DUES PROPOSAL OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED

Approved by Series of Meetings; Effective Jan. 1

By VICTOR R. SWANSON, Local Union Manager

During the month of October your officers conducted nine
meetings in various cities for the purpose of acquainting the
members with the financial standing of Local 3, and the
reasons why it was advisable at this time to increase the dues
$1 per month in the construction industry in Northern Cali-
fornia and certain other places.

May I first say that as the meetings continued it soon
became evident that the members were acquainted with the
proposition to buy, or build, suitable quarters to give
proper service to our membership in localities where we do
not now have proper facilities.

It was extremely gratifying to your officers and business
representatives to know that the membership in each locality
where the meetings were held wholeheartedly approved the
proposition.

It may be interesting to you to know just what the votes
were in each locality.

This is the order in which the meetings were held, the
number of brothers in attendance, and the way the voting
went:

Napa, Oct. 3—90 present, 11 "no" votes.
Sacramento, Oct. 11—831 present, 33 "no" votes.
Stockton, Oct. 15—187 present, 5 "no" votes.
Eureka, Oct. 17—55 present, 1 "no" vote.
Redding, Oct. 18—69 present, 1 "no" vote.
Marysville, Oct. 19—86 present, unanimous "yes" vote.
Fresno, Oct. 22—147 present, unanimous "yes" vote.
San Jose, Oct. 24—197 present, unanimous "yes" vote.
Oakland, Oct. 25—317 present, 1 "no" vote.

The votes speak for themselves and since the membership has
spoken there is nothing more to be said except that in a de-
mandocracy the will of the majority is final.

Thus, the resolution that was voted upon raises the monthly
dues $1 on all members employed on construction jobs.

We are in the process of negotiating Agreements and
all other agreements where like Wages are being paid,
whether construction or not.

New membership cards are now being printed to be used
by all members to whom the $1 per month increase applies.
The effective date was set and approved by the membership
at the last regular meeting held in San Francisco on Satu-
ral, Nov. 1. The dues increase is effective as of Jan. 1, 1953.

It is hoped that at least one building can be started right
after the New Year. Buildings shall be erected in the places
where they are needed—the first to be built in Redding.

In behalf of myself, the officers, executive board and busi-
ness representatives, we wish to thank those of you who at-
tended these meetings for the fine manner in which we were
received. To those of you who could not attend, we know
that you will cooperate with the wishes of the members who did
attend.

Public Relations Department
Set Up To Serve Members

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Owing to our large membership and the enormous amount of
extra work in the Main Office, it has become necessary
to add another department. This department will be known
as a "Public Relations Department" and will give informa-
tion and service to all members, concerning working condi-
tions in connection with all our working agreements.

This office will interpret all agreements as well as help to
negotiate all agreements, and will be held strictly respon-
sible for the wording of all such agreements.

In addition to rendering service to the membership and
representatives, the department will also handle all National
Labor Relations Board cases, as well as filing cases with the
Wage Stabilization Board (Business Representatives please
note).

They will also advise, and answer any questions pertain-
ing to the Welfare Plan and will contact our employers, and
be available to them, to answer any questions pertaining to
the union.

Although this department will give advice to the Business
Representatives when requested, it is not intended that they
will perform the duties of the Business Representatives, nor act
in a business agent capacity, but only that they be available
to advise and assist the Business Representatives when called
upon.

Business Representatives in each district are held respon-
sible for seeing that their jurisdiction is properly covered
and that proper service is accorded all members in their
district.

Because of their years of experience and training I have
appointed two of our outstanding Business Representatives
and officers, Bros. P. E. Vanduwerck and Harry Metz, to be
in charge of this department.

The Public Relations Department will be in Room 2, Main
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CLEANEST RIG ON EARTH—That's the proud claim made for this grease truck by the Brothers on the job at the Henry A. Kahn Rock, Sand & Gravel plant at Pleasanton. This rig is owned by Ollie McNeil of Local 5, and it looks as spic and span as this all the time, the Brothers say, not just when it's having its picture taken.

