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Coast Launches Strong Fight to Open Shipyards

All segments of public life on the west coast are joining hands in a vigorous effort to call national attention to dangerous deterioration of west coast shipbuilding since the war, caused by Big Steel grabbing practically all of \$2 billion thus far going to ship work for its low-wage, company union yards on the east coast.

West coast congressmen are carrying the fight to President Truman and the Maritime Commission to get a fair share of taxpayers' dollars for the west, following public meetings held in every major port city on the coast.

The west's long coastline is a big factor in national defense, and with the millions invested by government in shipyards and training programs during the war now wasting away the western front is a soft spot in U.S. defense, thanks to the selfishness of Big Steel and its domination of U.S. agencies.

Operating Engineers locals are joining the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council in presenting a solid labor front in this cause, which means jobs and payrolls as well as community interest. The Coast Council is meeting in San Diego January 17-21 to shape labor's backing.

CITIES, STATES JOIN

Meanwhile, industrial groups have joined the fight, as have local city governments, the California, Oregon and Washington legislatures, chambers of commerce, and other bodies, in a strong effort to break the deadlock which is strangling the west coast shipyard industry, its facilities and its job skills.

A coastwide program is now taking shape, supported by all interested groups. It will carry the fight to Washington during the present session of Congress and on through 1949, until some new ship keels are finally laid in west coast yards.

Application of certain sections of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, providing for regional competitive bidding, will be the main request, but steps toward loosening the west's steel supply from present monopoly-imposed bottlenecks will also be asked.

Make this a union label year. Buy only union goods and services.



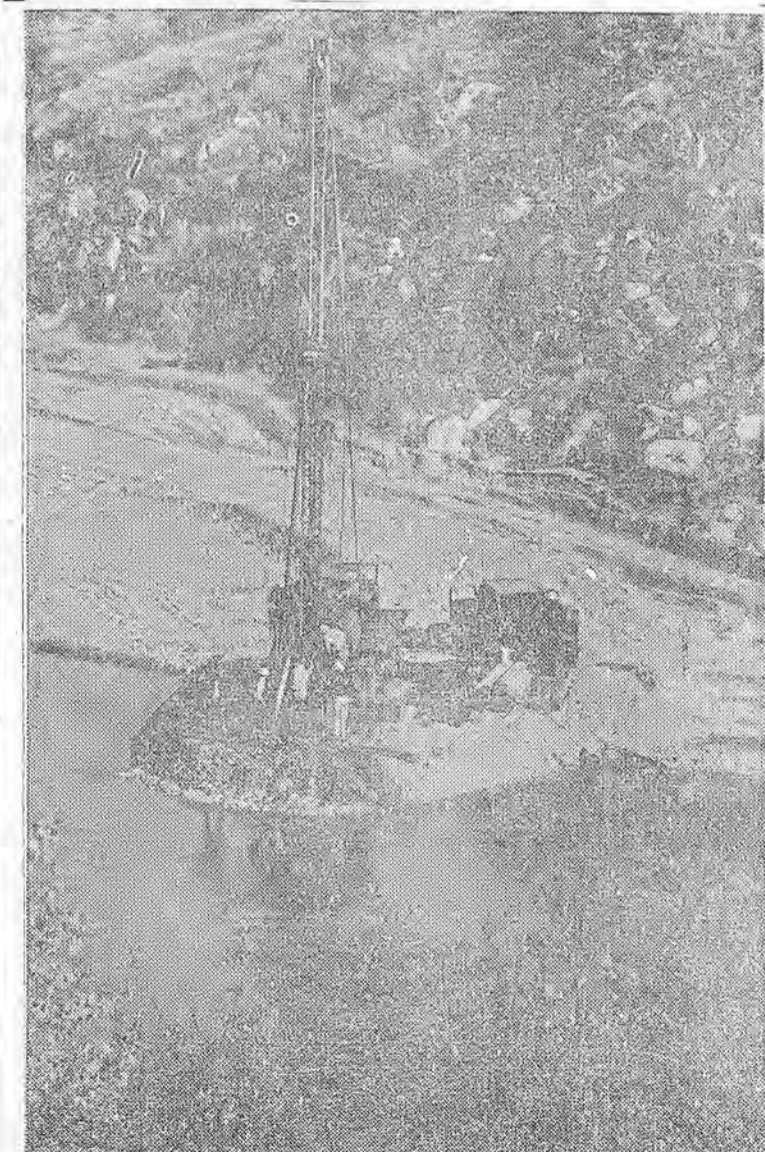
- B. E. BERRY**
—Died December 7, 1948
- CLARENCE E. DAVIS**
—Died December 12, 1948
- WILLIAM MAY**
—Died December 13, 1948
- GROVER VEST**
—Died December 28, 1948
- W. D. IVEY**
—Died January 6, 1949
- JESSIE M. DEEVER**
—Died January 9, 1949



SENATOR ELBERT THOMAS (D., Utah) is head man on labor legislation in the Senate. He introduced a bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley law shortly after the 81st Congress convened. His committee is sitting on the bill now. AFL representatives are appearing before it to urge first repeal, then restoration of the Wagner Act.

Raises Chinchillas

Local 3 men have widely-varied interests and abilities, as is shown nearly every month in reports from the business agents. John Clardy has branched out to chinchilla farming and invites all the brothers to drop in and look them over at 3313 Sebastopol road, Santa Rosa. A fair coat made of these critters will run you about \$500. Webster defines them: "A small South American rodent having very soft pearly-gray fur."



A DEEPENING—THIS CHINA DRILL IS DIGGING INTO SAND-CAN MUD-CLAY gravel at the Folsom Dam site. The drill work will determine how much excavation will be necessary before the dam base can be started. (See Marysville Report). Picture, courtesy "Sacramento Bee."

\$117 Million Requested For Calif. Reclamation, Flood Control, Rivers

Frigid Wave Adds To Season Slack; Pickup Foreseen

Unprecedented low temperatures coming with a down-draft from Canada has put a crimp in the many outdoor projects upon which Local 3 members are employed, and the out-of-work list has shot upward in nearly all areas.

The cold wave has made the seasonal slow-up more noticeable and more widespread than had been anticipated, and heavy rains in the northern sections have put a wet blanket on most projects.

However, with prospects for a good year, better than ever before, an early thaw in the job situation is anticipated. Many projects shut-down only because it was absolutely mandatory. Others are hobbling along and are picking up during good-weather spells.

Construction and road work this year are under considerable pressure for completion, due to the general population growth so noticeable in the west and the demands it has imposed for new facilities.



IN THE HOUSE, top labor legislation overseer is Rep. John Lesinski (D., Mich.), above. Lesinski appears to be favorable to labor but has declared his committee will recommend retention of "a few features of the Taft-Hartley law," including the ban on so-called national emergency legislation. The AFL wants no stalling on repeal of T-H, however.

Reno: Quakes, Snow

First the earth shakes and then the big freeze hits. That's the burden of life in Reno and other parts of Nevada. It hasn't done much good for work or morale. Bro. Burley Spence reports the Reno Rhumba has finally quit, but the snows go on.

Far Away Places

Local 3 brothers are all over the darn world. Reports from the business agents this month tell of members working in Okinawa, Venezuela, Arabia, Alaska, Greece, Shanghai, Formosa, the Philippines, and Europe.

Utah Jobs Drop

While it's been much too cold in Californy, Utah got more than its share of the wintry visitor from Canada and Alaska in recent weeks. Work has slowed down much more than expected because of the unprecedented low temperatures, the brothers from Utah report.

Congress Approval Seen; \$63 Million Is Asked for CVP

A record appropriation of some \$117 million for reclamation work, flood control, and river and harbor projects stands a good chance of getting Congressional approval, following President Truman's request for that amount in his annual budget message.

Of this total \$76 million is asked for reclamation, \$35 million for flood control, \$5 million for river and harbor work, and \$4 million for Sacramento River flood control. For the Central Valley Project a total of \$63 million is requested. Congress allotted \$41 million for the current 12-month period.

Major CVP work contemplated is: 1. Continue work at Shasta and Friant Dams. 2. Complete Contra Costa Canal system. 3. Continue with Delta-Mendota canal, Tracy Pumping Plant, and Friant-Kern Canal. 4. Start work on Delta cross channel. 5. Start work on Delta steam plant. 6. Continue work on Shasta, Keswick, and Tracy switchyards. 7. Continue work on Shasta-Tracy 230-kilovolt eastside line and start 115-kilovolt westside line.

CVP time-table calls for completion of the following projects at the time indicated: Shasta and Keswick generating capacity during the new fiscal year, Delta steam plant in 1953, the transmission grid in 1952, Delta-Mendota canal in spring of 1951.

This is the first budget message in history which specifically mentions the CVP. Truman devoted five pages to natural resources, two of them to land and water resources. He strongly emphasized power shortages.

Major flood control and river-harbor projects called for are: Cherry Valley reservoir, \$700,000; Farmington reservoir, \$2 million; Folsom reservoir, \$3½ million; Isabella reservoir, \$3 million; L. A. county drainage area, \$7½ million; Merced county stream group, \$200,000; Pine Flat reservoir, \$8½ million; Sacramento river, tributaries, \$800,000; Whittier Narrows reservoir, \$5 million; Crescent City harbor, \$700,000; San Diego river and Mission Bay, \$3 million; Sacramento river deep water channel, \$2 million.

Official Notice to Members

IMPORTANT ! ! ! !

HAVE YOU ANY SUGGESTIONS? Within the next few months Local No. 3 has many agreements that will expire and that must be re-negotiated by the Negotiating Committee of the Local Union.

The Committee is desirous of having suggestions from the membership as to changes in the working rules, etc.

We are therefore requesting that all members who may have suggestions to offer, that they mail them directly to the Main Office at 1095 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS MEETING

The next meeting of Technical Engineers, Local No. 3-E, will be held Friday, 8 p.m., January 28th, at the Union Offices, 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, California.

Dangers of Big Business "Feather-bedding"

We have read a lot about the "feather-bedding" practices of certain labor unions, which, when examined, were too often either untrue or grossly exaggerated. Now a Congress appointed Commission headed by ex-President Herbert Hoover to study ways to improve governmental operations, also recently pointed out that the federal government could save a lot of money if its administrative departments would eschew political feather-bedding.

However, it is rarely mentioned that feather-bedding is rampant in those very business enterprises that most loudly level this charge against the unions.

Our big industrial enterprises, factories, utilities, public carriers, banks and insurance companies too often are saturated with inept relatives, friends and female favorites of top executives who by no means earn the large salaries they receive and who have some \$300 or \$400 a month secretary perform most of the actual work.

Because these big business entities are monopolistic in some way, shape or form, they can afford this luxury because they can pass on this overhead to the public which has to patronize their services or buy their products.

Back-scratching, characteristic of the politician, is a common practice in the top echelons of big enterprise. This is why interlocking directorates are so common—and ominous—in the ramifications of big business that has hindered, if not virtually eliminated free and fair competition.

Incompetent parasites holding lucrative posts in such enterprises are more than added costs of doing business. They serve as barriers to the promotion of really competent and able workers, the kind who three and four generations ago got to the top rung of the competitive ladder on their own initiative because their abilities were not restrained at a median level by an esoteric case of economic self-interest.

It was this type of unfiltered competitive opportunity which made our capitalistic economy so dynamic and virile because character, ability and genius was not vitiated or frustrated by upper-class nepotism and a desire of those on top to perpetuate a dynasty.

As a result, there is far less flexibility and much more ossification in big American enterprise today than there was three or four decades ago. What is badly needed is a thorough defrosting of the rigid mold in which this big business feather-bedding is freezing our economy. It takes red blood, not blue blood, to best direct a free and progressive American enterprise system.

CHA Extends Service

Washington.—Planned dental care may become standard practice if Group Health Association has anything to say. The Association announced last week that the opening of its new dental clinic here marks the first group dental program in the U.S.

Tennessee Drive

Nashville, Tenn.—A campaign to win repeal of the state's anti-closed shop law and the polltax was planned at a meeting by Tennessee's top AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhood leaders, organized into the Tennessee Joint Labor Legislative Council.

Beautiful, Romantic Arabia

(Sent in By Bro. W. E. Lafe)

Somewhere in this Arab desert
Where the sun is like a curse
Where each rotten day is followed

By another slightly worse
Where the flies and dust are thicker

Than the endless desert sand
There the white man sits and daydreams

Of a finer cooler land.

Somewhere near the Gulf of Persia

Where a girl is rarely seen
Where the sky is never cloudy
And the grass is never green
Where the drinking water's flavored

Like the slop of kitchen sinks
Where a man can't draw his sorrows

In the lukewarm beer he drinks.

Somewhere near the tropic waters

Where the nights are made for love
Where the moon is like a spotlight

And the stars gleam up above
Here's where all the gleam and glitter

Of a lovely tropic night
Is but a waste of beauty
For there's not a dame in sight.

Take you then this Arab country
Where the mail is always late
Where the Christmas card in summer

Is considered up-to-date
Where disease and squalor wander

From each stinking Arab tent
Where we're always on the payroll

But never draw a cent.

Take me from this arid desert
Where the sea gulls moan and cry
And the lumbering deep-sea turtles

Crawl up on the beach to die.
I don't like this Moslem pasture
Neither fertile fine nor rich
And any guy who would leave the States
For this is as crazy as a witch.

Take me back to the U. S. A.
The land I love so well
For me this awful desert bowl
Is just a substitute for hell,
You can keep this land of maffi
Maffi women and maffi wine
Wajid flies and fleas and vermin,
I'll take the States for mine.

Maffi is Arabic for "nothing" or "none."

Wajid is Arabic for "many" or "much."

AFL Chemical Workers Win 25% Pay Boost

Chicago.—Another gain was reported here by the AFL's International Chemical Workers Union.

President Samuel Laderman of Local 241 revealed that 700 employees of S. Buchsbaum & Co., plastic products manufacturers, received a wage increase of 25 per cent, excluding bonuses, or 35 per cent, including bonuses, during the past year. As a result of new production techniques introduced by the union, increased efficiency has reduced the unit labor cost 50 per cent. Both production and employment have explained, and there has been a price reduction of as much as 40 per cent on many company products.

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Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

At this time the following visiting Brothers were introduced: Maurice Skates of Local Union No. 12, Los Angeles; Al Laster, International Representative; and Claude Fitch of Local Union No. 39.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of December 22 and of January 5 read and the acts and recommendations of the Executive Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter of thanks was received from Local No. 270 of the International Union of Operating Engineers for our calendar. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Robinson and family; John H. Smith and family; Mrs. May Vincent and family; the family of Manuel Herrera; Mrs. Opal Dean and family. Received and filed.

The report of the General Secretary-Treasurer was read by President Clancy.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Raymond Adams, W. R. Arvin, Carl E. Baker, Joe L. Caetano, J. R. Christian, R. E. Christiansen, Floyd A. Coleman, J. G. Crawford, Herman W. Davis, Chester Diesthorst, Nicholas Dollwet, Charley R. Folk, Charles Wm. Gill, Howard Grimm, James N. Guice, R. N. Hardinbrook, Fred Hellyer, Victor Henry, E. L. Holt, James Howe, John H. Johnston, Theo. Krassowski, Wm. Lozano, Hamilton Morton, Fred Muns, A. Earl Nebeker, Frank Peterson, Joel L. Peterson, Antone F. Rapoza, Jr., Lauren C. Smith, Cornelius Snip, Tine Stewart, Wm. M. Whiting, Geo. E. Wilkinson, D. S. Wimberley, H. J. Winchell, Lester V. Wright.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: George L. Vincent, Clarence E. Davis, R. E. Berry, William May, Grover Vest.

The Business Agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given.

Brother Maurice Skates gave a short talk and his remarks were well received by the membership present.

Brother Al Laster gave an interesting talk on his trip to Switzerland in connection with the I. L. O., which was well received by the membership present.

There was a general discussion in regard to opening the A. G. C. contract.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.

