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## Democratic Elections Are A Must for Free Unions

By VICTOR S. SWANSON

Open, honest and democratic Union elections are a vital necessity and fundamentally basic to good unionism.

### WHY?

Because the most sacred element in all unions is involved—the all-important element of AUTHORITY. In any union, the authority of that union rests with the entire over-all membership. This is basic! This is fundamental! And wherever this basic fundamental is violated or autocratically usurped, then very bad unionism results.

Because of the size of local unions today, a great measure of authority of the membership has to be delegated to its officers. This delegation of authority is accomplished through elections. Therefore, this highest and most sacred trust must be conveyed in a manner that is absolutely above question.

What constitutes honest, open, free and democratic elections?

### AT REGULAR INTERVALS

First off, such elections should be held at regular designated intervals of from one to not more than four years. A specific month in each election year should be designated and advertised so that it becomes the common knowledge of every union member.

Of equal importance to the setting up of an election month is the setting up and advertising of nomination of candidates for election. These nominations should be held immediately prior to each election at two union meetings and notices of such nominating meetings should be sent to the entire membership and advertised fully on bulletin boards and in union periodicals, newsletters or journals.

Right at this point—nominations for election—is where each member exercises his individual role and right to freely, openly and democratically choose the candidates he feels are best qualified to exercise the sacred authority of the entire union membership. Indifference, carelessness or neglect by union members in this particular instance opens the door to small pressure groups to take over the affairs of the union with disastrous results.

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After all nominations are properly recorded, then said nominations should be closed and a sample ballot printed and forwarded by mail to every union member at his last known address.

### SAMPLE BALLOTS

This sample ballot should properly and correctly list each candidate's name and the office for which he was nominated. It should also set out clearly the time and location at which the voting will take place as well as any other union requirements with which union members must comply in order to vote.

Union voting polls must be opened at such times and in such places to afford every member ample opportunity to vote.

So much for preliminaries. Now, we come to the all important mat-

ter of conducting the actual voting and tabulating the results. This is where honesty, openness and secrecy must be guaranteed.

### BROAD COMMITTEE

In the first place, a capable election committee should be selected from a cross-section of the entire union membership. To this committee falls the responsibility of orderly conducting the actual voting. There should be no harassment of voting members and all pressure types of campaigning near or at the polls should be prohibited. Candidates or their representatives should have free opportunity to observe the election procedure but must abstain from campaigning at the site of the polls. The polls should be so located that each voting booth will assure complete privacy and freedom of action for the voters.

When the voting is completed and the advertised closing time for voting arrives, the polls should be declared officially closed and the counting of the ballots should take place immediately. This is the most important part of the entire election. So much can happen between the closing of the election and the counting of the ballots that it is absolutely imperative to have everything in readiness to start the

counting immediately after the last voter casts his ballot. The counting of ballots must be conducted in the open with all candidates or other representatives fully able to observe the entire counting procedure.

### ASSURE FAIR COUNT

Where the jurisdictional area of a local union covers several counties and States, voting by mail is a virtual necessity. Voting by mail should be carefully and clearly set out in the by-laws of each union so that all mailed ballots are immediately available to be opened and counted when the official tallying starts.

The tally clerks must be able, reliable, well-known and chosen from a cross section of the entire membership. Monitors of the same caliber and choice should be placed at strategic positions to assure order and fair play at all times.

When the ballots are counted, the results should be re-checked and tabulated and the tally-clerks in charge should sign the vote tabulating sheets and openly declare the election results.

Such an election, so conducted and recorded, is the best possible assurance of good union leadership under our democratic form of government.

## S. F. IS SLACK, BUT FREEWAYS MOVE

By PAT CLANCY & HARRY METZ, Business Representatives

There was very little new work started during the month of April and the usual spring surge of new work has not materialized as yet. However, as the month of May progresses, we expect the work to open up and things will be much better.

As of this report we have had several meetings with the Associated General Contractors, and we hope to have something to report shortly.

The California Highway Commission allocated another \$2,550,000 for the elevated portion of San Francisco's Bayshore Freeway. The funds will cover construction of 1.4 miles of elevated freeway between South Van Ness Avenue and Turk Street. Officials said the additional money was required because costs will exceed original estimates. The 1957-58 highway budget provided \$5,200,000 for the project.

Payne Construction Co. of Oakland has a contract for replacing the cable slot on Calif. St. between Powell St. and Van Ness Ave.

Dale Williams has two new jobs going on after a quiet winter. A contract for construction of storm and sanitary sewers for Standard Builders on their Forest Knoll Subdivision has been awarded to Dale. The other job is a pipeline for the San Francisco Water Department.

Charles Harney Co. has a good portion of the Embarcadero tied up from Mission St. to Broadway. Harney's equipment has created quite a traffic problem.

Macco Construction Co., on the

same job, have steel piling covering three blocks. The pile driving has been a slow process on this job due to the fact that two piles have to be welded after the first pile is driven.

Motorists northbound into San Francisco from San Mateo County will appreciate the news that the new causeway across the water will be open to Northbound traffic July 1, 1957.

The "tight money" situation has finally caught up to our members working at Henry Dolger's Westlake Tract. We have six members left on the payroll.

M & K Corp. is making good progress on their Hunters Point job and also on the upper Market St. extension job.

MacDonald, Young & Nelson are busy on their two jobs. One located at the Fremont St. ramp off Bay Bridge approach and the other one is the new Masonic Temple on California and Taylor Streets.

The arbitrator has not handed down this ruling on the Theo. Meyer & Son case in connection with their job at Mole Hall. However, the same issue will be brought out in our negotiations with the Associated General Contractors, and whatever the outcome, the Union will abide by the Agreement.

## AGC Talks Underway

As this issue of the Engineers News goes to press, contract talks with the Associated General Contractors are going into the second week. Full report on these negotiations will be carried in the June issue of the News.



CHANGING S.F. SKYLINE—Operating Engineers are having a big hand in re-shaping San Francisco's famous skyline these days, as several large buildings are underway in the downtown area. This view shows work on the big Zellerbach building at First and Market. Several pieces of equipment are at work tearing down old buildings (lower right), and laying foundation for the new structure. The famed Mechanics Statue, which labor saved from being put out in the bushes at Golden Gate Park, stands prominently at the intersection (lower right).

## Supreme Court Says Health Funds Protected By Employer 'Wage' Bond

In a decision of far-reaching significance for negotiated health and welfare funds, and for other employee benefit funds, the U.S. Supreme Court last week ruled that the trustees of a health and welfare fund were entitled to recover contributions due to funds from "wage" payment bonds required on federal construction projects.

Bonding companies have heretofore argued that contributions to health and welfare funds are not guaranteed by bonds required on

public projects for the protection of workers.

The U.S. high court gave its decision in a dispute growing out of master labor agreements between contractors and the Carpenters, Laborers and Cement Masons of Northern California, and centered about an incident in which the Carter Construction Company of California went out of business because of a failure to pay contributions. (Continued on Page Five)

## HONOR ROLL OF BLOOD DONATIONS FOR APRIL, 1957

### SAN FRANCISCO

Ingvar Torngren  
Howard Miller  
William Roberts, Sr.  
Ruby O. Kingery  
Jay W. Kingery  
Daniel M. Roberts

### SAN MATEO

Robt. E. Buckingham  
Elbert L. Evans  
Forest E. Lockett  
Dean D. Hogan  
Jim E. Curtin  
Francis P. Drosch

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Howard B. Green  
Mrs. Gertrude Couch  
Eddie Teves  
C. E. Hutcheson  
Benny Lovett

### SAN RAFAEL

Carl Warner  
Lloyd Cowen  
Pauline M. Bradley

### SANTA ROSA

John Armbrust  
Otis Brookin

## Hensley Equipment In the East Bay Signs With Local 3

Conclusion of difficulties with the Hensley Equipment Co. in the East Bay and signing of an agreement with this firm, was reported by Local 3 representatives last week.

The agreement was signed as of May 13. This step marks the end of several months of picketing and start of what is hoped will be a long period of good relations with the firm.

Announcement of the agreement is being released for the information of all persons or firms having any association with Hensley Equipment Co.

"We hope in the future to have harmonious relations with Mr. Hensley and his firm," said Bro. Al Clem of the Oakland office of Local 3.

## REPORT OF LAST MEETING, LOCAL UNION NO. 3

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m., President Clancy presiding. There were approximately 1043 members present.

**President Clancy**

I would like to have the Executive Board members up in front please.

We have with us tonight the President of the San Francisco Labor Council, Jack Goldberger—a good friend of mine. (Members applauded).

I will call on the Secretary for Roll Call of Officers.

**Secretary Mathews**

Called Roll and all officers were noted present. Roll is called Mr. Chairman.

**President Clancy**

Minutes of the last Regular Meeting.

**Secretary Mathews**

Mr. Chairman—I have here the synopsis of the last Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 1957. Synopsis read.

**President Clancy**

Brothers—you have heard the reading of the minutes of the last Regular Meeting. From the floor—I move the Minutes be adopted. Motion seconded. **President Clancy**—It was regularly moved and seconded the minutes be adopted. Are there any objection? Hearing none, as submitted, Executive Board Minutes.

**Secretary Mathews**

I have here the synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of April 17, 1957. Minutes read.

**President Clancy**

Brothers—you have heard the reading of the Executive Board Minutes. What is your pleasure?

**Brother from floor**—I move adoption. Motion seconded. **President Clancy**—It was regularly moved and seconded the minutes be adopted. Is there any objections? Hearing none, as submitted.

**President Clancy**

Communications.

**Secretary Mathews**

Cards of thanks received from **President Clancy**

Let us have a little order down there so you can hear more.

**Brothers from floor**

Let us turn the P.B.X up so we can hear it.

**President Clancy**

I have it wide open now.

**Secretary Mathews**

Cards of thanks read from Mrs. Thomas E. Ferguson and family; Mrs. Andrew J. Whitehead and family; Mrs. Erma Hahn; Michael Prescott; Mrs. Irene O'Regan and family; Mrs. Arthur Phillips and family. All were received and filed.

**President Clancy**

Sick list Brother Mathews.

**Secretary Mathews**

Mr. Chairman—the following were reported ill during the month of April: Jack E. Anderson, B. D. Borden, Lewis Bowman, Lawrence Bunting, Jr., LeRoy M. Brown, Sherman D. Branscum, Clarence D. Brophy, James J. Bluff, Lloyd E. Bauer, E. C. Bennett, Charles Crawford, Keith Chesney, E. D. Cooper, Egidio Croci, Joseph P. Carrigan, Thomas Craig, Claude O. Davis, Tom Eaton, Geo. Ernest, Albert G. Goss, Sr., Daniel Gurney, Louis Hansen, John L. Harriger, Otto E. Hars, N. D. Hatcher, James D. Ivy, Mondell Jewkes, J. J. Johnson, Horance Jones, E. M. Kupers, Edw. F. Kaffka, T. D. Kime, Alonzo Kimmel, Marvin Lachney, Alex S. Leonasio, Edmund McRae, Roy C. Maxwell, Manuel L. Miller, F. G. Morse, Charles Marsac, A. H. Mueller, William Mohawk, James Nardinelli, Elzie C. Omary, Martin E. Paisley, Gene Peterson, Richard Pfau, Miguel Pantoja, Walter M. Proebstel, Wendell E. Park, Lynn A. Phares, Louis N. Rogan, Paul A. Smart, Joe A. Stalteri, Thurman Story Arthur Stout, John Shaffer, Joseph Silveria, Robert Strickland, Edward Sylvain, Carl Thomason, Irvin Tobler, Jerome D. Theisen, John Underwood, George R. West, Paul E. Williamson, Walter Whipp, Ernest U. Webster, Edward E. Willhoit, Leon H. Witt, Ted E. Ward, Solen B. Welton, C. F. Yeager.

Brothers were reported deceased: David T. Collett, A. L. Phillips, Donald H. King, Antone F. Rapoza, Jr., Beverly Key, Wm. L. Keeton, W. J. Hynes, Peter C. Lapioli, A. J. Whitehead, Thomas E. Ferguson, Merritt, A. Hillhouse, R. L. Holt, Albert G. Walters, Wm. G. Ross, C. J. Allen, Wayne E. Wooley, William Lee Duncan. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers. **President Clancy**

If there is no objection we are going to dispense with the reports of the business representatives inasmuch as there is so much other business — like the A.G.C. Agreement and things I know you want to hear about, and talk about. I am going to dispense with business agents reports if there are no objections. Hearing none—business agents reports stand suspended. **Brother Swanson**

**Brother Swanson**

We have very important business tonight. Can you hear me? (Members from floor—a little louder). This thing doesn't work good—I will try it. We have two propositions that are going to come before us tonight—one that you are very much interested in, I know, has to do with the agreement with the A.G.C. The Committee — Negotiating Committee—will report on that and it will probably require some time. The other proposition is a resolution that is going to be presented to this organization for your consideration. I am not going into details now—I am going to hand the resolution to our secretary to read. I will answer any questions you may have.

