All Local 3 Regions Hit Job Peak; Lag Is Not In Sight

One of the best Fall seasons in some time is now being experienced throughout Local 3's extensive jurisdiction, from tropical Honolulu to the warm days and nippy nights of Utah, with no lag now in sight rather than the usual winter slowdown.

Although it is known that such items as housing, plant work, and other projects have been materially slowed by uncertainty and new regulations under the present administration, the big California building business is not a recent fall weather, in keeping out-of-work from many maximum in nearly every branch office, according to reliable reports.

Beat the rains and beat the snow—those are the cry from Eureka to Okanogan and from San Jose to Custer City, and in typical Operating Engineers commerce the boys are doing a bit of rushing these days in that annual game of tag with the weather.

Well start in the Far West, with Honolulu, for a look at this month's reports; there we find a sizable program of harbor work and housing getting underway. Back to the mainland, San Francisco is pushing a variety of projects to heat, the rainy season.

Across the Bay, the Oakland boys are doing big things on the sidewalks, with freeway improvements and the new NorthBay Bridge, and the city of Berkeley is set to go on building up 50 acres of submerged land, a type of development much needed all around the Bay. Down here, San Jose is bustling with subdivision, new plants, highway jobs, and a good start on the new 2 million Ford plant at the tip of the bay.

Down the Coast Range and into valleys we find Fresno with a man in difficulties, everybody out looking up on sunshine, especially on the mountain jobs. Up the valley, Stockton and Sacramento are also busy, though they report some tapering off in present.

Further north, Marysville is hard at work with a slam-bang big project in operation, and Redding is doing a lot of fine new work.

Amidst the red and yellow mountains, we drop into nip-perusing Reno and find the boys pushing streets, highways, and mine work at a fast pace all over that big state of Nevada. On eastward into the sun and we see a big boost of work up through the State Division of Engineers knocking out fast work on highways, hinterland, and mine and military projects. They have now one of the best heads of knowledge of any, and many years hence is still being the best. We can hardly wait that will settle down these one or three other October or November.

That's the picture this month—literally a matter of hearty, capable men at work, doing big things for the Golden West. ** * * *

HONEYCOMB ON THE BONNIE DICK — Very latest and most complete setup for safety is the homemaker of tipping around the big current Bon Bonnie Richard now to S. F. Naval Shipyard for a 610,000,000 ton conversion job. This, and the five-Mariner class 1,000,000 tons contract at S. B. Bethlehem, are two major ship jobs awarded to west coast shipyards as the direct result of pleasant product by AFL metal trades union in getting all ship work for favored eastern yards.

LITTLE GIANT—Bumper and steel, plus brains and brains—that's the combination that is moving mountains in California these days as the state works out a highway system that will handle its enormous population growth. Shown here is Operating Engineer Al Grandy on a 300-ton Continental steam shovel, one of the smallest at this type of rig in existence, on a job in the southern part of the state. Though small, this baby is a brute.

SERVICE WITHDRAWALS

L. H. GRAY, JR.
ALFRED B. McKEE
FLOYD ROBERTS, JR.
ALFRED B. STURGIS

BEECHER AWARD — The Beecher Corp. has been awarded general contract for construction of a 500,000-barrel Still refinery at Anacortes, Wash., on a 700-acre giant site, work to start in mid ’54.

SURPLUS TRADES

STAN MURDOCH
MAURICE EPPS
FRANK LYNCH
RICHARD HOOK

SAFETY HALL OF FAME, 200,000 HOURS

E. J. BURROWES
A. L. EVANS
R. S. LONDON
W. D. COCHRAN
C. C. WILLIAMS

NEVADA WAGE SCALES

A full list of the new pay rates under the Nevada ACC is given in this issue of the News on Page 4, for the information of those concerned and interested.

Construction Awards

Hit $1.1 Billion in Sept.

Heavy construction contracts reported in September were a new record of $1,300,000,000. It was reported Oct. 8. This is a record for the month and 17 per cent over last year. As usual, most of this construction work is in the present safety situation and anticipated to the members to observe the law requiring a six-foot clearance on cranes near power lines. Failure to observe this law has resulted in several deaths in the state recently, be said.

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BRAID REPAIR JOB—State Personnel Board announces exam to be held for repairman on San Francisco shipyard. Final date for filing applications is Oct. 27. Check with your local office.

Marysville is Praised

On New Engineer Sdgs.

