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GREEN HITS RUSSIA AND T-H, ASKS SOCIAL REFORMS IN U. S.

"There may be divisions among us upon questions of jurisdiction but when it comes to unity upon the very fundamental and vital problems upon which our government is erected, we stand as a barrier against the introduction of those ideologies and strange philosophies which are tearing the world asunder and in defense of the basic principles of freedom and justice," said AFL President William Green, who made a special trip to Chicago to speak to the Engineers' convention.

He congratulated the union on the work it has done and spoke in favor of the proposed amalgamation with the Firemen and Oilers.

Concerning Russia, he said: "What do you think of one nation that assumes a negative attitude all the time, night and day, seven days a week, 30 days a month, 365 days a year? All they know is to vote no, and to veto under the power imposed upon them even if a majority decides, veto it because of the exercise of that power conferred upon them by the charter of the United Nations."

EXPENDING CONTROL
"And, in the meantime, while that is going on at these meetings, this one government is undercover seeking to exercise its control over other nations. In fact, they are carrying on a war while apparently negotiating peace."

He condemned Russia's practice of fighting our effort to aid the starving people of Europe while she takes advantage of their prostrate positions to extend power and influence.

EXPRESS ALARM
"I am tremendously alarmed over the situation, and I do not mind admitting it, because it is a menace to us. We realize the situation, and our nation now is beginning to prepare again. An ominous and oppressive threat to
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Stay Out of Alaska!

That's the word coming down from the north country, because there are plenty of men on hand at present, and costs are high, rooms \$100 a month. Jobs will pick up after July 1 when fiscal money starts coming through. Bro. Dan Sipes of Oakland Local 3 drove his Crosley car through to Fairbanks in 12 days, writes there isn't much work now but should be later on.

Vallejo is planning a \$1½ million sewage disposal system.

High Tribute to IUOE Officers

High tribute was paid to the work of the international officers by delegates at the Chicago convention—tribute to sincere, capable representation during the past four years, during which membership, financial standing, and national status of the IUOE has grown into a position of leadership on the American labor scene.

Elected to office for the new four-year term were President Maloney; William K. Walsh; first vice-pres.; Anton J. Inhahn, second vice-president.; John J. McDonald, third vice-president.; Joseph Delaney, fourth vice-pres.; Frank P. Converse, fifth vice-pres.; Charles B. Gramling, sixth vice-pres.; Victor S. Swanson, seventh vice-pres.; Frank A. Fitzgerald, secretary-treasurer, and William J. Stuhr, H. H. Herbolzheimer, and O. B. Soucie, as trustees.

Bro. Swanson was nominated by Delegate C. A. Evans of Los Angeles, and the nomination was seconded by Lawrence of San Francisco, McDonald of New York, Royce of Los Angeles, Simmons of New Orleans, Reid of Goldsborough, N. C.; Holden of St. Louis, Gray of Phoenix, Nygard of Minneapolis, Possehl of Cleveland, Gibson of Los Angeles, Kinnaman of Casper, Wyo.; Wimmer of Memphis, Judd of Los Angeles; Burchett of Twin Cities, Minn.; Wark of Vancouver, B. C.; White of Billings, Soucie of Terre Haute. Walther of Milwaukee, Trainor of Boston, and Nolan of New York.

39 OK's 17 Contracts

Local 39 voted to approve 17 contracts, most of them in the valley, San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose, at the April 24 meeting. Included in the contracts approved was that with Liquid Carbonic, San Francisco.

The Right to
VOTE
Is Your
Priceless Heritage
Don't Fail to Use It

2½ Tons of Gold

Natomas Gold Dredging Co. screened out 81,656 ounces of gold from 4,344,000 cubic yards of material on 358 acres in the north central valley area during 1947, an increase of 10,000 ounces over 1946.

Contract to M. & K. Corp., for annex to main library at U. C., \$1,517,833.

And Life Goes On

About the briefest, but most colorful report yet given on news of the brothers is this month's from Stockton: "Some of the members have been presented with new kids; some have gone to jail; some have been married; some have left home. But more about this next month."

Contract to Otto B. Ashbach Corp. & Steenberg Const. Co. of St. Paul at \$4,648,925, for section of Friant-Kern canal near Lindsay.

45-in. Rain at Eureka!

There was no drought on the north coast this year, in fact, it seems all the storms coming in off the north Pacific dumped their load up there. Eureka has had 45 inches of rain, and Crescent City 75 inches.

Shipwreck Up River

Oakland Local 3 report covers news of a recent river accident, in which the Luckenbach freighter, Douglas Victor, got off course and ran into the Dredge Neptune near the Franks tract. None of the dredge crew was hurt, but the boom was almost completely wrecked, and the Neptune will be under repair for some time.

Several big highway jobs set this year for the Fresno district.

2-Track 101, SF-SLO

Highway plans for 101 indicate it won't be long before this trail will be double track all the way from Frisco to San Looey Obispo.

Contract for Los Padres dam on upper Carmel river at Barnes Flat to Mocco Corp., Clearwater, for \$848,245, finished by December.

UNION SHOP BALLOT MAY BE DISCARDED

Moves to abolish the union shop election provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act, leaving unions and employers free to negotiate union shop clauses, have been started in Congress, but meanwhile a series of "pilot" elections in this industry were started in Pennsylvania on May 10 by General Counsel Robert Denham of NLRB.

Denham admitted before the convention of the I. U. O. E. in Chicago that this matter presents a problem as yet unsolved and serious difficulties that must be worked out in one way or another.

"To hold a union shop election in the construction industry where employers shift around from job to job and employees work a few weeks here and a few weeks there as the progress of the various jobs calls for their class of work presents a distinctly different problem which I am not yet sure we have entirely solved," Denham told the convention.

VOTE IS UNNECESSARY

He admitted that the union shop election is proving itself cumbersome and expensive and that the "workers are voting for union shop in more than 90 per cent of the cases." (At latest report, the figure was 98 per cent in favor of the union shop.)

Congressman G. W. Landis and Senator Irving M. Ives have announced plans to introduce a bill abolishing the union shop election provisions, and at the same time Congressman Fred A. Hartley of T-H fame said in a convention speech, "We are considering abolishing the requirement" because such elections are almost "impossible to administer" in the building trades and because so large a percentage of workers are voting for the union shop.

"In only a handful of cases—
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Next Convention West

Next convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers will be held on the west coast in 1952, in accordance with action of the recent convention in Chicago. It was first recommended that choice of a city be left to the executive officers, but on motion of Bro. Tom Roberts of Local 39, it was voted that the next convention be held on the Pacific Coast. Bro. Roberts and Bro. Pat Clancy thanked the delegates for their action.

Aircrash Kills Member

Bro. Art Bratset, Oakland member of Local 3, was killed in a mid-air crash at Hayward airport on May 1. Practicing touch-and-go landings with Instructor Tom Cardinet at the conclusion of five weeks of flying lessons, their ship came up under that of Instructor Allen Gahagan, who's prop chewed their wing and sent them plummeting to earth. Gahagan came in safely. Surviving Bro. Bratset are his wife, Beatrice, and two sons, Donald, 9, and David, 6 months. We extend sincere condolences to them.

77 Westerners at IUOE Convention

Following are the 77 western delegates at the 23rd convention of the international union:

San Francisco, Local 3: Patrick Clancy, Alton Clem, Ed Doran, Chet Elliott, H. O. Foss, E. A. Hester, F. A. Lawrence, C. F. Mathews, M. G. Murphy, Victor S. Swanson, and P. E. Vandewark. Local 39: C. C. Fitch, R. E. McCarthy, T. J. Roberts.

Denver, Local 1: H. H. Herbolzheimer, Wm. G. Thornhill, Local 9: Tom Barker, E. C. Dye, Dick Edwards, L. W. Lenhart, Robt. Lynch, W. E. Magruder, Carl Meyers, Ed Walsh.

Los Angeles 12: C. A. Blomquist, W. C. Carroll, C. A. Evans, J. C. Fitzgerald, H. W. Gibson, J. R. Groom, P. A. Judd, M. L. Miller, J. Royce, M. A. Skates. Local 63: E. C. Smith, H. C. Sorensen.

Spokane 83: A. Sundin. Local 370: A. B. Olson, D. H. Burget, W. R. Clark, W. R. Dye, T. F. Howe, A. A. Rossman, Len Corey, Ray Clark.

Portland 87: G. W. Eggiman, Lawrence Flannery, N. D. Hansen, E. C. Lange, C. R. Owen. Local 701: R. F. Cleveland, G. W. Curtis, L. E. Egan, C. C. Lewis, W. F. Richards, H. A. Schell, G. L. Westling.

San Pedro 236: J. O. Kowatch, W. W. Mahaffey.

Boise 285: Fred Radomske.

Seattle 302: R. T. Conlon, Jack McDonald, Cole Abbott, J. E. Albert, N. J. Provo. Local 843: Bert Swain.

Casper 326: O. D. Kinnaman.

Billings 376: Albert White.

Phoenix 428: R. L. Clark, L. L. Dugan, W. A. Gray, I. C. Lane.

San Diego 523: M. W. Rogers.

Tacoma 606: Earl Palmatier, W. E. Westwood.

In Memoriam

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

- H. C. Baker, Local 3.
- C. P. Patton, Local 3.
- Grant Freestone, Local 3-D.
- Wm. J. Reed, Local 3.
- Ralph D. Ducini, Local 3-A.
- Ralph Gibson, Local 3.
- Harry Totten, Local 3.
- George Means, Local 3.
- J. B. Dillen, Local 3.
- C. T. Pohren, Local 3.
- Arthur Bratset, Local 3-A.
- Wm. Beveridge, Local 3-A.

Official Notice to Members

DUES:
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.

BURIAL EXPENSE FUND—Members whose dues are not paid up to date, jeopardize the rights of their beneficiaries to collect any benefits in case of death. PROTECT YOUR FAMILY . . . see that your dues are paid currently.

NOTIFY THE UNION OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS!

California members, do not fail to vote in the June 1 primary election!

BE SURE TO VOTE IN CALIFORNIA JUNE 1 PRIMARY

We Should Fight Communism Not Encourage It

By JOHN W. RUSSELL

The President of the United States has asked Congress to pass a Universal Military Training Law. He also asked Congress to revive the Draft Law, and for the immediate passage of ERP—to vote the billions for Europe's recovery. In other words, we are to prepare for war. We are to send billions to friendly nations, to help strengthen them so that they can help stand off an enemy. This enemy to freedom-loving nations is Communism. It is the spread of Communism that we are asked to prepare to check. It is the spreading of Communism that has given the world the worst case of peace-time jitters we have ever known. Communism is not only a product of Soviet Russia, but it has, through Russian influence, engulfed practically all of Eastern Europe, and is making definite inroads into Central and Southern Europe. Some of our best international observers believe that its one ambition is to engulf the world. If this be true—and it very likely is—any other course than that recommended by the President would be National suicide.

BUT, why is Communism so dangerous? Why do we fear Communism so much? What manner of "ism" is it which can make the rest of the peoples of the world shake in their boots? Just what is Communism? It is a form of dictatorship in which the power has been taken from the people and placed in the hands of a very few persons. It is a form of government under which their citizens are forbidden freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and freedom of soul. Their government owns everything. Yet a government cannot invent. It cannot create. It can only consume. Individuals invent and individuals create. It is this freedom of invention and creation that has given the American people the incentive to go forward. It is the application of this incentive that has made America great. It has made her wealthy. It has given her the highest living standards of any nation on earth. Communism strives to break down these standards of free peoples. In America we have Patent Laws, Trade Mark Laws, Fair Trade Laws, and a great network of protective laws to protect our business and our people.

Yet with all the protective laws for business, patents and trade marks, and all the other protective laws we have, our Congress and Legislatures seem hell-bent on passing class legislation removing rights of the American workers to organize on an equal footing with big business. If Communism is so bad, why should our lawmakers be urging Communistic methods? Why condemn Communism and then practice its very essence? If there is no freedom under Communism, and we would go to war over that, why remove freedom from our own citizens? If protective laws made America free, and made America great, who are these lawmakers that would destroy that protection? At the last general election Arizona voted the mis-named Right to Work Bill. This deceptive bill was sold on the promise of its proponents that there would be no enabling legislation to put teeth into it. Therefore, it was to be a declaration of policy. Then along comes the Legislature and votes in Senate Bill 65, which really puts "teeth" into the Right to Work Bill. But thanks to your Unions, Senate Bill 65, as well as the Right to Work Bill is not in effect, and will not be until the next election when you and everyone will have a chance to vote on S. B. 65. This is the time to kill that dastardly thing once and for all. If the right to bargain collectively is good for contractors, for merchants, for lawyers, for cattlemen, for doctors, then why isn't it good for the working classes?

Let us remember that you cannot legislate people into goodness. You can legislate away their freedom. You can legislate them into slavery. You can legislate them into bondage. You can legislate them into violence. You can legislate them into revolution. You can legislate them into war. AND YOU CAN LEGISLATE THEM INTO COMMUNISM.

—From "Engineers Bulletin," Phoenix, Ariz.

EQUAL WORK OPPORTUNITY

To the Entire Membership
Of Local Union No. 3:

Inasmuch as our local union jurisdiction covers such a large area, and has so large a membership, it is absolutely necessary that each member carries out his obligations to his union, in order that work opportunities shall be the same for all members.

