Local 3 celebrates 'Solidarity Day III' with thousands across the state

"We will be heard" was not just an idle slogan on Labor Day as thousands of trade unionists—many of them Local 3 members—gathered at picnics and outings throughout the state to enjoy the day and commemorate "Solidarity Day III.

Local 3's officers spent much of the day with IUOE General President Jay Turner, who was special guest speaker at the traditional Labor Day breakfast in San Francisco and a Labor Day picnic sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Labor Council.

"While the messages being delivered today will vary in tone and topic, they will carry one common theme—discontent with the treatment being accorded working men and women by the Reagan administration," Turner stated in his opening remarks at the San Francisco Labor Day breakfast.

"From coast to coast, we will be expressing our dismay over the dreadful fact that millions upon millions of proud, hardworking Americans cannot find jobs because of the wrong-headed economic programs of the Reagan administration," Turner charged.

"The festivity atmosphere of parades and picnics will be punctured by the knowledge that this administration has demanded sacrifices of the disabled, the malnourished, the sick among the elderly—all in order to pass along to the rich billions of dollars in tax giveaways."

Turner pointed out that there are now a half million people in the United States who are millionaires. He contrasted this statistic with a report by the Census Bureau that during 1982, more than 2.5 million Americans were listed as living in poverty. This brings the poverty level to 15 percent, the highest rate since Lyndon Johnson declared his war on poverty.

"When we are a united and mighty force that can and will reverse the erosion of the American dream that we helped to build," Turner said. "To do that, we..." (Continued on Page 2)

General President Jay Turner addresses the crowd in Santa Cruz.

Jobs top agenda at conference

Lake Buena Vista, Fla.—The agenda of the 75th anniversary convention of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department can be summed up in the word "jobs," Department President Robert A. Georgine declared.

"Workers in the construction industry are facing one of the "gravest" moments in their history, he said in his keynote address, and he cited the havoc caused by high unemployment, attacks by the courts, legislatures and employers and wages and standards, and the record rate of construction firm bankruptcies, including some who use those laws "to skirt their contractual obligations to their workers."

The labor movement "has no higher obligation to our members than to get them back to work building this nation," Georgine told the 250 delegates, stressing the need for building housing and factories, roads and sewer..." (Continued on Page 6)

Important Notice

Members are urged to take note of the official notice on the back page concerning the nomination and election of an Election Committee for the 32nd International Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Local 3 joins war against Sebastiani

By James Earp
Managing Editor

The Operating Engineers Local 3 has joined a host of other labor unions and central labor councils throughout the state to oppose the controversial Sebastiani Reapportionment Initiative, which is scheduled to be placed before the voters in a special election on December 13.

"The Sebastiani initiative poses a greater threat to trade union members than any other political issue since the right-to-work initiative of 1958," declared Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton. "We must do everything in our power to mobilize against it."

Named after its creator, Assemblyman Don Sebastiani of Sonoma County, the reapportionment initiative seeks to realign all legislative districts in the state according to a master plan drawn up behind closed doors by Republican party bosses.

"The effect of this plan, if it passes, would be to undo the re-election of every incumbent politician with right-wing, extremist views, and the defeat of many democratic legislators who have been staunch supporters of labor," Stapleton explained.

According to the latest statistics, the Republican Party represents only 35% of the state's registered voters. If Sebastiani's reapportionment plan were implemented, over half of the legislative districts in the state would favor GOP candidates in future elections.

Trade union members might ask: "What effect would Sebastiani's reapportionment plan have on my life?"

"The answer is that by imposing Republican control over the State Legislature, there would be nothing to prevent the passage of a right-to-work law. The state Davis-Bacon law, which has quietly survived dozens of attacks every year because of the Democratic-controlled legislature, would inevitably be repealed."

With Republican control of the Legislature, there would be no way to save laws that now protect job safety, collective bargaining rights, education, health care, consumer rights and individual liberties.

"Every Local 3 member in California must understand the importance of voting against the Sebastiani Initiative," Stapleton declared. "By creating this reapportionment plan, right-..." (Continued on Back Page)
Solidarity Day

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must turn the talk of Solidarity Day III into ballot-box results on Solidarity Day IV — Election Day 1984.”

Following the breakfast, Business Manager Tom Stapleton and the Local 3 officers travelled with Turner to Santa Cruz, where the General President was the guest of honor at a Labor Day picnic sponsored by the central labor council.

Sporting signs carrying the slogan of Solidarity Day III, Operating Engineers, retirees and their families came out in force to the event, which was held in the beautiful setting of Della Veya Park.

Other events sponsored by the central labor councils of Alameda, Marin/Sonoma/Napa/Solano, Sacramento, and Stanislaus counties were supported by thousands of union members throughout Northern California.

“The support that our members gave at these events was a worthwhile and fitting tribute to Solidarity day III,” Business Manager Tom Stapleton commented. “I want to thank all those who attended a Labor Day event in their area. The feeling of solidarity and brotherhood that these kinds of events help to strengthen will be needed more and more in the months to come, as we continue our struggle to protect our union rights at the bargaining table and at the ballot box.”

“Solidarity Day events link America’s workers

By David L. Perlman
AFL-CIO News

Across America, union members and their families turned out in record numbers to transform traditional Labor Day festivities into a powerful Solidarity Day statement.

Speeches, placards and banners of Solidarity Day III testified to labor’s concerns for jobs and human rights. And the breadth of participation — more than 1.3 million persons at 151 locations across the continent — testified to the vitality of America’s trade union movement.

In New York City, where the nation’s first Labor Day parade was held 101 years ago, Grand Marshal Sandra Feldman, AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and Gov. Mario Cuomo led a festive army of marchers up Fifth Avenue. With bands and floats, it took seven hours for the last union banner to pass the reviewing stand.

And in Bradford, Pa., local unions marked Solidarity Day by feeding the hungry at a soup kitchen and conducting a voter registration drive.

In Detroit, union members paraded to Kennedy Square — formerly Cadillac Square — where an estimated 100,000 people gathered to hear Auto Workers President Owen Bieber, NAACP Director Benjamin Hooks and other speakers.

It was sweltering hot for Boston’s big parade and in Paducah, Ky., where 40,000 people turned out for a rally at which Mine Workers President Richard Trumka was a featured speaker.

But in Bloomington, Ill., it was a fine day for a parade that attracted 15,000. And in Coos Bay, Ore., it was perfect weather for 6,000 union picketers.

As with Solidarity Day I — the 1981
‘We will be heard’
—and seen!

A photo feature of Labor Day events

IUOE General President Jay Turner (left) is greeted by Jack Crowley of the San Francisco Labor Council. Above: Fringe Benefits Director Don Jones and dredge agent Chuck Center. Below: Local 3 Officers Norris Casey, Bob Skidgel and Business Manager Tom Stapleton (far right) with member of Local 270. Next photo down are Local 3 officers and their wives at the Labor Day Breakfast in San Francisco.

May we say "Thank You" to all the brother and sister engineers who attended one of the Technical Engineers ratification meetings held in Santa Rosa, Sacramento, San Jose and Oakland. Your unanimous vote of approval of the new contract is a tribute to us and to those who have been working for its realization.