California to Get $30 Million U.S. Highway Funds

California's share of 1953 federal highway funds will amount to $29,000,000 and the total of $882,000,000 available for distribution to the states, by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce in the fiscal year 1953.

As in the past, the money will be spent under supervision of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, but the State Highway Dept. actually proposes the projects, makes the plans, arranges the contracts and supervises construction, all sub-
ject to federal approval.

Breakdown of the amount to be spent in California is as follows:

$51,739,000 for federal-prim-
ary highways, based on general
area and population and federal
road mileage.

$5,887,764 for faster roads,
proportioned on the basis of rural
population only.

$11,929,002 for urban high-
ways, proportioned to population
in centers with 5000 or more
residents.

$830,004 for the Interstate
road system.

Anti-Labor Drive Launched by Denham

Washington (D.C.)—Two days
after the Eshleman bandits
Robert N. Denham, former com-
mittee for the National Labor Rela-
tions Board, announced a drive
to "tighten up" the Taft-Hartley
act. "Anybody who has favor-
able to labor," declared the pres-
ident, NLRB, urged by one rep-
resenting "Republican senti-
ment." Denham was as violently
anti-labor that President Truman
for his resignation in 1950.

Gen. Pres. Maloney

A Visitor in S.F.

General President William E.
Maloney of our International
Union was a visitor in San Fran-
cisco for several days early this
month. President Maloney stopped off in San Francisco on the return swing of a trip to Los Angeles on union business.

While he was here he met with the Executive Board of Local 3, and there was a mutual discussion of union problems and of the outlook for the coming year.
Milestones—Behind and Ahead

AN EDITORIAL

By this time, the November 4 election has been second-guessed by whole and assorted columnists, and we have the satisfaction of adding another lengthy and deep analysis to the list.

Nevertheless, an election as important as this one, whose outcome can have so great an effect upon our country and our system of government, cannot be passed over lightly.

Our union, Operating Engineers Local 3, took its place in the ranks of the American Federation of Labor and Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) last May, and the AFL-CIO has been a powerful force for labor in the United States, especially following the Labor Day holiday in 2012.

The AFL-CIO is the largest labor federation in the United States, representing millions of workers in a variety of industries and occupations.

We have every reason to believe that the AFL-CIO will continue to be a strong and vital force for labor in the United States, and we urge all of our members to support it and its representatives in the upcoming election.

We also urge all of our members to vote, and to vote early if possible, to ensure that their voices are heard.

It is our hope that the AFL-CIO will continue to be a strong and effective voice for workers' rights and interests, and that it will continue to work towards a future in which all workers can earn a living wage, have job security, and receive fair compensation for their efforts.
The Rain's Come, But Work Holds Up in San Francisco

By Pat Clancy and Russ Swanston, Business Representatives

The first heavy drops of rain in the San Francisco Bay Area have descended upon us but we are happy to report that very few jobs have been shut down due to the weather.

So far most of all the engineers in San Francisco are working and the "out of work" list is holding its own. This, compared with last year at the same time, is very favorable, for in 1951 we had an early rain which seemed to come at such inconvenient intervals that there was little chance for the engineer to work during the short dry spells.

Estrae Const. seems to have the most of the work in this area. The Turk St. Job has been going along well and the end is just about in sight. Act Brossom is on the job, with Mel Lanphoil and Bob O'Kelley doing the concrete work. Also, the 42nd St. job between the Van Ness and the A1Vd on the above, and C. Watshebough doing the grading.

The following brothers are at work on the Stanley Drive extension job and should be there for a couple of months: Bros. Ginty, Davitt, Devine, Magazine, Scott, Robert, Frueylock, and Young on costs. B. Languish, Vey, and Tony Cellarado are at work, Al Zohn on the grease track, and just not but, Phil Dunn on foremen.

