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New Two-Year AGC Agreement

Deaths Mount on Construction Jobs; 2,400 Die in U.S.

Pres. Maloney in a letter to officers and members of Operating Engineers Local 3 called attention to the high percentage of deaths in the Building Trades field. His letter follows:

OPERATING ENGINEERS Local Union, No. 3

GREETINGS:

Note these important facts! In 1947 twenty-four hundred deaths from accidents occurred in the construction industry. In six major industries in that year twelve thousand seven hundred deaths resulted from accidents. Nineteen per cent of the total were suffered by workers in the construction industry, but only five per cent of the workers in the six major industries were employed in construction. Think those figures over!

The construction industry is a hazardous one. By its nature those of our members who are employed in it are subject to accidents but most accidents are preventable. A careful worker, in many cases, will work safely under unsafe conditions. A careless worker will be less fortunate. Accidents do not just happen. They are caused by human failures or by mechanical failures or by both BUT the number can be reduced.

As General President of this organization I have become deeply concerned over the number of accidents that befall our members and I have directed that a campaign be undertaken that will operate to reduce the number of them and greatly lessen the resultant loss of life, physical suffering and decrease the consequent material costs.

This is the first of a series of letters that will be sent to you which deal with this gravely important subject. You are urged to read them before the meetings of your local union and to afford time for their full discussion. Additional information respecting the furtherance of this program will be made available upon request.

With kindest regards, I am
Fraternally yours,

WM. E. MALONEY,
General President.

**BE CAREFUL TODAY AND BE
ALIVE TOMORROW**

NAREB Head Hits Housing Industry

New York.—Some plain talking by President Theodore H. Maenner of the National Association of Real Estate Boards is causing a lot of stir in housing and real estate circles.

The chief of the real estate lobby, on the eve of the passage of the low-rent public housing bill, told the annual dinner of the New York Association of Real Estate Boards that "the industry itself should have done something worth while about the general housing situation 50 years ago, then perhaps the demand for public housing would not be so insistent in some quarters."

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

OUR BLOOD BANK IS DEPLETED!!! In several issues of our Engineers News we have informed the membership that the Local Union had established an account in San Francisco with the IRWIN MEMORIAL BLOOD BANK for the purpose of building up a credit so that members of our organization, and their families, would be entitled to blood donations in case of emergency.

There have been several occasions when members of our Local Union have been in need of plasma and have received it from the account of the Operating Engineers. However, there has never been enough in the account to take care of the demand and the account is now depleted.

Members should make contributions to the blood bank. An examination is given by the attendants at the Blood Bank to ascertain whether or not you are physically fit, before taking the donation. Therefore you need not worry as to whether or not it will affect your health in any way.

Contact the San Francisco Office for full particulars. **MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE FUTURE BENEFIT OF SOME MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION, THEIR FAMILY . . . OR MAYBE YOUR OWN . . . YOU NEVER KNOW!**

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, LOCAL No. 3-E MEETING: The next meeting of Local No. 3-E Technical Engineers will be held Friday, 8 p.m., July 22nd, at the Union Offices, 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, Calif.

Right Wing Republicans Set Up Center for Rock Ribbed Campaign

A public relations center in Washington staffed by well known journalistic apostles of the National Association of Manufacturers has been set up near Congress by the Joseph Martin, Jr. clique of the Republican party, it was learned July 11.

Background of the staff gives a clear indication that the group will make a strong bid for election of anti-labor Congressmen next year. **\$25,000-YR. MAN**

Chief of staff is Robert Humphreys, until recently associate editor of Newsweek magazine who is reliably reported to be getting \$25,000 a year. Humphreys brought with him a rising young star of the NAM school, Ed O'Brien who worked with him on Newsweek and authored many anti-labor stories as chief of the Newsweek Detroit bureau during the General Motors strike and later as head of the bureau in Chicago.

Third man in the setup is J. Harold Slater who until recently was top man on Capitol Hill for Hearst's International News Service. Before going to Newsweek early in the 1940's Humphreys held the same position for I.N.S.

LABOR SMEAR

During his time on Newsweek Humphreys was in charge of the national news section which consistently smeared labor and the Roosevelt administration. He was a consistent opponent of price control during the war years and an advocate of the NAM campaign to "let prices fall by removing controls."

During the same period Ralph Robey, economist for the NAM was also a columnist for Newsweek and worked in close association with Humphreys.

In theory the new publicity machine is working for the Republican Congressional committee. It is completely independent of the Republican National Committee.

Queried on source of the money to support this elaborate setup O'Brien said that he didn't just know where it was coming from.

\$100,000 PER YEAR

Sources close to Martin, minority leader of the house and former speaker, have estimated that the setup will cost around \$100,000 a year. It is understood that funds

will be solicited from individual sources friendly to the Martin philosophy of politics. Martin is chairman of the congressional committee.

Humphreys, Slater and O'Brien were moving into an elaborate suite of offices in the George Washington Inn, just behind the old House Office building this week.

Basalt Gang Thanks Committee for Contract

Napa, California
July 7, 1949

To the Committee:

Many thanks for the fine new contract—the back pay was like getting money from home.

The Committee that worked on our new agreement should be congratulated for a damn, hard job, well done.

(Signed) The Gang at Basalt
Pipe and Tank Yard.

A U.S. Government survey of office girls' earnings in 1948 showed that their average weekly salaries ranged from \$27.51 in Dallas up to \$38.61 in San Francisco.

Irrigation has been used in arid and semi-arid countries since ancient times.



- GERALD DIPPOLD June 13, 1949
- W. W. JONES June 21, 1949
- HARRY E. HANSEN June 30, 1949
- GLENN W. SMITH June 30, 1949
- C. H. COVEY June, 1949
- H. E. DICKS July 4, 1949

Covers Northern And Central Calif.

The result of many hours of negotiating between the Operating Engineers Union, Local 3 and the Northern and Central Chapters of the Associated General Contractors finally came in the form of a 6½c hourly increase across the board on all classifications of Operating Engineers. The agreement is written to cover the next 2 years and will be in effect in 46 counties of Northern and Central California. The old contract expired May 30th.

AGC WANTED CUT

The Associated General Contractors attempted repeatedly to instigate a 12½ cent wage cut on the Engineers. Other minor points were negotiated Friday and the final draft was signed. Three of the five crafts which negotiate with the A. G. C., namely Teamsters, Laborers and Carpenters have already signed up new agreements. The Operating Engineers are the fourth craft to come to an agreement with the contractors association.

4 JOBS TIED UP

Prior to the agreement on the 6½c increase, four large jobs were tied up in San Francisco. They were the Charles Harney Potrero Freeway construction job, the Metropolitan Housing Project job by Dinwiddie Construction Company, the Mt. Zion Hospital construction, and Swinerton & Walberg's Standard Oil office building construction job.

After many previous sessions, the negotiating committees representing the union and the A. G. C. met Wednesday at 11 a. m. until 6 a. m. Thursday morning. They went into session again on Thursday afternoon and did not come to agreement until late Thursday night.

COMMITTEES

Representing the Operating Engineers on the Negotiating Committee were Business Manager Victor Swanson, Recording Secretary Clarence Matthews, President Pat Clancy, Financial Secretary P. E. Vandewark, Business Representatives Al Clem and Harry Metz.

Representing the No. Calif. committee for the A. G. C. were John O'Connell as chairman of the joint committee; Ben Nehrbass Jr., of Harms Bros.; Talbot Bailey of Fredrickson & Watson, Chas. Fredrickson of Fredrickson Bros., Ben Gerwick of Ben C. Gerwick Company, R. D. Goodenough of R. D. Goodenough Company, Donald K. Grant of Guy F. Atkinson Company, Peter Jacobsen of Utah Construction Co., Geo. C. Looz of Stolte Company, Inc., Harold O. Parish of Parish Bros., T. H. Paul of Peter Kiewit Sons Co., and B. F.

R. Gray Speaks At Apprentice Graduation Here

Richard Gray, AFL Building & Construction Trades Dept. president, came to San Francisco to keynote labor's



RICHARD GRAY
General President of the AFL
Building and Construction
Trades Dept.

part in the Joint Labor Management Apprentice training program.

He was selected as featured speaker at the mass graduation of 500 apprentices in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium July 19.

His schedule while in the Bay Area included speeches before business representatives and officials of Building Trades Councils of San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin and Alameda counties.

The public graduation of apprentices, who have spent from two to four years of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction, was to be the first of its kind San Francisco has witnessed since before the war, and the second since the apprentice training program was started in San Francisco in 1939.

ANNUAL AFFAIR

Since the apprentice training program is one of the finest examples of labor management cooperation, labor officials, as well as representatives of management, expressed the desire to make the public graduation of apprentices in San Francisco an annual affair.

Modglin of M. & K. Corp.

Representing the Central California Chapter A. G. C. Negotiating Committee were: Harold Ringrose, John E. Cahill, Frank Burrows, Mel Gautier, A. L. Horstmeier, Matthew A. Little, Jr., K. E. Parker, Jr., C. Norman Peterson, Harold O. Sjoberg and Bert Summers.

The full text of the new two-year agreement will be published in the next issue of the Engineers' News.

WHAT CAUSES HIGH PRICES?

Propagandists for big business organizations have been busy telling the public that it is the high cost of labor that is practically the sole and only cause for the extraordinary wave of high prices that has been sweeping upward ever since the OPA was practically abolished in 1946. One of the results of this endless propaganda is that a large portion of the public believes this explanation and accepts it as the most plausible explanation for the prices of today as compared with the price levels prevailing prior to the time when our late World War No. II got under way.

The trouble with this widely believed explanation is that it does not stand up when squared up with the actual facts. In the first place present day labor cost of most commodities does not total on an average more than 16 per cent of the selling price prevailing today. Let us take the tremendously prominent case of houses. Any honest mathematician, who will take the trouble to add up the total paid in wages to all the workmen, who help to build a house, which sells for \$12,000 is less than \$2,000. Hence more than \$10,000 of the truly exorbitant price charged for the house, when it is sold, was not caused by the present day cost of the building construction workers.

Where does the main cause for high prices originate? It is in the insatiable greed of profiteers for more and ever more profits. They all seem bent on wanting every cent the traffic will bear. But why should so many people blame all this on the high cost of labor, when that is only a comparatively small factor?

Long before the operating engineers and other branches of construction workers began to ask for wage increases for 1949 prices had been boosted far more than the wage raises asked amounted to. This has invariably been the case since we have had a labor movement. It is always the prices that go up first. Then when the workers find their living standards going down and ask for wage increases to maintain these standards somewhere near existing levels up goes the usual cry that this is the cause of the high prices.

Apparently prices have now reached or nearly reached the saturation point. In some cases prices have been forced to come down a little but this tendency is far from general. There are still many items where prices are still going up and nobody knows at the present time where the end of this year will find prices. They may average a downward tendency or they may be soaring upward again.

Yet employers in this state, especially in the construction industry, had the gall to open negotiations this year with an insistent demand that wages be reduced, instead of raised. In no case did any branch of labor agree to a reduction but the beginning of the last half of 1949 still found some of the crafts facing employers who were still haggling about giving even slight increases. It now looks as if those that remain will reach agreement before the end of July.

Things to Know About Social Security

There are a number of things members who are insured under social security should know about benefits they are entitled to. Among them are:

- To get monthly benefits—**
 - 1. **You don't have to retire for good.** After you are 65 if you should stop working for a while because of sickness, a layoff, or just because you need a rest, get in touch with your local social security office. A benefit may be payable for the months before you go back to work.
 - 2. **You don't have to be in need.** This is an insurance program. Your right to benefits is not affected by your savings, property, or other insurance.
 - 3. **You don't have to apply in person.** If because of sickness or other reason you cannot go to the social security office, write or call, or have a member of your family inquire. Do not delay.
- You will not "use up" your benefits by drawing them as soon as you are qualified. Benefits are payable for life.
- Remember:** You must file a claim. Old-age and survivors insurance benefits are payable only if claimed.

Industrial engineers estimate that an increase in speedup of 5%, applied on a national basis, would cost the jobs of three million workers.

Over 3,000,000 workers are covered by some form of health, welfare or retirement benefit plans under union contract.

FTC Order Reveals Cement-RR Link

Washington — An illegal tie-up between two western cement manufacturers and unnamed railroad interests was revealed in a complaint issued July 15 by the Federal Trade Commission.