As you know, Local No. 3 has thirteen (13) branch offices scattered throughout our jurisdiction. These offices give as much service to the members as is possible and in any one of these offices any unemployed member should register if out of work, stating the class of work he desires and is qualified to do. This is to make it possible for the Business Agent, or Dispatcher, to contact such Brother when jobs are reported in to the office. In this way the best service can be given.

However, we find in each office, names of members who are now working and still are on the unemployed list. Such members have gone to work without reporting to the office in which they had registered as out of work!

If each member would be kind enough to report to the office at the time he goes to work, or leaves for any other territory, it would make it possible to give better and quicker service to those others who are unemployed and are desirous of going to work, as it would save both time and expense wasted in telephoning and wiring members who are already employed.

We trust that each member will give this matter serious consideration, for the good of all concerned.

The membership also must take some drastic action to remedy another serious situation which has developed, and which must be corrected!

We find that members come into an office and secure a clearance for a job, to report for work the following morning . . . and then fail to report on the job! The member does not notify the office of his "change of mind" and the result is that the contractor is short an operator and calls in to the office feeling that the union has not lived up to its agreement . . . which, of course, it hasn't and the contractor is certainly not satisfied.

In the future, if this should happen again, such Brother will be cited before the Executive Board and then before the union for trial, as this practice must stop for the good of our whole organization.

Brothers . . . this is your union! You made the laws, and if you violate them, both you and the members who did not violate them suffer alike!

Trusting you will give consideration to these matters, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,
VICTOR S. SWANSON,
Local Union Manager.

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Among many projects for the San Jose area is a million-dollar housing project starting soon at Santa Cruz.

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Prospects are fairly good that Senate will approve \$2 million for a starter on the Sacramento deep water ship channel.

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P. M., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present. There were approximately 120 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3 was read and by motion approved as read. A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of April 21 and of April 28 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from Mr. Owen Hauey, Mrs. N. Panoski and family, and the William O. Peer family. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Harry Allen, Nicholas Backovich, Salvatore J. Barca, Arch L. Barnes, A. B. Beeny, H. J. Beck, C. W. Birdwell, Joseph E. Britt, Edward N. Brooks, Linton L. Brown, Carl E. Baker, J. M. Cabral, R. H. Cannon, Irvin Cavanaugh, Bill Clark, Art Cook, Chas. D. Curtiss, Robert S. Cunliffe, Geo. R. Dailing, Wm. Lester Dupes, Charles L. Evans, Edwin Fred Everson, F. J. Gilmore, William A. Gomez, King Granger, Arthur H. Greener, Jess B. Gregory, J. N. Guice, Robert L. Gwyn, Ulric M. Harris, Glenn Haley, J. Edward Hamilton, R. E. Harwell, Wallace E. Hitchcock, William Hotz, George E. Jones, Frank Kewatz, Samuel King, Jack Lemon, Andrew L. McCormick, Walter R. McGary, James E. Marion, Ernest Navone, Andrew Oliphant, Quin J. Ongaro, Manuel Pereira, Frank Randall, Hubert Ranson, Carl W. Reynen, Jack J. Rossi, Ned E. Shurtliff, Keith Shepard, K. C. Spurgeon, Archie L. Steadman, William Stephens, C. H. Strickland, Martin A. Sweet, James H. Tennant, H. S. Tims, Geo. Tipton, J. B. Vance, W. E. Vance, Roy E. Waites, Hans Werner, Bert M. Williams.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: J. B. Dillen, Ralph D. Duccini, Grant Freestone, Ralph Gibson, George Means, C. P. Patton, C. T. Pohlen, Wm. J. Reed and Harry Tofsen.

The following Resolution was read as the first reading:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The present law requires unemployed persons to show evidence that they are actually seeking employment on their own account to be eligible for unemployment insurance, and

WHEREAS, In many cases members of Local No. 3 have met considerable difficulty in obtaining unemployment insurance due to their failure to produce such evidence,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That all members when unemployed be required to report to one of the offices of Local No. 3, at least once per week.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted as the first reading. Carried unanimously.

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

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

The Agreement with the Associated General Contractors was discussed. After explanations from the Committee it was regularly moved and seconded that the Negotiating Committee be authorized to consummate and sign the A. G. C. agreement. Carried unanimously.

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

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

Veterans' information

By JOSEPH RILEY

Following the simple law of averages, what is the situation, now that our hypothetical Veteran's case has been denied? He has absolutely no recourse. He is through. The decision of a Veterans Appeals Board cannot be questioned and this is a matter of law. The only thing he can do now is to start the weary grind all over again, filing another claim, which must be considered on evidence not previously judged. In other words, all the evidence in his file is as dead as yesterday's newspaper.

Because of what amounts to almost pure misinformation, many a Veteran with a deserving case simply needing a little development, winds up "behind the eight ball," embittered with the Vets Administration and cynical of his rights, either present or future, as a Vet.

Strictly speaking, the privilege of appeal to Washington is an action which should only be taken as a last resort when it becomes obvious that a deserving case cannot or will not receive proper consideration. In all fairness to the V. A., it should be stated that cases of actually unfair or improper ratings are a rarity.

There is, however, a say in which a Veteran may have a reconsideration of his case, not only once, but time and again, should the circumstances warrant. In no case will his previous evidence be "killed off." Referring to the matter of "reopening" as against an appeal.

It is unfortunate that the V. A., in notifying the Veteran of his right to appeal, does not also notify him that he can get a reconsideration of his claim with far less trouble and with far greater chance for success.

Most trouble and grief could be done away with if all Veterans knew the way to obtain a reconsideration as to reopening their cases.

The formal appeal, in itself, is based on an alleged error of fact or law as claimed by the Veteran. In other words, the Veteran says that the rating Board made an error and he thinks a higher authority may "see the light." The high percentage of denials by the Board of Veteran

Appeals is proof in itself that this line of attack is not advisable. Additional evidence in support of the appeal may be filed with the notice, but unfortunately in many cases, the appeal goes in, unsupported, ill-advised, and with little or no chance of success.

The reopening of a claim is a fairly simple matter. It can be done upon the evidence of a medical doctor's statement, additional service records, and the sworn statement of friends and or relations.

If upon reconsideration, the claim is again disallowed or a previous rating continued, there is nothing to stop the Veteran from again submitting additional evidence toward another reconsideration. In this regard, the Veterans Service Officer can materially assist in procuring evidence or in giving advice as to the apparent advisability of reopening the claim.

A claim may be reopened as often as is considered necessary. Each time, the new evidence must be considered in conjunction with everything previously filed. On the other hand, with the Formal

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WE HAVE THE VOTES
LET'S USE THEM!

45 IN. OF RAIN AT EUREKA, 75 AT CRESCENT CITY, HAVE SLOWED NORTH COAST JOBS

By OTTO E. NEVER
Business Representative, Local 3

Eureka—This news report from the Redwood Empire shows lots of activity planned for the summer. Continual rain has held up work until this time. The area around Crescent City has had in excess of 75 inches, while Eureka has had 45 inches for the season.

Underground Construction was successful bidder for a steel bridge across the south fork of the Smith River, but have been unable to start because of the weather. Phoney Bud Smith at Smith River has done like the proverbial Arab; folded his tent and slipped away. The equipment has been taken over by Mercer-Fraser Co. for their job at Orick. Two of Bud Smith's employees were forced to sue for their wages, and the justice of the peace fined Smith \$250 on two counts and 30 days in jail on each count which Smith has appealed.

Basalt Rock has moved in with a smaller crew than last year. Johnny Meloni is in charge at the present time. They do not expect to have any barges this year and only have six Eucs, and will run one shift. The appropriation of \$540,000 for the jetty is still held up by Congress. This is likewise holding up the construction of the barge dock. One or the other of these may materialize within 30 days.

Mercer-Fraser was successful bidder on the resurfacing job above Orick and has already started working. Baldwin & Straub, and Siri were successful bidders on the steel bridge at Turwar Creek. We have been unable to find out when they intend to start work. The job will amount to \$182,000 and includes eight-tenths of a mile of approaches.

Louis Conner expects to use at least three cats on the access roads at Hammonds. Several of the Brothers who are operating with one or two rigs are working around Orick on access roads and clearing slides.

Hallmark's dock at Trinidad may be used in the near future for loading logs. Plans are being made to install an \$80,000 sky hook, or highline.

There are several bridges being built by Ed Johnson and Reed and Tuttle. Mercer-Fraser has a couple of piledriving rigs going and have added about 10 of the brothers to their different crews. Carlin Bros. are still fighting the weather at Rohnerville on the airport. "Pete" Petersen is keeping a shovel and one cat busy on odd

dirt-moving jobs.

Burman Bros. are starting their access road for the M & M Wood Working Company near Leggett Valley. C. C. Ruby has not started his job at Rock Creek on the bridge. Syar was successful bidder for the surfacing job on Rattlesnake Summit. He is still being held up because of the weather. Brothers Jim Laker and Jack Campbell are up in this territory on a Lorain truck crane for the Mercer-Fraser Company.

Mercer-Fraser Company was successful bidder on the grading and surfacing job between Scotia and Fortuna. The job amounts to \$522,000. Evans Construction Company was successful bidder on a small bridge job amounting to \$22,000 at Chamberlain Creek in Mendocino County. McEwen has his rigs working in the woods at the Union Lumber Company, Fort Bragg, while Pomeroy has pulled his equipment off the bridge at Noyo River because of the lack of steel. However, steel delivery has been promised before July 1st.

We are still making progress in the woods.

C. A. Dunn still has several months work to do on the approaches to the bridge at Weitchpec, while Atkinson expects to start moving steel in for their contract about May 15th.

We regret commenting on the passing of our worthy Brothers. Brother Wm. Reed was killed April 13th at Fair Haven while working for the Mercer-Fraser Company. Brother George Means passed away after an emergency operation on April 28th. He was also employed by the Mercer-Fraser Company. These two brothers were always outstanding for their belief in the ideals of Local 3, and never ceased to be good will ambassadors of our organization. Appropriate funerals were conducted for both members by Local 3. Pall bearers were selected from fellow workers.

Brother Whitey Hellman has finally left for Bechtel's job in Arabia. We hear that Brother Roston Dillard is with Pantle Bros. near Nogales, Arizona, on a doodlebug job. Brother Al, "The Goose" Mongrain has just returned from Panama. He says natives smell and

Northbay Work Picks Up; Many Projects Slated

By H. O. FOSS

Representative, Local 3

San Rafael—Arthur B. Siri, Santa Rosa contractor, picked off a \$15,000 grading and paving contract in the city of Santa Rosa which should be well on its way to completion by the time of going to press.

The Pacific Pipeline and Engineers, Ltd., of El Cerrito were low at \$42,000 for the Marin Municipal Water District for the installation of cement-lined steel pipe from Porta Swallow Hill to Fairfax with Superintendent Hamilton in charge and Brother Haymark as pusher as well as the crew from the Conn Dam, Napa, who wanted to stay in sunny California instead of going to a large project for this company in Idaho.

The Bon Tempe Dam, Marin County, approximately a half-million-dollar project, should be starting very shortly with Baldwin & Straub and Piombo as sub for Malfitano and Macall Improvement Company.

Guy F. Atkinson Company, low bidder on the Calpella 10-mile realignment project of approximately one million dollars, is starting with Dick Alexander as project superintendent, Brother Ted Moore as master mechanic, Brothers Eugene Williams, John Dennis, William Hoffman, George Tusso, Ernie Gressot, Jim Clarke, George Baker, popular mechanic out of the South City shop of Atkinson, and Jack Douglas as foreman. With this line-up, Atkinson—as usual—will have little to worry about, as will the business representative. Wish we had more like Calpella.

A. G. Raisch, Ignacio contractor, sharpened his pencil to the tune of about \$200,000 and pinched off the Point Reyes-Novato 10-mile grading project as well as the \$70,000 Novato-Ignacio surfacing project and is very busy on these and several small paving jobs in the Vallejo vicinity.

Johnson & Nelson, "square-head" construction company of San Anselmo, are keeping busy on several small grading jobs in Mill Valley and vicinity in addition to other activities.

Jensen & Pitts, popular San Rafael contractors, are taking equipment into San Mateo for an intersection widening project, about \$40,000, which should be completed as this comes from the press.

Associated Engineers, Palo Alto, were low bidders on the \$135,000 Novato sewer line and sewage pumping and treating plant.

M. G. M. of Concord has an eight-mile mast pipeline job between Chabot Acres and Benicia with Brothers Lloyd Clark on one rig, Slim Aston on the other, and Brothers Lloyd Hensley and John Williams as oilers. This job is a "rush completion," otherwise the good people of Benicia will be most unhappy if it becomes necessary for them to "haul" water in cans for a week or more.

George Slinsen, popular contractor in the Napa area, has a number of Local 3 boys working on little jobs fixing up parking areas and roads on the Conn Dam and as many "in his pocket" contracts to keep the boys busy until the rains next winter, which makes George, the boys, and all of us happy.

The San Rafael Board of Education is calling for bids to be opened May 24 for the construc-

tion of a high school swimming pool.

Baldwin & Straub, San Rafael contractors, are the sub-contractors on the Guy F. Atkinson five-mile resurfacing and steel bridge erection job at Forsythe Creek in Mendocino County.

The City of Vallejo is contemplating the construction of a sewage disposal system with estimated cost of about a million and a quarter and the bids to be called for in the early summer.

