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T-H RULED OUT IN BUILDING

Blast PGE, Ask Public Power Move

Shortage of power, the life-blood of industry and progress, continues, with heated protest rising from labor, industry, and the public in general as jobs, wages, and business are hurt and state's industrial advancement grinds to a halt.

Engineer offices throughout the Northern California area report a drop in both jobs and wages as a direct result of the man-made power shortage caused by inexcusable shortsightedness of the PG&E power monopoly.

ASK SF PUBLIC POWER

Organized labor is spear-heading a demand for development of public power projects. All San Francisco labor councils are joining to send a committee to Mayor Robinson requesting immediate steps be taken towards earliest possible construction of several projects that will give the city and county of San Francisco an independent power supply. These include:

Dam and powerhouse at Cherry Creek, powerhouse at Red Mountain Bar, high voltage transmission line into San Francisco, and high voltage stepdown station and standby plant in San Francisco.

The city long ago developed its own water supply and started a power project at Cherry Creek, from which lines were built as far as Newark, where they now lie idle because of PG&E refusal to distribute this power.

Other communities are reported to be considering similar action.

Industrial plants, construction projects, equipment operation, and many other activities in which engineers are employed have been curtailed. As a result the paycheck is smaller and local merchants are hurt by lessened circulation of money.

Santa Cruz Wharf Dispute Settled

Settlement of a dispute over payment of prevailing wages on city wharf work at Santa Cruz has been settled satisfactorily, so you may now plan on spending your holidays at the resort town and using the wharf's facilities. All future work of this type will be contracted for at prevailing rates, union committees report. Labor was complimented by the mayor for its manner of settling the dispute.

Grace Bros. brewery in Santa Rosa takes out a \$3,000 life insurance on each employee and a paid-up health and accident policy for off the job, Local 39 reports.

Mission Rock job below Bay Bridge progressing rapidly on structures for wharf, warehouses, a \$4 million project.

Final Day For Registration Is April 22nd

Are you qualified to vote in the June 1 California primaries or those held later in the summer in Nevada and Utah? Are you sure you are registered? April 22 is the final day on which to register in California. Deadlines are later for Nevada and Utah residents.

Don't fail in this most important duty as a citizen. And make sure your wife, family, and friends are properly registered, so they may cast their ballots in the primaries this summer and in the general election next fall.

Places for registration in northern California will be open daily from now until and including Thursday, April 22. Some will remain open evenings for the convenience of daytime workers. Special registration deputies are being set up at busy spots in most cities, and registrars will be found in all city halls and county courthouses.

Everyone must re-register who did not vote either in the primary or in the general election of 1946, or who has changed his street address or name. Anyone is eligible to register who is 21 years of age, a resident of California for one year or longer, of the county for 90 days, and of the precinct for 40 days.

Giant Valley Pump

Engineer representatives give interesting reports this month on progress of the big ditch and pumping plant on the Central Valleys Project in the Tracy-Patterson area. From the intake canal at Old River to the rolling hills north of Tracy this is a big job, with mountains of dirt being moved over the 15-mile stretch, and great quantities of concrete to be poured. The pumping plant will be one of the world's largest. It will take water that originated at Shasta Dam, hundreds of miles to the north, and lift it 200 feet, at 4600 cubic feet per second, through three 15-foot, mile-long pipes, into the Delta-Mendota canal, which will carry water northward along the foothills to the eastern part of Contra Costa county.

Bare Ribs of Iron

If you go through Berkeley much you may have noticed the gaunt skeleton of steel that stands nearly in the middle of the town square and wondered why so bare, so long. Well, this was to have been the Berkeley High School Auditorium, until Pearl Harbor. It has stood unfinished since then. Now it will be finished, made into a little theatre at a cost of \$2 million.

Ironton, Utah, something of a postwar boom town with Kaiser's surplus-bought mill getting under way, and Pacific States Pipe starting a \$2½ million job.

Howard Willis, oiler, was electrocuted recently at Kingston Canyon, Utah. Because he had gone suspended, his family will not receive union death benefits.

At It Again



The congressional labor-haters are on the march again. Senator Joseph Ball (R., Minn.), who backed the Taft-Hartley law to the hilt, has dreamed up a new anti-labor measure that would wreck the wage-hour act passed during the Roosevelt era.

CHICAGO GREETES 23RD CONVENTION

International Union of Operating Engineers is holding its 23rd convention in the Stevens Hotel, with one of the largest assemblies of delegates on record. Many matters of importance to the international and its local unions are up for consideration and action, most of them revolving around the Taft-Hartley law and the crucial election year of 1948.

Sessions were opened by General President William E. Maloney on Monday, April 12, and were expected to continue for one week. Other general officers on hand were W. M. Welsh, Brookfield, Conn., first vice-president; Anton J. Imhahn, Chicago, second vice-president; John J. McDonald, Washington, D. C., third vice-president; Joseph J. Delaney, New York City, fourth vice-president; Frank P. Converse, Cleveland, fifth vice-president; Charles B. Gramling, Bolton, Ga., sixth vice-president; Victor S. Swanson, San Francisco, seventh vice-president; F. A. Fitzgerald, secretary-treasurer and manager of the Journal.

The convention was originally scheduled for San Francisco, but at last fall's meeting of the general officers in San Francisco during the AFL convention it was decided to change to Chicago. Full reports on the gathering will be given in later issues of the Engineers' News.

Federal Court Reverses Denham Interstate Rule

What may become an historical decision for a large segment of organized labor has been made by Judge J. Foster Symes of the U. S. District Court in Denver, in which he holds that building construction work is essentially a one-state operation and does not therefore come under the federal Taft-Hartley law applying to all work done in interstate commerce.

JURISDICTIONAL LAW 'INVALID'

San Diego—Superior Court Judge Dean Sherry, ruling against a suit for injunction and \$100,000 filed by local Machinist lodges against the Building Trades Council, branded the notorious "Jurisdictional Disputes" Act as unconstitutional. The act, passed in 1947, was a companion piece to the "Hot Cargo" Act which has already been junked by the State Supreme Court.

Judge Sherry met the constitutional issue squarely. The "Jurisdictional Disputes" measure, he declared, attempted to outlaw actions clearly protected by both the federal and state constitutions, "and any attempt to abridge them is unconstitutional."

"The same reasoning that the court (the Supreme Court) gave on the Blaney ("Hot Cargo") case applies with equal force to the attack here made on the 'Jurisdictional Strike' law," the decision said.

The law condemned by the Court was passed with other anti-labor legislation last year, when the overwhelmingly Republican State Legislature violated wartime promises by trying to give permanent status to restrictions first introduced as emergency measures to be enforced only during the war period.

Purporting to abolish the jurisdictional strike, the act prohibited a large catalogue of actions, under a wide variety of circumstances, making it possible for a union to be sued for almost any form of activity normally present during a dispute.

The Machinists invoked the act last November when members of Lodge 389 "moved in on" the John Hensen Enterprises boatyard here to work on dismantling of Navy surplus craft. The Building Trades Council, which had had a contract with the yard for several years, promptly picketed.

Judge Symes went back to the U.S. Constitution for a definition of what is interstate and what is intrastate (within the state), and ruled against a petition by NLRB for an injunction against Denver Building Trades Council to restrain it from picketing a building job which used services of a non-union electrical firm.

NO CHECK ON COMMERCE

He held that no attempt had been made by the union to interrupt use of materials brought into the state by this electrical firm, and he quoted Supreme Court Justice Hughes in the Schechter case as follows:

"Where a combination for conspiracy is formed, with the intent to restrain interstate commerce or to monopolize any part of it, the violation of the Statute is clear. . . . But where that intent is absent, and the objectives are limited to intrastate activities, the fact that there may be an indirect effect upon interstate commerce does not subject the parties to the Federal Statute, notwithstanding its broad provisions. This principle has frequently been applied in litigation growing out of labor disputes. . . ."

The judge refused to grant an injunction, stating: ". . . no question of interstate-commerce is involved and . . . the matter is purely one of local concern, and its effect on interstate commerce is indirect, if it affects it at all."

T-H UNWANTED, UNNEEDED

If the case goes on to the Supreme Court and is upheld it will clear most construction work from provision of the anti-union Taft-Hartley law, a question that has been widely discussed of late by both AFL building trades unions and their employers, who have long done business with each other on a satisfactory basis.

This important ruling may clear up a number of other similar court cases now pending.

Majority Rule Natural Law of Every Society

"Every man, and every body of men on earth, possess the right of self-government. They receive it with their being from the hand of nature. Individuals exercise it by their single will; collections of men by that of their majority; for the law of majority is the natural law of every society of men."—THOMAS JEFFERSON, 1790.

Are You Registered To Vote?

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SECOND QUARTER DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE!
Local No. 3—\$5.00 per month—15.00 per quarter.
Local No. 3-A, 3-B, 3-C—\$4.00 per month—\$12.00 per quarter.
Local No. 3-D, 3-E—\$3.00 per month—\$9.00 per quarter.

HAVE WE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS ON FILE! The local union sent each member authorization cards which are required by the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947. These cards were to be signed and returned to the union office. However, many of these cards have been returned by the post-office. If you did not receive these cards, WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS . . . It is important that each and every member send in his change of address each time he moves. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

DO YOU KNOW???? That the beneficiaries of a member whose dues are not paid for the month in which he dies, lose their rights to death benefits? Keep your dues paid currently and protect your family.

Are You Ready for Primary

What in all probability is the most important primary election in which California labor has ever participated will be held June 1st. Are you ready for it? Unless you are registered you have not started to get ready. An un-registered American citizen counts for exactly nothing on election day. He is worse than nobody because he has neglected his most priceless heritage and deliberately thrown it away by neglecting to register.

April 22nd is the last day on which qualified voters can register for the June 1st primary. At that primary candidates will be nominated in every one of our 23 Congressional districts, our 80 Assembly districts and in 20 of our 40 Senatorial districts, also two or three supervisors in each county. Unless you vote in the primary your preference may be elbowed out entirely by our system of cross filing which time and again has resulted in giving one man two or more party nominations.

If you are not registered get registered immediately. You can always register at the county court house, if no other place happens to be convenient. After you are registered get every other member of your household to do likewise. That done, talk getting registered to everybody you know until April 22nd.

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present. There were approximately 150 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of March 17 and of March 31 was read and the acts and recommendations of the board were, by motion, approved as read.

A letter was received from the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, regarding the power shortage and the Bill of Rights. Received and filed.

A letter was received from the Ruth Powell Pool regarding refund of social security and unemployment. It was regularly moved and seconded the communication be filed for information. Carried.

A letter was received from the Union Labor Party pertaining to precincting for the coming election. A request was made of the members that all those having time to put in this work notify the secretary.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Vivian Staub and daughter; the Harper family; Mrs. Evelyn Walsh and family. Received and filed.

A Resolution regarding the erection of an Engineer' building on the Valencia street lot was read as the second and final reading. A standing vote was requested, which resulted in the Resolution passing unanimously as the second and final reading.

The following brothers were reported ill: Sam J. Arena, O. L. Asher, Geo. N. Avery, C. Berg, E. H. Boyett, George Carter, Harold W. Cholcher, Nicholas Dollwet, Ralph D. Duccini, Henry R. Ellis, Antonio Evola, Herbert C. Gladron, Ulric M. Harris, Edgar Hatcher, Geo. L. Howard, Broy L. Hazzard, Fred H. Jackson, Leslie L. Jackson, Sterling Jacobson, Carl E. Johnson, Ben Lesina, Maurice Lodge, Ray E. Lovdal, Martin E. Lovrin, Henry Lumby, M. P. McClendon, D. Maginnis, John C. Mosher, Clarence A. Odell, Ray O'Kelly, Don Overton, H. J. Pankoski, George Pattison, Wm. O. Peer, Clyde L. Phillips, Austin H. Phillips, Sam Phillips, Eugene S. Prather, R. H. Price, Philip E. Reck, Eugene Rickman, C. G. Roberts, Ned E. Shurtliff, Halvar Skjold, Owen Lee Starr, Allen E. Stuart, Wm. J. Treloar, William C. Vickery, Harold Weatherby, Robert Weaver, Albert L. White, I. N. Williams, Al W. Wycoff.

The following brothers were reported deceased: GEORGE JACKSON SWIFT, H. J. PANKOSKI, WM. O. PEER, H. C. BAKER, ALFRED STAUB, WILSON C. MERRILL, DONALD J. RUSSELL, PETER SIMON, CHARLES P. PATTON.

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

Brother Claude Fitch, manager of Local 39, was introduced and gave an interesting talk, which was well received by the membership.

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

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

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**New Pay-Hour
Law Drive Urged**

New York. — Matthew Woll, AFL executive council member, called upon union members to wage vigorous campaigns for the strengthening of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and for the enactment of minimum wage and hour legislation by the various states.

In the third of a series of articles prepared for the Workers Education Bureau of America on the general topic, "Labor and the Law," Mr. Woll declared that while labor fights to correct the injustices wrought by the Taft-Hartley law, it should "be alert to developments in other phases of labor legislation at both the state and federal levels."

In addition to wage and hour legislation, Mr. Woll urged trade unions to work for the adoption in states and municipalities of legislation similar to the federal Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act and the Davis-Bacon Act.

The former statute sets basic labor standards for work done on federal government contracts for materials, articles, supplies or equipment, the value of which exceeds \$10,000. The law authorizes the Secretary of Labor to issue minimum wage orders on the basis of the prevailing wages in the industry concerned. Time and one-half must be paid for work in excess of 40 hours a week.

The Davis-Bacon Act protects building tradesmen by requiring payment of wage rates prevailing in the community on the construction, alteration, or repair of public buildings on all contracts amounting to more than \$2,000.

**Rail Unit States
Political Policy**

Washington. — Railway Labor's Political League, political arm of unaffiliated and AFL unions in the railroad industry, has issued its first set of endorsements of pro-labor Congressional candidates, and thereby has let Henry Wallace know that he won't receive any support from the men who keep America's trains running.

Illinois primaries are due on April 15. RLPL urges support of Democratic candidate Paul Douglas, Marine Corps hero, and long-time Illinois liberal leader.

Incumbent Congressmen endorsed for reelection are Dawson, Gorski, O'Brien, Sabath and Gordon, all Democrats and all opponents of the Taft-Hartley law.

Melvin Price, 25th District Congressman, and vigorous proponent of liberal legislation was also a recipient of RLPL's goodwill. Like Douglas, Price has been told that he will be opposed by the new Wallace Illinois Progressive Party.

**Foreign Agents Act
Is Unconstitutional**

Lansing, Mich. — The Callahan foreign agents act, the Michigan thought-control law, passed in 1947 but never enforced, is so hopelessly unconstitutional that the special session of the legislature can't patch it up, says State Attorney General Eugene F. Black. Black based its unconstitutionality on the consideration that authority on foreign relations belongs to the federal government.

**5 MEN REPRESENT
6,000,000 PEOPLE!**

San Francisco—The first edition of "THE SENATOR," issued in March, by the Citizens' Committee, is the opening gun in acquainting Californians with the need for Senate reapportionment. This number contains stories and pictures and sketches with the following information:

6,000,000 Californians are represented by 5 (FIVE) State Senators . . . 4,000,000 by 35 (THIRTY-FIVE) State Senators.

"Why should there not be patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?"—Abraham Lincoln, March 4, 1861.

