CALIF. BUILDING TRADES MAP A BIG YEAR AHEAD

As we go to press with this issue, the State Building Trades 14th convention, in Santa Barbara, is laying plans for one of the most vigorous years in its history in matters concerning protection of these trades against Taft-Hartley, strengthened working conditions in this state, and joining up with the California labor movement for all-out push in politics in 1955.

BROAD PROGRAM

Among important actions stated to have been approved by the recommendations from President Frank Lawrence for a department of research and education, the formation of a permanent staff, full cooperation with the rest of labor locally and in the state, and setting up of regional councils to represent the building trades councils.

Engineers are taking an active part in the convention as both officers and delegates. More complete reports will appear in a forthcoming issue of the News.

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Some People Are Air-Minded!

To all Careless, Caretakers, Others are movie-minded, radio-minded, television-minded and, as the season of the year, many are football-minded.

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Election of John F. Shelley to the seat in Congress, made vacant by the death of former Congressman Welch, supplies an excellent example of what labor can achieve when organized public opinion not only gave its whole-hearted endorsement to Shelley but also took additional steps to secure his election.

The result was as by far the election for a seat in Congress ever to be taken place in San Francisco. The outcome was made possible by a total vote of 57,000 for Shelley; the 52,000 polled for the Republican candidate and 9,000 polled for the Wallace Democrat, who ran against Shelley, who also is and always has been, Democratic, for those who cried for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, for those who asked for Social Security, for those who asked for Social Security, for those who asked for Social Security, for those who asked for Social Security.

What makes this victory an outstanding one at this time is that it has always been considered a Republican district. The result of this election is an encouragement to the labor movement, which the Republican Party has been seeking to establish by law in this country. Welch has continued to re-elect because he defied the Republican bosses and voted with and for labor in Congress on practically every question that came up. That was the only California Republican Congressmen, who had been against the Taft-Hartley law.

In spite of this the voters of the fifth district of San Francisco because they re-elected Welch almost unanimously. Now the same people have elected Shelley, with a decisive majority over the combined vote of both his opponents, demonstrating once more to the labor movement that the majority of that district is no mere accidental accident, but also to the fact that he had a background, which The fine Shelley deserved to be elected.

Shelley, from the beginning of his campaign, camped out in the Taft-Hartley region, thus proving his principal opponent, Democratic Governor Loyd to Congress in California to 11, all of whom are pledged to vote for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, while the 12 Republicans, still remaining from this state, are on record against the law.

A most important point for labor to remember in future elections is that the overwhelming victory of Shelley was not due to the fact that labor endorsed him, but that labor's endorsement made him a logical choice of the masses of the voters. Shelley deserved to be elected. As he made good in our state legislature, so he can be expected to make good in Congress.

Our Engineers News joined other papers in this section of California to help spark the successful campaign that elected Shelley to Congress. It was gratifying to note the complete unity that prevailed in labor circles in accomplishing this victory, which has attracted attention all over the nation.

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With this election the only restrictions to the political and social aspirations of organized labor, the charge of "Welfare State" and "Statism" has been answered again and again through the control of Big Business.

However, this bold resolution is merely a frontal maneuver designed to distract the American public from consideration of the Corpo ration State.

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Shelley Wins; Victory Notice on T-H

John F. Shelley, with the new Congressmen from San Francisco's 6th district, was indicated by the voters as the new Representative of that district.

Unofficial returns were Shelley 52,000; Ozawa, 47,000; Goodwin, 56,945.

The Magiarity given to the new Representative in the case of the State Federation of Labor Labor Council was a definite step in the direction of labor's upward trend. Shelley's appeal sounded in the act and his pledge to vote against the act at the last session of Congress, that their days are numbered.

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ENGINEERS' NEWS

H. T. Petersen and Lynn Moore,

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Conditions in this district are much the same as last month with the exception of work in the Phoenix Contract Co. about finished with hot stuff on their job at Manning Avenue and should be completed very soon. Gay F. Atkinson Co. have completed the construction of their job and have about three weeks on shoulder work on Private Construction Co. job in Tulare. Los Banos on a County-State job should be completed in the next couple of weeks and the job will then be put on hot stuff by C. G. Nickeys, Inc. on Los Banos on Highway 395 building up shoulders on the highway which they will start within the next week.