PROSPECTS FOR SACRAMENTO DEEP WATER SHIP CHANNEL IMPROVE, U. S. FUNDS SEEN

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

Sacramento—The Sacramento Deep Water Channel was given a shot in the arm last month by the Senate Appropriations Committee, which voted 16 to 3 to approve a previous subcommittee recommendation of \$2,128,000 for construction of this project. The appropriation bill has been introduced in the Senate and some action is expected soon. A fight still looms when this measure comes up on the floor but it has been given better than a 50-50 chance to go over.

A \$1,000,000 appropriation for the Folsom Dam was also included in the committee recommendation and it is felt this will receive favorable treatment in both houses.

Here in Sacramento the City Council reaffirmed its faith in Brother Frank A. Lawrence by reappointing him as a member of the Port District Commission for a four-year term.

A few dirt jobs were let in this district during the past month, the largest going to H. Earl Parker, a 1,700,000-yard levee job out on Putah Creek. Brighton Rock, Sand and Gravel were low bidders on the Sloughhouse job. A. Tiechert on the Clarksburg job in Yolo County and Excavators, Inc. were low bidders on a levee job here in town. Rumor has it that a mistake was made in the bid and Excavators aren't going to be sore at anybody if the job isn't awarded to them. Someone's pencil slipped and this company bid \$1 per acre for the clearing. Most of the other bids were for over \$100 per acre.

Fredrickson & Watson are back on their job at Auburn and at the present time more than a dozen engineers are on the payroll. Fredrickson Brothers has their job at Grass Valley rolling again after a particularly slow month due to unusually heavy rainfall.

Up at Mosquito Ridge, Clyde Wood has his camp open and his job under way. This is really a place where the country stands on end and no place for a beginner. H. Earl Parker had half of the engineers in Local 3 on his American River levee job trying to keep them together until favorable weather would permit him to start some of the other work he has lined up. Buster Morrison is superintendent on the job and Brother Les Brown, Charley Rowe, Irving Poston, George White and Wayne Morris are doing the shifting.

Harming Brothers out of Stockton moved in on a small levee job at Broderick, with Brother E. H. Ritchie in charge.

Brother Paul Bear was hurt up on the McCoy and Butler job at Placerville but after spending a few days in the hospital is up and around again.

Congratulations go to Brother George McFadden, whose wife presented him with an eight pound future engineer on April 27.

Any of the brothers needing automobile insurance should contact Brother Lewis E. Pryor who is with the State Farm Mutual and can be reached at 2-1878.

Our sympathies go to Brothers Carl and Sterling Pirtle, whose father passed away last month.

There will be a meeting for the members of Local 3 on May 23, 1948 at 3 p.m. in Halls 1 and 2, 3rd floor, Labor Temple, 8th and Eye Streets, Sacramento. Please be present.

Urge Water Resources

Resolution urging Congress to make available sufficient funds to realize the sound development of the nation's water resources, supporting plans of the Bureau of Reclamation, and advocating continuance of works now under construction and planned was adopted at the IUOE convention in Chicago.

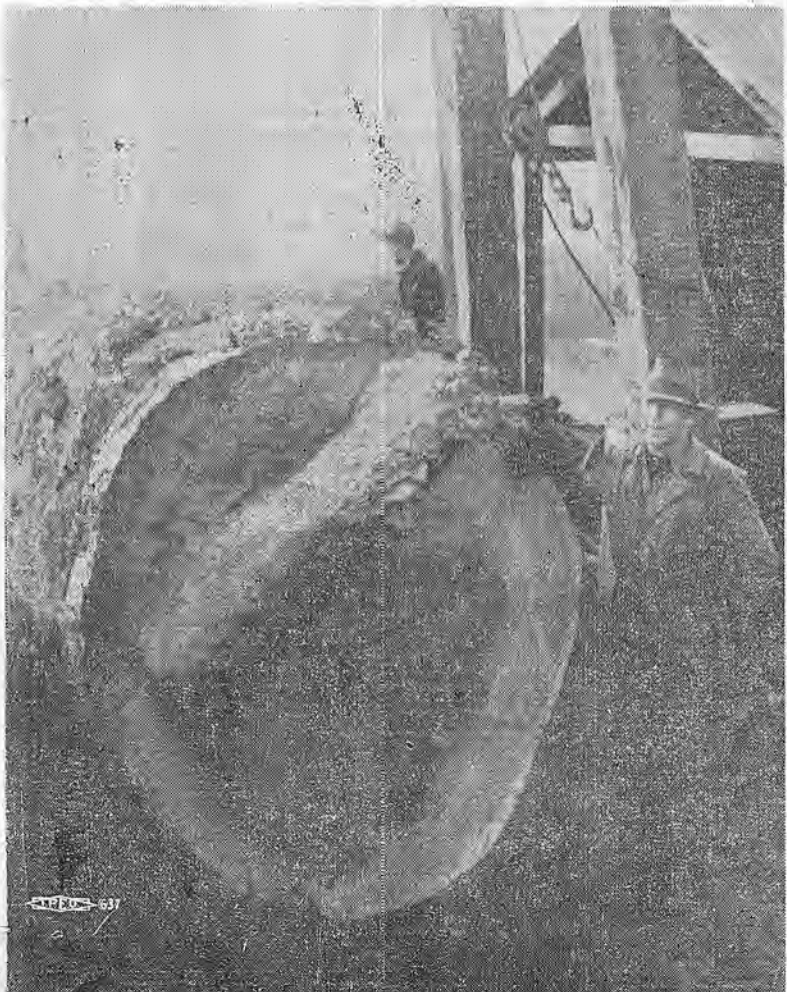
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It is with deep regret we learned of the passing of Brother John Dillon, well-known Napa resident and our sympathy is extended to his family in their loss.

Brother H. C. Gladrow of Santa Rosa called at the office after a long but sad sojourn in the East as his wife passed away while there and he spent many months in the hospital. He reports he is all ready to go now, having registered on the out-of-work list.

Brother "Slim" Collins, "world" traveler, writes from Salonica, Greece, that living conditions there are not as good as at the Waldorf-Astoria and, as in this country, "money talks" over there. He advises all brothers considering going

over there to have a good supply of the talking green stuff. He definitely does not recommend marksmanship medals for either side in the skirmishes in that area.



The handsome gent in this picture is Brother Pat Furnish, shown standing by one of the "small" logs he wrestled around daily at the Sound Lumber Company.

SOUTHBAY, SOUTHCOAST AREA GASSING UP FOR A BIG RUN IN PUBLIC, PRIVATE PROJECTS

By M. G. MURPHY
Representative, Local 3

San Jose—Well, brothers, here we are back from the convention in Chicago, which I must say was a great success and I'm sure all who attended are much wiser in labor relations. I will not attempt to elaborate on the subject matter but will leave that up to our able manager, Brother Swanson, who was there before and after we were.

While I am compiling this article most of our work is shut down on account of the recent heavy rains but I'm sure the sunshine and fair weather, which we are now enjoying, will result in the speedy resumption of activity from Palo Alto on down the line to Paso Robles. Since my last report, there has been no new work of any great magnitude started up in the neighborhood of San Jose—just the regular run of business for the local contractors. I am sorry to say that as yet I have nothing new to report on the proposed dam and highway relocation project at Los Gatos. (We really could have used that dam this past two weeks. A lot of water might have been conserved.)

SANTA CRUZ

This little city is showing a marked improvement in the past 30 days and bids are beginning to be called for on much of the proposed work. To date the latest project of major importance to us was the calling for bids on the sewage disposal plant. F. C. Stolte was low bidder on this job with a figure of approximately \$205,000. As I understand it, this city will have much work for the future.

As we said before, N. M. Ball will get rolling about May 15 on their heavy excavating. At this writing, they have one shovel on the job and a six Cat. I don't believe they intend to have much more of their own equipment on the job. Later on, however, they may bring in a couple of blades and rollers. I have received information from a reliable authority that the company intends to rent equipment from Clarence Baker of Chico for this job. Brother Jack Frost is now to be the "super" on the job and I'm sure he will do a good job.

No doubt by now most of you have heard of the untimely death of Roy Jones, who was to have been the superintendent on this N. M. Ball job. Roy had many friends in the Engineers' Union, including myself, and I'm sure we will all miss his friendly, sane, sensible ways and remember him as a fair, square and grand fellow.

Heple is still plugging along on his job, as well as Keeble, who has the excavation. They, too, have been held up to some extent on account of the heavy rains. Granite Construction, who have been playing a major role on Heple's project, have most of the piledriving completed but are still busy on the concrete.

There is also a million dollar housing project to get under way in this town soon. I'm not sure yet who is to be the general contractor. All in all, there will be considerable work in this locality for the summer.

WATSONVILLE

The Pajaro River job is now going along nicely since W. Bird changed supervision. Brother Harley Davidson is now in charge and everybody on the job appears to be happy and there doesn't seem to be any more discontent since the change was made. Harley did find it necessary to lay off one shift when he took over. It was impossible for the clearing gang to keep ahead of the Cats and Cobras on two shifts. The only complaint the brothers have now is that it has been raining and there is lost time—no more broken shifts and complaints over show-up time. What show-up time the boys did have coming under the former supervision has been taken care of by Brother Davidson and Mr. Bird. So it is beginning to look as if the former superintendent made his own trouble and tried to put the blame elsewhere.

Tyson & Waters have been hav-

ing trouble in completing their racetrack job on account of all the recent rainfall but of course rain plays no favorites but takes in everybody. . . . The L. C. Karstedt Company has all its equipment out of the yard and it looks like a promising year for this company. . . . Granite Contruction as usual is busy on many projects in this locality, too numerous to mention here. I will say though that they still manage to keep about 50 engineers busy throughout the year.

MONTEREY

The contract has been awarded for the construction of the new Los Padres Dam in the upper Carmel Valley, to Macco Corporation at an approximate cost of \$850,000. Announcement was made by Mr. C. M. Goldsworthy, Monterey Peninsula manager of the California Water and Telephone Company. This project is supposed to be completed sometime in December. This is an earth-fill dam of approximately a half-million yards. The general superintendent, O. H. Tucker, informs me there will be in the neighborhood of 50 engineers employed on a double shift basis. The job is 32 miles south of Monterey (there is no telephone system to this particular job—it is really out in the so-called "sticks") and the company is installing a camp for workers who desire to stay at the job. The charge is \$3 per day, board and room. It is not compulsory for the employees to stay in camp, however, and there will be trailer space for the men who wish to take along their families (if you have a trailer). At present they are building the camp site and will not be ready to assume full operations for another four or five weeks. . . . Ferguson Brothers, of Oakland, whom I mentioned in a previous article as having a water conservation and pipeline job at Big Sur, are ready to proceed with their big job. At present they have two cranes pouring concrete on the huge tank which is part of the project. . . . F. C. Stolte as usual are busy in and around this locality with several jobs in operation and, needless to say, Granite Contruction likewise.

KING CITY-SAN ARDO

The Valley Trenching Company of Fresno has a large sewer job in this little town and will be here for some time. There are also another couple of jobs to come up in the near future. I also understand that bids for the rerouting of Highway 101, which will by-pass this city, will be called for sometime after the first of July. This, brothers, will be a nice one. . . . Granite Construction were the low bidders on the resurfacing job on Highway 101 between King City and San Ardo. The price is in the neighborhood of \$200,000. They expect to start operations very shortly. Yes, as I said before, 101 will soon be double track from San Francisco to San Luis, which is certainly needed.

CAMP ROBERTS

This place, known to so many of the boys during the war years, is beginning to look as though it may be reactivated. A maintenance crew is now at work there and there is also some small construction work going on. Maybe by the next issue I'll have more information for you.

Well, brothers, this is the end of my territory and of my story. See you again next month with, I hope, lots of good news.

Contract to Max B. Miller & Co., \$8 million, Triton lubricating oil plant at Oleum, and grease plant to J. M. Montgomery & Co., for \$900,000.

NLRB Hears Bid Of Local 3 on 3 Lumber Mills

By ED DORAN and RENNY BURROUGHS
Representatives, Local 3

Stockton—Highlight of the past month was the hearing held in Jackson at the Amador County Court House regarding the Engineers' Local 3 petition to hold elections at three lumber mills, Associated Box Company, Stockton Box Company, and Winton Lumber Company. The Engineers were petitioning the National Labor Relations Board to allow them to represent equipment operators and mechanics in woods. Results of the hearing are not yet known. Many facts concerning the operations of these mills came before the hearing that will permit the Engineers to make a more balanced and complete petition should it be necessary to file again on any of these cases. Brothers Ed Doran and Tom Fraser were on the stand for two hours bringing out various facts on the cases. Brother Adolph Koven represented the Union very ably.

Hiring in this area is accelerating rapidly as sunshine and winds follow the rains. McGaw and Teichert both have their hot plants rolling. M. J. B. is busy on the freeway with five Pulls and the Northwest.

Heinie Foss has sent us two of his best contractors, Lowell of Vallejo on the Patterson sewer farm and Ben Gerwick on the East Bay pipeline piledriving job between Middle River and Holt. Both jobs are going strong.

Joe Ruddy is getting strung out on his two road jobs at Vernalis and Wildcat Canyon.

The Artuckovitch and United Concrete Pipe jobs on the East Bay pipeline are showing excellent progress and United is expecting additional equipment to come in from day to day.

The tunnel jobs are on the finishing stages. Walsh and Morrison and Knudson have holed through. This completes the mucking for Walsh Co. and M. & K. Utah Const. Co. expects to hole through this month. Brother Ben Arp, supt. for Utah, has done a swell job for the Engineers' Union.