**Secretary Mathews**

Mr. Chairman — The resolution referred to by Brother Swanson is as follows: (members from floor—can't hear you). **Secretary Mathews**—you all have a copy. The resolution was read as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, it has been rumored that one or more members of Operating Engineers, Local No. 3 has or have requested the International Union to take over the administration of the affairs of Local 3 and,

WHEREAS, the general membership of Local 3 is shocked by such rumors by reason, among other things, of the fact that International intervention or interference with the administration of a local union is justifiable and permissible only where there exists circumstances indicating a dire emergency which threatens the very existence and well being of either the local or the International Union, and no other circumstances can justify the deprivation of self-government to any group of free people or the removal from the control of such free people of the funds and assets which they have accumulated over the years, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership and direction of Victor Swanson the Union has progressed from a point where it had little funds to its standing today as a Union having assets approximating \$2,720,000, and

WHEREAS, Local 3 has grown to a membership of over 20,000 members, and

WHEREAS, the working conditions and wages of the membership have been constantly and consistently improved, and

WHEREAS, the Union is administered in a democratic, efficient and exemplary manner and the financial records and books are audited quarterly by Burrows and Wilson, Certified Public Accountants, and

WHEREAS, in truth and in fact the manner and efficiency of the administration of Local 3 makes it one of the outstanding examples of true trade unionism to such degree that it serves as an inspiration to the labor movement as an example of the achievements and results possible in a free and democratic association of working people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that if there is any truth in the rumor that one or more members of Operating En-

gineers Local No. 3 has or have requested the International Union to take over the administration of the affairs of Local 3 the general membership of Local 3 hereby repudiates and condemns such action and hereby further requests the International Union to disregard completely any such communications from any such persons, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Union resists by all legal means at its command, financial and otherwise, any action by the International Union to deprive the membership of this Union of their right of self-government in any manner whatsoever and to resist by such means any infringement of any kind or character on the local autonomy of the membership of Local 3, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Victor Swanson, local union manager, who over the years has been elected to this position by all of the members of Local 3 and its branches, be and is hereby authorized, with the cooperation of the Executive Board, to take any action necessary to preserve and protect the good name of Local 3 and to maintain the rights of the members of Local 3 to the self-government they have always enjoyed under his administration, and for these purposes to expend funds of Local 3 in such manner and at such times and in such amounts as he, with the cooperation of the Executive Board, shall deem necessary and proper.

**President Clancy**

We will have a word from Brother Swanson on the Resolution.

**Brother Swanson**

Mr. President and Brothers: I was looking around and I realize the condition in this hall—the fact that there aren't chairs for all of you—there are people standing up. It is not our fault—this is the largest hall that we have been able to secure for this most important meeting. Inasmuch as this is a regular meeting, you can readily see what (members from floor—louder). Can you hear me? (members from floor—louder). All right? I have been a member of the International Union for fifty years last April, and this is the most important meeting I have ever attended during those fifty years. Can you hear me? (members from floor—yes).

We are confronted with a situation tonight that I have never in all my life been confronted with before. We are confronted with a proposition that there is a rumor—and a rumor, in my opinion, that came from the City of Washington, D. C. The papers had it that the International was about to come in and take over this organization. The rumor, as I said before, is sufficient to warrant calling this meeting. Tonight we are confronted with a situation that I will try to discuss—if you will bear with me a few minutes.

We have the best organization and the largest organization within our International—but above all, we have the most Democratic organization of any Union in the world today, and I will challenge any man to contradict that statement. Your officers are elected—not by a crooked election like they have in some locals but by honest elections, where every member has a right to see the ballots. Throughout the years, your officers have

been elected not by a majority vote alone but by an overwhelming majority! as a matter of fact nobody even had any opposition in our last election. Your officers have done a good job for you for the last eighteen (18) years. Eighteen (18) years ago we started in the hole some \$3,000. Today we have 20,370 members and instead of \$3,000 in the hole we have a fund—or an asset—of \$2,720,000. This has been done by the present administration. It has been accomplished by the officers which you have elected from year to year, including your manager. It has been a struggle—a desperate struggle at times when we have had to preserve this organization from the acts of certain individuals who would have liked to destroy it. We have no room in this organization for the type who, with a wicked eye, have done everything possible to try and destroy this organization. We have spent several thousand of dollars—yes, we have spent a fortune to protect our lives and our Union. I have no apology to make to any man for that. No man would apologize for that! We have built up the greatest local within the International successfully, honestly, and uprightly.

Here we are confronted tonight with a proposition that there are those who would like to take over. That is the rumor. Can you imagine that? Could any sane man imagine that those conditions would ever exist? In this great country of ours men—real men—do not sneak up from behind. Any man in this Union has a right to run for office—president, manager, secretary—freely—but he must be elected by the majority, not by a handful of hypocrites that would destroy us if they could. In America everybody has the same right.

I would not waste my breath talking if I did not believe our people would fight to death to preserve this freedom. I would not waste my time. I have seen too much for that. We are a free people and the majority rules and must rule forever.

I am well aware that tomorrow belongs to the YOUTH. I am not unmindful of the good book telling us that three score and ten years was our limit, but medical science has prolonged life in some instances. We know that the young may die but the OLD MUST DIE, and for that reason I say to you, we are confronted with a situation tonight where someone in our midst wants to take this Union over, but I do not think they will get your help. I will never submit to slavery. I know you would not want a dictatorship—which I despise and hate. I could use better language if it was not for certain people here tonight. People rebel against dictatorship.

We are not confronted with a problem tonight — between local autonomy and dictatorship. I, for one, will never submit to dictatorship and I'll never submit to slavery. The issue is between a free people and slavery.

Many years ago, or may I say centuries ago, the struggle was then for freedom and through one century after another, that struggle continued that there might someday be freedom. The same thing went on and on, but at last a great republic was born. A republic that wrote into its very constitution the greatest document ever conceived by human mind. It gave every man the right to own his own soul—the right that he be counted as one and no less. No man is born great enough to be anyone's master without his consent. That great document gives us that right. Those who signed the Declaration of Independence were willing to give their lives and their ALL for liberty. All would have died on the scaffold had they lost that war for freedom.

I am not speaking only of tonight but of a lifetime—my lifetime. I have been a member for 50 years. In 1906 I became a member of Local 77 Piledriving Engineers and in 1911 the Engineers

Local 59. In those fifty years I have spent at least 35 years fighting the fight of organized labor and for this Union and others. I have been honored and privileged to be elected and have served the members as best I could. There is no man living who can challenge my statement, or any officer of this Union who would do so. We have fought for this Union and we will continue to fight until we are burned out. I carry the scars of the battle—I have lost one eye and the hearing in one ear. These are scars I will take with me to my grave. What did I do it for? I did it to preserve this organization—to preserve this organization against many skunks. I have better words than that, but I refuse to use them. They would take this Union away from you and give it to the Commies and fellow-travelers—people that have no thoughts for others. I apologize to no living man and never will for whatever has been done to offset these people. No one in this country will ever succeed in overthrowing this Union. They will not succeed because this Union has always elected officers to preserve and fight for the Union. We should be honored and respected because we have built the greatest organization within our International I use the word greatest, because it is true. We have nothing to apologize for. I will carry the scars. I have fought for the labor movement—and I don't expect, or want, any sympathy for having done so. BUT I don't want my life challenged because of the people I have been honored to serve.

There are rumors going around that I no longer represent this Union—imagine that? I do not represent this Union! The members have elected me year after year, practically without opposition—and yet they say I no longer represent you. I want you to vote tonight and see whether or not I represent you. If you say I do not represent the member—I would rather walk out of this place and never come back, after all these years and the struggle for conditions that we have made for the Union. You would not hurt my feelings—and I will not apologize—for everyone has a group of enemies—people who would not protect a man who fought their fights and would turn him down because of a few skunks. That is their right. Who would ever think this? I do not believe there was ever a time in the history of my life in the labor movement and in this Union where the people I have been honored to serve, have not been with me. If they do not support this resolution I will shed no tears. I have told you before that I would hesitate to think people in this Union would degrade themselves to that extent. I don't want to talk much more on this resolution. We have lots of other business. A motion has been presented to you and I could talk to you in detail in connection with this matter, for I know something about it—but I am not going to appeal to you in that way. I have seen the sad side of life and I've seen many fall by the wayside, and you know it. The greatest answer to all of you and the greatest answer that I know of in the labor movement is this—that together we have built the greatest organization of all—the best and the most democratic. I want to thank you for listening.

Members applaud.

**President Clancy**

You have heard the Resolution read. Do I hear a second to the resolution? (From the floor—I second the motion.) Anything on the question?

**Brother Leerberg**

I would like to ask if there is an International Representative from the International at this meeting.

**Brother Swanson**

Right here sits one.

**President Clancy**

Brother Swanson is Sixth Vice-President.

**Brother ? ?**

I think we should have the other (Continued on Next Page)

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(Continued from Preceding Page) side of this question. What seems to be the trouble? I am new here.

**Brother Swanson**  
Somebody is trying to take over is Union.

**Brother ??**  
I want to know more about it. I am from Arizona. I just came in.

**President Clancy**  
Here is a copy of the resolution.

**Brother Leerberg**  
I want to know more about it. I have a copy of the resolution but I want to know more about it. I think I have the right. I am a dues paying member in this Organization and I think I have the right to know what is going on. Whether I vote yes or whether I vote no—if Brother Clancy will give me the permission—I would like to know more about it. What brought this on—what is the ramification? I want to know.

**President Clancy**  
On the question—Brother Swanson gave you a pretty good explanation.

**Brother Leerberg**  
I would like to hear more about it.

**President Clancy**  
We will probably hear more about it. Open up—louder brother from the floor—go up to the mike. There is a brother talking. Come up here and talk in the mike. Whoever wants to talk on this question come up here and use this mike. I will set it down where you can use it. O.K.—Brothers—on the question.

**Brother Worth**  
Mr. Chairman—members of Local 3.

**President Clancy**  
Let us have a little order. Brother—the floor is yours.

**Brother Worth**  
I have belonged to this Organization for quite some time (from the floor—how long?). Before I belonged here I belonged to an organization that was run by a member from the International. You think you have troubles—and you think the Russians dealt the Hungarians trouble? You just let one of these sit in the chair where Victor S. Swanson is sitting right now (members applaud). After this is all over with and it comes time to vote I hope each and every one of you do give wholehearted support and vote for Victor S. Swanson to keep him manager of Local Union No. 3.

**President Clancy**  
I won't recognize anyone except if they talk in the mike. Let's have little order.

**Brother Simon**  
I will tell you what you want to know. You have asked to hear the other side. I am going to try and give you some of it. It is impossible to give you all of it. I am not going to wander all over the country. I am going to stay pretty much to the resolution. It was mentioned in the resolution that it was only a rumor. If it is only a rumor then all this propaganda of presenting a resolution on the floor. I have not heard the rumor—I don't question it as a fact—but that is besides the point (member from the floor—"not besides the point—let us get right down to it.")

**Brother Simon**  
Let me read—you brothers have not got the sense or the decency to have order. How are you going to vote intelligently on the resolution. Let me read this in part:

"Whereas the general membership of Local 3 is shocked by such actions by reason, among other things, of the fact that International intervention or interference with the administration of a local union is justifiable and permissible only where there exists circumstances indicating a dire emergency which threatens the very existence and well-being of either the local union or the International Union, and no other circumstances can justify the deprivation of self-government to any group of free people or the removal from the control of such free people of the funds and assets which they have accumulated over the years."

**Brother from the floor**  
Have that man introduce himself.

**President Clancy**  
This is Brother George Simon.

**Brother Simon**  
I became a member in 1925. If it is just a question of dire necessity then the rumor should not interfere.

**Brother Clem**  
Mr. Chairman—I would like to ask a question—(lots of noise) Mr. Chairman—I would like to ask the Brother a question through the chair. (He was recognized by President Clancy.) Is this the same George Simon that sued this local union for \$50,000 at one time?

**Brother Simon**  
\$30,000.

**President Clancy**  
He says \$30,000.

**Brother Clem**  
That is all I want to ask. (Boos, Boos, Boos from the floor).

**Brother Simon**  
You got your point over very well. But how much did you cost this local I would like to know. There is a statement in the resolution—(boos, boos, boos from the floor)—in regard to a statement in the resolution that the International is taking over this local—at the time the organization took over they didn't have any money. Let me tell you for your information, at the time the organization took over, there was \$3000 in the local treasury. It was not broke. It is true that under international supervision in 1939 we owed \$40,000—(boos, boos, boos from the floor).

**Brother Swanson**  
Point of order. He is not talking on the question.

**President Clancy**  
You are not talking on the question Brother Simon. Cut it out.

**Brother Simon**  
In regard to the statement this is a democratic union let me ask you gentlemen if you know how much your business agent is getting? (Boos, boos, boos). Inasmuch as I can't talk any more I will leave the floor.

**Brother ?**  
I didn't know before what he was talking about—the International taking over. I am new in this local. I have been in a local where the International took over. I was talking about rumors. When you hear a rumor, do something about it. They take over the money—kick the officers out. If they take over, I know then you are just S.O.L. I was a member of 1304 before the steel workers took that over and they kicked out every good member in it. It was all they had to do to get to handle the cash. Sign that over and they got it. Nothing we can do about it. So we can work on it now to keep them out and keep Swanson in. (Members applauded).

**Brother Glenn King**  
Regardless of all the propaganda in the papers against our Union, and one thing and another, we had better keep this out of the International. Keep local autonomy in here, regardless of what the outside interests—the papers—say against the Union; regardless of whether they are trying to cause disunity in our local; regardless of that, we had better stay out of it—better not let the International take us over. We had better keep what we have. There are a lot of rumors going around—they are easy to start. I have heard some propaganda started in the paper. I have heard a hell of a lot that the manager—he is crooked, etc., but by God I am going to tell you when it is published in our own paper our financial statement—by public accountants, by all accountants, by International accountants—we should be the ones to know. The paper would take it right away. The public has had that before. I think we had better stay out of the International and carry this on through. If there is any dissatisfaction in the election of officers—there is an election coming up. We will handle our own affairs. (Members applauded).

**Brother Don Meifert**  
I would like to say something about this. We have a pretty good union. I was a member of Local 70. It took them seven years to get the International off their back. What did they have? They were the laughing stock in the Bay area. It is easy to heckle. It is pretty damn easy to criticize. By God I tell you if we don't keep it—you know the old saying "Don't close

the door after the horse is out of the barn." Now is the time to act before that crummy outfit does move in on us.

**Brother Tom Combest**

The International deal is something you should study pretty hard. I was in Local 12 and that's after we came out of it. It took a good six years to get back where we were a decent union. It is just now happening. It was hard times. We sat still and didn't get any place. Got nothing. We were behind everybody from 40c down to 20c and up to 50c. As far as I am concerned if the International takes our local in, I am going back where I was. It does you no good. Thanks.