I would also like to personally thank all the members of the negotiating committee who helped me so much throughout these tough negotiations. This agreement could not have been achieved without the 100% support of the Negotiating Committee and the members. Thanks again so very much.

The government reported major labor contracts reached in the first half of the year netted the smallest average pay raise in at least 15 years - 2.7 percent each year - as a fourth of the workers took pay cuts and a fifth achieved no gain.

Economists said the report bodes well for continued modest inflation and that, one said, provides "the best prospect for a sustainable recovery that we have had in many years".

The Labor Department report said that the 1.2 million workers covered by contracts settled Jan. 1 through June 30 got pay raises averaging 2.7 percent annually over the life of the contracts and 0.9 percent in the first year. It said this was the lowest for any six-month period since at least 1974, history that the department has been keeping such statistics.

Van Jolissaint of Evans Economics Inc. in Washington said the small gain shows year over year the only minuscule at the moment, but that labor costs which account for the largest proportion of manufacturing costs, are not going to rise rapidly, at least in the near term.

In a reflection of the wave of contract concessions brought on by the severe recession, the first half gains this year were far lower than raises won the last time the same workers covered by contracts settled Jan. 1 through June 30, economists said.

The new law does not apply to those whose initial claim for disability benefits is denied. It also applies to cases in which a reconsideration decision or hearing before an administrative law judge was made after Jan. 1, 1983 and before Oct. 1, 1983 to end disability benefits. It also applies to cases in which a reconsideration decision or hearing before an administrative law judge was made after Jan. 1, 1983 and before Oct. 1, 1983 to end disability benefits. It also applies to cases in which a reconsideration decision or hearing before an administrative law judge was made after Jan. 1, 1983 and before Oct. 1, 1983 to end disability benefits.

Social Security Update

More than 7 million men, women and children receiving social security benefits each month get them because of the death of a worker who paid into social security.

Those eligible for survivor benefits on the record of a deceased insured worker include:

- a widow or widow(er) 60 or older or a widow or widow(er) 50 to 60 who is severely disabled.

- unmarried children under 18 or 18-19 if full-time high school students or over 18 but severely disabled before the age of 22.

- a mother or father of any age who is caring for an entitled child under 16 or an eligible disabled child.

- the parent or parents of the deceased worker who are 62 or older and were dependent on the deceased worker for at least half support.

In order for any of these benefits to be paid, a deceased worker must have paid into social security long enough to be insured. For anyone who dies in 1983 this could range from as little as 12 years for a very young woman or 8 years for older workers. The amount payable is then calculated based upon the earnings reported to social security over the individual's working career. It does not matter what the deceased worker was making at the time he died. Social security survivor benefits can be paid on the record of a deceased mother as well as a father if the worker was insured even if there was no covered work in the year before death.

Further information about survivor benefits can be obtained by calling any social security office.

Approximately one-fourth of all federal checks reported missing to the Social Security Administration and other federal agencies are due to theft and forgery.

The vast majority, however, result from changes of address, mailing errors, and other factors that would insure the prompt delivery of the checks, according to social security officials.

Because mail can be lost for a day or two after they are due, the Social Security Administration usually does not begin processing reports of non-receipt of checks until 3 days after the expected delivery date.

If a social security office determines that a payment was sent and is, in fact, missing, the agency obtains a notice of missing check card from the reporting party. The card is then forwarded to the U.S. Treasury Disbursing Office that issued the check.

In cases where the check is still missing and not cashed, the Treasury Department usually is able to replace the check within a few weeks. Where checks are stolen and cashed with a forged signature, they cannot be reissued until after an investigation is made, a process that can take many months.

Persons receiving social security and supplemental security income (SSI) checks can avoid delays in receipt of their monthly benefits by doing the following:

- Notify the Social Security Administration immediately of any change of address.

- File a change of address form promptly at the Post Office.

- Leave a forwarding address with the manager or occupant of the former place of residence.

- Promptly report any events that might affect check eligibility.

- Respond without delay to any requests made for completion of questionnaires, setting and keeping medical appointments or calling in information.

All federal agencies which pay out monthly benefit checks recommend signing up for direct deposit of the checks. But even where there is direct deposit, the agencies must still be notified if the money into direct deposit accounts still must be promptly informed of all changes of residence, address or events that might affect payment.

A recent change in law will permit people who are appealing decisions on social security disability benefits and Medicare coverage to continue them until their appeal has been decided by an administrative law judge.

No benefits under this provision can be paid for months before February 1983, and no payments can be made beyond June 1984 even if the appeal is still pending at that time.

Under the old law, disability benefits were continued for only 2 months after a decision was made that the person was no longer disabled, and they could not be resumed if the person won an appeal.

The new law applies in cases in which a decision is made after Jan. 12, 1983 and before Oct. 1, 1983 to end disability benefits. It also applies to cases in which a reconsideration decision or hearing before an administrative law judge is still pending.

Those persons who take advantage of the law must appeal the disability benefits decision in order to have the amount they receive if they eventually lose the appeal.

The law does not apply to those whose initial claim for disability benefits is denied. They have full appeal rights but cannot receive any payments until they get a favorable decision on their claim during the appeals process.

Requests for continuance of benefits must be made promptly upon notice of a cutoff in benefits.

Ocean outfall project still in limbo

The work on the Ocean Beach Outfall is still in limbo, reports Dredge Representative Chuck Center. The AAA Shipyard strike has delayed repair work on the Betty L. repair was expected in December.

California Dredging is currently working on the lower Petaluma River. The September shipment of a dredge from out of state and currently has 15 members working on the project. The upper Petaluma River will be dredging early in September.

Smith & Rice is dredging at Navar Supply in Oakland with the dredge #24. The super scoop at the writing of this article is under repairs and will be off the project for a couple of weeks. One of the rigs will be going to San Rafael to work on the outfall as a subcontractor to the Lewco Pacific.

Great Lakes is on the way out with their clam dredge Oskie and is due to arrive in Richmond on the 9th of this month. They will be working on the Chevron at the long wharf in Richmond. They will have approximatley two million cubic yards to remove.

Delta work has slowed down considerably. Paul McQueen has his two dredges The Monarch and The Holland working on various island levee projects. Manson's dredge Viking is in Rio Vista under going boom repair to its damaged boom.

Bill Dutra's Paula Lee is involved in modifications on the rig and will upgrade load capacity considerably. His three side drafts are involved in dredging on levees and are moving from job site to job site.

Canonic Pacific will be completing its project in mid month, then will go on to San Francisco. Two Phases of repairs, Alameda Naval Air 9/18; Buena Point, Shoreline Eureka 9/8/83; 5 - 10 million wharf construction, Wharf 7, Oakland Army Base 9/23/83; Santa Cruz Harbor, date unsure.

"At the date of this writing the contract funding proposal from the Dredging Contractors Association of California was turned down and we will be heading back into negotiations," Center reports.