Teichert has moved his cat spread back to the Red Corral road job and will complete it this summer.

Fredrickson Bros. are well along on their highway job through Jackson; they also will finish this job by this summer.

Morrison & Knudson have moved off the Electra Power house job. Most of the fellows have gone to another job in Washington.

Brothers Bill Niles and Harvey Hendricks are operating the 100-ton overhead cranes for the Bechtel Co. at Electra Power house.

Some of the members have been presented with new kids; some have gone to jail; some have been married; some have left home. But more about this next month.

Local 3 Man is Killed By Truck Backing Up

Another death from backing truck, and another tragic warning that all trucks should be equipped with back-up horns, was the fatal injury to Bro. William Beveridge, 55, on May 6, on the Walsh Construction Co. job at Geneva Steel plant in Utah.

Bro. Beveridge, oiler on a crane, was on the ground working on a piece of equipment and did not see the truck backing into position to unload cement.

He had been a resident of Lehi practically all of his life, was born in 1892 at Castle Gate. He was a veteran of the first war, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Jeffs Beveridge; two sons, Calvin and James; a daughter, Inabell; two brothers, George and John, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Butt.

Local 3 extends sincere sympathy to those bereaved.

FEATHER CANYON DAM WORK GOING AHEAD AT FULL BLAST-- GOLD DREDGES HAVE RESUMED

By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT
Business Representatives, Local 3

Marysville—Morrison-Knudson are going full blast on their dams in Feather River Canyon insofar as space and equipment and weather permit. Brother Ira Bashaw has been transferred to this job as master mechanic and Brother Dallas Matthews was elevated to master mechanic on M & K, highway work, etc., and thereby hangs a tale.

About a year ago Brother Dallas Matthews loaded a N.W. 80 shovel to go to Kentucky and on the battery he wrote a note saying 'We got \$4.40 per hour loading this rig. You guys will maybe get \$1.25 unloading same.' Then the shovel comes back to Feather River Canyon and a coiled rattlesnake is laying on the battery. They got excited and pushed a bar in with great force (whatta man Armitage) and broke the plastic snake and a note on the bottom read, 'Dallas, What makes your face so pale?' Brother Roy Kingery, the operator, doesn't look for snakes anymore.

Piombo Construction Co. has the excavation for the upper power plant, with Brother Phil Dun in charge. Piombo also were the successful bidders on the highway job for \$852,000 but work hasn't started yet.

Walsh Construction Co. are trying to get a camp going so they can start their 600 ft. tunnel. Mr. Les Haywire Huntington is super with quite a few brothers on the payroll.

T. E. Connolly has had a little trouble with high water in the diversion tunnel for the lower dam but guess all will be well when this goes to print.

Dixon and Arundel Corp. are getting under way as rapidly as possible and working three shifts on one adit and Wixson and Crowe have two shifts on the other adit. Bill Reynolds is equipment super for the Dixon and Arundel and Brother O. S. Hicks is shop foreman.

Bigge Drayage Co. sent up a truck crane for a month or two of work. G. W. Thomas have a small bridge to put across Feather River.

McGilvray Construction Co. are having a rough time getting their hiway job going at Live Oak due to rain (what the farmer needed, ditto P. G. and E.)

H. Earl Parkers levee job north of town was and is still flooded out and keeps 32 of our men on the idle list.

The gold dredges of Yuba Consolidated, Natomas and Capital have again started normal operations with the exception of Dredge 7 at Natomas. The cut back, due to the shortage of electricity, has been readjusted due to the heavy rains of the past months.

Negotiations have been going on between Local 3 and Natomas for the past month and to date no progress has been made. Yuba Consolidated as well as Capitals agreement terminates as of May 10th and a meeting with these firms will be held by the time this article is in print.

The Union is asking for basic wage increases and it is the determination of the negotiators that these must be granted, for obvious reasons—namely the crazy, unpredictable increases in the cost of living. These facts are presented in physical form by the dredge workers and why the dredge operators refuse to recognize these facts is beyond my comprehension.

The following is an article which appeared in the May issue of the California Mining Journal: 'Natomas Recovers \$1,656 Oz. Gold in 1947'.

'Audited report of Natomas Company for 1947 shows net profit amounted to \$1,174,569—equal to \$1.26 a share on 921,300 shares of capital stock outstanding. This compared with \$1,164,738 or \$1.24 a share in the preceding twelve months.

'Operation of seven dredges by the company in the Folsom area throughout 1947 resulted in a substantial increase in material handled over the previous twelve months of approximately 4,344,000 cubic yards, according to the report

by Thomas McCormack, president. 'He said the seven dredges covered 358 acres including 307 of company lands, thirty-one acre of tailings and twenty acres under lease.

'Net returns per yard, excluding the company's Greenan Place dragline operation, in Nevada was 4.42 cents compared with 4.10 cents in 1946. The gross recovery of 81,656 ounces of gold compared favorably with 71,185 ounces recovered in 1946.

'The company has purchased the dredge of Manhattan Gold Dredging Company which has been dismantled and moved from Manhattan Gulch to the Greenan Placers. It is expected this dredge will be in operation before the end of 1948, McCormack said.'

In view of the foregoing facts and statements it is the opinion of the negotiating committee that a wage increase could well be afforded.

Another interesting case concerning the bucket line dredge is the suit brought by Butte county to force Gold Hill and Yuba to re-soil. The case has been heard and the briefs filed before Federal District Judge Dal Lemmon. The companies testify that their profits

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He Says It's Cletrac for Him

Bro. Jimmie Dorris, a service and field mechanic with the tractor and Equipment Co. at Chico, has written a poem about Cletrac. As Bro. Waack suggests, his expression is of a strictly controversial and argumentative nature but it may, in a friendly way, bring about an appropriate answer from some of the brothers that may not entirely agree with his viewpoint.

Anyway, Bro. Dorris is sold on them and extols their virtues in the poem printed below. And, incidentally, the firm at Chico is under contract with Local 3 and recently granted a 15-cent wage increase.

THE CLETRAC

Up in the hills or out on the road
The Cletrac tractor is moving the load
They will move more dirt, in a lot less time
Than it takes a RDS to get on the line.
With their true traction and the old foot clutch
You can surely move just twice as much
No starting motor to cause a fuss
Just step on the starter and hit the brush.
When it comes to logging its sure a shame
The FD leaves them out in the rain
The D8 rig is good, that's true
But for me 'tis the FD Cletrac through and through.
For orchard work that's another thing
The HG Cletrac is winning fame
Now the BD rig is the farmers friend
The load it will pull there is no end.
From early morn' till late at night
She is free from trouble and steering right
You can take it from me the whole year through
The Cletrac tractor is the one for you.

JIMMIE DORRIS.

What's doing in the Oakland office

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

Oakland—Happy days are here again! The rains are over and the contractors are getting equipment out of the mothballs and onto the jobs again. Work is picking up steadily and the out-of-work list is finally beginning to shrink. We hope this continues until all the worthy brothers are once again on some contractor's payroll.

During the past month the results of the first election conducted in this area under the auspices of the NLRB, made necessary by the Taft-Hartley bill showed conclusively that this group of unionists want no part of an open shop condition in that industry where they are employed. This election was conducted in the various yards engaged in the scrapping industry on both sides of the bay. The vote was 23 out of a possible 24 (it undoubtedly

would have been unanimous except that the 24th employee was home ill on election day) for a union shop—the best we can get under the Slave Bill. We feel this is indicative of the trend of future elections and only proves the good common sense of the average working man. The one thing we can add to this is to urge that each of you do your share to retain this record in any future elections in which you may be involved.

This work has been done by the American Bridge Company under the supervision of Bob Shingle and the following are among those members of Local 3 who worked on this project: Tommy Carrigg, D. C. Moody, Curley Onyett, Bill Cairns, W. S. Ferguson and Joseph Morzenti.

Stolte, Inc. has the contract for construction of the 150-bed hospital at the Fairfax-Suisun Airbase. It is estimated that it will require between 7 and 8 months to complete this work. Sheldon Oil has about 2,000 tons of hot stuff to lay on roads and driveways around the hospital site. There are nine engineers working on this portion of the job under the supervision of Brother Al Morton. Asta Construction will also be working on the base, as they have the contract for construction of two tennis courts and a ball park.

A new filtering plant for their water system, something the residents of Martinez have been waiting for a number of years is fast becoming a reality. Stanley Kohler is constructing the job, while Alfred Pereira is handling the earth moving. Kohler also has considerable work on the Concord sewage disposal plant, and recently opened headings for tunnel jobs on sewer lines running to this plant. There are 4 tunnels on this project, two of which are 425 feet long, one is 80 feet and the other is 310 feet in length.

The New Orleans Ship Scrapping Company, new to the Bay Area, is now in operation at Yard No. 1, in Richmond. This company had some difficulty getting power installed and as a temporary measure have been using a diesel plant to generate electricity for operation of whirleys. However, they expect to have juice from commercial lines within a short time, and in the meantime they are going forward with plans which include the immediate scrapping of several L. S. M's.

McDonald, Young and Nelson have completed the excavation for foundation of the sewer disposal plant for Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Orinda. There are six engineers employed on this job at the present time.

Brother Cal Baker, master mechanic for P. & J. Artukovick, has moved a couple of pieces of equipment to 19th and Dennison streets, Oakland, where this company was successful bidder on a \$169,369 job. Cal tells us it won't be long until this company's entire spread will be up in the Stockton area, and we are sure that Brothers Doran and Burroughs will have a minimum of beefs with them, as there is a good bunch of our fellows working for this outfit, and we presume they will be moving along with them as the job progresses.

Work on the huge Delta-Mendoza Canal and Pumping Plant is going along as a fast pace at the present time with 2,800,000 yards of the original 3,900,000 yards of dirt already moved. The batching plant is nearly completed and erection of a whirley to handle materials for the pumping plant is now in progress, while two crews are operating on the pile-driver, pounding in foundations for the buildings. Brother Bill Mathews is superintendent in charge of excavation, while in the shop Brother Vern Barker is acting as master mechanic with Brother Ernie Patburg handling the shop foreman's duties. At present there are 28 mechanics and welders and six field oilers working out of the shops. Twenty-four of the former are on straight-day shifts while four field mechanics are dividing up the early morning and swing shift duties. Brother Stubby Walker has charge of six crews on the draglines and cranes, with additional crews added from time to time. The new five yard Manitowoc

is being operated by Brother Doug Simmons, while Brother Troy Manzer, who recently returned from Fresno is at the controls of the 1½-yard Marion Dragline. Bros. Jack Corbett and Johnny Smith are shifting mornings with Brothers Jess Burth and Don Harnish handling this chore on the afternoon spread. There are 10 carryalls and four push cats operating on double shift. Brother Virgil Welton is in charge of the Euclid work, which includes three cats as well as a Euclid plow. This portion of the job is running one shift at present—where the canal intersects the main line of the Southern Pacific and the highway a tunnel is being excavated. This particular portion of the job has been sublet to the Ransome Company of Oakland. Heavy excavating on M. K. and Hasler's portion of the job, laying within the boundaries of Alameda County has been completed, and the slip form and trimming machine has been moved in to finish the job. This equipment is some of the most intricate of its kind to be set up in this part of the country for some time. The trimmer, which consists of a series of conveyor belts and a bucket line, similar to a ditcher, moves down the huge ditch

smoothing and sloping the bank as it goes. It is powered by two D7 motors and is raised and lowered by hydraulic hoists to follow the contour of the bank. The slip form is now in the process of erection and it will probably be operating by the 20th of this month. This piece of equipment, which follows directly behind the trimmer, is operated in conjunction with two double drum mixers. The mixed concrete is dumped on conveyor belts and directed to a series of outlets which spread the material quickly and evenly on parts of the ditch. It is expected that when this rig is running full capacity about 1,000 yards of concrete will be run every eight hours.

Installation of a new sugar storage system is now being put in effect at the Crockett plant of the California and Hawaiian Sugar Company. This is a revolutionary method and while it speeds handling, this mechanical process will eventually eliminate the services of approximately 400 men who are now employed in stevedoring and various other operations in connection with unloading and storing of sugar.

DREDGE NEWS

There are indications of considerable activity in the dredging industry within the near future. The San Francisco Bridge Co. is working some 35 or 40 of our members, getting the dredges Hinds and Alabama ready for the Coos Bay job. I have received word from Local No. 701 that dredgers are very scarce in that locality and if our members bring transfers with them they will have no trouble going to work up there. It is expected that these dredges will be moved up there between now and the first of the month. This company has the dredge McMullen on the Petaluma Creek job and expects to finish there in ten days or two weeks. They were low bidders on the Mare Island Navy Yard job and the Mack will probably go on that job. They were also low on the San Leandro Bay job. There is approximately 2,200,000 yards of mud to be pumped on shore, so this job will take quite a crew of men, once it gets underway.

The Hydraulic Dredging Company has been awarded a job at Hunters Point which will last from two to two and a half months. They are now working a few of our members, getting the Papoose ready for the job.

The Olympian Dredging Company is going along fine on the Stockton Channel job. The men seem to be well satisfied and the job is progressing on schedule.

SHIP RAMS DREDGE!