15 State Senators represent 135,000 farm personnel (U. S. Census, 1940), while 25 other State Senators represent 108,000. Which proves that even farm personnel—owners and farm workers—don't get equal representation.

In eight top counties of state—each with a Senator—there were 80,000 farm owners and workers in 1940; and in 16 lowest Senatorial districts there were 47,000 farm owners and workers. Yet 47,000 farmers had twice the vote of 80,000 farmers.

Every state official is elected by an equal, or nearly equal population district—except State Senators who are elected by "areas."

Some "areas" represent as many as 4,000,000 people, like Los Angeles County; while Mono-Inyo Counties Senatorial district represents 11,400 (1947 estimate). Each, however, has an "equal" vote in the State Senate.

Educators, clergy, attorneys, merchants, veterans for Citizens' Committee for Equal Representation in the California State Senate.

"Is it dangerous to let the People control the state?" asks Rev. Thomas H. Simpson, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Willow Glenn, San Jose. "It is evident the opponents to Senate reapportionment are afraid of equal representation in government."

All California growing. But from January 1947 to July 1947 — six months — San Francisco grew by 35,000, while the Mono-Inyo Senatorial district grew by 870. There were nearly three times more people added to San Francisco's population in six months than the entire population of the Mono-Inyo Senatorial district, estimated at around 12,000. Yet San Francisco has one State Senator and Mono-Inyo has one State Senator.

"The law of the majority is the natural law of every society of men."—Thomas Jefferson, 1790.

Los Angeles City would receive five State Senators, and other cities, suburban and rural areas, which represent the major "area" of the county and half the population of the county, would get five Senators under the proposed Senate reapportionment measure.

American Veterans Committee in their annual state convention unanimously adopted resolution endorsing Senate reapportionment. . . Dr. Robert Seigler, American Legion Chaplain, declared present system "out-moded."

U. S. Conference of Mayors unanimously adopted national program for equal representation in branches of state legislatures in all states.

All locals have been requested by State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty to establish a permanent mailing list for this tabloid, and to make every effort to get this informative periodical in the hands of all members.

Engineers even work on atomic projects. Members are employed on a \$60,000 cyclotron project at Berkeley.

Work progressing on a large new pulp mill at Antioch.

Utah Power Co. to start soon on \$6 million power house at mouth of Provo canyon.

Carbonic Strike Still On

Strike of Local 39 at Liquid Carbonic Co. in San Francisco was still on, at press time, and the union has refused an offer of 10 cents per hour. The union is seeking 17½ cents. Organized labor is giving the strike full support. Indirectly affected by the dispute are about 60 men employed in this industry in the area. Dry ice is being shipped in from Los Angeles, and it is hoped this procedure may be stopped.

Redwood Strike Ends

Nation's longest strike, that of AFL lumber and sawmill workers of Humboldt and Mendocino counties, was ended this week by three to one vote of the members, after two years of picketing, and nine lumber firms in Korb, Arcata, Eureka, Scotia, Dyerville, Fort Bragg, Rockport, and Caspar were removed from the "unfair" list. Members are free to apply for work at these plants. The change in tactics was necessitated by the Taft-Hartley law, making the fight for union shop hopeless by use of picket lines. An intensive organizational campaign will be conducted.

Vote, But No Ballot

Members of Local 39 taking part in an NLRB election among ice plants in the Stockton area began to wonder what goes on when they received letters without ballots in them. Protest was made by the union, and the situation was remedied. Seems like NLRB is either careless or over-worked, or both, but next time NLRB tries to block union move on a technicality, which has often been the case in San Francisco, it might be well to refresh their memories on this vote-without-ballots incident.

**AFL CONVENTION
DATA AVAILABLE**

The proceedings of the Sixty-Sixth Convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in San Francisco October 6 to 16, 1947, are now ready for distribution. The price is 75 cents per copy, or \$60 per hundred copies.

The proceedings contain a complete record of all subjects acted upon by the convention and the debate thereon; also, the official declarations of the convention upon policies to be followed by the American Federation of Labor.

Members of affiliated unions are urged to study the proceedings so that they may inform themselves of the policies of the American Federation of Labor in dealing with the problems which affect directly the wage workers of our country and indirectly the welfare and interests of our people generally.

**Oil Refinery Jobs
Mount Steadily**

Washington, D. C.—A survey of conditions in the petroleum refining industry indicates that employment, which reached an all-time high in 1948, will continue to increase gradually for several years, according to the United States Employment Service, Department of Labor.

Two house projects in San Mateo will erect a total of 114 new homes, average cost \$8,000.

IN MEMORIAM

Officers and members of the union express their sorrow on the passing of these brothers and sincere sympathies to those bereaved.

George J. Swift, Local 3-C, March 2

Alfred Straub, Local 3, March 7

Wilson C. Merrill, Local 3, March 9

Peter Simon, Local 3, March 21

H. J. Pankoski, Local 3, March 22

Wm. O. Peer, Local 3, March 30.

Union oil starting a \$10 million expansion at Oleum, to double facilities for lubricating oil development.

Local 3 registered overwhelming vote for union shop at Utah Construction Co., Utah operations.

REGISTRATION CLOSES APR. 22
BE SURE TO REGISTER!

**British Business
Opposes Price Cut**

London — The Federation of British Industries, called upon by the government to evolve a voluntary scheme to reduce profits and prices, issued a long-winded reply which adds up to "No."

The FBI, corresponding to the United States National Association of Manufacturers, declined to recommend any reduction in dividends "except in special circumstances" but stressed that there is no guarantee the recommendation will be followed.

On prices, the big business outfit commented that if labor agrees to wage freezing, it would seem desirable for manufacturers to try to keep prices stable. It added, however, that raw material costs have risen and are still rising and that consumer prices must reflect these increases.

Furthermore, it said, manufacturers will feel compelled to raise prices if fuel or transport costs rise or if taxes are increased.

NORTH COAST REGION IS NOT BOTHERED BY DROUTH, SIGNS POINT TO BUSY YEAR AHEAD

By OTTO E. NEVER

Business Representative, Local 3

Eureka—The Redwood Empire district, the wettest territory in Local 3, reports prospects for a busy year.

As previously reported to you, Underground Construction was successful bidder on the bridge across South Fork of Smith River, 12 miles northeast of Crescent City. The job on the new road from Crescent City to the airport will be up for bids within 30 days. A temporary dock is to be built for the loading of barges in Crescent City harbor. The permanent dock at Whaler Island is still being worked on and something should develop there within 30 days.

Mr. Bud Smith, who has been attempting to operate a crushing plant at Smith River, has been cited before the Labor Commissioner for failing to make good some \$1,400 in payroll checks. We understand that unless these checks are made good he may spend some time in durance vile.

The job between Highway 101 and Requa, consisting of rebuilding of a road and putting in a new bridge, should be let within 30 days. Our understanding is that this job will exceed \$150,000.

WOODS OPERATOR

We have met with a good deal of success in organizing the operators in the woods in Del Norte County. We are not in a position to divulge all our information at this time; I can only pass along to you brothers the news that it looks very good.

Earl Hallmark, who owns the dock at Trinidad, states he is intending to install a highline, or sky hook, costing \$80,000, to be used in the loading of barges and coast-wise steamers with lumber. He is agreeable to using Local 3 men. This work should get under way in the early part of summer.

Tom Hull has finished the sewer job in Arcata. Cummings & Bosch have two one-half-yard dipper dipper sticks working on the Dolly Varden road. Brother Pat Furnish is now employed by this concern. Brother Louis Conner is doing the pioneer work with his Cats for the same company, at both Maple Creek and Redwood Creek.

BAY, BRIDGE JOBS

Brother Alkern has just bought a new D-4 overhead loader and manages to keep both his shovel and the overhead loader busy. Mercer, Fraser Company is setting up a crushing plant and as usual keeps its crew busy. Carlin Bros. have been held up at Rohnerville Airport because of the rain and have about 25 days left to move the balance of the dirt before Mercer-Fraser will move in to finish the runways.

The Associated dredge Jupiter has about two months' work in Humboldt Bay.

Phoenix Construction Company plans to start their work again about May 1. We also hear that Atkinson will start their bridge job at Weitchpec, and Basalt plans to complete their jetty work at Crescent City at that same time—May 1.

We understand that Syar intends to start on his plantmix surfacing job, 3.8 miles in length and located at Rattlesnake Summit, as soon as the weather permits. McEwen Construction expects to have some access roads in the woods and will start work about April 15.

The State has called for bids for a reinforced concrete bridge across Chamberlain Creek, 17½ miles west of Willits. Bids are to be opened April 14. The State intends letting some dirt moving work on the road between Willits and Fort Bragg sometime in May. The job will amount to about \$200,000.

Pomeroy has two rigs on the bridge at the Noyo River; will probably get going before May 1. There are one or two small jobs to be done between Fort Bragg and Rockport during the summer. We haven't all the information on them as yet.

Burman Brothers expect to start clearing the slides and finishing the access roads for the M&M Lumber Company near Leggett Valley as soon as the weather permits.

Local 3 Gypsy Members Start Nevada Treks

By H. L. SPENCE
Representative, Local 3

Reno — Things are really buzzing around Andy Drumm's outfit, especially out at the Red House, Nevada job, with the LeTourneau Pulls and scrapers, and a couple of blades. Most of the Dear Brothers are staying at Getchell Mine, and some of the boys have their trailers parked at Golconda. Andy has started to build a camp over on his White Pine County road job, which is east of McGill, Nevada. Barney Stoutenburg has subbed the concrete culverts from Andy on the Carson City road job. Everything is going along O.K. on Andy's job on the Gerlach road.

Hunt & Frandsen will probably start on their road job in Newark Valley, which is east of Eureka, about the 15th of April (weather permitting). Hi Turner and Zane Hunt are holding down the fireman job in the Elko Shop; in other words they are staying near the stove, and Ding Turner is doing the heavy work, and John Turner is the boss, that is, he tells them what to do.

Dodge Construction Co. have moved their Electric LeTorneau Pulls into Fallon, Nevada, for it is a little bit chilly over around Wells, Nevada, where their road jobs are. Maybe they are going to put them to work around Fallon.

Isbell Construction Co. at Kimberly, Nevada, is still going strong, with a large shop crew, and a couple of North West Shovels on two shifts, there is a rumor that they may cut to one shovel and work it three shifts. Quite a few of the dear brothers are leaving Kimberly, headed for Ray, Arizona, on Isbell's job there. (Maybe for their health.) The Isbell Construction Co. around Reno seems to keep busy doing odd jobs and crushing rock. Of course, their faithful shop crew work every day to keep up the trucks and other equipment.

George Miller is well along with his sewer job and he is starting on the pumping plant on Mill Street in Reno.

Brother James Bryson arrived back in Reno after spending several months in South Dakota and in Joplin, Missouri. He said there was nothing like the Good Old State of Nevada. He plans on staying put here until things get going then he will go out on a job.

Attention, Brother Herbert Nestead: The Reno office is holding mail for you; please give us your address, and we will forward same.

U. S. POPULATION HITS NEW HIGH

Washington—The United States population reached a new high of 145,340,000 at the start of this year after 1947 proved the biggest single year of growth in history.

The Census Bureau said a record number of babies, 3,908,000, was born in 1947.

Continuance of a low death rate and a net immigration of about 215,000 persons also helped the net boost last year.

The 1947 net gain was 2,667,000 persons. That exceeded the previous record increase, attained in 1946, by about 400,000.

The bureau said the United States population increased by 10.4 per cent, or 13,700,000 persons, between April 1, 1940, when the last census was held, and January 1, 1948.

Pocket Guide—How to Run Union Meetings

New York—That old standby of active unionists, the pocket handbook titled "How to Run a Union Meeting" is now reissued in an attractive new form by the Workers Education Bureau of America. The handbook, now in its 11th edition, can be obtained for 25c from WEB at 1440 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

FOLSOM DAM AND SACRAMENTO SHIP CHANNEL AWAIT FUNDS AUTHORIZATION BY CONGRESS

By F. A. LAWRENCE and ED PARKS
Business Representatives, Local 3

Sacramento—The Folsom Dam and the Deep Water Channel wait only upon Congressional authorization, but it will be a smart man indeed who can tell when this bill will be forthcoming. During the last month a renewed and bitter controversy in Washington seriously threatened to prevent an early start on construction of the Dam.

What the delegations from California accomplished besides calling each other a lot of names and blaming one another for jeopardizing the project isn't known at the present time. We hope good news concerning both projects will be coming out of Washington in the near future.

Here on the local front a few small jobs have been let and are under way at the present time. Clyde Wood is moving in on his job at Mosquito Ridge and Brother Harold Morrow is the first engineer to be cleared.

H. E. Parker moved in on his levee job on the American River with Brother Les Brown as foreman. Les and his gang have worked down here two or three times in the past couple of years and we are glad to welcome them back.

Brothers Carl Beyers and Ralph MacDonald were demonstrating a new Turno dozer and electric Tourna-pull on this project the other day. The boys did a bang-up job.

BIG DAVIS JOB

The \$2,270,000 Veterinary Science Building at Davis has been let to Erbenraut & Summers, general contractors, at a total cost of \$3,198,332.

Brothers A. F. Bowling, John Oliver and Oran Cobb are on George Pollock's payroll trying to raise the old showboat which tipped over in the Sacramento River about six months ago.

The Conduit Construction Company has a job in Davis, with three of the brothers at work on it—Herman Lesueur, George Sole and Ed Wintz. It is our understanding that these brothers own this outfit.

A few new jobs are in the offing

and will be up for bids this month. Scheduled for the 5th was a \$100,000 swimming pool in Woodland on the 12th, the 12th Street subway; on the 15th, the Putah Creek levee job; on the 21st, the Slough-house road job; and on the 28th, a road job in Yolo County. Considerable street work in and around the city also will be let this month.

NEWS OF BROTHERS

Brother Joe Prescott dropped in to tell us he was to leave for Venezuela April 9.

Brother Ed Rankin is back in town after spending the winter in Idaho and all his money in Reno.

Brothers Don Johnson and Ernie Nelson dropped in to see us one rainy day. They're still working out in Yolo County on the levee job.

Any of you brothers who want to buy, sell, or have some equipment overhauled, drop around to the Blake Equipment Company on Auburn Boulevard and Marconi Avenue, and see Brother McAnally.

Quite a few of the brothers are on the sick list this month. We send along our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Brother L. L. Jefferies, who is in the Sutter Hospital; to Brother Eugene S. Prather, who is also in Sutter Hospital; to Brother Lew Ingles, who has been sick for the past two months; to Brother William Moreland, who is now home after a trip to Sutter Hospital, and to Brother Temple, who has been down with the flu for the past month.

We still have a large out-of-work list in this office but hope this coming month will see enough work start to alleviate this condition in this area.

Don't forget to register before April 21.

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By J. D. VANDERLAAN

Business Representative, Technical Engineers Division No. 3-E

Organizing has and will continue to be the main activity of the members and business representative of Local 3-E. During the past month we have entered into several important negotiations with the employers both for new agreements, and for wage increases under our existing contracts. Progress on these will be reported at the Chapter meetings.

An N.L.R.B. hearing will be held soon on the Stone & Baker case. The issue which has arisen here is whether or not the "Chief of Paty" are supervisors and professionals. This is one more example of how the Taft-Hartley Law hurts labor. All the field engineering employees wish to be represented by Local 3-E but instead of ordering an election so that negotiations can commence, the N.L.R.B. has to spend three months deliberating on side issues. All this time denying the employees representation, and costing them 27½ cents an hour. Whenever one hears a radio commentator explaining how the Taft-Hartley Law really helps labor, remember this issue!