On the Delta Mendota Canal the M. B. Adair Co. contractors, who have Progress Reports

Lawyers Are Happy Over Wage Law

By the San Francisco Chronicle

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Edison Co. Job

On the Northern California Edison Co. project, Bechtel-Morrison, Inc., has submitted the lowest bid for the striping, sheeting and foundations and building three large power plants at the Delta. The company is also working on Power House B site and at Big Creek. On the project M. C. Dupuy, Inc., are working at Power House No. 3 and the No. 4 site at Big Creek. From this tunnel and cement line and has been putting in place for the past two weeks.

M. J. B. Co. are still busy on their MarenoNews Co. contract. This is an important contract for the region which they are presently working below the 29th line. The company is also working on Power House B site and at Big Creek. On the project M. C. Dupuy, Inc., are working at Power House No. 3 and the No. 4 site at Big Creek. From this tunnel and cement line and has been putting in place for the past two weeks.

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San Rafael

PIPE, TANKS, RESERVOIRS, AND ROADS, CHIEF NORTH BAY JOBS

H. O. FOGG, Business Representative, Local 3

This is thejunction where the Petaluma Creek project is coming right along on schedule, at least until the rains come. . . . Brother Jim Hawkins is su-

perintendent of a large crew of laborers. He is trying to keep them busy. They have put together the bolts, nuts, and washers for several hundred cubic yards of concrete. They have had to back up on the work due to the rain. The project is not far from completion. Hawkins said he was trying to keep the work going.

AFL Backs Private Work on Highways

Washington—The AFL was put in charge of the international contract of road building. Nov. 7 by Lewis E. Illes, AFL secre-
tary.

Illes said, in opposition to much public opinion, that "the job is much easier than it is painted. It is much easier than the job of building a railroad, but the job of building a highway is much easier than the job of building a bridge."

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Sacramento

Rains Call a HalT to All Big Jobs in Redwood Empire

O T T O  E. N E V E R  a n d  M .  W.  E D W A R D S ,  Business Representatives, Local 3

In the Redwood Empire, things have come to a complete stop due to the rains. On April 15th both the city reservoir and the new Detton Lumber Co. deck were started. If the U.S. Engineers locate a new quarry site for the jetty rock, Macro & K may start the job at any time. The completion of April before work on the deck is about the site of it. Hammond Lumber Co. is down to four men. One is doing some light work. All others are in the office. The Goodlog Co., Hayt and Ryon are still with Barber Bros. for the booking of Local 3 men. They will do no work all winter. Beulah Bros. are still borrowing Laborers until the present end. Rand-River is handling the Jenson Logging Co., along with the other jobs. They make a good offer of work, their cooks and house, and that's what it takes to get jobs.

The Ford Logging Co. is down at the second job. The Ladoga Lumber Co. has a good stand of timber to go over. Before we see them again, the present season will have started. Hope a good winter show up for them.

Redding

Dust Turns Into Mud, Snow Up At Northern Border

O T T O  E .  H E S T E R ,  Business Representative, Local 3

Most of the jobs in this district are still going strong this week, due to rain. It has been a long dry fall here so far, but the rain has given us full use of the good weather. However, a general rain has turned up all the roads and has reported at higher elevations. On the Pacific Log Co. at Coho and the Eureka Lumber Co. at Coho, the summit. Clearing skis and skis and skis are everywhere. More of the jobs will all be able to start work.

The general outlook for work in this district this winter is not good. Some of the men are finding it difficult to find work in this vicinity for some time now, but the president, the project now running are in the later stages completed. From what information we are able to give us, we know that the next year, with several new highway jobs coming up, as well as for the 25 each. Office of the Redwood Empire was closed.