Honorary Members

At its meeting on August 14th the Executive Board approved Honorary Memberships for the following Retir- ees who have 35 or more years of membership in Local 1:

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AFL-CIO to set precedent by making presidential endorsement at convention

For the first time in its history, the AFL-CIO will act on the endorsement of a presidential candidate in October 1983, several months before any of the state presidential primary elections and nearly nine months before the Democratic and Republican national conventions.

Initially the first-ever pre-primary presidential endorsement convention had been scheduled for mid-December. But the AFL-CIO Executive Council approved action to convene a meeting of the Federation's Executive Board on either October 1 or 2, just prior to the opening of the AFL-CIO's regular biennial convention in Hollywood, Fla., on October 3. The action, approved by a vote of 23 to 6, was taken during a council meeting in Boston August 9.

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland said that the action was taken to give unions more time to help their chosen candidate win the Democratic Party's nomination.

Unions can no longer wait, he said, until the Democrats "hand us the candidate they choose. We want to take part in that election process."

The only risk I see is in doing nothing and letting other people run your (political) life for you," Kirkland pointed out that even if labor's endorsed candidate doesn't win the nomination, the Democratic party's nominee will almost certainly get labor's support for the general election anyway.

Kirkland emphasized that the decision to advance the date for acting on a presidential endorsement was based on "reasons having to do with the effectiveness of our efforts."

"Time is precious. There has been a very substantial compression of the timing of the primaries in the various states," he pointed out.

The two-thirds majority required for AFL-CIO political endorsements at all levels will apply to the actions of the General Board and the convention, with the votes weighted in both cases according to per capita payments to the federation.

Davis-Bacon under attack once again

A Davis-Bacon Act "reform" bill, drawn to the specifications of anti-union employer groups, has been introduced in the House by Representatives Charles W. Stenholm (D-Tex.) and Arlan Strangeland (R-Minn.). Seventy-nine hard core conservatives - 62 Republican and 17 Democrats - have signed on as co-sponsors.

Their bill would go further toward wrecking prevailing wage requirements than the controversial Labor Dept. regulations that the AFL-CIO and the Building & Construction Trades Dept. challenged in federal court.

As starters, the Stenholm-Strangeland bill would do away with prevailing wage requirements on most federally funded construction. It would limit Davis-Bacon Act coverage to contracts over $1 million.

Even more drastic is its redefinition of prevailing wages - based on a proposal of the Chamber of Commerce.

The proposed legislation would substitute a range of wages, from the lowest paid by any employer in the area, to the highest. A contractor who paid the bottom rate could continue to do so, in effect forcing other contractors to push their wages down in order to compete in the bidding. Also, contractors would be able to employ an unlimited number of low-paid helpers in place of skilled workers.

Congress has repeatedly rejected attempts to weaken the Davis-Bacon Act. The Stenholm-Strangeland bill will go to the House Education & Labor Committee.

Study cites bigger role for union retirees

Boston - A new AFL-CIO study shows that union retirees continue to have a strong interest in their unions after retirement, and recommends they be given an opportunity to take part in union activities.

Based on replies to a questionnaire sent to all national and international unions affiliated with the city's metal trades council. Yards from San Francisco to Washington State have been shut down for weeks by the strike of some 10,000 workers after negotiations with nine shipbuilding and repair companies broke off over management demands for slashes in wages and benefits.

Walking the line - On the picket line at shipyard facilities in Portland, Ore., members of 11 local unions affiliated with the city's metal trades council. Yards from San Francisco to Washington State have been shut down for weeks by the strike of some 10,000 workers after negotiations with nine shipbuilding and repair companies broke off over management demands for slashes in wages and benefits.

Making a difference

"Right to Know," fifth in the eight-part America Works series produced by the AFL-CIO, focuses on union efforts to enact state safeguards on toxic substances. Here, Ron Malloy, of IBEW Local 201 is featured in a continuing Massachusetts legislative drive for labeling chemicals in the workplace and letting other people run your (political) life for you." Kirkland pointed out that even if labor's endorsed candidate doesn't win the nomination, the Democratic party's nominee will almost certainly get labor's support for the general election anyway.

Not so grand - Washington State building trades craftsmen protest the use of nonunion contractors at the Grand Coulee Dam. The more than 1,000 marchers also voiced concern over the Reagan administration's retreat from the Davis-Bacon law. State building trades representatives and Rep. Tom Foley (D-Wash.), called for full enforcement of the prevailing wage law and jobs programs to improve the economy.
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CUT YOUR 1983 INCOME TAXES - Open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). You can deposit up to $2,000 or 100% of your income (whichever is less) in an IRA and deduct that from your 1983 income thereby lowering your federal income taxes. If you put $2,000 in and are in a 35% bracket, you'll save $600 in federal income taxes.

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Pipeline to bring water to Southbay

A contractor has begun laying pipe for a 10.3-mile conduit from Gilroy to Morgan Hill that eventually will bring imported Sacremento Delta water to San Benito and Santa Clara counties. The $17.5 million job, part of the San Felipe imported water project, will take the contractor until March 1985 to complete. It will start from the Samuel Clark Tunnel near Casa De Fruta with the Cross-Valley Pipeline to Calero Reservoir being built by the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The project began last December, but the contractor had to clear fences and other obstacles out of the way. Turnouts, which tap water off the conduit for percolation into the ground, will also be constructed. The Pacheco pumping plant at the edge of San Luis Reservoir, which will transfer the water to the pipelines, is also under construction. San Felipe water is expected to be available locally by 1987.

Port starts work on waterfront plan

The Port Commission has set in motion the machinery to bring the transformation of a 2-mile stretch of San Francisco’s northeastern waterfront from seafaring uses into housing, offices, marinas, restaurants and maybe a movie sound stage.

Taking its latest step to remove the northern waterfront from its historic maritime role, commissioners authorized the port’s staff to start work on a new master plan for the area piers 9 to 35. The process is expected to take a year. If a new plan gains necessary approvals, only Pier 35, the passenger terminal, would be assured of remaining in maritime use. Deputy Port Director Anthony Taormina said.

Because the area between piers 9 and 35 can’t handle large ocean-going ships, Taormina noted, “vessels that once would have called there are using piers on San Francisco’s southern waterfront, leaving the northern waterfront under-utilized.”

Not all of the developers propound put forth recently call for housing, offices, commercial recreation including marinas and restaurants, light industry including divers and tugboats and an outpost of the motion picture industry.

Whipple road project going well

REDWOOD CITY — After a slow start, work is proceeding smoothly on a $2 million project to remodel and widen the Whipple Avenue interchange with Bayshore Freeway.

A planned construction starting date in May was delayed a week because lack of permits had delayed the earth, making grading impossible.

Now, about 20 percent of the project — two of the five ramps that will make the interchange operation and the first stages of work on extra lanes across the freeway — is finished, according to Robert Thomas, an engineer for the state Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Whipple Avenue is expected to be finished by the coming spring. The project includes widening the

Diagram shows the waterfront piers that would be affected by the plan. The stretch from Pier 9 to Pier 35 would be the final piece of the port-controlled waterfront to be reclaimed in recent years. As Taormina recapped: After recently adopted plans:

- A Fisherman’s Wharf area plan would allow the use of Pier 45 for housing instead of fishing industries.
- Between Piers 9 and 24, new plans call for office uses at Piers 1 and 5, in the Ferry Building, removal of Pier 5 and turning Pier 7 into a public park.
- A new public promenade, opening a wide area to public view, has already been constructed.