The job at 39th Ave. and Ortega (and leveling) has Jim Hackney as foreman, and also on the job as foreman (Daisy Bagny), Ted Thrnovson, "Whity" Campbell, Joe Ruth, Nick Chenlio and Harold Heitz are on the case. This job should go very well through any kind of weather.

Bakers, Bread Builders are doing all right this week due to a little difficulty with a "vorl" fork lift on the job. Larry Riordan is now on the job and the trouble is cleared up.

Kelly Const. has a leader on the Michael Murphy ditch job, with Bert Oatbread doing the operating. Fred Bawa and Warren Job are doing a good job. On this job excavation should be finished by this week's end. The work is being sheeted for the overcasts on both side of the street.

The Bethlehem Steel Co. is about through on the freeway. K. Ross & Sons painting contractors, have been painting the steel, while F. W. Day is finishing up the work.

Raymond Concrete Pile, on the Meyers & Sons job, will finish their piles by this week. As this report goes to press, Meyers' housing project at 51st and Sausalito is proceeding as usual.

The job at Hunters Point was expected to get under way before the rains. It has been delayed due to A. & M. The job is expected to get under way by the end of October.

Divan-Mirabella-Holmes Co. sewer job is to be resumed about Feb. 1.

Chal. L. Hurley is going along quite well, with Al Potts on the

Rains, Trucks Get 33 3/4 Billion in Tax Write-Offs

Washington (LPA)—First place among industries granted huge tax write-offs by the Internal Revenue Department was the transportation industry. An accounting of certificates of necessity handed out by the Defense Production Administration showed railroads, trucking firms and warehousing operations getting such tax write-offs on $3,773,551,000 of new or expanded facilities from the program's start late in May 1952 to the end of this past week.

Iron and steel firms were only slightly behind in the tax write-off total at $2,985,800, followed by chem-

ical and drug, $2,776,000; machinery, $2,350,000; oil, $2,096,000; and the defense industry, $1,875,000.

A D Notice from the International Union

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Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL PRESIDENT

October 3, 1952.

To All Affiliated Local Unions

Greetings:

The following Resolution was adopted by the General Executive Board on September 24, 1952:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Misunderstanding Local Unions of the International Union of Operating Engineers have, or are endeavoring to, negotiate Health and Welfare Plans; and

WHEREAS, Numerous disputes have arisen between the Local Unions and the Employers over the placement of the insurance with responsible carriers; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of this General Executive Board of the International Union of Operating Engineers that the General Executive Board of the fund be futility created. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That where Health and Welfare Plans are being negotiated with insurance companies it shall be a violation of duty for any member to accept, directly or indirectly, any refund of premium from insurance company; it be further

RESOLVED, That any and all refunds of premiums on Health and Welfare Plans, service fees, bonuses, and et c., shall, if allowed, be paid to and accepted by the Fund itself and used for the purpose of financing similar funds for other members of the fund; it be further

Resolved, That any member violating the spirit and intent of the foregoing Resolution shall be subject to trial and penalty, and such penalties as shall be imposed by the General Executive Board of the International Union of Operating Engineers in the circumstances; and it be further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all affiliated Local Unions. Carried.

The action is for your information and guidance and you will please take notice and be governed accordingly.

With kindest regards,

WM. E. MALONEY, General President.

Public Relations

Serve Up to Members

Continued from Page One

Office Building, at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, and will be open every weekday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., beginning on the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and every Wednesday night between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

A check with the plan by phone call 690-3569 and ask for either one, as only one may be in the office at the time, either will be prepared to answer questions.

As their duties are varied and many, please do not call unless assistance is necessary.

I am asking that 100 per cent cooperation be accorded to those brothers so that the Public Relations Department will be successful and can fill the need of the members.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

VICTOR R. SWANSON,
Union Manager.
GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

Some of the largest jobs in the area which have provided work for many of the brokers during this past summer, and are currently being worked on are the John DeLava reservoir job, the DeLava swimming pool, the Miller Co. pipeline job, the Chesapeake & Ohio lines, the transportation, grading and paving work. A new last about two months longer, is 111 Va. for the Board, arguing that (1) attendance of eight members of Local 31 is already working for these various projects.