While working in the Stockton Channel, near the Franks Traitor the Dredge Neptune was recently involved in quite a serious accident. It seems that the freighter Douglas Victory, owned by the Luckenbach Lines, got off course and ran into the dredge causing considerable damage. The most serious was the almost complete wrecking of the boom. Fortunately, none of the crew was injured but it is expected that the Neptune will be out of commission for some time undergoing repairs.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother George Gentry, who was job steward and blade operator on the M. K. job at Guam for over 6 months, got home in time to meet his wife and new twin son and daughter when they arrived from Australia. The babies were born there on February 3 and Brother Gentry was a pretty anxious fellow as he awaited the arrival of Mrs. Gentry and the little ones who were scheduled to get into San Francisco on May 5.

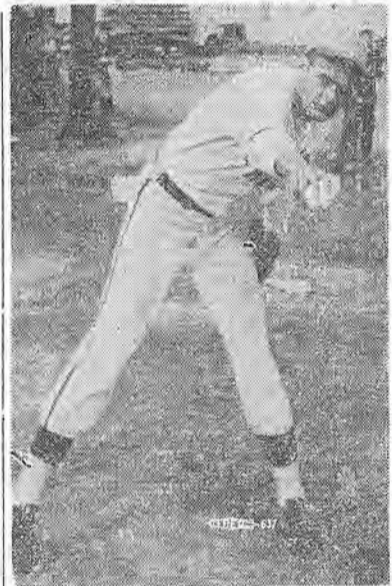
Received a card from Brother Stan Sipes, who recently arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska. He said the trip was pretty rough — road not too good and weather worse, but that he was able to drive his little Crosley car through in 12 days. He says there is no work on a large scale as yet, but from present outlook things should begin to open up in June.

Brother Gus Schmidt, who was confined to Letterman Hospital for some time was admitted to the Naval Hospital in Vallejo on May 4, for further treatment. As most of us know, these hospital stays can get dogged monotonous at times, and we know that Gus would welcome visits from any of you fellows who happen to be out that way.

On April 17th Brother Edwin Wright of Danville left on an 18-month contract for Bechtel in Arabia. Brother Wright has been laying plans for some time to go on this job, and we feel sure that if he likes it just half as much as he thinks he will those months will go pretty fast.

It is with the deepest regret we report the passing of Brother Art Bratset, who was killed in a spectacular mid-air crash on Saturday, May first. Art had been taking flying lessons for about five weeks and at the time of the accident was practicing touch-and-go landings with his instructor, Tom Cardinet, at the Hayward Air port. The crash occurred immediately after a take-off when their light plane came up under the ship of Pilot Instructor Allen Gahagan, at about 400 feet, striking the propeller of Gahagan's ship, which chewed through a portion of the wing of the smaller plane sending it plummeting to the ground near a runway and killing both of the occupants. Gahagan, however, was able to bring his ship under control and glide to a landing. Bro. Bratset was well-known to the members and contractors, having worked out of this office for several years. A veteran, he served overseas for several months, and since his return had been working in and around Oakland. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice and two sons, Donald, 9 and David 6 months, as well as by his parents and two brothers. We extend our sincere sympathies to the family.

Brother L. S. Hasha recently returned from Guam where he was employed by M & K as a heavy equipment operator. He has spent the past 2½ years on out-of-country jobs and really must like it, as he says he is anxious to sign up and get going again.



You'll probably be seeing more of Brother Fred Parker, Jr., the long-legged guy in the accompanying picture, who was recently signed up by the Cleveland Indians. A member since 1942, Fred played baseball in high school, with his outfit in the army and for several organizations in the East Bay. He recently left for Bakersfield where he is to report to the State League for further training.

According to Brother Gus Blomseth, master mechanic on the Pomeroy job at Columbia Steel in Pittsburg, work on this project is rapidly drawing to a close, with approximately 2½ months left till completion. The job, which consisted of building of an additional unit for the present steel mill has been in the process of construction for over two years. This has proven to be a very good job for members of our craft and there are still approximately 36 of the boys working out there.

Stahl and Shattuck are expecting to keep a few of the members busy for some time on overhaul work. At the present time they are repairing seven D-7's for the Rainier Equipment Company, 7 H. D 14's for the Trading and Shipping Company of New York and four D-8's for the Swayne Company of Pittsburg. Aside from repair work these boys do steam cleaning and sand blasting work and design and manufacture dozers in their Hayward shop.

Steel work in the new telephone company building in downtown Oakland has been completed and the 15 story structure towers imposingly above the surrounding buildings in this low sky-scraper city. This job continues to afford the sidewalk superintendents with a good free show, and when passing in the vicinity of the building it is often necessary to side-step from one to a dozen open-mouthed, neck-stretched citizens, who stand gazing intently at the breath-taking antics of the men and equipment high above. It is interesting to note that 7070 tons of structural steel have gone into the building framework and, incidentally, the brother's operating the derricks have hoisted everything from columns 68 feet long and 30 inches square weighing 37 tons to tiny "T" beams weighing a mere 80

TEC Engineers Architects Draftsmen

By J. D. VANDERLAAN
Business Representative, Technical Engineers Division No. 3

Progress was made during the past month on several fronts. A majority of the field engineering employees of the General Construction Department of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company have joined the union; some have been members for long time. With this support, Local 3 has petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an election.

The present agreement between the P. G. & E and another labor organization covers all types of work from cooks to laborers and everyone is working about 25c to 50c below prevailing wages. This "company" type agreement comes in handy to prevent legitimate organization.

For this reason we have had to wait until expiration date of that agreement before we could file for a new election. A preliminary hearing has been set for May 20th. After that full hearing will probably have to be held since it is unwise that the company will agree to have an election. The T-H Law allows a company to stall, quite some time. Members will be kept informed on developments up the canyons, but due to the miserable wages, the turnover is terrific. Every member should do their part in signing up new hires, as they come to work.

The Stone & Webster hearing has come to an end and the company and the union are now awaiting the decisions from the National Labor Relations Board. The union remains 100 per cent Union, despite Stone & Webster paying below scale. Lyman Landreth, Chief Party on the project and with the impression of the hearing following report.

Todd - Pacific Shipbuilding has leased the United Engineering yard for 19 years, effective May 15. To date they have not announced plans for new work, nor has chief engineer been appointed who will handle hiring. This may be after the 15th and take up the slack in Alameda, due to the closing of the Bethlehem Yard. Various shipyard agreements have been opened, both by Local No. 3 and the Metal Trades Council for the purpose of next years wage increases. The success of the unions in their current struggle against the California Metal Trade Association will, to quote an

MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY PROJECTS AND LOGGING WORK GETTING UNDERWAY IN REDDING AREA

By E. A. HESTER
Representative, Local 3

Redding—Frederickson and Watson Construction Company, of Oakland, was awarded the Cottonwood and Anderson highway job, at \$611,709.73. They are moving some equipment in, but the job has not started yet. However, we expect to see this job started very soon. W. C. Railing has been awarded three different jobs in this district, at Montgomery Creek, one at Weed, and six and a half mile job at Fall River Mills. It looks like Brother Railing is going to keep a lot of Engineers busy throughout the season. Equipment is also being moved in on this job.

Due to weather conditions in this country, everything has been practically at a standstill, however we do have a lot of work ready to start up as soon as weather permits.

There will be two or three big jobs in Lassen County, some work in Siskyou County and Tehama County. Ball and Son, Peterson, and Kliensmid will be working in Trinity County, but the larger jobs will be in Shasta County.

Ralph L. Smith Lumber and Sawmill Company, of Anderson, is still operating a double shift, and they employ a few of our engineers. Logging was resumed this week, and many Logging Companies in Northern California are starting up; however, snow is still heavy in many parts of this section.

Due to my trip back to Chicago to attend the 23rd convention, and the weather condition, I know that some of you brothers have been wondering what has become of your business agent. Well, from the looks of things, there is going to be a lot of activity very soon, and I will be seeing a lot of you out there on the job.

I also want to say to you that I was proud to be a delegate to the 23rd convention. I met a lot of good people, did a lot of handshaking, and heard a lot of good speeches. I learned a lot! One thing I did learn was how to travel,—went by train, two days,

two nights on this train, caught a cold, and consequently I did not feel too good during the convention. Came back, by plane, and believe me that is the only way to travel now days, faster cheaper and safer.

And we, the delegates, nominated your international officers to guide your affairs for the next four years. And I also want to say to you that I believe we did a very good job. You are blessed with as fine a bunch of officers that mankind can produce. And it is certainly representation that we should all be proud of.

San Jose Local 39

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Have attended special called meetings of the Executive Board of the Central Labor Council, San Jose, Calif., and as a delegate to the Central Labor Council, Salinas, Calif.

I might state that it would be greatly appreciated if members would please keep their dues paid up to date thus avoiding considerable amount of book work and correspondence. If unable to call at the office, a money order or check will be accepted. If cash is sent, it must be by registered mail; otherwise subject to your own risk. Help keep your organization going and going ahead. I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

It is with much regret that I have to report the passing of brother Roy Graves, formerly Chief Engineer at the Beech-Nut Company. He had been ill for some time, but believed to be recovering.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome by Mayor Kennelly of Chicago. . . Pres. Patrick Sullivan of Chicago Building Trades outlined background of the Taft-Hartley law and pointed to dangers of job-reducing, slum-creating Chicago uniform building code. . . General President spoke optimistically of future prospects for the Engineers' Union, the respect it holds around the country, and compliance with the T-H law but work for its repeal.

"In a talk with Mr. Hartley, one of the authors of the law, he told us that the law does not apply to the building and construction trades and was never intended that way," said Pres. Maloney. "He doesn't know how anybody arrived at the interpretation that it should apply to them." Senator Taft made the same statement identically."

Pres. Maloney congratulated the business agents of the locals for membership increases which have been shown and for cooperation with the general office. He urged all to "fight hard for your objectives and retreat only when it appears necessary. Don't quit until you have to, but when you see that it is necessary it is no disgrace to walk back a little."

He then declared the convention officially opened for transaction of business.

Committees announced included the following local representatives: Bro. Swanson, chairman of Credentials Committee; Bro. T. J. Roberts served on Law committee

The Committee on Officers' Reports reviewed the work of the union as shown by these reports.

Referring to the war record, Pres. Maloney's report stated: "Within just nine months' time we built 50 camps—actually cities—30 reception centers, 52 harbor defense projects, 16 air corps projects, and 148 other installations costing more than \$14,000,000,000." The part played by engineers in building the Alaska Highway, 1,284 airports, pipelines, the atom bomb plants, and the Pentagon Building, was shown.

Harmonious relations necessary to war production and the citing of the union and its officers for work in the war effort were reviewed.

Work of General Counsel Wm. H. Thomas was praised. . . Litigation occurring since 1944 was covered. . . The committee concurred in Pres. Maloney's recommendation for purchase of a building in Washington, D. C. . . Jurisdictional matters with Machinists and Teamsters were reviewed. . . The committee supported the president's stand favoring amalgamation with the Firemen and Oilers, though this matter has been held up. . . Increases in death benefits were approved by the referendum. . . Dangers of Davis-Bacon Act were pointed out. . . Regarding jurisdictional disputes, the union has been engaged in but few, but "where a controversy arises it must be settled without work stoppage" because public feeling is against these disputes, the T-H law deals with them, and Congress may act again.

Union agreements have greatly increased, from 7,850 on January 15, 1944 to more than 13,000 on January 15, 1948. . . Organization is needed in dairies and ice plants; of the latter there are 6,800 in the nation, employing in peak seasons over 200,000 workers. . . Before the NLRB our organization has been highly successful—out of 96 cases presented, local unions were successful in 62, showing "good judgment of the locals involved."

Labor unions "must toot their own horns" because the press is generally hostile and prone to magnify faults and minimize virtues of labor organization. Prostitution of free speech in the interest of the advertising employers by the paid columnists was scored in the president's report.

Secretary-Treasurer Frank A. Fitzgerald's report shows a membership rise of from 122,217 in 1944 to 149,321 in 1948. . . Handling of union funds was praised by the committee. . . Death benefit claims in the past four years total 3,810, totaling \$549,900 in the amount paid. . . Bro. Fitzgerald's work as editor of the Journal was praised. This publication is valued by institutions of higher learning, as well as the membership in general.

The committee highly praised the reports submitted, saying they were the most complete ever presented.

Committee on law offered an amendment to Section 4, Article XV of the constitution, changing it to read: "A fee of not to exceed \$5 may be charged for each withdrawal card." The convention concurred.

Committee reported favorably on a proposition to add a new principle to be added to the purpose clause of the Constitution, disavowing Communism and providing for expulsion of known Communists. The convention adopted the proposal.

Committee on Resolutions asked adoption of a resolution to register opposition to the Taft-Hartley Act through all means possible, and it was approved.

A resolution calling for an organizing program among civil service employees working on job classifications within jurisdiction of the international was concurred in.

Request of the Navy department that it require four years' experience for the employing of hoisting and portable enginemen was approved.

Endorsement of Senate Bill 418, authorizing a program to combat water pollution in the United States was approved.

Resolution calling for additional authority to the Federal Works Administrator to make advances and loans to public bodies for preparation of plans and specifications for public works and support of H.R. 5446 or S. 2260 or a similar bill was adopted.

WORK OPENING UP IN FRESNO DISTRICT, AS HIGHWAY AND CANAL JOBS GET UNDERWAY

By H. T. PETERSEN and G. LYNN MOORE,
Representatives, Local 3

Fresno—Work opportunity has changed considerably during the last month in this territory. Although there have not been any large jobs starting, we have had approximately 100 men cleared out of the office in various classifications.