U.S. Economy Shaky; Truman Asks Powers on Stabilizing

Washington—Pointing out that the national economy is in a highly uncertain state, President Truman Jan. 7 asked Congress to give him economic powers which would enable him to move against either inflation or depression as the occasion may demand.

An increase of one million jobs and from \$8 billion to \$10 billion in goods and services will be necessary in 1949 to keep our economy on an even keel, Truman told the legislators.

In his annual economic report under the full employment law, the President said: "The resourcefulness of American business, the skill of our labor force and the productivity of our agriculture have lifted our standard of living beyond any prewar expectation."

But this, he pointed out, was achieved "in considerable part on somewhat temporary factors." The presence in our economy of inflationary tendencies in some areas and deflationary tendencies in others makes it essential for the government to have powers which it can apply either "as a brake or an accelerator, depending on need."

The President's recommendations embraced both immediate and long range needs. The continued presence of inflationary factors, he said, makes it imperative to move more slowly on such things as housing, health insurance and long range education programs, than would otherwise be desirable.

PRICE CONTROLS
The chief executive's program included the following legislative requests:

1. Selective price and wage controls. Price controls to be imposed only if necessary on commodities vital to the economy or consumers. Wage controls to be imposed only if they threaten to break established ceilings and are not justified. "I firmly believe," the President said, "that the process of collective bargaining will result in sound wage adjustments without application of any governmental authority." The President said the fact that the government has the power would probably make use of it unnecessary.

He warned that if present high prices of building materials continued, such controls will be applied.

TAX POLICY
2. Tax policy. Principal source of the \$4 billion in new taxes should be corporate profits. Gift

and inheritance taxes should be increased. He said that "careful study should be directed to the increase of rates of individual income taxes in the middle and higher brackets." If deflation comes, taxes should be adjusted immediately.

3. Debt management. The government should continue to support its bonds. Consumer credit controls must be extended. Bank credit management by government must be strengthened.

4. The use of mandatory allocation power must be authorized or government programs will collapse. Present voluntary allocation methods should be continued also.

MORE ELECTRIC POWER

5. Rent control must be extended for two years and enforcement tightened.

6. Export controls must be extended and tightened because of the growing demands of the Marshall plan on our products.

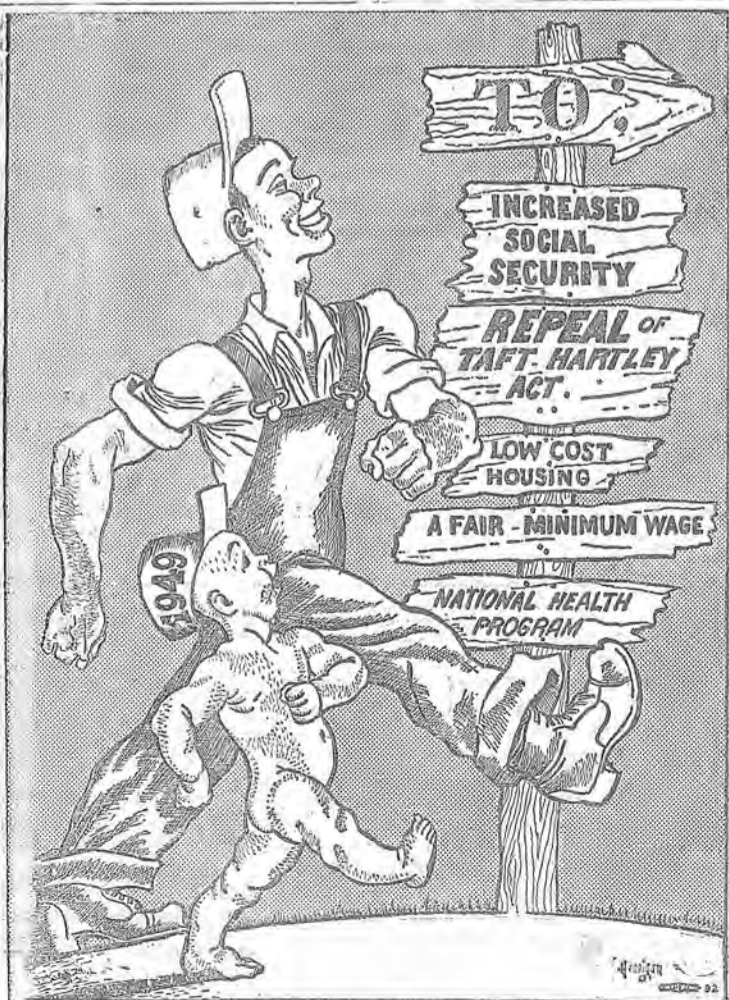
7. The government must be given authority to control commodity exchanges, which forced up food prices in 1947 and 1948.

Other elements in a balanced economic program require: enormous expansion of present electrical capacity, a sound agricultural policy, continued ECA expenditures and approval of the World Trade Organization, an expanded housing program, slum clearance, health insurance, and aid to education.

Instant Tea

If you are not a connoisseur, and convenience and economy appeal to you, Nestea (51c) or Tender Leaf (41c) may be your dish of tea, according to Consumer Reports. Handier, less messy and quicker to use than tea bags or bulk tea, these instant teas each cost about .8c per serving against about 1.2c for a cup made from a Tender Leaf tea bag.

Instant teas also make it possible for you to get a cup of the same strength each time, once you find the proportions that suit you. Before you throw away your tea pot, however, you had better see whether you like the taste of instant tea.



Salinas -- Monterey— HEAVY RAINS AND COMPLETION OF JOBS SLOWS UP ACTIVITY

By M. G. ("MICKIE") MURPHY
Business Representative, Local 3

Due to the heavy rains and the completion of some of the larger jobs, employment in the Salinas Area has suffered quite a drop. Los Padres Dam, which at its peak employed about 90 engineers for five or six months, is now only employing about 40 men, 17 of which are No. 3 men. O. H. Tucker, the former general superintendent, has moved up to Mills Field and is now with M. K. Brother "Buck" Hope (Tucker's assistant) is now in charge of activities at the dam.

Buck is almost positive that he will be through and away from the dam by January 28th. No doubt he too will wind up at Mills Field. That will put a period to what, in my humble opinion, was a pretty good job. At least it satisfied most of the brothers, and that is all we can expect or hope to do in this great Democratic country of ours and our union.

Another large job which has been finished for almost a month now is Bird's Levee job but Mr. Bird was fortunate to place some of his equipment on the PG&E job at Moss Landing and in the oil fields. Stolte's Castroville Sewer System job is also about completed and that goes for Chas. McCloskey's Disposal Plant job as well. The recent rains have worked havoc with the oil fields, the many subdivisions, the PG&E job at Moss Landing and not to mention the N. M. Ball job on the Santa Cruz Highway which has been at a stand-still for nearly a month. No doubt if the rains hold off for awhile, now, they will start up on that job again before long. . . Stolte's job at Soledad was also held up for sometime but they have now resumed operations on the pipelines and reservoirs but are experiencing difficulties to a certain extent.

ARROYA-SECCO JOB

Archibald & Sondgroth are trying to get started on their Arroya-Secco job this week. To date, however, they have only a couple of pieces of equipment in operation. Brother Hartwell (Superintendent) tells me there will be more equipment in after the 10th. Don't forget, brothers, stop in and get your clearance at 6 W. Gabilan, Room 20, Salinas, if you come down with the equipment.

PG&E JOB—MOSS LANDING

Many of the brothers are inquiring about the PG&E job at Moss Landing. Briefly, brothers, I say this, there is only foundation work at present and excavation. Raymond has two "Drivers" working and one under assembly plus two "Cats" and a Jet Pump. Until they have the foundation in, we cannot expect too much. Granite Construction is still in there with 8 "Cats" and 3 of W. W. Bird's Jeep's (and sometimes more) plus a Roller and a "Blade" or two. George Augusta has a fair-sized job of oil paying on this project. Talcott, as I understand it, has the concrete on this job and they are installing a new plant to handle the approximate 35,000 yards to be placed in the many foundations. I must not forget to mention Brother Al Henningsen has the excavation for Talcott's plant and no doubt will have much of the erection of same.

COAST JOBS

Valley Trenching of Fresno have several jobs in and around Monterey, Carmel, and Pacific Grove and I must not forget to mention Stolte Company and Granite. They are everywhere. If you see a ditching machine or a truck crane in that vicinity the odds are 5 to 1 its Granite or Stolte. I nearly lost on that one the other day in Santa Cruz. I found Ed Tobin on one job. His own, too. Then, I found Lloyd Davenport had his "Digger" in operation but as usual, it was a Granite job, and that's the way it goes. Things in general are pretty quiet around Santa Cruz, especially on the highway—just too much rain and cold. The work situation for this district looks a little brighter for the coming year, however. That is if the County gets the aid it is seeking from the State for the improvement of their highway system and bridges which they well need. (Brother Harley Davidson will verify this

statement. As you remember, he fell through a bridge down that way last year.) Many of the projects are very vital to the safety of the public—particularly the bridges. The many projects listed—too numerous to mention, would run into a figure of close to \$800,000.

Aromas Quarry had coldest spell in many years. Last week Brother "Skeeter" Hansen's Hot Plant Boiler froze up and Brother Hopper's Locomotive Crane did the same. Brothers Potter, Palo, Cardona and Vivian, all steam men for Raymond, had the same trouble this Monday morning. While on

Wear Your Engineers' Quarterly Button

One of "Your Working Rules" (22) is that ALL MEMBERS SHALL WEAR THE QUARTER BUTTON IN PLAIN SIGHT. If the members would adhere to this rule, it would save "Their Union" and "Their Business Agent" considerable expense, wasted time and CRITICISM. The results of you not wearing your Union Button are that your business agent receives numerous calls each day to check on jobs which are generally found to be O. K.

This time could be spent to organize unorganized jobs or other more important work. Still worse, some members do not report the violation, but instead go around criticising the business agent and the union for allowing non-union members to work while they remain idle.

Please, please, cooperate with us by "Wearing your Union Button in plain sight." Thank you!

Raymond, I want to tip one of our brothers off. Big Frank Cooley (pusher) and Brother Palo are complaining about the "louzy" coffee that you are making. Your ability as a fireman, however, is excellent. Boys try the Koehring for coffee at 10.

UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS

If you are unemployed and earned enough last year to be eligible for unemployment, you should not neglect to sign-up for it the minute that you become unemployed. You have paid for this "Unemployment Insurance" and you should not hesitate to take advantage of it when you become unemployed. Work is uncertain at this time of the year and it may be weeks before you go to work. The payments are not much but as one brother expressed it, "It at least buys beans." This office is working in conjunction with the Unemployment Office. We have forms here in this office for our members who wish to sign-up. We fill out the forms for you and all you have to do is to take them to the Unemployment Office. Then, each week that you are unemployed, you can drop into this office and we will initial them for you. In short, we verify the fact that you are unemployed and it saves you a lot of time and questions.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

Brother Ted Shade received a painful fracture to his elbow recently when thrown from an RDS while working for Macco on the Dam. Am sorry to say that brother Shade will be incapacitated for several months. . . After many months spent in Okinawa, Brother Robert A. "Bob" Kurtyak flew in home just in time for the Christmas holidays. Bob sounded glad to be home. . . Was very sorry indeed to hear of Brother T. C. Ford's son's accident. Understand he was injured quite seriously.

Redding— Big Keswick Dam Jobs Set To Go; Log Camps Close

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative, Local 3

Bids opened on the Keswick Project, relocation of eight miles of railroad. Morrison & Knudsen Co. of Boise, Idaho, submitted the low bid of \$1,778,381. The next low bid was R. A. Heintz Co. of Portland, Ore. There is a bit of controversy between the two firms as to who was low, and we have not learned as yet which one the job will be awarded to. Bids will be reviewed, and awarded by the Chief Engineer of the Bureau at Denver, Colorado. The contract period is for 360 working days. The high bid submitted was by Sharp & Fellows of Los Angeles, California. Their bid was nearly \$3,000,000.

Bids on the big job, the completion of Keswick Dam, and Power House, have been postponed from January 4, 1949, to January 25, 1949. The Keswick Dam is situated on the Sacramento River, about nine miles below Shasta Dam. Five hundred and sixty working days will be required to complete this project.

The Bureau of Reclamation has rescinded an award of contract previously reported to George R. Stacy, Tulélake, California, Siskiyou and Modoc counties. This project is being re-advertised, and bids will be opened by the Bureau of Reclamation January 21, 1949.

LOGGING CAMPS

Due to the severe winter that we are having, practically all the logging camps have closed down, and there is very little construction work going on at this time. However, the future looks very bright for this district as we have several large projects that will be under way by early spring.

In spite of the cold weather, the drainage job at Tulélake, California continues to operate. The mercury has dropped as low as 22 degrees below zero, and outside of that everything seems to be going along fairly well.

Due to the fire in the building adjacent to our office, we were put out of commission as far as our phone, electricity, and water were concerned, for about a week, but the place is now being repaired and we expect it to be comfortable again very soon.

Green on 1949

Washington.—Their victory in last year's election gives the American people an opportunity to vindicate the American democratic system, and repulse attacks upon freedom by both reactionaries and Communists, AFL President Wm. Green declared in his New Year's message. Repeal of anti-union legislation, and continued support for free, democratic labor throughout the world must top the nation's and the labor movement's 1949 agenda, Green said.

when hit by an automobile. The last reports were that he was getting along satisfactorily. . . Understand Brother Don Wheeler of Sunnyvale (and a partner) has acquired a nice little 10B. If you hear of any basements to be dug or anything of that sort, brothers, know Don would appreciate hearing from you. . . Another of our brothers to go into business recently is Brother Del Armer. Del purchased the Norwalk Gas Station at Greenfield and would appreciate any business you can throw his way.

Well, brothers, that's about all except in closing wish to take this opportunity to extend to the members and their families best wishes for a VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. I also wish to thank the members for their wonderful cooperation during the past year. Needless to say, your confidence and loyalty have been a great satisfaction to me. Also wish to thank the many members who so kindly sent Christmas Greetings to my wife and self.

Eureka— THE SLACK SEASON AND RAINS HIT THE REDWOOD EMPIRE

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative, Local 3
and M. W. EDWARDS, Organizer

Brothers, there is very little to report from the Redwood Empire. Most construction work is at a standstill and with a drop in lumber prices, a great many of the small mills have closed down. The closing down of the mills has had a bad effect on much of the construction work as most of their roads and dry yard paving was done by local contractors. The larger mills, as a rule, do most of their construction work themselves and the pay is about 25% below our scale.

Mercer-Fraser Co. has stopped their road construction as of January 1st. Fred J. Maurer and Son are working whenever the weather is favorable on their Orleans job; and the weather ain't so good. The balance of the contractors are marking time, working a rig or two on short jobs from time to time. Although we expect more work in this territory for this coming season than we have ever had before, we have not been able to get the proposed jobs definitely pinned down yet.

OPEN TIMBER COUNTRY

The completion of the Weitchpec bridge will open up a great deal of virgin timber in that area that could not be trucked out heretofore. It is possible that the Bureau of Roads may build some access roads if the timber prices strengthen.

The lumber industry in this country is in its slack season. The woods have shut down for various reasons; the big redwood and fir outfits for repairs and the holidays; the small outfits for another reason—the price of lumber, and the wet weather. You can't choke a log when the mud is rump deep to a tall Injun. However, on the information we have, they won't be down very long. We hope not, as we have a lot of good brothers in the woods and we don't like to see them out of work.

BOSSSES UNEDUCATED

We are very much interested in the way some employers treat their men in the woods. Some don't like to pay at all, others might pay this month or maybe next, while some just simply write on-rubber. It's an education they'll be needing, and when all the boys are wearing Big 3 buttons, it's an education they'll be getting. After all, as everyone knows, our motto is, "Take care of the members first", and that is just what we are going to do.

We feel sure there will be a big year in the redwoods this year, as everything points that way—construction as well as logging.

There is some activity at the Horse Mountain copper mine, but what it will amount to is still uncertain.

