing them on a drop-in, "surprise" basis and eliminating current protections employees have against getting fired or disciplined for alerting OSHA inspectors to an unsafe work situation. This can have a "chilling" effect.

Comprehensive, effective workplace protections require unequivocal protections so workers are able to democratically participate in helping correct unsafe work environments. A worker fearful of being fired is not going to "blow the whistle" on an employer operating an unsafe worksite, but one who has the full protection of the laws and governmental leadership will exercise such rights.

Another attempt at lessening federal regulation centers on applying the concept of "cost-benefit" analysis to various health/safety regulations. Fortunately, the most recent attempts were rejected by a June 1981 U.S. Supreme Court decision, which, in effect, says the cost-benefit approach has no place when it comes to laws protecting worker health and safety.

"Congress itself defined the basis relationship between cost and benefit by placing the 'benefit' of worker health above all other considerations save those making attainment of this 'benefit' unachievable," the Supreme Court decision said in part.

In their collective wisdom, Americans, I think, recognize that cost-benefit and other over-simplified quantifications erode worker safety programs. They encourage employers to "cut corners." For example, it is always cheaper to supply protective gear to employees (such as masks, gloves and headgear) rather than providing a plant or factory with equipment and engineering systems that eliminate the need for personal protective devices. The former only allows you to cope with a problem; the latter helps eliminate it.

California and its working people remain fully protected. But down the road, the situation could change if the current campaign at the federal level succeeds in turning back a decade of progress in the occupational

safety/health field (OSHA was created by Congress in 1970).

California operates one of the nation's most comprehensive programs for workplace protections under its own state plan which is 50 percent federally funded. It will continue to do so despite the current federal de-regulation. But 28 other states which are covered by federal OSHA (not their own state programs like California operates) could be grossly hurt—including such populous, industrial states as New York, Illinois, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. In the longer run, it sends a signal to all states that less, not more, worker protections are desired by our national leaders.

Cooperative approaches to job safety and health between government and industry are to be encouraged. But they cannot be effective by themselves. The present federal administration would disagree and, in fact, has developed various "voluntary compliance" schemes to replace *not supplement* long-standing enforcement programs.

California, too, has found success in major cooperative efforts, but only because it maintains the traditional "carrot and stick" approach—an active inspection/citation program along with help in voluntary compliance for more progressive employers.

The difference in emphasis is more than a subtlety. We use computerized "targeting" for more and better field enforcement. It is the best way to focus the state's limited resources on the potentially most dangerous worksites.

The present federal administration, however, would apply the same computerized, prioritizing approach to limit inspections. It would focus on the safest industries—not the most dangerous—creating whole groups of businesses which would be "exempt" from OSHA penalties. Both approaches are referred to as "targeting," but California's use of the technique is to increase enforcement while the federal government's is to lessen it.

From the standpoint of the beleaguered American taxpayer—buffeted by seemingly malignant inflation and the prospects for enticing tax-savings—the desirability of less government is questionable when applied to places where they work. Do Americans, for example, trade a few short-term additional dollars in their pockets (by way of federal income tax relief) for the "price" of increasing their chances of dying on the job or being exposed to toxic chemicals that will shorten their lifespans?

No matter how good the intentions or political motivations, years of progress by both Republican and Democratic administrations alike could be tossed aside if we rush too quickly to cut government protections in the workplace. (The above article is by Don Vial, Director, State of California's Department of Industrial Relations.)

surveying has been done and there is more to be done."

The work picture is about the same as it was this time last year with some employers feeling it is not going to be as good, while others feel it is going to be a little better. It is a kind of wait-and-see type game with the way the economy is nationwide.

In Stanislaus County there are several small jobs going, the largest being the Frankenheimer Power Project in Oakdale. Also in the area, Granite is doing an overlay and widening of Claus Road. Toledo Engineering is completing a job at Gallo Glass.

Up in the hills, G.E.B. is doing 2.5 miles of realignment and resurfacing of Hwy 120 near Groveland. In LaGrange, Kaweah Const. is working on hydro power project. Also in the Groveland area, waterline work is being done by Forest Land Grading and Paving and Hydrox has some telephone cable work. Ford Construction is working in 35 miles of forest access road out of Jupiter. They are also doing another 2 to 3 months work at Melones on some recreation facilities.

On the political scene, District 30 and 31 have endorsed Assemblyman Pat Johnson for his re-election to the 26th Assembly District. Also we have made the following endorsements for re-election: Judge John Cruikshank, Judge Ann Chargin, Judge Sandra B. Smith, Judge Ken Ferguson, and San Joaquin County Clerk, Ralph Epperson. We are also endorsing Rick Macias running for San Joaquin County Sheriff.

"In the elections that have been held we were successful in getting elected City Councilman Sherman Porter in Riverbank, City Council Woman, Pat Paul in Oakdale and Robert Wikoff, Oakdale Mayor," Victor reports.

"It is in our opinion, important that we develop and maintain an open line of communication and develop a working relationship with the local, state and federal agencies to help us accomplish our desired end result which is to create jobs



In the February issue of Engineers News, an article was published on the employees of Kaiser Sand and Gravel's Felton plant. The above photograph should have appeared with that article. Pictured above are Steve Blanchard, Bob Coplen, Calvin Jolley, Wilbur Lund, Bob Newey, Alos Peach, Logan "Speed" Rush, Rich Salazar, Marvin Yegge, Dennis Lewicki, Chuck Ivie and Max Spurgeon. Crew member Ray Herrera was off sick on the day the photo was taken.

At its meeting on April 18th the Executive Board approved Honorary Memberships for the following Retirees who have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3:

Name	Reg. No.
Kenneth N. Alexander	538693
Ivan E. Blauser	531610
Harry L. Camden	512496
Jeff A. Clem	535914
John M. Garnier	360597
Melvin A. Geister	540928
Wilbur H. Hunt	519697
Robert L. Kelley	395093
John W. Long	408793
Hugh L. McCreath	546581
William A. Monett	496020
Donald E. Morris	529242
Gloyd L. Moyer	494281
Laurence J. Pantaleoni	512567
Anthony E. Pisano	546588
Otto Querner	491005
Vernon Ray	546592
George G. Schafer	254692
George W. Sheridan	529692
Vernon Siligo	360727
William F. Silva	546669
Charles C. Simon	361483
William D. Swain	546725
Durbert B. Young	321886
Joe Zarate	452064

OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

Recording-Corresponding Secretary James "Red" Ivy, in compliance with the Local Union By-Laws, Article XII, Section 2(b), publishes the following notice:

(A) *Notice of Right to Nominate*
Article XII Section 2(j)

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

(B) *Form in Which Nominations will be made*
Article XII, Section 2(e)

Nominations shall be in writing and signed by one or more nominators giving each nominator's Social Security Number and Register Number in the form following:

If by a single nominator:

NOMINATION

I hereby nominate _____,
Register No. _____ For _____

Signature _____

Social Security No. _____

Register No. _____

If by more than one nominator:

NOMINATION

We hereby nominate _____
Register No. _____ For _____

Signature _____ Social Security No. _____ Register No. _____

(C) *Number of Nominators Required*
Article XII, Section 1(a) and (b)

The minimum number of eligible nominators required for a candidate for Officer based on the Local Union Membership (excluding Registered Apprentices) on February 28, 1982, of 32,587 members is thirty three (33).