FTC charged that the Ideal Cement Co. of Denver and the Monolith Portland Cement Co. of Los Angeles violated the Clayton anti-trust act by discriminating in price against some of their customers.

The way the price discrimination worked, according to FTC the cement companies made it advantageous for buyers to ship by rail. Customers shipping by rail got cement for 20c less per barrel than those shipping by truck.

Effect of the price discrimination was to "lessen competition in the resale of cement and in the sale of concrete products, and to injure, destroy or prevent competition with customers receiving the benefits," the FTC charged.

Industrial Production Lags, Says Reserve Board

Washington.—The decline in industrial production, begun several months ago, continued into April and early May, according to figures released by the Federal Reserve Board.

The board's index of production, adjusted for seasonal variations, slid downward in April to 179 per cent of the 1935-39 average. This compares with index figures of 184 for March and 195 for November, 1948.

The board report said that there are signs that the decline continued into May and that there has also been some drop in the output of minerals.

Labor Members Urged to Attend Labor Institute

The Summer Labor Institute, sponsored by the Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, in cooperation with the State Federation of Labor, will hold classes for union members, officials and wives at Asilomar Hotel, Pacific Grove, Calif., August 14-20.

This will be the second institute held at Asilomar, the one last year being considered a tremendous success.

Enrollment fee for the institute will be \$16. Various types of accommodations ranging from \$22.50 to \$39, including board and room for the week, are available.

Courses Available

Among courses available are History and Problems of Labor, The Economic Outlook, Current Labor Legislation, Community Relations, Health & Welfare Plans, Social Legislation Affecting Labor, Collective Bargaining, Labor & Politics, Where the Labor Movement Is Headed, and Labor and the Legislative Process.

State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty strongly urged all union members to attend this year's institute in a recent letter.

The letter follows:

June 2, 1949

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

To meet the labor movement's long-felt need for more knowledge of labor history and legislation, techniques of collective bargaining and of political action, the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California, Los Angeles and Berkeley, and the California State Federation of Labor are again sponsoring a Summer Labor Institute to be held on the Monterey Peninsula at the Asilomar Hotel Recreation Grounds from August 14 to 20, 1949.

The first of these Institutes was held at Asilomar last year during the first week of July and was considered a tremendous success by all who attended. Union officers, rank and file members, and their wives are all eligible and will have a valuable and pleasant week in which to exchange information with each other, with the professors and instructors from the University, and with the many distinguished guests from government agencies and other universities.

Ample time and facilities are available for all types of recreation, including swimming, tennis and sightseeing, and each enrollee can spend his time as he finds most profitable.

Enclosed are two copies of a pamphlet describing the program, the facilities and cost—which ranges from \$38.50 to \$55.00 per person for board, room and instruction for the entire week. The reservation form on the pamphlet should be sent direct to: **University Extension, University of California, Los Angeles, California.**

Please be sure to call this matter to the attention of your members as soon as possible so that they may make their plans accordingly.

Register as soon as possible since facilities are available for only 131 persons.

Trusting that I shall see you at Asilomar, I remain

Fraternally yours,

C. J. HAGGERTY,
Secretary.

In the fiscal years of 1946-1949, the U.S. Government spent \$177 billion.

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Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

A synopsis of the regular meeting minutes of June 4 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of June and of July 2 read, and the acts and recommendations of the board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from General President Wm. E. Maloney regarding accidental deaths occurring in the construction industry, stating this is the first of a series of letters that will be sent out dealing with this subject, and requesting that full publicity be given them. Referred to New Business.

A letter was received from Brother W. A. Gray, Business Manager of Local Union No. 428, Phoenix, Arizona, requesting action be taken upon six brothers who worked in their territory without clearances. It was regularly moved and seconded to refer the matter to the executive board for such action as might be necessary. Carried.

A protest to the election was read. It was regularly moved and seconded to refer to New Business. Carried.

Report of the Election Committee was read. It was regularly moved and seconded to adopt the report as read. Carried.

Cards of thanks were received from Ruth Austin and Sons; Rena Beauchamp; Mrs. Sheldon Modglin and family; and the family of James Joseph Joy. Received and filed.

The elected officers were installed—ex-President Petersen officiating.

The following brothers were reported ill: Sherman Branscum, L. H. Caughley, Ralph E. Davis, Carl B. Dresel, Wm. T. Ellis, Robert A. Fernandez, Wm. C. Folden, Howard Grimm, Robert E. Jones, S. J. Key, Chas. A. Lanovette, Chas. E. Lowrie, Ed L. Mangum, John J. Miller, De Forrest Moore, John A. Patchett, J. E. Peterman, Samuel A. Piercy, Kenneth Phillips, Arthur Sargent, H. E. Schmidt, Gus Schreen, Ishmael Sheats, A. H. Shotwell, George Simon, Oroville Sizelove, Chas. W. Smalley, Chaster P. Thompson, August C. Thorn, Harold Van Scoy, S. B. Wehrly, Joe Wilhoite, Joseph Yeager.

The following brothers were reported deceased: Paul W. Beauchamp, C. H. Covey, Gerald Dippold, Henry E. Hansen, Lawrence Leydig, Glenn W. Smith, W. J. Stedman.

The business agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given.

Under New Business, the letter from General President Maloney regarding industrial accidents was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the letter be printed in the Engineers News so that it can be read by all members of the union and that business representatives and the members do all they can to help prevent accidents. Carried.

The protest of the election was read and referred to the Executive Board for investigation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.

AFL Announces 1950 Endorsements

The AFL's Labor League for Political Education will give its support to at least 17 Democrats and three Republicans in 1950 senatorial elections, Dir. Joseph D. Keenan disclosed.

The AFL honor roll includes the following:

Democrats: Sheridan Downey of California, Frank P. Graham of North Carolina, Carl Hayden of Arizona, Lister Hill of Alabama, Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina, Russell B. Long of Louisiana, Scott W. Lucas of Illinois, Pat McCarran of Nevada, Brien McMahon of Connecticut, Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania, Claude Pepper of Florida, Glen H. Taylor of Idaho, Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, Millard E. Tydings of Maryland and Garrett L. Withers of Kentucky.

Republicans: George D. Aiken of Vermont, Wayne Morse of Oregon and Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire.

INDIANS IN N. MEX., ARIZ. NOW RECEIVE BENEFITS

One of the most unfortunate results of the Dixiecrat-States' Rights attitude (which, if persisted in eventually would destroy this country) originated in New Mexico and Arizona.

For 14 years, these two state governments refused to appropriate the necessary money to provide their shares of social security for Indians living within their borders. The "States' Rights" attitude was that Indians belonged to the Federal Government and not to the states.

Fourteen years of discrimination have ended and the beneficiaries number almost 100,000 Indians from seven tribes.

Corporate Giants Face Suits

Washington — The Justice Dept. reached into the bluebook of corporate giants June 30, in filing a suit for violation of anti-trust laws against the DuPont Co., General Motors and U. S. Rubber.

Also named in the suit were all members of the DuPont family and two of their personal holding companies, Christiana Securities Co. and Delaware Realty & Investment Corp.

The government charged that in 1917 the DuPonts grabbed control of GM. They still control GM, biggest of the kingsize combines in the automotive industry, the suit charged.

According to official figures, Du Pont runs GM by holding 23% of GM's common stock. The remainder of the stock is scattered among 436,000 stockholders who have no means of organizing to oppose Du Pont direction.

The government charged that the DuPonts hold a similar whip hand over U. S. Rubber. Both U. S. Rubber and GM, the government suit declared, have been forced "to expand their major fields of manufacture, such as automobiles and trucks, and tires and tubes, as well as to enter into new fields, such as household appliances, etc., for the purpose of enlarging the closed and guaranteed market for the sale of DuPont products."

In its suit the government charted the way in which the three huge corporations have intertwined their operations to exclude and kill off outside suppliers and competitors.

The government seeks now to force the DuPonts to sell their controlling interests in GM and U. S. Rubber. A lengthy court process is in sight.

San Francisco—

S. F. WORK PICKS UP SLOWLY; FEW BIG JOBS TO START SOON

By P. E. VANDEWARK, PAT CLANCY, HARRY METZ
Business Representatives, Local 3

There has been no marked improvement in San Francisco for the past month as far as the working conditions are concerned but a few big jobs are expected to be let this month and that should help some as far as decreasing the present out-of-work list. There are a number of short jobs coming into the S.F. office but as they only last a few days the men are right back in the office and put their names on the list again. For this reason the list has far more names on it than there should be for this time of year. We hope that this time next month the report can be

Floyd Watson, who has been working on a two-shift basis at Broadmoor Village, was forced to lay off one shift. The work he is doing is all being done for Stoneson and there are possibilities that he will be starting up again before long.

Lake St. Sewer

Charles Harney has been keeping a lot of our brothers busy on the Freeway job and also the Lake St. sewer job. Recently Atkinson has brought in some Cats and put them to work on the Freeway project and they've been going right along with the dirt work.

Swinerton & Walberg is doing nicely with the Mt. Zion Hospital job. Their Standard Oil Building job is about the same, with all the steel up and the concrete going in fast.

McGuire & Hester have slowed up the traffic along Mission Street with their sewer jobs and now are in full blast with a number of our brothers steadily employed.

Tunnel Job

M&K Corporation's tunnel job at Lake Merced is going right along on a three-shift basis. There are still about three or four more weeks to go before the two head-ings meet and then it will be the end of a good-paying job for some of our members.

Ben C. Gerwick is busy at Lake Merced with the piledriving for the sewer crossing at the lake. It will be some time before they have all of their work completed.

There is still a lot of activity and there will be more at the North Point sewage disposal plant. M&K has the main contract but some of the work has been sublet to other contractors. Eaton and Smith have been doing the dirt work and have pulled out about all equipment. Raymond Concrete still has some work as far as the piledriving is concerned.

The Islais Creek bridge job is going along smoothly, with Duncan and Haroldson doing the work.

Metropolitan

Dinwiddie has quite a few of our brothers employed at the Metropolitan job. The 11 apartments which they are working on are going right up and if you haven't been down in that vicinity lately you won't recognize the place.

The McDonald, Young & Nelsons' apartment house work being done for Stoneson at 19th Avenue is coming along very fast and there will be a lot of work there for some time to come.

Repair Shop Work

As far as the repair shop work is concerned—it has slowed up a little but most of the shops, such as Ken Royce, Hyman-Michaels, Cortland Engineering and also a few others are continuing to employ a number of our heavy duty repairmen.

The work on the various street jobs in San Francisco has slowed up somewhat but most of the contractors have been keeping the great bulk of their men busy and with more street work coming up should be able to use a few more men in the near future.

PERSONAL TOUCH

We know that the work has been picking up here in the states but the same can't be said for the work on the various foreign jobs. This month's report is almost identical with the report of last month

Peninsula—

EXCITING EVENTS AT AIRPORT

During the past month discussions over the right of way on the haul road from the Macco Pit, to the State Highway, reached a climax when the opposing group stopped all operations by erecting a cable barricade across the road. Members of Local 3, armed with cutting torches attacked, and in a short time eliminated the obstructions and dump trucks loaded with dirt again operated normally—but not for long! The enemy, after being defeated in their first attempt to stop the wheels of progress again advanced on their adversary—this time with loaded trucks and expensive automobiles which they parked across the road directly in the path of the earth laden trucks; our worthy brothers then bravely attempted to clear the road with the aid of a cat, with which they planned to tow the trucks and autos away, but they were stopped in their tracks by a real western "gun slinger" of the old school, who advanced with his trusty .45 pointed in the general direction of our brothers who gracefully withdrew and constructed a detour. When the smoke of battle cleared away it was admitted by both interested and disinterested parties, that a good time was had by all!

Confusion

Some confusion existed at the Sterling Building Company in South San Francisco recently where Barbertine, with a string of cats is engaged in grading of streets, but due to the fact their operations combined with the strong winds created so much dust residents living adjacent to the job appealed to the City Council and threatened to get out an injunction to stop the work. After some discussion it was agreed by all parties concerned the cats would be allowed to work until noon time but would stop before the strong winds start in the afternoon.

The L. C. Smith Company were successful bidders on several grading and paving jobs at Redwood City and Palo Alto. This news will be happily accepted by the many engineers employed by this firm, as their work has been slower than usual lately.