We recently cleared Brother Jack Douglass as general superintendent for Transocean Engineering Corp.; also Brother Bill Goetz as superintendent of transportation and Brother Helm as storekeeper. Brother Douglass is still working Stateside, but Brothers Goetz and Helm are at Wake Island.

Brother Al "The Goose" Mon-grain was a recent visitor here from Medford, Oregon. Brother Al states that he plans on going in for himself and will have headquarters at Medford.

Had a letter from Brother Rex White stating he had finished the season with M & K on the Nebraska dam job and was now working for an oil well drilling outfit near Bakersfield.

WATCH "HITCH-HIKERS"

We mentioned in a previous issue about checking on service men from different tractor agencies. We are grateful to the brothers who have supported this program. We found one contractor calling \$1.65 service men to work on Saturdays and Sundays while our brothers went home. This practice was stopped.

If a service man doesn't have a 3 button or a card to prove his membership, he is taking a ride at your expense. If you can convince him that he should belong to Local 3 you are helping him as well as your organization. Brothers, we will appreciate your cooperation.

The coming year should bring several good jobs; some pretty good dirt jobs and several resurfacing jobs, and also a few bridges. What the outcome will be on the Crescent City jetty with a Republican in Congress from this district is yet to be seen. Of all the lemons that were handed out, we sure got the lion's share.

Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Eastern Utility Prices Vary, But Public Still Rooked

New York.—More than a million New Yorkers will pay an estimated 25% more for their gas as the result of a decision of the state Public Service Commission, Dec. 30.

At the same time the commission ordered the Consolidated Edison Co., the city's gas and electric monopoly, to cut electric rates temporarily 10%. The reduction in electric bills, however, will not compensate for the gas rate boost.

The belated over-all Christmas present to Consolidated was granted despite a finding by the commission that the company was making an excessive profit on its electric service.

ILGWU Gains Benefits

Cleveland.—ILGWU-ers here became the first of their trade outside New York to win retirement benefits, the union announced last week at the close of contract negotiations with Cleveland Apparel Manufacturers. The Association, representing eight employers, agreed in addition to a wage increase of 15% and will begin paying sickness and death benefits January 1.



SUN BATHER

While the wind howls and the snow flies up north, the Miami sunbeams warmly on shapely Helga Brandt.

Feel Out the Little Guy, Flatter Him—New NAM Line

Besides a time for New Year's resolutions, the first of the new year is traditionally a time when people send cards to those whom they overlooked at Christmas. Being a traditionalist outfit, the NAM, when it noticed that it had forgotten to send Christmas greetings to the American workers decided to come thru handsomely with a New Year's message.

The greeting was issued over the signature of Wallace F. Bennett, new president of union-hating employers' favorite organization. His pledge for 1949 is that American management will concern itself more with "human relationships."

Human relationships, Bennett says, means that "we must help our employes to understand and feel that they are part of the American free enterprise system. To do this successfully," he says, "we must be prepared to take them into our confidence and share with them the facts about our individual businesses. With an understanding of these facts, an employe can come to feel his own importance in the process of production and can be encouraged to make his greatest contribution to its success."

Union men will recall the howl that big business put up a year or two ago when several unions declared that if the big corporations would open their books it would be seen that wages could be raised without increasing consumer prices. Perhaps Bennett has forgotten this episode, or maybe he's just too new on his job to really know the minds of his bosses.

SHY OFF PAY HIKE

Or maybe the big shots have decided to change their tune, and use the "corporate reserves" racket, recently bared at the congressional profits hearings, in an attempt to deflect labor's demand for a cost of living wage increase. Bennett says that "when each employe can understand the relations of his wages to the company's prices and to its costs, we can begin to hope for an intelligent approach to the problem of high prices."

Anyway, it'll be interesting to watch the fat boys' reaction to this idea as contract renegotiation time rolls around.

Bennett also calls upon each employer to become a real "leader" in "his own plant and his own community." Too much attention has been given to the national solution of problems, the new NAM head thinks. But, says he, it's all a "problem of human relations."

MUCH BOLONEY

For many years the labor movement has talked about human relations too. But I wonder just what Bennett's ideas are as to the bases for understanding between individuals and groups at different points in the industrial hierarchy. Does he mean that management must realize that workers look to their own unions at least as much as to their employers to set their conditions of labor, or does he just mean that the bosses should perfect the ancient art of shooting the bull?

Nowhere in Bennett's plea is there a single reference to trade unionism. Instead, at a time when layoffs are increasing, and loopholes are appearing in our post-war pattern of full employment, he urges his fellow employers to reassure the people that security will come from "our American free enterprise today" as it "always has in the past."

SMALL BIG SHOT

Bennett notes that some of his friends have asked how comes it that a "small businessman" like him "should take on the job of defending big business." To which he replies: "I don't think American business—either big or small—particularly needs any defense. Its greatest need is understanding and that, chiefly, from the men and women who make up its organization." May I suggest to Mr. Bennett that he carefully read the three studies on industrial peace that the National Planning Association has published recently. Maybe he'd learn that understanding between labor and management must be based upon management's full recognition of unionism and of the freedom and dignity of the American worker, not upon the insipid paternalism of his New Year's greetings.—(Bradford Carter.)

Bldg. Trainees In U. S. Jump 16% in 1948

New York, N. Y.—The year 1948 witnessed an increase of 18,200 apprentices employed in the construction industry, a gain of 16 percent over 1947 — reaching a record high of 1333,250, William F. Patterson, director Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor, told the apprentices in the electrical industry here.

He addressed the graduation ceremony held by the Vocational and Apprenticeship Committee of the Joint Management-Labor Industry Committee of the Electrical Industry, which is in charge of the area-wide apprentice-training program in this industry in New York City.

In the Electrical industry alone, Patterson said, there has been an increase of 1,650 apprentices during the past year—from 17,350 to 19,000, 1,300 of whom are employed in New York City.

Honored at the ceremony were 54 graduates who were awarded certificates of completion, and 16 apprentices promoted to the fifth and last year of the apprenticeship term. Addressing the apprentices, Patterson said, that they represented a total of nearly 7344,000 hours of work and study during their training — including 668,000 hours of work performed on the job and 66,800 hours in the classroom.

Patterson pointed out that there is still a serious shortage of craftsmen in some trades, and that this shortage will become even more acute if additional skilled workers are needed for the national defense program.

Laundries Refuse Strikers' Demands

Pittsburgh. — The 3-week strike by 250 members of Local 249, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) which has shut down 90% of Greater Pittsburgh's laundry service continued here Jan. 4 as companies refused to meet union wage demands.

Following a 2-hour negotiating meeting, Mediator Howard L. De Bold of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Labor & Industry declared: "Looks like the strike will go on another week before something gives. An offer of \$1 to \$2 a week more on the basic wage rate probably would have been accepted by the union, but the companies said they had gone their limit and no more money was available."

Originally asking a 20% commission on gross business, drivers have lowered it to 14%. The companies insist on restricting it to 13% while offering a guaranteed \$17 weekly basic wage.

Record Number of Vets In Federal Employment

Washington.—More veterans now hold federal jobs than ever before in history, the United States Civil Service Commission reported.

It said there were 900,000 veterans or survivors on the federal payroll on December 1, 1948, compared with 810,000 a year ago.

Of the total veterans holding federal jobs, 862,000 are working in this country and 33,000 are employed in foreign nations and U. S. territories or possessions.

Too Much Weight in the Stern



THE UNION LABEL PROGRAM FOR '49

By I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treas. Union Label Trades Department American Federation of Labor

In order to make more effective the future program of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, the delegates at our last convention unanimously recommended that:

1. The officials of the affiliated unions call upon the officers and members of their local unions to cooperate in organizing union label leagues in communities where none now exists.
2. When a union label league is actively functioning special effort be made to increase the effectiveness of the league.
3. Form women's auxiliaries to central labor unions and local unions of all A. F. of L. national and international unions.
4. Encourage the formation of a bureau in union label leagues and women's auxiliaries to develop speakers who will visit local unions and friendly organizations for the purpose of outlining the necessity of demanding Union Label merchandise and the patronage of Union service establishments.
5. Organize through local union label leagues and women's auxiliaries publicity committees for the preparation of material to be used by the speakers' bureau and finally in releases to local newspapers.

With this definite program for Union Label action, during 1949, I believe that even greater strides can be made in our campaign to urge all members of organized labor to patronize only firms that display Union Labels, Union Shop Cards or Union Service Buttons.

In fact, it will create an all-out incentive in the demand for all goods that are union-made and services that are union-performed — because those national and international unions, which do not use their official emblems to designate that a particular product or service is union, will soon realize the unusual opportunity and great advantage of this method of creating "good relations" with union employers. It will also help to establish better public relations with all American consumers.

Always remember that every dollar spent for Union goods and services is a ballot cast FOR American labor standards and AGAINST the enemies of labor who would destroy trade unions.

NLRB Aid Asserts T-H Sway Over Building Jobs

Washington—Another NLRB ruling made recently showed how far the jurisdiction of the Taft-Hartley law can be extended. A \$325 electrical sub-contract on a construction job was termed in typical NLRB language, "embedded in a network of commercial relationships which in their ramifications manifestly affect commerce."

Trial Examiner Earl S. Bellman based his decision on the fact that the electrical contractor involved in the case bought materials in interstate commerce and took work from firms doing interstate business.

Bellman ruled against General Counsel Robert N. Denham's contention, however, that a local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) had violated the Taft-Hartley's secondary boycott ban. He pointed out that the electrician's picketing of the project on which non-union electrical work was being done was an exercise of free speech. When members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (AFL) quit the project they did so voluntarily without "coercion" from the electricians.

"Undoubtedly picketing is often a more effective form of 'speech' than private conversation because it exposes the dispute to public attention," the NLRB official pointed out. "It has come to constitute a symbol for some people, calling for cohesion among those sharing or sympathizing with certain group interests."

Permanent AFL Legislative Council

Washington.—Representatives of more than 70 AFL unions met with AFL officials last week to establish a permanent legislative council. The new council will coordinate the work of all AFL unions on Capitol Hill, President Wm. Green said. Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law on re-enactment of the Wagner act is top item in the council's agenda.

Thirty agricultural scientists from nine European countries recently attended a special school held in northern Italy to learn how American hybrid corn is bred.

Fed. Upholds Prop. No. 4

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—Requests to have the Federation participate in a campaign to repeal Proposition No. 4, the Old Age and Blind Aid measure, have been rejected by the Executive Council on the ground that, in principle, it would be a defiance of the people's choice and that it would generally weaken the efficacy and integrity of the initiative machinery.

Proposition No. 4 was voted upon by a majority of the citizens of California. The Federation has at all times held to the theory that the people voted on an initiative petition were the supreme authority. To support such a repeal campaign would be setting a dangerous precedent and would be contrary to the position the Federation has taken traditionally.

The Board was unanimous in its decision to refrain from taking any part in such a move to repeal the measure.

AFL Insurance Council Wins Back Pay for Agent

Washington.—The National Federation of Insurance Agents Council (AFL), currently engaged in a nationwide organizing campaign among Prudential and John Hancock agents, proved it worth as a collective bargaining medium by securing for a discharged member one of the finest individual awards in the history of the National Labor Relations Board in the insurance field.

Wendell B. Phillips, fired from his job with the Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company for union activities, was told he was "fined" for breaking some minor company regulations.

The federation, through President George L. Russ, took the matter to the National Labor Relations Board. Result, Mr. Phillips has been reinstated to his former job and at the same time was handed a check for \$2,620.90 as compensation for lost time. It proves to Prudential and Hancock agents that membership in the American Federation of Labor affords protection for workers from unfair tactics of employers.

Advisors Urge U. S. Conference On Wages, Prices

Washington.—A conference of labor, management, agriculture and public representatives to set up wage and price standards for a healthy economy, was suggested by the President's economic advisors in its latest report.

"A wage structure in relation to prices that will maintain the producing power of industry and the buying power of labor in sound proportion" is essential to avoid economic breakdowns, the Council of Economic Advisors declared in its Third Annual Report.

"BAD SETTLEMENTS"
Occasional strikes, the economists pointed out, may do less long-run damage to the economy than is done by settlements which "do not reflect the economic requirements for sustained general prosperity but reflect only the relative strength of the parties."

This is what labor has been saying for the past two years when it went into negotiations seeking wage raises without disastrous price rises. It is what union representatives have been saying when they warned that corporations cannot continue to take exorbitant profits without inviting eventual economic collapse.

The Council of Economic Advisors was set up under the Employment Act of 1946 to study the functions of the national economy and report to the President on economic problems. Its members are Edwin G. Nourse, Leon H. Keyserling and John D. Clark.

ASK FAIR WAGES

One of the policies of the Council is that the terms of labor contracts shall be left to the voluntary action of management and labor. Labor and management, this report asserts, have both been opposed to government intervention in collective bargaining. Strikes, which are caused by both labor and management, however, affect the public welfare. Government interference could not solve labor-management relations, the economists maintain, but a fair wage-price standard would make for smoother collective bargaining.

A conference to set up such standards should be carefully planned ahead of time with an agenda agreed upon containing only subjects where there is some chance of agreement, the Council comments. Any standards arrived at would not be binding but might eventually lead to a more workable formulation of wage policies. Economic studies have been made by the Council that would be useful in such a conference.

Concerned with the fate of small business, the advisors expressed alarm over the growing concentration of industrial control in our country.

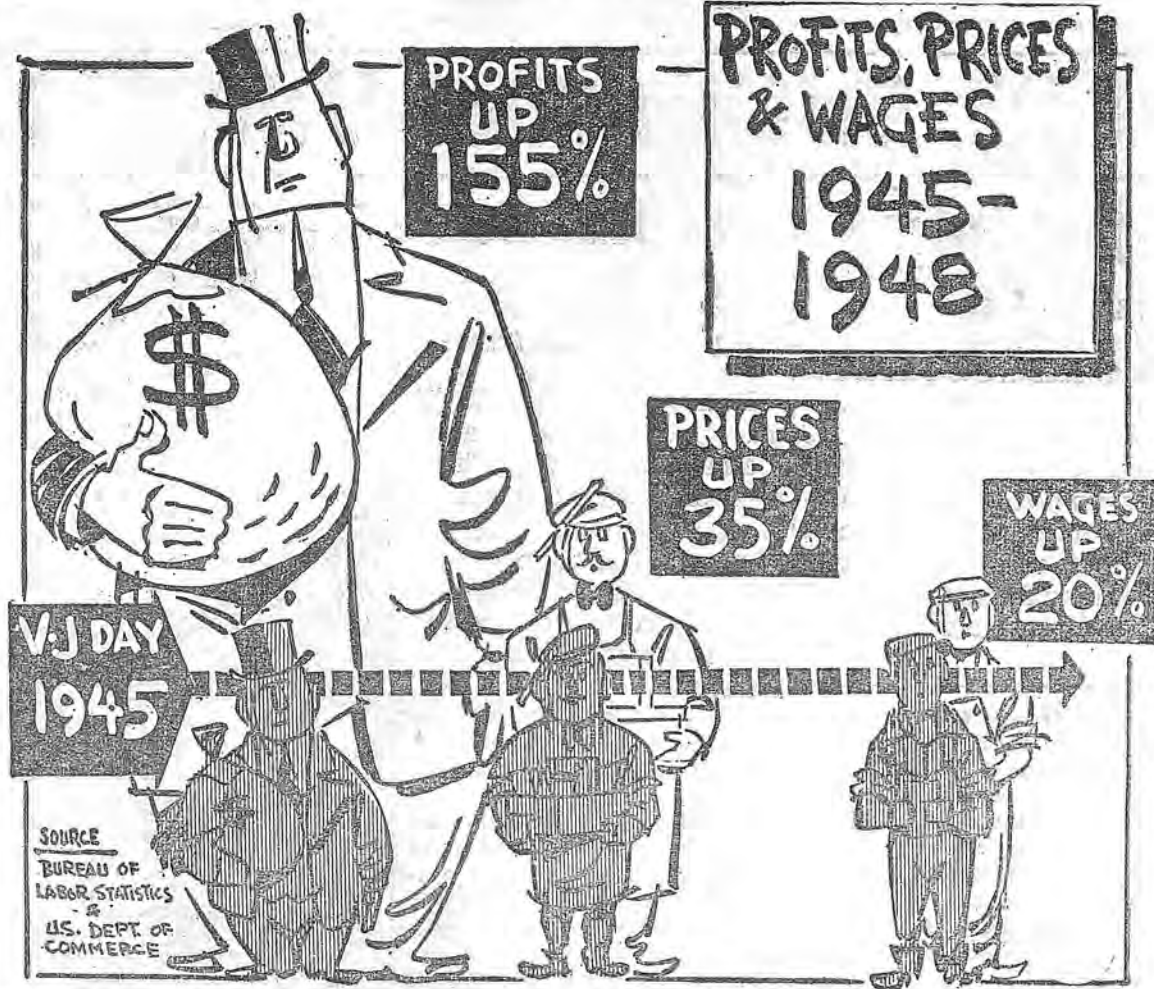
Postponing of the problem by more studies is viewed with disfavor by many labor people who feel that the time for action has come and that positive controls must be provided before the giant monopolies wreck our economy. The economic council's report to the President is one of the sources from which he can draw up his legislative requests of the coming Congress.