Members' attention is directed to a notice you will soon receive individually, concerning the Burial Expense Fund and Good Standing Fund. Full details will be mailed to every member.

Members out of work should contact the main office regularly so that our out-of-work list can be kept up to date. Whenever a member hears of a job opening that he is not personally interested in, he should notify the union so that other members can be referred to it. We have several higher paying jobs on order, as well as overseas work for both drafting and field men. Construction is expected to

pick up as soon as the good weather returns.

Labor and Co-ops Start Newspaper

Winnipeg—“Union-busting” by this city's reactionary newspapers has backfired—they're now faced by the stiff competition of a new progressive daily. It's the Winnipeg Citizen, which has just started publication.

The Citizen was established as the aftermath of a long and bitter strike which the International Typographical Union has been waging against the two older papers—the Free Press and the Tribune.

For a long time, the union itself published a weekly, the News. Then leaders of labor, the cooperative movement and other progressive organizations got together and started the new daily.

A visitor at the Capitol was accompanied by his small son. The little boy watched from the gallery when the House came to order.

“Why did the minister pray for all those men, Pop?”

“He didn't. He looked them over and prayed for the country.”

NORTHBAY RIGS, PLANTS GET UNDERWAY ON SPRING PLANS, DAM, ROAD, PIPE JOBS OPEN

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative, Local 3

San Rafael—The firm of McCaffrey & McKay have taken their spread and crew down to the Watsonville District and expect to be busy there until late Spring on a good-sized job.

R. J. Brant, Larkspur contractor for a few years, pinched off a \$29,000 contract right in his own back yard, you might say—constructing a sewer line and highway crossing in Corte Madera. He is also readying himself for more pickings in this area.

E. E. Lowell, of Vallejo, should be very busy by now on his \$60,000 Patterson sewer installation.

We are advised by Lowell that immediately after our March issue of Engineers' News had been published, in which there was a notice that he had two 7's and two 8's for sale, they were sold "pronto."

"With apologies to Walter Winchell—'Orchids to the Engineers' News,'" says Lowell, and he's coming back for more—the logging winches were taken off these 7's and 8's, and the winches are now up for sale. Who's first???

CEMENT PILE JOB

Ben C. Gerwick, of Petaluma, always busy, has a nice job of casting about 4,000 cement piles which it is believed they will barge up river for driving on the East Bay Water project.

The Petaluma Redi-Mix Company now is keeping six mixers busy at its plant. This outfit may well "take a bow" on its plant and its smooth operating and the excellent progress the company has made in such a short time, due in great measure to the Herculean efforts of Ernie Van Rasefeld.

The Basalt Shipyards at Napa are taking their usual spring "breather," having laid off their swing shift, currently are wrecking a sub tender.

Brother J. H. Rider, Mill Valley, is keeping busy with his rigs and loaders grading and excavating, and from the reports we hear "pleasing all customers." He may be reached at Mill Valley 1140-M.

William Rapp, popular contractor of Santa Rosa, is busier than a bird on the first day's chase, keeping all the brothers happy on his telephone building in Santa Rosa and trench sewer work in various localities.

Art Siri, of Santa Rosa, who is practically finished on his bunker in the pit on the Petaluma Hill Road, expects to take some of his equipment and men to Fort Bragg to finish the Fort Bragg highway job started in the late fall, which operation was suspended because of inclement weather.

Brother Fred Huntington, of Huntington Brothers, Point Reyes, advises "things are going good" and he has added a new "S" to his spread down in San Carlos area.

EXCAVATING JOBS

While visiting the Moore & Roberts job at the Imola Hospital, we ran into Brother P. H. Benno of Cotati, and Rudy Malarich, who with their little 10-B are really making ditches out there, with Brothers F. L. Brown and Mankrum keeping the Lowell trenching machines busy. Bill Baines, an old-timer, who was with Local 34 for years, is superintendent on the job.

J. R. Reeves, Sacramento contractor, has four rigs busy excavating, with Brother Claude Young as pusher and probably will be on the hospital job another 30 days.

Cromley Company has the plumbing and heating contract at this hospital job, with A. Pollia as superintendent.

C. M. Syar of Vallejo recently was awarded the \$140,000 contract for four miles of surfacing on 101 Highway around Rattlesnake Summit.

Associated Engineers of Palo Alto were low bidders on the \$134,000 contract for the Novato Sewer and Treating Plant installation and it is expected they will be in operation very soon.

Brother Fred Jensen, of the firm of Jensen & Pitts, San Rafael contractors, missed a few State jobs, but he bought a new pencil sharpener and expects this will "do the trick" on future bids.

We hear via the "grapevine" that Fred is in the office more frequent-

ly the past few weeks. Just call anytime, he'll be there; also that quite a few of the boys are calling at the office regularly. We are wondering about show-up time—but then, it may be because of the very nice, attractive brunette book-keeper in the office. It's nice work, and we'd like some, too.

ANOTHER THEATRE

Norman Pierce, the popular Santa Rosa contractor, is working east of Chebot Acres on a drive-in theatre very similar to one he recently completed in Santa Rosa.

Brother L. J. Williams, who may be reached at Ukiah 277-W, has been in this area for a long time land-levelling with his rigs and advises that he has one 18-yard "W" in first-class condition which he would like to trade for a rig of about 14-yard size.

Brother "Pug" Hastings of Lakeport dropped into the office recently and is one of the first brothers in this area to wear the 1948 Gold Button. Prosperity must be with "Pug" as he says Lake County is the "pay-off" and he's looking for another "S."

Brother Louis Columbanos, who was with Basalt at Healdsburg for a few years, purchased the Rainbow Club at 439 Washington Street, San Francisco—hopes to see some of the brothers in his cocktail lounge and enjoying his good meals.

Brother F. D. Bird, formerly with Gerwick of Petaluma, dropped into the office to pay his dues in advance and tell us he is all "shot," that is, full of shots, as he was to leave for Arabia for Bechtel on April 3. Happy landing, and let's hope he doesn't forget the picture cards—all kinds.

MEMBER SUCCUMBS

We regret very much to report the passing of Brother William Orley Peer of Napa. Our sympathy to his family.

Brother Jack Douglas of Ukiah, foreman at the Navarro bridge job, reports good progress but "lousy" weather.

The Marin Municipal Water District will be calling for bids April 14 for a half-million-yard dam known as the Bon Tempe; they also will call soon for bids for approximately three miles of the larger-sized steel piping.

It is expected that about the last of April or the first of May the State will call for bids on the five-mile rerouting through Santa Rosa which in accordance with State appropriations should run in excess of \$2,000,000.

MASONITE PROJECT

The Masonite people have picked up their options on the site for their factory in Ukiah and we expect to hear something in the very near future on their proposed 30-mile road through the mountains, which should be a large project.

The State will also be calling for bids sometime in May for the \$100,000 job on St. Ores Creek, Mendocino County, and also for the Big River bridge project, approximating \$90,000, and the Virginia Creek culvert, about \$77,000.

We understand there is also appropriated by the State over \$2,000,000 for Napa-Solano Counties for improving from the half-mile line west of Napa County line to Cordelia underpass and three and one-half miles east of Fairfield, but the exact date for calling for bids is not known, as is the case with the calling for bids approximating \$300,000 for Napa County improving of Kelly Curve to Glass House Curve, grading and paving.

The opening of bids for the improving of 10 miles of realignment, etc., Point Reyes to Novato, which should run about \$200,000, is set for April 14.

The bids for the Calpella realign-

The Union Shop Won at Redding Tractor Plant

By E. A. HESTER

Representative, Local 3

Redding—Again we win National Labor Relations Board decision with the Sierra Tractor Company, of Redding. The election was to determine if it would be a non-union or a union shop. It is now a union shop and everyone is happy, including the management.

Bids were open on March 31 on the job between Cottonwood and Anderson. Frederickson and Watson were the successful bidders on this highway job, with the bid of \$611,709.73. Now that it has stopped raining and snowing, and summer is almost here, it looks like we are going to have a lot of good jobs for our good brothers. This same firm has a large highway project underway in Hornbrook, and will be calling for more men in the very near future.

W. C. Railing, of Redwood City, were the successful bidders on the Fall River Mills Highway job. This project is about six miles in length, and we believe that it will be underway very soon.

HIGHWAY JOBS

Everything seems to be going along very nicely on the Frederickson Brothers job at Schilling, and also on the bridge and highway job in Redding.

Bill Jones seems to be keeping busy with his two shovels, and three cats. Brothers D. Cherrington, Andy Dobos, and J. R. Hillhouse seems to be the star operators here.

Brother Ted Erying, superintendent of the Ball and Sons Company, was in the other day looking the Weaverville job over. Said that he would start again as soon as the weather permits, and from the looks of things that will not be very long.

There is some more work coming up in Trinity County, and we look forward to a lot of activity in that vicinity this summer.

Bethlehem Steel Company is now in full swing on the bridge job across the Sacramento River, in Redding.

Pete Farrish was in, getting lined up for the completion of his job at Tulelake.

LOGGING INDUSTRY

The logging industry is beginning to pick up, and we have been successful in placing a few of our brothers in that industry. Brother Claude McAlexander, of Hayfork, reports that everything is going good, and that there are many skidders working in that district, or that they will be working soon. He reports that they are very anxious to be represented by the Operating Engineers.

Brother Charles Quillette, of Fall River Mills, along this line, reports good progress in that district. Brother H. E. Hamilton is now doing logging work down around Oroville with his two cats. He dropped in today, looking for operators.

From now on there will be a lot of good opportunities for our brothers doing this work and, in general, the situation is looking good. We do not have very many men on the out-of-work list, and it looks like our biggest problem this summer will be to find cat-skinners to fill the jobs.

Brother Dale Byrant is in the Memorial Hospital recovering from an appendicitis operation, and Brother E. A. Bridges is in the same ward with a broken foot.

Special paints are used for traffic markings on highways to withstand the severe treatment by automobile, truck and bus wheels in both hot and cold weather. Zinc oxide and zinc sulfide are used extensively in such paints.

ment were to be opened April 7. This is a shut-off on a rock, so it is expected that future bids will be called for the continuation soon.

We are informed by popular Johnny Maloney, superintendent at Basalt, that they are shoving off with their crews and expect to be under operation at Crescent City about May 10 to finish up the breakwater jobs, etc.

60,000 FEET OF TUNNEL SET FOR FEATHER RIVER CANYON, POWER LACK SLOWS DREDGES

By WILLIAM C. WAACK and LES COLLETT

Business Representatives, Local 3

Marysville—McGilvray Construction Co. finally got a crew and decided to finish their highway job at Live Oak and then the rains came. We believe the farmers of this area owe them a debt and should have started sooner. The same company also were the low bidders on two more jobs near Gridley and Chico for \$82,000 and \$151,000 respectively.

M and K are busy building camps to house the men needed for the power dam and tunnel job. John Reed will be project manager and John Armitage, job superintendent. The other M and K jobs have slowed down considerably but hope most of the men will be back soon.

Alex Simpson, super for Rixon and Arundel has arrived on the scene of action and Local 3 has a shovel crew and a few mechanics on the job so far, with 23,000 feet of tunnel to drive from four headings.

Walsh Construction Co. was the successful bidder on the 6000 foot tunnel and will be bringing a crew in by the time this reaches print. That makes over a total of 60,000 feet of tunnel in the Feather River Canyon.

The state will also let a highway relocation job in the area on April 7 and we hear quite a few contractors are bidding on the same. My old friend, Chuck Bradshaw was up here to help M. and K. prepare the bid.

Earl Parker keeps a large crew on his levee job north of town between rains and has six of those new H. D. 19 tractors and so far none of the man have had a duel as to who gets them.

T. E. Connolly Co. are driving on their 17,000 feet tunnel now and don't have living space for any more men at present.

J. H. Shaver, one of our well known landleveling contractors has a new 8 cat and that gives him a spread of four rigs. Great oaks come from small acorns, we know.

The Richter Bros. are busy as they always are.

It's the assumption that when one of the members comes around with a pocketful of cigars something important must have taken place. In the case of Brother Ted Moses it was a baby girl, weighing six pounds plus, born on the 25th of March. This makes Brother Bill a grandpa.

SHORTAGE HITS DREDGES

The cutback of electricity has affected seriously, the operation of the gold dredges. Natomas has cut back through their last month's operation 18.1 per cent by shutting down one rig entirely and cutting two other dredges to two shifts. This has caused a hardship on part of the personnel and some terminations, but the majority of the crews are going as per usual, or nearly so.

Inasmuch as these dredge operations, and contracts were predicted on a 6-day work week with time and one half for the sixth day it was very necessary to maintain this seven day operation so that the paychecks would be of a sufficient amount for a living standard.

For a while Yuba Consolidated tried a different pattern of operation but for many it proved unsatisfactory. As a result several meetings were held with management and at this writing it looks as though a pattern set by Natomas will be the outcome of this readjustment. Until a future date operations will continue normally but a cut out of one boat is a possibility.

Until the readjustments and requirements of the directive regulating justice is back to normal your representative will keep all hands informed.

Capitol Dredge operation does not materially become harmful to the dredge crews at the present. What the program will be when the second rig starts up we don't know. It may not even start. Brother Frank Lawrence and myself met with management a week ago and adjusted several conditions that were brought to our

attention that had to do with the second boat repairs.

Are you a registered voter? If not, why?

Labor Gains of 50 Years Wiped Out in 1 Voting

By M. G. EISENHART

Assistant Intl. Representative
Do we, as working people, believe in the American way of life? We say we do, but let's check this statement.

First, our American way gives to every male and female citizen 21 years or over, the right to vote for candidates of their own choosing. Do we use our right? No! We let George do it! At our last election only about 40 per cent of our people voted. By being negligent at the polls we lost the gains we have made—gains that took 50 years to accomplish. The labor haters saw their chance and took advantage of it. Now we are suffering the actions of our lawmakers, who are bitterly opposed to Labor having a say in forming laws favorable to the masses of people.

NO REPRESENTATION

Second, we believe we should have representation along with our heavy taxation. Are we getting it? No! We are not. In California about 65 per cent of our senators come from sparsely populated counties and only 35 per cent represent the large masses of people. Therefore, Labor has but a slim chance of getting any laws favorable to our cause. So let's march to the polls on election day and use our American rights. A day away from the polls is a vote against our American way of life! To vote for re-apportionment is an insurance against reactionaries, who are against your freedom as American citizens.

It is your patriotic duty, so use it! Read your Engineers News and find out who your friends are. Election day is your day. Make your voice heard and make your vote count! Let nothing keep you from exercising your right. Let's do a job that will be heard the world over. Let's speak as a mass. Let's act as men and women and not as mice. United we stand, divided we fall! Elect your friends, and defeat your enemies if you wish to maintain the American way of life. Get back on the bunch, for like bananas, when we leave it, we are sure to get skinned!

U.S. Training Plans May Help Europe

Minneapolis.—The standard of the National Apprenticeship Program is a part of the American "know how" which could be exported to Europe to our mutual advantage, William F. Patterson, Director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, said at the graduation exercises of the Twin City Building Trades Joint Apprenticeship Committees.

Patterson said that one of the things this nation should do for some of the nations less industrially developed than ours is to export skills, either by supplying them with engineers and craftsmen, or with our methods and procedures of producing them.