The Lolo Salts Co. keeps their two chutes working around the clock in the South Bay building for their demands.

Boss Tells Workers How to Vote, Then Soaks Them for It

Chicago Daily—Because of a "surgical operation" lecture by the Lula Salts Co., the National Labor Relations Board on Oct. 25, set aside an election of Local 33 for a 10-day period, July 21 to 30.

The workers voted against the union, but in a meeting at the Lula Salts Co., the company announced that it would go on with their demands, and paid medical bills facing most of the members who had some difficulty with these bills.

The national council of the Durham Central Labor Council, which Smith & Rice's 100-ton floating case.

The Silver & Gold Co., Inc., is experiencing its usual normal seasonal work, with hundreds of men at their gates by their payroll.

A job which quite a number of the brothers have been on for some time is the construction of the Bluff gravel plant.

"Three-quarters" of the men working on this job, and we understand that the contractor in the coming elections, has been fighting on the contract for the water system, and has paid them between 5 and 75 per cent of his bills.

The subcontractors for the concrete section of this work were selling everything from gallagher Co., with several months, have been having trouble with the grading and paving operation. A new job has been started up by the Globe Warehouse and Line Job Co., who will furnish approximately $30,000 worth of concrete, and has paid approximately $30,000 worth of concrete, and will take from two to three years to complete.

The number is being held at the Shore Arc subdivision at Portola, where the Shell Pipe Line Co. has been working for months, has been reduced from 1,000, as originally planned, to 500, as now working. The contractor C. & C. Co., will be held at this point for some time.

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Sacramento Prepares for The Influx of Job Seekers

By ED PARK and R. H. CLAIB, Business Representatives

At this writing it appears as though our work will remain steady for the next three months and most members and most unemployment will be the result of weather rather than lack of work. This prediction is made upon the basis of the Engineers News Index which shows that winter work will increase in the next three months. This is due to the usual winter influx that takes place in January and February, following the Christmas buying season. Most contractors are expecting to be fully employed for the next few months and it is expected that the winter influx will be of a larger extent than in past years. Most contractors are planning to continue their winter operations and to add to their crews as work increases in the spring.

This city becomes a center for building operations whenever a new city or a new subdivision is being constructed. These subdivisions are being constructed throughout the state, and the city is the center of activity. Many of these subdivisions are located outside of the city, and the workers are housed in temporary buildings in the subdivision. The workers are often housed in tents or trailers, and the work is done in the open air.

The influx has increased the past ten years, and the amount of national publicity given the city is expected to increase. Most contractors are planning to continue their winter operations and to add to their crews as work increases in the spring.

To answer the many inquiries, the labor force at the Folsom Dam will not be increased during the winter, but it will increase as work increases in the spring.

Some of the reasons for our present activity are the increased volume of water needed for irrigation and the increased volume of water needed for construction. Notably, some of the projects that are currently under construction are the completion of the Folsom Dam and the construction of the Folsom Dam spillway.

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The road in Box Elder County, again closed most of the summer, Gilf.ing and 3,000 workers have been used, and the road is to be completed near.

With the exception of a few rie the Portland Stone Company, has part of his crews and machinery working in the Le. some new ones. They are using their hot instant. Again. The road work has kept some workmen busy this summer.

Several firms have completed their new garage on 100 North. They have rented our city's largest garage to a prominent garage operator. One of their first jobs was to handle the patrol and to do most of the work. This company has kept a few of their mechanics on the job, and they are doing a very fine job of work.

Do not overlook the many improvements that can be made in our city. These improvements are not only for the benefit of the city, but they also help to increase the value of the property within the city. The city has spent a large amount of money on these improvements, and the results are clearly visible to the public. The city should be commended for its efforts in improving our city. 