**Brother John Harvey**

Mr. Chairman and Brothers: I think Victor Swanson stated the case pretty well but one thing he overlooked is that today there is an attack by Congress and Senate and National Association of Manufacturers, or Chamber of Commerce, and everybody else against the labor movement. Therefore if there is any reason that they can think of, they are going to take out after the labor movement. A few years ago you would not have seen Victor Swanson's picture on the front page of the San Francisco papers, but today, because of the fact that there is an organized attack upon the labor movement, every question is a front page picture and headline. This you just take into consideration—that today, more than ever, there is the question of solidarity in the labor movement. If they can drive one little wedge against the business manager—against the business agents or even the members—if they can drive that little wedge to smash it and the rights of the labor movement—they have done the same thing in the Teamsters—they will do the same thing to every branch of the labor movement. Let us stick together for the good of the rank and file—stick together and back up the officers. I take Brother Swanson.

**Brother Wayne**  
My name is Wayne. I came in this Local in 1927—No. 641—Steam and Operating Engineers. I first met Brother Swanson when we amalgamated in 59. He has always fought for the Union, doing a good job. I say we keep him.

**From the floor**  
Call for the previous question. I make a motion for new business.

**Brother Leerberg**  
On the question Mr. Chairman.

**President Clancy**  
Previous question has been called for. Are you ready for the previous question? All those in favor of the previous question signify by saying Aye. Contrary minded, no. Ayes have it. So ordered.

**Brother Swanson**  
Let's have a standing vote.

**President Clancy**  
Too many men standing—can't count the no's. The Ayes have it. Unanimous.

**Brother Swanson**  
I would like to answer a statement made a few minutes ago that the papers are full of my pictures, but upon advice of my attorney I am not permitted to discuss the matter although I would be most happy to do so. All I can say is thank God we live in America where honest courts decide whether a man is guilty or innocent—not the newspapers, communists or fellow travellers. Now, I must say, that this is indeed a democratic organization when it allows a skunk and a hypocrite—one who has done everything possible to hurt this organization over the years—to stand on this floor and talk.

**Brother from the floor**  
I make a motion to proceed with the regular order of business. Motion seconded.

**President Clancy**  
Brothers—we will proceed with the regular order of business.

**Brother Swanson**  
Brothers—first I want to thank you for what you have done. Now you have most important business before you—business that you are all interested in pertaining to the craft in which we make our living. The Negotiating Committee is all present tonight, ready and able to make a complete up-to-date report. We have all worked day and night

to try and consummate the agreement with the A.G.C. We published a special contract edition of our newspaper and sent a copy to every member in California so that you would all be familiar with what is taking place in the negotiations. We received thousands of letters from members with suggestions of every kind, and these were all studied and given full consideration by your negotiating committee.

**President Clancy**  
I would like to hear from the negotiating committee. Brother Vandewark—do you want to report?

**Brother Vandewark:**

Mr. Chairman and Brothers: This is rather a difficult task to report to you on—something that has not happened. As pointed out previously, your committee spent not a few hours but hundreds of hours preparing an entire new agreement. This was reported to you at the last meeting. We cancelled out our previous agreement in its entirety. We started from scratch with an entire new agreement. You have received this last week our special edition of the paper, pointing out the important issues. Of course we couldn't print all the agreement in the paper, but printed for your benefit the important issues that we felt to be of most value to you so that you would know what your negotiating committee was attempting to do. In our first meeting I might tell you first, that the Employers had our proposals for better than 10 days before they found time to meet us. They were busy meeting with laborers, teamsters, cement finishers. They finally met with us on the 29th and 30th. We did meet with them for 2 days. You may have noticed in the paper. I will just refer to several important issues—No. 1—The seniority and job security clause. Something we have never had in the agreement before—something that is vitally needed in this organization of ours for everyone of us. We have representatives sitting in this hall that come from states where you have the right to work law. If we add in our master contract a seniority and job provision like we have prepared in this agreement, we would not care how many state laws—right to work laws—they wrote—this agreement would protect you and protect you by the priority right that you worked on the job and worked in the industry and therefore had a priority. It is one of the backbones of the agreement. As I recall—some brother at the last meeting raised the issue—how about job security. Brothers—if you studied that particular section in the contract—you will find it covers job security. Job security over the person who may come in from the outside. Job security—wherever they may be in this northern part of California—from the various offices of the local union. So much for that section of the agreement.

The other sections outlined I think you fairly understand—except I would like to touch upon one which you probably noted in the newspaper—provisions were made for either paid vacations or supplementary unemployment benefits, whichever the members choose to take. At this point it might be well to discuss it if you wish. We have not got that far with the Employer at this point. In the first meeting, I might point out, they refused the entire proposal. They even refused those sections from the original agreement. We were not willing to work from the original agreement. The agreement had two days to run the first day that we met. They relinquished their position somewhat and then started to discuss the agreement. There was very little difference between the first day and the second. They okayed 7 clauses in the agreement—mind you—7 clauses. From 27 in the agreement they okayed 7. The seven clauses okayed were seven clauses from the previous agreement. Liberal they are trying to be. I have not much more to report.

The following day—second day—the committee was reduced to five from each side. We spent the entire day arguing and discussing

and cussing at times. We got absolutely nowhere. They are apparently attempting to get behind them the other crafts before they have to wrestle with us. As you know they have settled with the 42 County Carpenter group, and the Laborers. The Carpenters came out with a somewhat better settlement than the Laborers. They still have the Cement Finishers and Teamsters to go. Brother Swanson pointed out that we are meeting again on Monday. I don't know what the outcome will be—can only guess, Brothers, you are in for a fight. We are attempting to get what you are entitled to and the rest of the union security provisions and job security provisions that you are entitled to.

**President Clancy:**  
Brother Clem..

**Brother Clem**  
Mr. Chairman and Brothers: The previous speaker covered the negotiations fairly well. There are a couple of points that I would like to bring out at this time. In making up the agreement, as Brother Vandewark told you, the Agreement has not been changed since 1947—the proposals were worked on several days from suggestions that were written in to the Manager; suggestions from the different business agents in this area, and from the Executive Board, and in my opinion we submitted to the contractors a very good agreement, contractors a very good agreement, from the contractors. We may have a little trouble but I think we will get it. The classifications have all been re-grouped. We are going to get all we can for you. We are going to do the best job we can. As it has been stated, it will be submitted to the membership for ratification and at that time you can accept it or reject it. The hiring clause is very important for our existence. As it has been pointed out, the right-to-work law is in several states. I think that the hiring clause is very important in our agreement. Regarding a pension—we are shooting for a pension plan for you. That is nothing new to many members who are in the hall who work under contracts where the employer pays them a pension plan. I hope we will be successful in negotiating a pension plan. I do not stand here in front of you saying we are going to get a pension plan. I am saying that the whole committee and executive board and all business agents are going to shoot as far as we can to get the best agreement that we can. While I am on my feet I would like to make a motion. I would like at this time to make a motion that the Negotiating Committee be empowered to take such routine and economic action as may be necessary among individuals contractors that we have no agreement with at this time, in order to get the best agreement that we can to submit to you. Motion seconded by brother from the floor.

**President Clancy**  
You have heard the motion. Anything on the question?

**Brother from the Floor**  
Do you mean strike action or not?

**Brother Clancy**  
In case we need to. Anything further on the question? Those in favor say Aye. Ayes. Contrary minded? None. So ordered. Brother Foss—you wanted the floor?

**Brother Foss**  
Mr. Chairman and Brothers: I am your Vice-President, register number 147568. I offer no apology to you for any action that I have ever taken since I have been a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. (From the floor—how long?) Mr. Chairman—the Brother does not realize that there are women present and I can't conduct my speech the way I usually do.

**President Clancy**  
Brother Foss—we are still reporting on the negotiating committee. Go ahead.

**Brother Foss**  
I want to tell you I have no apologies to make since I have been a member in the International Union of Operating Engineers—personally, for my action of myself as an officer or any action as reported. (Continued on Page Seven)

# Weather, Talks Slow Up Marysville Area

By LES COLLETT, C. R. Van WINKLE and BILL WEEKS Business Representatives

Due to weather and contract negotiations work in this district has really been slowed up. However, "all is not lost" as the saying goes. First, we have a few men at Beale Air Force Base and when it gets drier we will have more, in fact around 105 members on the job. They have one shift going at present and will start a second shift soon, weather per-

mitting. R. A. Westbrook Morrison & Knudsen Inc. and H. Earl Parker have the contract. Olive Pope is project manager, Don Westbrook and Bro. Del Hoyt are shift superintendents. Bro. Dallas Mathews is master mechanic, Brothers Clem Marchant and Glen Dedman are shifters.

The two tunnel jobs, which were due to be let in Feather River, on the relocations of the W. P. railroad, were postponed due to labor contract negotiations. It seems that the Contractors didn't know what wage scales to use, therefore May 15, 1957 is the new date. Also 13 million dollars of hiway work is called for bids on that date.

H. Earl Parker Co. was low bidder on the approaches of the Simpson Lane Bridge, \$22,000. Pacific Bridge Co. were the low bidders on the 5th Street bridge between Marysville and Yuba City at a cost of \$1,421,735 and we understand this job is to start right away. We have a few men on the large bridge job for C. K. Moseman at Nicolaus but don't know what will happen there over the pre-stressed concrete beef. Souza & McCue Co. with Bro. Bill Adams in charge are putting in the approaches on the East side of the Nicolous Bridge. Morrison & Knudsen Co., Inc. have a bridge job for the W. P. railroad at Rock Creek Dam. Bill Francis, a rebel from Texas, is superintendent and Roy Keyes is shifter.

Baldwin and Parker Co., joint venture are doing the finishing touches on the Simmerly slough job north of town. B. C. Richter Co. have a few jobs around the Oroville district. Utah Bates & Rogers Co. are pouring concrete on their Poe Tunnel and about up to par now that the crews are organized. A. Teichert & Sons are crushing rock at Rodgers Flat for the upper Tunnel jobs. Darkenwald, Harms and M. & K. Co., Inc. are getting started on their Caribou Dam job. M. & K. Co. are starting on Caribou powerhouse tunnels, surge chamber and penstock. O. K. Mitty has a few men on his large road job east of Spring Garden and will add more men as the dirt gets drier. Bechtel are doing pretty good on their powerhouse and dam on the Poe Project. Lester L. Rice & Sons have been doing quite a bit of work around this area. They also have a job going in Adin. This company seems to always have a good sized crew working the year around.

Frederickson & Watson at the Arbuckle freeway job are getting under way again. They have their hot plant and crusher set up about six miles west of Arbuckle. They have about 16,000 ton of plant mix to lay near Williams, which will be mixed at their plant. Buddy & Son are coming right along on their surfacing job between Meridian and Williams on Hiway 20. W. H. O'Hair had the sub moving the borrow on this job. A. Teichert & Sons at Chico are doing a few small jobs around. Also they are setting up a big gravel plant and hot plant west of Chico. Bro. Ken Fox is the district superintendent for this company. Our good Brother Ted McIntosh who has Mack Sand & Gravel near Orland says business is picking up for him. Cecil Hulse has moved back in to finish the levee job he started last fall.

Other than this work has been very slow getting started in this area.

Odie Hicks, Utility greaser for H. Earl Parker, was in a car accident and has a compound fracture of the leg and will be laid up for a year the doctor said.

—Les Collett & Bill Weeks  
**INDUSTRIAL REPORT**  
**Report on Negotiations:**

At this time of the year the memberships' interest naturally turns to thoughts of the progress of the negotiations, and the following is a brief outline of the progress to date. For more details attend your regular meetings.

**Natomas Company:**  
Several meetings have been held with the company, resulting in the

## Notice to Members On Check-off

Every month out of the Marysville office several hundred envelopes are mailed to the membership on the check-off containing their monthly buttons and dues stamps. Each month some of these are returned marked "Move—No forwarding address," etc. Hereafter upon the return of such mail no button or dues stamp will be again mailed out until we hear from the member.

So if you do not receive your monthly button or dues stamp, please contact the office or the undersigned so that we can correct your address, if it has been changed, or the post office if they are in error. Thank you.

best negotiated wage offer to date. No change in the welfare insurance as it is still the best that we know of, except a reduction in the cost to the membership of the additional disability insurance. Barring the possibility of last minute minor changes a special meeting is in the offing to consider the results.

**Yuba Consolidated:**  
This agreement expires one month after the Natomas Company agreement and traditionally the negotiations have been carried after the Natomas Company negotiations are well along. While this hasn't been exactly to our liking, it has had its advantages and, of course, it's disadvantages. On the whole it hasn't worked out too badly, for at least, we know the minimum that can be expected. When we reach the point where we have gone as far as possible or a final report can be made a special meeting will be called. In the meantime attend your regular meetings for reports on progress.

**Gladding, McBean and Co.**  
Pension negotiations have already started, but no progress at this writing. Negotiations on the agreement and wages opened Monday, May 6th and continued into Tuesday. However, it is too early to hazard a report as yet. We can, we believe, anticipate a better agreement and increased wages, if the results of other negotiations in the clay industry can be used as a criterion. In this case also, we advise attendance at the General Membership Meetings at which will be made full and complete reports and your advice and council sought.

**Concrete Pipe Industry:**  
We are just preparing for meeting with these companies and no meetings have been held to date. There is one thing we do not anticipate this year and that is the dragging out of the negotiations as has happened in the past.

This year the pipe companies apparently are much busier than they have been the last two years and we do not believe there will be any reason for any delay this year as the pattern will be pretty well established by the expiration date of these agreements.

**Meeting Announcements:**  
**Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields:**  
This unit meets the fourth Monday of each month and the next meeting will be held Monday, May 27, 1957 in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville the following times:

10 a.m. for those unable to attend the night meeting.  
7:30 p.m. for the Day and Graveyard shifts.  
The Natomas Company: The next membership meeting for the members employed by this company will be held Monday, June 3, 1957 in the Veterans Club, Folsom, at the following times:

10 a.m. for those unable to attend the night meeting.  
7:30 p.m. for those able to attend the night meeting.  
Gladding, McBean and Company: Joint Board meets Monday, June 3, 1957 at 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln

**Industrial Council Office, Lincoln.**  
All Board Members are urged to be present as these are important meetings. General Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11, 1957 at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, Lincoln.