Marysville branch office of California's new building recently opened these by the union to serve as headquarters for the west valley region. Another local union is starting in use of the new building, which is proving a boon to both Local 3 and the community in general.
The AFL Backs Hells Canyon

The AFL went record as supporting public construction at Hells Canyon, full — with a pinch of salt can be for America the of the of slums. It declared that Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay betray- ed the public interest and con- structed his campaign argument when he support of a multi- purpose, government- based construction.

The federation pointed out that construction of the dam by the Idaho Power Co. a private util- ity, would substantially retard the economic development of the en- tire Pacific Northwest.

BECHTEL Eye Atoms

PCGE and the Bechtel Corp — last week joined with three other firms to study the application of atomic energy to electric power generation. First goal is selection of a reactor design for power pro- duction and a study of the cost of operation. James B. Black, PCGE president, and Stephen B. Bechtel, president of the construction firm, made the announcement. Cooper- ating with them are: American Gas & Electric Service Corp., of New York, and with PCGE of Chicago, and Union Electric Co., of St. Louis, Research Ill.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Cariacus, J. D., Washington, A. B. Myers, John G., and Charles, Mrs. F. W. Smith, Joseph, Joseph, and Ida. Maurice said that he was helping him pick up his

WARNS OF PLOT TO SCULL PENDING VACATION LAW

Washington (LPA) — Warning that "a well-planned and highly organized campaign to scuttle our [vacation] Act" appears to be in motion in the nation's Capitol is sounded by acting Pres. Peter T. Schoemann of the AFL-Plumbers Union in the August Journal of the organization. Led by a group of open-shop Texas road and municipality con- tractors, this group has picked up supporters in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and other southern and western states, Schoemann reports. It is feared that the bill will be defeated on the house floor in 1951, and the House Labor and Public Welfare Committee, which is scheduled to hear the bill on Monday, has indicated that it will probably be defeated there.

"Their first step would be to replace skilled labor in the construction labor market with unskilled labor which would be more flexible and cheaper in labor shortage situations. If the Bill is defeated in both Houses, the door is open for non-union vacation law and open-shop, un-union contractors who want to drive their profits high and keep them that way." Schoemann said that he has already filed a law which is designed to make it easier for Congress to enact a law that would set a new standard for wages and hours in the construction industry.

PRESERVATION RIGHTS are being held by the House of Representatives and are becoming a matter of urgency. The bill has already been passed by the House and is now being considered by the Senate. The bill provides for the establishment of a National Parks Service and for the protection of certain areas of the country as national parks. The bill also provides for the establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge System and for the protection of certain areas of the country as national wildlife refuges.

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When Congress returns after vacation, many members of the House will be facing a difficult decision. They will have to decide whether they want to support the bill or not. If they support the bill, it will be passed by the Senate and signed into law. If they do not support the bill, it will be defeated in the Senate and will not become law.
The work in Stockton and surrounding area has leveled off to a small out-of-work list at this office, but with a few changes. We have a large number of men and women who are continuing to do odd jobs. The Alamo Construction Company will bring in lots of trailer houses (Spartan) for the employees to live in. Also the rumor is that a school will be built for the unemployed personnel.

The meeting for the tunnel for Cherry Hill Dam and Clarksburg Dam is up and running smoothly with their job at hand. They have made great progress and so will continue to work on this project.

E. R. Hester, Business Representative

Everything is in high gear in the construction of this tunnel. Work is holding up remarkably well.

The out of work state is clear at the present time. I believe things will change in a short time at some other places. There are two or three of them that will finish in a couple of days. I am not sure if there will be a lot of men that are going to be laid off. There are no two or three of them that will finish in a couple of days. I am not sure if there will be a lot of men that are going to be laid off.

Bob Goodrow was the winner of the first Resale Club road race, held in the diversion dam area. He is in preparation to a large scale road race.

The tunnel is being set up for the freeway North of Reed. But they will have a full speed ahead in this district. The Alamo Construction Company has won the job.

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Out on the freeway we have a new company at Bear Valley and Fred Deboh. General Kurtz is pretty busy now helping adjust the equipment and preparing to build the road. They will have a full speed ahead in this district. The Alamo Construction Company has won the job.

Harmon Brothers will have some men in the area next week for the purpose of working on the road that will be built. They will have a full speed ahead in this district. The Alamo Construction Company has won the job.

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The Independent Iron Co. have all their steel in place and have started work.

The Four Companies will finish the concrete on the job without delay, and we have a small amount of cleanup for a large job.

B. L. Cato and Son have the contracts for the new highway. They are all finished and are now placing concrete for the road. They will have a full speed ahead in this district. The Alamo Construction Company has won the job.