The California State Highway program as scheduled for this year, includes the completion of the Fresno Overpass by Guy F. Atkinson Co.; the completion of the Selma Kingsburg section of Highway 99 by N. M. Ball Sons Co.; and Harms Bros. job between the San Joaquin River and Arcola School. New work to be advertised in the near future is the San Joaquin Bridge, estimated at approximately \$500,000; 99 Highway between Livingston and Atwater approximately \$1,000,000; 99 Highway between Belmont Circle at

Fresno and Clinton Avenues approximately \$200,000; 99 Highway between the Tanguis Ranch and the Visalia underpass approximately \$300,000; secondary highway work include three sections in Tulare County north of Poplar and a scalco on the Ducor cutoff road to Visalia; Kings County 3 1/2 miles south of Stratford.

Fresno County with the help of gas tax money has a \$500,000 current program on. Madera County with \$200,000; Mariposa County (Continued on Page 11)

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very excellent talk. He went back into the past of the International as only Tommie can do, and told how he had worked to get the convention on the Pacific Coast at the time it was held in Oakland and that he felt it was now time that the Pacific Coast be recognized. When he was through he received a rising vote from at least two thirds of the delegates. So it was very evident that we will have the next convention on the Pacific Coast and it will more than likely be between San Francisco and Los Angeles. It is my impression, from talking with different delegates, that San Francisco is favored by the majority of them, although Los Angeles is putting in a very strong bid for it.

Brother McCarthy and I attended all meetings of the convention and endeavored to make as many friends as possible for Local 39. Although it was Brother McCarthy's first convention, he proved himself most congenial and helpful and had no difficulty in becoming acquainted with most of the delegates. If and when he attends another convention he will be prepared to do Local 39 a lot of good.

ICE AND COLD STORAGE INDUSTRY

The Ice and Cold Storage negotiations have been completed in northern California, with the exception of one or two small plants and Santa Rosa, which will be up for negotiation in June. Most of the raises were 12 cents and 12 1/2 cents per hour and in one plant 15 cents with 12 cents for the icemakers. The agreements all call for a five-day forty-hour week with two weeks of vacation and six holidays at time and one-half. These negotiations have been going on since the first of January with all of our business representatives handling the negotiations in their various territories.

MILK MANUFACTURING

Preparations have been made to hold an election for Union Shop agreement for all of the engineers in the Teamsters' Union employed in northern California plants, the elections to be held at the same time. Only engineers can vote at the engineers' election and on the teamsters will vote at the teamsters' election. All of the engineers employed in the milk manufacturing plants in northern California will have to become and remain members in good standing in the Engineers.

WINERIES

We had two elections at the Roma Wine Company—one for representation and the other for Union Shop agreement. The Winery Workers seemed very much put out because we won the election and proceeded to raise a question as to what work we were to do. I was in Fresno Tuesday and Wednesday when Brother Campbell and I met with the management. We have given them a letter stating our jurisdiction claims, which they have agreed to and it will become a part of our contract.

Brother Carman has not actually entered upon his new duties as he has been completing the various negotiations he had previously started.

Brother Derby has taken over his duties as secretary in a manner that would lead one to believe he had been doing the work for many years.

Marysville Report

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would be "entirely eliminated" they had to pay the costs of replacing the topsoil. The company also claims that they have taken a net average of about \$115 per acre out of the Oroville, Biggs and Chico dredge grounds—Maybe so, Ho-Hum.

Those of you who are registered MUST VOTE on the June 1st election. Those of you who have not registered—Well, fellows, you sure are—Well, that's what you are, letting the gang down that way.

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News from the San Francisco office

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

San Francisco—Working conditions in this area have greatly improved over the last report of the news. Although there has been considerable rain to interrupt construction work, there has been an increasing demand for men, thus reducing the out-of-work list to a minimum. Several new jobs have started recently, none of them very large, but still large enough to furnish employment for several of the brothers.

Eaton & Smith are still busy on their track removal and replacement job on Market Street. The job is working on a single shift basis, with an additional overtime shift at night on the shovel. Two more weeks should complete the job. The company has numerous other small jobs in progress throughout the city, consisting mostly of street paving.

M. J. Lynch is making good progress on the track removal and street paving on Folsom Street. Four rigs are in operation on this job.

Charles Harney has about completed the widening of 7th Street, with a little clean-up work left remaining. He is also doing additional work on the Mayfair Heights job including the new location for the Sears and Roebuck store to be located near the Geary Street car barns. The company also has several other small jobs in progress, which manages to keep all of the brothers busy including a full crew in the shop.

Clinton Construction Co. are busy on their Mission Rock job with two floating rigs and two land rigs handling the concrete pile casting yard. Very little pile driving has been done on this job so far as most of the work has been of a preliminary nature. Clinton also has a building job on Townsend Street remodeling a former government cafeteria into a modern warehouse.

Stone and Webster job at Station P for the P. G. & E. is in full swing at present, a large number of Engineers are being used on this project including the sub-contractors, C. C. Moore and California Tank & Steel Co. This job will continue to stretch over a long period of time, which of course is welcome news.

MacDonald, Young & Nelson's Mission and 8th Street job for the P. G. & E. is still using two Engineers on the material hoists.

Cleveland Wrecking Co. job on the old Standard Oil building is progressing smoothly, an occasional beef arises due to the fact that a labor foreman sometimes becomes too handy and tries to operate some of the equipment.

Ben C. Gerwich still has a few of the brothers employed cleaning up the remainder of his Hunters Point job.

Armco's job on the tunnel for the Phone Company is working three shifts, with two shifts in operation. Eight of the brothers are steadily employed there.

Case Construction Co. job at Pier 17 is employing two Engineers at present on compressors and concrete mixers on the guniting of the concrete pilings.

Piombo has two small jobs in operation. One near Silver Avenue and the other in Elkton yard for the Muni Railway. Cats and a crane are being used.

Erbentraut and Summers job on the Phone building at 24th and Capp Streets is still in operation. Two material hoists in operation.

Dinwiddie Construction Co. job on Macy's new store is still under active construction, with two material hoists and a compressor in operation.

The State Harbor Commission is laying up dredge No. 3 permanently we understand, thereby knocking several of our brothers out of a job, but they will all be taken care of on construction work dispatched from our office.

Ship repair work remains about the same along the waterfront, United Engineering has sold out to Todd, so undoubtedly there will be some changes likely to occur in that company in the near future.

past month, the out of work list has grown much smaller and according to the prospects we now have all the worthy brothers will soon be working.

McGuire and Hester are just getting started on three miles of six-foot pipe line starting at Colma and continuing on to Buri Buri. This operation is very complicated due to the fact that the right-of-way crosses El Camino Real several times and runs through a business district which will necessitate the use of more Engineers than the ordinary job.

At Redwood City the Telephone Co. have a pipe line job extending from Broadway, Redwood City, to Palo Alto, the Underground Construction Co. and Nichols and Cash were the successful bidders on this work.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. are continuing operations on their Bayshore Freeway job after being shut down for sixty days due to weather conditions.

At Woodside, Keeble & Brown have started paving operations on the Canada Road. This work was also suspended two or three months ago due to the wet weather.

Peter Sorenson was the low bidder on the grading of streets and utilities on several subdivisions in the past month. The heavy construction on these projects being sublet to Songroth Bros. of Mountain View.

The latest report received by this correspondent on the grading and paving of the runways on the San Francisco Airport will be advertised the latter part of May or first of June.

The local contractors in this district are all busy and with the summer season ahead more Engineers will be added to their payrolls.

News About The Brothers

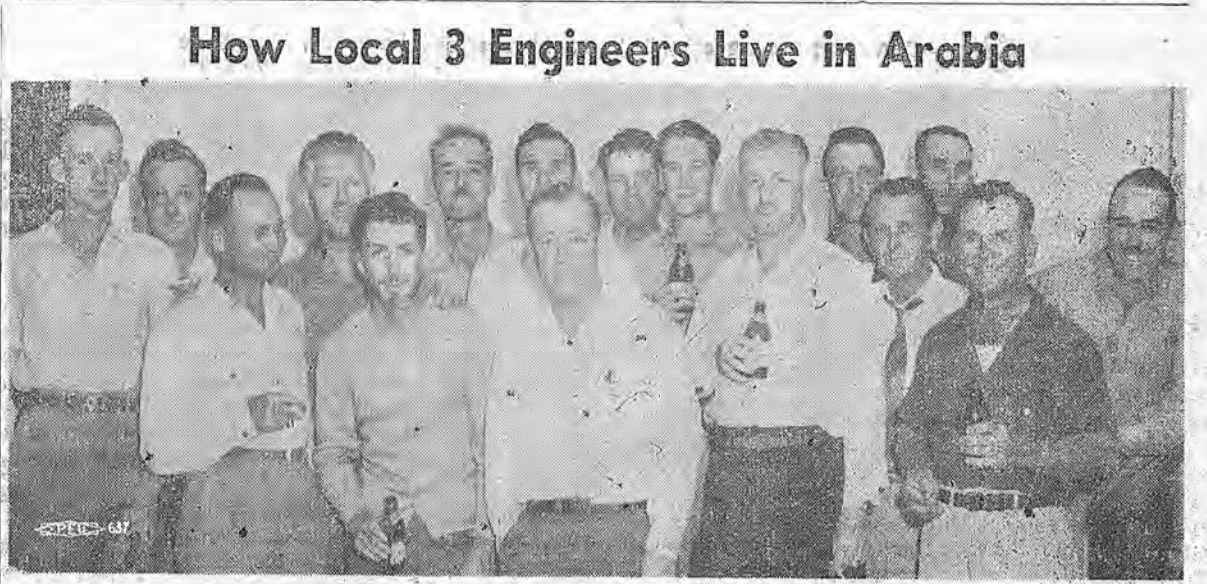
A democratic union in action for democracy: In the middle east where so much strife and trouble is apparently in order, we find a blue-eyed good-looking Irishman, a big burly one of the same calibre a Swede, one Scandanavian, a Yiddisher boy and several MEN from this local of the Heinz variety that is just 57 kinds of nationalities mixed up with them. Democracy being practiced by contractors and unions.

Emmett Wilson, World War II veteran; signed up with the government on a Marine Engineers job in Mexico City at the \$5,000 rate showing Uncle is helping the boys.

There is dynamite in the Engineers with Bro. Geo. Gentry becoming the father of twins in February, a boy and a girl. Harry Love and the Missus having a blessed event also twins, both being girls.

Tragedy overtakes some of our members in this issue with Vince Baldetta losing his mother one week and his brother the next. Hollis Dewing undergoing an operation in Mary's Help. Harold Van Scoy being in Notre Dame Hospital with a serious illness may now have visitors. Virgil Starr lost his father in Hannibal, Mo. J. J. Gahagan also losing a brother by accident in South Carolina.

Thomas Aguilar succeeded in stopping his runaway steamroller before it crashed into heavy traffic. But he may lose his left leg as a result, according to Mills Memorial Hospital doctors. The 27-year-old repairman received a crushed leg when the steamroller capsized and rolled over him as he



Shown above is a group of Operating Engineers, members of Local 3 and 12, "on the job" in Arabia. Picture was taken during a moment of relaxation when the boys were all cleaned up, comfortably ensconced in one of the recreation rooms, at the Bechtel Arabia job,

and taking on a load of American beer.

All of those named are members of Local 3, except Cornelius, Maynard, and Van Duran, who are from Local 12. Here they are, left to right: Cornelius, operator; McClaffin, heavy duty mechanic; Jack Thomas, operator; De Armond,

operator; Carmody, lube mechanic; Jones, welder; Boyer, operator; Lewis, operator; Maynard, operator; Foos, machine shop foreman; Gibson Bruce, general foreman mat.; Cummings, operator; Neilson, lube foreman; Judkins, heavy duty mechanc; Van Duran, operator, and C. B. Reneau, operator.

veered it sharply off San Mateo's Thirty-ninth Avenue hill, just above busy El Camino Real. The vehicle's brakes failed at Thirty-ninth Avenue and Hacienda Street. Aguilar is employed by the L. C. Smith Contracting firm. He lives in San Mateo at Nineteenth and Railroad Avenues.

Coming and going we find the fellow travelers on the move with Tom Helean home from Arabia, Brother F. L. Forrest going to same and Ralph Chaney also. Wm. Vickery being home from injuries, recovered and back to Arabia.

From Okinawa returnees include Clarence Sjodin currently going to the land of Swedes for a vacation after whingdinging with fellow workers. Edward Foster home from the same island.

Guam state-side contract completions include V. M. Simmons, Everette Beaulieu, Thomas Olives, working in San Francisco. Vincent Homac and James Dunham likewise returning home.

Going to Guam are Herbert Nefstead, Thos. Blair and Edwin Lindley. According to reports it can't be women, just construction workers going back to join many Local No. 3 members to complete a job and make that long green, with the good wishes of Walt Young.

Wm. Spencer says Local No. 3 for me, touring the middle west. Bill thought possibly he would like to make a few shekles so asking a contractor for a job he was offered 60 cents per hour for a blade job, which according to him, started him home in a hurry where he says, I belong, because his wages and conditions of Local No. 3 have no comparison throughout the country. This is the only place to be, but realize the rest of the country have a tremendous problem to overcome by various state laws which hinder their progress. Would suggest that all men walk away from such conditions which would enable the Engineers representatives to do a job bettering the members.