**Concrete Pipe Companies:** This meeting will be a joint meeting of the membership of the Laborers, Teamsters and Local No. 3 employed both in the plants and on installation work, both agriculture and construction, and will be held Monday, June 10, 1957 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Gridley.  
**Work Report:**

Gold dredging is staggering along at its lowest ebb in a number of years with no hope of improvement unless the yield improves or the price of gold is increased, a rather hopeless dream, at least, at present.

Yuba Manufacturing Company's dismantling work is using quite a number of the dredger men with one dredge practically dismantled and another to start. Fairly authentic information lead us to believe that there may be more. If so, some of the boys may have several months work ahead of them.

Demand for concrete pipe seems to be much better this year with all the plants from fairly to very busy. This has been caused by a large demand for concrete pipe on the Beale job, several road jobs and considerable more agriculture jobs. Of course this pipe must be made in advance and doesn't mean that that work is in high gear as yet.

Gladding, McBean and Company has apparently reached the end of its slow period, which, incidentally, wasn't as slow this past winter as in former years and has started to call men back, and hire new ones. As this plant's main production is sewer pipe and telephone conduit this should mean a shot in the arm to the construction boys.

### PERSONAL NOTES

Brother Walter Heflin, of Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields, suffered an unfortunate accident while on a visit to the State of Oklahoma. A trailer being pulled by a car blew a tire which threw the trailer into Brother Heflin, demolishing his car and putting his wife and himself in the hospital. They since have been released from the hospital and have returned home, but it will be about three months before Brother Heflin will be able to work, according to his report. . . . Brother Charles Forsman, of the same company who underwent a hernia operation recently, has sufficiently recovered to be released for work some time this month. . . . Brother Sam Isaminger of the Natomas Company who suffered a heart attack some months ago has recovered sufficiently to return to work. . . . Brother Kimmel, Tower Operator at Gladding, McBean & Company who underwent surgery recently is well on the way to recovery and expects to return to work soon.

—C. R. Van Winkle.

# SACTO IS BUSY ON KEY HIGHWAYS

By PAUL EDGEcombe, ERNIE NELSON, BOB SORNSEN and ED HEARNE, Business Representatives

Job reports here in the capitol of this great state are more favorable than some of the bills coming out of this session of legislation affecting organized labor. Take note of how your candidate voted and remember next election.

Contracts awarded during the month of April on highway and airfield projects in this area total more than 14 million dollars. These jobs will furnish employment for many of our brothers on our large out-of-work list. Employment has been on the rise steadily with few interruptions of rain.

The extension of runways at McClellan Field will be built by Gordon Ball and Golden Ball, Inc., who were low bidders at \$1,982,134. This same company were low bidders and have been awarded the Mather Field widening and extension of runways at a bid of \$7,821,923.

A. Teichert & Son, Inc., was low bidder on Highway 50 at the city limits 13 miles east for grading and paving this busy section. Bid was for \$931,422. This company was also low bidder on the levee realignment on the American river. Two pumping plants and new levee construction will be done on this \$1,696,861 job. In addition to these jobs, this company has a \$203,440 resurfacing project on 36 miles of various highways in Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, and Placer counties. None of these jobs have gotten underway yet.

On the Rocky Ridge road from Roseville to Auburn-Folsom route Stecker and Scott will soon start operations on this \$389,896 "rocky" strip.

J. R. Reeves Company were awarded two contracts; one for \$140,187 for widening and paving Fair Oaks boulevard; the other for grading and surfacing streets at Parker Ave. district, amounting to \$123,815.

Highway work in the foothills of the great Sierras has started rolling. By the end of this season there will be many yards of dirt moved on these heavy grading projects—both routes 40 and 50. Weather has held them back, but they'll be getting in some good production soon.

Around the Lake Tahoe area some of the contractors have begun to stir a bit now that most of the snow is gone. Much activity is anticipated this coming season. Clements construction company are putting in a rock plant, batch plant, and hot plant at the north end of the lake near Truckee. Plans are in the making for a batch plant at the south end of the lake. The potential for this area is improving and we are happy to see some union contractors moving in to this forgotten territory.

Wrecking of the old labor temple among many of the building being demolished on "Eye" street between 7th and 8th is just about wrecking contractor, will have this completed. Homer Arons, local site available for proposed parking facilities soon.

Thanks again to the brothers for supporting the best blood bank in

Local 3. Here are the donors for the months of April:

- Howard B. Green
- Mrs. Gertrude Couch
- Eddie Teves
- C. E. Hutcherson
- Benny Lovett



- A. L. PHILLIPS  
Wheatland, Calif., April 3, 1957
- DONALD H. KING  
Rio Vista, Calif., April 6, 1957
- ANTONE F. RAPOZA, JR.  
Oakland, Calif., April 16, 1957
- BEVERLY KEY  
Salt Lake City, Utah, April 17, 1957
- WM. L. KEETON  
Santa Clara, Calif., April 18, 1957
- W. J. HYNES  
Richmond, Calif., April 19, 1957
- PETER C. LAPIOLI  
San Leandro, Calif., April 22, 1957
- A. J. WHITEHEAD  
Clipper Mills, Calif., April 22, 1957
- THOMAS E. FERGUSON  
Antioch, Calif., April 22, 1957
- MERRITT A. HILLHOUSE  
Richmond, Calif., April 26, 1957
- R. L. HOLT  
San Francisco, Calif., April 27, 1957
- ALBERT G. WALTERS  
Redding, Calif., April 29, 1957
- WM. G. ROSS  
San Francisco, Calif., April 30, 1957
- C. J. ALLEN  
Santa Rosa, Calif., April 30, 1957
- WAYNE E. WOOLLEY  
Sonora, Calif., April 1957
- ROBERT I. FADEL  
Vacaville, Calif., April 24, 1957

**WALNUT CREEK,** Contract awarded to Williams & Burrows, Inc., 500 Harbor Blvd., Belmont. \$1,448,770 for const. treatment plant enlargement to increase design average flow capacity from 4 1/2 to 11 million gals. per day, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$931,422 for abt. 13.9 mi. grade & pave w/plt-mx. surf. on cem. tr. base, betw. Brighton & 0.5 mi. E. of Alder Creek, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

**BERKELEY,** Contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$109,111 for const. underground steam line Campanil Way Tunnel to Heart Mining, Berkeley Campus.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$136,662 for 23.6 mi. pltmx. surf. over exist. surf. var. locas., SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

**Observe Safety Rules.**

# Cascade Wonderland Is Busy

By E. A. HESTER & J. B. JENNINGS, Business Representatives

Activity is the by-word in the Cascade Wonderland District. With a variety of sizable jobs getting underway as good weather sets in.

However, more people are out of work in Shasta, Trinity, Tehama and Siskiyou County than ever before. The cause of the wide-spread unemployment is the Trinity River Project. Letters and phone calls continue to pour in from all parts of the United States, inquiring about work on the Trinity Project.

New faces are showing up every day, seeking employment. The situation is alarming! After the Project levels off there will only be about 1,000 men employed. At the present time we estimate there is enough men here to build four projects of this kind. Shea, Kaiser and Morrison are

slowly moving in on the 11-mile Tunnel Project and it looks from here that they will be going underground in another month or six weeks.

J. C. Compton Company of McMinnville, Oregon, are moving in on their 27 miles of re-surfacing and black top job, reaching from Alturas to the Oregon Border.

W. H. Darrough & Son, of Yuba City, California were the successful bidders on the Bureau of Public Roads job at Willow Creek, Tehama County. The job is situated 26 miles West of Corning. There is approximately 700,000 yards of rock and much to be moved on the Project. Their bid was \$368,443.

It looks like Morgan Construction Company will be busy this

summer. They were recently awarded Contract by the S. Highway Dept. to improve Loadometer and Scale Stations at 12 locations; Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties.

Dorman Construction Company of Vancouver, Washington, are moving in on their road job, Highway 99 between Yreka and Gazelle. The firm has signed our Master-Agreement!

Work is picking up in the southern counties. Also there are a number of New Projects to be let.

It is with deepest sympathy and regret that we of the Reding office report the bereavement of two of our Good Brothers, Al Walter and E. A. Turley.

# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, DON KINCHLOE and HAROLD HUSTON, Business Representatives

The Alameda County and Contra Costa County area has had all kinds of weather during the last month. Most of it bad and as a result of this condition, the Brothers' working on jobs that have been opened up are getting some short work weeks. We have quite a variety of work in the two counties such as pipe lines, highways, dredging and the construction of numerous Industrial buildings and warehouses that have kept a good many Engineers employed. Johnson, Drake and Piper Co. of San Leandro, who was awarded the \$4,935,599 contract for that portion of the Eastshore Freeway between Fallon St. and Market St. in Oakland, have started to work. East Bay Excavators is the sub-contractor on this job and they will do the excavating. The Equipment shops are beginning to show signs of life again and we hope they will be in full swing again.

Grove, Shephard, Wilson & Kruge have finished their job on the double deck over-head freeway distribution structure on Cypress Street in Oakland. This job has kept about twenty of the brother's steadily employed for a period of two years and the brother's are proud of the job which they were a part of.

Ben C. Gerwick was awarded the contract from C. F. Braun for a \$300,000 job. This job consists of driving 370 pre-stress concrete piles which are 16" by 20" in diameter. They run between 60 and 70 feet long. The piles are being jetted 50 to 55 feet into the ground. This job is to be finished sometime in June. Fletcher Steele is Supt. Brother Leslie Peterson is on driver, Brother Virgil Idle as Fireman, Brother Jess Schneider is on the pumps and Brother Cliff Bakewell on a D-8 dozer. The P & Z Drilling Co. are drilling the holes for Ben Gerwick to set the pre-stress piles, Brother Glenn Gourly is on Boring machine with Brother Larry Peterson as his helper. This is the new Ethyl Plant being built between Pittsburg and Antioch.

Browne's Drilling Service is digging all the foundation pier holes for Bevilacqua Homes on Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo.

Brother Cliff Gray has moved his Fordson Backhoe in and is digging all the gas lines for the Asumson Church in San Leandro. Brother Art Anderson is doing the oiling for him. He has approximately 800 ft. left to dig.

McGuire & Hester was awarded the \$43,807 contract for District 9 El Monte in Concord. There is 8000 ft. of sewer line to be put in with approximately 60 days time limit. Brother Al Fogt is loader operator, Brother C. E. Wilson is on a trencher and Brother Frank Dias is the oiler.

Consolidated Western Steel are building a tank for Dow Chemical in Pittsburg. Brother Eugene Roberts is operating equipment for the Boilermakers who are building the tank.

Brother Frank Szendre and Brother John B. Lundgren are working for the P & Z Drilling Co. who are doing the drilling for Hilp & Roades. This is for the new shopping center that is now being built in Concord. Hilp & Roades are building a new Kahn's Department store and a new J. C. Penney's store.

Al Pereira has sub-contracted from Farry Granzatto all the dirt fill which is approximately 400,000 cubic yards to be placed at the end of Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo. This land will be developed for an Industrial Park. They are using M. J. B. Construction's Model 6 NW shovel to load the trucks, and are getting their dirt from the pit located at the corner of Castro and Jackson Sts. in Hayward.

Brother Stan Price is digging all the foundation pier holes for Brad-dock, Logan & Valley Developers on Washington Avenue in San Leandro.

## OAKLAND SKYSCRAPER

Oakland's Tribune Tower will soon be in a shadow as the steel continues to rise on the new 19th

story First Western Bank building at 14th and Broadway. The general contractor is Swinerton & Walberg. Brother Sam De Malt is the Engineer on the material hoist and Brother Bill Larsen is taking care of the compressors and welding machines for the "general." Bethlehem-Pacific Steel Co. is erecting the steel and furnishing the major part of entertainment for the sidewalk superintendents. Brother Tommy Thompson and Brother Bill Kaleb are operating the two Guy derricks that keep the steel moving from 14th Street to the 15th floor, while Brother Bill Karns keeps the Bethlehem compressors and generators in order.

Pacific Coast Building is building a new elementary school on Happy Valley Road in Lafayette. This is one of many schools that are being built in the Contra Costa area to try to school the children. Brother Dare Everidge is the operator on the job raising the lumber in place for the school.

Rose & Matoza have really been moving dirt in their job on the Bayo Vista Tract in Hayward. At the present time they have about twelve pieces of heavy equipment on the job working. Besides this job, they have started to place 200,000 yards of fill dirt for a new housing tract which will be located at the end of Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo.

Brother Joe Muren is digging all the sewer ditch with his B. G. trencher for the San Lorenzo recreation park. Brother Ernie Bar-surto is oiling for him. There is 1500 feet left to dig.

Bigge Rigging has moved in Walnut Creek with a Bay City truck crane setting structural steel for the new Walnut Creek American Trust Company. Brother Jack Klingman is the operator with Brother Bill McInturff as oiler.

Antioch Paving Co. was awarded a \$86,751 contract from the Division of Highways in Sacramento. The job is for 6 1/2 miles of grading shoulders, constructing drainage and place road-mix surface on import. The job is near Walnut Creek on the north approach road to Mt. Diablo State Park. Brother Harry Leighton is foreman, Brother Edward Mestek is the loader operator, Brothers John Hartman and "Red" Bosley are the blade operators with Brother Robert Parker on a roller. There is 80,000 sq. yds. of compacted road-mix to be put in and 63 culverts. There is no time limit on this job.

Ace Excavators is doing all the excavation for Bevilacqua Homes. This extension of the tract will need about 150,000 cubic yards of dirt placed. Brother Albert Dix is operating a D-8 Dozer and sheeps-foot with Brother Wes Cravens doing the grade setting for him.

S & Q Construction Co. have just about completed their drain ditch contract for the Alameda County Flood Control. This ditch is a mile and a half long and there was approximately 134,000 yards to move. Brother Cliff Jorgensen is operating a Model 6 NW dragline and Brother John Smithart is doing the oiling for him. This job started at Mt. Eden and ends at Alvarado.