The minimum number of eligible nominators required for District Member of the Executive Board or Sub District Advisor is one (1).

(D) The time and place of the regular and specially-called District Meetings at which nominations will be made:

SCHEDULE OF NOMINATING MEETINGS — JUNE 1982

District	Day	Time	Location
June 1 — Tuesday	1—	8:00 pm	SAN FRANCISCO, 8:00 pm 474 Valencia Street Specially Called
	10—	8:00 pm	UKIAH, 8:00 pm Grange Hall, 740 So. State St. Regular
	5—	8:00 pm	FRESNO, 8:00 pm Laborer's Hall, 5431 E. Hedges Specially Called
June 17 (06) — GUAM		7:30 pm	Engrs. Bldg., Mangilao, Guam Specially Called
June 2 — Wednesday	2—	8:00 pm	OAKLAND, 8:00 pm Elks Lodge #1994, 3994 Willow Pass Road, Concord Specially Called
	4—	8:00 pm	EUREKA, 8:00 pm Engrs. Bldg., 2806 Broadway Specially Called
	12—	8:00 pm	PROVO, 8:00 pm Provo City Power Bldg., 251 W 800 N Regular
June 3 — Thursday	9—	8:00 pm	SAN JOSE, 8:00 pm Italian Gardens, 1502 Almaden Road Regular
	7—	8:00 pm	REDDING, 8:00 pm Engrs. Bldg., 100 Lake Blvd. Specially Called
	11—	8:00 pm	RENO, 8:00 pm Musicians Hall, 124 West Taylor Regular
June 4 — Friday	3—	8:00 pm	STOCKTON, 8:00 pm Engrs. Bldg., 1916 No. Broadway Specially Called
	6—	8:00 pm	MARYSVILLE, 8:00 pm Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Arts/Crafts Bldg. 422 Franklin, Yuba City Specially Called
	8—	8:00 pm	SACRAMENTO, 8:00 pm Laborer's Hall, 6545 Stockton Blvd. Specially Called
June 7 — Monday	17—	7:00 pm	HONOLULU, 7:00 pm Washington Intermediate School, 1633 S. King St. Specially Called
June 8 — Tuesday	17—	7:00 pm	HILO, 7:00 pm Kapiolani Elementary School, 966 Kilauea Ave. Specially Called
June 9 — Wednesday	17—	7:00 pm	MAUI, 7:00 pm Kahului Elementary School, 410 So. Hina Ave. Specially Called

The following is the complete text of Article XII, Elections, of the Local Union Bylaws:

ARTICLE XII ELECTIONS

Section 1

Eligibility.

(a) *Officers other than the Business Manager:* No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold office unless he shall have been a member continuously in good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year preceding the month of nominations; and provided that no member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office unless he shall also have been a member of the Local Union for two years immediately prior to election (subject to [e] below), and nominated by at least 1/10th of 1% of the Members of the Local Union and its Sub-divisions (except the Registered Apprentice Sub-division), who are not suspended for nonpayment of dues as of the first nominating meeting, in the manner and form set out in Section 2, Nominations, of this Article. The 1/10th of 1% shall be 1/10th of 1% of the Members shown on the records of the Union as of the last day of February preceding the election.

(b) *Business Manager:* No Member shall be eligible for election to, be elected to, nor hold the office of Business Manager unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union for a period of two (2) years preceding the month of nominations (subject to [e] below); and nominated by at least 1/10th of 1% of the Members of the Local Union and its Sub-divisions (except the Registered Apprentice Sub-division), who are not suspended for nonpayment of dues as of the first nominating meeting, in the manner and form set out in Section 2, Nominations, of this Article. The 1/10th of 1% shall be 1/10th of 1% of the Members shown on the records of the Union as of the last day of February preceding the election.

(c) *District Member of the Executive Board:* No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold the position of District Member unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year preceding the month of nominations; and provided that no member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold the position of District Member unless he shall have been a member of the Local Union for two years immediately prior to election and has maintained a residence in the District he represents or seeks to represent for not less than one (1) year, preceding the first day of the dues period in which the election is held (subject to [e] below).

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

(d) *Sub-district Advisor to the Executive Board:* No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected nor hold the position of Sub-district Advisor unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year preceding the month of nominations; and provided that no member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold the position of Sub-district Advisor unless he shall have been a member of the Local Union for two (2) years immediately prior to election and has maintained a residence in the Sub-district he represents or seeks to represent for not less than one (1) year, preceding the first day of the dues period in which the election is held (subject to [e] below).

(e) Members of the Registered Apprentice Sub-division and Members who are retired or who do not meet the age requirements of the International Constitution shall not be eligible for nomination or election to any Office or Position set forth in (a) through (d) above.

(f) If no Member fulfills the foregoing conditions of eligibility for a particular Office or Position, any Member currently in good standing in the Local Union, and otherwise eligible, shall, upon the filing of an Affidavit that he meets the requirements of Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 and Article XII Section 1(a) of these By-Laws be eligible to be nominated for and elected to, and to hold, that Office or Position.

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

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

Section 2

Nominations.

(a) *Nominations:* Nominations shall be made in the month of June at the regularly scheduled District Meetings as directed by the Local Union Executive Board as a special order of business, or at specially called meetings in that month in Districts in which there is no regularly scheduled meeting.

(b) *Notice:* Notice of the right to nominate, of the form in which the nomination shall be made, the number of nominators required and of the time and place of the regular and specially called District Meetings at which nominations will be made, shall be given by publication in the April edition of the *Engineers News*, and promptly posted in the District and Sub-district Employment Offices or Job Placement Centers.

(c) *Nomination Committee:* There shall be a Nomination Committee in each District, composed of the District Election Committeeman and not less than two (2) Members from the District appointed by the Presiding Officer just prior to nominations. In the event the District Election Committeeman is absent, the Presiding Officer shall appoint one (1) additional Member from the District to the Committee.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Nomination Committee to receive the written nomination when delivered by a nominator, count the nominations of each Member nominated for each Office or Position and deliver the nominations prior to the close of each meeting to the Presiding Officer who shall announce the number of nominators nominating each nominee for each Office or Position. The Presiding Officer shall have the responsibility of delivering the nominations to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary who shall cause them to be delivered to the Secretary of the Election Committee.