He said that we should provide not only instructional techniques, but also the method of American employer-employee cooperation to advance their mutual well being as exemplified by voluntary joint management-labor participation in apprenticeship.

STOCKTON NEWS REPORT

By ED DORAN, RENNY BURROUGHS
Business Representatives, Local 3

Stockton—The tunnel work at Jackson is a real winter job. Rain or shine these crews put in their shifts. Much equipment is being repaired and built up by those crews planning to move up on to jobs in the Feather River canyon. Paving inside the tunnels is getting under way. Utah has an airplane engine and prop circulating air through one of their tunnel sections and need it with International Diesel Dozer they have trimming

up the floor on a three-shift basis. This job is good until autumn in many of its phases since the contractors are not completing the work as quickly as expected. One tunnel up near Salt Springs has not even been let yet.

At Ione the State is putting in housing for many attendants, giving some work to our members, and we expect to do much more at the big new school for minor offenders at Tracy that the State has just decided to locate five miles south-east of Tracy. This institution will be better than a million dollar investment by the State to keep the young offenders busy and learning trades.

POWER SHORTAGE

Up in Sonora, Beerman & Jones are wading through a little flood-water, getting aggregate ready for this year's roadwork. E. J. "Pop" Warner is doing a swell job excavating for his piers and approaches on the Stevens Bar bridge. Brother Bob Sherwood is E. J.'s right-hand man and Brothers Stockdale and Bacigalupi do the excavation with Oldham's Insley and Lorraine shovel. About 2,600 yards for the shovel of nice rock work.

All our gravel plants are having power trouble and we hope the current rains will put them back on a five-day schedule.

Walter Johnson Company, our shipyard, has been having troubles, too. Power is short and freight cars have been holding back Brother Pete Peterson on the loading out of scrap steel. The other day the tugs grounded a big old freighter they were bringing up to be scrapped just off Venice Island on the mud flats. To get it off, they anchored an LST to one side and stretched eight lines between the two. Having previously pumped out 300 tons of water ballast, they now backed a tug off and rammed the lines ten times. This failed to jar the freighter and in one last effort they backed way off and hit the lines again. They all broke but the freighter floated free and they towed her in that night.

Our Lord & Thomas-M.J.B. freeway job has been bogged down due to wet weather—an early starting job this year, it has been really rough to have wet weather tie it up.

WATERFRONT WORK

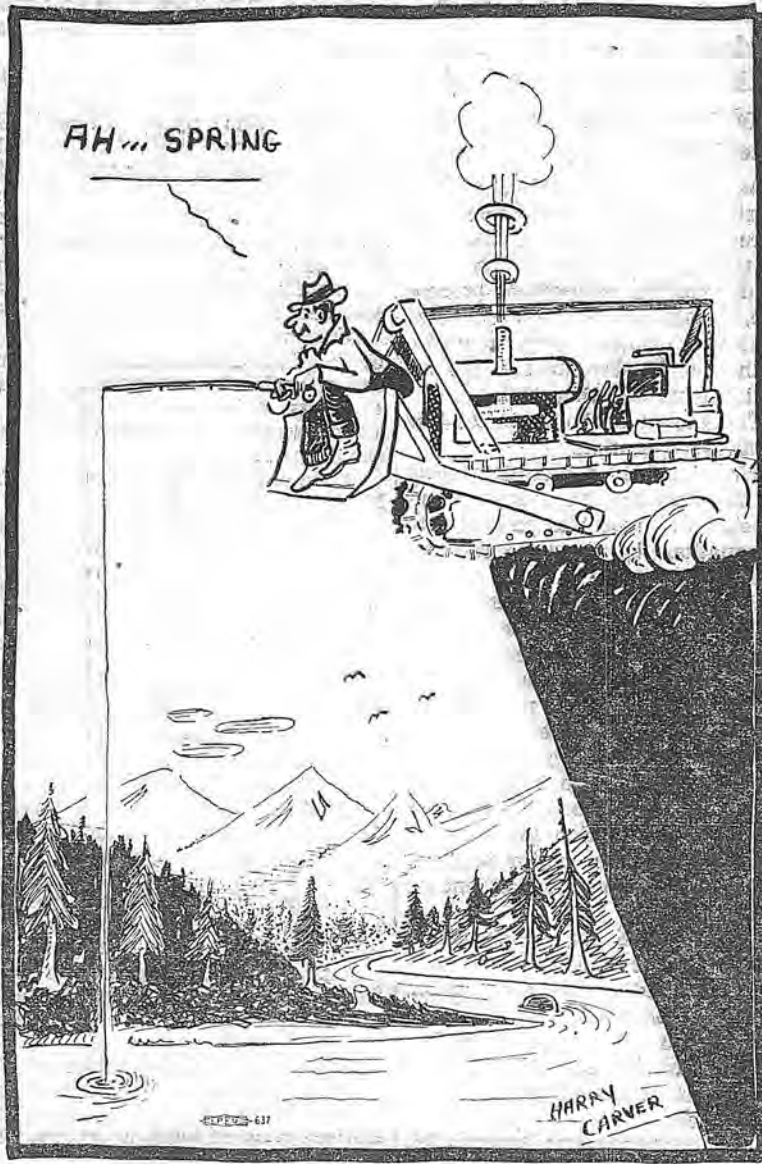
Waterfront work in this area has been good, with Biasotti & Son trimming the levee on Mormon Slough with draglines, and Olympic Dredge Company clamshelling the same for scrap before putting their suction dredge in to pump it out. Three dredge crews are on duty as Olympic's suction dredge works in the turning basin at the port. Farther down the channel at Light 32, the Simpson boys' dredge is clamming the channel preparatory to Foy's laying on a lot of rip-rap with his derrick barge.

A trip to Wallace the other day showed a start for United Concrete Pipe on their East Bay pipeline contract. A D-8 and a four-yard Lima are already on the job. The Lima is digging test holes. Brother Ernie Chamberlain is foreman on this spread. At their plant, Brother Johnny Cramer has his crew well strung out erecting the plant machinery. His shipments of machinery and steel have been slower in arriving than he anticipated—and that isn't all—nights he's sweating out the same deal with Mrs. Cramer and the baby-to-be.

PIPELINE JOBS

P. and J. Artuckovitch take off on Kettleman Road south of Clements on their pipeline job heading for Holt. Brothers Al Madera and John Craig are on the tail-end hoe, next Brothers J. W. Larson and I. Perddy on a clam and Brothers Ray Dimity and Jim Addaway on another hoe, then a dragline with

*Oh, For The
Life Of An
Engineer*



Fritz Weigard and Jim Gregory up. Starting out at Tully Road, Brothers H. A. Hallbach and Paul Bristow are trenching on Artuckovitch's big trencher, with George Sheridan on the dozer and Bernard Baker on the blade dressing up the job.

Ben Gerwick has not yet moved in at Middle River for his \$800,000 piledriving job on this pipeline project across the delta.

BIG CANAL JOB

A nice trip from Old River to Patterson give an engineer a real view of all the ramifications of a big canal job. The intake canal at Old River near Bethany will be dug by a new Manjowoc with a 100-foot aluminum boom, owned by United Concrete and used on this joint project by Stolte. A spread of Cats pushed by Brother Jack Corbett and including Brothers Cunye and Sullivan is building shooflys where the canal crosses the railroad. Up on the other side Brothers Gilbert Simpson and Tony Rivas were loading Mississippi wagons along with several other dragline crews. Steady pumping keeps this job workable, as the water table is high. A Cat spread is busy mucking the higher ground. Farther south in an immense 85-foot crater near the project shop, a piledriving crew is starting piers at the bottom, upon which will rest the largest pumping plant in the world.

Stolte recently took an additional bid to erect pent-stocks from this pumping plant to the top of the bluff, several thousand feet to the south. At this point M & K have Condict's crew erecting a brand-new trimmer and slip form to begin paving on the 14 miles of completed canal to the south.

Across Highway 50 on this project George Murray's spread is taking out a plug to fill in the hole the Monhagen dug to get under the power lines. Brothers Ramey, Thoza, Kelly, Pope, Romelsbacher, and G. W. McBride are among the operators on this spread who have spent the early spring with Brother Harley Murray on this job. Harley flies out to this job in his handy Ercoupe.

OTHER FEATURES

On three M-K. Cats dressing up

the spoils banks, Brothers Crum, Campbell and Oliphant hold forth. At the Monhagen, two weeks from the end of the job, we found Brothers Norwood, Bashaw, Van Landingham, Willett and Sanders as operators; Brothers Johnson and Silva as mechanics; and Brother Scott oiling.

On a swift jump to Westley we couldn't help wondering at the number of trucks required to haul the dry batch from the P. C. A. plant several miles south of the southerly end of the M-K. job to the dual drum mixers 14 miles away at the northerly end of the job. On the Everest job it required as many as 60 to 80 trucks an hour to keep the mixers busy from a batch plant in the center of the 14-mile job.

At Westley, Brother Henry Swarouth gave us a wave as we passed this Maurer steady. Dressing up the levees on this already-paved canal Everest had Brothers "Pick" Hines, John Poland and Vernon Maurer, working with a labor gang and a blade.

S. G. Giles & Company, cleaning up this job installing wooden structures, employ Brother Bunt Reed on a Handi-Crane. This is the end on the present canal but latest reports from the Reclamation Bureau indicate that we may have two jobs let within the next 60 days on the canal to keep all these engineers busy.

Also coming up is a small dirt and paving job on the new bridge between Empire and Hughson for April 14; a 9.6-mile grading and surfacing job 1.25 miles east of Oakdale for April 21; and a 4.2 surfacing job east of Valley Springs for April 21.

Elections Run 100%

Both Local 3 and Local 39 report overwhelming votes for continuing the union shop in all elections conducted thus far under NLRB and provisions of the T-H law. This is the case with most Northern California AFL unions thus far, an effective answer to those who say workers must be "protected" by the T-H law. Local 39 has run about 80 elections, is batting one thousand.

SANTA CRUZ WHARF DISPUTE IS SETTLED -- JOBS START IN SALINAS, WATSONVILLE AREA

By M. G. MURPHY
Representative, Local 3

San Jose—At long last, brothers, the picket line has been removed from the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf and I believe everybody concerned is now happy. Before removing the picket line, we were assured by the City Council of Santa Cruz that hereafter the prevailing wage rate would be paid on any reconstruction work of that nature. So, brothers, I don't think we can ask for anything more and you are now at liberty to go ahead and enjoy yourselves at Santa Cruz and on its City Wharf.

We will have considerable work in the locality of Santa Cruz when things get moving. At present, as you know, Heple is still working on his job there. The recent rains, of which we were in dire need, have retarded the work to some extent but that is only a temporary condition.

From what information I can gather, and much to my chagrin, N. M. Ball will not start operations on their 800,000-yard job before May 15. I am given to understand now that Brother Roy Jones will be the superintendent on this job when it does start and not Sam Matoon, as I reported previously. Sam will be on another large project for the company, down south. (I'm sure we will get along O.K. with Roy.)

We will also have a sewerage disposal plant for this city and bids are to be opened April 26. Then there is considerable street work to come, and also, a couple of schools. All in all, it looks like this year should be a good one in this locality, especially for Granite Construction, Central Supply, and Leo Cardwell. Paul Mattus, one of our old-timers, is also with Granite Construction in this division in a supervisory capacity under George Wagner. These two, I am sure, will make a good team.

WATSONVILLE

Dan Caputo & Keeble were the lucky bidders on the Pajaro River bridge project between Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, about 11 miles east of Watsonville consisting of a steel girder and concrete structure with about 30,000 yards of excavation. Tyson & Watters are at present held up on account of the recent heavy rains but expect to resume operations very shortly. W. W. Bird of Stockton, who has the levee job here, has started operation but not in a major way as yet. Superintendent Brother Barney Bell informs me that it will be some time yet before they are in full swing, and when they are they will more than likely run two shifts. Brother Harley Davidson, who has recuperated sufficiently from his recent serious accident to go back to work, will be one of the "pushers" on this job and the others, who are also old-timers at the game, will be Brothers "Red" Bosley, "Rip" Edwards and Bill Mosley.

SALINAS

This little city is going right along with its building program and sewer work, and showing a lot of activity, with all of the local contractors busy. These include E. J. Donahue, Albert Williams, Lowrie Paving (San Francisco), F. Stolte, Ray Adams, George Augustus X. Carrithers, Dan Caputo (San Jose), and naturally, Granite Construction. Granite is always going, weather permitting. Things should be fair in this locality for the coming months. We also have a State surfacing job between King City and San Ardo coming up for bids April 14 which will take a few men and we may have some good news on the rerouting of Highway 101, to by-pass King City (which I mentioned in the last issue) within the next 30 days.

MONTEREY

The situation here is about the same as at the last writing and nothing of great magnitude to mention. We expect something soon which will be of interest to many, however, in regard to the Naval School. The latest information I have on it is that they will be showing considerable activity on the premises within the next 60 days. The city has a program for considerable street work for

the next few months, also a sewerage disposal plant in the neighborhood of \$500,000, and more schools—not to mention the new subdivisions around here. So the way it looks now, Granite Construction, F. C. Stolte, Calabrese & Martin, M. J. Murphy, Inc., and De Amaral will have plenty for this season.

SAN JOSE

Nothing new to report on in or around San Jose. Work has been held up to some extent this past couple of weeks on account of rain (of all things) but most of the local gang are managing to keep busy. We have had quite a few new faces around here lately. Some of these I haven't seen in many years. Quite a number of the boys are coming in for the two jobs in the southern part of this district (which are slow in getting started) and if they continue to come in, I'll soon have half of the local on my lap. I know it's big, but not THAT big. Oh, well, guess there's no point in worrying—spring is here and things should get moving in a big way before long. All of the ready-mix plants, quarries, gravel pits, cement pits, cement plants, lime plants, and local contractors are going along quite well for this time of year and manage to keep a great number of the boys busy, but of course the construction boys are losing a little time, which is to be expected at this time of year. Well, brothers, guess that about all, except . . .

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

It is with a feeling of deep regret that I report the deaths of two of our dearly beloved and honored brothers, "Doc" Merrill and Harry Pankowski, who passed away recently. These brothers made many, many friends during the years they spent on construction work and will be greatly missed by all. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their loved ones.

Just received a few lines from Brother G. O. "Gasoline Gus" Woldberg, who is in Anchorage, Alaska. Gus says there is lots of work up there and the weather hasn't been too bad—no lower than 20 below. Er-r-r, that's too cold for me.

Also received a nice note from Brother C. D. Gill, who is in Arabia, and he said the reverse for over three—140 above. Oh well, most places are either too hot or too cold. That is with the exception of the Santa Clara Valley. (Chamber of Commerce, please note. Brother J. A. Pettit is confined to the Veterans Hospital for an operation and consequently will not be able to work for a couple of months. Brother Don Overton received an injury to his left hand while on the job and will be incapacitated for at least 60 days.

Brother Lloyd Younkin is ill in the Stanford Lane Hospital, San Francisco, where he has been since early in March. Brother W. E. Hitchcock has been ill and unable to work for the past month. Brother Robert Lehman is taking a vacation from construction work. He is planning to go into the restaurant business in the southern part of the state. Brother John Sausedo had an arm broken while at work for Earl Heple and will be off work for quite a spell.

Polish Unions Plan August Congress

Warsaw—Polish unions are preparing for their first nationwide congress since November 1945 with an increased membership of one million over the 1,900,000 of that date. The coming congress is set tentatively for late August.