The Charles Campenella Wrecking Co., who has the contract for

wrecking the Holy Names School, is rapidly doing away with that old land mark, preparatory to making way for the new Kaiser building that is to be erected on that ground.

Bo-Son, Inc., was awarded the \$341,397 contract from Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District. This work consists of relocating a channel and setting a concrete storm channel 8 1/2 ft. deep and 32 ft. wide. John A. Carstensen from Castro Valley is sub-contractor for the dirt moving. The sub-contract is for \$10,000 and the time limit is about 40 days. Brother George Atton is foreman, Brothers R. C. Johnson and Jess Pierson on dozers, Brother Arlin Snyder is on a Model 8 N.W. dragline.

Independent Construction Co. is making a fill on the shore of Lake Merritt for the Harrison Street widening project in Oakland.

Quite a few homes in the vicinity of the proposed MacArthur Blvd. Freeway are being wrecked for the clearing of the freeway right of way. This project should get started some time soon.

Brother Morris Fredrickson has 2000 feet of ditch to dig for the San Lorenzo Recreation Park. This will be used to place the new electric conduit pipe. Laurence McInery is oiling for him on his Jeep trencher.

Prodanovich, Inc., has started demolition of the old Emeryville baseball park that will probably be replaced with an industrial plant.

## RICHMOND PIPELINE

Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc., located at 9th and Yuba Streets in Marysville, have 13 miles of 6-inch welded steel petroleum products line for the Union Oil Co. of California from their plant at Oleum to their new storage yard and packaging plant at 1300 Central Ave. in Richmond. Donald Jorgenson is project manager, Brother Andy Emmons is the country spread superintendent and Brother George Beck is city spread superintendent. Brothers Charles Asby, Gordon Hodgkinson and Lyle "Red" Smith are the foremen. This job should be finished in about eight or ten weeks.

Fredrickson, Watson & Ransome, joint venture, are working on the San Pablo Dam Road on a reconstruction and re-alignment job from the San Pablo Dam to Wild Cat Canyon Creek, a distance of 5.6 miles. They have all of the 1,800,000 cubic yards of muck moved plus 200,000 cubic yards more which resulted in slides due to the rains. They are now grading and putting in place all the import and sub-base material which will be finished May 15th. They expect to have this job completed and the road open in early July. We have the following Brothers working on this job under the foremanship of Brother Roy Christman. The DW 20 operators are Billy Burns, Roy Chamberlin, Frank Colloms, Dave Faria, Claude Jordan, Bob Rigglesford and Merle Saunders. The D-8 and D-9 cat-skinners are Bud Everett, Paul Fields, Riggie Garcia and Dewey Morgan. The Blade operators are Earl Davis, Everall Smith and Mike Manco, Paul Greney is the loader operator, Walter Rogge as roller operator and the grade setters are Dick Ballinger and Barney Castillo. Sammie Richardson is on grease truck, Ralph Hillhouse is crane operator with Fred Bennage as master mechanic and C. W. "Steve" Stephenson and Marlon Perry.

WALNUT CREEK, Contract awarded to Paul W. Wasson, 800 Pinedale Court, Hayward, \$123,440, for const. of sanit. sewers in Local Impv. Dist. No. 33.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$143,985, for 24.6 mi. pltmx. surf. on exist. surf. betw. Albion & Boonville, & in Ft. Bragg, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

## LOCAL 3 WINS ELECTION AT METAL PLANT

In January 1957, the employees of the Metal Disintegrating Plant in Berkeley, California, contacted the representative of Local 3 requesting us to represent them for the purpose of collective bargaining. On January 25, 1957, a petition was filed by the Local Union with the National Labor Relations Board.

Due to the complication, namely that the firm was a member of a multiple Employer bargaining unit, the case dragged on until election was ordered held on Monday, May 6, 1957, which the Union won by a majority vote of 16 to 10.

The contract was negotiated with the Company by Local Union 3 with the aid of a committee of the employers of the Metal Disintegrating Plant and the members approved it as of May 10, 1957.

## Hensley Equipment Signs With Local 3

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fore making final payments to a health and welfare fund. The trustees of the fund sued Carter and the bond company for contributions due. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, California, held that unpaid contributions were not wages and therefore not covered by the bond. The U.S. Supreme Court decision has reversed this ruling.

Earlier test actions had found that health and welfare contributions were recoverable against bonds under California law. The Supreme Court decision means that under both federal and state law health and welfare contributions are covered by payment

## San Mateo—Hub of the Peninsula Edgemar Freeway Project Is Awarded to McCam., Wunderlich

By CHET ELLIOTT & BILL RANEY, Business Representatives

The McCammon & Wunderlich Co. of East Palo Alto were awarded the contract by the State Highway Department, to build two miles of Freeway extending from Skyline Blvd. to Edgemar on the Coast, at a total cost of one and one half million dollars. There is one million yards of earth to move and an overpass to erect. Project Manager Elmo Campbell has had Superintendent Brother Ed Martin and foreman Brother Hamas with operators Hust, Bloomquist, Bedard, Sanjines, Gingery, Charleston, Harrison, Robinson, Wooldridge, Daniels and Heavy Duty Mechanics Frederickson and Scott, all cleared from this office for this work which will keep all the aforementioned brothers employed for the rest of this year and longer.

Bids will be opened on May 7th, by the County of San Mateo, for the reconstruction of La Honda Road, near La Honda. This job will consist of clearing the right-of-way, moving 300,000 yds. of earth, demolishing and re-aligning the old road and paving of the new highway. Due to the rugged character of the area, this project will employ many members of Local 3 for several months.

The date for the opening of the bids for the widening of El Cammino in San Mateo has been postponed until May 15 on account of the nature of this project, which consists of moving the underground facilities, widening the highway to six lanes, grading, paving and constructing curbs, gutters and sidewalks. This work will last for quite some time and will keep many of our brothers busy.

**BIG REDWOOD STREET JOB**  
One of the largest street paving and street re-construction con-

## News About The Brothers

Brother Fred Wright took off a month after spending 18 months in Thailand. He is now on another 18 month job on road construction out of Bangkok as a shovel operator.

Brother Frank Szendre and his wife had a new addition to their family April 18. The stork delivered a baby girl weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs. by the name of Cherry Lynn. Everyone is doing fine.

Brother William "Chuck" Randall has been in the Brookside Hospital in Richmond. "Chuck" had an operation on his leg in April and should be back to work soon.

Brother Don Meifert, a member of Local 3 for many years, is now writing for the "Drag News" for Northern California and has been since last September.

Brother C. Francis Webster is at home recovering from an automobile accident after having been crowded off of the road into a culvert-abutment on Lake Chabot Road.

Brother Ralph Lister of Peterson Tractor Co. has under-gone a very serious eye operation. Brother Ralph is at home and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

Brother Walt Medinas is in the Brookside Hospital in Richmond recovering from a disc operation on his back. Lots of luck Walt and we hope you're home soon.

The health and welfare funds were represented in the U.S. Supreme Court case by attorneys Charles P. Scully, Gardiner Johnson and Thomas E. Stanton, Jr.

tracts in the history of Redwood City was awarded on April 30th to the E. T. Haas Co. of Belmont. The project includes the reconstruction of Kentfield, Palma and Valota Roads, and other streets in this vicinity.

The Bay Area Pollution Control Board and the San Mateo County Refuse and Garbage Disposal District are now formulating plans to change all the garbage dumps to the fill and cover system. If, and when this comes about, it will provide work for several of our engineers.

During the past month the local contractors in the San Mateo Area have been awarded many miscellaneous contracts such as the L. C. Smith Co. for reconstruction and paving streets in the City of San Mateo, the Lowrie Paving Co. for paving California Drive in the City of Burlingame, the O. C. Jones Co. for street work in Menlo Park, Douglas and Woodhouse for the grading in the schools in Redwood City and the Lowrie Paving Co. for improvements in Smallcomb Industrial Park, in Burlingame.

Although the San Mateo Office still has some members on the cut-of-work list, the clearance business has picked up considerably in the past few days. The outlook is very good and if the call for men continues the list will be completely depleted in a very short time.

## Questions Are Answered on Jobless Aid

Following is the fifth in a series of questions about California's employment security system and authentic answers supplied by the Department of Employment. In the last issue, discussion pertained to eligibility for and procedures relating to unemployment insurance. The following takes up the "availability" provisions of the California Unemployment Insurance Code.

**Q.** I know that in order to be eligible for unemployment insurance I must be "able to work and available for work" (Section 1253(c) of the Code). Just what does that mean?

**A.** This is an individual matter and the decision in each case is dependent upon the facts of that particular case. Generally, "able to work" means physically and mentally able to accept full-time employment in your regular occupation. If you are not physically or mentally able to work you should file a claim for disability insurance. Regarding availability, a general rule used by the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board is: "We have defined availability for work as requiring that a claimant must be ready, willing and able to accept suitable work which there is no good cause to refuse, and for which there is a potential labor market in the geographical area in which the claimant's services are offered."

The period of ineligibility if you are unable to work or not available for work begins when you become unable or unavailable and continues as long as the circumstances remain the same.

**Q.** Why would I be ineligible to receive insurance for the entire week if I am ill for only one day?

**A.** One condition of eligibility for unemployment insurance is that the claimant be able to work and available for work which may be offered to him at any time. The Attorney General has ruled that in order to meet this requirement the claimant must be available each day of his normal work week. Hence, if he is not available for any day of his normal work week, he is considered unavailable for the whole week.

**Q.** What shifts do I have to be able and willing to work to be available?

**A.** It depends on what shifts are customary in your occupation or industry. If you are not in a position to accept any one of these shifts, then your reason for this inability becomes important, as well as your prospects of becoming employed during the shifts you can work.

**A.** If I am unable to do some of my former work because of age or health (the work is too heavy or I can't climb any more, for example) could I be considered able to work and available for work?

**A.** Yes, if there is other work that you could do, a reasonable chance that you will be able to get such work and you are willing to accept and are seeking this other work without any unreasonable restrictions.

**Q.** If I usually work for one employer and there is a layoff but I will be recalled soon, can I be "available" for work?

**A.** Yes, if you are willing to accept and seek temporary work until you are recalled. Generally, if you are just looking for temporary work, you would expect to be somewhat less particular than you would be if you were looking for full-time work. Also, if you do

to have the slight suspicion that he is planning on sticking me for the next lunch, Good luck, Frank.

Brothers, there is another election coming up in June—an election to select the men you want to represent you for the next two years.

I especially request the Sacramento district engineers help me to turn out a near perfect score in regard to the number of votes cast from this area. Don't put off voting. When you receive your ballot, mark it! Mail it! See you around.

## Report of Last Meeting

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representing you on the Negotiating Committee. I have never sat in a meeting where we sold you down the river, or sold you short. That notion gave me a lot of pleasure that gave the Negotiating Committee full power to represent you and take what economic action was necessary. I hope to live to see the day that the operating engineer gets the money it is entitled, I do not expect to live that long. Christ knows I won't be here for ever. For the rest of my life I am going to represent you to the best of my ability.

**President Clancy**

Brother Foss—I want to straighten you out. The motion did not give the committee full power to act. I just wanted to straighten you out. Brother Al Boardman wants the floor.

**Brother Boardman**

Mr. President and Brothers: I think some of you know that I represent the technical engineer in the field. I have quite a few of them here tonight and I would like to tell them that for the first time in the history of our negotiations we have a sub-committee which is doing nothing but discussing and trying to negotiate the clause governing the technical engineer. We met for a full day. I don't think we accomplished too much but the mere fact that we are meeting is a big milestone in our negotiations. I would like to say this—that these contractors—their game is that they like to write clauses that nobody understands. They are pretty good at it. I am attempting—our committee is attempting to negotiate a clause in which we can understand what our jurisdiction is so that we do not have to spend our time fighting with other crafts and contractors over what this thing or that thing means. I just wanted to tell you brothers who came tonight. I want to thank you, and I am sure we are going to have a better contract. Thanks.

**President Clancy**

Anyone else on the negotiating committee?

**Brother Metz**

Brothers — Everything that should be said has been said before. You have all received a copy of the proposals we made. You have heard what the Laborers got. You have seen what the Carpenters got. We are on the right track. I think we will come up with something good.

**Brother from the Floor**

I realize we have a dead line. What is legal and illegal on the

not have enough seniority with your regular employer to be assured of recall, you would be expected to look for other permanent work if you were claiming unemployment insurance

**Q.** If there is more than one kind of work I can do (for example, I can drive a truck and also work as helper), do I have to be available for both kinds of work?

**A.** Generally you would be allowed a reasonable length of time to look for work which would use your highest skill, if such work existed in the area at the time you were out of work. However, if you remain unemployed for a long time you would also be expected to look for the other kinds of work you can do.

**Q.** If I usually work in an occupation that is highly unionized, do I have to pay my union dues when I am unemployed in order to be available for work?

**A.** If you customarily get work through your union, you would be expected to do whatever is necessary to enable you to be dispatched by your union. If you do not keep in good standing by getting a withdrawal or whatever is needed for you to use the union placement service, you would be treated as a non-union worker.

**Q.** If I am not a union member and move to an area where work in my usual occupation is highly unionized, would I be available for work?

**A.** Not unless the union would permit you to join or would give you a work permit. On the other hand if you were able to do and looking for some other kind of work which was not entirely unionized you may be considered to be available for work.

hiring clause? I have been a member in the Union only three years. I have to be in four years before I get the same rights of employment as anybody else. I am being down-graded in this thing.

**President Clancy**

Just a technicality. Don't worry about it at all. You are not being down-graded but up-graded a little bit. Anyone else want to say anything on the negotiations?

**Brother Mathews**

The proposed Agreement has been pretty well gone over by previous speakers. We are still in negotiation. I have no way of knowing what we will get for you. I see no reason to waste your time further by my report.

**President Clancy**

I am not going to take up any time. The Negotiating Committee already reported. We are going in there and get the best we can. Tomorrow morning they will know what you fellows did.