At Redwood City the J. O. Archibald Company are rapidly expanding and have purchased several new cats which they have added to their spread, providing more jobs for members of Local 3.

Woodhouse & Douglas of Redwood City have all of their equipment busy on numerous street paving and grading jobs throughout the district.

A. Teichert & Son are well along with the State Highway Construction job at Half Moon Bay. This firm plans on opening the old State Quarry at El Granada to procure the imported borrow for this project and have moved two shovels to the job site.

No Big Jobs

Although no large jobs have been started, the many subdivisions, quarries and construction projects already in operation, provide many jobs for the worthy members of this local union, resulting in a very small out-of-work list.

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Big Owners Aided Most By Eased Rent Controls

The argument that the small property owners, not the big ones, are aided by relaxed rent controls is familiar. It was heard again and again during this year's debate on rent controls.

And now that rent controls are watered down, who is making more money as a result? Principally the owners of large apartment houses.

A survey in Boston showed that 72 per cent of the big landlords got rent increases since controls were weakened. But only 35 per cent of the small owners won increases.

18% INCREASE

The average increase being allowed in Boston is 18 per cent. That figures out to \$9 on a \$50-a-month apartment.

Redding—

WORKING CONDITIONS GOOD, CONTRACTORS GO FULL BLAST

E. A. HESTER, Business Representative, Local 3

Working conditions in this district are very good at this time, with almost all the brothers working, and practically no out of work list. All contractors are going ahead, taking advantage of the good weather.

R. A. Heintz Co. of Portland, Ore., is going ahead rapidly on the railroad relocation at Keswick. A full crew of operators is working here, including Cats, DW-10s and Cobras. The shovel work has slowed down on this job, with Brother Dave Tenney idle at the moment. It seems they did not find the rock on this job they originally expected.

Fredrickson & Watson are going ahead on their highway job at Anderson, with grading and draining both being done at this time.

Dunsmuir Job

Up the Sacramento Canyon, at Dunsmuir, McGillivray Construction Co. has just about completed erection on their hot plant. This job involves 35 miles of resurfacing on Highway 99, and is badly needed, due to the severe winter. Material will be moving on this project in a few days.

At Mt. Shasta, Harms Bros. are moving ahead on their highway job. Brother G. L. McFarland, superintendent on the job, came down very suddenly with pneumonia and was moved to the hospital in Weed in a very serious condition. We understand he is improving now and will soon be back at work. This writer has had many inquiries about his condition from all over the district, and everyone joins in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Ten Cats Work

In Cedar Pass, between Alturas and Cedarville, R. B. Guerin Co. is getting started on their highway job of 850,000 yds. Eight or ten Cats are working there now, with more to go on and probably another shift as fast as they can be added. Brother George Freeland is looking after things on this job.

Brother Clay Sidener, at Ravendale, on Madeline Plains, is moving ahead on his job for Harms Bros. Most of the rock has been moved, and Pop Weins and his boys have moved in with the rock crushers to put out the base material.

W. W. Brown is finishing the grading at Adin on his highway job, with the rock plant in and base material ready to move out. Mr. Brown and J. P. Brennan, Redding contractor, were the successful bidders on the French Gulch job, a three-mile portion of highway for Shasta County. The super on this job is Brother Al Kingwell, who has clearing moving ahead at this writing.

Levee Job Moves

N. M. Ball & Sons have two jobs going in this district, both with double shifts. Their levee job at Vina, on Deer Creek, is going along nicely, with a full crew of Engineers working, as is also the case with their job at Hayfork.

Things look good in this district, with prospects of continued employment for the balance of this season.

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SMEAR ISSUED ON HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD

Washington.—Sen. Hugh Butler (R., Nebr.) recently made public a 15-page booklet printed at Government expense designed to smear the Statehood-for-Hawaii movement as a Communist plot.

Butler's effort was technically his report as a one-man investigating committee appointed by himself last year when he was chairman of the Senate Insular Affairs Committee. It was based on the work of a specially hired unnamed investigator who spent two and a half months in Hawaii, and on personal talks which Butler had during a 10-day visit to the islands last November.

Meanwhile, a planned House Public Lands subcommittee investigation of "the situation in Hawaii" was stalled by Chairman Monroe Redden (D., N.C.). The inquiry had been requested by Delegate to Congress Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii on the ground that the pineapple strike in the islands is disturbing the economy.

Butler, an old foe of Hawaiian statehood, claimed the islands are dominated by a "conspiracy" of the Communist Party and of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO). He asserted ILWU President Harry Bridges is "the unseen communist dictator of Hawaii," and said the left-wingers had "captured" the Democratic Party in the islands.

The Butler report claimed that "statehood for Hawaii is a primary objective of Communist policy in the territory." It added that statehood would be under "a state constitution to be dictated by the tools of Moscow in Honolulu."

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The continued increase of the octane rating of gasoline has made possible the development of high compression engines.

3 Big Votes Show South Not So Solid in Congress

How solid is the Solid South?

An analysis of the test votes on repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and public housing in Congress shows that the South's solidarity is a myth.

Take a look at these statistics:

On June 28, when the Senate voted 48-47 (including pairs) to keep injunctions in labor legislation, 13 Southern Senators voted right (against injunctions) and 15 wrong (for injunctions).

54 FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
When the House voted 209-204 June 29 to kill an anti-public housing amendment to the Administration housing bill, 54 Southern Congressmen voted right (for public housing) and 67 wrong (against public housing).

And on May 4, when the House voted 212-209 to send back the whole question of labor legislation to its Education and Labor Committee, 58 Southern Representatives voted right (for recommitment)

and 63 wrong (against recommitment).

In addition to refuting the idea of Southern solidarity, these votes point to the fact that reactionaries from all sections of the country, not just the South, are holding up progressive legislation.

LIBERALS CAN WIN IN SOUTH

Also, the analysis shows that it is possible to elect liberals from the South. Only a few more Southern liberals are needed to put the majority of Southern Senators and Representatives in the progressive column.

In this analysis, the following 14 states are considered as Southern: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Sacramento—

DEEP WATER CHANNEL TO START BUT FOLSOM DAM HITS SNAG

By ED PARK

Business Representative, Local 3

The first units of work on the Deep Water Channel should be under way by the time this edition is out. Baker Brothers, H. Earl Parker, and A. Teichert & Son are the successful bidders on the work to date. Each is a separate contract and none of the jobs are very large but will help to cut down our "Out of Work" list somewhat.

The bill dealing with the Folsom Dam has run into a snag in Washington so we are not in a position to report to any extent on this project except that Peter L. Ferry & Son are continuing their job and are keeping approximately 10 Engineers busy. It is hoped that additional work will be let in the near future.

Largest Job

The largest job in this area at the present time is that of United Concrete Pipe, Westbrook & Pope and Ralph Bell at Auburn, with Westbrook & Pope doing the work. The "cat" spread is on a two-shift basis with Brother Jack Rutherford as general foreman. Carl Olds, Virgil Guptill and Smokey Sutherland are the shifters.

The Westbrook & Pope job at Comptonville is in the finishing stages with very few members remaining on the job. Brother George Yost is foreman there and he expects to wind things up in another 30 days. Rumor has it that Depot Hill will be the next portion of this road to be improved. (This is part of State Highway 49.) Bids are expected to be called soon.

P. J. Moore Job

The P. J. Moore road job at Elverta is now in the finishing stages with several members still at work. Blackmore & Steele are proceeding rapidly with their section of it.

Downer Corporation has about completed its sewer work in North Sacramento but still has considerable street work to do. A. Teichert also is doing a sewer job in this section and has a Northwest 80 back-hoe on the job, with Brother Jack Carwin at the controls.

Good progress is being made by Bates & Rodgers on the 12th Street underpass. Teichert is now doing the widening job on 12th Street from C Street to the subway.

Putah Creek Levee

Work on the H. Earl Parker levee job at Putah Creek is now at a standstill and at last reports there will be nothing doing there until the first of August. The Kelly brothers, Bud and Jim, have subbed the Hood levee job from Parker and at present have four rigs working.

F. T. Bastian & Son are going along nicely and are doing a number of small jobs in and about Grass Valley and Nevada City.

Ruddy & Son are progressing rapidly with their road job in Grass Valley. Brother Clarence Crotteau is the foreman.

Bids were opened June 21 for highway improvement of four miles on the Bear Valley grade. Low bidders were Richter Bros. of Oroville, W. H. Darough & Sons of Oroville, and M. J. Ruddy of Modesto, at \$429,899.84. Clearing is under way at the present time and this should be a pretty good job when it gets going.

Our Mistake

In last month's report we erroneously reported that Brother Art Ingerson was shifting under Brother Fred Butler on the Fredrickson Bros. job at Lake Tahoe. Since that time we have had occasion to talk to one of the Fredricksons and were informed that Brother Ingerson is in charge of his particular work on this and other jobs and is responsible only to them.

Over by Davis, Fredrickson Bros. continue with their bridge job over Putah Creek. Brother Bob Patrick has moved up to the Tahoe project and Brothers Charlie Hauck and L. D. Flannigan

have taken over the rig on Putah Creek.

Brother Ernie Gressot is back from Ukiah and is picking up where he left off as foreman on the Atkinson job at Roseville. Some of the boys lost some time on this job due to the Carpenters being off the job for 15 days but at this writing things are rolling again for all crafts.

Tyson & Waters have started their job at Gold Hill with Brother Jack Edwards lining things out. Brother Carl Hart is the shifter, with Brothers Jim Shinn, Leland Lucas, Bill Watters and R. B. Murray making up the crew.

Miles & Bailey are moving in equipment to do their job of state highway improvement near Squirrel Creek in Nevada County.

Over at Madison, the resurfacing job of the McGillivray Construction Co. is rolling along. Brothers McFadden and Lake are still in charge.

New Lincoln School

Construction is scheduled to start soon on the new Lincoln School. Lentz Construction Co. will do the dirt work. This company was the successful bidder at \$22,023 for improvements on Dry Creek Road.

The Norris Drilling Co. has several jobs in this area and we are pleased to report that we have an Engineer doing the operating.

Ralph Drollinger continues with his job on curb work on the Davis highway.

Work is about completed on the Judson, Pacific, Murphy Bridge job at Three Mile Slough.

O'Conner is just getting started on his job at Capay so there is very little to report on it as yet. This job consists of resurfacing and culverts.

Malifitano was low bidder as of June 21 at \$68,699 for levee work at Miner Slough. At this writing they have not moved in any equipment.

Bids were opened on June 23 on a bridge job between Putah Creek and the Colusa Co. line. Grant L. Miner was low at \$139,846. No work has been started to date.

Bids were opened on June 27 for the County of Sacramento on the improvement of Joe Green road. The firm of Carden & Cox were the successful bidders at \$34,531. The Cox of this firm is Brother Ted Cox, an old timer with Local No. 3.

Personal Mention

Brother Ted DeWilds is the new owner of Red Bud Park on Putah Creek, eight miles east of Winters. We wish him good luck in his venture.

Brother James Mountney is recovering from burns on his arm and hand which he received while firing for Brighton Sand & Gravel.

Brother Jim Mertz also was burned while working on the Pacific Pipe Line Corp. job for the P. G. & E. at Davis.

The home of Brother Willis Houston was completely destroyed by fire on June 23. Brother Houston was working up the Feather River at the time and Mrs. Houston was also up there for a few days, so that no one was at home at the time and everything was lost.

Any of you fellows needing automobile repairs or truck repairs should drop in and see Brother L. L. Schneider who has a shop of his own at 4510 Erie Avenue, Sacramento.

Thank Brothers

We wish to extend our thanks to the brothers who drop us a note upon going to work in another district so that we may remove their name from the "out of work" list.

Reno—

Andy Drumm's Crew Happy, Near Home

By H. L. "Curly" SPENCE
Business Representative, Local 3

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, has started his highway job near Fallon, Nevada. Drumm's crew is very happy to be near home, especially Brother Charles (Red) Melendy, Brother Warren (Pinky) Vaughn, Marvin (Timber) Renken and Joe Solaegui. Of course, Leonard Miller is at home any place he stops. The whole crew is real glad to get away from the Sweet Water job.