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

If by a single nominator:

NOMINATION

I hereby nominate _____,
Register No. _____ For _____

Signature _____

Social Security No. _____

Register No. _____

If by more than one nominator:

NOMINATION

We hereby nominate _____
Register No. _____ For _____

Signature _____ Social Security No. _____ Register No. _____

which he is nominating the Member and deliver his written nomination to the Nomination Committee. If there is more than one nominator, one of the nominators shall address the Presiding Officer reciting his name and Register Number and the names and Register Numbers of the other nominators and the name of the Member and the Office and Position for which he is nominating the Member and deliver the written nomination to the Nomination Committee.

- (g) All Members nominated, otherwise eligible, in order to continue to be eligible shall have filed with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Local Union within ten (10) days after having been notified in writing by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of his nomination to Local Union Office, Section 504 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 Affidavit, and a written acceptance of his nomination to Office, and in addition, shall have been in regular attendance at all regularly scheduled Local Union Membership Meetings and home District Membership Meetings held after nominations and before election, subject, however, to a reasonable excuse based upon good cause such as physical incapacity, or death in family. Within five (5) days after the nominations have been concluded, the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall mail to each Member nominated, at his last known home address, notice of his nomination and the Office to which he has been nominated.
- (h) No Member may accept nomination for more than one (1) Office or Position except a Member may accept the nomination for Sub-district Advisor and any one other Office or Position.

DECLINATION OF NOMINEE

The Undersigned states that he declines all nominations:

(Name) _____ (Signature) _____

(Register No.) _____ (Social Security No.) _____

(Date) _____

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINEE

The Undersigned states that he will accept nomination for _____ (Office or Position)

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

(Name) _____ (Collective Bargaining Agreement Classification) _____

(Signature) _____

(Register No.) _____ (Social Security No.) _____

(Date) _____ (PRINT Name) _____

In the event no statement is received by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary on or before twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of the notice provided for in Article XII, Section 2(g), the nominee shall be deemed for all purposes to have declined all nominations for the Offices or Positions for which he has been nominated.

- (i) All Members nominated who are more than one hundred (100) miles from San Francisco on the day prior to and the day of the Semi-Annual Meeting in San Francisco are excused from attending for good cause, as are all who are more than one hundred (100) miles from their regular District Meetings the day before and the day of the Meeting. However, a Member nominated who claims to be excused for this reason shall notify the Recording-Corresponding Secretary in writing, by letter or telegram, not later than 5:00 p.m., Local San Francisco Time, within five (5) days after such Meeting.
- (j) *Eligibility of Members to Nominate:* Every Member of the Parent Local Union and its Sub-divisions (except the Registered Apprentice Sub-division), who is not suspended for nonpayment of dues preceding the first nominating meeting shall have the right to nominate.
- (k) In the event of the death, between nomination and the time of the last meeting preceding the election, of any Constitutional Officer who has been nominated to Office in the forthcoming election, any Member of the Local Union, who is otherwise eligible, shall be eligible to be nominated and upon his

filing with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of an Affidavit that he meets the requirements of Section 504 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 and his acceptance of such nomination shall be eligible to be elected to, and, if elected, to hold the Office to which the deceased Officer had been nominated. If the death occurs after the last Meeting preceding the election, nomination shall be effected by filing the Affidavit that he meets the requirements of Section 504 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 and a statement of candidacy with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary prior to the election but in no event more than five (5) days after the deceased Officer's death.

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 Membership of this Local Union under the supervision of the Election Committee and a nationally known 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 will be made. The Member 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.

- (c) The Election Committee shall determine whether or not each candidate nominated is eligible. Any candidate found not to be eligible shall be declared ineligible by the Election Committee. The Committee's decision shall be promptly communicated to each such ineligible candidate in writing. Unless the Election Committee's decision is reversed on appeal, it shall govern, and the ballots shall be prepared accordingly.
- (d) The Election Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the election, and specifically: for the preparation of the list of eligible voters, showing the Member's name and last known address as it appears on the records of this Local Union; the preparation and printing of the ballots, listing the nominees for Business Manager first and the Constitutional Officers next, and other positions thereafter in the order in which they appear in Article VII, Section 1 of these By-Laws with a separate ballot of a different color for each District for nominees for District Member, listing the incumbent for each Office or Position first and the other nominees for the same Office or Position in alphabetical order by their last name (the candidate's name and one occupational classification, i.e., classification set forth in collective bargaining agreement that the Local Union has entered into, if any, given by him being printed as it appears on Acceptance of Nominee Form) and envelopes; and the giving of a Notice of Election, by mailing a printed Notice thereof to each Member of the Local Union at his last known address as it appears on the records of this Local Union not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the mailing of the ballots to eligible voters.

The Election Committee shall cause a sample ballot to be published in the July edition of the *Engineers News* preceding the election, and to be promptly posted in the District Job Placement Centers.

The Election Committee shall deliver the list of names and last known addresses of eligible voters, and cause the printer to deliver the ballots and envelopes to the nationally known firm of certified public accountants chosen by the Local Union

Executive Board, which firm shall rent a post office box to which the ballots shall be returned.

- (e) The certified public accountants shall mail the ballots and return envelopes to the eligible voters between August 10th and 16th preceding the election, and shall open the post office box for the first and last time on the August 26th next following, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day. In the event August 26th should be a Sunday or a holiday, the post office box shall be opened by the certified public accountants on the following day, at the same time.

The certified public accountants shall remove the returned ballots, count the same and certify the results in writing to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee, or a sub-committee thereof, shall be present at the mailing of the ballots, the opening of the post office box, and the counting of the ballots.

The Election Committee shall make certain that adequate safeguards are maintained so as to protect the secrecy of the ballots.

- (f) The Election Committee shall declare the candidate for each Office and Position receiving a plurality of the votes elected, except that the three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the Office of Trustee and the Position of Auditor shall be declared elected. The certificate of the certified public accountant shall be published in the September edition of the *Engineers News* following the election.
- (g) The newly elected Officers shall be installed, at a specially called District Meeting in District No. 1, not later than September 15th.
- (h) Every Member who is not suspended for nonpayment of dues as of August 11th, the date for the first mailing of ballots, shall have the right to vote. No Member whose dues shall have been withheld by his Employer for payment to the Local Union pursuant to his voluntary authorization provided for in a collective bargaining agreement shall be declared ineligible to vote by reason of any alleged delay or default in the payment of dues by his Employer to the Local Union.
- Eligibility to vote for District Member shall, in addition, be based on each Member's last known address as shown on the records of the Local Union on August 1st prior to the mailing of the ballots, and each Member shall be eligible to vote only for the nominees for District Member for the District in which such address is located.