AFL Unions Are Sued Under Taft-Hartley Law

Paducah, Ky.—The Deena Artware Company, Chicago, filed suit in federal district court here seeking damages totaling \$431,989 against two labor unions and the American Federation of Labor.

The suit is based primarily on the company's contention that it was forced to abandon construction of an addition to its production plant in Paducah through unlawful picketing.

Unions named are the United Brick and Clay Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America. Both are affiliated with the AFL. The suit was brought under federal statutes outlawing secondary boycotts.



Health Ins. Not Radical or Compulsory

The opponents of national health insurance rely on several main arguments which they use over and over again. Now, with the new Congress beginning its session, is a good time to go over these arguments and see what they really mean.

Argument number 1 is that national health insurance is socialized medicine. This argument has many variations. Health insurance has been called socialistic, communistic, a Moscow plot and so forth. The general idea is to discredit health insurance by labeling it as a radical idea.

Many friends of national health insurance also call it socialized medicine. But this is a mistake. Actually health insurance is quite different from socialized medicine. Under health insurance your doctor is not a civil servant. He is not a government employe like a teacher, a policeman or a fireman. He is not employed on a salary.

DOCTORS' PRACTICE

On the contrary, your doctor under health insurance enters into a contract with the government to provide medical service. He is free to participate in the program or to stay out of it, as he wishes. He negotiates with the government about how he will be paid for his services and in what amounts.

Under socialized medicine all hospitals would be government hospitals. But under health insurance all kinds of hospitals, public and private, negotiate agreements with the government to provide service on a cost basis. The private hospitals remain private hospitals.

Argument number 2 is that national health insurance would be compulsory. This argument has been used very effectively by the opponents of health insurance. Nobody likes to be forced to do anything. The word compulsion scares a lot of people, particularly when it is hitched to another red-letter word in the oft-repeated AMA slogan: Compulsion is the Key to Collectivism.

ENTIRELY OPTIONAL

Actually the compulsory features of government health insurance have been highly overrated. As far as the doctors are concerned, there is nothing compulsory about it. They don't have to participate in the program if they don't want to.

National health insurance can be compulsory in only one way—the same way that unemployment insurance and old-age insurance are compulsory. The people's elected representatives in Congress decide to collect small regular insurance premiums from individuals

Real Security of Union Depends on Political Activity

By JOSEPH D. KEENAN
Director, Labor's League for Political Education

The Supreme Court ruled un-animously that there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent an anti-labor state legislature from outlawing all forms of union security — closed shop, union shop or maintenance of membership.

The AFL members in the 15 states which presently outlaw union security under so-called "right to work" bills must accept the hard truth that neither the Supreme Court nor the repeal of the Taft-Hartley act can save their unions from eventual destruction. No union is strong when its members are forced to work with scabs and free riders. A union can't be strong when faced with infiltration of company stooges and communist trouble makers. Nor can a union exercise effective responsibility in carrying out contract obligations with employers so long as disciplinary control over membership is denied by these laws.

This Supreme Court decision has taught us a lesson we shall not forget. The trade union movement will be strong only when we have elected at all levels of government public office holders friendly to the interests of the majority of our people. Throughout the next two years, Labor's League for Political Education will carry on a vigorous educational and political program in every state in the union to place in the legislatures men who are committed to the repeal of all anti-labor state laws.

The world's largest known meteorite crater near Winslow, Ariz., about 4,000 feet across and 570 feet deep, was caused by a falling mass estimated to weigh from 1,000,000 to 12,000,000 tons.

and their employers. In return these individuals are entitled to receive medical services.

Such "compulsory" insurance is well established for unemployment and old age. The people appreciate social security, so much so that they are now demanding more adequate benefits and extension to more sections of the population. Apparently they are not particularly worried about the compulsory nature of the contributions.

It is most peculiar that the doctors, for whom participation in the national health insurance system will not be compulsory, are the ones who raise the bogey of compulsion. The people, who will have to pay the insurance premiums, want it. They not only favor compulsory health insurance, but they are demanding that the present Congress proceed at once to enact a national health insurance law.

Whiskey, Free Cars Given By Lobbyists

Senator H. M. Kilgore, (D., W. Va.) last week called for a congressional investigation in "insidious" lobbyists. He charged that they try to win favors with whiskey and free Cadillacs.

He said there are some "good lobbyists" who prove helpful to Congress. "Then there are others who think they can win by offering a case of whiskey to a member of Congress. And those who are offering you free Cadillacs or trying to get favors through costly entertaining."

In the California capital at Sacramento the "third house" (lobbyists) swarmed through the buildings as the new sessions opened. Assemblyman John L. Collier (R., L. A.) was introducing an anti-lobbying bill, adopting the Federal form of regulating lobbyists. Its main effect, however, would be merely to require lobbyists to tell what they spend.

What they spend in Sacramento, as well as in Washington, is generally agreed to be a huge amount. The stories about dinners given for state legislators in Sacramento, where \$1,000 bills are coyly placed under the dinner plates, are common.

The Dumb Workers

The big news of the week for the working classes of the world came from Emily Post, supreme dictator of etiquette and manners. Mrs. Post advised us plebeians that "any man, tycoon or truck driver, could learn to act like a gentleman if he'd slip into a dinner jacket before he digs into his caviar or corned beef and cabbage. And the little woman would get a lot more respect if she'd serve up the ham hocks in a long-flowing dress instead of slacks and an apron." The problem really goes much deeper than that. It's even reported from some sections of the country that men have been coming to work at mines and machine shops NOT wearing striped pants and morning coats. An even greater threat to American manners and the gentle life is the rumor that some wage earners' wives wash their own dishes, do their own laundry, take care of the children, do the shopping and prepare the meals. And they compound this mad race toward the nation's self-destruction by not wearing "long-flowing dresses." It's a nice world Mrs. Post lives in. As far as she's concerned labor-management spats are something negotiators wear to cover up their expensive silk socks.

San Jose—Big Slump in San Jose Area; Wait Spring Jobs

By HARRY W. MITCHELL
Business Representative, Local 3

Work in the San Jose area has fallen off something terrible. The only steady work to hold up this winter is the shop work. Most of the construction companies are keeping the mechanics busy, including operators with mechanical experience. Everybody seems to be waiting for the birds to sing in the spring.

Albanese have finished their new batch plant and will start operating right away.

Union Paving Company has closed up completely. Brother Al Berryessa was the last man to go. Al says it was lonesome working in the shop all by himself anyway.

J. O. Archibald is finishing the new Willow Glen High School job.

Leo Piazza is still struggling along trying to finish the Municipal Airport job. Bad weather has held him up.

LOS GATOS DAM

In answer to the many Brothers who have inquired about the proposed Water Conservation Dam in the Los Gatos hills, we have the following information. While the people voted for the bonds to finance the dam it takes legislative action before it can become a reality. A part of the master plan for water conservation in the county, the windy point project ran into difficulty when the State Division of Highways contracted a portion of the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz highway through the reservoir site. New legislation is being introduced to correct the technicalities and get action out of the highway department so the dam and the reservoir can be constructed without delay. You guess as to when it will start.

PERMANENTE CEMENT

In regards to the Permanente Cement Company agreement: All Unions signatory to the agreement were present at two meetings held in the DeAnza Hotel. With a 12% increase in mind, the Unions asked for an increase of 25 cents an hour. At the first meeting the company offered an increase of 6 cents and later raised it to 8 cents, with no other concessions granted. This offer was rejected by the Unions. The meeting adjourned and met again on December 27th. At the second meeting the company again offered 6 cents with the stipulation that the employees receive 6 cents now and in June 30, 1949, a review on the national wage pattern to determine how much more the employees would receive. Any increases then would be retroactive to January 1, 1949. After much debating and dickering the offer was raised to 10 cents an hour increase now and in June 30, 1949, a wage adjustment meeting be held, with retroactive pay to January 1, 1949, for any additional increase. This is the way it stands now. Only difference, however, is that the agreement will run from July 1, 1949, to July 1, 1950. An agreement that ends in summer is always preferable.

Brother Jim Aregger has had more than his share of bad luck. He is now suffering from penicillin poisoning.

Brother Lauren C. Smith suffered a heart attack and was confined to the hospital. He is now home recuperating. We sincerely wish our Brothers a speedy recovery.

Brother J. A. Price is leaving soon again for Arabia. This is his second visit.

Brother C. E. Bedal had a dreadful disaster before Christmas. His home burned to the ground losing everything... including teeth and his hearing aid.

In closing wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Brother Joe and Ed Bowling, whose father passed away suddenly.

What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, Chas. Dees and T. D. Bryson, Business Representatives, Local 3

This report finds us deep in the usual January slump, but with things aggravated somewhat due to the heavy rains and the unusually cold weather. One good thing about the rains was the elimination of daylight saving time, which was doomed with the first good shower! This afforded a pleasant change for the many brothers who never did get used to crawling out of bed in the black of night, downing their breakfast by lamp light and then trying to get started on the day's work in the anemic half glow which a cold winter morning affords. From all indications the coming spring and summer should find things looking up considerably, with many jobs awaiting the return of dry weather to once again

get under way. At present, however, there are nearly 500 unemployed and we are unable to reduce this number to any extent. There is some activity, but those who are going out on the few jobs available are fortunate to average two or three days at a time.

GETTING AROUND THE JOBS:

Healy-Tibbits have five engineers employed on the Estuary at the present time where they have a contract for driving 3000 piles. There are two drivers in operation on this job, while out on the East-shore Highway job work is progressing very well at the present time.

Fredrickson and Watson's job on the Freeway has been hampered considerably by the rainy weather. Some of the brothers are getting in an occasional shift but work out that way is pretty sketchy in general.

Swinerton and Walberg's job at the Fiberboard Plant in Antioch is still going and there are several members employed out there. Inasmuch as this is a building job it hasn't been slowed up by the weather and all the engineers working on the project are on hoists, cranes, compressors or welding machines. Brother Pete Tronis is operating derrick barge for the Ben C. Gerwick Co., which is doing the excavating for the water system.

Bechtel's job at Shell Chemical is finishing up and we see Brother "Tiny" Wallace is back on the out-of-work list, having been laid off out there during the past week.

Weather permitting, by the time you receive this paper, Hayward Building Materials will have finished the paving on the Berry Hill Road in Franklin Canyon. At present there are a number of the operators employed in the shop. They are moving into their new shop and everyone is busy helping get things squared away.

The Stolte shop and yard is a busy place with many of the operators working on the repair and overhauling of equipment. At present they are also building their second ditching machine. The first one was very much of a success and they think this one will be even better, and are looking forward to more of this type of work in the future.

A spark of life seems to remain in the shipyards on the Estuary with Moore Drydock ordering crews intermittently and Todd's also doing an occasional bit of hiring.

Brothers Shattuck and Stahl, whose yard is in Hayward, are busy getting set up in their new addition to the shop. The brothers employed by this company are very happy about this, as it affords them considerably more comfort and gets them in out of the weather.

Basalt Rock Company has two derrick barges in operation, placing rock on the San Leandro Sewer Disposal project. They are operating from the foot of Davis Street in San Leandro and expect that the job will require between two and three months to complete.

Things are very quiet on the Humiston and Rosendahl job at Standard Oil. Utah Construction Company has a few of the members employed digging tank sites and doing various jobs in the refinery.

Work has been started on the one million three hundred and forty thousand dollar Fairmount Hospital job. Swinerton and Walberg are

general contractors with the Close Building Supply Company handling the sub-structure work. This work will be on the new 292 bed addition which will supply some badly needed room in the hospital.

Construction on the East Bay Municipal Utilities District Second Mokelumne Aqueduct is coming along on schedule, with the work now approximately 82 per cent complete, and with final completion scheduled for the late spring of this year. According to K. L. Hamman, president, completion of the project will bring the local water distribution system an additional 50 million gallons per day, which, coupled with the 95 million gallons that can now be delivered by pumping through the first aqueduct will be more than adequate to meet the present average daily consumption of 105 million gallons per day and will offer additional protection to meet peak demands. This flow can later be increased to a total of 219 million gallons daily with the addition of certain pumping facilities on the second line.

The Kaiser Company is finishing with their stripping job and approximately 10 of the 14 members who have been employed out there will be out of work. This company will have a considerable amount of equipment, including D7's and D. W. 10's, which will possibly be available for rental.

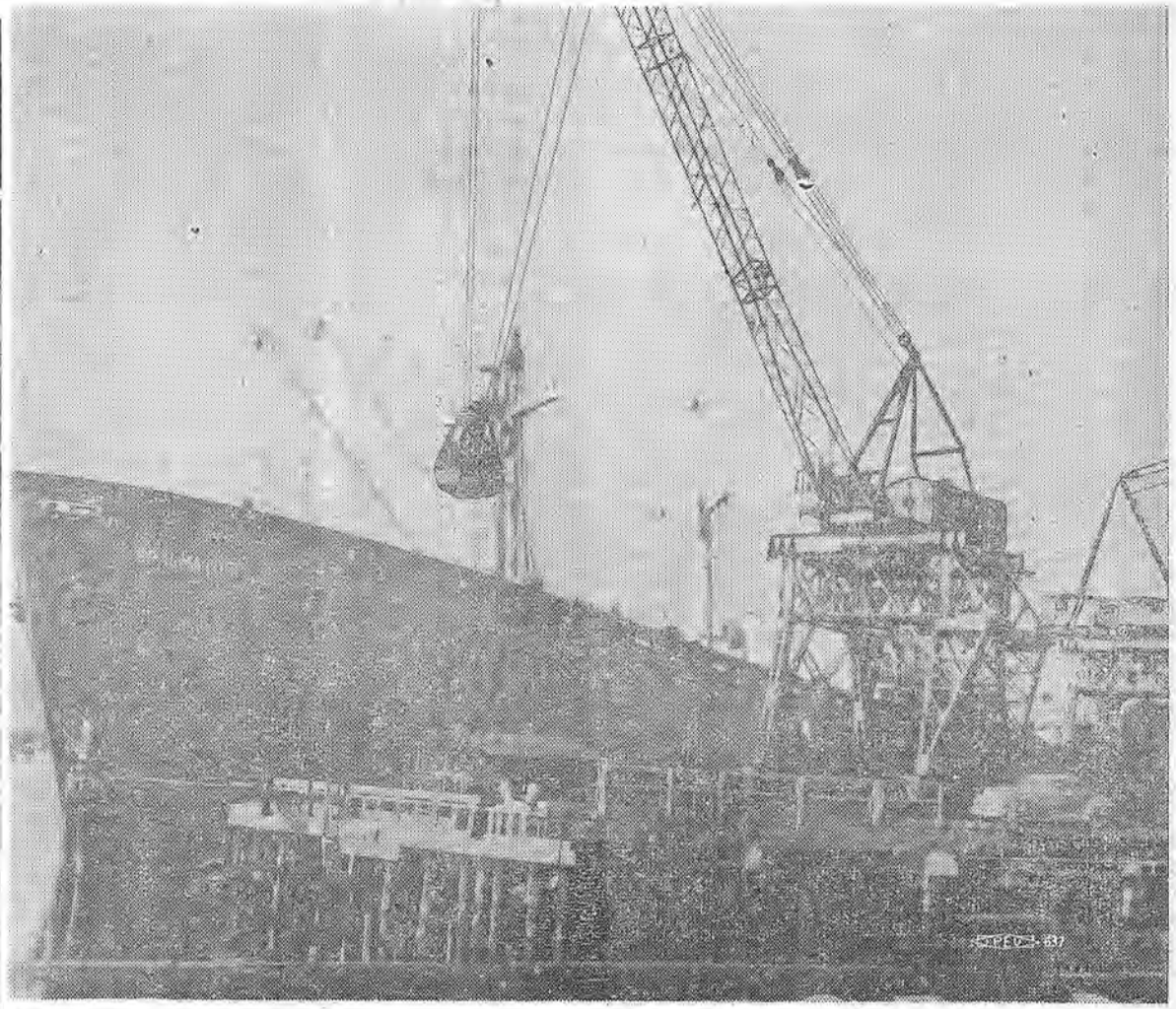
The Ora Lama Sanitary District, near San Lorenzo, recently let a contract to Louis Francheschi for the excavation of the sewer disposal plant at the foot of Grant street, in San Lorenzo. This job involves 60,000 yards of structural excavation and at present there is one clamshell rig and one D8 Cat in operation with Brothers Flay Deaton and Del Hoyt operating.