Bro. R. H. Watson was in Alaska two months reporting everything high with a lot of men wanting construction work and advising all workers to stay away unless they have a job to go to or plenty of money. Rooms \$100 per month, steaks \$3.00 per meal. Work prospects poor on account of the money will not be allotted until the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Current world traveler, Phil Shea arrived home from Venezuela. Curly Atkinson and Lloyd Sidebottom in the same part of the world may come home themselves soon.

Local No. 9 called No. 3 for shovel men going to Colorado where Jack Cassidy and Ben Lincoln, Ben calling in from Nevada at an opportune time.

Harold Lundberg picked up his transfer going to Alma, Nebraska, as assistant master mechanic. Bro. Ford likewise to Detroit,

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tent, determine our subsequent success.

Several members have gone overseas recently on good jobs; N. A. Takala to AFGHANISTAN with Morrison-Knudson and Wm. Walsh to OKINAWA with Guy F. Atkinson. There are many openings overseas for those who didn't have enough of it a few years ago!

Members working for the City of San Francisco will be glad to know that we finally have gotten the matter of late pay-checks straightened out. With the help of Supervisor Dewey Meade, the official who will accept the responsibility for late checks and not pass the buck to another department, has been found. If any City Employees receive their checks late again, please let me know and I'll have it corrected.

Several raises have been obtained for the Airport boys and several more will be coming as a result of meetings between your representative and the Airport Management. July 1st should see all the City Employees receiving good salaries!

STONE AND WEBSTER By L. C. Landreth

Politics and selfish interests often make strange bedfellows. Can you imagine an AF of L labor union aiding and abetting an employer in attempting to defeat another AF of L union? That is just what happened in the NLRB case of Local 3, Division 3-E, versus Stone and Webster Engineering Corp.

Local 3-E has 100 per cent membership of the field engineering employees on Stone and Webster's P. G. & E. Station "P" project in San Francisco. The company had refused to negotiate with Local 3 and the union petitioned the NLRB for a hearing. This hearing was first heard by the Board on April 19, 1948.

The hearing quickly developed a strong fishy odor as our various Washington, to a dirt job, but with a promotion to master mechanic.

The Technical Engineers division of Local No. 3 sent Nestor Takala to Afganistan on a two-year contract. Also Wm. Martin gone to Manila as a general foreman and Cecil Todd overseas for the Navy.

Joe Hooper decided to go into business for himself operating a shop on Linden Avenue in South San Francisco.

Lyn Shelton and family left his job with a peninsula contractor going to New York on business and a vacation, will return in six months.

Neil Coe plus a bride decided to make it a twosome for the future years.

Can Do Marty—Hello Greece and Arabia also other parts of the world employing Local No. 3 men.

opponents started dragging ripe red herrings back and forth across the trail. Briefly, the opposition was this:

1. Stone and Webster, as represented by their attorneys, contended that Party Chiefs are supervisors, and as such are not entitled to representation before the NLRB.

2. Mr. Ryan represented the District Council of Carpenters. His position was that the organizing of, or the joining of any labor union by engineering personnel was strictly illegal and that he, Ryan, would fight us to the last ditch.

3. The Associated General Contractors of American (how did they get in here?) through their attorneys, took the position that even though Stone and Webster does not belong to their Northern and Central California Chapter, all bargaining by Local 3-E must be done through the A.G.C.

Well... I am just a naive, home-grown garden variety "S.I." and it all sounds a bit ridiculous to me. In fact, if I had not of been a witness for the union and heard the testimony, I would have doubted that the above combination could have existed.

Fortunately for us, at the hearing Local 3 was represented by Mr. Koven, the union's representative on NLRB cases. Aply assisted by Brother Vanderlaan, Mr. Koven dominated the hearing. His thorough knowledge of the Taft-Hartley law baffled the combined efforts of the high-priced lawyers arrayed against us.

The evidence in this case is in and we are now waiting for the Board's decision. Whether we win, lose or draw in this case, I am firmly convinced that Local 3 will in time win for Division 3-E, the same respect and courtesy from management that Local 3 itself now enjoys.

Let's all get behind Local 3. It's our union—talk it up—tell your friends about it—give or mail this sheet to someone that might be interested. And remember—we only get out of unionism what we put into it!

Camp Beale Sales

One-story buildings at Camp Beale, Sacramento, which will yield more materials than are required for construction of veterans homes, will be cut into sections and each part sold separately, it was announced this week. This will make sales prices lower and enable more vets to acquire material for homes and also make moving easier. Vets are urged to make applications to buy buildings through their local service officers and present approved applications at the Camp Beale sales office of the state department of finance.

Freedom gardens should include both early and late varieties of the same vegetables.

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—News regarding efforts to reach a satisfactory agreement with the contractors in the state of Utah cannot, at this writing, be considered good. Since our last report several meetings have been held with various committees representing the contractors, with little or no apparent change in the picture.

In our last report we briefly touched upon the offer of the Building Trades Councils of Utah to negotiate a master agreement. On April 9th such a meeting was held with the Labor Committee of the A. G. C. At that meeting the A. G. C. Committee continued their tactics of denying that they could sign an agreement binding their membership. At this meeting they were bluntly informed that we could not deal with them under these circumstances as neither they nor their association represented anyone and that we would resist any effort on their part to interfere with our bargaining with individual contractors or groups of contractors.

Our stand was simple. They could not expect us to bind our members if they couldn't bind theirs. Either we presented our arguments in a clearer or more logical light or they felt their position was untenable because they suddenly agreed to poll their membership for authorization to represent them. For this purpose they asked for a short delay and to date, we are informed, the great majority (65) of the A. G. C. membership have signed such authorizations.

Such authorizations, however, may not be the answer to the problem as the authorizations, we are informed, are simple powers of attorney, contain no time limit and are revocable. It is conceivable that some contractors not liking something in the agreed-to agreement might revoke their authorization at the last moment and before the manager of the A. G. C. has placed his signature in their behalf upon the agreement. We believe, though, that the obtaining of these authorizations is a good stride forward and we can all watch this matter closely as it should be a good criterion of the good intentions of the A. G. C. and its membership.

On April 8, 1948, Dan Edwards, Labor Commissioner for the State of Utah, jointly with Don Godwin, U. S. Labor Conciliator, called a meeting between the A. G. C. Labor Committee and the Negotiating Committee of your local union in the State Capitol. This was done under the powers granted the U. S. Conciliation and Mediation Service under the Taft-Hartley Act and the duties outlined for the State Labor Commissioner by state laws. The purpose of such meetings is to attempt to bring the disputants to-

gether. The A. G. C. was represented by its manager, Mr. Alan Mechem, the Labor Committee not appearing. Your local union was represented by Representatives Casebolt, Clark and Van Winkle, together with the local union's attorney, Henri Henroid. A stenographic record of the meeting was taken.

The meeting produced no concrete results. However, the State Labor Commissioner did make one significant ruling. He ruled that building and construction work is intra-state commerce and as such comes under the laws of the State rather than the federal law (Taft-Hartley).

This the representative of the A. G. C. contested and as this gave the contractors an easy out which would not involve them in any great danger of legal entanglements, we have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the contractors' sincerity is to be doubted and that they are taking refuge behind the Taft-Hartley law in the hope that they can seriously weaken, if not destroy, our unions.

To illustrate our efforts to come to some peaceful understanding, the representatives of several of the larger contractors who do business in several states were persuaded to meet with us in Salt Lake City. To attend that meeting, Brother V. S. Swanson, business manager of Local Union No. 3, flew in from San Francisco. After several hours of discussion it became apparent, although we feel that we were very conciliatory, that no meeting of minds could be reached on wages, although some progress was made in eliminating the difficulty over union security.

CARPENTERS THREATEN STRIKE

As reported previously, the A. G. C. cancelled its agreement with the Carpenters, Laborers and Teamsters (we beat them to it). The Carpenters then took the attitude that they had no agreement and that they would inform the contractors what their wages and working conditions were and the effective date. They then proceeded to determine a wage scale and notified the contractors that this scale would be effective Monday, May 3, and that any contractor not paying this scale would have his jobs struck and picketed.

This apparently caused the contractors great concern and a meeting was hurriedly called by the A. G. C. with the Building Trades Council Negotiating Committee on

Saturday, May 1. At this meeting the contractors' committee produced authorizations showing they represented the great majority of their membership and said they were prepared to start negotiating a master agreement and continue in negotiations until an agreement or an impasse was reached. They also pointed out that it would not be to the best interests toward reaching an agreement if part of the contractors had picket lines around their jobs, so the Building Trades Council persuaded the Carpenters to postpone action until the negotiations had been completed.

As this report is being written, it is reported that the joint subcommittee has come to a meeting of minds on everything but wages. The results have still to be submitted to the full Labor Committee of the A. G. C. and it will be interesting to see if that committee will accept the results. Wages still have to be negotiated and the outlook for an agreement on wages is pessimistic, to say the least.

REPORT ON SAND AND GRAVEL NEGOTIATIONS

Starting April 1, several meetings have been held with the representatives of the Sand, Gravel and Ready-Mixed Concrete Industry. At first progress was slow but as their employees began voting almost 100 per cent for the Union Shop and to strike, a noticeable change was manifested and rapid progress was made. A satisfactory agreement, from your committee's viewpoint, has been reached; however, wages still provide a major stumbling block, the employers having offered only a nickel an hour. We have delayed answering the employers pending the settlement of the construction rate, which we feel will have considerable bearing on the matter.

IRON MINE AGREEMENT AT CEDAR CITY

Little progress has been made regarding this agreement due to our preoccupation with the construction agreement. Some talks have been had with the management of the Utah Construction Company, which has led us to believe that an agreement can be reached as soon as an agreement is reached on wages in the construction industry. A tentative agreement regarding vacations has been reached in principle but there has been no time to work out the details.

STRIKE VOTE UNDER THE STATE OLEGG-VEST ACT

Complying with the state law, your officials have been conducting strike votes on the various contractors' jobs. These elections are being handled directly by the State Industrial Commission, which supervises the vote, the count, and certifies the results. The vote is secret. To date the vote is running 98 per cent in favor of striking if necessary. When we come to the job you are working on, we urge you to vote "Yes" as this does not necessarily mean a strike but permits one legally under state law if the worst comes to worst. It does arm your Negotiating Committee with a psychological weapon, the advantage of which cannot be measured.

WHEELWRIGHT CASE

In answer to a number of inquiries regarding the Wheelwright case, the unfair labor charges, etc., made by this company against your union have been, after a number of legal parleys, dismissed by the Industrial Commission. On April 26, at the request of the company, a hearing was called by the Industrial Commission to consider the matter of the Ogden Building Trades Council maintaining this company on the unfair list, which has the effect of preventing them from obtaining men through the U. S. E. S. At the hearing, none of the Wheelwrights appeared, although they were represented by their attorney, Alan Mechem. At this hearing the Labor Commissioner made a suggestion for the settlement of the difficulty which was accepted by the unions. To date no answer has been received from the company.

PACIFIC BRIDGE COMPANY AGREEMENT

As previously reported, the agreement with this company has been reopened. Proposals for a new agreement have been prepared and negotiations will start on or about May 15. A union security election petition has been signed by all of the eligible employees and we hope an election will be held to determine the Union Shop question sometime this month. A strike vote, conducted among the employees resulted in only one "No" vote.

UTAH COPPER COMPANY AGREEMENT

This agreement has been reopened and negotiations will start on or about May 15. One of the issues to be brought to the fore this year is that of pensions for retired employees. Up until now the company has refused to discuss this issue but a recent decision of the National Labor Relations Board requires companies to negotiate this matter or be guilty of an unfair labor practice. It is hoped that a start can be made on a workable pension plan for the older employees, some of whom have been in the employ of the company for 35 years or more. A Union Shop election is slated for May 17 and 18.

NEWS ABOUT THE WORK

At the present there is probably what could be classed as an unprecedented amount of work, either going or contemplated in the near future. The Salt Lake City-Provo area has the bulk of the present work although there is more than a usual amount of work in progress in Carbon County. The amount of contemplated work in southern Utah will strain our resources to supply the needed men if all of it goes. In fact, if the contractors do not meet us more than half-way and establish a decent wage scale, it would not surprise us if progress on some of the work would be slowed down for lack of competent men as all our members are now employed. Perhaps paying penalties and repairing equipment is cheaper than paying decent wages to competent men; we wouldn't know.

Lack of space and time prevents us from reporting on the various other jobs now going or contemplated but you can take our word for it, that barring unforeseen events, Utah is a fair way on to industrialization. If you want more information about work we would suggest that you attend the regular meetings of your union which are held on the second Wednesday in Salt Lake City and the second Friday in Provo. At these meetings we will be glad to go into details.

POLITICAL NOTE

You are going to be asked to do three things this year in a political way for your union. (1) Register to vote and see that the eligible members of your family and your friends do likewise. (2) Vote in the coming elections and make yourself a committee of one to see that your family, friends and neighbors do likewise. (3) Contribute a small amount to help pay the expenses of informing the membership and the public of the voting records of our state legislators and members of Congress.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act the former functions of unions in keeping the membership informed on political matters affecting labor are forbidden as far as federal elections are concerned. So it is going to be necessary for the membership to dig down for a couple of bucks to help defray the necessary expenses. Remember when we come around asking you to donate a dollar or two, that a dollar given now may save you a dollar a day later; in fact may, if former wage scales can be used as a criterion, save you a dollar an hour in Utah. Let's turn the rascals out this year and elect candidates who will represent the people.