SOUTHERN UTAH

Gilders & Road have started full operations to the Nevada on the Provo River. This job should be completed soon and will afford work for about a dozen men. This job is to be handled by the contractor, and the contractor has been very interested in keeping the workmen employed. 

The Southern Utah Construction Co. has a very large job on Upper Falls for the power company. This is a very important job, and the contractor has spent a lot of money on it. The company has been very careful in handling the work, and the workmen have been very pleased with the work.

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**Field Surveying Report**

By Al BOARDMAN and W. V. MCBAIN, Business Representatives

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These wage increases are retroactive to Aug. 7, 1952, and will go into effect immediately. They are the result of new, well-deserved, and much needed wage adjustments.

Increases have also been approved by the Housing Authority Inspection Department, which is a necessary step in line with rate increases established by the new contract.

The new contract is on file with the Department of Labor and is well above the present rate in the non-civil construction field.

The Associated Civil Engineers of Los Angeles have also been notified that Local 3 desires to take the contract for discussion of the wage rates based on the new rates approved by the Wage Stabilization Board. This contract should be brought up to the prevailing rates in the lead surveying industry.

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**Old Bridge, Steel Line Flow Up San Antonio Area Projects**

By BLANDON DODRUS, Business Representative

Eaton & Smith of San Francisco have this year completed half of the 250,000 ton San Francisco field of work. They have been using a good portion of the iron and steel pipe for the new bridges.

The first of the week a five-boat fleet was working on the new bridge from the dock.

They are surveying on the 45-acre site of the new bridge for the next few weeks. They are completing the steel for the new bridge.

**Tennessee Hill Must Reinforce 414 - With Back Pay**

By ED DORAN and W. G. GIFFING

This business has been chopped with a view to its future, and the San Francisco Board of Education is taking the initiative in providing a future for the San Francisco Board of Education.

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Well, brothers, we dislike the facts regardless of the point in time they have been brought to our attention. We are the ones that need to continue the completion of one of our major pipe and sewer projects. Ultimately, we have made a close study of our work at the Lexington Dam, and we will complete within 30 days.

Underground work at the Lexington Dam has been reduced in cost due to the fact that we have found a cheaper method of doing the job. We are now using two smaller, less expensive machines to handle the same amount of work as one larger machine. We will continue this practice in all future work.

SANTA CRUZ AREA

Graeme Construction has completed its work on the Hot Flat project in Felton. They will be opening for another work period soon in the near future. We are glad to see that Felix Quinn are going well with this important job, and we look forward to their continued progress.

PERSONNEL

Bro. Joe Dooley, one of our paymen, has resigned from our job and has been hired by the P.G. & E. plant in Henderson, Ky. We wish him well in his new position.

Waterstone

We have many of the brothers busy in this vicinity working on many different projects. In the past few weeks, we have seen many three-drug operations in operation clearing up the streets and sidewalks in the area. We are happy to see that they are continuing their work in the interest of the community.

Moss Landing

We are sorry to report that C. C. Richardson has had an accident while working at the P.G.A.E. plant here in Moss Landing. He was injured in the head and is now recovering as we write. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Graeme Construction are doing the paving and grading work on the highway project.

Graeme Contractors have severa! small jobs in the vicinity of Morgan hill, Pacific Grove and Gilroy. Phyllis California has presented to us a job in the area, and we are hoping to get a job from them in the near future.

Moss Landing Masonry have started a new job in Carmel Valley, and are all busy in this locality.

FORT ORD

Green Construction is making further progress on the new hospital project in Fort Ord. We are happy to see that they are continuing their work to completion.

Graeme Construction has started putting in the curbs and gutters on the normal job. The work is progressing well, and we are pleased to see that they will have a job in the future.

Moss Landing Masonry have started work for a customer who is building a new home. We are happy to see that they are continuing their work.

Salinas

Ed Keele Construction Co. is working six days a week on the Levermore project in Salinas. We are pleased to see that they are continuing their work.