Section 4

Each candidate shall have the right to have an observer at the polls and at the counting of the ballots; that is, each candidate shall have the right to have an observer to check the eligibility list of voters, check the ballots, see that the ballots are mailed, be present at the opening of the post office box and the counting of the ballots. The observer may challenge the eligibility of any voter, and the ballots of all voters who may have been challenged shall be set aside, pending determination as to their validity. If the challenged ballots are sufficient in number to affect the results of the election, all challenges shall be investigated by the Election Committee to determine their validity as promptly as possible.

Section 5

- (a) Every Member shall have the right to express his views and opinions with respect to the candidates; provided, however, that no Member shall libel or slander the Local Union, its Members, its Officers, District Members, or any candidate, and all Members shall avoid all personalities and indecorous language in any expression of view and opinions with respect to candidates.
- (b) Any Member found guilty of violating Paragraph (a) of this Section 5 shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Constitution and By-Laws, and if such Member should be a candidate he shall, if found guilty, in addition to any fine, suspension or expulsion, suffer the loss of the Office for which he is a candidate, if elected thereto.

Section 6

The Recording-Corresponding Secretary, upon request of any bona fide candidate for Office, shall distribute such candidate's campaign literature, by mail or otherwise; provided the candidate making such request does so in writing, advising the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the type of mailing, or

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TEACHING TECHS BY ART PENNEBAKER, ADMINISTRATOR, SURVEYORS JAC

Teaching Techs

The State Government of California provides for a representative Board to register various specialties of Professional Engineers and Licensed Land Surveyors.



It is the duty of the Board to stipulate criteria, design tests and decide the level of competency for persons entering the professions of Registered Engineers or Licensed Land Surveyor. The Board members represent several disciplines of Engineering. One position on the Board is designated to be a representative Licensed Land Surveyor. Members of the board are appointed by the Governor of the State of California.

For whatever reason, the position of Licensed Land Surveyor on the Board of Registration laid vacant for approximately a year and a half. Apparently there was little interest by the professional Community or at least little effective activity toward filling this position that is so very important to the professions and to the consumers.

When one of the Professional Licensed Land Surveyors who is a Local No. 3 Operating Engineer member indicated interest in the position to the Local Union No. 3 Business Manager the wheels began to grind.

It may seem at first glance that a labor union would not poke its nose into the business of the Professionals. However, when the overall picture comes into focus, the union's concern becomes more understandable. Operating Engineers Union Tech Engineer members perform most of the on site surveys for Licensed Land Surveyor and many are Licensed Surveyors In Training, the Joint-Union-Management Training program



Bob Mayfield, Vice President of Local Union No. 3, Assistant Business Manager and Liaison Officer to Rancho Murieta Training Center, congratulates Fred Seiji, a long time Instructor at Rancho Murieta Training Center and Local No. 3 member, for receiving a Distinguished service Award of merit for his activities as Land Surveyor Committee Chariman of the State of California Board of Registration for Licensed Land Surveyors and Registered Civil Engineers.

Mayfield stated that Fred Seiji typifies the high caliber of Instructors and other staff employed by the Local No. 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Programs at Rancho Murieta Training Center, the Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the Northern California Surveyor Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

provides an available vehicle to prepare for the L.S.I.T. tests, the Licensed Land Surveyor, who utilizes competent employees can demand adequate remuneration from his client and therefore can provide a better wage base position for the Union Surveyor member and there was no indication that other individual Licensed Land Surveyors or Employer Associations had been interested in filling the position for approximately a year and a half.

Dale Marr, Business manager of Local Union No. 3 recommended Fred Seiji to the Governor of the State of California for appointment to the prestigious position of Licensed surveyor Member of the State Board of Registration for Profession Engineers. The long time Operating Engineer member who sought support possessed excellent credentials, proven professional ability, appropriate academic background, practical field experience, highest personal integrity, a keen desire toward demanding excellence for the privilege of the License and had spent untold hours outside the regular work day promoting bottom run Apprentices who were entering the occupation of Field and Construction Surveyor for the first time.

Mr. Seiji has pursued the profession both in private practice and within the Government structure for many years. He has been employed on the staff of RMTIC in several capacities, has for many years been an instructor of the NCSJAC Related Training Classes, was chosen to revise and update Related Training material for NCSJAC and is an on going consultant to the NCSJAC Training Program.

Apparently Fred has fulfilled his responsibilities to the profession to a more than adequate degree. The California State Land Surveyors Association has just recently presented Mr. Seiji a Distinguished Service award of merit for the fine job he has done over the past three years in representing the Profession at the highest Governmental level.

Fred Seiji exemplifies the spirit of the many Operating Engineer members who on their own time, go beyond just earning a living, by exerting a little extra effort toward participation at important levels of Government.

The membership of Local Union No. 3 can be proud that one of its members was selected by Governor Jerry Brown for this highest Government position. The Local Union No. 3 Technical Engineers members.

Talking to Techs

POLITICS AND UNIONS - PEOPLES LOBBY

The trade union movement, as a whole, does not operate on the narrow grounds of self-interest. It exists to help those people least able to help themselves.

It exists not only to win fair wages and working conditions and employment security for its members, but to champion the cause of justice and equal opportunity for those people beset by ignorance, poverty, prejudice and discrimination.

This means unions have a clear obligation to represent the interests of a great many people who are not union members.

This is why labor has a lobby! Sometimes it's called the "People's Lobby," because it pushes for legislation that doesn't benefit union members directly but helps those who don't have full-time personal representatives in the state capitals and in Washington to look out for their interests. Labor's record of support for free public education, for instance, goes all the way back to 1832. And labor was in the forefront with teachers, church leaders, and university professors to get federal aid for grade schools, high schools and colleges and universities in the 1960's. Scholarships and loans for poor and needy students are part of labor's legislative program in education, too. Then there's the case of minimum wage legislation. Almost all union members make more than the federal minimum wage.

But an awful lot of people who aren't union members make less. And a lot more wouldn't be making the minimum if the law didn't exist. Labor was the first organized group to fight for a minimum wage, and



today it is pressing for legislation that will assure that the minimum wage will not fall behind the level of inflation or the government's official poverty level. A minimum wage protected against inflation is the best way to fight poverty and to help the working poor.

Equal employment opportunities, voting rights, civil rights, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, and public health programs - all are the result of the "people's lobby" approach to legislation.

These programs contribute to the nation's progress and the worker's prosperity and job security. And they help others less fortunate to stand up as dignified individuals.