Most of Dodge Construction Company crew are down Tonopah, Nevada, way. I miss the dear brother's smiling faces around here.

Boone Springs

Isbell Construction Company highway job near Boone Springs is still going along in fine shape. I understand they have two shifts on part of the job now. Isbell's mine operation at Kimberly, Nev., is going along in fine shape. Isbell's work in and around Reno, Nevada, is in fine shape, especially when Clarence (Bill) Boegle is around.

Reno Sewer

George Schilling sewer disposal plant job for the Biggest Little City in the World, Reno, Nevada, is going along in fine shape with Brother Earl Games, Jr., and Bro. Laurence Semenza on the Northwest shovel and Bro. Les Jacobsen on the tractor. They have quite an excavating job there.

Nevada Constructors, better known as Duque and Frazzini, has Brother William A. Murphy on the blade, Brother B. L. Clem on the Northwest shovel, Brother William A. Coleman on the roller and Brother Robert Wigle is the master mind and heavy duty repairman.

Tahoe City Job

Frederickson Brothers' highway job at Tahoe City, California, is going along in fine shape with Brother Murphy doing the monkey wrenching, Brother Gus Wallen lubricating engineer, Brother William (Pete) Conner is the head push cat man and tamper man.

H. Earl Parker's highway job on Mt. Rose is going in fine shape with Brother Melvin Lee on the blade, Brother C. R. (Bud) Selover on the dozer and Brother Ike Gabriel just fooling around here, there and every place on the job. Brother Earnest (Tex) Waters is back on the job, no more drinking or gambling for Tex says he has reformed.

Basement Jobs

George Miller is doing quite a lot of basement, sewer and pipeline work around Reno. I see Brothers Howard Johnston and Albert Parlanti on basement jobs.

Republicans Hail Dulles Appointment

Washington—Republican leaders here July 7 hailed the appointment of John Foster Dulles by New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to fill the Senate seat vacated by resignation of Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D, N.Y.). The Senate Democratic whip, Francis J. Myers (Pa.) said he assumed Dulles would support administration foreign policy.

Such cards have just been received from Brothers R. E. Crawford and Edward C. Millard. A little consideration such as this is a great help in keeping the out of work list up to date.

The Sacramento office will be open from 7 to 9 p. m. each Wednesday evening for the convenience of the members in this area.

Contributions to the Blood Bank from the Operating Engineers are very far and few between lately. If possible, please contact this office for an appointment.

DO NOT FAIL TO OBTAIN A CLEARANCE BEFORE GOING TO WORK ON ANY JOB.

Eureka—

IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY; SLOW TO START, THEN BANG!

OTTO E. NEVER and M. W. EDWARDS,
Business Representatives, Local 3

In the Redwood Empire it is the same old routine; contractors slow to start till they realize that we have a short season here, then everyone gets in an uproar.

Six-Day Jobs

At present, all jobs but one are working six days or the equivalent thereof. Macco-M & K are making good progress on the Crescent City jetty job. This job is not a big job as far as men employed are concerned, but it is at least a 3-year job. Supt. McDonald has done a good job in getting his road built and camp set up, as well as getting other preliminary work finished. The Manitowoc 4500 will start placing rock on the jetty by July 20. The company has had very little job turnover as far as Local 3 is concerned.

Ed Johnson is finishing up on his job on the North Fork of Smith River below Hiouchi. Brothers Scotty Jenkins is superintendent; Leighton Lewis, heavy duty mechanic; Percy Fletcher, dragline operator; Tony Mahieu, oiler; and August Senestraro, blade operator. C. M. Syar's job at Klamath is underway with Brother Curly Williams as superintendent. Job is over six miles of cement treated base and resurfacing. From all indications job will last until rainy season.

Move Mountains

Piombo is going good at Orick on their dirt moving job. They have rented practically all of their cats, carryalls and jeeps from George R. Patterson of Sockton. Most of the skidders came with the rigs. One thing is sure, land leveling will never be the same for these members. When they take off over some of these mountains they carry rocks in their back pockets to act as counterbalance. Why, some of the slopes are so steep they sit on the back of the seat of the cat. Anyway that's their story; ask 'em. Brother John Owen is superintendent on the dirt moving and always worries when the business representative shows up, and for no good reason; job is one of the best as far as Local 3 is concerned. Members are working five shifts of 9½ hours.

Brother Bill Goetz, the former truck operator, is baling muck on the north end of this job with a half-yard Insley, while Brother "Weeping" Ostertag wrestles with a Lorain 40 on the south end. Brother Phil Dunn is superintendent in charge.

Sleeping With Crusher

Mercer Fraser Co. has started their resurfacing job above the Elk Preserve. Brother Morris Johnson has been sleeping with the crusher and hot plant for the last month and has stopped worrying now and given his ulcers a rest. Mercer Fraser's other jobs at Rohnerville airport, Fortuna and Scotia are still going strong. This company also got a small job at Mill Creek Park near Crescent City, but may not start there before August 1.

Carr & Rocco are working on three of their bridge jobs between Weitchpec and Happy Camp. Crew, however, his small; two operators and one oiler is all. Roy Eastwood is furnishing the aggregate. We signed him on a Local 3 contract when the job started.

Fred J. Maurer and Son are expecting to be through at Weitchpec by August 15. Their other jobs slowed down some because of the carpenter's strike, but are going good now.

Hull Bridge Job

Brother Tom Hull received another bridge job from the county and keeps a steady crew at all times. Brother Louie Conner is marking time; all his cats are parked at present.

John Burman & Sons are still busy at Bull Creek Park. Job may be finished in another 30 days. Malifitano has finished up at Briceland and moved out. Associated Dredge Jupiter was sold to Lamone Call

of Eureka, who expects to keep busy locally and to keep the sea crew he has at present.

Brother Harry "Jughead" Johnson is still laid up with a big pump, but is improving steadily. His address is 1915 Harrison. A few visitors won't do him any harm. Brother Andy Anderson has been laid up at Trinity Hospital with lame back. Could be old age.

Harold Hudson, superintendent at Landing Aids has been suffering with stomach trouble and has been in the St. Joseph Hospital. It could be he hasn't got over the scare he got when he stepped in a grab while in France and the corp grabbed his leg.

Give Sales Talk

I would like to call attention to the members that non-member service men are not doing us any good when they come on our jurisdiction. Please give them a sales talk whenever you see them and let your business agent know about it.

Had a nice letter from Brother Art Meyer, formerly shifting Maurer's job, Orleans. He is now in charge of a shovel at Portage, Alaska. He states that there will be quite a lot of work there and for members to contact the business representative at Anchorage, Alaska.

Nearly all of the woods and mill operations in the Redwood district have gone on a holiday. The length of time ranges from a few days to three weeks, according to the amount of repair work to be done; however, the redwood companies will all resume work as soon as possible.

Fir Outfits

It is a little different with the small fir outfits. The price of fuel took another drop and there will be a good many of them that won't be able to operate again until the price gets on an even keel again and when that will be is the \$6 question. Of course, we hope it will be soon, but it sure doesn't look like it. Now redwood, that's different. We know there is a steady market and a good price for it, and will be for some time to come. This is the only country where redwood grows with the small exception of Santa Cruz.

Redwood 'Union'

The large redwood companies have an association (or I should say union) and believe me, it is good and tight. Of course, we shouldn't say it is a union; it is like the doctors' association. In fact, they are unions under a different name.

We have fond hopes of this entire country being union the way it should, and, as the saying goes with the help of God and a long-handled spoon we will certainly make it; however, it would be nice if more of our worthy brothers who are working on logging operations would give us a hand in this little deal of ours.

California Lauds Disability Measure

What the California Federation of Labor calls "the most important bill of the legislative session" was passed through union efforts in the last hours of the session.

The bill grants an \$8-a-day hospitalization benefit, for a maximum of 12 days, under the disability insurance act. It is payable immediately upon entrance to the hospital and no waiting period is required.

The hospitalization benefit was included as an amendment to an AFL-sponsored bill which also provides that, for the purposes of the unemployment insurance act, unpaid wages due an individual shall be deemed paid, thereby increasing the employee's wage credits.

Marysville— Busy on Sacramento Levee Work; Road, Tunnel Jobs Going Good

By BILL WAACK and LES COLLETT,
Business Representatives, Local 3

Work in this vicinity remains good for which we are thankful. H. Earl Parker Co. are still busy on their levee work around Colusa and Meridian on the Sacramento River. There was a good article in the latest Western Construction News about Parker in person and we know what the H. in his name is but won't tell.

Joint Venture

Darrough & Sons of Yuba City and Richter Bros. of Oroville got a joint venture contract above Nevada City in conjunction with M. J. Ruddy and we wish these firms well as this is their first contract of any size.

W. H. O'Hair & Co. of Colusa planned to start their Gridley-Colusa road job around July 5. This firm has joined the AGC.

Richter Bros. is working on a \$47,000 contract on a county road above Oroville.

Rice Bros. will be completed on its Highway 24 job by the time this goes to press. Charlie Lloyd was superintendent on this job.

McEwen Co. is on the finishing stages of its road job at Willow Glen, above Oregon House.

Trouble With Lava

Granite Construction Co. still is having trouble with the lava rock on the Paradise cut-off but guess the rattlesnakes are all gone by now. The skinners haven't complained lately.

Piombo is about wound up on the road job at Belden and at this writing we don't know who was low bidder on the oiling.

American Bridge is now getting ready to install the drumgates on Cresta Dam and will repeat the performance on Rock Creek Dam a little later. Brother Tom Peterson is setting up the derricks to put in penstocks at the Rock Creek Tunnel outlet.

Tunnel Work

All tunnel work in Feather River Canyon is going full blast and Earl Walsh of T. E. Connolly Co. is concreting in the Cresta Tunnel outlet, and M&K with John Nixon in charge is concreting in the Rock Creek Tunnel intake.

Dixon and Arundel are still driving in four separate headings and are now putting up their batch plant. If all goes well they should have 10 or 12 more weeks of excavating yet.

The Walsh Construction Co. is doing O.K. with the tunnel and powerhouse and also got a small tunnel job at Isabella in Local 12 territory and no doubt will take some of the crew with them.

Yuba City Plant

Fred J. Early Co. is busy putting in the Yuba City Sewage Disposal Plant and the same goes for Ted Bares Construction Co. for the Marysville plant on the other side of the river.

All the gravel plants are busy at the present time.

Ed Curtis came back to the Valley—the first two rigs—one in the Basin and one at Willows, were brought in by Brothers Jess and George McBride.

Youth Saves Hesser

Brother Paul Hesser fractured his skull while diving in the Feather River and was saved from drowning by 13-year-old Franklin Neman. The young lad is only 4 ft. 9 in. and weighs but 75 pounds, but he was able to hold Brother Paul afloat until more help arrived. Paul is still off duty and can't find out when he will be able to return to work.

Brother Okie McNally is still off duty from his tunnel wreck.

Brother Earl Carroll is in serious condition in Sutter Hospital in Sacramento and we wish these brothers a speedy recovery.

We also wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Brother Neil Reynolds, who lost his small daughter by drowning near Clovis.

Brother Ernest Wilson left the valley for Bechtel, Arabia, for a one-year flog at warm weather. To the job site, from Marysville

Stockton— Westbrook & Pope To Wind Up Job At Cook's Station

By ED DORAN and
FRANK LAWRENCE
Business Representatives, Local 3

Westbrook and Pope are about to windup their job at Cook's Station. This is a state highway job that was let for contract last year. They had to pull out last fall because of the heavy snow, but they will complete the job this month.

United Concrete Pipe Co. are running two shifts on the freeway east of Stockton. This is a million dollar job and is expected to be opened to traffic early in 1950. The United Concrete Pipe Co. is one of the largest employers of our members in this area. They have the pipe manufacturing yard, the Hetch-Hetchy pipeline and have just completed the pipeline job for the East Bay Municipal Water District as well as having the freeway and county highway job at Thornton.

Hot Plant

Claude Wood is furnishing the materials for United Concrete Pipe Co. and also have set up a hot plant at the quarry at Clements to supply hot stuff for the Thornton job, as well as the freeway.

George Wende, with headquarters at Oakdale, who has been operating in the south, has moved back to this area and has signed our construction, as well as our land levelling agreement and he has a union job going at Tracy employing members of local 3.