The Keeble job, out of Livermore, has been curtailed considerably during the rainy weather, but at present there are two carryalls a sheepsfoot tamper and a push Cat in operation. Brother Bruno is now acting as foreman on the job and hopes to have more equipment rolling in the near future, barring continued wet weather.

DREDGE NEWS

The dredge Duwamish is still pumping on the San Lorenzo bay job and indications are that they will have about two months more work out there. The Associated Dredging Company still has two of their clamshell dredges working on the sewage disposal project for the City of San Leandro. The Curlew has finished the job on the Napa river, and has been moved to Avon, where it is working at present. The Olympic Dredging Company has finished the job with the U. S. Engineers and the Palmer is tied up at Rio Vista. They are keeping a few of the men on repair work. They have also finished up with the Monarch, clamshell, and it is moving into the Rio Vista Yard. There are rumors that they have a job for the Golden Gate, but there is nothing definite about this. The California Dredging Company has moved their dredge California to McDonald's Island where they have a job with the U. S. Engineers.

Received a letter from Brother



Maurice Enos, who is in Mayaguez, Mexico, on the Associated Dredging Company's job. Says it looks like an easy levee job with the digging of the harbor the main project. They got started pumping recently and he says if they reach their goal of 20,000 yards per day they will be heading for Salina Cruz in about seven months.

He and the following brothers send their regards: Otto Wie, Arvid Carlson, Helge Johnson, Lester Spangler, E. E. McElroy, Walt Peterson and Frank Ench.

Two 4-yard clam buckets are shown in the process of loading the Spalmatori with bulk petroleum coke at the Parr Richmond Terminals. This marked the first bulk loading from the terminal and set quite a record for speed, surpassing any former loading time on the coast. According to Captain F. M. Graham, superintendent, the cargo, which was transported from the Union Oil Plant at Oleum by truck, is to be shipped to Japan. This program is another step forward in local development, as previously only one, the Howard Terminal, had facilities for handling this type of work. The name Parr has been well known in this area for many years, and it was this company that originally started development of the outer harbor. It is expected that this operation will expand and the company has two 6-yard buckets on order to further speed future loadings.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

With work practically at a standstill many of the brothers have been taking the opportunity to go on mid-winter trips. Among those enjoying turn-about vacations are: Brother Lawrence Kinkead, who spent a two-week Christmas holiday with his wife's family in Oklahoma; Brother Clarence Toscano spent nine days just circulating around — visited Palm Springs and southern California — looking for a warm spot we think — a mighty scarce article right now. All three of the Johns' brothers have been enjoying holidays. Jimmy and Floyd took their families to Illinois for the holidays, while Brady contented himself with a trip to the Rose Bowl game — Oh, yes, Mom and Pop say they just stayed home! Brother Jimmy Dement cover Texas and Nebraska on a two-month trek, while Brother R. E. Wood left recently on a six week trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Brother Vera Foley says he is glad to be back in California — says the biting 30 degree temperature seems practically balmy after the 20 below stuff he encountered on his recent cross country tour. Bro. Clarence Byers recently returned from New Orleans, and says he might go right back — business it is!

With Brothers Joe Britt and Ray Butterfield occupying adjoining beds, the dirt was flying thick and fast out at Merritt Hospital for a time. Ray was getting a re-set job on a broken leg he received when he tangled with a trencher while directing work on Stolte's Soladad job and Joe is getting additional treatment for his foot injury of last summer. Several other Local 3 men have been on the sick list with colds and pneumonia laying many of the fellows low. Bro. Edwin Cook was stricken with pneumonia laying many of the fellows low. Brother Edwin Cook was stricken with pneumonia on Christmas Eve, but is now on the mend, and Brother Gularte, who was ill for some time, is now back on the job. Accidents also took a considerable toll this past month

with several of the boys reported on the casualty list. Brother Erving Geske has been off work ruefully about the weight of the manhole cover, which he dropped on his foot, breaking two toes. Brother Paul Hansen is confined to Providence Hospital as the result of an injury received on December 14. He was stacking Caterpillar tracks when one slipped off the pile catching both of his feet and crushing him badly. It is expected that he will be laid up for some time; but when we last checked with the hospital they reported him improving. Two other brothers are also out at Providence. Brother George Germain, is recovering slowly but surely from his serious accident, and Brother Ted Bardoli is undergoing treatment for a recent heart attack. Ted's condition is satisfactory, but at present he is restricted on visitors, so his friends are requested to check with the hospital before going to see him. However, the other two boys can have company and they are both conveniently located on the third floor.

The first year button for 1949 was issued to Brother Orin Southwick of Port Chicago. By the way, Brother Southwick operates a trailer camp at Redwood and Humboldt streets in that town — has cabins for rent, too. On the same subject, if you call OLYMPIC 3-1076 you will probably talk with Bro. Everett Turner. His wife is working for a real estate firm specializing in rentals, and he is giving her a hand at the phone while things are so slow in the engineer-in' business.

And while we're talking about rentals, etc., here's how one brother solved his housing problem and at the same time realized a long standing ambition. It seems that Brother J. C. Klingman wanted a boat — and he also needed a place to live. So by way of killing two birds with one stone he and his son-in-law, Brother Bill Angerer bought a 110-foot sub-chaser.

By combining elbow grease with a lot of ingenuity and forethought they ended up with not only a seaworthy craft, but also duplex living accommodations aboard. They still have a lot of work to do but say that things are shaping up beautifully. Brother Klingman doesn't seem the least bit concerned by the fact that next summer, while most householders are thinking about patching roofs, he and his family will be occupied with the slightly orthodox job of scraping barnacles off the bottom of their new home!

Withdrawals to Brothers Dick Schneider and Richard M. Thompson. Dick is branching out for himself and henceforth can be located at 1240 E. 14th street, San Leandro, where he is operating a liquor store. Brother Thompson, who has been with Frederickson and Watson as Master Mechanic is going into the army. He will enter with the rank of captain and his enlistment is for a three-year period.

Brother Frank Snow was married to Miss Omer Rice on December 11th, while Brother Bill Carroll and Bernice McNeil said their 'I Do's' on December 31st in Nevada City. Got there just in time to experience one of the year's worst storms and were snowed in for three days. On December 19th, Brother Bill Whiting was married to Miss Kaye Kirk in Sacramento. We extend best wishes to these three couples and hope they will have many years of happiness.

We have just received a letter from Brother Nick Bacovich, who, as many of you know, is confined to the Arroyo del Valle Sanatorium with T.B. Recently he was scheduled for surgery and the hospital issued a call for blood donors. As soon as they heard of this, several of his brother engineers volunteered and the required plasma was secured almost immediately. As Nick said in his letter — the blood was procured faster than ever before and sets some sort of record in the hospital. He wanted

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Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. CASEBOLT, J. E. RILEY and C. R. VAN WINKLE, Business Representatives, Local 3

WORK AND THE WEATHER

We have just returned from California, where they think it's cold too and confidentially we felt the cold worse there than we do in Utah and were glad to get back to Utah where we can get warm again. We titled this paragraph, Work and the Weather, because both of them are tied together. Work that we confidentially expected to continue and even expand during the winter has been closed down or greatly curtailed because of the unprecedented low temperatures and heavy snows.

A number of contractors have informed us that they want to, and expect to get started again as soon as possible. This depends, of course, entirely on the weather moderating. Despite the extreme cold and heavy snows, there is still a considerable portion of our membership working. A number are working in the shops of the various contractors getting the heavy equipment ready for the coming season. Some jobs are still going although greatly curtailed and, of course, we have several operations that ordinarily continue throughout the winter despite the weather.

Some of the jobs that are still going, but by no means all of them as this report is being compiled hastily, are the Utah Construction Company's job for the Kennecott Copper Company near Magna; the Wash Company's work at Geneva; the Pacific Bridge Company's Flotation Mill at Park City, although somewhat curtailed on account of the weather, is still on account of the weather is still the Kaiser Company's road job at Sunnyside in Carbon County has a number of our local members of that county employed. No reports have been received of any curtailment of the Iron Mines at Cedar City. W. W. Clyde is still keeping two jobs near Cedar City going on a greatly curtailed basis and has indicated he will get into full operation as soon as the weather moderates. In addition to this, there are a large number of small jobs going whenever the weather allows, and despite the large number of members on the unemployed list, the outlook is not too bad.

THE STATE POLITICAL PICTURE

On January 3, we were privileged to witness the swearing in of a new governor, one which our local union supported in a successful bid for the governor's chair. We have had several interviews with Governor Lee since his election and have listened to or read a number of his public statements. We believe he is starting off on the right foot. We have found him sympathetic and have received assurances that he will support us whenever we are in the right.

While we haven't had an opportunity to talk to Governor Lee since his inauguration, the reading of his speeches and public statements strike us that he is approaching his problems from a sound, sensible basis and, while there may be many people who disagree with him, the fact remains that our governments, local, state and national, are not Santa Claus's, with the ability to pick money and gifts off trees. In the end, it is we the people, the consumer of goods, that by direct and indirect means pay all the taxes and Governor Lee's drawing this to our attention will prove beneficial to sensible people.

As this is being prepared, the Legislature is in session and is going through its opening phases. It is too early as yet to predict what type of Legislature this one will prove to be. It is only until the controversial matters begin to be considered that the alignment of the various members becomes plain. We confidently expect, however, that with the backing of our new governor and the expressed platform of the Democratic Party, much of labor's program will receive favorable consideration.

We expect the vicious anti-labor

Clegg Vest Act to be repealed, as it is an act that was never needed by this State. It is what Governor Lee described as a bad piece of legislation. We expect favorable consideration to liberalize the Unemployment Insurance Act by removing some of the amendments passed by the last State Legislature that has made it impossible for some of our members to qualify for unemployment insurance and a strengthening of the Industrial Accident and Sickness Compensation Insurance Act.

CONGRESS

Some lapse of time must be expected by our members before the vicious anti-labor and extremely cumbersome and complicated Taft-Hartley Act is removed from the federal statutes. We bring this to the attention of our membership in order that they may not become too impatient for action against recalcitrant contractors which is now hampered or forbidden by this law. Despite the screams from the American Medical Association, we are confident that some action will be taken by the Congress on Health and Accident Insurance. Three states now have laws partially covering this question and allow benefits to sick workers while ill. This cannot but help to implement this move.

ENGINEERS CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

We have just returned from San Francisco where we were privileged to attend a general conference of the representatives of your union. While there, the entire jurisdiction of Local 3 was reviewed and the problems generally discussed. We noted that in general the problems being faced in Utah are similar to those being faced throughout the entire territorial jurisdiction of Local 3. So that you can see that we are not alone in Utah in having problems that are unsolved or hard to solve because of anti-labor legislation.

We were pleased to note that the position of our union is the soundest in its entire history. That the membership is holding up very well considering the seasonal unemployment and is at its highest in the history of Local 3, and that there are very few suspensions.

In reviewing the work needed in the State of Utah, plans were laid for attacks to bring into line our recalcitrant, cantankerous contractors and assurances were received of additional assistance in this State when the work opens up to cover all our work and to put on a strong organizing drive. We cannot help at this time but comment that the future of our organization and the welfare of our membership is bright, especially when we have such competent leadership as we have at present.

PERSONAL NOTES

Brother Clarence Ferre is proudly announcing in behalf of he and his wife, Norma, of the advent into this world on January 7, of little Paul Ferre. From all reports both the baby and its mother are doing fine and the father is standing up well; in fact, the Ferre's doctor tells us that he has never lost a father yet. . . . Seems like most of our news this month is about births. News reaches us through the grapevine that Brother Keyes' wife presented him with a fine eight pound four ounce bouncing baby boy. No other details were obtainable at the time we were preparing this article.

When it comes to performing the impossible, or almost impossible, call on a member of Oper-

ating Engineers Local 3. The doctors tell us that it is almost a biological impossibility for triplets to be of the same sex, but Brother Reed Rudy and his wife Lucille recently proved that there are exceptions, by bringing into this world Reed Akinson Rudy, Robert Marshall Rudy and Russell Perkins Rudy, three boys, total

weight 10½ pounds at birth. Mrs. Rudy and the three boys were doing well, at last reports, and expect to be at home by January 23rd. Little Reed Akinson carries his father's first name and Brother Rudy's mother's maiden name as a second name. Little Robert carries his mother's maiden name as his second name and little Rus-

sell Perkins carries his mother's mother's maiden name as a second name. Rumor has it that a number of milk company's are bidding to supply the little tots with milk. We hope in a coming issue to run a picture of the proud parents and their three sons. Congratulations Brother and Mrs. Rudy.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

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to take this way of thanking the brothers who gave so generously and unselfishly in his behalf. At about this same time a similar situation arose here in Oakland. One of the members, while not confined to a hospital, was reported badly in need of transfusions, and again, we are happy to report, the necessary amount of blood was forthcoming at once. In this instance, however, it was thought the Alameda County Blood Bank, where this union has on deposit plasma to be used by the members and their families in cases of emergency. This plan operates in the following manner: As blood is needed it is drawn from the supply we have built up; and for each withdrawal additional donors are asked to volunteer so that our deposit will not become depleted. In this instance six members volunteered and the original amount is ready and waiting the next call. For these two occasions the following brothers were donors: Jim Rogers, Cliff Hughes, Bud Lampley, J. Martin, E. Hammon, Casper Rogers, Travis Price, J. G. Mathews and Mel Sevey. We wish to join the recipients in thinking these men for their immediate response in coming to the aid of their fellow members in a time of need.

We think that Brother Al Stratton comes just about as close as possible to having all the answers to two of a construction man's main problems—transportation and housing. Al, whose home is in Concord, can take a job most anywhere and experience the very minimum of inconvenience. Here's an example—last year he had a job running a dozer down at Hurdon, near Fresno. First off, he leveled a spot and parked his house car, a 31-foot bus chassis upon which he has constructed a comfortable three-room house. This left him right handy to the job, but didn't take care of his place up here—so he got busy and leveled off some more ground, sufficient to provide landing space for his two place Aeronaca. And then he was really set—Sunday's he'd hop to Concord, water the flowers and mow the lawn and be back on the job bright and early Monday morning. Streamlined living and transportation if we ever saw it, and the only possible improvement we can think of is a carrier pigeon trained to deliver the daily paper on his doorstep every morning.

Just received a letter from Brother Gene Yates, who has nearly completed his second hitch on Okinawa. He expects to leave soon for Formosa where his company is setting up a new camp and shops, formerly scheduled for Shanghai. He says he is looking forward to this change as Formosa is reputed to be the garden spot of the Pacific. Sounds interesting, Gene—let us hear more about it when you arrive.