American unions are wed to no single party; they support liberal and progressive candidates in both major parties. Neither have they tried to form their own national political party. Union members participate in the existing parties to make their voices heard and their votes felt when it comes time to select candidates, write party platforms, and persuade people to vote for their favored candidates and programs. In the AFL-CIO, union members do their political work through the Committee on Political Education (COPE). Their interest begins at the grass roots level and their work begins there at the precinct level. It continues up through the party structure to county conventions, district conventions, state conventions, and the national conventions. It consists of registering voters, distributing literature and campaign materials on issues and candidates, and getting out the vote on election day. Participating in politics is 90 percent sweat and 10 percent brain, but union members know there is no substitute for hard work. No one ever said making democracy work is easy.

So, unions are in politics for three good reasons: to protect themselves and the gains they have won through collective bargaining, to promote justice and equal economic opportunity for all, and to elect public office holders who believe in both.

Seminars

During the month of April, your Business Representative attended a four-day Seminar on Labor Relations. The Seminar was presented and conducted by The Institute for Labor Mediation-Arbitration Services.

The Seminar was extremely informative and well presented. The program included the following subjects: Labor Law, The American Legal System, Organizing, Strikes, Hiring Halls, Collective Bargaining, Jurisdictional Disputes, Arbitration, Grievances, Labor's Role in Politics, and a host of other topics.

In the complex world of today, your Business Representatives are confronted with the so-called new breed of EMPLOYER CONSULTANTS. In the past articles we have reported about their methods. These are the people that many non-union employers hire to keep their employees from legally organizing for the purpose of collective bargaining. They bend, and in many cases, break the laws that were established to protect ALL WORKERS.

To meet this threat, Business Manager Dale Marr, has through Executive Board approval, arranged these Seminars for the sole purpose of increasing, updating and improving the knowledge and skills of your Representatives. With the proper tools to work with, we can assure you that we will represent YOU, the MEMBER, with complete professionalism.

Surveying

With the improved weather, work has finally started to pick up in the Survey Industry. Most of the survey work is Industrial Parks Heavy Construction and Commercial in Projects. Housing, as usual, is still at a virtual standstill. High interest rates and unemployment are the contributing factors. As Business Manager Dale Marr stated in the past Engineers News, "The Republican Administration cannot blame anyone else for this recession. This recession was started in July 1981 with Reagan's job-destroying, tight money, budget-slashing policies. These policies must be stopped. Anti-recession, job-creating programs must be started immediately."

Let's put some pressure on the politicians that support Reagan's irresponsible policies. Take the time to register to vote. Stay informed on the candidates, vote for the politicians that support, and work for ALL THE PEOPLE, not a small, select group.

Shops continue to be slow in Oakland

Assistant District Representative, Ron Butler, reports that work in the shops continues to be slow, with many of the brothers either laid off or on a reduced work schedule.

But hard times for some seem to mean good times for others. At Golden Gate Fields, where there are six engineers maintaining the race track, bettors put more than \$3,600,000 through the windows on a recent Saturday.

"I want to take this opportunity to remind the brothers that registration on the out-of-work list is good for 84 days only," Butler reports. You must re-register within 84 days or your name will be stricken from the list. This requirement is necessary to keep the out-of-work list from becoming unwieldy and unworkable; so please don't forget to re-register!

Hopefully, with temperatures rising and interest rates falling, none will be on the list for 84 days anyway! But keep it in mind.

Gil Anderson, Business Representative, reports that Shipyards are very slow. Todd has sent their large drydock to the Tacoma Yard; therefore, greatly diminishing their capability to do bottom work. The scuttlebutt is that Todd has bought four yards from Bethlehem, including the San Francisco facility. That would give them all the capacity they will need, so they will be ready for the big boom; and the rumors are still strong that there will be a boom in the ship repair, assuming Reagan will get a budget passed in 1982.

The scrap industry doesn't seem to change. The market is slower, but still plugging along. Schnitzer-Learner and Levin are still loading ships. The price of scrap is down again. The Learner Company is phasing out the main yard on Alameda Avenue, with the intent of building apartments or office space on the site, reducing their Oakland operation by two-thirds.

Most of the hands are working, with some exceptions. Shellmaker has between fifteen and twenty hands on the Vanguard in Reo Vista, with enough work to run through this summer. The Vagabond is in Santa Cruz and will be starting up soon for the second phase. It has been hit and miss with this crew.

R & D Watson is slow now, just keeping a few hands busy with maintenance. Delta Dredge has the Holland working two shifts on Empire Tract. Dutra Construction has slowed some, but still has most of their hands working. The same would apply to Dutra Dredging - Ed keeps about eight to ten hands working.

Western Pacific came through from Honolulu enroute to Long Beach. With their 10-yard machine laid up in Richmond for two or three weeks to re-outfit the rig, putting a few welders to work. Big Horn Construction is on their last leg at the Alameda Naval Air Station, with their fifteen-yard digger, Thelma, and about sixteen hands.

PKS is moving the Davy Crockett for their Monterey outfall line job. PKS was also awarded a major job in Honolulu, almost \$50 million dollars, and will probably take the Thelma and some crew from here for that.

Smith-Rice Company was awarded the Richmond Harbor Job, about three fourths of a million yards. They are moving now and will be using the twenty-yard digger, Super Scoop, with a crew of fifteen or sixteen hands. There is a time limit on this job, but this Company also has a nine-yard digger if needed to stay in the time frame.

FLASH!!!! Tickets are now available for the Second Annual Dredgerman's Picnic Barbecue, to be held at Reo Vista on August 22, 1982 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Call any of the following numbers for tickets and information:

Sacramento Area:	
Chuck Center	916/453-1920
Bay Area:	
Frank Cross	415/471-3327
Oran Center	415/782-7128
Gil Anderson	415/797-4457

Please Remember! If you are a retired dredge hand, there is NO COST for you and your wife or friend. The Retiree's Committee is:

Nick Carlson	415-685-2589
Tony Brown	
(Fosters Big Horn)	707/374-2511
Sam Papetti	415-682-3605

For my final line, I would like to plead with all you hands to get registered and vote! The election for Hayakawa's Senate seat is critical. If we can get ten new seats in the U.S. Senate, we can reverse Reagan's rush to a total depression. Did you ever notice how much Reagan sounds like Hoover, Class of

1929???

Business Representative Bruce Childers reports that up until now work in the Southern Alameda county has been non-existent due to the weather factor and also due to the lousy economy. However, there are several jobs in the area that, as soon as it dries up, will be going full steam again.

Oliver deSilva has a couple of major projects taking off. Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton will be firing up as soon as a little more red tape is dealt with. Since our Governor decided to sign into law "Bill SB-1347", the funding of the Dumbarton Bridge Project will now resume. Oliver deSilva will begin calling back many of his people by the end of April. Piombo also is beginning to do very well at the I-580 extension in Castro Valley. They will be in the dirt business again as soon as the overpass adjacent to I-580 is complete.