Crestview link with I-280 is revived

SAN CARLOS — A proposal for an access road connecting Crestview Drive with Interstate 280 that was shelved four years ago has been given new life.

San Carlos and San Mateo County officials first proposed the road in 1971. It would connect Crestview Drive to 280 north of Edgewood Road, significantly shortening the route for Hills residents who must take the freeway.

The plans ran into a snag when the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission refused to cede rights to a 100-foot long strip of land in the Crystal Springs watershed area.

No more thought was given to the project until a group of San Mateo County and San Francisco city and county officials got together to discuss how to improve the often straining relationship between the two governments.

A list of projects to work on was made, and the Crestview Drive connection was one of those listed.

The PUC held a hearing on the matter last month and asked the county to come back with more information on how the road would affect them. Whether it would disturb the drainage in the area.

Once that information is compiled, the PUC will reconsider the project.

South Beach Marina loan funds approved

Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) has asked the California Boating and Waterways Commission to approve a $4.5 million loan to develop a new boating facility.

The loan to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency will assist in developing a 660 berth South Beach Marina.

The Marina project will build the areas presently occupied by Piers 40, 42, 44 and 46A. When completed, it will include berthing, docking, offices, marinas, restaurants, harbor master’s office, utilities, boat sewage pumpout station.

Agnos said that this is the first phase of proposed state funding for the project. A total of $6 million in state funds is projected for marina development.

Revenue bonds, sold by the Redevelopment Agency, will complete funding for the project estimated to be approximately $29 million. State funds for this and other local boating facility projects are derived from the gasoline taxes paid by boaters.

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Areas and other supporters also said they would work to speed CalTrans’ timetable for construction on the 7.8-mile stretch of the road. The EIR on the project is expected to take about 1 1/2 years to complete. Construction is expected to begin in fall 1987.

CalTrans District Director Burch Bachtold said the funding for the second phase is already "very compressed.

Construction crews expect to complete widening a 2.5-mile stretch of the road from the summit to just east of Bell Station in November. Once that is complete, the second stretch will begin preliminary studies on the widening of the 7.8-mile section.

The California Transportation Commission allocated $20 million in June for work on the second phase of improvements.

Bachtold said that the $20 million wouldn’t be enough to complete the 7.8-mile project. But the port’s current $5 to $6 million would be needed to complete the project would be allocated by the CTC in the next fiscal year.

PROJECT UPDATE

BuRec awards contract for Stampede Dam

Commissioner of Reclamation Robert N. Broadbent announced this month that a $3,214,308 Bureau of Reclamation contract has been awarded for construction of a 3.65-megawatt powerplant and switchyard at Stampede Dam, near Truckee, California.

Broadbent said the contract was awarded to Cozad Construction Co. of Lincoln, California. The job is expected to generate an estimated 64 workers of direct contractor employment and approximately 115.2 workers in indirect employment during the 21/2-year estimated construction period.

Work under the contract includes constructing diversion and protective works for diverting water releases from the reservoir outlet structure; constructing the powerplant structure, penstock, and switchyard; and installing the powerplant equipment.

The powerplant will be approximately 30 x 32’, with a turbine structure approximately 14 x 24’. Equipment and materials to be installed include one 3,000-kilowatt and one 650-kilowatt, turbine driven, vertical shaft, synchronous generator with associated turbine; 42- and 24-inch diameter steel penstock; 36-inch diameter steel discharge pipe; bulkhead gate and cast iron slide gate; and electrical and mechanical equipment.

The contractor will erect a pre-engineered control building, approximately 12,000 square feet, containing all electrical equipment required for the powerplant.

Construction of the switchyard will involve constructing concrete foundations, erecting steel structures, and furnishing and installing electrical equipment.

The Pacheco pumping plant at the edge of San Luis Reservoir, which will transfer the water to the pipelines, is also under construction. San Felipe water is expected to be available locally by 1987.
Dramatic plan to build new diamond lane
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Without the highway improvements, traffic jams will become bigger and last longer, Caltrans projections show. By the year 2005, a Caltrans report claims, there will be daily "congestion and vehicle delays from the Vallejo fairgrounds to Gilman Street (Berkeley) westbound and from San Francisco to Solano Avenue (Albany) eastbound." As now planned, the lane will begin on the median at the east end of the Bay Bridge. Plans call for:
- The lane, supported by concrete pillars, rising until its roadbed is 23 feet above the freeway and then curving south over the eastbound lanes and the toll plaza.
- East of the toll plaza, the lane returning to the ground and turning parallel to the freeway, rising again to curve over the maze where Interstate 80 and Highway 17 merge.
- At the maze, the elevated lane forking, with one section turning north and returning to ground level near Ashby Avenue. Its traffic will reenter I-80 south of Berkeley's University Avenue. A second section — proposed as a separate project and still awaiting environmental clearance from the federal government — would continue straight. It would arch above Highway 17, then drop to the level of I-580 and run beside it. Just before the Highway 24 interchange, the diamond lane would merge with I-580.

If the I-580 connection is built as planned, the diamond lanes will operate eastbound in the afternoon and westbound in the morning, said Forsen.

The Federal Highway Administration, which is providing 92 percent of construction costs, must approve the I-580 connection. If it doesn't, the I-80 diamond lane probably will operate eastbound only and branch off the south side of the freeway rather than arch over the eastbound lanes.

Forsen said Caltrans "assumes it will receive approval for the I-580 connection.

The mammoth project, scheduled to go into construction in three years, also includes rebuilding the interchange where I-80, I-580 and Highway 17 come together.

Caltrans will replace two crossings at Powell Street.

Most of the interchange for I-80 and I-180 (the designation that part of Hoffman Boulevard, now Highway 17, will eventually carry) near Golden Gate Fields will be rebuilt, and the Central Avenue interchange at I-180 also will receive a facelift.

In addition, Caltrans plans to add a diamond lane to I-80 westbound between San Pablo Dam Road and Willow Road in Hercules and a diamond lane southbound on I-180.

Completion of the I-180 freeway along the route of Hoffman Boulevard between Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and I-80 is scheduled to begin next year.

Work on the Berkeley to Richmond section of I-80 will begin in 1986 and take three years to complete. Rebuilding the maze will start in 1987 and take 1 1/2 years. Construction of the elevated diamond lanes will begin in 1988 and take two years.

Unless diamond lanes can be extended beyond the toll plaza, warned a Caltrans environmental-impact statement, buses and carpools will be "subject to the same congestion and delays as other vehicles, which would . . . lower the incentive for commuters to use HOVs."

Maggiora Ghilotti makes headway on big Terra Linda sewer project
Marin County contractor Maggiora Ghilotti is taking full advantage of the good weather to move nearly a half million yards of dirt on a $4.6 million dollar sewer treatment project just north of San Rafael. Gary Ghilotti, who is heading up the job, says the bulk of the project involves excavating seven feet into the Bay mud to build 13-foot levees around what will eventually be settling ponds. The job also calls for seven miles of pipeline and a number of structures.