Brother Mickey O'Callahan is another one of those boys that we see just once a year, when he comes in to pay 12 months dues. Mickey operates the Tractor Rental at 1717 - 21st Avenue, Oakland, and at present has three D-7's equipped for logging. Anyone interested in renting this equipment can reach him by calling KE 3-1747.

The many friends of Brother W. D. "Bill" Ivy were shocked to hear of his death on January

6th. Bill had been ill for some time, but was looking forward to returning to the job in the near future, when he was stricken at his home and died within a short time. A former member of Local 59, he had been around the Bay Area since the early 30's. Formerly employed by United Engineering and later by Todd's, he had acted as steward for some time and was highly regarded by all who knew him. With his passing, our organization has lost a true friend and loyal supporter. To his wife and family we extend sincere condolences.

Late in December another of our members, Brother Grover Vest, was stricken with a heart attack and died suddenly. Brother Vest had been in the Bay Area for the past 13 years and along with his brother, Edgar, joined the Operating Engineers several years ago. A native of Marshall, Missouri, his body was returned there for burial. He leaves his wife, two sisters and one brother, to whom we wish to express our deepest sympathies.

Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men! Already this age old phrase is growing dim and unfamiliar—something to be put away with the tinsel and ornaments until another holiday season rolls around. This shouldn't be! The banks advise us to start saving now and to continue it all year so that by Christmas time we will have a reserve built up to take care of our holiday needs. A fine idea, to be sure, but doesn't it fall a little short of the whole spirit of holiday giving. Recently, however, our attention was called to a group of people who worked all year on plans which fulfill much that the Christmas season really means. Headed by one of our members, Brother Gordon Jaeger, equipment superintendent for the Dinwiddie Construction Company, this group of people, all neighbors in an East Oakland community, banded together with one thought in mind—to help someone, who would otherwise be lonely, have a happy Christmas. They contributed what they could in the way of money and supplies and then canvassed neighborhood merchants, explaining their plan. The response was heartening and they ended up, a few days before Christmas, with enough food, toys and clothing to furnish the needs of two families. They made a special effort to pick families with children, who were in need, had no relatives in the area and who expected help from no other source.

Brother Jaeger said that when the job was completed all the participants agreed that they had a feeling of satisfaction for having done at least a little toward making another's life brighter. These good people are already laying plans for increased activities during the coming year and we feel sure that, through their unselfishness, they are assuring themselves as well as those they help happiness in this, the real spirit of Christmas giving.

IN AND AROUND THE OAKLAND OFFICE

Brother Gilbert Tucker back from Greece with enough exciting stories to last a lifetime. . . . New Dads Travis Price, George Johnson, Earl Hvall and M. B. McDaniel proudly announcing the arrival of new additions to their families—the Prices, Hvalls, and McDaniels have boys, while the Johnson family finally rated a girl—about time too—with six boys

in the family already. . . . Brother Lewis Gritman describing cougars in the Oregon Cave Country—plans on hunting 'em for bounty this winter—says they are big and plentiful. . . . Brother Clarence Daigh leaving for Sacramento on what he hopes will be a good long job. . . . Then there's the Brother who's in the market for a new razor—found his wife defeathering ducks with his straight-edge!

State Fed. Submits Bills

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco—Carrying out the mandates of several annual conventions, and continuing the implementation of the Federation program on legislation affecting the interests of the workers, the California State Federation of Labor has submitted a great number of bills to the current session of the state legislature.

A large number of workmen's compensation bills have been submitted, as well as nearly an equal number of bills on unemployment and disability insurance. Among the basic subjects covered by bills are: a 48-hour week for firemen, municipal collective bargaining, changes in various codes, repeal of the financial responsibility act, repeal of the sales tax act, teachers' retirement, meat inspection, the employment of minors, the illegal entrance of foreign labor.

A health bill providing for prepaid medical service is also being thrown into the hopper by the Federation.

The workmen's compensation bills would increase the maximum as well as the minimum benefit payment, would eliminate credit in death awards; would, in fact, improve the workmen's compensation law in most essential respects.

JOBLESS DISABILITY

Similarly, the numerous bills introduced on unemployment and disability insurance would eliminate agricultural exemptions, waiting period and down grading, would increase the maximum payments, redefine a number of ambiguous provisions providing for benefit payments in cases of pregnancy under the disability bills, as well as a series of other reforms.

All of the measures that have been submitted will be included in the analysis of the various bills pending before the state legislature of interest to labor, which the Federation always prepares for its membership. It is expected that over five thousand bills will be thrown into the legislative mill. These will be gone through very carefully, and those measures affecting labor will be properly classified and analyzed for the benefit of the affiliated organizations. The session will recess for the month of February and reconvene in March. Before it reconvenes, the Federation hopes to have its legislative analysis in the hands of the affiliated organizations.

Not much action will occur during the month of January, since that period is taken up with the submission of bills. The mill begins to grind in March, and reports on the progress of various measures in behalf of and against labor will be reported on specifically in the News Letter.

The muskrat, king of American fur bearers, is found only on the North American continent.

Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)

DECEMBER 9, 1948

OAKLAND. Contracts awarded to the following for installing cast iron water mains in Alameda County and Contra Costa County.

SCH. 1—Mains in Berkeley, Richmond, Albany and El Cerrito—Associated Elec. & Mech. Co., 223 Clara Street, San Francisco, \$54,940.

SCH. 2—Mains in Alameda County—John Pestana, 16411 East Fourteenth St., San Leandro, \$96,116.

DECEMBER 10, 1948

REDWOOD CITY. Contract awarded to Parker, Steffens & Pearce, 135 S. Park, San Francisco, \$1,792,000 for const. 100-bed, 4-story, reinf. conc. hospital at Alameda de las Pulgas & Whipple Avenue.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$22,553 for asph. conc. surf. on University St., betw. Silliman & 460 ft. south of Felton.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Shanmac Co., 4035 Alemany Blvd., S.F., \$1,193 for const. storm water outlet at Police Pistol Range, Skyline Blvd., San Francisco.

TIBURON. Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, 112 Market St., S.F., \$24,820 for repairs to 3 piers at Naval Net Depot, Tib., Spec. No. 20920.

SAN RAFAEL. Contract awarded to the following for furn. welded steel pipe:

(1) **Arneo Drainage & Met. Products, 7th and Parket, Berkeley,** \$163,920 for furn. 35,000 lft., 24, 16, 12-inch welded steel pipe.

(2) **Basalt Rock Co., Box 538, Napa,** \$72,900 for 9,000 lft., 30-inch welded steel pipe.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Continental Const., 1402 Front St., Sacramento, \$104,125 for const. armory, Calif. National Guard, North Sacramento.

STOCKTON. Contract awarded to Ferguson Bros., 8923 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$53,992 for const. storm sewer lines at Stockton State Hospital.

TORMEY. Contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, 400 Central Ave., El Cerrito, \$1,496 for paving grounds at Selby Grammar School.

REDDING. Contract awarded to J. P. Brennan, Redding, \$76,302 for const. an office building for Division of Highways.

DECEMBER 12, 1948

VALLEJO. Contract awarded to J. A. Bryant, 1815 Capital Avenue, Vallejo, \$388,426 for const. office Bldg., for Solano County.

DECEMBER 14, 1948

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Petersen Engineering Co., 4126—26th Street, San Francisco, \$140,910 for const. overhead trolley lines on Market St. from Ferry Building to Castro St. under Mun. Rwy. No. 319.

SAN JOSE. Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 900 W. San Carlos, \$4,900 for asph. conc. at College Park El school.

DECEMBER 15, 1948

SOLEDAD. Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles, Box 495, Avenal, \$4,494 for const. water system improvements.

DECEMBER 16, 1948

FRESNO. Contract awarded to Wymore Const. Co., Inc., 1340 Blackstone \$2,718 for work in Fresno, under R.I. No. 210-D.

DELANO. Contract awarded to Taylor-Wheeler Commercial, Inc., 420 Safford Ave., Fresno, \$335, 100 for const. new high school bldg.

FRESNO. Contract awarded to Wymore Const. Co., Inc., 1340 Blackstone \$3,660 for work in Fresno under R.I. No. 211-D.

DECEMBER 17, 1948

CORCORAN. Contract awarded to John A. Wood, Corcoran, Calif., \$3,987 for paving, conc. work, culverts, & fill at South Primary School Site.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Malot & Peterson, 2412 Harrison St., S.F., \$1,620 for resurfacing tennis courts at Balboa Park.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$11,441 for asphalt conc. pave on 34th Avenue, betw. Quintara & Pacheco Sts.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to McGillivray Construction Co., P. O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$61,957

for grading, draining and surfacing in Heckes and Trainor Tract No. 3, Sacramento County.

DECEMBER 22, 1948

CARSON CITY, Nevada. Contract awarded to Dodge Construction, Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$142,951 for 7.142 miles grade, drain & surf. on Lower Valley Road Extension; Cemetery Road; and Upper Valley Loop; Pershing County.

FRESNO. Contract awarded to Harris Const. Co., Box 109, Fresno, \$808,447 for const. Fresno County Schools Administration Bldg., at "M" and Mariposa Streets.

FRESNO. Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P. O. Box 495, Avenal, \$7,072 for construction conc. sewer, and make improvements to sewer system, under I.R. No. 212-D.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Martin Murphy, Route 2, Box 894, Oak Road, Walnut Creek, \$23,258 for laying 12 inch cast iron mains in Mason Street, betw. Washington and Stockton Streets, W.D. No. 503.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dewey Blvd., S.F., \$8,770 for install. 6 inch and 8 inch mains in Apparel Heights, under W.D. No. 498-R.

DECEMBER 23, 1948

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Avenue, S. F., \$46,250 for asph. conc. paving, etc. on Gough St., Extension Market and Otis.

MOSS LANDING. Contract awarded to Talcott Lumber Co., Inc., 312 E. Alisal St., Salinas, for furn. ready-mixed concrete for the Moss Landing steam generating plant.

SAN LORENZO. Sub-Contract awarded to M. B. McGowan Inc., 625 Market St., S.F., for furn. & drive, untr. tbr. piles for Ora Lima treatment plant, near San Lorenzo.

OAKLAND. Sub-Contract awarded to M. B. McGowan Inc., 625 Market St. S.F., for furn. & drive, untr. tbr. piles for Sewer Separation Project, Unit No. 1, 8th to 9th Avenues.

RENO, Nevada. Contract awarded to Mervin Gardner, 1 Calif. Ave., Reno, \$155,811 for const. southwest wing addition to the court house.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Campbell Const. & Equipment Co., 465—10th St., San Francisco, \$15,985 for const. water pipe line, Two Rock Ranch Station, Sonoma County.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Ave., S.F., \$2,789 for asph. conc. paving on Gov't prepared rock base for parking area, vicinity Cochrane & 3rd Sts., under Spec. 21527.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Building, S.F., \$4,899 for grade, surf. Egbert St., between Keith & Jennings.

DECEMBER 24, 1948

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. Contract awarded to Thatcher Construction Co. 314 Kiesel Bldg., Ogden, Utah, \$84,748 for const. two span conc. bridge, Juab County, on Section of U. S. No. 91, betw. Scipio and Levan.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$4,789 for asph. conc. pave. on Athens St., between Peru and Madison.

DECEMBER 27, 1948

HOLLISTER. Contract awarded to Paddock Engrg. Co., 7th Ave., and Bayshore, San Mateo, \$28,423 for const. & inst. swimming pool water treatment unit for 33rd Dist. Agric. Assoc., San Benito County.

DECEMBER 28, 1948

FRIANT. Contract awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons' Company, 1024 Omaha National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska, \$7,495,372 for const. of earthwork, concrete lining, and structures, from Station 464606 to Station 607615, Friant-Kern Canal, Central Valley Project, Calif., situated from about 1 mile east of Lindsay, Calif., to about 17 miles southwest of Porterville, under Spec. No. 2432.

RICHMOND. Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P. O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$16,831 for drain & asph. concrete surf. on Potrero Ave., betw. Hoffman Blvd. and 23rd

Street.

NORTH SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to A. L. Miller, 1715 7th St., Sacramento, \$9876 for const. reinf. conc. diversion & metering Station & connections.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to American Pipeline & Const. Co., P. O. Box 3428 Terminal Annex., L.A. 464,869 for re-condition. portions of Alameda pipeline in San Mateo County under WD No. 504 Revised.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., 22 Battery St., San Francisco, \$20,477 for erect. elevated tank Alternate A) Potrero Heights Dist., under W.D. No. 473-A.

DECEMBER 29, 1948

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, 208-374 (as stated 12-22) for removing tracks & repave the following: Hayes St., between Market and Stanyan, Stanyan between Hayes and Fulton and Polk, between Hayes and Fell.

DECEMBER 30, 1948

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to Stolte, Incorp. & United Concrete Pipe Corp., \$451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$1,435,160 for construction Section IV, North Interceptor Sewer, under SD No. 30.

FRESNO. Contract awarded to Kovick Bros., Const. Co., P. O. Box 1323 Fresno, \$1,754 for sewer, Block 8, Martin Heights, Fresno, under R.L. No. 213-D, 1911 Act.

DECEMBER 31, 1948

CARSON CITY, Nevada. Contract awarded to Dodge Construction Co. Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$142,951 for 7.142 mi. grade, drain & surf. on Lower Valley Road Extension; Cemetery Road; & Upper Valley Loop; in Pershing County, Nevada. (S-692(3); S-694(2); S-696(1)).

JANUARY 3, 1949

UKIAH. Contract awarded to C. S. Philipps, Redwood Hwy. No., Petaluma, \$22,100 for const. horse barns, poultry barn, balcony to exist, exhibit. bldg., & conc. curbs to parking area at fair grounds, Mendocino Co. Fair & Apple Show, Boonville, Mendocino County.

QUINCY. Contract awarded to C. C. Steele, 3925 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento, \$14,350 for completing Gansner Field, Plumas County.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St., Sacramento, \$1,562 for grade, drain, & conc. pave alley betw. 2nd & 3rd Ave., 35th St. & Broadway.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St., Sacramento, \$3,631 for grade, drain & conc. pave alley betw. 5th Ave. & Donner Way, 26th & 27th Streets.

JANUARY 4, 1949

SAN RAFAEL. Contract awarded to Jensen & Pitts, 931—2nd St. San Rafael, \$8,541 for excavation & const. drainage ditch, & install. metal pipe culvert in Woodland Avenue & Dubois St.

SAN RAFAEL. Contract awarded to Mario Bottini, 802 "C" St., San Rafael, \$4,443 for const. vitrified sewer in Woodland Ave., betw. Dubois & Auburn Sts., San Rafael.

SAN MATEO. Contract awarded to Raymond Bragato, 363 North El Dorado, San Mateo, \$2,134 for construction of a tennis court at Bersford Park, 28th Ave., & Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to Steadman & Powell, 1034—45th Avenue, Oakland, \$45,779 for const. fire house & shop bldg., at 4909 Calaveras Ave.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to San Francisco Water Dept., 425 Mason St., S.F., \$4,342, for laying C.I. mains in Gough St., under W.D. No. 502.

SALINAS. Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$9,701 for construction of concrete sidewalk on East Market Street.

SALINAS. Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$17,981 for grade, pave. & const. conc. curbs, gutters, on Kern St., East of Market St. to Alisal Road, under 1915 Act.

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HILLSBOROUGH. Contract awarded to Frank Rossetto, Box 426, Walnut Creek, \$9,153 for underground work—sewers, etc., in

Black Hawk Ranch Subdivision.

HILLSBOROUGH. Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$11,544 for asphalt conc. surf. in Black Hawk Subdivision.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Love & Haun, 309 Worcester Ave., San Francisco, \$4,001 for const. of sidewalks and curbs at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

HILLSBOROUGH. Contract awarded to Engineering Design Co., 24 California St., S.F., \$7,164 for electrical work in Black Hawk Ranch Subdivision.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to M. J. Lynch, 2251 Revere Ave., S.F., \$17,459 for install. street signs, 4th Contract.