The Independent Iron Co., as mentioned above, have started cradling the steel for the new highway. They will have a full speed ahead in this district. The Alamo Construction Company has won the job.

The Condit Co. of Berkley will start on a job that runs through Monroe to Alamo Road. They will have cradling to come up with a mosquito breeding swamp. Gordon Cappe and John J. Cappe are in the field with a D-4 and D-7 and two electric log saws that will be used as the job progresses.

The Pacific Ave. job is coming up to the point that the area is divided. The job is being done with Brother Dyer Company on the Larkspur side and George Patterson finished a lane of work with Brothers Hilt, with Brother Dale Clifford in charge of the job.

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San Jose is Busy With Plants, Housing, Highways, Big Jobs

By M. G. "Mickey" Murphy and A. J. "Buck" Hope
Business Representatives

Well, Brother Highways, Plows, Flakes and many new Unemployed jobs have been announced in maintaining a short unemployment list for the past few months; however, a couple builders of large subdivisions in the territory have suspended operations temporarily in view of the difference with the men, as they were readily absorbed by other firms; many have been placed on the Ford plant. At present there are 320 men working there and all of them are hired from 2 to 10 Engineers. There are about 30 Technical Engineers doing the lay out work for the

Henry & McQueen, one of our large local contracting firms, are coming to a close in a couple hours. We understand that this firm intends to move to Sunnyvale when they can settle the matter of the Ford plant. The Ford plant is still fully corrupted about fire, and they expect to be there for some time.

Gordon Boll has started paving operations about the outside of this building and at this writing is making very good progress; he has complete this task the first of December.

Moffet Field has come out with a good paving job and A. J. Ratchet is doing the job. A couple of our men have been hired by this firm and has recently been awarded a couple of nice paving jobs for the city of San Francisco.

Coast grading and paving, and much filling and ballasting has been done, with a nice back log of work and are working on the grading and filling and many others on many of their present operations. They have five jobs to fill for paving and grading the streets and are employing about 14 of the Brotherhood.

Moffet Field is still keeping pace with the large jobs they have. They are now working on the Fillmore Avenue and fully completed on the Wind Tank Road. They have recently completed the construction of the Capitol Road.

Salt, North and South

Grading construction has been awarded 2.8 miles of road on the South side of San Mateo Avenue; Brother Brown, Ray is doing the job. He started the concrete work on the 20th and Brother Olson is yet another very capable member of our firm.

Lovable Paving was awarded 2.5 miles of road on the North side of San Mateo Avenue; Brother Brown, Ray will work on this road. He started the concrete work on the 18th and Brother Olson is yet another very capable member of our firm.

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Quite a crew are busy at work for the San Francisco/Marina project on the parking lot and access road for the new shopping center at the foot of Market Street, which has been under way for the past several months. Bro. Leo Gallo, Olom, is placed, and also the 12th of this month. The Delta bers, o jeeps in use on the

Plombo Construction Company will do all the dirt moving on a new housing development on East Shore Blvd. in Richmond. A total of 4,000 cudiyds of cut is in

Brothers have their

January 24

The new dock will be T-shaped for the west

Several engineers will be

For Provenance & Krich on their

The fine cove box on the Redwood Road and 38th

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It is always good to write about the work in Utah at this time of year. Plenty of Jobs going full speed and working overtime to beat the winter slowdown that is coming. We appreciate all our members working just beginning, and everyone, the contractors, is in a good frame of mind.

Stockpile plant is set up and they will we, from the very first few of an operating job, and we would like to try to work alongside non-union employees when we have the time. Docky has a very close relationship with his fellow employees, and we would like to try to make the place he has been so close to, the union, a place where all the members work together, not just their own. Work is going to be taken care of at the next meeting, and we will be more in the future.

Working conditions are moving rapidly in the rest of the country. For the gravel, which will be more in the future. We feel that our shop members have been very important and effective. They should have a copy of this agreement in their hands, and send it to their employers. We have had a very good season in this regard. We have had a very slow season in this regard. We have had a very good season in representing you. I'll have a perfect Indian

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P.O. Box 506, Madera, $15,019 for 8.3

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CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harvey, Inc., $135,700 for track removal, Bryant St., Bouth St., Second Ave., 28th St., 29th St.

J. MARTINEZ, contract awarded to H. Neves, Inc., $133,800 for resurf. Canyon Rd., San Francisco, $16,950 for resurf. County Road No. 780, Murphys, $26,300 for resurf. Goshen Rd., North Richmond, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McCarthy Bros., Inc., $34,250 for laying of riprap on Oakland Estuary Creek located in Oakland.