Many other companies are also starting work. Gradeway Construction. Gene Caldeira Grading; and even Blair Excavation is doing an excavation job in Newark.



Hawaii member builds model helicopters

A multitude of talent exists among the membership of Local 3. Business Representative Ken Kahoonei reports that one such talented brother member is Brother Ronald S. Evans who is a builder of model helicopters which in itself is very expensive, time consuming, and requires skilled hands.

Having always been fascinated by helicopters and because the real thing is much too expensive, Brother Evans started building and flying models as a hobby which later became a way of life for him. If it was possible and good weather permitting, he would fly his model helicopters seven days a week.

Every Sunday, he and his club members meet to exchange ideas and expertise with one another. Brother Evans had two helicopters, one with a fixed pitch rotor head for training and the other with collective pitch control that is not a scale model. It takes approximately two years to

learn to fly model helicopters proficiently.

Basic tools at home to aid in repair cost are a Logan 9" metal lathe, a Rockwell 15" drillpress, a Craftsman grinder/buffer, a Dremel motor tool and various other small tools.

Brother Evans is a Heavy Duty Repairman/Welder and is currently employed by Lone Star Hawaii Construction, Inc. He started with Local 3 as an Apprentice in January, 1972 and had completed his training program in April, 1974. Upon completion of his training, Brother Evans had started to work for Lone Star Hawaii Construction, Inc. During that same year, honor was bestowed upon Brother Evans when he was selected as "Apprentice of the Year" for the State of Hawaii.

Our best wishes go to Brother Ronald S. Evans for continued success in his endeavors.

Crane work cont.

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operators regarding the Utah area," Dorresteyn reports. "I hope those of you that called don't leave at once because I'm hoping we get enough work in our area soon.

Bigge is very busy again at Standard Oil, San Andreas, and San Francisco. They still have some work in San Diego.

Santa Clara Bigge is still doing a lot of panel work in this area. They picked up a pretty good sized job in Santa Barbara.

As it looks, the outlook for crane work is not that bad and we'll be getting more.

SAFETY! This is a full time effort for both the operator and oiler.

"We have had a few cranes go over and we have been pretty damn lucky," Dorresteyn said. "The rigs were mostly hydros and did not go down a long way - just turn-overs. Most of these could have been avoided with some job planning and setting up the rig correctly.

"We also had a very close call when a seven ton section of tower crane was dropped 100 feet. The piece just missed a crew of iron workers by feet. This accident could have also been avoided as the equipment was available at the time for a safer lift," he stated.

So, please use good job site planning; don't let ground crews or their crafts con you into a bad move as it could be fatal to you or someone else.

Crane crews work a lot of years, and sometimes under very difficult conditions. You build a flawless reputation in the crane industry then make a bad decision or let someone else make a wrong decision for you. A bad accident happens, someone is hurt or dies, and again your reputation is hurt.

When an accident happens, the crane company hears about it before the business agent. So use your heads and the experience you have achieved over the years to good use, and maybe we won't have any further problems with accidents.

If you are in, or see an accident happen, call as soon as possible. Prompt investigations are very, very important. **WORK SAFE!**

Santa Rosa area gets back to work after long winter

There's no doubt about it, reports Business Representative Pat O'Connell, the construction season is now underway in the Santa Rosa area. As of the end of April, it is still a bit wet in the low areas, but the long and sunny spring days have motivated most of the contractors to get cranked up. Currently, there is not too much action off the list but lots of recalls are coming in.

O'Connell is smiling big and working hard due to the recent recall of 150 plus Operating Engineers for the Warm Springs Dam project. Everything is going smoothly on the largest project in Sonoma County.

The Geysers area is showing a good increase in work orders and looks to be strong in job starts throughout the season.

For those Operating Engineers who are nearing retirement age, District Representative Paul Wise encourages you to attend a pre-retirement meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building. "This is a very informative meeting and we hope you all take advantage of it," Wise said.

Departed Brothers

Business Manager Dale Marr and the Officers of Local 3 Extend their sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of the following deceased:

NAME/ADDRESS	DECEASED
ADAMS, Joseph 433 Adm. Callaghan, Vallejo, CA 94590	10-3-81
ANDERSON, Peter 59 Todd Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95401	10-10-81
BARTON Loral P.O. Box 87, Tropic, Utah 84776	10-3-81
BENTOCINO, Floramente 87 182 Helelua #7, Waianae, HI 96792	10-14-81
BURCH, Arthur 3097 Hazelwood Ave., Vallejo, CA 94590	10-27-82
CARD, Fred J. 14150 E. Tedford Dr., Whittier, CA 90604	10-9-81
CROON, Vincent 27 Rambly Drive, Cotati, CA 94928	10-3-81
DYER, Howard 4140 Pamela Avenue, Reno, NV 89502	9-27-81
FULLER, Earl 19001 River Rd., Lemoore, CA 93245	10-4-81
HALL, Charles 4582 2nd Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566	10-26-81
HURST, Eugene 2578 So. Holloway, Fresno, CA 93725	9-2-81
KIRK, Adrian P.O. Box 941, Corning, CA 96021	10-5-81
LEROY, Newell 535 E. 100 So., Provo, Utah 84601	10-22-81
LORDA, Robert 300 Ferguson Rd., Auburn, CA 95603	10-5-81
LYNCH, Murt 2212-41st Ave., Oakland, CA 94601	9-23-81
MATTHEWS, Albert Rt. 2, Box 79, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457	10-14-81
MILLER, Elbert 66 Peach Lane, Hollister, CA 95023	10-3-81
MIYASHIRO, Harry 4325 Nelson, Richmond, CA 94803	10-12-81
MORSE, Harry P.O. Box 364, Weimar, CA 95736	10-10-81
PARKER, Harold 3218 Moran Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804	10-2-81
RIST, Wilfred c/o B of A, Box 1090, Santa Rosa, CA 95402	10-14-81
SCORZATO, Joseph 2402 Ledgewood Dr., W. Jordan, UT 84084	10-22-81
SMITH, Harrison P.O. Box 2304, Arnold, CA 95223	10-13-81
STEEL, Larry 3524 Marshall Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608	10-3-81
86 Deceased Members - August 1, 1981 thru October 31, 1981.	
1 Industrial Accident - August 1, 1981 thru October 31, 1981.	
DECEASED DEPENDENTS October 1981	
BORDESSA, Jennie Wife of Robert Bordessa	10-4-81
CONNELL, Joan H. Wife of Richard Connell	10-12-81