Pictured in the top photo are (left to right) Jess DeWitt, Business Agent Pat O'Connell, Joe Chiel, George Shiroma, John Janey, Roy Bresnan, Jose Gomez, Gary Ghilotti, Steve "657" Allen, Dick Alsterlund and Jose Marcuz.
C.K. Moseman building bridge on Russian River

The last few winters have taken their toll all along California's scenic Highway 1, and the old bridge at the mouth of the Russian River in Sonoma County is no exception. C.K. Moseman out of Redding has the $2.5 million contract to construct a new bridge, which is being built right next to the old one. The project began in May and scheduled date of completion is October 1984. The job is currently employing about five Local 3 members, along with workers from the other crafts. Included is the crew from Stroer & Graff, which is doing the pile driving on the project.

Pictured below is 26-year member Don Harrell seated in his hydraulic crane.

Work booming in Santa Rosa

Work in the Santa Rosa area is booming and most of the Brothers are busy, busy, busy, reports District Rep. Chuck Smith. A lot of the contractors are working overtime trying to make up the time lost due to the long and wet winter.

Progress on the Homestake Mine is going very slow. Ray Cooper is the chairman of the Homestake Jobs Committee and can use all the help he can get. Any of you Brothers and Sisters in the Lake County area that can spare some time to help Ray will also be helping yourselves, as well as the unemployed people in the area. You can also call the Santa Rosa office if you need information on meetings, etc.

Ghilotti Bros recently picked up a $1.3 million job on Fountain Grove Blvd., in Santa Rosa, along with a $400,000 slide job near Bodega, reports Business Rep. Bill Burns. Piombo Corp is going right along with its $6.2 million job on the Fountain Grove Expressway, according to a report from Bro. Larry Jolliff, and has picked up a 150-unit subdivision in east Santa Rosa. So and Co., Inc. is really going strong doing the many jobs it has all over Sonoma County laying sewer and water lines. It really is great to see so many Brothers and Sisters finally working in the area.

The Geyser area is really humming at this point of the season with Bechtel moving right along on NCPA's #3 foundation work, reports Business Rep. Darrell Steele. Pete Kiewit Sons Co. has finished the dirt work at NCPA's #3 and is now going strong on PG&E Unit #20. PKS was also low bidder on the site work for PG&E's new administration buildings. There will be over 100,000 yards of dirt to move at two separate locations.

Piembo Corp., at Unit #16, is still operating two 10-hour shifts, six days a week, trying to meet the September 1st deadline — it will be close. Bechtel plans to begin structural work on this unit by September 9th.

Townsend & Bottom are well under way on the D.W.R. project in the South Geyser areas with Pete Barretta finishing the dirt work at that site. Pete has picked up several smaller jobs throughout Lake and Sonoma Counties, keeping a good number of our Brothers working.

Bridge and highway construction on Hwy 162, northeast of Covelo, has had eight of our members employed since the first of June. The current schedule for Pacific Western, the prime contractor, will run into late fall.
Fringe Benefits Forum

You have heard it before and you have heard it here. Health care costs continue to rise at an unacceptable rate. Each year Health and Welfare Plan costs go up somewhere between 10% and 18%. That means that we all have to pay more for existing coverages. That would be okay if there was an overabundance of work for all Local 3 members. But it's not okay with today's economy.

Who's at fault? Hospitals, doctors and other providers? Insurance companies? The government, the health care industry or maybe it's just the system? The truth is, it is a combination of all the above factors—ourselves, because we demand and utilize the very best in benefits and coverage.

Unless we take the initiative to control health care costs they will continue to rise unchecked and we will be forced to foot the bill.

What can we do? For one thing we can make better use of our Health and Welfare Plans. The benefits provided to Local 3 Active members are the best available. Hospital charges are covered at 80% for the first $3,000 and 100% thereafter. Surgery and Medical charges are covered at 90%. Those benefits were designed to protect members and their families from expensive hospital stays and medical costs. They do a good job—sometimes too good.

Sometimes our Plan pays for unnecessary hospitalization because a patient was admitted over a weekend as a non-emergency or spends more days in the hospital than were actually necessary. This is for the hospital who charges $350 per day for room and board and bad for the Plan who pays for it. It is a waste of money and could have been avoided if the patient questioned the doctor about their admission, length of stay, and discharge.

Sometimes our Plan pays for expensive in-patient hospital testing and laboratory work that could have been provided on an outpatient basis at much less expense. Pre-admission testing is the practice of performing as many tests as possible on an outpatient basis before actually being admitted to the hospital room and charged for out-patient services. The patient has a shorter hospital stay and the Plan spends less. The Plan covers pre-admission testing at 90%.

Sometimes the Plan pays for another in-patient care that could have been provided on an outpatient basis. There are many surgical and medical procedures which do not require hospital admission and can be routinely performed in a clinic or the doctor's office. The Plan covers Ambulatory Surgery at 90%.

As you can see from these examples, sometimes we are not wise consumers of health care services. We must become more aware and sensitive to health care cost containment. If we do not, we will share in the responsibility for allowing the cost to rise — and we will be forced to foot the bill.

In the upcoming months, we will show you more about what we can do to contain health care costs.

Fringe Benefits Forum

BY DON JONES,
DIRECTOR OF FRINGE BENEFITS

October is open enrollment month for the optional Kaiser Health Plan coverage for both Active and Retired Operating Engineers and their families. Each year, eligible members who live within a 30 mile radius of Kaiser Medical facilities have the option of electing to receive their Hospital-Surgical-Medical coverage from the Comprehensive Insured Plan (provided by the Trust Fund underwritten by Union Labor Life Insurance Company) of Kaiser Foundation Health Plans. Active and Retired Engineers will have until mid-October to make any change in their coverage. This change from one coverage to the other can only be made each year in October for November eligibility. The only exception is if a member moves out of the 30 mile Kaiser service area. Members interested in changing their coverage are urged to carefully consider the merits of both plans. They make their choice since their election must remain in effect for a full year.

The principle differences between the two coverages is that Kaiser members must utilize Kaiser facilities for their Hospital-Surgical-Medical needs. These services are provided by Kaiser at no cost to the active Operating Engineers and his family, and $3.00 per office visit for retirees. Kaiser does not provide Hospital-Surgical-Medical Services immediately required and performed by other providers.

The Comprehensive Insured Plan members are free to choose their own physicians facilities and other providers of services. The Active Plan covers 90% of $3,000 of hospital expenses and 100% thereafter and 90% of all other surgery and medical expenses. (Note: see Benefits for an out.

All other benefits (Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Burial Benefit, Special Employee and Spouse coverages, Dental, Vision Care and Prescription Drugs) for Active members and their families — Burial Benefit, Vision and Prescription Drug (For Retired members and their spouses) are provided directly through the Trust Fund regardless of which option is elected.