**From the Floor**

I make a motion to adjourn.

**President Clancy**

I am sorry—I want to tell you that the motion is not legal while anybody is standing on the floor. How can I entertain it?

**Brother Swanson**

Just a minute Brothers.

**President Clancy**

Brother Swanson wants the floor.

**Brother Swanson**

For the first time in my life I am going to ask a favor of the membership. It seems that human strength can only go so far and I am asking for a three month leave of absence after the negotiations with the Associated General Contractors have been completed.

**President Clancy**

I believe that calls for a motion. Motion was made and seconded. Brother Swanson is asking for a three month leave of absence when negotiations are over. Anyone on the question

**Brother from the Floor**

I would like to ask who is going to take over when Mr. Swanson is away.

**President Clancy**

I don't know—you will have to ask him.

**Brother Swanson**

The matter will be taken up with the Executive Board when the time comes.

**President Clancy**

Anything further on the question? Those in favor say Aye. Ayes. Contrary minded? No. Ayes have it. So ordered.

**Brother Swanson**

I want to thank you Brothers.

**President Clancy**

Before we leave here we have a gentleman in the hall—Brother Goldberger—I could tell you a little story about him but I won't. I will call on Brother Goldberger to say a few words.

**Brother Jack Goldberger**

Brothers and Sisters—the mike is too tall for me. I will have to stand on a ladder—you can see I am no engineer. I push papers around.

I want to compliment you fellows on the way that you handle yourselves on a matter of unions sticking close together. One thing that can be said about western states labor unions—there is autonomy—local autonomy. For years we know what that pressure was. I want to say furthermore that you have shown many times to the rest of the labor movement how to conduct a fight when you were in a fight. I hope that you are successful in your new contract. I hope you can settle peacefully. Your Officers, I am sure, are fully aware it is an easy thing to put people out in the street and tough to put them back, and sometimes gain nothing. I want to compliment you and your Officers on the democratic way you conducted this meeting. God be good to you. Good luck in your new contract.

(Members applauded)

**President Clancy**

Anything else to come before the meeting? If not the meeting will stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. F. MATHEWS,  
Recording-Corresponding Secy.

More than 90 per cent of the world's molybdenum is produced in the United States.

# Utah News Roundup

By MERLIN BOWMAN, CHARLES COCKAYNE, GLEN FULLMER, GEORGE FARRELL & JAY NEELEY, Business Representatives

Mother Nature has been very changeable this past month with a mixture of sunshine, clouds, heavy rains, a little snow in the valley and as a result cold temperatures, muddy wet ground and consequently a slow down in construction. However, the past few days we have enjoyed mild weather, and we believe this will be the beginning of Springtime here in Utah.

Recent meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation people were very encouraging especially so after the recent reports on the delay of appropriations for the Flaming Gorge project. Mr. Walton, project engineer and Mr. Mitchell, Labor Relations man for the Bureau, informed us that appropriations are now coming through. The prime contract which includes the diversion tunnel and the dam itself will all be bid together and should come early in 1958, probably about January 15. Present plans call for bid openings on the next nine miles of road down to Dutch John Flats, where the townsite is to be built. This road job will be considerably larger than the last section, as it will go over some pretty rough terrain, requiring considerable blasting and much heavier cuts, etc.

On June 4, bids will be opened for construction of eighty homes to be built along with streets, water lines, utilities, etc., which in itself will be a good sized job and will provide jobs for Local 3 men.

Sometime after July 1, 1957, the pumping plant, storage tanks, etc., for the culinary water system, which is quite a problem, will be let. In addition to all of this work, the Bureau of Public Roads plan an extensive building program on the Vernal to Manila Highway which probably won't start until after July 1, due to the high country over which this road must go.

During the past few weeks we have seen quite a bit of activity at Standard Oil Refinery. Standard has been doing some remodeling, etc., and have let the work out to several different companies. At one time Enoch Smith Company, Stearns Rogers, Fluor Corporation and Hammond Tank Company were all working No. 3 men in the plant. Most of the work being done is short shutdown spurts. Fluor Corporation will be the only company there for any length of time. Word has come of a new platformer to be built at Phillips Petroleum in Woods Cross, work to start in the very near future. As yet we have been unable to find out exactly when or for how much. The Pro Con. Co. from Texas is to be the contractor.

The South Cottonwood Sewer bids were opened April 9, 1957 with low bids going to Enoch Smith Sons, Wheelwright Construction of Ogden and Tiago Construction Co. of Denver and Salt Lake. At this writing the bonds have not been sold and the work is still pending but should go one way or another soon.

The Salt Lake to Rangely pipeline company will do 100 miles more work this summer similar to what they did two years ago over sections of the line where the size of pipe is not adequate. Another line will be laid next to the old line and an additional three pumping plants are to be built. Engineers Ltd. have started the pumping plants and the contract for the line work will be let in June.

## Northern Area

After considerable discussion on a controversial subject regarding the inclusion of the Bear River Water into the Weber Basin Project, the final word has been received and bids are scheduled to be opened on May 24 for the construction of a preliminary dike 7 miles long with a maximum height of 6 feet and a crest width of 45 feet, in the Willard Bay Reservoir project. The purpose of the preliminary dike is so the reservoir area can be dewatered, and will become part of the larger permanent dike. Also included in the preliminary work will be the excavation of about 11 miles of open ditch with a bottom width of 3 to 20

feet. The bids for the permanent dike are scheduled to be called for next Spring and the overall estimated cost of the project is \$8.8 million. When the major dike is completed it will enclose an area of 10,000 acres and have a water storage capacity of 200,000 acre feet.

Bids are scheduled to be opened on May 10 for the furnishing and erecting of steam generator units complete with auxiliary equipment and controls to be used at the Marquardt jet engine testing laboratory at Ogden. Bids are also scheduled to be opened within the next few days for a water cooling tower and storage vessel on the same project.

The Central Weber sewer improvement district management has set May 20 for the opening of bids on the Ogden Sewerage treatment plant to be built west of Ogden.

The State Road Commission has called for bids to be opened on May 7 for the construction of 3.67 miles of road and a concrete bridge on Highway 162 between Pineview Dam and Eden which includes 240,000 cu. yds. of unclassified excavation.

Davis and Butler Construction Company submitted the low bid of \$1,355,937 for the construction of the North Davis County Sewerage Treatment west and south of Syracuse.

M. Morrin and Sons Company was low bidder and has been awarded a \$440,952 contract for the construction of the new Lewis Elementary School.

Wayne A. Jensen Const. Co. submitted the low bid of \$279,980 for the alteration and addition to the Roy Municipal School.

Even though the past month has been rather damp our out of work list is reasonably small and the work situation should improve with the weather.

## Southern Section

Utah's newest uranium mill is rapidly taking shape at Mexican Hat in San Juan County. The mill is being constructed by Stearns-Rogers Mfg. Co. This remote construction site was dictated by its proximity to the ore supply, availability of water (San Juan River) and ease of transportation (after building 34 miles of roadway). All of these services were at a premium, when Texas Zink picked the site on the Navajo reservation. Utah Power and Light has strung a 69,000-volt transmission line from Blanding to supply the energy needed in the operation of such a mill. The road between the Mill and the Happy Jack Mine is nearing completion. Stripping operations by Isbell Company are due to start soon at the mine.

The controversy between the Utah State Road Commission and the Utah Highway User's Association, may result in Utah losing a portion of the Federal allotment. The shock of this may create the condition to get the program rolling. The State has been allocated \$19,348,770 for the year beginning July 1, 1957. Construction using that money must actually be started within 3 years from that date. On July 1, 1958, another 24 million dollars will become available. This amount also must be used within 3 years. We can only say that someone is dragging their feet. To date we have had only a few secondary road jobs. A couple are advertised now for letting on May 7 in our section.

A 3½ mile job of 78,000 yards of unclassified excavation between Wah Wah Springs and Wah Wah Summit, Beaver County. This road will be a 2-inch bituminous surface. Another job from Utah-Arizona State line to Mexican Hat, Utah, will be let on May 7th. This job was advertised earlier this

## Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand and Gravel, Iron Mines, Vitro Uranium Corp., and Kennecott Copper Corp., and State Road

Construction, Sand and Gravel Membership, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Construction and Sand and Gravel Membership Meeting, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.

Construction, Sand and Gravel Membership Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Provo, Utah.

Kennecott Copper Mine, Midvale Library Auditorium, Called Meetings.

Cedar Iron Mines Membership Meeting to be called.

Vitro Uranium, Lang Company, State Road and Western Phosphate Meetings to be called.

spring, but the bid rejected as being far above the state engineer's estimate. It will be interesting to see how they fare this time.

Apologies to Bro. Arnold Sawyer, who was neglected in the write-up in the last issue. Arnold is doing a fine job on the old 24, blazing a trail so the rest can follow. Bro. Earl McKenzie as repairman and Brothers Blaine Ingram and Reed "Lovy" Dahlman as skimmers have been added to the aforementioned spread.

## Mines, Sand-Gravel, Bingham, Kennecott

During the past thirty days, we have been spending a great deal of time negotiating for a number of new contracts, namely, Lang Company Shops, the Sand and Gravel industry, and most recently the Iron Mines in the Cedar City area. A settlement was negotiated and accepted by the membership which accorded them increases ranging from 12½ cents per hour to 17½ cents per hour, the amounts on the basis of the increases becoming effective May 1st rather than July 1st, the expiration date of the old agreement.

Several meetings have been had with the Sand and Gravel Association, with very little progress to date.

Most recently we have held several sessions for the Iron Mines at Cedar City in which reasonably good progress was made on the Iron Mine agreement. A change in management of the mines appears to be to the good. Tony Mecia in charge of all Utah's mining properties was in, along with Mr. Selway, the new company attorney, also congenial Supt. Ed DeMoss, and Ollie Hale. An attitude was indicated which leads this writer to believe that a good effort is going to be made by the foregoing

to arrive with the negotiating committee, at a fair settlement. There is none of the old malarkey present, which we have put up with over the past several years. A new era in labor management relationship appears to be in sight at the Cedar Mines. On the stripping, about all we can report any improvement in at this time, is the weather, the change of the past few days to Spring, will help considerably up on the hill; we have had bad weather the past month or so. This much must be said in favor of the job, about one hundred and thirty men have had a reasonably steady winter income which has helped Local 3 men in these parts considerably. Fair progress is being made at the Tunnel under the guiding hand of Bro. Paddy O'Dowd, Super; Whitey Walker and about thirty other good Brother Operating Engineers. The concreting is going along good, all things considered. We know the boys there are welcoming this good weather.

At Kennecott our problems are being held to a minimum. We are receiving good co-operation from management and reports indicate that the word has been channeled down to the supervision on the hill, because a better attitude prevails there. We appreciate that fact, and we also appreciate Mr. Petts efforts to hold production, he has indicated to us that tremendous pressure has been brought to bear for Kennecott to cut production.

At Western Phosphate, shipping appears to be pretty well completed, and with the exception of a few minor problems, tranquility prevails there.

At Vitro Uranium, the expansion and remodeling program is well under way and we will see the new extension in operation in the not too distant future.

## DO YOU HAVE STATE TAX REFUND COMING?

If you worked for more than one employer last year and earned more than \$3,000 you are more likely than not entitled to a refund from the state. Many fellows believe that the process of getting a refund is more trouble than it is worth. The truth of the matter is this: Go to the State Employment Service and ask for "Claim for Refund" form. Fill

in the form according to directions on back of the form and mail. Then just sit back and wait for the money. It's just like getting money from home.

Each pay check that an employee receives for wages has a one per cent deduction for State Disability Insurance as required by state law. This one per cent deduction is assessed on his wages until he has earned \$3,000. That is the maximum wages on which he must pay S.D.I. If you work for just one employer he will cease deducting the one per cent from your check for the balance of the year when you reach the \$3,000 mark and you will enjoy the additional one per cent on your check as long as you continue to work for this same employer.

But if, as often happens in our work, you go to work for another employer and you earn another \$1,400 with this second employer, by the end of the year you have a refund of \$14 coming. Because

the next employer doesn't know how much you have earned with your previous employers, he deducts the one per cent as though you were just beginning the year. The employer must deduct no matter how much you earn previously. However, if more than \$30 is deducted from your check (that is one per cent of \$3,000) during the year you are entitled to a refund for the amount over \$30. But, you MUST file a claim to get the refund. The claim for 1956 must be filed previous to June 30, 1957. If a claim is not filed before June 30th the money will remain in the fund and you will not be entitled to any further claim to the overpayment.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Galbraith Const. Co., 995 Blossom Way, Hayward, \$42,736, for const. of Santa Maria Ave. & Loren Ave. storm sewers in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

## Field Survey Notes

### A SURVEYOR'S WIFE SPEAKS

By AL BOARDMAN, BILL MINAHAN and ART PENNEBAKER, Business Representatives

The following letter to the editor of Engineering News-Record struck us as a shot that hit the mark. "Sir—In your recent editorial titled 'A Gem from the Oratory,' a quote by George S. Trimble, Jr.—'We are engineers because it is fun' just about made my blood boil.

"I wonder if I am the only wife who has listened to her husband say, 'My son will never be an engineer.' 'Why did I spend four years in the best engineering school in the U.S. only to come out and, after six years, make less than a bricklayer?

"Engineers are supposed to be professional men, but I, for one, see no glory in being the wife of one who was on the dean's list through four years of college and who wracks his brains for a company that probably doesn't even know he's here. Everyone will say in 15 or 20 years he'll make \$10,000, but by that time he'll be dead. I for one agree with my husband. Engineers are not recognized as professional men, they are just slaves who can't even afford two suits.

"I read the Engineering News-Record to see if any other wives write in; maybe this letter will prompt them to do so. I hope you will print this, as this is America and freedom of speech still exists. May I also add, if engineers were paid as they should be, there would be no engineering shortage, and it's about time they woke up and did something about it."

The editor withheld the name of the writer out of fear that her husband would be fired.