Barrett & Hilp have started work on the new Franklin High School in Stockton. This is a 2½ million dollar job.

Al Biasotti is doing the excavation work for the McCloskey Co. on the Farmington Dam.

Landlevelling is practically at a standstill this time of the year, due to the fact that the hay and grain harvest is in full swing and the farmers must complete this job before they let the land levelers onto their fields. All in all, I don't think there will be many land levelling jobs this year in the Stockton area.

Granite Construction Co. have started their resurfacing job on highway 120 east and west of Escalon.

Use of "Socialism" Tag Hit by Patman

Washington.—Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) points out that special interest groups call anything which helps the people socialism.

Patman said in a House speech: "Anything in the interest and for the benefit of poor people is almost invariably branded as socialism. . . ."

"When we had all private schools, and efforts were made to have public schools, the cry of socialism went up.

"I recall the time when we had toll roads and highways. Every five miles you would have to stop and pay tolls. . . . When the county or the city or the political subdivision attempted to build a highway, the cry went up, 'Why, that's socialism.'"

Congressman Patman adds: "It is not socialism to do things that will prevent both communism and socialism."

Job Increases Reported By Mass. Textile Mills

Boston.—An employment upturn of nearly 11 per cent in Massachusetts' woolen and worsted industry was reported by the State Department of Labor and Industries.

The Department said employment increased in mid-May by 10.8 per cent over mid-April and for the first time this year reversed a downward trend that had continued since January.

The survey showed the employment decline in the industry reached a low point in April when more than 13,000 workers had lost the jobs they held in January.

San Jose— BONDS FOR COYOTE DAM CARRY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and J. E. RILEY
Business Representatives, Local 3

On June 14th the voters of Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District approved the \$3,000,000 bond issue for the second Coyote Dam. This will make a total of three to be constructed some time in the near future, Lexington and Austrain, as we said in last issue. It's too bad they don't complete these projects consecutively (one after the other). The chances are they will be rolling at the same time; we hope not. However, we have heard this project will start much before Lexington, or the Austrain which Earl Heple is now engaged in the clearing of the reservoir.

Fiber-Glass Plant

Fiber-Glass Plant of Santa Clara, which has made employment for so many of our boys while under construction by Bechtel Corporation, is all but complete, and accepted by the company. I believe Brother Bill Solder is the last survivor of that long list of engineers who labored so long and so hard for the early completion of this huge industry.

Colliers Carbon Plant of Alviso is engaged in an expansion program at this time. Earl Heple is doing the erection of the steel and machinery installations, and are expecting to complete same at an early date.

City Sewer Bids

We are expecting bids to be called for soon on another section of the sewer construction program for the City of San Jose—at present we have three major projects of this nature in progress—Burch & Bebek, A. J. Peters and Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, all running at top speed. Now and then we run across Ed. Tobin, Hester & McGuire, or Earl Heple engaged in the same business.

Monterey Work

We expect to get good news soon on some major work to start in Monterey, namely the Airport, which will be another runway, also Del Monte Ave., as we understand, will come up for bids very soon. Then the City of Carmel will soon call for bids on its thousands of feet of sewerage line. At present, we have no news of the naval expansion program and Del Monte Naval School. However, Granite has a small ditch and road job inside the grounds. Underground Construction also have a job for the City of Monterey installing new high pressure water lines and hydrants. Stolte has about four ditchers working in this locality and Big Sur.

Salinas Jobs

City of Salinas also has a couple of major sewer and water projects under construction. Valley Trenching have the bulk of this work. As usual Granite has some also in and around the Muni Swimming Pool. Donahue, Ray Adams and George Augusta are quite busy here also, but no big stuff.

Natividad Quarry (of Permanente) are still operating at a point of fair production. However, there has been a reduction in the plant crew, not our boys.

F. Archibald, ditch contractor, is still occupied on his Soledad City job and expects to finish soon.

State Prison Job

Soledad State Prison job will soon come up for bids, as we mentioned some time back. There is a big expansion program for this institution, and Stolte is casting an eagle eye on this morsel.

San Ardo Oil Fields have suspended all operations and all excavating equipment and has been removed or sold by the companies who may have owned some, and our brothers and contractors have moved to greener pastures.

Frederickson and Kasler have been delayed in the starting of their highway job on 101, south of San Lucas. However, by the time this is off the press we expect them to be in operation. While we are speaking of this section, we might add, the City of King (or King City) is preparing a major sewer and water line construction program, and will soon call for bids.

Metz Co. Ready

Metz Aggregates Co., which is about 12 miles out from this little city has completed its construction stage and is now ready for business. Bro. Harry Metz should know this place, one of his ancestor's named it.

Stone & Webster are making good headway on the P.G.&E. plant at Moss Landing, and it's astounding to see the carloads of material pouring into this project. Just to give the brothers an idea of this plant: Just recently there was a trainload of 45 gondolas loaded with Babcox and Wilcox Boiler tubing, which is only sufficient material for the assembly of two of the six boilers to be installed, each carrying 1350 lbs. steam pressure, superheated to 950 Degrees F., which in turn will drive three 130,000 H.P. General Electric Turbines, which cost approximately \$5,000,000 each and safety valves, oh yes—about 150 6x8 and speaking of valves (Globe & Gate) there are about 30,000 of all sizes. This plant is to be the largest single unit in the world. Cost approximately \$51,000,000. Completion date early in 1951. Project Manager, H. F. Cleary. Industrial Relations, W. V. Minahan.

Bechtel Corp. Slow

Bechtel Corporation is slow in getting started on the pipe line. However, they have started one of the Buckeye Ditchers in operation and a crane or two. Also have a spread of four dozers on right-of-way clearing out of Gilroy. Piombo and Pete Farrish have another stretch out of Edenvale and are making good headway, but expect to wind up soon.

Douglas & Woodhouse, L. C. Smith, A. J. Peters, L. Piazza, Sondgroth Bros., O. V. Freeman, and more all have jobs in and around Palo Alto, such as pipelines, streets, sewers and bridges.

Little RFC Slated For Small Business

Washington.—With an eye on mounting unemployment, Chairman Burnet R. Maybank (D., S.C.) of the Senate Banking Committee July 5 promised to put full steam behind the bi-partisan drive for a little businessman's RFC.

The bill would empower a small board to borrow money from the Treasury at low rates of interest and loan it out to small business projects and local development schemes. It was introduced by Senator Alben Barkley (D., Ky.) just before he became vice-president and boasts 75 bi-partisan backers in the Senate and more than 100 in the House.

Persons borrowing from the fund would pledge themselves to give opportunities created by the loans to small businesses and give preference to veterans.

Maybank said the prime objective of the bill is to encourage use of undeveloped natural resources and productive capacity under the free enterprise system. "Experience indicates," he said, "that the earnings of the corporations will not only cover all administrative expenses but should return a reasonable profit to the Treasury."

Maybank said that economic authorities on the Banking Committee told him that if only two per cent of the potential which could be created by the bill were used, the U.S. would have full employment.

San Rafael—

Marin Gravel Co. and Plum Bros. See Busy Season Ahead

H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3
The Marin Gravel Company, Point Reyes area with Brother H. C. Phillips, owner announces plans completed for a busy season ahead; as do Brothers Tom, Joe and Charlie Plum on their logging contract for the Fiberboard Company with Forestville the shipping point. Brother Tom, handy as usual, has solved the weakness on the "A. C." clutches and think maybe, he's got something. . . .

The Phillips Brothers of Petaluma, Russ and Rich, were recent low bidders on a good-sized levee job for the City of Petaluma.

San Rafael Sewer

McGuire & Hester of Oakland are busy on the San Rafael sewer project with Superintendent Cole in charge—a very busy man, on this \$266,000 project. Haas & Rothschild of San Francisco have the \$355,000 pump and treating plant project in San Rafael.

John Rocca, old time San Rafael contractor, has his \$105,000 pumping plant at Larkspur right on schedule with Brother "Red" Tavenner as superintendent with Brothers Stewart Orchard on the cherry-picker and Gene McNair keeping busy.

Gordon Chase of Mission Quarry dropped into the office advising that Brother Hollister running a shovel at Wilber Creek in Modoc County for a State project, will probably keep busy until December. Brother John von Salden, also with Gordon Chase, in the San Rafael area is keeping busy evenings with his Marin Motion Picture Service, 8 Francisco Boulevard, San Rafael, telephone 7210-W, where he has equipment, cartoons, screens, etc., for rent or sale. Look him up, boys, all you interested in photography.

Quinda Excavating and Paving Company, 1168 - 63rd Street, Oakland, with Brother H. Soehner as co-partner, doing the excavating for the new front at the Imola Hospital keeping a crew of six No. 3 boys happy.

D. K. Burner, the new superintendent in charge of the finishing stages for the Moore & Roberts project at Imola State Hospital, has been very quiet but still keeps a few members working where they have been for the past year and a half.

New Phone Bldg.

Johnson-Drake-Piper are winding up the new telephone building in San Rafael—let's hope this new building will tend to improve the telephone service in the North Bay area.

The St. Helena contractor, Harold Smith, busy doing small street jobs for the City of St. Helena with Brother Harold Black, one of our old-timers going along steady every day.

Brother E. S. Hamman is the operator and Brother H. O. Chadwick fireman on the Raymond Concrete Pipe rig driving piles on the Haas & Rothschild Sewer Disposal plant project in San Rafael.

Halcro Hot Steps

Anyone interested in the samba, rumba or the good old-fashioned waltz should contact Brother Russ Halcro for a few pointers—understand he graduated recently at the head of the class—of course, there may be something to the teacher, too. . . .

Brother Fred Horner, Box 25, Woodacre, telephone San Rafael 5331-M, has a new D-6 dozer-loader—interested in work, any area.

Brother Ralph Jones at the Mari-bell Gravel Company assisted by Brothers Albrigi and Ivan Meyers. You can always find Ralph at noon sandwich in one hand and a fish pole in the other—he brings 'em in, too. . . .

Brother Sam "Tiny" Stewart and Brother Jimmy Grant keep Pete Osrud, contractor, happy in the Santa Rosa area.

Robert Reed, popularly known as "Bob," in the Santa Rosa area keeps Brothers U. W. Moore and Helander happy on the P.G.&E. contract job.

Low Bidder

A. G. Raisch Company of Black

Honolulu—

WATERFRONT STRIKE CRIPPLING THE ISLANDS

By J. W. WAIWAIOLÉ
Bus. Rep., Hawaiian Branch

This branch out in the blue Pacific is doing its best to outlast the present strike on the waterfront that is slowly but surely crippling us and everyone in this territory.

However, it is very comforting to know that beginning this month the Army and Navy will receive their appropriations for the next fiscal year and they will no doubt have some work for building and construction tradesmen.

22,000 Unemployed

Our unemployed over-all in the territory number 22,000.

This branch is thankful for the fact that Byrne Organization is still able to continue with its various projects here and on our outlying islands, thereby affording many of our members work. Although there have been some layoffs in the past month, all indications are that they will be back on full scale with the granting of the new appropriations for the Navy since they do most of the work on Oahu, Midway and Kwajalein Atoll.

Local contractors are doing hardly any construction due to the lack of necessary material for completion of contemplated work.

The Pali project is still at a status quo pending the correlation of plans and approval of site by our City and Territory Government leaders.

ing to this bridge approach and now finishing up and Les is not sorry—it was a tough go with lots of rock. Brother Jack Crum is the foreman and Brother L. Musselman on shovel and Hildebrant and Howard Hughes Junior with Brother Purser greasing.

The Healdsburg plant of Basalt Rock is now on two shifts with Brother Jack Row running the hot plant with Brother Alderson as fireman and Brother Fitch on the box with Brothers Cousins, McClish and York operating the drag line and Wilson and Gibson as oilers. Brother Don Bennett is in charge of the plant and Jim Voss general utilities with Brothers Harry and Frank Delphino and Pete Reid on the cats.

At Basalt Pumice Pit in Monticello, we find Brother Quinlin on, of all things, a dozer—says "it's only temporary until opens for shovel work"—Brother Glover also cat wrestling here with Brother Imoden stripping at Basalt Pearl Pit.

Brother Deck Huntington, 1828 McKinley Road, phone Napa 52-R-1, has Brothers Dixon and Keegan choring with the Bucy 20 with the balance of crew on the Utah Construction project at Ukiah—with Deck open for any kind of contract. As this comes off the press, the Huntington Brothers are mighty busy on their sub with the Hydraulic Dredging Company building levees in the Napa River.