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San Jose—LGSATOS READY FOR NEW DEPOT, HIGHWAY RE-ROUTING

By M. G. "SHOE" MURPHY and JOE BILEY

Business Representative, Local 8

Our most coveted work. Tom Peter, Chief Engineer of the Santa Clara Valley Conservation District is that bids will be called early January—January 16th, 1949, for this assignment. Mr. Peters has a $25,000 contract in constructing and laying the outlet pipe for this project. This is a rock and earth-filled conduit, some 7,000 feet long and half million cubic yards. This is a snail-paced job because of the time being.

Another Job Well Done

The N. M. Bell Company (with James Y. Wilks, J. C. Foster, and a host of superintendents, foremen and engineers) have just completed an outlet pipe for the

6000 Siskin Creek Freeway, East Capt., through and to the Union Pacific, Governor Ewart Evans and Senator Judges and judges.

With the opening on November 4th for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and some encountered many obstacles during the bills of this job but came through with flying colors. Senator Judah could not explain how strong and strong road deficiency approximately to the work and the work was awarded the people of the Santa Clara Valley.

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San Francisco
FRISCO WINTER JOBS HOLD UP - STREET, ARTERIALS IN HG FEAR
P. R. VANDERWAL & PAUL CLANCY
Business Representatives, Local 3
Our rainy season seems to be upon us, but from all appearances it will not disturb work in this area except where there is a great concentration of workers. The recent spell of fine weather has enabled the large jobs to proceed on dry or wet ground.

Chat: Harry still has quite a few friends who are planning to leave the Frisco way, although equipment work on the various Frisco and local jobs is still quite busy. It is quite common for the crew to work from the last few weeks.


diagram

Island Creek Bridge
Dimension & Harriman's Island Creek Bridge:

The north foundations work is already completed and most of the south work is underway. The bulk of the work is being done by a large force of our brother engineers. Some of the caps have already raised most of the way over the north half of the bridge.

Mona B. Job, on the Youth Camp road near Ukiah, is also making good progress with one stage under the engineer.

Estateville Construction Co. is moving full blast on the Pacific Ditch of the Ukiah-Warren road. All of the 15 buildings are now being worked on. The work is being done by a large force of our brother engineers.

San Francisco:
The North Beach sewer treating plant is being worked on. The foundation is complete and several brothers, including the hammer drivers, are now in operation.

Standard Oil Bldg.:

The Standard Oil Bldg. jobs are still in progress, the Randall Oil parking garage concrete work is going well, and work is being done in the Labor Day Weekend holiday is also being worked on.

Rosenburg Bros. keep their rigs busy making concrete work on the various jobs. Brother Yoder had an unforseen experience when he was making some work at the seashore last week. It jumped out on him and broke his leg. Brothers Yoder jumped out but broke his leg in the process.

Dowens Bros. always seem to know what is going on, as they are always running their rigs as they are always ready to change their plans. The ship repair yards are very quiet at the present time, but the shipyard workers are small at the present time.

The waterfront is still quiet although there are quite a few workers at the docks.

Personal Touch

There is not much activity out of Frisco, as the work is mostly employed for on any of our brothers is concerned. A number of our brothers have finished their shifts with the Frisco and are now working on various jobs. Some of our brothers who have signed are still working on their own and are not with the company as yet. The past month we have not been informed of a single number of unemployed, but there is a possibility that a few are back in the office. There is no sure number of brothers who have left, as the inside including a gymnasium is all right. If any brothers have finished the Army street extension or have finished any work whatever, please let us know.

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Getting Around the Jobs

If work around the immediate vicinity is too heavy, we have the initiative of activity in the area as so stated on this side of the bay. Of course, with the arrival of the first fall rains, our crews can be put to work in any immediate location, the addition of the fall season coming right along with the two-story structure taking shape rapidly. This last job is too little employment, but a lot of outstanding work is being done around the ball, and the one concerned is more than a bit pleased with it. Joe has received a call from both B.A. and members.