Medical Centers

Hayward: Hesperian and Tennesson
950 Main Road
Oakland: Broadway & MacArthur Blvd.
Redwood City: Veterans Blvd., near Maple
San Mateo: Cutten & Mapleton
Sacramento: Morse & Cottage
San Francisco: Geary near Masonic
San Jose: Santa Teresa Community Hosp.
Cottle Rd. & Santa Teresa Blvd.
San Rafael: 99 Monterra Road
Santa Clara: 900 Kiely Blvd.
So. San Francisco: 1200 El Camino Real
Vallejo: Serene Drive and Alamedan
Walnut Creek: Main Street and Newtown

Medical Offices

Antioch: Opposite County East Shopping Center
Fremont: 39400 Paseo Padre Parkway
Napa: 901 Nvinne Avenue
Roseville: 1001 Riverside Avenue
San Jose: 5755 Cottle Road
Santa Rosa: 55 Montgomery Drive
Sonoma: Grape near El Cerrito

IF YOU WISH TO CHANGE your current coverage or if you want additional information, please complete the form below, cut out and mail to the Kaiser office at 50 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 or the Trust Fund office at 50 Francisco Street, Suite 100, San Francisco, CA 94103. Election forms will be mailed to you directly. Your election must be made no later than October 18th for November 1984 coverage.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO CHANGE Hospital, Medical and Surgical coverage — no action is required.

The benefits provided by Union Labor Life are described in the Health and Welfare Booklet. Kaiser Health Plan benefits are described in a separate brochure.Both are available at your District Office, the Fringe Benefit Center and the Trust Fund Office as soon as possible.

Kaiser Health Plan Enrollment Form

Name

S.S. No.

Street

City/State

Zip

☐ Active

☐ Retired

☐ I wish to change from Kaiser to the Comprehensive Insured Plan (Union Labor Life).

☐ I wish to change from the Comprehensive Insured Plan (Union Labor Life) to Kaiser.

☐ I need a Kaiser Brochure/Health and Welfare Booklet.

Mail To:

Fringe Benefits Center
474 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
Section 1
Dues in Parent Local Union No. 3 and sub-divisions A, B, C, E, and Registered Apprentice shall be due and payable quarterly, i.e., on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Dues shall be due and payable on first day of each calendar month.

Section 2
(a) Parent Local Union No. 3 and Sub-divisions A, B, C, E, and Registered Apprentice
(1) Employed dues shall be an amount equal to two (2) hours a month of the “average wage package” in the Operating Engineers’ Pensioned Health and Welfare Fund, and in the Industrial Bargaining Unit rounded to the nearest dollar.

(b) Unemployed dues shall be an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the employed dues rate.

(2) 30 Public Employee Units.
(i) Covering construction in Northern California shall be used under (c) above shall be obtained by determining what the basic averages shall be for the particular unit.
(ii) The averaged hourly wage rate for each Public Employee Unit, including those in (c)(2) above, and then computing an average hourly rate for all the Public Employee Units.

(c) 30 Public Employee Units.
(1) Employed dues shall be an amount equal to two (2) hours a month of the “average wage package” of the combined Public Employee Units, subject to (c)(2) (d) below.
(2) Effective October 1, 1983, the dues for Public Employee Units paying $15.00 or less in monthly dues and for those members whose dues shall be an amount equal to two (2) hours a month of the averaged hourly wage rate for that Public Employee Unit.

(d) The “average wage package” means the averaged hourly rate, plus health and welfare, vacation and holiday, pension, profit sharing and similar benefits for a straight-time shift.

Section 3
(1) A member must be employed at the trade for two (2) full calendar months in a fiscal year (October 1-September 30), or the employing contractor may pay unemployment compensation on his behalf. In the event a member fails to comply with any of these reporting requirements, he shall forfeit his right to pay unemployed dues for that month.

(2) If the member certifies that he is eligible and is able to pay the dues rate, and if he is not employed during the period of qualification or the period of employment he shall not be entitled to receive unemployed dues in that period of unemployment; and in addition, an amount equal to the employed dues for such period shall be due and payable the next due date.

(3) The member who qualifies for unemployed dues and certifies to the same shall be given half dues credit for the month unless the application is made after the member has been suspended.

(4) “Retired Member Dues” — with less than thirty-five (35) years in the Local Union.
(1) For retired members eligible for benefits from the Operating Engineers’ Pensioned Health and Welfare Fund, the dues shall be fifteen dollars ($15.00) a month due and payable on a quarterly basis.
(2) If the member remains eligible for benefits from the Operating Engineers’ Pensioned Health and Welfare Fund, and for members who have exhausted the benefits, the Standing Fund, Section 6, and who continue to meet the requirements set forth in said Section 6, the dues shall be eight dollars ($8.00) a month due and payable on a quarterly basis.

(5) $0.60 shall be distributed to the General Welfare Benefit Fund.
(6) $0.50 shall be distributed to Local Union No. 3 Death Benefit Fund, and
(7) $2.00 to the Good Standing Fund
(8) $2.00 to the Hardship Strike and Lock-Out Fund.

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(3) $1.50 shall be distributed to the Defense Fund, and
(4) $0.30 shall be distributed to the Hardship Strike and Lock-Out Fund, and
(5) $0.60 shall be distributed to the General Welfare Benefit Fund.
Talking to Techs

By Frank Morales, Wally Schissler and Jerry Steele

The Tech Department would like to thank those members who were concerned and took the time to attend the Tech Engineers Ratification Meetings that were held at Rohnert Park, San Jose, Sacramento and Oakland. For those of you that did not attend the meetings, your Contract was ratified 100% by the members present at the meetings. Cards were sent out to all our members with the dates and places where the meetings will be held. For those of you that did not receive a notice of the meetings please contact the Tech Department or contact your Business Representative and give us your correct address, so that you will be sure to receive any future notices.

Testing and Inspection

Work is still going strong at this time and it looks good for the balance of the 1983 season.

Most members are working under the Council of Engineers and Laboratory Employers Contract or the Independent Testing and Inspection Agreements. These Agreements will remain in effect until February 28, 1984. Now is the time for you, as members, to be thinking of any changes you would like to make; such things as night shift work, travel time, subsistence, use of vehicle, vacation pay plans, sick leave and wages are some of the key items. We will start a round of pre-negotiation meetings some in October and November of 1983, with the members of this Industry. You can voice your opinions and give your thoughts at these meetings. Inspectors are spread out on a large number of jobs in every town and city in the Bay Area. If we have not seen you on a job site, please give the Tech Center a call. We will get by your job. Tech Center (415)638-9355 or (415)638-7277.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of William J. Black, who passed away August 14, 1983. Mr. Black organized the firm of William J. Black and Associates in the Dublin area in 1965 and was a member of the Bay Counties Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association Inc.

$4 million for emergency repair

Nevada to receive federal funding

RENO — The Nevada Department of Transportation will receive $4 million in emergency federal relief funds for construction projects on two state roads damaged this spring by mud slides.

The department's assistant director, Gene Phelps, said the state will use the Federal Highway Administration money on the reconstruction projects for Old 395 in Washoe Valley and Highway 50 over Spooner Summit near Lake Tahoe.