Third Guam Hitch

Word from Brother Lowell L. Oldaker, now on his third hitch in Guam, says he is looking forward to his completing contract and early return to God's country with no more foreign work.

Brother Richard Watts, co-partner of the Cortland Engineering Company now doing repair work for the Portola Company at Santa Venetia with Brother Lou Maehler, foreman and Brother George Babson "bustin' nuts."

Asta Construction Company from Rio Vista are doing the \$35,000 shoulder improvements in Rockville with Brother A. E. Holly, foreman, assisted by Brothers Bohlman, Blankenship and Martineau. Jensen & Pitts, popular San Rafael contractors, are keeping busy nibbling away on local area jobs but planning on buying a new pencil sharpener.

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Seven southern states—Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia—still have poll tax laws.

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There is no more fitting link for labor-management relations than the Union Label!

Fresno—

ENGINEERS WHO WORKED ON FRIANT DAM AND CANAL SHOULD BE PROUD OF JOB

H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE,
Business Representatives, Local 3

Friant Dam and the Friant-Kern Canal began paying dividends when water flowed for the first time from the Dam to the Orange Cove district, a distance of approximately 45 miles southward. The water at this point will be directed to creeks and reservoirs so that the underground level will be built up. However, in the near future, the Orange Cove district will construct a dispersion system to take care of the distribution in that area.

It is the writer's opinion that all operating engineers who have been employed on this project should be proud of their efforts and consider the job a monument to the ability of the engineers.

M & K Company have now taken over most of the work on the Southern California Edison San Joaquin project. Bechtel Company, however, will still build the power house and appurtenances. This job is expected to go on a shift basis within the next two weeks and will carry quite a few engineers, however, the tunnel job will be delayed for some 60 days.

Shaver Lake Road

C. Q. Willis & Sons have started their Shaver Lake road job and will employ several operators. This spread also will enlarge in the near future.

M. J. B. Construction Co. of Stockton were awarded the contract on the Owens Creek Dam on the Merced Streams Group and should move in within the next 10 days. They will carry a fairly large spread on this job.

In the meantime Adolph Bauer, superintendent for A. Teichert & Sons, and his "skimmers" are making real progress on the Bear Creek phase of this job.

Gravel Plants Busy

All the gravel plants in the district have been moving at a fairly even pace and keeping the boys pretty busy. In this connection we would like to report negotiations will begin shortly with the association and all rock producers.

Westbrook & Pope surprised everyone by picking off a street surfacing job in Fresno right under the noses of some of the local boys. We have not heard from Westbrook, but expect he will be in to see us soon.

We have had many pipeline jobs let and operating throughout the entire district and most of the operators following this work are now busy.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. and George France, Inc. are both hard at work at Livingston and Berenda, respectively.

Ted Page Co. finally finished up their siding contract with the Santa Fe Railroad, which put several of the boys back on the available list, however, we don't expect them to be out of work very long.

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION CO. has moved into the Pine Flat Dam project to construct housing and a concrete bridge below the dam site.

CASEY DRILLING CO. also is busy on the dam site, operating three shifts on a Caylex drilling rig. From what we can gather the Pine Flat Dam should be advertised for bids within the next 60 days, which will mean actual dam construction will start during this fiscal year.

N. M. BALL & SONS will start surfacing operations on the Tipton-99 Highway job within the next few days. It will be good to see Andy Webster and his "gang" again.

Next regular meeting of this district will be Thursday, July 29, 1949, 8 p. m., at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

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PUBLIC BUILDING HOLDS UP CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Public building work is now maintaining the construction industry at last year's levels, it was revealed in statistics issued by the Commerce Dept. July 6.

Private building is down 8 per cent from last year. Public building increased 28 per cent. The increase in public building kept the whole industry at last year's level for June.

BAY EQUIPMENT COMPANY
MANITOWOC CRANES AND SHOVELS
For Sale or Rent
Landscape 5-2190
3254 Eastshore Highway
Richmond

BEN BLAIR
Contractor
1218 Donnelly Street
Burlingame, California

I. J. ELY CO.
Paving and Surfacing Contractors
SAN ANSELMO 5720
San Anselmo, California

O. C. JONES & SONS
GENERAL CONTRACTORS
Member A.G.C.
Cedar & 4th Street, Berkeley
Landscape 6-3424

MORRISON-KNUDSEN COMPANY, INC.
CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS
411-W. Fifth St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

STOLTE, Inc.
General Contractors
Phone TRinidad 2-1064
8451 San Leandro St.
Oakland, Calif.

PARRISH BROS.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS
Highway and Public Works
Phone 330 P.O. Box 6 Benicia, Calif.

What's doing in the Oakland office

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

With the summer work season rapidly nearing the half-way point, work around Oakland is still far below the usual level. Normally, at this time of year, we are scratching for good men, but, so far we have plenty of talent, and the out of work list tops 250 at this writing. For those in other areas who plan on coming to Oakland looking for work, our best advice is to either write or call us first, so that we can advise you of conditions in your particular line.

Small Jobs

Several small jobs are in progress in the Hayward, San Leandro area, with sewer and pipeline work contributing considerably to the local payrolls. There are approximately eight Engineers working on the Ted Bares job in Hayward-Mt. Eden area where work is progressing rapidly on the outfall sewer.

Healy Tibbitts have the contract for construction of the outfall line at the Ora Loma sewage disposal plant. This is an interesting piece of work, which involves construction of a sheet pile coffer dam to be used in de-watering for the line which extends 2000 feet into the bay. As the dam progresses and the area is pumped dry, concrete piles are driven, upon which two terra-cotta pipes, 36 inches in diameter are placed. These, in turn are encased in cement forms and the work then progresses to another section.

New High School

Arris Knapp have completed the excavating at the new San Leandro High School on Bancroft Avenue. Under the supervision of Brother "Cap" Inman they are now engaged in landscaping and construction of playgrounds around the school.

Biasotti's job in Crow Canyon is moving right along, and approximately 50 per cent of the dirt moving is completed, according to Brother Al Verecuysen. There are 8 pieces of equipment in operation and Brother Joe Meyers of Livermore, who is pushing, has 3 cats and 2 scrapers in the spread. One of the prime headaches of this job has been the problem of disposing of overburden, but the boys feel this is pretty well whipped and they expect to start placing slurry and doing the paving work soon.

On Del Webb's job at the Veterans Hospital, Livermore, work is nearly complete on the addition to the main building, with Brother Ed McCormack still operating hoist and compressor.

Moving Shop

Rhodes and Jamieson are moving their shop and yard to San Leandro and will soon be ready to set steel on their new buildings on Hesperian Boulevard.

Pacific Pipeline is approximately half through with their gas main job. This line is to extend from San Leandro to Irvington and they are now working in the vicinity of Alvarado.

Work is now in progress on the P.G.&E. gas line, which will eventually extend from 150th Avenue to the company's new gas holder in Richmond. Lowery Paving has the contract covering about 6 miles of this work starting at Second and Oak Streets in downtown Oakland.

Healy Tibbitts recently completed their portion of the sewer line on the Eastshore highway. Ed Samario, who has a sub-contract on this same job, has approximately two more weeks work out there.

McGuire and Hester have virtually all of their equipment working on various jobs around town. One of their major operations is the large water line on 58th Street in North Oakland.

Brother Chester Ratti, who recently purchased a truck crane, has it rented to the Stanley Kohler Company. He is operating it himself on the sewage disposal plant project at the Oakland outer harbor.

Oakland Freeway

The small portions of the East Oakland Freeway which has been

opened has helped the traffic problem to a considerable extent and while it is a pleasure to drive on these fine roads they constitute just a sample of what we can expect when the whole route is completed. Toward the end of this month the second section of this network of highways will be ready for use and the section extending from Fifth Avenue and Oak Streets to 29th Avenue will be opened with appropriate dedication ceremonies.

Shipyards

Work in the shipyards along the Estuary is practically at a standstill, and unfortunately, there is nothing much in sight. Another of the wartime landmarks, Moore's West Yard, will soon be a thing of the past. A group of local business men operating under the name of the Oakland Warehousing Company, recently purchased this property and at present the ground is being cleared and dismantling of the wharves will be started in the near future to make way for further operations.

Brother Jim Mercer, shop superintendent for California Tractor and Equipment Company, tells us the company has 16 D-7 Cats, which are being completely rebuilt for shipment to India. This outfit rebuilds all types of surplus construction equipment and keeps from two to three engineers on the payroll regularly.

Ditch and Drainage

There is a lot of activity out in Concord Valley with a considerable amount of ditch, drainage and sewage work still in progress at the various housing and road projects.

Out on Phil Herrity's new subdivision job at Concord, work is progressing rapidly. E. E. Lowell has the contract for excavation and underground work on this tract.

The M.G.M. Construction Company is busy in and around Walnut Creek and Concord, while McClain Brothers are helping to keep the dirt flying out in this section of the country with several small jobs in operation.

Asta Construction, who had the contract for grading and armor coat on Kirker Pass, has finished the operation. The road is open to traffic and traveling this stretch of road is now a pleasure instead of a chore.

Orinda Paving and Grading, having completed their job at Hill Top School in El Sobrante, are reported moving the 'puls up to Napa.'

Poison oak and rattle snakes have made the going rough for members working on Associated Electric's sewer job in Orinda. However, armed with anti-scratch lotion, sharp sticks and a determination to see it through, we think they will be able to whip it yet!

Another Rough Go

Stolte has moved in on a similar job in Orinda and it too has all the earmarks of a rough go. According to Superintendent Floyd King, most of the operating will be hand work, however, with possibly two machines in operation. This company recently completed their portion of the sewage line in Walnut Creek and P. & J. Artukovich are starting on two units of the same project.

Ben Gerwick has several engineers working on the pile driving at Bechtel's P.G.&E. Steam Plant job in Antioch. There is not much else going on out there as additional work is awaiting completion of the pile driving and setting of concrete foundations. As mentioned previously, Kaiser has the contract

for furnishing aggregate and has a plant erected at the job-site. The Santa Fe Railway is placing track to the plant. This is necessary as an emergency measure, for, while the plant will be operated by oil, coal can be used for substitute fueling and approximately 90 cars can be delivered daily. Macal Improvement has virtually completed the dirt work on this job and has sent some of the equipment back to the yard.

Eaton and Smith have several engineers working at Tormey Hill, where the Union Oil Company is putting in a new tank location. Chicago Bridge and Iron is handling the tank installation and has 4 members on their payroll at present.

Union Oil Plant

At the Union Oil Plant in Oleum the Fluor Corporation is putting the finishing touches to a new unit. Other contractors in the plant include: Parker, Steffins and Pierce with several small jobs in operation, Fred J. Early handling pipe changing, Refinery Maintenance doing several small jobs, D. Zelinsky, painting contractor, and Consolidated Western Pipe with one job, on which, by the way, Brother San DeMalt is doing a good job of representing the Operating Engineers.

Engineering work on the E. H. Peterson job at Jersey Island Slough is complete. Concrete surfacing remains to be done with material to be furnished by Joe Cesa's Antioch Building Material Co.

Clinton Construction Company was low bidder on the Richmond Civic Auditorium job. This will furnish considerable employment for various crafts but unfortunately will require only a few engineers.

E. T. Haas has three sections of water line open in Berkeley and according to Superintendent James Shelton the prospects for more are in the offing. This company has a lot of water service work in Contra Costa County.

Bridge Job

The San Francisco Bridge Company job at Redwood City is going along nicely and will probably be finished by the first of August. However, we have heard that there is another job coming up in that vicinity and they have hopes of continuing on there for some time.

The Standard Dredging Company has moved the Point Loma from Belmont to the Bethlehem Shipyard in San Francisco where she will go in drydock for a paint job, after which they will store her at Coyote Point, where they are digging a basin with the clamshell Belmont. Brothers Gutterman and Suska are operating the clam.

Brothers Vince Baldetti, Bill Nelson and W. H. Walker are operating a small pumper for San Mateo County at Coyote Point.