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FRESNO. Contract awarded to Tout & Martin, 1216 W. Terrace Ave., Fresno, \$4,040 for conc. walks and curbs on Lily Ave., between Church & Grove Aves., & portion

of Burns Ave., under R.I. 214-D.

REDDING. Contract awarded to L. V. Cantrell, 1933, El Dorado Avenue, Berkeley, \$7,529 for const. 26 ft. wide reinf. conc. bridge, across Canyon Creek, 1 1/2 mi. south of Redding, Shasta County.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$71,829 for levee setbacks & bank protection on left bank of Old River on Stewart Tract, under Spec. No. 1374.

MODESTO. Contract awarded to Associated Engineers, 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$10,585 for inst. cast iron mains on Virginia Ave., Princeton Ave., Morton Blvd., & 12th St., Modesto.

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SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$58,117 for const. timber fender for bridge across Carquinez Strait at Crockett, Contra Costa County.

Fight for Freedom '49 Keynote—Green

AFL To Study Wagner Act

Washington. — When freedom of contract is restored to labor by repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, the AFL will be ready to assume the accompanying responsibility for wise use of the rights, AFL Pres. William Green said in a New Year message.

The AFL chief hailed the result of the 1948 elections which he said proved that the American people were willing to use peaceful, lawful means to beat back the legislative attack on their freedom. The AFL is confident that Democratic party campaign promises will be kept, he said.

Green also said American labor in this year has the responsibility to help fight communism abroad by assisting resistance to the USSR and communism. He said, "the most cruel dictatorial state used the years of war to scheme for new opportunities for aggression in order to impose communism on other peoples."

The year 1949, said Green, "brings to all citizens of the U. S. grounds for deep gratitude for democratic institutions and the Bill of Rights."

Advisors Want Parley

Washington. — The President's Council of Economic Advisors last week recommended the calling of a conference of labor, management, farm and government spokesmen to set up wage-price-profits standard for a healthy economy. Commenting on wage policies, the noted economists pointed out that strikes don't do us half as much harm as employer-dictated wage settlements that don't provide our people with adequate living standards.

Washington. — The AFL executive council will discuss amendments to a reinstated Wagner act which it will accept at its Miami meeting January 31, AFL Pres. William Green said here Jan. 4.

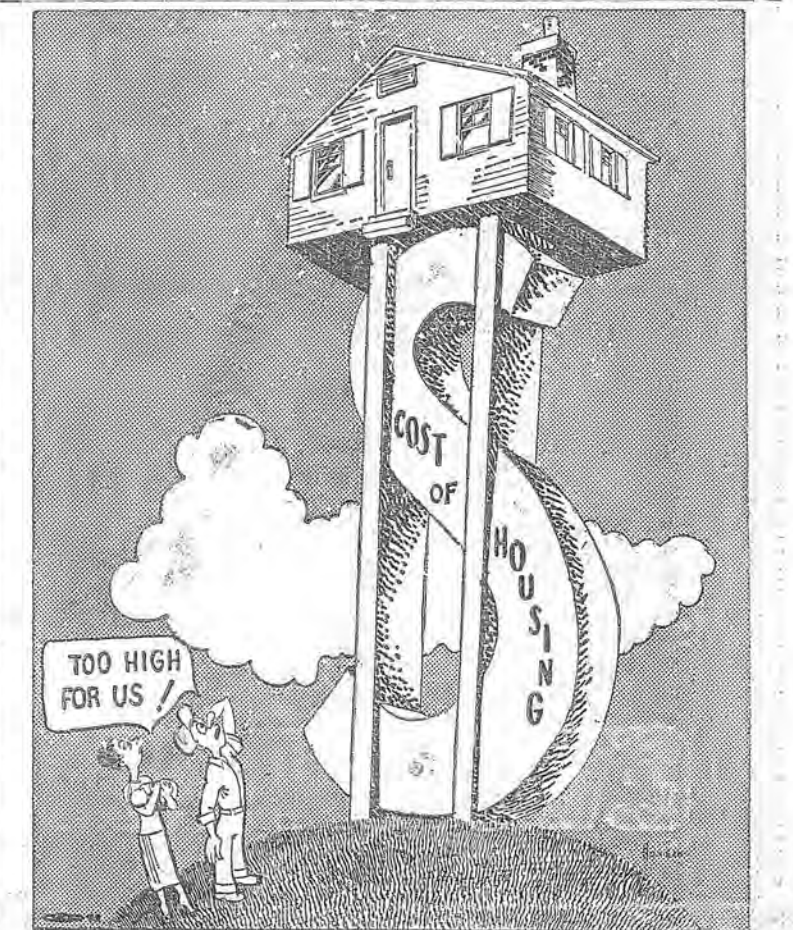
Green spoke to reporters after a gathering of some 70 legislative representatives of AFL unions. He said a smaller administrative committee of this group will meet regularly "in promotion of our legislative program."

In accordance with the federal labor law resolution adopted in Cincinnati, the AFL seeks replacement of the Taft-Hartley law by the old Wagner Act. After that, it would be willing to discuss amendments on which labor and management can agree. Pressed for a list of amendments to which the AFL might give assent, Green said "there would be no serious objection" to these:

1. The non-communist affidavit, provided employers are required to sign it.
2. Union financial reports.
3. "Free speech" for employers, but short of the point where coercion would be exerted against labor.

The AFL chief said a more difficult problem would be the boycott, where the line of distinction between so-called primary and secondary boycotts is not clear. The "emergency section" will be a problem, too, he said. He added that the AFL "will stand adamant" against the use of the labor injunction to halt strikes.

At least as much margarine is now produced in America as butter.



Sacramento— SHIP CHANNEL STARTS SOON; OUTLOOK GOOD ON FOLSOM DAM

By ED PARK

Business Representative, Local 3

The heavy rains that hit this section beginning on Christmas Day brought to a standstill all work in this area. The extreme cold following the rain has not improved the situation to any great degree. At this writing the ground has dried out to some extent, but not sufficiently to allow all jobs to get under way as yet.

The first contract in connection with the Deep Water Channel is scheduled to be advertised some time this month. This initial contract is not expected to be very large but will consist principally of dirt work so will be of benefit to the members of Local No. 3. A second contract involving piledriving will be advertised in the next month or two. Although both of these jobs may not run up into large figures they do give assurance that the project is going ahead and larger jobs can be expected in the near future.

FOLSOM DAM

At this writing the Miller-Engle bill dealing with the Folsom Dam has just been introduced in Congress and it is expected to be passed without a great deal of opposition. Contingent upon its passage the U. S. Engineers are on record as promising that considerable work will be done on the dam in 1949. The U. S. Engineers expect to request a \$5,000,000 appropriation for the second year's work. The allotment for the first year ending June 30, 1949, was \$1,000,000. Out of this sum a contract for the excavation of a core trench involving the removal of approximately 300,000 yards of gravel is still to be let. This job was advertised once but all bids were rejected and so it is to be readvertised. A construction timetable compiled by the Army Engineers shows that work could go ahead at the rate of \$12,000,000 a year by 1951 and the years following.

A State Highway job estimated at around \$1,500,000 and involving better than six miles of new road from Auburn to Applegate is due to be advertised in February.

CITY JOBS

At the present time the City of Sacramento has a \$2,000,000 street and sewer improvement program under way. Thirty per cent of the work has been completed to date. Further work is now at a standstill due to the weather.

A. Teichert & Son were low bidders on the construction of levee setbacks on two sites along Old River on the Stewart Tract. Their bid was approximately \$72,000. This firm was also successful in bidding low on \$104,000 worth of street and sewer work in Orchard Terrace and \$45,000 worth of street work on the Davis Campus.

Bids are being advertised for a \$1,000,000 addition to the County Hospital.

The Continental Can Company is going ahead with two \$100,000 additions at the present time.

NEW CAPITOL BUILDING

A bid for the steel erection on the \$7,000,000 addition to the State Capitol Annex is being advertised at the present time.

Lord & Bishop were the low bidders on a bridge to be constructed across the Mokelumne River, two miles north of Thornton at a cost of \$244,852.

Bids were to be opened January 12th for the grading and resurfacing of 4.7 miles of State Highway between Diamond Springs and Bell Ranch.

Brighton Sand & Gravel was awarded the contract for paving roads and walks on the Davis Campus in the amount of \$27,516. They also received another contract for \$2640 to cover paving on the Elk Grove Elementary School grounds.

A contemplated project is the construction of a two-acre National Guard Radar Unit to be located near the Placer County Fair Grounds. This estimated cost will be around \$70,000.

We realize that very little of this work is in progress at the present time, but we are listing these jobs in the hopes that it will reassure the brothers who are on the "out of work" list (and it is a large list)

that we can expect a good year.

AROUND THE JOBS

Now a little about the jobs that are running at this time. H. Earl Parker's levee job on Putah Creek is rolling along with approximately 20 rigs running two shifts. Very little time was lost on this job due to the bad weather. Brother Sid Murray has been added to the list of shifters.

On the Roseville Subway 15 rigs are working when the weather permits.

Work is progressing steadily on the 12th Street Subway. Central Valley Construction has been keeping a crew busy on this job. Actual construction of the subway is expected to get under way soon.

Lentz Construction Company is doing the filling and leveling for the new Arcade School at Edison and Bell Streets. Brothers, Bill Simpson and H. S. Clark are working the job. The construction is to be done by the Lawrence Construction Company with work scheduled to start next week.

The George Pollock Folsom cut-off job has been closed down for the winter.

No work has been done on the Peter L. Ferry job at the Folsom Dam since before Christmas. However, this is supposed to be only a temporary shutdown and work will be resumed as soon as weather conditions permit.

As always, there are the many small jobs that are in progress all year round. These jobs, being done by the smaller local contractors, continue to furnish most of the winter employment for our members.

In our last issue we announced that Local No. 3 was desirous of setting up a Blood Reserve Fund at our local Blood Bank. Preliminary steps have been taken and a few of our members have already made donations of their blood. We now urge all of the members in this area to contact this office for full information. Let's all get behind this idea and make our Blood Reserve Fund one of the best.

PERSONAL MENTION

Our belated congratulations go to the following: Brother and Mrs. R. H. Brasher on the birth of a son, November 11, 1948. Brother and Mrs. Jack Winget of Auburn. It's a boy also, born November 29. Brother and Mrs. Pat Callahan, whose little girl was born December 11, 1948.

At this writing Brother W. D. Johnson is very seriously ill with smallpox.

Brother August J. Bader is in a Davis Hospital after suffering a slight stroke.

Mrs. Al Bowling has been very ill following an appendectomy on January 3rd.

We wish a speedy recovery to all of them.

All our sympathy is extended to the family of our late Brother R. E. Berry of Auburn. Brother Berry passed away suddenly on December 1, 1948, from a heart attack.

Brother Joe Whitmire suffered a foot injury while on the J. R. Archibald job at Davis.

"Welcome Home" to Brother Al Bobo who is back from Okinawa after 18 long months.

Brothers Donahue and Ice are in business for themselves with a new Parsons Trenching Machine. The best of luck to them.

Brother Cecil Fields is going into business for himself. We wish him lots of luck.

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Theatre Jobs

New York.—Problems in theatre employment will be considered at a special membership meeting of Actors Equity Association to be held here January 21. Recommendations for meeting the situation will be considered.

Reno— Quakes, Snow Hit Reno Area, Slow Up Work

By H. L. "Curly" SPENCE

Business Representative, Local 3

Cold - Snow - Shaky—Just describes Reno. It has been below zero here for the last few mornings but the sun always comes through. We still have our Christmas snow. The Reno Rhumba has finally ceased after staying with us for a week. The worst damage done was being awakened at 4:47 a.m. with the temperature about zero. This is all bad for construction work, as most of our brothers know.

Dodge Construction Company plan to start their new highway job near Lovelock, Nevada, very soon if the weather permits.

Silver State Construction Co., better known as Andy Drumm, has some of the dear brothers levelling land near Fallon, Nevada.

Such men as Joe Solaeugi, Randy Booth, Matt Greeve, Warren (Pinky) Vaughn and Leonard Miller have been putting the finishing touches on the East Second Street bridge in Reno for Andy Drumm.

Most of the brothers employed by Isbell Construction Company are working around the yard and shop in Reno.

Earl Games has part of his crew working around the yard. Bill Games and Laurence Semenza seem to keep Douglas Alley and Virginia Street in Reno dug up.

John Powers Company crew seem to confine themselves close to the yard and shop during the cold weather, that includes Brother John DeLagrange.

George Miller's crew seem to keep going in fine shape. The snow and cold weather don't seem to bother them much for they are a tough bunch anyway.

Jim Addington was in the Reno office during the holiday season.

Al Jensen stopped in to say hello during the holidays.

Brother R. B. (Dizzy) Lawson is in Veterans Hospital, Reno; may he have a speedy recovery.

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Easy on Gyp Car Dealers

Washington—The automobile industry hasn't really done anything to stop the gray market in cars, Rep. W. Kingsland Macy (R., N.Y.) charged last week. He pointed out that the big companies have taken no effective steps to police their dealers but have merely made statements to "soothe the public."

At the same time, Attorney General Tom Clark announced that a federal grand jury at Seattle, Wash., found Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge and Plymouth guilty of violating the Sherman antitrust act, by fixing and increasing prices of replacement parts and engines in cars and trucks.

The companies' excuse for not cancelling franchises of auto dealers who have been gypping the public is that they are afraid of violating anti-trust laws.

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Filibuster On Way Out

Washington.—The Senate filibuster, a technique used in moments of serious dispute to prevent consideration or vote on important matters, will soon be a thing of the past.

Now before the Senate Rules Committee are nearly a dozen proposals intended to change Senate rules so that members of that body can't hold up all business by talking indefinitely.

Senator Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) is proposing three changes in the rules, and another measure has been given jointly to the committee by its chairman, Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.) and Senator Kenneth Wherry (R., Neb.), the GOP's floor leader.

Marysville— ARCTIC WEATHER ARRIVES IN MOUNTAINS, BUT WORK GOES ON

By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT

Business Representatives, Local 3

1949 is starting off much better for our members than did 1948. Let's hope it continues.

Most of us have, no doubt, traded off those ties we got at Christmas time for ones we liked better. Guess we are all glad the holidays are over and that we get a chance to start having for next Christmas.

Richter Bros. were shut down for a few days due to the weather but are going once more.

The New York Machine Shop in Oroville added one more Brother to their crew and it's a real pleasure to do business with the Gilbert boys.

We signed an agreement with Stanley Womack of Chico and hope he has every success with his new venture.

Brother Art Wood, old time member of Local 3 and piledriver engineer, is now retired and lives in Oroville. It was our pleasure to call on Art one day and take him on a trip to visit the jobs in Feather River Canyon and talk over old times. Art wishes to be remembered to all members of Local 3.

The Kaiser Sand and Gravel at Adelaide near Oroville keeps busy and Brother Ed Neff really makes the old clamshell hum. A fine group of men there.

Bechtel job at Dobbins powerhouse is plugging right along considering the weather and conditions the men must work under. Brother Chuck Stewart is on a cat there and Brother Bob May is on the crane. Rice Bros. set up a crusher near the job to furnish the aggregate for the concrete.

The Tunnel Stiff reports—The Feather River Canyon outside work slowed to a walk due to cold weather, and we do mean cold. One of our windy compressor operators said the thermometer dropped so fast it beat the nail it was hanging on. All water pipes were frozen and snow and ice was plenty deep and thick.

Mr. Joe Barnett is now project manager for T. E. Connolly Co. and is getting along fine with our Local.

Les Huntington of Walsh Construction Co. sure can pick football Bowl games. I guess he spends 15 minutes a year pouring over the charts. Their tunnel and powerhouse is getting along fine.

M. K. Co., Inc. has got in enough concrete in their powerhouse to let Herrick Iron Works in to hang steel. Brother Kenny Johnson and his crew did a good job there. Brother Frank Fredricks is superintendent for Herrick.