EVANS, Margie Wife of Ellsworth Evans	10-18-81
COOLEY, Grace Wife of Billie Cooley	10-14-81
GIPSON, Gency Wife of R. D. Gipson	10-14-81
JURKOVISH, Dorothy Wife of L.G. Jurkovich	9-16-81
McCORMICK, Juanita Wife of Lucius McCormick	10-15-81
MONCRIEF, Michael Son of Wendy Moncrief	10-15-81
WILLIAM, Wanda Wife of Foy William	10-8-81
ALANA, Frederick 2359 Akalakala Street Pearl City, HA	11-15-81
BLAINE, Wm. E. 4194 George Ave. #2, Marysville, CA 95901	11-14-81
BOLSTER, James K. 3120 Makini Street Honolulu, HA	11-11-81
BRIXEY, E.B. 30356 River Rd., Cloverdale, CA 95425	11-6-81
CHRISTLE, Fred N. 1799 Jonathan Avenue San Jose, CA 95125	10-29-81
DORRELL, Marion 3321 Debbie Way, Carson City, NV 89701	11-27-81
GREENO, George 483 Estates, Livermore, CA 94550	10-24-81
GUGLIEMETTI, Harry 656 Roosevelt Avenue Salt Lake City, UT 84105	11-10-81
HENDERSON, Wade Rt. 1 Box 180, Kooskia, ID 835339	10-23-81
HODGE, Lester 1212 Old Oakland Rd. SP. 133, San Jose, CA 95112	11-16-81
LAMBERSON, James 570 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, CA 94102	11-30-81
MARTINEZ, Albert 525 McDonnell, Oakland, CA 94619	11-10-81
MATUS, Paul F. 1726 Delaware Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060	10-31-81
MAY, George 5100 No. Hwy 99, #75, Stockton, CA	7-30-81
McCLURE, William P.O. Box 463, Woodland, CA 95695	11-22-81
McKAHN, Charles 7774 Cottonwood, Pleasanton, CA 94566	10-30-81
MORRISON, Jack C. 16916 Meekland Ave., Hayward, CA 94541	11-4-81
NEVINS, Gerald 4036 Triplett Ct., Carmichael, CA 95608	11-10-81
PALMER, Harold 555 Umbarger #103, San Jose, CA 95111	11-10-81
PARKINEN, Ed P.O. Box 143, Pollock Pine, CA 95726	10-26-81
PRICE, Stan 6732 Crow Canyon, Castro Valley, CA 94546	10-19-81
SWINYER, Jerry L. 1609 Notre Dame, Belmont, CA 94002	11-24-81
TEVES, Manuel 5476 Snell Rd., San Jose, CA 95123	11-5-81
WEBSTER, Russel P.O. Box 703, Lower Lake, CA 95457	11-23-81
WILDE, Herman 3390 Story Lane, San Jose, CA 95127	11-22-81

WINNEY, Alonzo 376 Clark Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945	11-8-81
82 Deceased Members - September 1, 1981 thru November 30, 1981	
1 Industrial Accident - September 1, 1981 thru November 30, 1981	
DECEASED DEPENDENTS NOVEMBER 1981	
BAKER, Lorraine Wife of Henry A. Baker	11-12-81
EVERETT, Myrtle Wife of Melvin Everett	11-16-81
GRENEY, Else Wife of Paul Greney	11-4-81
INGRAM, Marjorie Wife of Edward Ingram	11-20-81
MANOS, Lilly Wife of Joe Manos (deceased)	11-17-81
ANDERSON, Orson 4959 Odell Drive Hunter, Utah	12-16-81
BATCHELAR, Roy E. 645 Robinson Street Oroville, CA	11-23-82
BLEEKER, Otto 2418 Pleasant View Livermore, CA	12-19-81
BOYER, Ralph S. 1521 Chestnut Street Chico, CA	11-26-81
BRADLEY, Francis 250 W. 200 S Springhill, Utah	10-8-81
BURGESS, Keith 29230 Whalebone Way Hayward, CA	12-8-81
CARIKER, W. W. 4484 Bowman Drive Olivehurst, CA	12-17-81
CRANMER, Kenneth 33303 Mission #15 Union City, CA	11-7-81
DOWNEY, Pat 3547 Oro Bangor Oroville, CA	12-18-81
FIELDS, Arthur 1551 S. American Stockton, CA	12-16-81
FROST, Ernest P.O. Box 822 Placerville, CA	12-25-82
FAKUDA, Takatoshi 826 Kunawai Lane Honolulu, Hawaii	12-14-81
GEORGE, Frank 10330 Graton Rd. Sebastopol, CA	12-9-81
HALEY, T. Roy 16473 Austin Ave. Madera, CA	12-15-82
HALL, Woodrow W. P.O. Box 238 Midland, Oregon	12-10-81
HANOANO, John W. 1317 Wanaka Street Honolulu, Hawaii	12-3-81
HARRIS, George 750 Trancas Street Napa, CA	12-8-81
HICKS, Albert 392 N. 14th Street San Jose, CA	12-5-81
HUSTON, Joseph 40 Lakewood Way Chico, CA	12-19-81
ISBELL, Lorin M. 1670 Wall Street Tracy, CA	12-3-81
KAZDA, Karel E. 19 So. 5th Patterson, CA	12-2-81
LAKE, William 1019 Nevada Street Los Banos, CA	12-25-82
MAYHEW, Ed G. 10 McGuffie Rd. Salinas, CA	12-2-81

McCULLEN, Thomas 3264 Childs Avenue Ogden, Utah	12-26-82
MILLERICK, Francis G. P.O. Box 400 Sebastopol, CA	11-25-81
MOORE, Gervais 70 El Sereno Ct. San Francisco, CA	12-13-81
PITASSI, Vincent 879 East E Street Oakdale, CA	12-12-81
RAGSDALE, Edgar H. 126 E. Jamestown #16 Stockton, CA	12-21-81
RAGUNTON, Luis R. 94 571 Awamoi Street Waipahu, Hawaii	12-10-81
SHARP, Charles W. 1706 Freeman Street Marysville, CA	12-20-81
SMITH, Howard P.O. Box 291 Calin, Nevada	11-11-81
STELL, Jerry J. 340 Magnolia Street Vacaville, CA	10-31-81
TAYLOR, Norman 1028 S.E. Rogue Dr. Grants Pass, Oregon	12-7-81
THOMPSON, Milton P.O. Box 413 McCloud, CA	12-4-81
TINDELL, Roger P.O. Box 772 Murphys, CA	12-24-82
WEIGEL, Lee P. 540 Bonit Ave., 208 San Jose, CA	12-2-81
WILSON, Clifford 635 Barstow Clovis, CA	12-3-81