Out in front of the place, Rainbow Company is busy handling up the street, the car tracks, and the overhead lines. They have had some critical group of overhead experimenters to watch their operations as the bunch that assembles in front of 1444 daily to watch pulling levers, with Bros. George and Robert extension on their work for job. Electric power is somewhat improved. The they are engaged in street repair and the McMullen is being sub-operating in Orinda, it there are approximate members on the payroll. month.

\[\text{The Cymbling Dredge Co. has started pumping on its Sacramento job, a group job, however, and will last very long.}\]

Edward Liftrup has a contract to dredge for a sub-merged pipeline across the Sacramento River in the vicinity of Antioch, under the city of Pittsburg with driving a dam called "Sultoo" to the job. Bets Lehman, Harry Bricker and Gunther are pulling levers, with Bros. George and Robert and Cummings doing the deck work. Bro. Edward Liftrup informs us that he has other work and is too busy keeping the boys happy for some time.

The San Francisco Bridge Co. has a contract to put in the northeast corner of the state, and the McMillan is being sub-contracted by the electric-power contractors. The important thing to get is the getting of the job.

What the Brothers Are Doing

Looking back over the past month, we are forced to admit accidents against us have been exceptionally rough on Engineers, and it is not a case of more than our share of sickness and accidents.

Among the seriously ill, we have had the case of a man who was transferred to the Albany Hospital for nearly a month. He was in a critical condition, and since then has been doing a lot to improve.

Two of the brothers are in serious condition as the result of accidents. Bro. Leonard Cunia is recovering from an automobile accident. Bro. Arthur Binns will be hospitalized for a bit of time. He was critically injured in a collision near the Broadway Tunnel in Oakland.

Bro. Elmer Hughes recently received a very comforting message from his wife regarding a month which is probably the best of his life.

Another unfortunate accident was in the making, and it would have been a very dangerous one had it not been for a quick and efficient action on this accident. The gas pipeline was ignited and the instant fire was on the man’s face and hands. He was immediately tended to at the time and the eyes were not injured. He expected that it would be some time before he would be back on the job.

The fire was put out, but the gasoline bomb had been placed by someone to the left of the street. It was quite a danger but the firemen, working hard, extinguished it before it caused any serious loss.

The Western Pacific Railroad is well along with their new work in Antioch, and the large private housing program in the East Bay. All of this is under the supervision of our good friend, E. C. Engen.

By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

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Gas & Tea Sts.

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Construction Awards

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November 9, 1949

FETE—Contract awarded to Joseph T. & Pitta, 951—2nd St., San Francisco, $6,000 for various city streets.

STAYWARD—Contract awarded to Los Angeles City, $2,500. Present Avon, Hayward, $2,500 for construction of Reservoir Box 118, El Monte, Union and Thomas Streets.

SACRAMENTO—Contracts awarded to Robert H. Payne, City of Davis, $10,000 for main water mains for South 48th & State St., No. 3, City of Davis.

NAPA—Contract awarded to All America Drainage, San Francisco, $2,500 for erosion wall main under St. Hyg. Freese, Oakland.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded to Edward J. Hoon, Box 311B, Stockton, $95,000 for S.R. 2, betu: Union & Union Street.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded to Frank T. & Elson, 1175 S. Main, $18,500 for grade and standard improvements on S.R. 14, No. 4, 1949.

PRECONSTRUCTION WORK

By F. P. Vanderark

Preconstruction work on the 1949-April 4 in the Central Valley Project is expected to be completed in time to be presented to the Congress for the new fiscal years building projects. Superintendent Acting Regional Director, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, E. W. Johnson, has given preconstruction work for the April 1949-1950 fiscal year and is expected to be completed by February.

The Army, the Navy and the Air Force have completed preconstruction work and are submitting recommendations to Congress for the April 1949-1950 fiscal year. This work is expected to be completed by February.

The local labor force, the A.C.E. of California and the California Builders’ Association have submitted recommendations to Congress for the April 1949-1950 fiscal year. This work is expected to be completed by February.

Chal! on Wages

Many contractors are paying from 25 to 30 per cent below the prevailing wage for labor on public Works and private construction. This is not something new and, upon completion, approved by the Los Angeles City, is a fact that can be seen immediately because of the fact these features are included in the contract of the Central Valley Project for which work is under way in California, Nevada and Arizona.

The Chal! on Bill will be given great publicity during his tenure of office and, according to damage to the union member is faced with the fact he seeks to appease.

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