The United Auto Workers have made a new bid for professional and technical members. The new U.A.W. program will give direct representation on collective bargaining committees at the local and national levels. They plan to supplement their master agreement with special contracts tailored to meet their own problems. According to current estimates U.A.W. has between 70,000 and 80,000 engineers, technicians and office workers among its 1,385,000 members.

We call your attention to the proper method of obtaining work. Get your name on the out of work list. Be certain that the phone number you leave is the correct one. Many times we call for a man and the phone has been disconnected or the person never heard of the man being called. Be certain that you have a clearance before going on a job. There is an office near you wherever you are. Some of you have been on a job for some time and misplaced your copy of the clearance. Fold your copy and put it under the cover of your dues card then it will always be available. When a new man comes on your job ask to see his clearance. If he hasn't one, then your Business Agent can check on it immediately.

Many men are going to have to travel for work. The biggest out of work list is in San Francisco. The jobs coming in are out of town. If you can travel—let your office know. There is still no boom but we are busy.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 1118, Stockton, \$278,382, for street & storm drn. const. in San Joaquin Co. Imprvt. Dist. No. 12.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to J. R. Reeves, P.O. box 1072, Sacto., \$123,815 for grade, surf., drain, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc., Parker Ave., Assess. Dist., SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$659,028, for abt. 4.6 mi. of prev. graded road to be surf. w/pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base & untr. base betw. 0.4 mi. North of Fernbridge & 0.7 mi. North of Hoodton Road, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.







# Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark & R. F. Swanson)  
APRIL 5, 1957

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,** Contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed Co., P. O. Box 2429, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$80,256, for 1.325 mi. 3 1/2" pltx. bit. surf. SR No. 152 betw. 27th S. & 35th S., **SALT LAKE COUNTY.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Griffith Co., 1060 S. Broadway, L. A., \$1,233,396, for abt. 4.8 mi. 4-lane div. hwy. w/ frontage roads & conn. gr. & paved w/PCC etc. betw. Visalia Airport Interchange & Mooney Blvd., in Visalia, **TULARE COUNTY.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$212,369, for abt. 2.44 mi. place plantmix surf. over exist. pave at var. locations in **ALAMEDA & CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to G. W. Ellis, 8240 Lankershim Blvd., N. Hollywood, \$139,755, for abt. 17.5 mi. of pltx. surf. betw. 5.0 mi. S. of Willows & Willows, etc., **GLENN & BUTTE COUNTIES.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Guido O. Ferini, P. O. Box 402, Santa Maria, \$186,902, for abt. .5 mi. surf. w/pltx. surf., vari. locations **MONTEREY & SAN BENITO COUNTIES.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy & Son, Rt. 6, Box 1419-A, Modesto, \$164,619, for abt. 3.0 mi. grade & pltx. surf. etc. on Tuolumne-Sonora Rd. betw.

SH No. 13 & 0.7 mi. E. of Standard Rd. **TUOLUMNE COUNTY.**

**MERCED,** Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., \$166,695, for const. of outfall sewer line, **MERCED.**

**SAN FRANCISCO,** Contract awarded to Barrett Const. Co., 1800 Evans Ave., S.F., \$1,775,000, for const. hangar & paving at S. F. International Airport.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Stecker & Scott, 7843 San Fernando Rd., Sun Valley, \$339,896, for abt. 5.5 mi. grade & por. surf. w/pltx. surf. & penetr. tr. & seal coat applied on Rocky Ridge Rd. betw. 0.1 mi. E. of U.S. 40 at Roseville, & Folsom-Auburn Rd., etc., **PLACER COUNTY.**

**STOCKTON,** Contract awarded to Claude C. Wood C., P. O. Box 599, Lodi, \$73,795, for const. of Harney Lane from S.H.U.S. No. 99 E'ly 4.46 mi. to SH No. 88, **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.**

**APRIL 9, 1957**  
**MARTINEZ,** Contract awarded to C. Williams Lance, P. O. Box 12, Moraga, \$15,254, for Arlington Blvd. realignment betw. Loring & Monterey, in **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.**

**APRIL 10, 1957**  
**SALINAS,** Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$43,145, for const. of curbs, gutters, walks, street paving & storm sewers in Sherwood Gardens N. 2.

**SAN FRANCISCO** Contract awarded to Assoc. Pipeline, Inc., P. O. Box 66, So. S. F., \$12,734, for

lay 8" CI main in Delano Ave. & repl. exist. 1 1/2" & 2" mains.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** Contract awarded to Payne Const. Co., 689 Louisiana St., Oakland, \$266,992, for shift slot rail & inst. spec. work on Calif. St., Powell St. to Van Ness Ave., S. F.

**MENLO PARK,** Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$12,920, for const. conc. gutters in Oakville Terr. city of Menlo Park.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to J. R. Reeves, P.O. Box 1072, Sacto., \$140,187 for widen Fair Oaks Blvd., Unit No. 4, Watt Ave. to Eastern Ave., 1.36 mi. in length **SACTO. COUNTY.**

**APRIL 11, 1957**  
**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co. & Mercer-Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$469,862, for const. 3 RC grdr. brdgs. & appr. to 2 of the brdgs. graded, betw. 0.4 mi. N. of Fortuna, & 0.4 mi. N. of Fernbridge, **HUMBOLDT COUNTY.**

**TIBURON,** Contract awarded to Healy-Tibbets Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., S.F., \$31,560, for maint. dredging aprx. 40,000 cy. matl., Naval Net Depot, Tiburon.

**BENICIA,** Contract awarded to Engrs. Ltd. Pipeline Co., 2128 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, \$20,197, for repl. por. of water lines at Benicia Arsenal.

**BENICIA,** Contract awarded to Engrs. Ltd. Pipeline Co., 2128 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, \$16,122 for repl. por. of water lines, Benicia Arsenal.

**CONCORD,** Contract awarded to Olympian Dredging Co., 525 Market St., S.F., \$65,840 for maint. dredging, etc., Naval Magazine, Port Chicago.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Paul E. Woof, 2203 N. Fruit Ave., Fresno, \$185,987, for conc. bin-type retain. walls const. & restore rdwy. by graded & surf. w/pltx. surf. on untr. base, betw. Hot Springs Canyon & Big Sur River, abt. 35 mi. S. of Monterey.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to John P. Stegge, 1150 Point San Pedro Rd., San Rafael, \$158,385, for abt. 6.7 mi. surf. w/pltx. surf. on untr. base on Weaverville-Minersville Rd. betw. Brown's Mtn. & Buckeye Creek Rd., **TRINITY COUNTY.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Volpa Bros., 3763 No. Arthur Ave., Fresno, \$288,223, for abt. 2.7 mi. graded & surf. w/pltx. surf. over cem. tr. base & exist. pvmt., on Blackstone Ave., betw. Shaw Ave. & 0.8 mi. N. of Herndon, **FRESNO COUNTY.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Baun Const. Co., P.O. Box 4057, Fresno, \$126,572 for abt. 26.6 mi. surf. w/pltx. over exist. surf. at var. locas., **FRESNO & MADERA COUNTIES.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to John P. Stegge, 1150 Pt. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael, \$67,870 for abt. 11.1 mi. pltx. surf. on exist. surf. betw. Prairie Creek & Helena, **TRINITY COUNTY.**

**APRIL 12, 1957**  
**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$10,282 for const. rdwy. at Sacto. Muni. Airport **SACRAMENTO COUNTY.**

**SAN FRANCISCO,** Contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$15,966 for grade, pave, const. curbs, sewer, 16th St., betw. Roosevelt Way & E'ly. termination.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** Contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina, S.F., \$29,872 for grade, pave, sewers on Boylston St. betw. Gaven & Sweeney Sts., S.F.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to C. V. Kenworthy, 2037 E. Harding Way, S'tkn., \$53,846 for abt. 0.4 mi. gr., untr. base & apply dbl. seal ct. betw. 0.9 mi. & 1.3 mi. S. of Hoopa, **HUMBOLDT COUNTY.**

**APRIL 15, 1957**  
**CARSON CITY, NEVADA,** Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., 900 W. 15th N. Salt Lake City, Utah, \$589,948, for aprx. 10.963 mi. const. por. of PHS on U.S. No. 50, betw. 2.3 mi. NW jct. SH No. 8A 7 W. ft. of Hickison Summit, **LANDER COUNTY.**

**SAN FRANCISCO** contract awarded to Scott - Wheelon - McSweeney & Menary, 382 "G" St.,

Crescent City, \$94,523, for 2.012 mi. const. Proj. Calif. Indian Service Rds., Smith River & Resighini, grade, base crs. & bit. trmt., Smith River Rancheria & Resighini Indian Reservation, **DEL NORTE COUNTY.**

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Johnson, Drake & Piper, 9009 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$4,935,599 for widen por. of 1 s.eel beam ridge & const. 3 RC box girder bridges & abt. 0.5 mi. roadbed gr. & surf. w/PCC & pltx. surf. in Oakland on Eastshore Freeway, betw. 0.25 mi. E. of Fallon St. & 0.22 mi. W. of Market St., **ALAMEDA COUNTY.**

**SACRAMENTO,** contract awarded to Hansen & Carstensen, P. O. Box 2037, Castro Valley, \$59,871, for 1.8 mi. rdwy. shoulders const. by grade & pltx. surf. on untr. base betw. San Mateo-Hayward Bridge & Eden Landing Rd., **ALAMEDA COUNTY.**

**APRIL 16, 1957**  
**SACRAMENTO,** contract awarded to Paul Woof, 2203 N. Fruit Ave., Fresno, \$77,848, for const. grade, drn. base crs. & rdmx. surf., loc. aprx. 1 1/2 mi. N. of Tuolumne.

**SAN RAFAEL,** contract awarded to A. G. Raisch Co., P. O. Box 458, San Rafael, \$84,902.50, for const. of Mission Ave. betw. Lincoln Ave. & Court St., Court St.,

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betw. Mission and 5th Aves., Irwin St. betw. 3rd Ave. & Mission Ave., city of San Rafael.

**SAN MATEO,** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, P. O. Box 610, San Mateo, \$146,181 for reconst. major city streets & resurfing streets, city of San Mateo.

**SALINAS,** contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$15,946, for const. Shippers Development storm sewer.

**BURLINGAME,** contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 174 San Bruno Ave., So. S.F., \$35,987, for reconst. of California Dr., betw. Palm Ave. to Broadway & Hillside Dr., betw. El Camino Real to Alvarado St., city of Burlingame.

**SACRAMENTO,** contract awarded to Osborne & Bowie Engineering Const., 658 "J" St., Crescent City, for 0.7 mi. graded & surf. w/pltx. surf. on cem. tr. base & untr. base & const. 2 brdgs., betw. 0.1 mi. S. of Minot Creek & 0.1 mi. N. of High Prairie Creek, **DEL NORTE COUNTY.**

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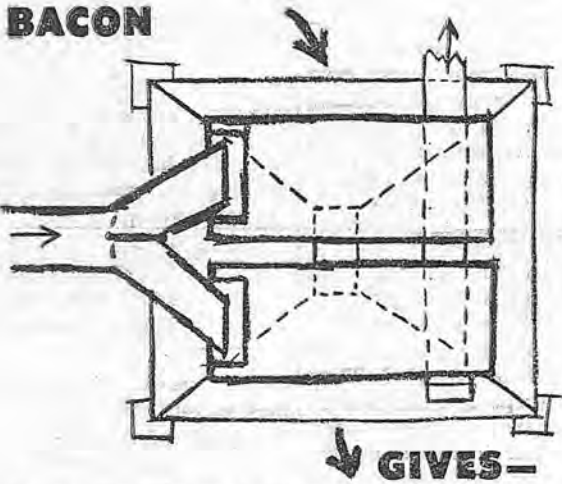
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# Northbay Jobless List Is Tapering As Jobs Pick Up

By H. O. FOSS, FRANK A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI and AARON S. SMITH, Business Representatives

Work has picked up considerably, and the demand has increased the last couple of weeks. Our out-of-work list is tapering off slowly but surely.

Brothers, may we again remind you to please call or drop us a card letting us know you have gone to work. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Thanks to those who are cooperating in this matter.

**Change of Hours in the San Rafael Office:** Thursdays: Open to 7 p.m. **Napa Office:** Starting Thursday, May 16th, office hours will be: 8 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. **This is Thursday only.** Napa Office phone number is Baldwin 4-7671.

**Basalt Rock Construction** on April 19th had five barges brought into Kaiser Yard in Napa for complete overhaul. These barges are being extended from 130 feet to 147 feet in length. They will hold 1400 to 1500 tons of material. Barge No. 8 is in for complete overhaul from stern to stern. Operator is Bro. Dave Howard; Oiler is Bro. Elmer Gray and Deck Engineer is Bro. A. V. Hale. Barge No. 3 has a 3500 Manitowac. This barge will go to Ryer Island at Rio Vista for eight months work around the middle of May. Bro. Ralph Glover is the foreman on this barge.

**Peletz Construction Co.** has a \$250,000 water line job at Sonoma State Hospital, started April 15th. Five thousand lineal feet, 8" to 10" cast iron pipe. Two 200,000-gallon steel water tanks, they are Chlorinator and Afloculator. They will purify water at the Eldredge State Home, seven months work. Six engineers are on the job.

**M. & K. Corp. & Stolte** are going full blast on Mare Island sewer job with 26 engineers employed.

**Ben C. Gerwick** will wind their job up about October on Mare Island.

## BIG VALLEJO JOB

**Syar & Harms & Erickson, Phillips and Weisberg** have started on their Highway 40 job at Vallejo with 15 engineers on the job at present. This job will have about 60 or 70 very shortly.

**Matich & Sundt** are going along with their small job on Travis A.F.B. Brother Ed Morris, the superintendent, has been moved down in Southern California on a big job they have started. Bro. Ross Maynard is the wheel on the Travis job.

**Darkenwald** on Vacaville Canal making good progress.

**Vinson Construction** by the time this goes to press, will have started the lining of the Canal. Spears Construction doing structural work.