The Olympian Dredging Company have put their Dredge Neptune to work for the Army Engineers on the Hastings Tract out of Rio Vista. They expect to have a long job there. The crews on this rig are: Joe Lema, Orville Johnson and Mons Johnson, Levermen, Ed Shelly, Bob Burns and Louie Hahn, Watch Engineers, and Frank Pooler, John Holloway and Albert Johnson, Deckhands.

The Hydraulic Dredging Company is having some difficulty getting their Dredge Papoose ready for the Napa River job. They don't expect to get started on the job until after the first of August.

"If I Were Boss"

Nearly everyone who works for a living some time or another has dreamed of what he would do for the employee 'if he were boss'; but many never have that chance, and of the few who do, a majority forget those dreams of ideal working conditions in the mad scramble to get every cent possible.

However, right in our midst we have a good example of the fellow who worked his way to the top and still remembers how it feels to be 'on the payroll.' This man, Brother

'Pat' Simpson, was born in Collinsville on the Sacramento River, and when he grew up there were just two types of work open to him, mule skinning or dredging — he chose dredging.

In those days the fellows worked six hours on and six off, seven days a week and received \$30.00 a month and found. Conditions were on a par with the wages and as Pat worked; there grew within him a determination to some day have his own dredge—one upon which the men would get a fair shake and have decent conditions.

As time went on his work took him all over the country—to Mississippi, Louisiana, Oregon and later to the All-American Canal, and, as he puts it "to every river and slough in California." Always the idea of that dredge stayed with him. Sometimes it seemed far away, something he would never attain, and then again, it would seem a little more probable.

During this time his brother, 'Babe' grew up and went into the same work and came to share his brother's dream. Later, as superintendent for the Consolidated Irrigation District at Corcoran, during the period of development work on Tulare Lake, his efforts made it possible to maintain union conditions under extremely adverse conditions. Incidentally these men are both old Local 45 members and came into Local Three at the time of the amalgamation.

Time and Money

In December of 1946 they were able to start work on their project and nearly one year and one hundred thousand dollars later, they had her, the California — largest diesel clam ever built with a four yard bucket and 165 foot boom. But

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother Robert Ashurst recently returned from Guam where he has been operating a shovel for the past 19 months. Says he liked it pretty well and later might go on another foreign job, but for the present he is interested only in a vacation.

Another traveler, Brother Albert Steede dropped in to say hello and goodbye. Formerly in the navy, he traveled all over the world and recently has worked on construction projects on Okinawa and Guam. However, he still has some travel left in his system and currently is getting squared away for a trip to South America. He has three objectives in mind—employment, education and travel. He plans on attending university in some of the South American countries and thinks he might settle on Venezuela, but says he is in no hurry to make a choice.

Harry Dick Dead

We regret to report the death of Brother Harry Dick, who was stricken and died suddenly while on a vacation trip over the Fourth of July. A staunch union man, Harry was one of our old timers, having been in Oakland since 1933. Previously he had been employed on the Hetch-Hetchy for nearly 14 years, and he leaves a host of friends within the ranks of labor. He leaves his wife, Louise, a son, William, and a brother, Herbert, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

On June 29, another of the Brothers, Glen W. Smith passed away suddenly following a heart attack. Brother Smith had been working for the Western Forge and Tool Works for a number of years and his untimely death came as a shock to those who knew him. A veteran of World War I, he was laid to rest in Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno on July 5. He is survived by his wife, Mabel, a stepson, Earl W. Kettinger, and two sisters, Joice Smith and Mrs. Eleanor Beardsley, to whom we extend condolences.

Brother William Kambic recent-

equally important to the Simpsons there were decent accommodations for the men. Individual rooms, hot and cold showers and gas refrigeration were some of the features incorporated in their plans. The far away promise to give the men "what they didn't have" had finally come true!

Now Pat and Babe can look back since the completion of the California and say proudly that she has done a good job, worked steadily and made money and that the crew is happy in their work and surroundings.

By the way, this wouldn't be complete without a word about that crew. The Simpsons don't believe, as many of our top efficient men do, that a man is all done at 45 or 50. They personally think that an older man with experience has just as much to offer as the young fellow — and their theory seems to work.

There's the leverman, Brother Ted Frates, the kid of the crew. He first saw the light of day 65 years ago. Then we have the Passmore boys, Sam and Dale. Of course, they are a little older, but can still hold up their end of the decking work. True, Sam has developed a tremendous amount of table muscle from the good food, but nevertheless he gets around just fine.

We feel that a great deal of respect is due the Simpson Brothers and we can't help but wonder if it won't be a happy and profitable day for management, as well as labor, when more owners come to the realization that they are dealing with human beings and not machinery and base conditions on the unfailing pattern — that the well-treated worker is a happy worker and a happy worker turns in good job.

ly decided to take a whirl at the grocery business and purchased a store at 1587 E. 38th St. He is completely redecorating and modernizing the place and will include a meat department in the setting. The market services the Dimond and Glenview districts, so you members living out that way watch for the opening date.

Heel Shattered

Brother Harry Crumme was recently released from the hospital following an accident which closely resembles the one suffered by Brother Joe Britt last year. In Joe's case he jumped from a piece of equipment to avoid being pinned beneath it and suffered a shattered heel. In Harry's accident he was loading a roller when it slipped sideways from the trailer and he, too, had to jump and landed with his full weight on one heel shattering most of the bones. He spent 27 days in the hospital following an operation in which bone from his hip was grafted in the injured foot. He is able to get around with the aid of crutches, but expects it will be at least six months before he can return to work.

Corporations Not Broke; Dividend Pay Rises 3%

Washington.—American corporations publicly reported dividends aggregating \$474,000,000 in April of this year, three per cent more than the \$460,000,000 disbursed in April 1948, the Office of Business Economics of the Department of Commerce has announced.

Cash dividend payments for the three months ended on April 30 amounted to \$1,284,000,000, or eight per cent more than the \$1,284,500,000 paid out in the corresponding period of last year. Both the April 1949 figure and the total for the three months include only publicly reported cash dividend disbursements, which account for approximately 60 to 65 per cent of all cash dividends paid.

The game of poker originated in the west of England and was first known as Post-an-pair.

Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)

JUNE 14, 1949

HILLSBOROUGH, contract awarded to Peter Sorensen, P. O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$149,335 for grade, pave, storm drains, curbs, gutters, san. sew. & water dist. sys., Crystal Springs Map No. 1-A Subdiv., Hillsborough, under 1911 Act.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St., Sacramento, \$42,481 for reconstr. 12th St. betw. N "B" and 257 ft. south, and betw. "C" and "E" streets.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st and Railroad Ave., San Mateo, \$40,389 for pltmx. surf. on Harbor Blvd. under cash contract.

RENO, Nev., contracts awarded as follows for grade, surf., etc. in Sterling Village Improvement District:

Proposition I—To Geo. E. Miller, 111 Morrill Avenue, Reno, \$70,125.

Proposition II—To Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, \$12,499 (.086 sq. ft.)

JUNE 15, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to L. A. & R. S. Crow, 1234 Rosemead Blvd., El Monte, \$408,654 for 4.592 mi. grade, drain, etc., on Western Divide, Sequoia National Forest, TULARE CO.

REDDING, contract awarded to J. P. Brennan, Zeis Bldg., Redding, & M. W. Brown, Box 222, Redding, \$151,391 for 3.698 mi. grade and surf., etc., Shasta Co. Hiwy 5-A, betw. State Hiwy U. S. 299 at Towerhouse, 1/2 mi. N. of French Gulch SHASTA CO.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) **Iron Co. (FASP S-289 (1))**: To Reynolds Const. Co., Springville, \$227,392 for 13.419 mi. const. gravel surf. road, sect. S. R. No. 20, betw. Paragonah & Orton.

(2) **Salt Lake Co. (FAP FI-97 (15))**: To W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, \$393,641 for 2.777 mi. const. 3" pltmx. bitum. surf. road on Sect. U. S., No. 40, betw. Summit Co. Line & Lambs Canyon.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Peter Sorensen, P. O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$7,498 for grade, drain, etc., in Sylvian Tract, under No. 49-6, 1911 Act.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 75th and San Leandro, Oakland, \$63,811 (Sch I & II, combined), for install 6,000 ft. 2" to 8" cast iron mains in CONTRA COSTA CO. (Sch. I) & 12,000 ft. 2" to 4" C. I. mains in ALAMEDA CO. (Sch. II) during fiscal year, under L. S. 470.

JUNE 16, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy & Son, 922 "J" St., Modesto, \$101,884 for 4.3 mi. place untr. rock base over exist. surf. & pltmx. surf. central por., const. imp. borrow shldrs. & place met. guardrail, on Borden Hiwy. betw. Old River & Middle River, in SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Bishop Engrg. & Const. Co., P. O. Box 505, Bishop, \$43,103 for 0.4 mi. pltmx. resurf. and constr. drainage at Bishop, INYO CO.

JUNE 20, 1949

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raich Co., 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$10,247 for surf. etc., Ford Road from Sta. 5-60 to Piery Road in Dist. 2, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Futerville Road, Sacramento, \$22,023 for grade and surf., Dry Creek Rd.

HEALDSBURG, contract awarded to Wm. D. Rap Co., 705 Bennett Ave., Santa Rosa, \$54,459 for grade & const. a 1,000,000 gal. reinf. conc. water resrv. on Golf. Crs. Site.

JUNE 21, 1949

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$36,127 for install 3,000 ft. wtr. mains on Montgomery Drive, betw. Talbot & 4th St., & 6600 ft. on Brydon Lane, Pacific & Carr Avenues.

PETALUMA, contract awarded to C. S. Phillips, 130-A Redwood Highway, No. of Petauma, \$1,972 for const. levee & repair exist. levee, on Petaluma River.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to Silva Bros., 1680 Bridge St., Hayward, \$22,649 for grade, pave, etc. on C St., betw. 5th and 7th and on block on 5th St., betw. B and C Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Geo. Paulsen, 2922-25th Avenue, San Francisco, \$72,475 for const. pitch & putt golf course in Golden Gate Park.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., Box 873, Sacramento, \$5,215 for grade, pave, etc., 54th St., betw. "V" St. and 2nd Ave.

ed to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St., Sacramento, \$3,638 for pave and drain alley, 5th Avenue to Donnor Way, from 32nd to 33rd.

CARSON CITY, Nev., contract awarded to Silver St. Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$138,980 for 3.074 mi. grade, surf. etc., Taylor St. in Fallon, and Soda Lake Road, CHURCHILL CO.

JUNE 22, 1949

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo Avenue, Stockton, \$4,788 for const. san. sew. in El Dorado St., No. Line of College View No. 2 to No. 3, subdivs. of Stockton, under cash contract.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to R. A. Watson, 5528 Vineland Ave., No. Hollywood, will commence const. July 15, on 13.5 mi., 24" steel pipeline on Niles Road, betw. Hayward reservoir and Irvington Portal, Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct tunnel, near Mission San Jose, ALAMEDA COUNTY, Contract No. 1, \$744,235, from Irvington Portal, H. H. tunnel to Decoto.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to N. M. Ball & Sons, Box 430, Berkeley, & Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$888,291 for 5.8 mi. grade & conc. pave. on cem. tr. subgr. & pltmx. surf. on exist. pave & on various types of bases: misc. drain. strucs. and water supply system to be const. or installed, & hwy. light facil. furn. & inst. betw. Greenville & 1.5 mi. W. of Livermore, ALAMEDA CO.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) **Eldorado Co.**—To Tyson & Waters, P. O. Box 1914, Sacramento, \$54,700, for 3.9 mi. grade & surf. with imp. matl. & apply pene. treat. & sealcoat, betw. Lotus-Rescue Road & State Rt. 65, (II-E-D-1097).

(2) **San Benito Co.**—To Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$28,958 for 0.3 mi. grade, place imp. sub-base & base matl. & pltmx. surf. & seal coat betw. Tres Pinos & 0.25 mi. North, (V-S-Bt-119-E).