Union Wage Scales in Bldg. Trades Up 1.3%

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has announced an increase of union workers in the building trade industry of 1.3% per cent between July 1 and Oct. 1, 1950. This is a significant increase and we are happy to see that the union is growing.

AFI Textile Workers Win Air Force Plant

The Air Force Plant in Atchison, Ohio, has recently been awarded to the AFI Textile Workers Union. We are happy to see that the AFI Textile Workers have won this important contract.

Attn. union members. Support your labor paper.

Read your union paper.
OAKLAND, contract awarded to Hess-Thibodeau Co., C6 Broshears, 1045 15th Ave., Fullトン, $125 000 for gas, pete, and peat control, at Agnew Gravel, on Oakl. p. 40, San Francisco.

SANFORD, contract awarded to Y 9 St., Berkeley, 95 054 for repair of I street bridge at Folsom St. & East side of 9 St. South Gate, 936 9 St., Berkeley, 907 15th Ave., Fullトン, $39 000 for plant, mail, and general public service at 9 St. and 15th Ave., Berkeley.

SANFORD, contract awarded to W. J. Whitehouse, 902 14th St., Berkeley, 95 000 for repair and installation of sewer at West Street Bridge, 902 14th St., Berkeley, 99 000 for repair and installation of sewer at West Street Bridge, 902 14th St., Berkeley.

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Road Jobs Tapering Off at Redding
By E. L. HOSTER
Business Representative

Work in the Redding District has tailed off very much, as you will see in the writing, in the weather has been full of storms and chill winds, and the fair is in progress, but the work has been kept up by all parties concerned.

ặt. C. Kentworthy and C. L. Fust have been awarded one of the road jobs on Highway 99 at Redding. C. L. Fust of Sacramento, got the adjoining project at $608,500. The first contracts are not out.

Bay Ave. of Redding has begun clearing the land, and any of your readers who are interested in these projects will please get your traveler's checks and go over there. Up a river on the Hoestrom, Schimmorn & Bennett project where we have done a little work, clearing the situation straightened out, we believe the job is going along, according to the rules.

Still further on the river, the Natt, McDougall project is nearing completion. Mr. Cryder, Johnson & Murphy job is also making good headway.

Emeryville bridge freeway at Danmuckle, everything is rolling along nicely, but the road will not be ready to come back to next spring. There will be enough work left for the summer. And, too, there will be another freeway coming up early next year. In addition we have three shifts up in the South Portal.

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Cigarette Smoking May Contribute to Knee Disease

Changes in the Law

Other cigaretttes may have something to do with bone and joint disease, an expert says.

Although many doctors are aware of the lethal effects of cigarette smoking, it is not as well known that smoking may contribute to knee disease.

A recent study by a team of scientists at the University of California, Los Angeles, found evidence that cigarette smoking may be a contributing factor to knee joint degeneration.

The study, which was published in the Journal of Orthopaedic Research, found that cigarette smoking was associated with an increased risk of osteoarthritis of the knee.

The researchers analyzed data from a large cohort of adults, ages 50 to 79, who were enrolled in the Framingham Heart Study.

They found that current smokers had a 30% higher risk of developing knee osteoarthritis compared to never smokers.

The risk was even higher among those who had smoked for more than 30 years, with a 50% increased risk.

The study also found that the risk of knee osteoarthritis was higher in men than in women.

The researchers suggested that the increased risk of knee osteoarthritis in smokers could be due to the effects of smoking on the body's immune system, which may lead to inflammation and tissue damage.

They also suggested that the increased risk could be due to the effects of smoking on the body's metabolism, which may lead to higher levels of certain hormones and chemicals that are associated with knee joint degeneration.

The study's lead author, Dr. David D. Rovner, said, "Our findings suggest that smoking may be a contributing factor to knee joint degeneration. We need to conduct further research to better understand the mechanisms underlying this association and to develop effective interventions to prevent knee osteoarthritis in smokers."