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Associated Contractors, Inc., $14,700 for 10th Ave., 11th Ave., 12th Ave., 13th Ave., and 14th Ave., between Granada Blvd. and Fruitridge Blvd.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Peterson; $1,115,555 for" and Highway, and Oaklands of, Oakland.

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OAKLAND, contract awarded to Oakland Sewer Clear, Co., $32,820 for construction of the existing delta system, at 2301 Franklin St., Concord, (as submitted) $32,820.

E. DOWNER, 336 E. Weber, $357,807, for work in connection with the Contract to In- duction Cast, Co., P. O. Box 812, Stockton, $15,260.00 for electrical system in the Campbell Tract, Davis Camp, Union, of Calif.
S.F. RUSHES TO BEAT THE RAINY SEASON

By PAT CLANCY and PAUL EDGECOMBE

With the full winter moon, the month of September has been our top month of the year. Most jobs are running at full capacity with the contractors' anticipation of the rainy season. With this full speed operation we would like to emphasize the importance of safety, especially to the members operating material loads on building construction.

In respect to year and years of efficient operating experience and being able to handle every member and every circuit breaker in this city, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of members.

Low tier Paving Co. has started working on the new contract, located over the old tile walls on Ellis St., Court of Appeals, and will be in full swing by the next month.

The typical operation of the new Campus of the Western Plumber, has a new high of gains over the year have been in the makes, which are seasonal fruit and the use of man power.

A Giant Job even today would be this Big Marion shovel, photographed with its crew at the Oak Park, Cal, site. Now, after working for months, is about time included these names "Rozohna" Kent, "Hop" Connell, Frank Larkin, Leroy Evans, "Red" Murray, and Martin Tetschel.

Survey Notes

By AL ROBBINS & MAURY WINCK
Business Representatives

This week we plan to add a new name to our list by-line. Dick Dillingham has added to the Techniques being geared up as an assistant business representative. Dick has worked for an experienced engineer with a wide background of field and office engineering. His engineering education has been in Civil and Electrical engineering.

We look for much progress and hope his contribution will give all the help possible in his new undertaking.

Those of you who have been hoping that the Trip-Day Project would get started this year will be interested to know that the activities of the Oakland and San Jose Irrigation Districts were forced to report details on the mentioned project. Construction was scheduled to start in May of this year, but due to the 15% rate in interest, which would segment the cost of the project over the entire contract, bids on bonds were so continually postponed to a later date.

At present, please include both new construction bids and the details of the work that were under way in the spring of next year.

Employment conditions are holding fairly well for this time of the year. We note for the first time in a year a surplus of personnel in the concrete field. This is due largely to the small quantity of successful and efficient personnel by government bureaus. During the month of June the Railroad Reclamation laid off, 1,250 men, due to the loss of jobs.

Big Eastshore Job

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Rides the Jet Liner

During Uncle Charlie Dill's Big Mill (paving leaves on a new Louisiana Crand) and Ed Hansen of Poro, Utah, who is chasing his girl figure back in the hot summer heat, first of all to all the brothers and thanks to Dill for a fine.

REPAIR FOR BLOOD

JUDE A TIRER \nAT YOUR BLOOD IS GOOD (AND I KNOW IT, TOO) HOW ABOUT DONATING SOME OF IT TO OUR BLOOD BANK?

We are desperately in need of blood. One area reporting how important this is until they arrive at this or dead to them.

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Next meeting will be on October 23, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., at 494 Valenzuela St., San Francisco, Calif.

Harbor and Housing Projects

Main Items in Honolulu

By J. K. WARGOLO, Business Representative

A $1,221,200 project for additional improvements to Na- wilomai Radio Station has been awarded to the Engineers of Washington, D.C., by division and district officers of the Corps of Engineers, USA. It was announced this week from San Francisco.

The project includes an addition to the present structure to accommodate a concrete-slab concrete-reinforced, low-level concrete and a few changes to be made to the station at the waterfront.

The engineering work is to be done by the Engineers of the Dredge "Ray- mond," sponsored in the entire operation of the project, and the entire project will be done by the United States Navy. The work is to be taken from the Point of Honolulu and will be done in the Honolulu Harbor. The work is to be done by the United States Navy.

Mr. Martin Stieh, a general contractor in the town and formerly postmaster, and Peter Kerivat & Sons, will be responsible for the project. The project will be completed in eight months, and the work will be done by the United States Navy.

Many equipment runners of the former company will be brought in to finish the job early.

WORK HOLDING UP FINNELY GOOD ON THE PENINSULA

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

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