DECEASED DEPENDENTS

CALVIN, Virginia Wife of Lloyd Calvin	11-7-81
CONTRATTO, Alta Wife of Elmer Contratto	12-19-81
FRATTO, Zora S Wife of Sam Fratto	12-9-81
GLASS, Mary Alice Wife of James Glass	11-12-81
JEFFERS, Francis Wife of Vern Jeffers	11-28-81
KATEN, Rosalie Wife of Lou Katen	12-11-81
McLEAN, Maxine Wife of George McLean	10-14-81

Honorary Memberships

At its meeting on March 14th the Executive Board approved Honorary memberships for the following Retirees who have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3:

NAME	REG. NO.
Charles D. Aldredge	386620
Seth B. Bixler	543539
Edward G. Blackman	445742
Nick Chorak	342537
Boyd B. Davis	538780
Loyall B. Ferdig	316865
Jake Grss	543466
Fred R. Hall	543468
Ted Harris	543470
W. C. Krause	509689
Fred D. Lindsey	543564
Ray McClure	324940
John Mattovich	543491
Marvin F. Miller	394402
John D. Oding	479860
Albert C. Parker	531559
Jerry H. Reynolds	376490
Cliffred W. Rizer	543625
Victor Shanave	425278
Ned E. Shurtleff	369770
Raymond A. Usrey	516159
Clyde P. Wharton	239982
Dominick R. Yetz	543491

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

June
1st Ukiah: Grange Hall, 740 State St.
2nd Provo: Provo City Power Bldg.,
 251 West 800 No.
3rd San Jose: Italian Gardens, 1502
 Almaden Road, San Jose
3rd Reno: Musicians Hall, 124 West Taylor

July
13th Eureka: Engineers Bldg., 2806 Broadway
14th Redding: Engineers Bldg., 100 Lake Blvd.
15th Oroville: Village Inn, Oroville Dam Blvd.
22nd Fairfield: Holiday Inn,
 1350 Holiday Lane
28th Honolulu: United Public Wrker Union
 Mtg. Hall, 1426 No. School St.
29th Hilo: Kapiolani School, 966 Kilauea Ave.
30th Maui: Cameron Center Aud. Conf. Rms.
 1 & 2, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku

August
3rd Stockton: Engineers Bldg.,
 1916 No. Broadway
5th Sunol: Sunol Valley Ctry. Club,
 Hwy. 680 & Andrade Rd.
10th Fresno: Laborer's Hall,
 5431 East Hedges
17th Sacramento: Woodlake Quality Inn,
 Hwy. 160/Canterbury Rd.

September
1st Salt Lake City: Engineers Bldg.,
 1958 W.N. Temple
2nd Reno: Musicians Hall, 124 West Taylor
9th Santa Rosa: Veterans Bldg.,
 1351 Maple St.
23rd San Jose: Labor Temple,
 2102 Almaden Rd.

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Local 3A\$141 (Per Qtr.)
Local 3B\$144 (Per Qtr.)
Local 3C\$141 (Per Qtr.)
Local 3E\$141 (Per Qtr.)
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Fate of canal to be decided

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the State Water Project and was approved in a hotly contested election in 1960. Contained in that measure was authorization to build such projects as the Oroville Dam, the California Aqueduct and the San Luis Reservoir and pumping station. These projects have all been built.

But also included in the act was authorization to build additional unspecified projects as well as a unit to transfer water across the Delta. From this evolved the concept of the Peripheral Canal, which would transport water around the Delta, rather than through it.

Should the canal be built, the state—rather than nature—would determine the flows within the Delta. The eminent fight between environmentalists, developers, farmers and water agencies as to just how much water should be taken from the Delta kept the project from being built.

Prop. 9 is best compromise

Finally, in an effort to provide a compromise that everyone could at least live with, the Legislature passed SB200. This bill provided for construction of the above mentioned projects and also agreed to abide by the terms of Prop. 8, a 1980 ballot measure that amended the state constitution to provide stricter environmental guarantees for the Delta and the wild and scenic rivers of the north coast. The twin measures were the final product of a tremendous amount of give and take on all sides.

this legislation. It's unfortunate that the measure will be decided by voters fed with an expensive orgy of 30-second commercials. There is no way TV and radio can distill 15 years and \$40 million worth of scientific study and political debate into a few sensational statistics and simple-minded slogans.

Because it will result in so much work for the members, Local 3 worked long and hard in Sacramento to help secure approval of SB200 two years ago. No other bill in the last decade has extracted so much time and effort from the union. Now it will be decided by a public that is largely ignorant of the fragile nature of this state's water transport system.

Prop. 9 may not be a perfect referendum. But it is plainly the best compromise between water development and environmental protection we are likely to see. If this measure fails, it will not end the water battle. It will only kick off another decade of bitter wrangling between extremists on both sides.

Strange bedfellows oppose Prop. 9

The best proof of this claim is to look at the bizarre coalition that has formed to fight the initiative. Eco-activists from Friends of the Earth and the Environmental Defense Fund oppose Prop. 9 because they are against any kind of water development.

Yet, on the same team are two megafarm corporations—the Salyer Land Company and J.G. Boswell Company. They have sunk hundreds of thousands of their own dollars to pay for TV spots against Prop. 9. Why? Because they think there is too much environmental protection included in Prop. 9.

They are convinced that if they can defeat Prop. 9, they will have a shot at passing legislation that will build a canal and also avoid protecting the north coast wild and scenic rivers. It's an idiotic notion. No legislature will pass and no governor will sign a bill that removes all environmental protections from the

Delta and the north coast rivers.

The bottom line is, the vote will probably be decided by Southern Californians. The latest poll shows Northern Californians against Prop. 9 by a 7-to-1 margin, because they say they don't want any more of their water going south. It is an extremely hypocritical attitude when you consider the fact that virtually all of California's cities, suburbs and farms rely on water that comes from someplace else.

Indeed, San Francisco's Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct and Oakland's Mokelumne Aqueduct are both peripheral canals that already divert water from the Delta with none of the environmental restrictions imposed by Prop. 9.

The heavy opposition in the north has, up until this month been offset by equally strong support in the south. With their greater population, it looked like Prop. 9 would win. But the sensational TV and radio spots against the canal are beginning to have an effect in the south. There are indications from the latest Field poll that support in the south is beginning to soften.

We cannot afford to wade through another decade of indecision. We know that sooner or later we will be hit with another severe drought as bad or worse than the one we suffered in 1976-77, when we came perilously close to shutting down entirely.

What we don't know is when. We can be assured though that nature will not kindly sit back and wait for us to get our act together.

More from Stockton

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for our members," he added. "We feel that we have come a long way in this endeavor in District 30 and 31. Again it is so important for the members in this Local Union to be sure that they are registered to vote and do become actively involved in their community's activities."

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