January Car Output Totals 305,058 Units

Detroit.—While falling below December, motor vehicle factory sales in January totaled 401,644 passenger cars, trucks and coaches, or about 16 per cent above the output achieved in the opening month of 1947, George Rommey, managing director of the Automobile Manufacturers Association, announced. Passenger car sales accounted for 305,058 units of the total, trucks 95,251, and motor coaches 1,355 units.

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ITU GAINS PAY RAISE; NO PACT

Detroit.—The International Typographical Union (AFL) gained another wage increase without signing any formal contract with newspaper publishers here.

The pay increase agreed upon by the union and newspaper owners is 12 per cent above former rates.

Acceptance by the union of the raise ended a stalemate in existence since last October 31, when the union's contract expired. Until recently the Detroit Publishers Association steadfastly refused to negotiate any wage agreement not included in a contract.

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"TO HELL AND BACK"

By THOMAS ADAMS
Fresno Member, Local 3

I went to bed, both tired and sore
I dreamed I went to hell
On an R.D. four.

I was surprised to see
All the fellows I knew
Working for the Devil
In one big crew

I guess they hadn't heard
Of the A.G.C.
Because the General Super
Was Joe McGee.

I saw a Business Agent
He was singing the blues,
Having a hell of a time
Collecting his dues.

I saw a shifter
A guy called slim
And I think to myself
This is the place for him.

Old three day Murphy
Looks up with a grin,
"If things don't change
I'm gonna pull the pin."

Old John, the shovel runner
Wasn't moving much muck
One swing was gone
And his sheaves were stuck.

The oilers and grease monkeys
Were a pitiful sight
The Devil had them
All dressed in White.

And I thinks to myself
He's being pretty mean
When he says, "Now boys
You gotta keep 'em clean".

The engineer was weeping
And shaking his head,
His rod wasn't in tenths
But millimeters instead.

Now the Devil had a daughter
And so did Joe McGee,
And as a future son-in-law
They were both gunning for me.

Now the Devil's daughter,
Old Fahrenheit Kate,
Was a shapeless, ugly creature
Only the Devil could create.

While just the opposite
Young Minnie McGee,
Was built like a school house
And really something to see.

Now I was courting Minnie
And was doing right well,
Had almost forgotten
That I was in Hell.

The Devil comes forth
With an order,
That if I do any courting
It will be with his daughter.

He says if I'll forget Minnie
And marry Kate,
He'll make me a present
Of a new soft deck eight.

Now Minnie was pretty
But the "Eight" was too
So there was only one thing
For me to do.

I married Kate,
The ugly winch,
With my plan
It would be a cinch.

Then I awoke
Both tired and sore.
I wasn't in bed
But on the floor.

My wife looked angrily
Down from the bed
"Why the pillow case
Over your head?"

Fresh Air Tunnels

There will be about 60,000 feet of tunnel work to be done in Feather River Canyon under the PG&E power expansion projects there, reports indicate. Work is underway on several sections. This is a good winter job, the boys report, because weather has no effect on operations underground. Utah company has installed an airplane engine with a propeller to blow fresh air into one of their tunnel sections, especially needed with a diesel dozer trimming the floor inside on a three-shift basis.

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Liquid Carbonic Strike Continues

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cific Coast will strike, although it has not been decided as yet. At the present writing our people are not affected by the machinist strike as they are not picketing the fringe shops where our men are employed. We have attended the policy meetings of the Metal Trades and intend to keep posted on the situation so that we may keep our members properly informed. However, it is too soon to make any predictions as to what is going to happen.

ICE AND COLD STORAGE

The Ice and Cold Storage Industry in Oakland is waiting until we finish the San Francisco negotiations, even though there are certain problems that do not affect both sides of the bay. The San Francisco negotiations at the present time are not satisfactory, as their offer was 11 cents per hour increase, two holidays with double time and four holidays at time and one-half. We intend to make every effort to obtain a better offer before calling a meeting of the men in the industry.

N. CALIFORNIA MILK MFG.

After a great deal of work we have 160 authorization cards signed up; enough to hold and win the election for a Union Shop agreement. As this is a large percentage of the men employed in the industry, coupled with the information we have received, we feel we will have nearly a hundred per cent vote when it comes to an election. This election is only for a Union Shop Clause in our agreement and is not a jurisdictional dispute.

We won the representative elections at the Atterbury Plant, Yuba City, and the Roma Wine Company, Fresno.

Contracts completed during the month of March: San Francisco: Cypress Lawn Cemetery and National Biscuit and Goodyear Rubber Co.; Oakland: Pacific Oxygen Co. and East Bay Ice Rink; Sacramento: American Building Maintenance Company; Stockton: American Building Maintenance Company; Fresno: St. Agnes Hospital.

The following contracts were opened for negotiations: San Francisco: The Winterland Corp., Schmidt Lithograph Co., and Mannings, Inc.; South San Francisco: Armour & Company; Oakland: Vacu-Dry; Modesto: Modesto Refrigerating Co., and Pioneer Steam Generating Co.; Stockton: McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Co., and Fox West Coast Theatres; Santa Rosa: Grace Bros., and National Ice & Cold Storage; Napa: Union Ice Co.; Vallejo: Union Ice Co.; Reno: Reno Rendering Company.

Federal Aides Rap Steel Price Rise

Washington.—Although the Justice Department was unable to find the necessary evidence on which to accuse big steel of collusion in last month's identical price increases, two government agencies have joined a Congressional committee in denouncing the high-profit industry's disregard of the public interest.

The Council of Economics Advisors reported to President Truman that the steel industry's action justified his last-November anti-inflation program on which the Congress has taken no action. While admitting the steel industry's contention that its prices have not advanced at as rapid a rate as the national average, the Council said "the steel industry has been able to earn profits higher than at any time in its history."

Meanwhile, Robert T. Freer, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission which has been investigating steel pricing policy, said that government agencies, including the Navy and the Tennessee Valley Authority, have been receiving identical bids from all steel firms. The FTC hearings are not considering the latest price increases.

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SACRAMENTO REPORT

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that the report did not come in before our last edition was printed, has a heart ailment and is not working at the present time.

Brother H. E. Hamilton, employed at Plant 31, National Ice and Cold Storage, really likes that swing shift, but I think he will like his raise "mo' betta'."

The next brother I have not contacted for a period of two years as his plant, of which he is assistant chief engineer, or by this time I think he is chief engineer, is the S.S. Forester of the Matson Lines. Brother Harold Harms is always going to leave the ship and come back to work on shore, but it looks like he is doing too good a job and likes the S.S. Forester too well to leave it. Good luck to you brother!

Lee Harrison—this is the boy who is always razzing me, threatening to send his dues to the San Francisco office. He says I am getting too much credit now. But I would like to wish Brother Harrison the best of luck for this coming season, as he is part owner of the Sacramento Brick Company; and, boy, am I going to hit him on that contract come June 10! Best of luck to me this time!

OTHER BROTHERS

Brother Jess Hartt is the oldest operator in line of service at the Swanston's Packing Company, and is one of the brothers who are figuring how to spend their increase in pay—a little back pay coming on that, too.

On Martin Harvey, working at the Golden State Dairy, I make no report this time as he has had several reports in the past.

Brother Albert Hedger, also employed at Golden State Dairy, is a quiet fellow—doesn't say much, which is line with being quiet—but is always busy.

Our last member to be mentioned in this issue is Brother Herb Hedrick, chief engineer at the Golden State Dairy. That is quite a write-up for this plant—three in one issue. Brother Hedrick as chief engineer is turning out one of the best jobs in our district—new installations, repairs, etc., which keep him on the ball all the time.

BROTHERS SICK

On the sick list we have Brother Carl Hallstrom. We have no report yet from Brother Richard Burkhardt as to when he will report back for work, but he is getting along fine, I understand. The next report is on Brother Stuart MacDonald, chief engineer at the Sacramento College. Brother MacDonald's illness was a shock to himself as well as to the engineers working with him and the brothers who have known him for a number of years. He was suddenly ordered by his doctor to take a three-to-six-months' rest due to a serious illness. Brother Cliff Hulbert is pinch-hitting for Mac until he returns to the job, and Brother Halton is helping out during this period. Brother MacDonald told me he is happy that the doctor caught his condition in time, before it reached a stage where it might be critical, and he is looking forward to a rest in the mountains before he returns to the job.

This will conclude my report from Sacramento district. Remember to attend your local union meetings.

Budget!

Washington.—In an unexpected appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) gave full support to Labor Department demands for a \$53,300,000 budget for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Speaking as chairman of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, Taft said that the function of the Joint Committee and the President's Economic Report is to prevent inflations and depressions. "The only possible hope to accomplish this," he said, "is a sound statistical basis. The committee has relied almost entirely on BLS statistics."

What's doing in the Oakland office

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

Oakland—Work continues to be slow in the East Bay at this writing. The late rains, while a boon to the state in general, have had a tendency to retard the progress of normal spring activities. We were able to get the out-of-work list down from 450 to 400 during the early part of the month, but it is crawling up toward the high mark again. However, we are hopeful that this count will be lowered considerably before the next report.

DREDGE NEWS

There has been a slight improvement in dredge work since the last report. The Olympian Dredging Company has started on the Stockton Channel job and now has 35 of our members employed. The San Francisco Dredging Company is quite busy getting equipment ready for the Coos Bay job. They expect to move up there about May 15. The suction dredge Hinds and the clamshell Alabama will be in operation along with a diesel-powered barge which will be used to generate their own juice. Some 75 men probably will be used on this job and most of them will be taken from the Bay Area, as dredgers seem to be pretty scarce up in that country. The Bridge Company was low bidder on

the Petaluma Creek job and is getting the McMullen ready for the job. It is expected that this project will be started in about three weeks. The Monarch, Neptune and Golden Gate are tied up at Rio Vista, with a few men working on repairs. Dutra's two clamshells, the Mallard and the Edwards, are still busy on the Leslie Salt Company job. The Associated Dredging Company has three of its dredges working. Two, the Curlew and the Liberty, are in the vicinity of Collinsville, and the third is in Humboldt Bay. The Delta No. 1 is tied up in the Pittsburg yard. The Belmont is working in the vicinity of Belmont and Redwood City.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brothers Bill Gaunt and Harold Darewit have opened a welding, blacksmithing and general repair shop in Concord. These two boys have been working together for some time and last January they decided to have a go at it on their own. They seem to be getting a nice start, and are looking forward to the day when they can keep a crew of brother Engineers employed.

Brother Joe Britt has been confined to Providence Hospital as the result of an accident on the job in which he suffered a broken heel. While the injury is very painful and will keep him off work for about six months, he is feeling very thankful that it wasn't more serious.

We're glad to report that Brother Art Whitlock is back on his feet again, following a session in the hospital which was topped off by a bad case of flu.

Brother Ernie Cobun, former steward on the Kaiser Iron and Metals job, has left the Bay Area and is going into the service station and repair shop business up at Shasta City.

Brother Joe Campbell will be leaving soon for Okinawa, where he will be employed by Marsman of California. At first he slated to do heavy duty repair work, but later will be associated with the diving operations.

Brother John Tripp, who some time ago quit monkey-wrenching in favor of selling, is getting along very well as East Bay representative and distributor for Cornwell Tools. Any of you brothers who are interested in getting a set of good hand tools might do well to call him at OLYmpic 2-2256.

We extend our sympathies to Brother Henry Lewis, whose wife passed away recently following a long illness.

GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

Plans for construction of the sewage disposal plant and for expansion of water distribution facilities for the East Bay area are progressing rapidly. The East Bay Municipal Utility District announced recently that equipment costing \$43,000 has been purchased for enlargement of the San Pablo Filter Plant above El Cerrito. However, this work will not be carried out until next year. Preparations for the construction of the sewage treatment plant to be located near the Bay Bridge terminus are getting under way, with bids being called for filling of the site. This project will call for a three-foot raising of the land and will include installation of approximately 3,500 sand wells to facilitate the settling process.

According to Joseph Longwell, chief engineer for the Utility District, the wells, which will be drilled after the land is filled, will be packed with sand and then the entire area will be covered with sand. This will force the fill material down and the water will escape through the sand. This system will provide a more uniform settling and allow a greater weight supported on shorter pilings. The sewage disposal program was advanced still further recently with the opening of bids on approximately 3,400 feet of reinforced concrete sewer pipe for Section 3 of the South Interceptor between 19th Avenue and Kennedy Street in Oakland. The contract for installation of 7,000 feet of main sewer line which will serve Berkeley, Albany and parts of El Cerrito has been awarded to the Elmer J. Freethy Company.

They are just getting started on this work, and expect to run into some pretty rough going as so much of the area to be serviced is on an extremely low ground. Brother Joe Risch is operating crane on this job, with Brother Allen Pigg handling the Cat work. Another portion of this work has been awarded to Paris Bros., who have the contract for installation of 8,700 feet of sewer line. This job extends from Telegraph Avenue to Dover Street in Oakland and there are two hose, one crane, a Cat loader, compressor and several pumps being used in the operation.

The Pacific Pipeline Construction Company has the contract for laying of telephone cable on Telegraph Avenue between 19th and 40th Streets. Brother Lyle Smith is operating the ditcher, with Brother Lloyd Spiker oiling. Brother Bob Privett is looking after the Cats, but expects to be going up to Napa in a short time to finish another piece of work for the company. Work on the Telegraph Avenue project will necessarily go rather slowly due to the heavy traffic on this street through most of the day. Out at the shop, five mechanics and two welders are busy overhauling equipment and some of these boys are laying plans to go on to Colorado, where the company was successful bidder on a contract which calls for laying of 80 miles of eight-inch pipeline.

Out at Pacific Paint and Varnish, Barrett & Hilp are nearly through with the excavation work for the large addition to be built at this plant. Brother Martin Shirk is

operating the Lorain with Brother "Red" McCormick oiling. This is a \$400,000 job and though it will provide considerable work for various crafts, we regret that there won't be enough engineering work to keep any Local 3 men fat.

That shiny new button you see Brother Jim Scott sporting is proof of seven years of employment with the Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Company. Nice going, son! Johnny has just returned to California from a job near Portland and after doing a small project at the El Dorado Oil Works in Berkeley he will go on to Port Chicago where the company has a contract for erection of a 200,000-gallon steel water tank for the General Petroleum Company.

We were talking to Brother Jim Mercer, shop foreman for Pacific Trucks and Parts Salvage, and he tells us they have received a load of surplus Cats from overseas and are working them over at present. It has been pretty rough going out there, but the boys are looking forward to completion of the new shop which will speed up work and improve conditions generally.

The steel skeleton of the Berkeley High School auditorium, which has been standing bare-ribbed and gaunt since Pearl Harbor, is finally going to be completed. Dinwiddie Construction Company recently was awarded a contract for \$1,076,450 to enclose the frame and convert the old auditorium into a little theater. This same company also submitted a low bid of \$1,999,500 for completion of the entire structure. The remainder of the work cannot be done, however, until after a bond election, which is to be held in the near future.

N. M. Ball & Sons have the contract for removal of approximately 20,000 yards of dirt on a Hayward housing project. Brother Ted Irving, who is running this spread, has three carryalls in operation. At the completion of this project they will move in on the \$60,000 cyclotron job at Berkeley, which will furnish work for several more 'skimmers.

Ed Keeble has one Cat working on preliminary excavation on the new bridge job across Alameda Creek out of Niles.