**Inland Empire Builders, Inc.** were low bidders on Travis & Capehart homes which will start about the 27th of this month. This job will take quite a number of men of all crafts. They are going to build five hundred homes.

Brother Robert Fadel, working on the Truck Crane for Spears Construction was killed on April 24th. The boom was being taken apart and fell on him, breaking his neck. His dad is Supt. on the Spears job. We extend our condolences to the family.

Brother Cliff Hubbard broke his wrist in three places, falling from his Truck Crane on April 17, working for Moore Dry Dock.

**J. O. Archibald** received contracts at Hamilton Air Base for moving, grading and landscaping disposal dump for the amount of \$13,495. They have started their job last week with four Cats and a Motor Patrol on this project.

## BLACK POINT BRIDGE

**Ben C. Gerwick and J. H. Pomeroy Co.** have started work on the high level bridge near Black Point on Petaluma Creek at a cost of \$2,309,498. They have Associated Dredging in there with a suction dredge working and Paul Vinciglione doing the dirt excavating and filling for the approaches and abutments. Brother Yates Hammitt is Koreing Operator on Pomeroy job, and Brother Wm. Manka, oiler. On the job at Black Point for Vinciglione are: Brothers W. H. Brown on 20; Bro. Ray R. Schunk, D.W. 20; Calvin Hall, 20; Lott Hackney and Jess Booth, Operators; Calvin Denham, 20; James W. Tovatt,

oiler; Walter Zaner on Dozer; Jan Zaner, Otis Wilbor, Cat & Can; Bill W. Cooley, Drag Line.

**Associated Dredge** with an 18 man crew will be at Petaluma Creek for the balance of week of May 4th and from there will be heading for Corte Madera Creek at Greenbrae by Monday, May 6th. Members on this Dredge 27 "Crescent" are: Brothers H. Albright, P. Baldetta, J. Baldetta, D. Busalacchi, J. Del Zompo, S. Del Zompo, U. Del Zompo, R. Hinkley, V. Menge, J. Mills, E. McElroy, J. Ritter, S. Salonijs, L. Worri. Super on the job is Jim Peterson. Associated Dredging will also enlarge Commodore Sea Plane Base at Richardson Bay.

**F. W. Case** has resumed operations on a small scale on Highway 101 at Greenbrae with a shovel crew consisting of Brothers Orin Montgomery, Operator N.W. 80; Fred L. Montoya, Oiler; Frank W. Zachary on Dozer; Robert E. Desimone, Grade Checker; Charlie McCaffray, Operator with his equipment; Brother Bennett Murray has charge of the job.

**J. P. Soto** has 3 units—all T.D. 24—Scraper and Rippers, etc., putting in the golf course at the present time in Indian Valley, and probably will be there 30 days. From here are moving to Sacramento and vicinity, specializing in this type of work, been doing it for many years. Comes from San Jose where everything is peaceful and coming into a country where it is worse! At present, members on this job are: Brothers Wm. G. and J. D. Chastine, John Price. Bro. Stew Thompson also on this job.

**At Pullman Co.** located at Ring Point: Bro. Guy Slack has taken over as new foreman.

**Congratulations** to Brother Bill Connors—baby boy, 8-1 ounce—making a total of 3 boys for Bill. Bill is mechanic at present for Pullman Co.

**As this goes to press,** we hear that E. T. Haas has a brand new Loader and Buckeye Trencher.

**Brother Harry Waggoner** with Hutchinson Quarry for about 30 years has blossomed out in a brand new N.W. 6—we think he is deserving of this. However, there is doubt whether he will be competent to take care of this—after all, he has only been with Hutchinson for 30 years—will have to investigate after another 10 years.

## MOURN "PUMPHANDLE"

**We are deeply sorry** to learn of the sudden passing of Brother Charles Allen, known to many as "Pumphandle." Bro. Allen passed away on May 1st. He will be missed by all who knew him.

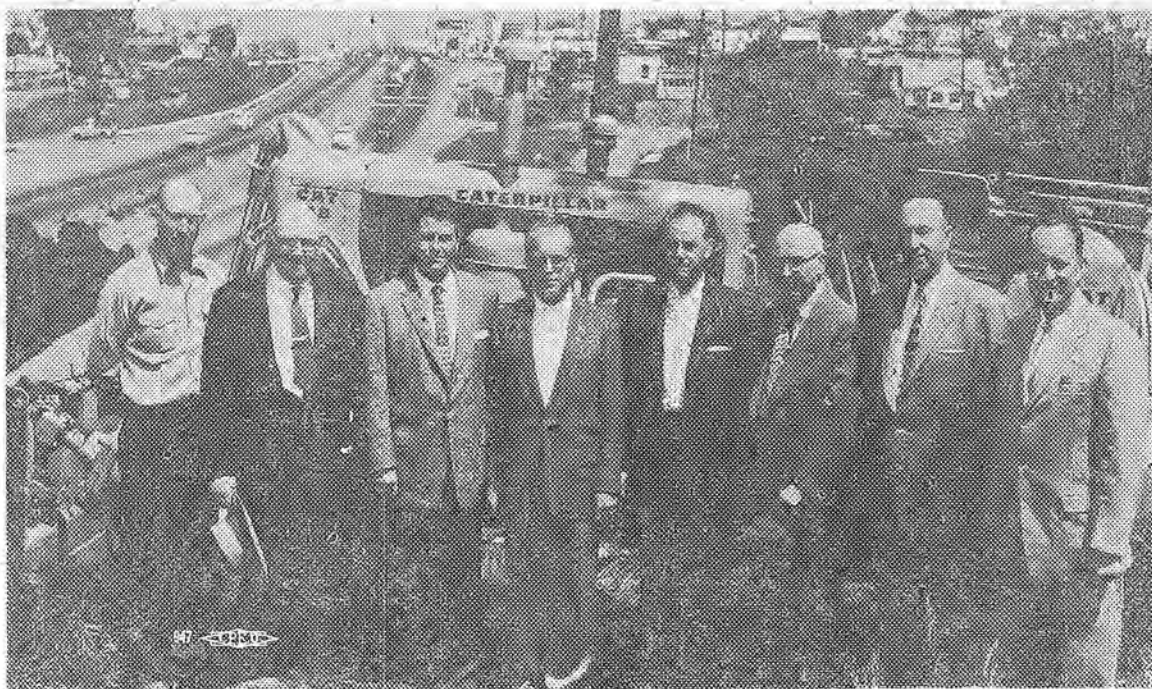
**Brother Fred Jensen,** Councilman for City of San Rafael, dropped in to say "hello." He and couple of good friends on the Council, Bud Baar and Sauer are doing a good job as far as the taxpayers and construction are concerned; we like to see these boys in the position of being everybody's friends.

**Best wishes go to the following Brothers** confined in the hospital as this goes to press: Earl Whitmore at Fort Miley V.A. Hospital, San Francisco and Frank Brooks at Ross Hospital. Bro. Brooks, oiler on Charles Hoyer's Dredge, slipped and has ruptured side.

**Blood donors for month of April:** Lloyd Cowen, Pauline M. Bradley, Carl Warner.

**There must be more "red-blooded" members** who can donate. How about it, Brothers? Call in so we can make the necessary appointment for you, or any member of your family. In San Rafael, donations can be made on 1st Friday, San Rafael General Hospital from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and on the 3rd Friday at Elks Club, from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

**We have much construction west**



**VALLEJO FREEWAY GROUNDBREAKING** — Work started early this month on a \$4 million freeway project from Carquinez bridge through Vallejo. This photo was taken at Reis ave., near the bridge, looking north. Included are six overpasses. In picture, left to right: Contractor Phillips, Solano Supervisors Chm. Raymond Church, Contractor C. M.

Syar, Bus. Rep. Aaron Smith of Local 3, Bus. Reps. Frank Conley and James Broton of Laborers 326, Bldg. Trades Bus. Rep. Lowell Nelson, and Vallejo Mayor Will Hewitt. Contractors on the job are Harms Brothers-C. M. Syar, Erickson, Phillips, and Weisberg.

## OPERATING ENGINEERS NEWS FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By OTTO E. NEVER, Regional Director

News from the islands continues to improve. Each month brings us more members who are employed at the various naval installations, and in the construction industry. Very few of our members in construction work are now unemployed. We have been fortunate in making contacts with contractors who are doing government work on Kwajalein, Eniwetok, and Midway. With the exception of Midway, these jobs pay stateside scales. The result is that whenever men are out of work, they have the choice of going to some islands in the South Pacific and make a stake. Conditions here, therefore, are better than they have been for a long time.

**We now look forward** to a Capehart building program amounting to approximately \$160 million that will last for a period of approximately 5 years.

**A new project,** known as the Sears project, is to be built by the Hawaiian Dredging & Construction Co., Ltd., which is a building program near Waikiki, that will exceed \$20 million. This, together with Territorial and City & County work, makes the work program look excellent for the future. We must now make every effort to secure wages comparable to those received by our members on the west coast, as well as the fringe benefits. Only now have the contractors and members of the "Big 5" here begun to realize that organized labor is going to be heard. In an attempt by one contractor to secure a \$6 1/2 million tunnel job without a competitive bid, organized labor appeared before the Territorial legislature and did such an excellent job that it has been decided to put the job out for competitive bid, and invite mainland contractors to bid on the job.

**In our efforts** to organize the various contractors, we find that the employer makes capital on the

of San Rafael, starting at the Greenbrae Hill. It is your writer's observation that these surfacing jobs are finished at their present state. God pity the traveling motorist. From one bump to another, you hit the jolts and you drop into the hole—then you recover your equilibrium. Upon a little fog entering the area the following morning, the "dock ponds" are created, and we would wonder what they would charge for decoys to rent out for the "starving hunters" who might be in the area. In other words, let us make it plain, members, I have never seen a construction job in my life with as many detours or secret passages that is equal with temporary fills put in and you fall in and try to climb out.

**We hope with the present weather conditions** that these great contractors will iron out some of this stuff and we do hope that present surfacing is a completed job, they will be able to convince the blind inspector that he is now "seeing the light."

fact that if the union member is fired from a job or is active in union work, he can very well be blackballed and be unable to secure any further construction work. With the joint effort now being made here by all building trades and directed by experienced organizers, many of whom are International representatives, excellent progress is being made.

## "BEASTS OF BURDEN"

**The recent lockout** affecting the lathers, effecting a small group of 35 men, has been terminated in favor of the lathers who secured all that they had requested. They refused to accept a written contract, stating they would be back later for further increases in pay and possibly, fringe benefits. This also affected the plasterers and hod carriers. The Contractors Association found they were unable to cope with this situation and imported help from the mainland for their negotiations.

**To show how bitter** the feelings of the employers towards labor, Mr. Scruton, representing the employers, referred to organized labor as those "beasts of burden" who never held together before, now making a united front for working conditions to which they were entitled to.

**Our membership** in the islands has increased in the last 4 months. We are still showing progress.

**At the Pearl Harbor and Federal employees meeting** on April 26th, Brother Solomon Maunu won the round trip to Hilo and return, with a stopover at Kona. He elected to take Brother Harry B. Robins with him, as Brother Robins had helped him in securing nearly 70 new members at Pearl Harbor. The balance of the organizing committee will be rewarded in a different manner to be announced by the Regional Director at the next meeting. Also at this meeting, Brothers Edward W. Hoopii, David Kalili, Walter K. H. Ching, Anthony J. Camara and Joseph P. Medeiros, Jr. were elected to serve on the Sick Committee. At a meeting held April 29th, they were briefed by the Director on the duties of the Sick Committee and how to assist a member in distress. Also elected at that time were vice-chairman for the Shipyard divisional meetings, Brother Solomon Maunu; Secretary Harry B. Robins and Conductor David Perry. Brothers Timothy Byrne remains as chairman, Robert K. Naipo as Sergeant-at-Arms. Eight new members were initiated. Brother Carriera from the machinists and Brother Dan Barnes of the Operating Engineers

## Mail Bag

Richmond, Calif.  
Mar. 21, 1957

Mr. Victor Swanson,

Dear Sir:

I want to thank the Operating Engineers for all their help and kindness during Mr. Nelson's illness. Thanks to all the operators for the blood donations.

As you all know Joe's union meant so much to him and when he was told he couldn't operate heavy equipment any more it broke his heart.

I do hope I can still get the Operating Engineers news. We enjoyed it so much. I want to thank one and all for every kindness and help they gave me. I know Joe will still be building roads and running equipment up there.

Thank you,

sincerely,

MRS. GRACE NELSON,  
1332 - 24th St.,  
Richmond, California.

from Phoenix, Arizona, were visitors at our meeting.

## WAIWAIOLE RESIGNS

**The regular district meeting** of Local 3 was held on April 20th, at which time Brother Joseph Waiwaiole announced his resignation. During the meeting it was suggested that a regular apprenticeship program for the Operating Engineers be set up and offered to the Territorial Apprenticeship Program, so that in the future the Operating Engineers could claim units in the various airplane and airline industries here in the islands. It was also agreed that the hiring for outside islands that preference, and if there were any members of Local 3 be given available jobs after that time, then it would be offered to new members, provided their initiation is paid in full and dues paid one year in advance.

**It was also decided** that it would be advisable to hold a luau for all of the members of Local 3 and their families; and at that time, the governor and other public officials would be invited to attend. An invitation would also be extended to Local 3's Business Manager, Brother Swansen, and other officers to attend the luau and to hold a regular meeting for the benefit of those members who have never met our officers.

**At the present time,** we are in need of heavy duty mechanics for Eniwetok. Any member of Local 3 interested in signing a one-year contract with stateside wages on an average of 48 hours or better, should write to the Operating Engineers office here in Honolulu for information. Address is 208 McCandless Bldg., Honolulu 13,

**SACRAMENTO Contract** awarded to Harms Bros., C. M. Syar, Erickson, Phillips & Weisberg, 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$4,118,053 for 3.5 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base & const. 7 conc. brdgs., betw. 0.2 mi. N. of Vallejo Wye & 0.4 mi. N. of Redwood St., SOLANO COUNTY.