We could have gotten the roads open without the money, but we would have had to cut out some pretty important resurfacing and maintenance projects, Phelps said. "This will surely take the pressure off us."

Both roads were damaged during a Memorial Day weekend that saw at least four mud slides hit the area around Lake Tahoe.

Highway 50 collapsed just north of Glenbrook on May 29 when the earth beneath it broke loose and crumbled into the lake. The road was closed for several weeks while the highway department worked to clear the debris before the road could be re-tarred.

The road was closed for three weeks while crews rebuilt the fallen hillside with steel pilings. Two of the road's four lanes reopened June 16.

Phelps said the state, which already has spent $500,000 reopening Spooner's two northbound lanes to two southbound, also plans to build a ``cost saving wall'' beneath the remaining two lanes. That project, which isn't expected to be finished until next year, could cost an additional $750,000, he said.

Old 395 was buried under tons of rock and mud on Memorial Day when a huge mud slide roared down Slide Mountain into Washoe Valley, destroying a number of homes and killing one man. The road, used primarily by residents of the area and Reno visitors to the nearby Bowers Mansion, has remained closed to all traffic but four-wheel-drive vehicles for six weeks, and the state has yet to begin a reconstruction project.

Teaching Techs

By Gene Machado, Administrator, Surveyors JAC

Classes in Slope Staking/Grade Checking and seminars on the HP-41-C for Journeymen Surveyors have been held or are on going in the Oakland and San Jose areas. The response has been good and we hope to schedule more as time will allow. Development of new curricula has progressed to a point that 1st through 4th periods are complete and progress on 5th through 8th periods is on schedule.

New tests have been developed for the qualification of persons signing the "C" list. This is a new addition to the Technical Engineers Agreement and the NCSJAC will administer the tests. Any person wishing to sign up for Rodman-Chairman, Instrument Man or Chief of Party, who has not worked in our jurisdiction or for the contributing employers represented by Local Union No. 3, will have to pass a qualifying test for that classification before registering on the "C" list at the local job placement center.

Those that fail will be referred to the Apprentice Program or will, under the appeal procedure, be able to take another test. However, no one will be able to get into the work pool at the classification tested for until certified by the NCSJAC.

Local No. 3 and the Employer Group have over the years developed a highly trained work force and to allow under skilled persons into that work force would water down the efforts to that end and the training that you Journeymen put forth to make up this work force.

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We think this is a step in the right direction and believe it will give protection to the members of Local 3 who have earned their right to the classification they work at.

The NCSJAC is glad to report that after almost two years of oppressive employment, the 1st through 4th period Apprentice enrollment is almost up to normal — a good indication that the Survey industry is also getting back to normal. There are about 25 new faces out there and a welcome is in order, but a helping hand from you Journeymen is preferred.

The first job is the hardest, and you Party Chefs can make or break a new hand. We know that some initial help those first few weeks will help more than at any other time in their careers. Give that extra help now and we will all benefit.

The Department of Industrial Relations is preparing another survey on Surveyors for prevailing wage rates on each of the 46 counties of Local No. 35 jurisdiction. If wages are set at a lower rate and with Apprentices starting at 50% of Rodman-Chairman, it will not only affect the Journeymen but will destroy Apprenticeship on public works where this occurs.

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Man on a hot asphalt roof

There's nothing like pulling the air conditioners off an office building during the hottest spell of the year. But that's exactly what Local 3 member Jim Morgan of Sheedy Crane had to do this month at the union's main office in San Francisco. The air conditioning units had to come off so that workmen could re-tar the roof, which was badly in need of repair.
Work picture is picking up in Sacramento

(Editors Note: Ken Bowersmith has recently been appointed District Representative in Sacramento and this is his first District Report since taking that position.)

The work picture in the Sacramento area has picked up considerably, reports District Representative Ken Bowersmith. "Nothing of any real size, but we have managed to get some of the brothers that haven't worked for some time dispatched out. We still have about 200 men on the out-of-work list and are in hopes of getting them out before the rains hit."

"We are still in the process of signing contracts with some of the smaller contractors around town and are in hopes of getting this finished up soon," Bowersmith added. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members and their wives who helped and participated in the Sacramento area picnic this year. We had a really good turn out and fun had was had by all."

Bowersmith also wants to thank the San Diego Granite Construction Company for the use of their barbecue. It is a real jewel, you hands can be proud of that one. We ran out of beer 15 minutes before the cutoff time of the picnic and will rectify that next year.

Business Representative Bill Marshall reports that Teichert Construction is working the workers in Truckee on the Donner Pass Road project six and seven days a week. Teichert's Middle stage has three more jobs in the Tahoe-Truckee area, which are going full speed in Truckee is trying to keep up with Teichert's jobs plus produce material for other companies in the area.

Delta Construction has two jobs in the Truckee-Tahoe area. They are keeping the brothers busy. Northrop Construction in Alpine Meadows is keeping the brothers busy at this time. M.L. Dubach on highway 20 in Grass Valley is keeping about five brothers busy on this project. All of the rock, sand and gravel plants in Nevada and Placer Counties are really busy at this time."

"We will be attending a meeting on the proposed Highway 65 Roseville By-Pass at Johnson Hall at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville soon," Marshall said.

The new 3.7 mile roadway would relocate existing Highway 65 to the south out of the central part of the city of Roseville. Alternates being considered include construction of a four-lane expressway at a cost of $49.5 million or construction of a four-lane freeway at $54.5 million or a four-lane freeway at $54.5 million.

"If any of you brothers would like to attend this meeting contact the Sacramento office or you can review the documents from 12 noon until 7 p.m. in Roseville at the Johnson Hall Fairgrounds.

Congressman Shumway is holding a meeting in Auburn regarding the Auburn Dam. "We hope somewhat positive comes from this meeting," Marshall commented, and "will keep you informed of the results."

CTB Construction is dispatching the brothers busy on their projects in Roseville and Rocklin under the supervision of Brother Hank Frey. T & S Construction at this writing has got all of their equipment working.

To make sure an adequate supply of blood is available for the upcoming holidays, anyone wishing to donate blood can make an appointment by calling the Sacramento Blood Bank's Donor Center at (916) 444-6516. The address is 3142 "J" Street. When donating blood, be sure to donate in behalf of Operating Engineers' Reserve Fund. Business Representative Dan Carpenter reports that work in the Public Employees Retirement Systems building downtown is getting in full swing. Nielsen, Vasko & Earl and the Sundt

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The Bureau of Reclamation announced this month that a $1,189,768 contract has been awarded for construction of a maintenance and operation (O&M) complex near the town of Arbuckle in Colusa County, California.

The contract was awarded to Ticon Construction, Inc. of Sacramento.

The O&M complex is one of three such O&M headquarters constructed by Reclamation to provide service supports for maintaining over 1,000 water systems, the Tehama, the Cano and major distribution systems. Construction of O&M headquarters at Red Bluff and Willows, California, was completed under a separate contract earlier this year.

Commissioner of Reclamation Robert N. B. Koontz noted that the Arbuckle construction is included among Federal construction contracts initiated this year with a total value of over $1 billion.