PERSONAL NOTES

The brothers Shurtleffs, Ned and Paul, seem to be playing in hard luck lately. Ned, who had his leg broken last winter in an encounter between a boom and an 11,000-volt

wire near Payson, went back to work too soon and broke his leg over again. Paul, who was wounded in the service, recently went to the Veterans Hospital for some needed treatments. . . . Brother Armond Hawley, who many of you know as a crane and shovel operator and an employee of the United Concrete Pipe Company, recently suffered a heart attack. He was reported doing nicely and back at home but the latest report has it that he suffered a relapse and is back in the hospital. . . . A suspicious occurrence happened recently—Pearl Cowley, our favorite waitress in Keiths' Lunch in Provo, disappeared at the same time that Brother Joe Handley was missed from his usual haunts. Sure enough, they had sneaked off and been married. Congratulations to you both. . . . Rumor has that Brother Marlin Buoy, who all in Cedar City know as "Shorty," and who was married a year or so ago, is expecting a blessed event. . . . Mrs. Sadie Hunter, wife of Brother Douglas Hunter, employed by U. C. Company at Iron Springs, was recently operated on for appendicitis. She is convalescing nicely, we are told. . . . We are sorry to report that Brother William Beveridge was killed May 6 while employed by Walsh Construction Company at the Geneva Steel plant. A transit mix truck backed over him. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

Pres. Green's Talk At IUOE Convention

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world peace overshadows all other considerations in the thinking of the American people today. . . . "We want no more wars. . . . We want to abolish that uncivilized method of settling disputes between nations if we can. But hostile and aggressive drum beats are booming from behind the Iron Curtain with increasing intensity, and the forces of democracy must be on guard. Any future attempt at appeasement will be interpreted by Soviet Russia as merely a sign of weakness and will lead to even greater demands."

SEES MORE INFLATION

He said the Marshall Plan will have a "severe impact on the national economy. . . . It will become increasingly difficult to keep prices in check and to restore the normal balance between supply and demand while our resources and productive facilities are being drained by these heavy demands. The new inflationary pressures are likely to push the cost of living to even greater heights unless temporary emergency controls are approved by Congress. But it seems too much to expect the present Congress to take any action to protect the human needs of the people of this country."

OUTLINES THE PROGRAM

He called for the election of a new Congress "more responsive to human needs" and outlined the action and purposes of Labor's League for Political Action as follows: 1. Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. 2. A broad housing and construction program to meet the acute shortage of decent homes and to expand production facilities. 3. Broaden social security to meet modern conditions, including a system of national health insurance. 4. Higher minimum wage limits. 5. A firm and effective foreign policy.

He attacked prohibition of closed-shop contracts as being "criminal, although arrived at by mutual consent through collective bargaining. . . . We will never be satisfied to accept the provisions of this notorious measure, the Taft-Hartley Bill."

He said that he was certain, with hard work, the reactionaries in Congress could be removed.

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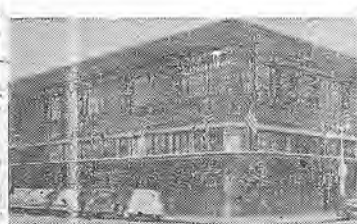
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STOCKTON LOCAL 39 REPORT

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 unions cooperate and abide by the decisions of the board to be set up. We in the A. F. of L. shouldn't have any more trouble with jurisdictional disputes. Then we adjourned at 3:30 p.m. until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

After adjournment I ran into a brother Engineer from New York who said that he was going to the largest restaurant in Chicago for dinner and then was going to take in a burlesque show and would I like to go along. Not having anything in particular to do, I agreed. We picked up a couple of other jokers who were wearing Engineers' buttons and set forth. We arrived at the restaurant in good shape and after a good dinner it was too late to go to the show. When somebody suggested that they had a bigger and better skid row in Chicago than anywhere in the world. So we whistled down a taxi and instructed the driver to take us down to the land of the forgotten. We did not leave the taxi, but from observations made on this trip, I am ready to agree with the previous statements made bigger and better. I did not get the straight story on this one, even if it was there.

Brother Mickey Murphy of Local 3 pointed out a big building and suggested that we look it over. First thing we knew Mickey was trying to buy the building and we didn't find out until the next day that it was the Public Library.

Wednesday, April 14: Back in convention session at 10 a.m. The Law Committee gave its report and recommendations. Since this report will appear in the International Engineer, I will not go into details except that we were voting on these recommendations until 11 a.m.

Brother William Green, president of the A. F. of L., came in at about this time to address the delegates. He was introduced by Brother William Maloney, president of the I. U. of O. E. His first statement was that he was in favor of the proposed amalgamation of the Firemen and Oilers to the I. U. of O. E. and that he hoped to see it worked out to everyone's satisfaction. He also attacked Russia's non-cooperation in seeking world peace. He talked of the Marshall Plan and the impact it would have on our national economy.

He also called for an election of congressmen who would be more responsive to human needs. The Taft-Hartley Act was condemned in that it would make strong unions weak and weak unions still weaker. President Green was also certain that the reactionaries in Congress would be removed with hard work on the part of the union members. He also called for financial support to Labor's League for Political Action.

The Law Committee's report was continued after this address, occupying our time until 12:15 p.m. when we were allowed to feed ourselves.

April 14, 2 p.m.: Brother President Maloney introduced Mr. Robert Denham, chief counsel for the National Labor Relations Board. Denham started his remarks by saying that the Engineers' record is good, but that there are a few guilty ones to blame. He also said that he had many reports from both sides expressing their satisfaction with the new requirements of the Taft-Hartley Act, as set up for negotiating new labor contracts. He also defended the ban on secondary boycotts as outlined in the Taft-Hartley Act.

The provisions of the law concerning excessive initiation fees were also explained and he said that the forbidden closed shop was also favored by the employers. He also stated that there were 4,700 objections for Union Shop clauses in March, while the NLRB is geared for about 2,500. He also said that they are planning for elections in the building industry regardless of what previous speakers had told us and outlined the procedure to be followed in holding the elections. A raise was given for the proposed one of the A. F. of L. for settling jurisdictional disputes. He also mentioned against Communistic infiltration of our labor unions. The afternoon session was ad-

journal at 4:15. Buzzing around in the lobby I ran into Brother Fitch and asked him where in the h--- he had been for the past two days and suggested that he and his wife go to dinner with me. He had heard of a restaurant called the "Yar," and suggested that we have dinner there. It turned out that it was a Russian restaurant and we had a heck of a time reading the bill of fare. We went to a show that had been previously arranged by the Entertainment Committee of the I. U. of O. E.—a play called "Snow Boat."

Thursday Morning, 10 a.m.: The convention session opened and nomination of officers began. Man o' War, I never heard so many flowery speeches before. The only one that I was really interested in was seeing Brother Swanson nominated for Vice-President. About this time I developed a headache and beat it out to get a couple of aspirins. Brother Tommy Roberts really extolled the virtues and the beauty of California and was successful in having the next convention brought to the West Coast. Good boy, Tommy.

Thursday night at 7:30 a large banquet was held in the Grand Ball Room for the delegates to the 23rd Convention. It was a successful affair from everybody's viewpoint. Not having anything to do after this, I decided to ride around for a while and get some fresh air, and landed at the Ivanhoe Club. This is certainly a weird place to get into and very interesting, especially the elevator that shakes while the walls move up and down; some sensation!

Friday, 10 a.m.: A report of the Resolutions Committee was given and the recommendations of the committee were accepted.

Convention adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

At 7:30 p.m. I caught the City of San Francisco headed for California and arrived in Sacramento at 8:35 a.m. Sunday morning and home about 11 a.m.

If our councils and our sessions as a local union were to adopt and use the business methods of the I. U. of O. E. when in convention, we certainly would be able to accomplish much more than we do now.

That's all for this month, fellows.

May Discard Union Shop Votes

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certainly less than 50 out of 6,000 elections—did the proposition for union-shop fail to carry. . . . Votes for the union shop were cast by more than 84 per cent of the employees affected, and we have no reason to believe that these percentages will materially change," Hartley said.

But just how complicated it will be to conduct these elections in the 2,000,000-man building trades industry was being shown in the "pilot" elections being conducted in western Pennsylvania. Five AFL unions and about 98 jobs, each involving a different contractor, are involved. About 50 NLRB agents will conduct the votes in 33 counties.

AFL building trades unions are awaiting the results with interest because of the expense, effort, and cumbersome detail caused by such elections. Experience in California elections thus far, including all of those conducted by Locals 3 and 39, has been an overwhelming percentage in favor of the union shop.

Since outcome of the election is not in doubt by virtue of the fact that the construction industry has operated traditionally on a closed shop basis, the cost of the elections will represent a complete waste of federal funds. Reliable sources place the cost to the taxpayers at from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, a tidy sum in these days of mounting government expenditures for more worthwhile purposes.

Steel scrap, widely used with pig iron in making steel, is salvaged metal ranging from wire to ship plating.

Fresno Local 3

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with \$150,000; Merced County with \$300,000.

The Aschback and Steenberg Company of Minneapolis have finally been awarded their section of the Friant-Kern Canal and will start immediately on structure excavation. We have been informed by a representative of the company that this firm will probably have a string of 20 cats on the job, about 10 shovels and other incidental equipment and will operate on a two-shift basis.

In the meantime Arizona-Nevada Company is making good progress on the grading of their current contracts and will resume lining operations right after the first of June.

Morrison & Knudsen and Hasler have completed all excavation work on Friant-Kern Canal; Lewis and Queen sub-contracted the core bank work and are proceeding on a two-shift basis with a string of cats.

Peter Kiewit Company expect to finish their contract on the Friant-Kern Canal in about six weeks.

Bechtel Brothers, on the Dry Creek Siphon, will probably finish the latter part of July.

On the Pine Flat Dam project, Morrison & Knudsen Company's highway division are making very good progress and by early summer will have pioneered the job from one end to the other. Have started two shifts.

H. Earl Parker Co., on the north abutment of the Dam site, are doing okeh. The job hazard has decreased considerably due to the lesser haul grades.

The District office of the Army Engineers have informed us they expect two more sections of the bypass road on this project to be advertised shortly after the beginning of the next fiscal year.

A. Teichert & Sons Co., on the Mariposa Creek Dam, are still slow on the grading operations due to the necessity of constructing the outflow system for the Dam. Their schedule calls for completion of this section within the next four weeks. They will resume operations later with six cats, four pulls, a string of jeeps and one model 80 NW.

Work in the gravel industry has picked up considerably and although the cost of living clause of the current contract specified a differential of 13 points in the cost of living and currently is only 11 points differential, we will not be able to open negotiations. The boys are still enjoying plenty of overtime and are doing better than members employed on outside construction.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 27th, 1948, 8 p.m., at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, Calif.

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Aluminum Council Asks Full AFL Status

Louisville, Ky.—A resolution demanding full status as an international union in the AFL was adopted by the International Council of Aluminum Workers' Unions at the close of its annual convention here.

The ICAWU executive board is instructed to take up the question with the AFL executive council. If that doesn't work, petitions are to be presented to the next AFL convention.

The council is now a central body of local aluminum unions directly chartered by the AFL.

CAT AND BLADE BOYS OFF TO A GOOD SEASON IN NEVADA REGION: ROCK, ROAD JOBS SET

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE
 Representative, Local 3

Reno—The Isbell Construction Company has an extension, or a new contract, on their stripping job at Kimberly, Nevada, which makes the crews of good operating engineers around the Isbell job very happy, for most of them have become home-steaders there. The Reno division of the great Isbell Construction Company is doing O. K. Chris Jensen is off of the pension job at the rock plant. George Conley is digging around Reno with his shovel and Bill Boegle

works sometimes. They are starting on their street work. I saw Alton (Slim) Hanf on the Barber Green, his favorite machine. Floyd Lambert, their blade man seems to do most of the real fine blade work, then there is their roller man, Alvin Shay, that puts the finishing touches on everything. He is quite a man in his line.

Dodge Construction Company is off to a good start on their Wells, Nevada, job, with Mr. Vern Wilson as super, and Brother Jack Chappelle as assistant super. They have three or four cats, three blades, four Electric LeTourneau Pulls, and one Electric Turnadozer for pusher, and those Hot Shot Electric Operating Engineers such as Bud Jacobsen and Skinny Young for lead-off man and Darrell Cole on the push cat, the dirt will really fly.

The Silver State Construction Co. (better known as the one and only Andy Drumm) is getting along well with the job east of McGill, Nevada, which is in White Pine County. In his camp he has a real cook house, also a portable wash and bath house, he even has a washing machine for the families that live in trailer houses. He has a fine bunch of Operating Engineers, so Andy does not mind fixing things up a bit extra special

for them. Andy's job at Carson City, Nevada, the smallest capitol in the U. S. A., is off with a fine start, with a good crew of Operating Engineers.

Gibbons & Reed have started their job at Pequoop Summit, which is between Wells, Nevada, and Wendover. I was told that Roy Cram was going to bring his equipment up there to do some of the dirt work.

George Miller has most of the sewer line finished and is getting well along with the pump plant, he has a go ahead outfit, and some darned good fighters in the outfit, too.

John Powers Company is doing quite a bit of work around Reno.

Earl Games has his regular crew working every day on basements, etc.

I am very sorry to report at this writing that Brother James Howe is on the sick list. Brother Howe was on Isbell Construction Company's job at Ray, Arizona, but had to return to Reno for medical care. Jimmy, we are all pulling for you and wish you a speedy recovery.

Brother Rolan Cannon has been off work for some time with a broken hand, it is mending rapidly and Rolan will be back working before too long a time.

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