Eaton & Smith recently started work on removal of 75,000 yards of dirt at Union Oil's Oleum refinery. At present a Bucyrus 37-B is being used with Brother Dick O'Connell at the controls and Brother "Heinie" Toft oiling. The job foreman is Brother Jim Toole. This is part of the \$10,000,000 construction program which has just been announced by the oil company's officials, and which will nearly double the lubricating oil production. A total of \$8,000,000 will be used for increasing lubricating oil facilities, with an additional \$2,000,000 outlay for enlargement of offices, buildings and additions to grease production equipment. The expansion of the lubricating oil facilities will include a duo-sol unit for the solvent treatment of oil, a refining process. Plans are also under way for expansion of the vacuum distillation, the propane dewaxing and the crude distillation units. It is expected that the project will take more than a year to complete.

McDonald, Young & Nelson were successful bidders on the disposal plant job in Contra Costa County. Brother Gerald Bothwell is operating the Northwest 80, with his brother Rowland oiling, while Brother Walter Torbert is keeping the dozer hot.

Preparations for construction of the second-largest pumping plant in the world are going along on schedule out on the S. U. H. B. job at Tracy, with the erection of a batching plant and a whirley crane now in progress. This important portion of the Central Valley Project will take water which originally began its journey from Shasta

Dam, lift it 200 feet—at the rate of 4,600 cubic feet per second—through three 15-foot mile-long discharge pipes, and dump it into the Delta-Mendota Canal. Upon completion this plant with its six 22,500-h.p. motors will cover an acre of ground. Excavation work on the two and one-third mile intake canal is rather slow at present, with only one shift working on the Cats.

There is still considerable work on this portion of the project yet to be done as an estimated 4,500,000 cubic yards of earth will have been removed upon completion of the job. Piledriving, however, is going full blast on a two-shift basis right now, with steel and timber piles being driven to a depth of 40 feet. This is one of the few spots in California where the dry spell has been of any help. As a result of it, the problem of dewatering, expected to be of major importance, has been greatly minimized.

Morrison-Knudsen and Hasler, who have the contract for excavation on the canal, beyond the pumping station, are setting up a trimmer and traveling form, in preparation for concrete work on the linings. Weather permitting, they expect to start this work about the 20th of April.

The Macal Improvement Company recently finished the excavation work on the new pulp mill at Antioch. This job, which called for removal of 500,000 yards of sandy overburden, was facilitated to a certain extent through use of a new-type dozer developed by the Peterson Tractor and Equipment Company of Hayward. This blade, which combines the qualities of a straight and an angle dozer, was mounted on a D.W.-10 and according to Brother Louie Roberts, owner of Macal, it did an excellent job.

Brother Tom Plumb of Plumb & Hinton announced recently that this company has the contract for furnishing logs for the new mill. They have two cranes, three trucks and three Cats at present and will increase the spread as they go along. They will log from the Guerneville vicinity and estimate that, working nine months of the year, the operation will last between six and seven years. Both Plumb and Hinton will be engaged in this project. Brother Bill Bailey will handle the work in the welding and machine shop at Pittsburg.

The business and assets of Western Crane Service Corporation have been purchased by Fritz Awalt and the business will be operated as Western Crane Service from the office and yard at 1230 Sixth Street, Berkeley. The sale was effective January 1, 1948.

Western Crane Service was founded by E. J. Neville in 1923 with the first truck-mounted cranes in California. The business was operated by Neville's son,

Labor Helps Plan For Health Meet

Washington. — Leaders of labor are among the 30-member executive committee now working out plans for a national health assembly to be held here May 1-4 under auspices of the Federal Security Administration.

Arranged by FSA chief Oscar Ewing in response to President Truman's January 30 request for development of a 10-year national health program, the conference will be a many-sided affair, bringing together medical men, employer spokesmen, labor representatives and leaders in public life.

Assisting in preparing the program are AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray, National Farmers Union President James G. Patton and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Christman of the National Womens Trade Union League.

Verne, and a nephew, Jud Roblee. These men operated the first two machines and built the business so that by 1927 the company had a fleet of truck cranes, with offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Brother Dick Brogden joined the outfit in 1927, and in 1928 his brother Bob came in to make a team that has been well known to crane users in this area for 20 years. Ted Bardoli, Jack Campbell, and Les Mears are others who have been with this company for many years. The personnel has been responsible for the service that contributed to the growth of the company.

Fritz Awalt has been associated with the industry for many years—on construction work, and later in the equipment business. Prior to the purchase of Western Crane Service he was manager of the company distributing Motocranes in northern California.

AFL To War On Taft Men

Washington.—In two meetings last week leaders of the AFL geared Labor's League for Political Education to the defeat of pro-Taft-Hartley law Congressmen in 1948.

After hearing reports from heads of 46 state federations, and describing of them the ways in which national LLPE will assist them, AFL President William Green, chairman of LLPE, said that "in most every district a candidate's stand on the Taft-Hartley law will be the determining factor in LLPE's attitude towards him."

Green explained that LLPE will cooperate actively with 'friendly groups.'

In at least one state, Wisconsin, farm, cooperative and women's organizations have actually joined the state LLPE.

In Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota, as well as Wisconsin, LLPE has been furnishing farmers and cooperators with the voting record of Congressmen on issues of interest to them, as well as outlining to them labor's reasons for opposing the Taft-Hartley act.

No discussion was held about Presidential candidates, Green said, and he added that the AFL will stick to its traditional non-partisan policy. All state federations and city centrals which have not already done so were called upon by the meeting to organize LLPE's.

When asked if the AFL's desire to cooperate with friendly groups in the coming elections meant political cooperation with the CIO, Green said 'No.'

AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, who is serving LLPE in the same capacity, said that he had been authorized to appoint 105 deputy treasurers, one for each international in the AFL. Appointments will be made on the basis of nominations submitted by the internationals.

Scrap Metal Short, Big Drive Starts

A nationwide voluntary scrap metal drive has been launched by General Motors Corporation to get scrap metal out of the homes, factories and other business places and into the steel mill furnaces, it was revealed by GM President Charles E. Wilson.

People who have scrap available are being asked to use the regular collection agencies to get it flowing to the mills.

Speaking of the critical scrap metal situation, Wilson said, "Scrap metal is one of our most critical shortages. The lack of it held down production in 1947 and if we cannot increase the flow of scrap metal to the mills, production in 1948 will suffer materially."

Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. Casebolt, T. L. Clark, C. R. Van Winkle and L. G. Ostler, Business Representatives, Local 3

Salt Lake City—Continuing efforts to reach an agreement with the Associated general contractors your officers met with their so-called Labor Committee on Tuesday, March 16, 1948. At this meeting there was present representing the contractors the following: Pat Gibbons, of Gibbons and Reed; Paul Thorn, of A. O. Thorn and Sons; W. W. Clyde, of W. W. Clyde and Co.; John Joseph, of Morrison-Knudsen Co.; Deal Mendenhall, of the Deal Mendenhall Construction Company; Charles Smith, of Enoch Smith & Sons; Mel Haymond, of Whiting & Haymond Company; and V. C. Mendenhall of V. C. Mendenhall Construction Company. Representing your union were Brothers Casebolt, Clark and Van Winkle.

One thing we have learned for certain in attending these meetings is that they give one a great chance to meet all the members of the AGC or their representatives. The general tone of the discussion followed, in part, that of the last-reported meetings. At this meeting the contractors also asked that we give up our five-day week and go on a 40-hour week basis. It goes without saying that your representatives refused to seriously consider this proposal. After this they were asked what raise in wages they had considered offering. After a rather lengthy caucus they came back with the rather meager offer of a 10-cents-an-hour increase. This we refused to consider on the grounds that it did not recognize the inequities existing between the wage rates in this and surrounding states and the increased cost of living.

Upon this basis the meeting ended with no future meetings set. The U. S. Conciliation Service was immediately notified that a dispute existed (a legal requirement under the Taft-Hartley Act) and we presume that sometime before this sees the light of day the Conciliation Service will call both parties together for another conference. (This is the usual procedure.) In the meantime there have occurred one or two other developments that we feel you should be informed about.

Not having arrived at an agreement upon the termination date, your representatives cancelled our agreement with the AGC. This is effective June 1 on old work. In the meantime, the AGC was carrying on negotiations with the Carpenters, Laborers, and Teamsters with the same results. The AGC then cancelled its agreements with these crafts. Whereupon the Building Trades Councils of Ogden and Salt Lake City, with which your union is affiliated, through a joint committee, served notice upon the AGC that if the AGC wasn't pre-

pared to enter into negotiations for their entire membership to consummate a master agreement covering all trades affiliated with the Building Trades Councils, the councils would, jointly, proceed to negotiate such an agreement with individual contractors or groups of contractors. At the present writing this has received a slightly favorable nod from the officers of the AGC and we have some—not much—hope that this move will succeed.

REPORT ON LEGAL ASPECTS

In the meantime all is confusion on the legal front. Some say that the National Labor Relations Board will assume jurisdiction over building and construction work. Others say that due to the many difficulties involved in applying the Taft-Hartley Act to this type of work, the board will relegate or delegate it to the various states. (Senator Taft in his highly controversial article in *Colliers'* magazine took the stand that this was the intent of Congress.) In Utah we have the famous—or infamous—Clegg-Vest Act which imposes certain restrictions on labor unions, part of which is being contested by your union in the State Supreme Court and is due to be heard this month, and the Industrial Commission of Utah has indicated that it will adopt the assumption that the State has jurisdiction over building and construction work.

Now, the reason for our reporting on this matter is that this puts your officials in the peculiar position of attempting to trim their sails to two winds blowing from different directions, that is, if we are not going to spend all our time at hearings or in courts. In other words, we must abide by a federal law at the same time we abide by a state law, and these two laws are very dissimilar. For this reason the membership is going to be asked to sign a petition on each job asking for a union security election of that employer's engineers, which comes under the Taft-Hartley Act. They are also going to be asked to vote in a strike vote under the state law, a necessity before your union can take any trade union action in this state. We hope that all of our members will cooperate with your represen-

MEMBER KILLED

Grant Freestone, a member of Engineers' Local 3, was fatally crushed by an electric shovel while working in Bingham Canyon April 6.

He was born March 26, 1912 in Vernal, Utah, and joined the union January 10, 1944.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Ramona Freestone, and three daughters, Carol Jean, Jeanette and Lorraine Freestone.

Funeral services were conducted April 10 in Vernal.

tatives in signing the petition and voting "Yes" in the election. We don't like this red tape either, but that is what we get when we don't watch whom we elect to Congress or to the state legislature as closely as we should.

UNION SECURITY ELECTIONS WON

You will be interested to learn that the recent union security elections conducted among the operating engineers employed by the Utah Construction Company at its shop on 21st Street in Salt Lake City and at its mines near Cedar City resulted in overwhelming victories for your union. At the shop in Salt Lake City only one engineer failed to vote and only one voted against the union, and at Cedar City only one member was unable to vote, due to an injury that put him in the hospital, and there was a 100 per cent vote for your union. Additional petitions for union security elections have been filed covering our members and our unit with the Utah Copper Company, the United Concrete Pipe Company, and Stearns & Rogers. Elections will undoubtedly be set and held at these companies in the very near future.

LABOR FACING A CRISIS

Labor in Utah, this year, is facing a crisis! The old economic forces that kept wages substandard in Utah for years are again on the march. They see a chance because of the confusion created by restrictive and vague labor laws to at least to force organized labor to its knees in Utah, if not to destroy it entirely.

They are appealing to the veteran to help them on the grounds that belonging to a union restricts a workingman's rights when as a matter of fact it is the only way the workers ever won or had any rights. They are telling the unwary that wages cause high prices and failing to also tell them that if wages are allowed to be cut they will still have high prices—or how will they make greater profits?

Some of them are advocating longer hours at straight time (Senator Watkins of Utah is one of these) on the grounds that this would increase production. Of course it would, and at the same time cut your income from 8½ to 20 per cent. Who would gain the most? Do not be misled by phoney editorials, articles, or cartoons extolling the Taft-Hartley Act, higher production or lower wages as the way to lower prices. We need higher production of all scarce articles but low wages will not bring low prices, they will merely bring demand down to supply and not lift supply up to demand. The Taft-Hartley law will not bring labor peace and uninterrupted production, only employers willing to recognize the union of their employees and willing to bargain in good faith can bring this. Lower profits might help us toward lower prices, if you know what we mean. (Profits are at the highest level in history.)

In the coming months every member of our union must constitute himself a committee of one to be a better union man, to learn more about his union and to see that his fellow members do likewise. If in doubt or if you want information, ask your representative. He will be glad to explain matters to you; that is what he is there for. Attend all your union meetings and bring up all questions that are bothering you. In

that way, all get a chance to discuss such matters and to learn. Your representatives also get a chance to learn how better to serve you. Be sure you are registered to vote and that all members of your family who are of voting age also are registered to vote so that when election time comes we can throw the shoddy group of mis-representatives who passed the restrictive legislation which makes it harder and more expensive for your union to function, out of our State Legislature and out of Congress.

NEWS ABOUT THE WORK FROM AROUND THE STATE

Stearns & Rogers' job at Devil's Slide is proceeding nicely. There was some trouble over overtime but this has been adjusted, according to reports. . . . The boiler job at the Garland Sugar Plant is going along at a nice clip. . . . Bechtel Corporation's job on the Standard Oil plant is off to a good start. They are doing the job themselves and haven't sub-contracted any work to date. This is a good company and our relations are very cordial. . . . Utah Construction Company's job on the dike at Magna is to be double-shifted. They will work five 9½-hour days. . . . Morrison-Knudsen's tunnel job at Aspen is going along nicely. . . . W. W. Clyde has started up his Farmington road job. . . . W. W. Clyde was low bidder on a State road job about 60 miles west of Salt Lake City.

The Somastic Company, a subsidiary of the Bechtel Corporation, will cover the pipe for the Rangely to Salt Lake City pipeline and is in the process of setting up their plant at Charlestown. Pipe has already started to roll in. Bids will be opened for the pipeline on April 15, we are informed. . . . The United Concrete Pipe Company is slowly getting started on its Bureau of Reclamation work. The field shop has been moved from Pleasant Grove to 78th Street. The Pleasant Grove plant is in process of being remodeled and will be a permanent plant, they tell us.

W. W. Clyde has almost a full crew going on his Point of the Mountain job. If we don't have too much bad weather (?) it looks as though we might have a nice four-lane highway around the Point of the Mountain by the middle of summer. . . . Utah Construction Company is rapidly pushing the natural gas line into Pleasant Grove from where they left off last fall. . . . Walsh Construction Company is getting off to a good start at the Geneva plant. They have called in a number of members. Everything indicates a long and cordial relationship. . . . Morrison-Knudsen-Olsen is going ahead at a fast clip with the Provo Canyon pipe job for Utah Power Company. There was some trouble at their shop in Provo over the boiler-makers but this has been ironed out.

Olsen Manufacturing Company informs us that its plant in Provo will be a permanent one. . . . Bids will be opened on the Utah Power Company's \$5,800,000 power house at the mouth of Provo Canyon the 15th of this month, we are informed. . . . The Kaiser Company job at Ironton is really moving along at a fast clip. Morrison-Knudsen has the bulk of its work on this job finished. Lym Engineering Company has the rehabilitation work in the power house. Tolboe & Harlan, the rehabilitation work on the blast furnace. . . . Don Neville of the McGraw Company was in the office recently and informed us that his company is starting a \$2½ million job at the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe plant at Ironton. . . . W. W. Clyde is making rapid progress despite the weather, on his Mapleton road job. . . . Whiting & Haymond are doing a bang-up job on the Price Airport.