The work involves site preparation and earthwork for the buildings and parking areas, building construction or furnishing and installing support systems, including a sewage system, pad-mounted transformer and electrical systems for emergency generator, television system, fire and irrigation water system, and air-conditioning equipment.

**Kiewit-Pacific finishes up Hwy. 97**

District Representative Don Doser reports that Kiewit-Pacific Company is moving right along on its Hwy 97 project. A second major project will be completed sometime in September.

Kiewit-Pacific was low bidder on the road job by Salmon Creek off Hwy 96 and another Project Manager Greg Basel on the Hwy 97 project will also be Project Manager on this new project.

Pacific Western's Hwy 395 project (approximately 25 miles north of Susanville) is moving right along with paving and piling and construction or furnishing and installing support systems, including a sewage system, pad-mounted transformer, and electrical systems for emergency generator, television system, fire and irrigation water system, and air-conditioning equipment.

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Western Petro Chem and Office Construction are the union companies which work with Ultra Systems.

**Paving**

Paving is winding down on their job at Herlong. They should be paving next week, the earthwork is almost complete.

The strike at Ulton Systems in Burney has between 30 and 60 pickets each day. The work has two major contracts with the State's depressed economy. They have union companies that work the Metro area areas but feel that in depth areas they can do as well.

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Business Manager Tom Stapleton and the Officers of Local 3 extend their heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the following deceased members and dependents.

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Jasper MO

THOMAS BROWNING
San Jose CA

THOMAS CECIL
Los Molinos CA

JACK CLARK
Grass Valley CA

WILLIAM CONOVER
Martinez CA

ARTHUR DAVISON
Kelsey CA

CHARLES FORD
Richardson CA

KENNETH MANLEY
Yuba City CA

PAUL DAVIS
Hanalei, HI

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Tulolumne River project

Proposed agreement for hydro job

SONORA—A proposed agreement to have three public agencies cooperate on new Tulolumne River hydroelectric projects is under consideration.

The proposal was suggested by the Directors of the three agencies last month in be developed for the county. Each agency will review the proposal and two powerhouses on the Tuolumne River or its tributaries may consider Class A motorhome. J. W. Risenhoover, St. Rt. 2, Box 201, Mt. Ida, Ark. Ph. 916/678-2265. Reg. #1751996.9/83


FOR SALE OR TRADE for motorhome or 5th whl 2BR, one People who are familiar with the county, shall continue to include the county.


FOR SALE: 1,244 ac water course, 995 acres, 250 acres, 350 acres, 91 acres. Land for water supply, 48 acres, 12 acres, 3 acres. Land for storage. Dubya, 205 Chapman Ave., So. San Francisco CA 94080. Ph. 415/156-7434. Reg. #11171933.9/83

FOR SALE: AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES. 8 wk old. $150 for one, $250 for two. J. B. Mitchell, 205 Chapman Ave., So. San Francisco CA 94080. Ph. 415/147-2483. Reg. #11171933.9/83

FOR SALE: 1.24 ACRES. 3 BRhomeapprox. 20x66'.shed $13,000. Kenneth Wayman, Rt. 3, Box A-100, O'Brien, retired. Our sincere con-
ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

All District Meetings convene at 8:00 p.m. with the exception of Honolulu, Hilo and Maui, which convene at 7:30 p.m.

September
22nd  San Jose: Labor Temple, 2102 Almaden

October
4th  Eureka: Engineers Bldg., 2806 Broadway

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The dues rate for the periods indicated above apply regardless of when payment is made.

*Due to the variation in the wage structures of the 3D and Industrial Units, the dues for their respective units will be adjusted accordingly.

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Sebastiani plan threatens labor

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wing politicians have declared war on working men and women. We must fight fire with fire. There is no other way that we can be sure we are registered to vote and that we do vote on December 13.

Arguments against the Sebastiani initiative

• It's a waste of taxpayers' money. This special election will cost over $15 million in taxpaye dollars—at a time when Deukmejian slashed millions of dollars off of worthwhile labor oriented programs to balance the state budget.

• It violates the Constitution, which protects the "one man, one vote" principle. The Sebastiani plan was prepared by a handful of right-wing political bosses to gain control of legislative seats they have not been able to win at the ballot box. Because of the way the plan is drawn up, over 40,000 people will be crossed off the voting rolls for all future elections, hundreds of thousands more will not be able to vote for a State Senator for up to eight years.

• It is devious. The special election for the Sebastiani initiative has been scheduled just 12 days before Christmas, the busiest time of the year. Why? To catch voters off guard, at a time when voter turnout will be lowest. In short, they aim to win an election they would lose if it were held at the normal time in June 1984.

• It will create political chaos. If the Sebastiani initiative is implemented, it will throw the 1984 elections into utter chaos. Legislators, who must register to run for election by the end of this year, will not know what the boundaries of their districts will ultimately be; since there will undoubtedly be countless court battles against the new reapportionment plan. Furthermore, it will open the way for additional reapportionment battles after every election.

The Sebastiani plan is ill-conceived and unfair. It poses a clear and present danger, not only to trade union members, who would suffer most, but to our entire governmental and electoral system.

Election Notice: Election Committee

32nd International Convention

Delegates & Alternate Delegates

Recording Corresponding Secretary James R. Ivy has announced that in accordance with Article XII (C), Section 1 (b) and Article XIII, Section 1 (b) of the Local Union By-Laws, relative to the election of International Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Election Committee members shall be nominated and elected at regularly scheduled district meetings during the months of September, October and November preceding the election.

There will be one Election Committee member elected from each district by secret ballot of those members present whose last known address as shown on the records of the Local Union 10 days prior to the first such district meeting in September, 1983, was within the area covered by the district.

Nominees for the Election Committee must be registered voters within their respective districts; must have been members of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for one year next preceding their nomination and shall not be a candidate or nominator of a candidate for Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 32nd International Convention.

MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 1983

1st ............................................ SANTA ROSA: Veterans Bldg., 1351 Maple St.
7th ............................................ SALT LAKE CITY: Engineers Bldg., 1958 W. Temple
8th ............................................ RENO: Musicians Hall, 123 West Taylor
15th ............................................ SAN JOSE: Labor Temple, 2102 Almaden Rd.

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4th ............................................ EUREKA: Engineers Bldg., 2806 Broadway
5th ............................................ SALT LAKE CITY: Engineers Bldg., 1958 W. Temple
6th ............................................ YUBA CITY: Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Arts/Crafts Bldg.
20th ............................................ SAN RAFAEL: Painters Hall, 701 Mission Avenue
26th ............................................ HONOLULU: Kahului Waena School, 1240 Guilick Avenue
27th ............................................ HIL Willkapiei School, 966 Kilauea Ave.
28th ............................................ MAUI: Kahului Elementary School, 410 S. Kamehameha Ave.

NOVEMBER 1983

1st ............................................ STOCKTON: Engineers Bldg., 1916 North Broadway
8th ............................................ FRESNO: Laborer's Hall, 5431 E. Hedges
22nd .......................................... AUBURN: Auburn Recreation Center, 123 Recreation Drive