Piombo Co. has really been hit hard by the weather. Only one shovel running and a few mechanics in the shop. Let's hope it gets warmer real soon.

TUNNEL JOB MOVES

M. & K. tunnel is driving downstream but fast. Al Huntington, super in charge, set a daily record for Les and the rest to shoot at. He has a good crew of Local 3 men.

Dixon and Arundel are making real progress now. Brother Johnnie Reed is superintendent at Chambers Creek and Brother Earl Carroll and his vanities are going great guns at Jackass Creek. Brother Bill Lyons is the master mechanic for this Company.

"Hardway" John Armitage is having enough trouble too at the dams and the gravel plants, like a southern California orange grove with the smudge pots going to keep off the cold. Brother John Watson, crusher operator, says to tell all that our boys in the Canyon earn their money.

The Granite Creek quarry has two shovels and four cats and a compressor under Jim Dunn and Bill Brown.

Guess that's all the bad weather news for this month.

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Sharks are stimulated to rush in and bite when there is rapid, jerky movement in the water; in recent observations it was found that men swimming slowly with even strokes were not attacked.

Ceremony of the Hats

There is a quaint custom at Parker's of Marysville that couldn't be instituted by any group of people other than members of Local 3, that when the merry Yule rolls around celebrations are the order.

Parker first observed the instability of this notorious function when he changed the date of the caroling from Christmas Eve to the night of the 23rd—for various and sundry reasons, mainly that the gang would invariably instead of lighting the tree on Christmas Eve, get themselves confused and think that they were the tree and inasmuch as they were suitably lit up, they provided what was necessary for the family—lights, Santa, cheer and all.

But Mrs. Engineer disagreed, and the date was set back a night to the 23rd. So here it comes. Recognizing of course the austerity of the occasion and with the dignity that accompanies such an important affair, it is essential that the members of the party remove their chapeaus and that custom is extended to guests. With great ceremony and fond farewell they are graciously conveyed to the incinerator. There is a moral to this custom. You don't have to go home to mother telling her apologetically, "Ma, I lost my hat." After stating the facts "Hic" she will, on the morning of December 23rd, 1949, gently whisper, "Pop, today is the day for wearing that old geid up hat."

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1949 Union Label Show A Bright Spot in Year

Washington—The 1949 Union Industries Show, sponsored by the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, will be held May 18-22, in the expansive Public Auditorium of Cleveland, Ohio. The significant all-out-union exhibition will have the newest look of the New Year.

"Our Cleveland exhibition will be a revelation of the products made and services manned by members of AFL unions," said I. M. Ornburn, director of the Union Industries Show and secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department. "It will prove to the spectators that union-made goods are superior in quality, craftsmanship, modern styles and price values. In redesigned booths will be found newly-modeled products and latest styles in consumers goods made by the miraculous hands of union labor."

"This unique and outstanding show is made possible through 'good relations' between labor and management. It exemplifies a new spirit of unity gained through the fellowship of workers and employers when they cooperate and utilize the opportunity offered by our outstanding exhibition to popularize union label goods and union serving among American consumers. It furnishes a bright spot on the horizon for the New Year."

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Men of Faith

Washington.—Fair weather Democrats accounted for a jump of \$100,000 in the party's treasury. By predated their checks, donkeymen who guessed wrong November 2 enabled the party to come out of the campaign with a surplus. Most of the late-comers simply put their checks in the mail without explaining the incongruity between post marks and check dates, but a few hardy souls called national headquarters to explain their "checks came back" but they didn't "understand why."

San Francisco—

S. F. SLOW NOW, BUT OUTLOOK GOOD, PENDING FAIR WEATHER

By PAT CLANCY, P. E. VANDEWARK,
Business Representatives, Local 3

At the beginning of the New Year work conditions in this area are very slow, although the prospects for work are very good and weather permitting, increased activity should be noted in the very near future. M. & K. Corp. has started on the construction of the new sewer treating plant at North Beach. Eaton & Smith have the excavation on the project. Raymond Concrete Pile has all of the piling. This is a

large job and will require about two years to complete. M. & K. Corp. tunnel job at Lake Merced is also progressing nicely on a three shift operations.

Eaton & Smith has several rigs busy on the excavation for the new juvenile home on Twin Peaks in the back of the Laguna Honda Home. They have completed most of the dirt work on the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at Lake Merced.

Raymond Concrete Pile have two jobs here to do, but are held up because of excavation work now in progress.

ISLAIS CREEK

Dinwiddie Construction Company are busy on the grain storage elevator's job at Islais Creek. This job has been operating on three shift operation because of the necessity of a continuous concrete pour.

Chas. Harney Company has several jobs in progress including track removal, street paving and sub-division work. The above mentioned work keeps the hot plant, concrete plant and repair shop in constant operation. Thereby keeping all of the Brothers busy for at least five days a week.

Fay Improvement Company has several small jobs in progress, keeping most of the Brothers steadily employed.

Lowry Paving Company is still doing work for the utilities about San Francisco as well as some track removal and street repaving jobs.

Several of our contracts with various employer groups are now expiring and considerable time is being spent upon negotiations, with no report available as to their conclusions, except that favorable progress is being made.

SHIPYARDS

Ship repair work along the waterfront is none too good at present, although most of the yards have continued to keep several of the Brothers busy. Considerable effort is being put forth by your organization as well as all other AFL Metal Trade crafts, to put pressure upon Washington, D. C., to get new ship construction placed back on the West Coast on an equal basis with the East Coast yards. It looks very favorable that the President and Congress may accede to our request.

Most of the scrap yards in this area are all busy at this time, keeping all of the Brothers regularly employed.

PERSONAL TOUCHES

For a change a few names can be seen in the personal touch department. There hasn't been too much activity but a lot of the old timers have been heard from.

We find L. W. Conry home again with a completed contract after 15 months with Marmon in Okinawa. Speaking of Okinawa, the familiar name of Slim Sneed is seen again. This time Sneed is working for Atkinson-Jones in Okinawa. How long will you be over this time, Slim?

A most welcome letter was received from Ken Harbert who is working in Venezuela. By the way Ken, your bills are paid.

Lee Guild is by now in Arabia. He went over as a mechanic for Bechtel.

Nick Nelsons' smiling face has been seen in town again. He weathered the storm for 5 months in Greece with Atkinson-Drake and came back on the Surplus deal with a completed contract.

MEN IN GREECE

It has been reported that quite a number of Local No. 3 men are in Greece at the present time. If a few more letters would come

in from some of the brothers overseas, we would be able to let your fellow workers know where you are and how you are doing. Harry Hansen, Bill McQuire, Skip Paulson, Pete Rooco, Yates Hemmet, Frank W. Booth are just a few of our brother members working for Atkinson-Drake in Greece. Reports are that the job is slowing up and there is a good chance of seeing some of the above mentioned brothers plus many more back in the mainland before long.

We received a letter from Brother Louis Levine, who is working for Atkinson-Drake in Greece, a while back and we were not just a little surprised. It seems as if he found the right girl over there in Greece. Now he has a wife and from all reports it seems as if he has really done all right for himself. Congratulations Louis, we wish you all the success and happiness possible. Thanks for the letter and all the information within it. We are happy to know you receive the Engineers News regularly.

Phil St. Clair just arrived home after 17 months in Guam for M. & K. It is reported by Phil that M&K are about to close shop in Guam for the job is nearing completion.

We have mentioned in one of our last issues that Slim Covey was working in Afghanistan. He has been working there but recently met with an accident. It seems as though he was working on a boom and the boom fell and in some manner landed or partially landed on his back. He will be laid up in the hospital for some time. We hope that Brother Covey receives this issue of the Engineers News and that he will be on the road to recovery upon receiving it. Here's to a speedy recovery, Slim.

As long as we are mentioning all of the Slims, let us not forget Slim Allen. Most of the old timers know Allen and maybe have wondered where he is. He is still in San Francisco and is in the Rooming house business. He invested in some property and is now sitting back and reaping the profit.

Just as a reminder to the brothers overseas, WRITE and let us know how the conditions are wherever you may happen to be.

18 Million Women at Work

Washington, D. C. — The 18 million women at work today constitute 28 percent of the country's total labor force and form the majority of workers in many vitally important industries and occupations. Frieda S. Miller, director of the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, told members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority here.

Speaking in the Department of Commerce auditorium on "Women's Role in the National Economy," Miss Miller added that "women's role in the National economy is not an isolated, specialized issue but an integral part of the whole economic picture and for the sake of the Nation and the women workers themselves, it must be appraised as exactly that."

Concerning the contribution of negro women in the country's economic life, the Bureau director said that almost 2 1/4 million were in the 1947 labor force. Detailed breakdowns are not available, Miss Miller said but data compiled thus far indicate considerable changes since 1940.

San Mateo County—

Work Starts on New Airport For San Carlos

By CHET ELLIOTT
Business Representative

William Cooley of the Cooley Industries has started the preliminary work on a new airport at San Carlos, called Cooley Field. The plans for this project call for two runways 4800 feet long, by 200 feet wide, and one runway 6,300 feet long by 200 feet wide, with hangars to house 500 planes. However, there will not be much activity there until the rainy season is over.

Over on the coast at Sharps Park the Peninsula Home Builders have started construction of a new subdivision. The California Constructors have the contract for the grading and are busy at present leveling off the sand dunes.

E. V. Curtis of Colusa has moved his jeeps into South San Francisco and is working in conjunction with William Vierra on a two-shift operation, constructing the state's largest drive-in theatre.

At Colma the McGuire & Hester Company is nearing completion of its pipeline job.

The Morrison & Knudsen Company, at the San Francisco Airport, is still struggling along with a small crew of engineers. There will not be much activity on this project for about 60 days.

During these few days of dry weather the asphalt plants in this area are operating at full speed in an attempt to get as much paving as possible done before the heavy rains set in.

The Henry Doelger Company has started some work on its housing project; however we do not expect too much activity here until later in the year.

At San Gregorio, Peter Sorenson has completed his highway job and the new road is now open to traffic.

More than three million workers were covered by some kind of health, welfare or retirement fund plan under collective bargaining contracts in mid-1948, more than twice the early 1947 total.

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Steel Industry to Oppose Publicly-Aided Expansion

Washington — While steel barons were launching their propaganda campaign last week against President Truman's proposal for a survey of the adequacy of the nation's basic steel plants, liberal legislators were preparing a Congressional resolution to implement the Chief Executive's policy.

Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.) and Rep. Arthur Klein (D., N. Y.) both announced that they will sponsor resolution for a commission of congressmen and government officials, assisted by both union and business representatives, to study steel capacity and consider the erection of a government operated "yardstick" plant.

Klein pointed out that the steel industry has shown its unwillingness to consider itself a public utility, "which it actually is." He said that an adequately staffed public commission should be able to make a complete report, including legislative suggestions, at the beginning of the 81st Congress' second session.

Liberal congressmen pointed to TVA as a model for the administration of a government "yardstick" steel plant.

NATIONALIZE IT?

The President, in his State of the Union message, said that if a survey found a "crucial" shortage in steel supplies the government should offer expansion loans to the industry, and "authorize the construction of such facilities directly if action by private industry fails to meet our needs."

Some industry spokesmen said that the President's proposal is "only a club in the closet" to force the industry to expand. Others charged that the administration wants to control the production of steel. The more excitable fulminated that it's the first step toward nationalizing the steel industry, pointing to the program of the British Labor government.

Several blamed the unions for forcing the idea on the President.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.) who is accused of election frauds, and Dixiecrat Rep. Eugene Cox (D., Ga.) branded the administration suggestion "another step toward socialism."

INDUSTRY DEFIANT

In a hastily released report on capacity, Walter S. Tower, presi-

dent of the steel industry's American Iron and Steel Institute, asserted that the industry now has a capacity of over 96,000,000 tons and promised it'll be 98,000,000 in 1950.

Tower said that this is the all-time record and declared that industry leaders are doing all possible to meet the nation's needs.

Other steel executives, however, claimed that production today is already more than sufficient. Outstanding unfilled domestic needs can be met by a cut in exports, they assert.

Failure to produce over \$3,500,000 tons of raw steel in 1948 was attributed by Tower and other steel men to a shortage of materials such as scrap iron, which they say has been alleviated.

No indication was given that any important steel corporation is willing to accept government aid in expanding. One big shot, on the other hand, said flatly that the industry should not be asked to meet a large demand in any one year. If it did production could not be stabilized, he asserted.

NLRB Grabs Jurisdiction On Bldg. Subcontract

Washington.—The Taft-Hartley law covers a small subcontract in the building industry but does not prevent a 1-man picketline to enforce union conditions, an NLRB trial examiner's ruling made public January 3 held.

The case involved a small Port Chester, N. Y. electrical contractor whose use of non-union labor on a house job brought a protest from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (AFL). When a union representative carried an unfair sign to the job, the two union carpenters quit work.

The office of NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham pushed the case, arguing that the picketing was unfair coercion under the Taft-Hartley law. The complaint and hearing took place, incidentally, before the Nov. 2 election cast doubt on the future of the law.

Examiner Earl S. Bellman, after lengthy consideration, decided that the \$325 electrical subcontract was in interstate commerce because the contractor got materials and did work across state lines. But he held, also, that the union carpenter was protected by the right of free speech in carrying a picket sign which convinced two men to quit work. Denham's pre-election argument that this was unfair coercion was discarded.

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Some editorial writers are still complaining that they can't understand why labor opposes the Taft-Hartley law. Well, here's one reason that's happened five different times recently. An anti-union employer saw his first chance in 15 years to get rid of a militant union in his plant. Deliberately he refused to negotiate a wage increase and forced the union to call a strike. Immediately the boss hired several hundred scabs and strike-breakers. At his instigation they asked for an NLRB election to decertify the legitimate union. This was quite proper, declared the NLRB, and then acting as though it were a major stockholder in the company the Board ruled that the strikers would not be permitted to vote. The union was out, the jobs were gone and a company union of goons was recognized. Even with evidence like this the editorial writers can't understand why labor now contends that the initials NLRB stand for New License for Reactionary Bosses.

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The big news for Technical Engineers this month is the recommendation of the San Francisco Civil Service Commission to the Board of Supervisors of a wage boost of \$20.00 per month, for the Surveyors, Field Assistants, and Junior Engineers. Recommendation for a \$30.00 per month wage boost was made for the Assistant Engineers, Grades 1 and 2.

Technical Engineers Division No. 3-E at a special meeting held January 14 voted to approve the recommendations of its negotiating committee and accept the contract tentatively agreed upon with the Bay Area Surveyors Association.

N.L.R.B. ON HOMES

A ruling of a trial examiner of the National Labor Relations Board has pointed the way toward inclusion of the home construction industry in the board's jurisdictional area. The opinion of Earl S. Bellman, the trial examiner, that a labor-management dispute involving a \$325 electrical subcontract on a \$15,200 home being built at Greenwich, Connecticut, does come under the board's jurisdiction will stand unless one of the parties files an objection within 20 days. Should the objections be filed, the board itself will review the case and render its own decision. Heretofore the home building industry has been considered pretty much outside the jurisdiction of the N.L.R.B. since its activities have not dealt chiefly with interstate commerce.

However, since Examiner Bellman found that the sub-contractor purchased materials and performed work for many concerns directly engaged in inter-state commerce;

this he said, permitted the labor board to take jurisdiction in that case. In his ruling Bellman observed, "It is apparent that numerous strands in the web of commerce, several of which crossed state lines, were interlaced in the construction of the Greenwich house. The fact that the value of the material directly involved in its construction was not large, is not controlling, since the construction was embedded in a network of commercial relationship which in their ramifications manifestly affect commerce."

The above ruling is interesting to the Technical Engineers because it could easily be applied to the Land Surveyor Field.

Prices in Canada Show Slight Decline

Ottawa.—Canada's soaring cost-of-living index finally broke, showing its first drop in 23 months, but government economists say it may be only a temporary recession.

The Statistics Bureau reported the index fell seven-tenths of a point between November 1 and December 1—from 159.6 to 158.9—for the first direct break since January 1947, and the first drop of any consequence since September 1945.