Morrison-Knudsen is off to a slow start on its Army jobs at Dugway and Castledale. Watch these jobs as they may turn out to be the biggest jobs in the country. . . . The plants being built for the

Western Gypsum Company and the U. S. Gypsum Company at Sigurd have almost been completed. . . . The U. S. Army flood control job on the Sevier River is due to be opened on April 12, we are informed. . . . Morrison-Knudsen is due to be opened April 12, we are informed. . . . Morrison-Knudsen has started its railroad work in the state. This company is at present working near Delta. . . . Utah Construction Company is adding to its plant at Iron Springs, near Cedar City. The company has really been shipping out the iron ore at Iron Mountain. The new additions at Iron Springs will increase the capacity of that plant. . . . The putrid weather has kept several road jobs in the state from starting up and as soon as the weather clears up for a few days considerable more work will start.

PERSONAL NOTES

Brother Edwin Price, crusher operator at Iron Springs for the Utah Construction Company, received a minor back injury while at work last month which resulted in his hospitalization for a few days. He is rapidly recovering, according to our last reports. . . . Howard Willis, oiler, who was electrocuted while employed by the Reynolds Construction Company at Kingston Canyon, was a suspended member. His death was apparently the result of a rather unsafe practice, and failure to keep in good standing resulted in the loss to his family of the benefits usually paid by the local union and the international union in such sad cases.

Unemployment Mounts Throughout Country

Washington—More unemployed workers applied to the U. S. Employment Service for jobs in January than in any other month since June 1947, U. S. E. S. Director Robert C. Goodwin said, and placements fell far behind applications.

Financial Data Required by Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to Be Furnished Members of Local Unions—Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

—RECEIPTS—	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	
Dues and Fees	\$697,164.12
Interest—U. S. Defense Bonds	6,875.00
Interest—Savings Bank Account	5,120.56
Rents	24,712.59
Engineers News	2,962.50
Books and Buttons	64.00
Good Standing Fund	3,448.50
Burial Expense Fund	59,686.51
Refunds and Reimbursements	6,935.18
Salvage—Office Equipment and Car	2,188.59
Miscellaneous	1,077.50
Total Receipts	\$810,255.05
—DISBURSEMENTS—	
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	
Salaries (Gross)	\$246,060.66
Officers and Business Representatives Expenses: (34 persons)	95,599.02
Office Expense, Direct, 14 Offices	55,154.35
Audit and Legal Fees	3,560.13
Blue Cross Hospital Plan	556.25
Books and Buttons	4,779.52
Building Operations	15,767.07
Burial Fund	63,686.51
Capital Expenditures	183,216.67
Dues and Fees Refunded	7,530.25
General Organizing	6,140.58
Good Standing Fund	3,448.50
Insurance	4,294.22
Miscellaneous	6,721.37
Per Capita—International	165,246.90
Per Capita—Local Councils	10,896.50
Tax—Excise	461.59
Tax—Federal O. A. B.	3,438.96
Tax—California S. U. I.	3,761.06
Tax—Nevada Unemployment	118.99
Tax—Utah Unemployment	474.38
Tax—Federal Withholding	41,233.56
Transportation	5,830.75
Engineers News	7,355.09
Gross Disbursements	933,332.86
Less Payroll Deductions:	
Blue Cross Plan	240.75
Calif. S. U. I.	1,414.63
Federal O. A. B.	1,662.54
Federal W. H. Tax	33,144.81
	36,462.73
Net Disbursements	\$896,870.13
Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1947	
ASSETS	
Cash:	
Office Funds	\$ 1,200.00
On Deposit—Postmaster S. F.	50.00
Commercial Bank Account	4,262.36
Savings Bank Account	209,669.17
Good Standing Fund	9,212.07
Burial Expense Fund	42,765.62
	\$267,159.22
U. S. Defense Bonds—Series G.	275,000.00
Real Estate	356,402.55
Transportation Equipment	79,905.09
Office Furniture and Equipment	14,546.16
	\$973,013.00
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable—Tax	\$ 1,356.60
Net Worth	\$971,656.40
	\$973,013.00

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PHONE WORKERS ERP AID SOUGHT

Jacksonville, Fla.—Labor support for the European Recovery Program and the earning position of telephone workers were discussed by John W. Gibson, Assistant Secretary of Labor, in an address before the convention of the American Union of Telephone Workers last week.

Average weekly earnings in the telephone industry were \$49.03 in December, Gibson told the delegates. Their average hourly earnings reached \$1.23 in December, he said, an increase of 7.6 per cent since June 1946, as compared with a 25.3 per cent rise in the cost of living.

Gibson pointed out that on the basis of December earnings, the average telephone worker's annual wage would amount to \$2,497, while a family budget was found by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to require an actual outlay ranging from \$3,004 to \$3,485 in 34 large cities.

He urged labor support for the European Recovery Program "which will feed the hungry and give democracy a chance to revive itself."

Exemptions Listed On Pay-Hour Law

Washington, D.C. — Percentage tests, approximately the same as those which have guided the Administrator for several years, are incorporated in enforcement policies for seven types of exemptions under the Fair Labor Standards Act, just announced by William R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, United States Department of Labor.

The policies apply to the Act's exemptions for: retail and service establishments; seamen; certain seafood and fisheries employees; certain carriers by air; street, urban, or interurban electric railways and local trolley or motor bus carriers; switchboard operators on exchanges with less than 500 stations; and certain railroads and pipe lines.

Under the railroads and pipe lines exemption employers may be relieved from paying certain employees in accordance with the Wage and Hour Law's overtime provision, but the exemption does not extend to the minimum wage provision. The other six exemptions relieve qualifying employers from both the overtime and minimum wage provisions.

COMMODITY PRICES RECOVER LOSSES

Washington. — What has happened to prices on the nation's commodity exchanges since the big price break some weeks or so ago?

The answer is that in the intervening period most of the commodities have surged upward again to regain the greater part, if not all, of their losses.

The upshot of it all is that despite the hubbub raised in the press about the price break, there seems to be little or no indication of any lasting relief for wage earners in the form of lower prices.

American buyers received 18 out of every 20 passenger cars produced in this country during 1947, or 92½ per cent of the nation's total output.

Retirement

Washington, D. C.—The Civil Service Commission has prepared a booklet containing a complete analysis of the new retirement law.

The complete booklet may be obtained while the supply lasts by requesting it from the Commission.

Address your postcard to U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., and ask for the new retirement booklet, giving your name and the address to which you want the booklet sent.

NEWS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

By P. E. Vandewark, Glenn Dobyns, Pat Clancy and Chet Elliott, Business Representatives, Local 3

San Francisco — Since our last news letter we have spent practically all of our time attending meetings. We attended an Executive Board meeting of the California State Conference of Engineers at Los Angeles, and have also attended meetings of the Negotiating Committee of the A.G.C.'s. Hope to have more to write on our new agreement for the A.G.C.'s at the next writing.

Due to weather conditions, work in this area has been very slow. Eaton & Smith are making good progress on the track removal and replacement job on Market Street. They are working one regular day shift and an occasional overtime night shift on a shovel.

Clinton Construction is getting most of its equipment all set for the Mission Rock job, having just completed the erection of a new crane to handle all of the pre-cast piling, of which there are some 4,000 to be placed.

Stone & Webster, the prime contractors for the P. G. & E. on the erection of their new Station P power plant, have a large number of the brothers employed on several types of rigs. C. C. Moore is doing the steel erecting on this job, and California Steel Products has the contract to erect two large steel stacks, both of which are 200 feet high.

The Ben C. Gerwick job at Hunters Point has reached the final stages with only a few of the brothers left on the job, and most of them employed in the shop.

The MacDonald, Young & Nelson job at Eighth and Mission Streets for the P. G. & E. Company on the erection of the new power station is progressing rapidly. Two engineers are on the job at the present time.

The Dinwiddie job on the new addition to Macy's store is progressing smoothly. All of the steel erection has been completed by Bethlehem, and they are now in the process of pouring the concrete for the building. Two material hoists are in operation at present.

The Armeo job for the Telephone Company, which consists of a tunnel from Bush and Grant Avenue to Market Street, at present is running four heading on the job from two shafts, with three shifts being employed in each shaft.

The Erbenraut & Summers job on the Telephone Building at 25th and Capp Streets is still in progress with four engineers still employed.

The Monson Bros. job on the Telephone Building on McCopin Street is nearing completion, although one brother is steadily employed.

All of the material yards, such as P. C. A., Basalt, Ready mix and

Consumers Rock, have their plants in almost constant operation furnishing concrete for buildings and streets.

All the scrap yards are keeping the operators busy contrary to the fact that the employers stated they would be forced to curtail their operations with the signing of the new agreement which gave the brothers in the various yards an increase in pay.

Ship repair work along the waterfront has been placed on an almost inactive basis at the present time. However, the promise for the future is bright.

PENINSULA DISTRICT

Employment for members of Local 3 has increased considerably in the past 30 days in this area, although no large construction jobs have been started. Many of our members are working on street, utility, and miscellaneous projects.

Construction Aggregates Company has started its dredge operation at the Port of Redwood.

At San Carlos, Peter Sorenson has commenced work on the large Christenson Subdivision project. Several Cats will be employed on this work.

Eaton & Smith are still busily engaged on the State Highway job at Wadell Creek. This work will continue until the middle of summer.

At Menlo Park, Freeman & Hatlett are busy on street and utility work for the City of Menlo Park.

No news has reached us as to the exact date of the opening of bids for the pavement of the new runway at the San Francisco Airport, but it is expected sometime in May.

There are three State Highway jobs slated to come up for bids over on the coast sometime soon, but the exact date has not yet been advertised.

Baumann Bros. of Redwood City, L. C. Smith, Sperry & McCue, Floyd Watson, J. O. Archibald, and various other local contractors are busy on subdivision and street work.

Tom Hinds, one of our members, opened the up Peninsula Garage in Redwood City, and will deal in the repairing of construction machinery. Please remember him if you have any work of this type to be done. We wish him well.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Slim Covey came home from Greece, picking up his transfer, going to Alma, Nebraska. Also Roy Carpenter touring down through the South back to Alabama arriving on the Alma job.

Slim Allen, world traveler, home again from Guam, buying two hotels in the Mission District, reports he will be going out again. Must have been getting a lot of that long green some place.

Ed Van Horn passed through after a job in Costa Rica, reported his pay on the dragline was \$225 a month with a bonus, but the rub was, he couldn't make the bonus. Ed says he scurried home to some union jobs, going to Washington to work.

Don Malhoit went to Arabia and liked the job. Don De Armond wrote that where he was, conditions and work were O. K.

Sherman Andrews, Paul Ellis, L. L. Hasha and Otto Hildebrand are home from Guam, Otto going to Missouri for a visit. Lowell Aldrich had to come home also on account of his wife being very sick.

We are happy to report that Robert Price, who was injured on Guam and spent a year in St. Francis Hospital, is finally well again.

Francis Peters picked up his clearance, going to Guam.

Lewis Smith, another traveler, home from Guam, writes from Se-

attle on his way to South America. Skip Paulson writes in from Greece saying Conway, Russell and McCaffrey are all doing O. K. Job report good, but conditions of the people not so good. Not knowing whereabouts of Jack Dill, we find he is over there, too.

William "Bill" McGuire, Harry Hanson and Louie Levine picked up passports awaiting transportation to join the travelers in Greece.

L. R. Zehle toured the East and is back home again.

Willias Vickery shipped back from Arabia, going to the hospital in Denver. He's home now but unable to work much and perhaps will be hospitalized again.

Local 3 members coming through. Brother Aldrich wishes to thank all the boys on Guam for their generous contribution to him during his trouble. The sum of \$245 was given to help on his plane fare home. Money given in this manner is well used and remembered. Brother Aldrich in his lifetime will probably give several times this amount to help distressed brothers. A real gesture of good unionism on the part of all involved, which we can't pass up mentioning. GUAM BROTHERS. WE THANK YOU.

Albert McDonald gave the news about his company's operation going well, reporting everything the same with the members. Marty

Vurpillot and Albert Pluth getting slight promotion.

Tom Wilson says he and Brothers Andrews, Potter, Nelson and Platt are in the same camp with Jack Randall, doing another hitch.

We wonder what this member was doing during the month of January. He reports 204½ hours of overtime, plus 168 regular hours.

But the withholding tax was \$154.18. A few more like him and maybe some of us small-wage earners will get some more TAX RELIEF.

Cliff Alumbaugh was taken to S. F. Hospital seriously ill, and Arch Barnes currently is residing in Fort Miley Hospital.

London Transport Workers Get Raise

London. — London transport workers have voted to accept a settlement of \$1.50 weekly wage hike plus an increase of 20 percent in payment for Sunday work. This is the first important wage increase won since the government announced its wage-freeze program in February. About 56,000 workers are affected.

This year only 10,000 elementary school teachers will be graduated from the nation's colleges, while the need will surpass 150,000.

Re-elect F. X. Martel President 30th Time

Detroit. — Delegates to the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL) elected Frank X. Martel president for the 30th consecutive time. Martel was unopposed.

People often think of evergreens only as coniferous trees, such as pine, spruce, fir and red cedar, but there are many broad-leaved trees and shrubs that are evergreen. They include bay, mountain laurel, rhododendron and live oak.

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Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)
MARCH 9, 1948

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Holdener Const. Co., 2606 "R" St., Sacramento, \$321,940 for addn. to Tahoe Elementary school bldg., Sacramento.

MARCH 10, 1948

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Harry J. Wolle, Redwood City, \$18,000 for rental of equipment to examine and sample stream gravel and dredge tailings and foundation material near proposed dam site, Sacramento River Basin, under Inv. No. 501-0.

MARCH 11, 1948

Walnut Creek, Calif.: Contract awarded to John Pestana, 16411 E. 14th St., San Leandro, \$4,943 for const. sewers in Lacassie St., between RR track and Oakland Blvd.

King City, Calif.: Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$7,415 for grading 18,000 cu. yds. for stadium for King City High School.

Sacramento, Calif.: (Correction) contract awarded to J. P. Breen, P.O. Box 183, Sacramento, (instead of H. J. Wolle, as stated in issue 3-10) \$18,000 for renting dragline, dozer, trucks, etc., to examine stream gravel and dredge tailings at proposed damsite, Sacramento River Basin, under Inv. No. 501-0.

MARCH 12, 1948

Corte Madera, Calif.: Contract awarded to R. S. Brant, 139 Ward St., Larkspur, Calif., \$28,978 for const. sewer line & hwy. crossing in & near Corte Madera, Assessor's District, Proj., under 1911 Act.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$813,000 for asph. conc. pavement on Jennings St., between Egbert Ave. & 100 ft. southwest.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$2,500 for paving, etc. on Jennings St., betw. Egbert & Fitzgerald Sts.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Hutchinson Co., 7360 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, \$31,155 for levee repair at 3 sites along San Joaquin River, under Spec. No. 1330.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 75th Ave. and San Leandro Blvd., Oakland, \$75,950 for const. struc. stl. Arch bldg. & 0.17 mi. appr. acrs. S. fork, Smith River, 12 mi. N.W. of Crescent City, Del Norte County.

Corte Madera, Calif.: Contract awarded to Mario Bottini, 802 "C" St., San Rafael, \$2,261 for replacing 400 to 500 lin. ft. of 15 in. vitr. main sewer near Corte Madera.

MARCH 15, 1948

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$77,207 for armor coat surf., drain & sewers in Tallac Village No. 2.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Associated Engrs., 560-7th St., S.F., \$6350 for inst. 8 in. C.I. sanit. sewer line at Kezar Stadium.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St., Sacramento, \$29,999 for const. bond sewer in Riverside Bldg., 11th to 13th Aves. and along SP RR from 13th Ave. to Virginia Street.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Dykes & Dykes, P.O. Box 464 North Sacramento, \$37,793 for construction of a storage warehouse at city filtration plant.

MARCH 16, 1948

Hayward, Calif.: Contract awarded to John Pestana, 16411 E. 14th St., San Leandro, \$6,474 for sanitary sewer ext. on "A" street, between SP and RR and front.

Yuba City, Calif.: Contract awarded to Rice Bros., P.O. Box 1489, Marysville, \$12,829 to remove curbs, sidewalks, driveways, trees, shrubs, bushes, fences, excav. for widen pavement and excav. for new sidewalks, curbs and driveways, on west side of Shasta St., from Bridge to Teegarden Aves.

Isleton, Calif.: Contract awarded to Asta Const. Co., 33 N. Front St., Rio Vista, \$1,862 for surfacing Delta Ave. & \$1,245 for surfacing Levee Road.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Wellnitz & Denarde, 314-16th St., S. F., \$49,648 for const. Post Office Bldg. at S. F. Airport, SAN MATEO COUNTY, under Prop. "B" (Const. Post Off. Bldg. & related work with wood fdns.), Airport Dept. Constr. No. 107.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F. \$13,601 for grade — pave portions of Elkton and San Jose and Ocean Ave., Mun.

Ry. No. 293.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to H. S. Tittle, 85 Columbia Sq., S.F., \$11,065 for street light, sts. on Geary St., Masonic to Divisadero & Masonic, Geary to O'Farrell, under BLH&P 43.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$15,100 for paving Post Office Area at San Francisco Airport, SAN MATEO COUNTY, under Air Cont. No. 108.

Richmond, Calif.: Contract awarded to E. J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St., El Cerrito, \$1,580,000 for const. City Hall & Hall of Justice.

Salt Lake, Utah: Contract awarded to Colthrop Const. Co., Rangely, Colo., \$50,591 for const. NW-SE Landing Strip, Roosevelt Municipal Airport, DUCHESNE COUNTY, CAA Proj. 9-42-011-7.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Contract awarded to W. W. Clyde Const. Co., Bowers Bldg., Springville, \$80,523 for const. Nephi Municipal Airport, North-South Runway, JUAB CTY., CAA proj. 9-42-009-7.

San Jose, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Picanco Bros., 1367 Lexington St., Santa Clara, \$4,200 for const. irrig. facilities at San Jose Municipal Airport property.

MARCH 17, 1948

Newman, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Prichard & Son, 624 Madison St., Modesto, \$36,312 for const. 40 ft. x 82 ft. 6 inch. swimming pool and dressing rooms.

Sanger, Calif.: Contract awarded to P. & J. Artukovich, 13305 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, 184-786 for const. 8 in. to 24 in. sanitary sewers.

Fresno, Calif.: Contract awarded to G. O. Bateman, 5029 White Ave., Fresno, \$4191 for imp. of No. Side of Platt Ave., betw. So. Second St. & S. Fifth street.

Stockton, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo Ave., Stockton, \$7,369 for const. sanit. sewer in El Dorado St. from Alpine Ave. to College View, unit No. 2.

Salinas, Calif.: Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$7,192 for const. Glenwood Park Sanitary Sewers.

Chico, Calif.: Contract awarded to O'Conner Bros., 750 Madison St., Red Bluff, \$1,295, for const. conc. culvert under Shasta Way, near West 1 st St.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Geo. Pollock Co., Forum Bldg., Sacramento, \$9,455 for rem. & disp. of wreck "Showboat" in Sacramento River, nr. Sacramento, Inv. No. 502-0.

MARCH 18, 1948

Monterey, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Vern R. Huck, Box 1388, Salinas, \$9,290 for alts. & addns. to Bldg. No. 15, Naval Air Station, under Sped. No. 19352.

Redding, Calif.: Contract awarded to J. P. Brennan, 1342 Butte St., Redding, \$78,584, for const. four class rm. add. to Magnolia Street School.

Kalamath Falls, Ore.: Contract awarded to Tyson & Watters, P. O. Box 1914, Sacramento, \$35,867 for const. earthwork, So. main dike, "B" dike & North main dike, Tule Lake sump, Modoc Unit, Tule Lake Division, Kalamath Proj., Oregon-Calif., under Spec. No. 2076.

Mill Valley, Calif.: Contract awarded to 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$886 for awarded to McGuire & Hester, cross-connecting old & new existing sanitary sewer sys. at nine manholes with the City of Mill Valley, and to plug certain specified sewers in the old sewer sys.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to M. J. Lynch, 2251 Revere St., S.F., \$36,514 for rem. car tracks & A.C. pave on Folsom st., betw. Steuart and Third; Steuart St. betw. Howard & Folsom; Howard St. betw. Steuart & Embarc., and Embarc. betw. Howard & underpass.

MARCH 22, 1948

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Walsh Const. Co., 785 Market St. S.F., for const. of 6,000 ft. main tun., surge tank & penstock tunnel for Rock Creek Power Plant of the PG&E Co., about 38 m. N.E. of Oroville in BUTTE COUNTY.

Chester, Calif.: Contract awarded to McCoy & Burler, Teegarden & Sutter Sts., Yuba City, \$298,378 for const. 8 classroom bldg., etc., Seneca Elementary School Dist.

MARCH 23, 1948

Sacramento, Calif.: Cont. awarded to L. G. Lentz, 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, \$2,775 for grad. & pav. Alley X to Broadway, betw. 27th and 28th Sts.

Jackson, Calif.: Contract awarded to Wm. E. Thomas Const. Co., Rte 4, Box 3400, \$29,365, for const.

R.C. Bridge Acers. N. Fork Mokelumne River, AMADOR COUNTY. MARCH 24, 1948

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Haas & Rothchild, 274 Brannan St. S.F., for const. conc. foundation & bldg. extensions at Station "H" (Martin Sta.) Geneva Ave. & Bayshore Blvd.

Santa Rosa, Calif.: Contract awarded to Peter Onsrud, 2008 Fulton Rd. Santa Rosa, \$1,116 for widening of 10th St., betw. Mendocino Ave & "B" street.

Reno, Nevada: Contract awarded to Geo. E. Miller, 111 Morrill Ave., Reno, Nev., \$88,700 for const. sewage pumping plant on Mill Street Road.

Oakland, Calif.: Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc. 232 Santa Marina Bldg., S.F., \$764,615 for 10.5 mi. precast concrete pile foundation for Unit C. Sec. Mokelumne Aque., CONTRA COSTA & SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES, under Spec. No. 78.

Redwood City, Calif.: Contract awarded to Fred J. Early, Jr., Co., 369 Pine St., S.F., \$449,576 for const. sew. treatment to plant, interceptor line and force main on Steinberger Rd.

Patterson, Calif.: Contr. awarded to E. E. Lowell, 1248 Georgia St., Vallejo, \$53,617 for const. indus. waste line, lagoons & alterations to treat. pit.

Oakland, Calif.: Contract awarded to Heafey-Moore Co., 344 High St., Oakland, \$9,939 for asph. conc. surf. on 99th St., betw. MacArthur Blvd. & Bancroft Ave.

Sacramento, Calif.: Cont. awarded to Trewhitt-Shields & Fisher, 926 Parallel Ave., Fresno, \$129,160 for const. underpass under A. T. & S. F. tracks & 0.6 mi. grade & pave, 1.5 mi. East of Madera, MADERA COUNTY.

MARCH 29, 1948

San Jose, Calif.: Contr. awarded to A. J. Raisch, 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$5,662 for grade & pave Cecil & Bailey Aves., Supervisor's Dist. No. 4, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

Antioch, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Asta Construc. Co., 33 N. Front St., Rio Vista, \$41,367 for curbs, etc., and resurf. on "F" St., betw. 10th St. to So. of "A" St.; 13th St., betw. "F" St. and "D" St. and on "E" St., betw. 10th St. and 13th St., under 1911 Act.

Turlock, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Oscar Jerner, Rt. 2, box 12, Turlock, \$12,604 for 14,000 cu. yd. dirt fill on 13 acre site at Orange St. and South Avenue.

Davis, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Ebentraut & Summers, 696 Pen. Ave. S. F., \$2,270,000 for const. school of veterinary medi. bldg. Unit 1, on Davis Campus, Univ. of Calif.

King City, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Valley Trenching Co., 215 Broadway, Fresno, \$31,299 for const. sew. lines & laterals.

Sacramento, Cal.: Contr. awarded to McGillivray Cons. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$8,654 for curbs, gutters and drainage facil. in 59th St. and 61st St., betw. 8th Ave. and 11th Ave.

Sacramento, Cal.: Contr. awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$94,850 for asphaltic conc. surf. on Meister Terrace, Unit No. 3.

MARCH 30, 1948

Berkeley, Calif.: Contr. awarded to N. M. Ball & Sons, 685 Delaware St., Berkeley, \$57,800 for const. of 4,000 lin. ft. of road, crusher run base, asph. conc. surf. from Hearst Ave. to Cyclotron site.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dew. Bldg. S.F., \$8,603 for laying 6-in. and 8 in. C.I. mains in Alamynd Blvd. and Custer St., under S.F. W.D. Contr. No. 477.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to D.J. & T. Sullivan, Inc., 1940 Folsom St., S.F., \$3,927 for moving oil tanks and incinerator at Elkton Yds. under Muni-Railway No. 294.

Antioch, Calif.: Contr. awarded to Adams & Chittenden, Auburn, \$39,3 for const. warehouse bldg. at Tracy Pump. Plt. Central Valley, Proj., Calif., under Spec. No. 2111.

Sacramento, Cal.: Contr. awarded to J. R. Reeves, Sacramento, P. O. Box 1072, \$5,100 for asph. conc. pavement on 17th Ave. betw. North "B" and "A" Streets.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., Bowers Bldg., Springfield, Utah, \$507,255 for const. 13,595 miles plantmix, bitum. surf. & two conc. & steel bridges on U.S. 40 and 50 betw. Low & Timpie, TOOELE COUNTY.

MARCH 31, 1948

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th

& F. Sts., Marysville, \$207,883 for levee enlargement, S. Levee, American River, from 16th St. bridge to Mayhews, SACRAMENTO COUNTY, under Spec. 1321.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Dinwiddie Const. Co., Inc., Crocker Bldg., S.F. \$1,076,937 for const. 500,000 bushes reinf. conc. grain elevator on Islais Creek, Grain Terminal Plant.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contracts awarded to M. B. McGowan, Inc., 625 Market St., S.F., by (1) Fred J. Early Co., 369 Pine St., S.F., for furn. & drive creosoted piling at Redwood City sewage treatment plant. (2) Lou Jones Const. Co., sub-contr. to Parish Bros., for driving steel piles for 4th St. separation, North of North end Carquinez bridge.

WITH THE EQUIPMENT DEALERS

By JOSEPH RILEY

Business Representative, Local 3

It is important that we remember all equipment dealers who have signed agreement with the Engineers Union.

Its' a difficult task to convince non-union employers that it is a definite advantage to belong to the "Royal Family". Whenever new equipment is purchased or used equipment is to be repaired, remember to patronize the shops who have Local 3 men on the payroll.

Also, remember our jurisdiction: "we shall repair all equipment operated by members of Local No. 3." Whenever possible insist that Local 3 repairmen overhaul our rigs—it's our work! Get it and hang on to it!

FOUR SIGN AGREEMENT

Since the publication of our last news letter four dealers have signed our standard form agreement. Republic Sales Company, Blake Equipment Company, Scott Machinery Company, and Valley Trenching Company—all located in Sacramento. (Sierra Tractor Company can also be added to this list!)

Scott Machinery Company has the agency in Northern California and Nevada for the Insley Shovel, Le Roi Rix Compressors, concrete mixers, and many other types of construction equipment.

Blake Equipment Company has really gone into the repair business and Brother McAnally claims there is nothing too big for him

to handle in their shop.

Republic Sales Company have a good assortment of cranes (all sizes), tractors, and miscellaneous equipment. Brother Ray Cochrane apparently is the chief nut buster around this spread and doing a good job keeping the equipment rolling.

Soule Equipment Company is demonstrating this Le Tourneau-dozer (electric) on the Earl Parker levee job at Sacramento. What next?

Bay Equipment Company have opened a new sales division in Sacramento. This company also has a branch at Richmond California. They are the distributors of the Osgood Shovel and have a signed equipment dealers agreement with Local 3.

All of the above companies are worthy of our support—try to remember them. Whenever it's necessary to purchase new equipment or have any repair work done.

Western States Apprenticeship Conference at Boyes May 10-14

California will act as host to the Eleven Western States at a conference on apprenticeship and other on-the-job training at Sonoma Mission Inn, Boyes Springs, May 10-14.

The 11 western states are co-operating wholeheartedly to make the conference a success and will send representatives from management, labor, government, veterans and civic organizations.

Coordinators have been appointed by the 11 governors to work on arrangements, and they are being assisted by the Apprentice-Training Service and the State Apprenticeship Council in each state.

Paul Scharrnberg, directors of Industrial Relations, was named by Governor Warren as California Coordinator.

There is a California Labor-Management Committee for the conference, which has held several meetings and is helping put coordinate arrangements on a state-wide basis.

AFL members on the committee are: C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the federation; Dan Del Carlo, secretary, San Francisco Building Trades Council, and Thomas Rotell, Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council Secretary. Archie Mooney, chief, D. A. S. is ex-officio member and secretary of the committee.

The conference will be essentially one of labor and industry, with government agencies doing much of the work of coordinating the arrangements.

Discussions by the various panels will center around the leading industries of the expending west: Building and construction, graphic arts, iron and steel, light and power, lumber and saw mills, manufacturing, metal trades, mining, service and distribution and transportation.

This announcement, the committee states, will serve as a preliminary invitation, and further information will be released from time to time.

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LABOR LAUDS T-H DECISION

Washington. — Commenting on Judge Ben Moore's decision holding the anti-political expenditures section of the Taft-Hartley law unconstitutional. AFL President William Green last week said:

"All of organized labor hails the enlightened decision rendered by Judge Ben Moore in which he held that Section 304 of the Taft-Hartley Act, which prohibits expenditure of union funds for federal election purposes unconstitutional."

"We are confident that the decision will be upheld in the United State Supreme Court," Green added.

The AFL leader pointed out that the same section of the anti-labor law is being tested in a Justice Department suit against AFL painters in Connecticut. He said that he hopes the two cases will be reviewed by the Supreme Court at the same time.

Commenting on the federal court decision, the current issue of The Machinist says: "The American system of government, with its often unwieldy checks and balances, often irritates the professors of government and the apostles of efficiency. But, ponderous though it may be, our system works best in protecting our individual freedoms—freedoms that are being checked off in a good part of the world. Not even a majority of the Congress has been able to strip us of our right to free speech, free press and free assembly."

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