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Miles Bailey, P. O. Box 1169, Madera, \$29,947 for 1 mi. furn. & inst. fld. assem. plate culv. & gr. & surf. apprs., at Squirrel Creek, 5 mi. W. of Grass Valley, NEVADA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Judson Pacific Murphy Corp., 4300 Eastshore Hwy., Emeryville, \$324,958 for const. struc. steel truss bridge on R. C. towers, bents & abutments, acr. Salmon Creek, 0.6 mi. south of Albion, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

JUNE 23, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Richter Bros. Const. Co., P. O. Box 1511, Oroville, W. H. Darrough & Sons, P. O. Box 392, Yuba City, & M. H. Ruddy & Son, 922 "J" St., Modesto (joint venture) for 3.698 mi. grade & pltmx. surf., Harmony Ridge, Tahoe National Forest, NEVADA & PLACER CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., Inc., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$32,852 for 0.4 mi. grade and surf. with import. base matl. & replace 7 timber bridges with C.M.P. culvert, in Mill Creek, State Park, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., Inc., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$43,237 for const. R. C. slab bridge across Mill Creek, Mill Creek Redwoods State Park, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

MODESTO, contract awarded to Sauerwein & Thompson, Rte. 5, Box 323-A, Modesto, \$3,847 for const. pump. sta. No. 15, at the City sew. treat. plt., South Franklin Street.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Richter Bros. Const. Co., P. O. Box 1511, Oroville, \$47,919 for 2.3 mi. grade & install culverts, betw. Oroville Wyandotte Road & Oroville-Quincy Hwy. at Ward Blvd., BUTTE COUNTY.

BENICIA, contract awarded to Norman A. Russell, 4600 Sonoma Street, Santa Rosa, \$1,999 for furn. & inst. catholic protection on steel water mains, under Inv. No. 04-015-49-11.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Robert Taylor, Box 665, Oroville, \$12,684 for const. truck shelter, gas and oil house, storehouse, loading ramp, sewage disposal facilities and fence, Oroville Maint. site, BUTTE CO.

JUNE 24, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Hydraulic Dredging Co. Ltd., Central Bank Bldg., Oakland, \$764,010 for 1,459,000 cy. dredg. chanl. in Napa River, betw. Mare Island Strait & Napa, under Ser. Eng-04-203-49-15.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded

to L. Borjolini & Son, Novato, \$43,592 for const. reinf. conc. bridge on Maple Avenue, across Sonoma Creek, at El Verano, SONOMA CO.

JUNE 27, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M. Malfitano, P. O. Box 750, Pittsburg, \$68,699 for cons. levee setback and bank protection, Miner Slough, on Ryer Island, under Spec. 1401.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Carden & Cox, 5740-64th St., Sacramento, \$34,531 for pltmx. surf. on Joe Green Road, SACRAMENTO CO.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raich Paving Co., 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$42,939 for surf., drain, fence, etc., Santa Clara-Alviso Road.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Tom Hull, 930 Carson St., Eureka, \$9,470 for const. McKee Creek culvert and fill.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2657-9th St., Berkeley, \$64,879 for 0.5 mi. grade and pltmx. surf. on grav. base, in City of Truckee betw. intersec. Commercial Rd. with Bridge St., & 0.5 mi. east, NEVADA CO.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) **Tooele Co. (St. Proj. No. 1094)**: To Germer, Abbott & Waldron, Tremonton, Utah, \$70,292, for 2.276 mi. 2" rdmx. bit. surf. road, on U. S. 40 and 50, on Grantville Main St.

(2) **Utah Co. (St. Proj. No. 1095)**: To W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, Utah, \$99,910 for 6.677 mi. 3 1/2" pltmx. bitum. surf. road, on U. S. 91-89-50, betw. Lehi & Pleasant Grove.

JUNE 28, 1949

STOCKTON, contract awarded to J. D. O'Brien, 716 N. Ora Avenue, Stockton, \$6318 for restore premises at Stockton Field, Stockton. SAN JOAQUIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to E. T. Haas, 391 Sutter St., San Francisco, \$8,625 for const. steel main for Royal Container Co., Millbrae, under SFWD 521.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Hetch Hetchy Water Supply, 425 Mason St., San Francisco, \$8,487 for const. Moccasin Creek Road, under HH 123.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to H. C. Reid & Co., 389 Clementina St., S. F., \$3,600 for modernize street lights on Townsend St., betw. Embarcadero and 4th Sts., under BLPH 79.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to M. & K. Corp., Financial Center Bldg., San Francisco, \$611,091 for const. hanger and central htg. plt. for Calif. Air National Guard, Hayward, under Eng-49-161.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to W. B. Jones, Palo Cedro, Shasta Co., \$3,361 for 1.0 mi. grade & roadmix surf., 6 mi. west of Burney, SHASTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to R. B. Guerin Co., P. O. Box 201, So. San Francisco, \$614,170 for 8.1 mi. gr. and place sel. matl., betw. Toms Creek and Cedarville, MODOC CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Guerin and Morgan, P. O. Box 391, Los Gatos, \$27,891 for erect. three perf. met. bldgs., gr. and surf., const. fence, inst. gas and diesel pumps and tanks, etc., Lower Soquel Road near St. Rt. 56, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to S. & Q. Const. Co., 15 Sutter St., San Francisco, \$57,963 for const. 4-unit row house and utils. at Two Rock Ranch, SONOMA COUNTY.

TRACY, contract awarded to Western Contr. Corp., P. O. Box 100, Westley, \$4,165,764 for const. earthwork, conc. lining and strucs., Sta. 2149-80 to 3024-80, Delta-Mendota Canal, Central Valley Prop. Calif., under Spec. No. 2649.

FRESNO, contract awarded to R. C. Westphal, 1105 Courtland, Fresno, \$3,967, for const. walks, curb & gutter on Vassar Avenue, betw. Valeria Street and Howard St.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raich Pav. Co., 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$42,939 for surf., drain, fence, etc., Santa Clara-Alviso Road, SANTA CLARA CO.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Reed & Tuttle, Redwood Valley, \$24,946 for const. Redwood Creek Bridge & Somerville Creek Bridge.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Edward Keeble, Rte. 4, Box 361, Tully Rd., San Jose, \$3,984 for const. asph. conc. pave. strip on Newhall St., betw. Monroe St. to Santa Clara-Los Gatos Road vicinity San Jose Community Homes Tract 571.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M. J. B. Const. Co., Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$359,111 for const. Burns Creek Dam near Merced, under Ser. No. Eng-04-167-49-77.

FARMINGTON, contract awarded to Chas. MacClosky Co., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$202,803 for const. outlet works, Farmington Dam Proj., 4 mi. east of Farmington, under Spec. 1388.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th St. & "F" St., Marysville, \$114,162 for const. settling basin at entrance of channel and training levee, Cache Creek, 4 mi. east of Woodland, under Spec. 1402.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Baker Bros., 279-E 8th St., Chico, \$157,942 for Sects. A & B, & to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37 Street, Sacramento, \$29,160 for Sect. C, for const. road, railroad & levee embankment, in Harbor Area, Sacramento Deepwater Ship Channel Proj., under Spec. No. 1394.

JUNE 30, 1949

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to John Carcano, 122 Clorinda Ave., San Rafael, \$6,049 for const. reinf. conc. culv. at Taylor & B Sts.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 W. Cutting Blvd., Richmond, \$149,000 for repairs and alts. to fuel pier at Nav. fuel annex, Pt. Molate, Richmond, Spec. 22421.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Barrett & Hill, 918 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$137,471 for reloc. & const. Nav. & Marine Corps Reserve Train. Center from Oakland to Alameda, under Spec. No. 22344.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to E. A. Forde, 640 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo, \$7,166 for 137,810 sq. ft. armor coat pave. on various city streets.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to Dodge Const. Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$39,816 for 0.277 mi. const. brdg. & ap rs., Truckee Carson Ir. Dist. Canal, 1 mi. S. Ferley, LYON COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Oakland Sewer Construction Company, R. R. Box 282, Walnut Crk., \$62,454 for const. sewers in Gouldin Road, Alhambra Ave., Aspinwall Road, et al, under 1911 Act.

JULY 1, 1949

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Ed J. Tobin Co., 1000 Carlton Dr., Berkeley, \$129,197 for const. vitr. sewers in Mountain Blvd., et al.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St., Oakland, \$5,476 for grade, dr., pave., etc., Steel St., betw. Enos Avenue and S.E. line High St. Terrace.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Oakland Sed. Const. Co., R.R. Box 282, Walnut Creek, \$105,943 for const. vitr. sewers in Broadway Terrace, Mountain Blvd., et al.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Grant L. Miller, 62 Encina Ave., Palo Alto, \$139,846 for widen four R. C. brdgs. and extend. 29 box and pipe culvs. betw. Putah Creek & Colusa Co. line, YOLO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to D. E. Burgess Co., 2198 Oakdale Ave., San Francisco, \$13,520 for clean and paint stl. brdgs. acr. Gualla River at var. loc. betw. 16 mi. south of Pt. Arena and 18 mi. South of Ft. Bragg, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to D. E. Burgess Co., 2198 Oakdale Ave., San Francisco, \$8,340 for clean and paint 4 stl. brdgs. acr. Leffingwell Creek, San Simeon Creek, Wild Cattle Creek and Vicente Creek at var. locations 47-85 mi. N.S.L.P., SAN LUIS OBISPO & MONTEREY COUNTIES.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Robert E. Jolly, 4724 Taylor St., Fresno, \$38,900 for const. 10-unit temp. cl. rooms, Fresno State College.

MOKELUMNE HILL, contracts awarded to Pacific Pipeline and Engrs. Ltd., P. O. Box 446, Fresno, \$15,043 (Unit I, Treat. Plt.), and San Leandro Const. Co., 164411-E, 14th Street, San Leandro, \$32,638 (Unit II, San. Sewers), for const. sew. treat. plt. and sewers for the district.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to Nick Avanzino and Abe Fontana, 68 Keystone, Reno, \$10,008 for const. fdns., aprons and floors for bldgs., move bldgs. to new fdns., remove and inst. gas pumps, utils., etc., at Wilshire Service Stas. Nos. 1 and 2, on South Virginia Road, WASHOE CO.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Harris Const., P. O. Box 109, Fresno, \$182,560 for const. classrooms bldg. at Edison High School.

JULY 7, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Carl R. Fiedler, 2231 S St., Sacramento, \$1355 for conc. pave alley betw. O and P Sts. and 24th St., East.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$4160 for rehabilitation of balance of Sunol

Distribution System, under SFWD 514.

MARYSVILLE, contract awarded to Wh. S. Shedd, Rte. 1, Keen Avenue, Yuba City, \$4,884 for repair exist. bridge across Fiddle Creek, SIERRA COUNTY.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Clinton Const. Co., 923 Folsom, S. F., \$1,735,900 for const. Muni. Auditorium.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland, Santa Rosa, \$79,747 for 5.5 mi. E. Markeleville and Mono Co. line, ALPINE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fred T. Judd Co., 1101-2nd St., Berkeley, \$24,888 for clean and paint steel bridge across Sacramento river at Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, YOLO and SACRAMENTO COUNTIES.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, \$398,186 for 2.45 mi. grade, drain, surf., etc., etc., from Hash Lane, 1.62 mi. S. of Reno South City Limits, to Mt. Rose St., Reno, WASHOE CO.

SAN LORENZO, contract awarded to John Pestano, 16411 E. 14th St., San Leandro, \$31,080 for const. sew. lift sta. and appurts.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Leo Epp Inc., 317 Broderick, S. F., \$487,877 for const. transit shed at Mission Rock Terminal.

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Long-Range Bill On Housing Passes

Washington — The House by a narrow margin pushed through a long-range housing bill late June 29, giving Pres. Truman action on his first major piece of domestic Fair Deal legislation this year. The bill goes to conference to settle minor differences between House and Senate versions before formal approval and signature.

The main part of the bill, a provision for federal aid in building \$10,000 public housing units over the next six years, barely squeaked through in a 209-204 roll call vote. It was knocked out of the bill earlier in the day in a preliminary vote, but put back when Congressmen had to record their votes on the move. Final count on the entire bill, which came as an anti-climax, was 228 to 185.

Major provisions of the measure:

1. The six-year low rent public housing program, to be supported by a \$308 million annual federal subsidy over a 40-year period.

2. A 5-year program of federal aid to local slum clearance projects. This calls for \$1 billion in federal loans and a half billion in grants.

3. Declaration of federal responsibility in the housing field, aimed to strengthen future administration and lawmaking.

4. A federal housing research and planning program to cut housing costs.

5. A \$262,500,000 farm housing program, consisting of both grants and loans for repairs and building.

On the crucial public housing clause vote, 64 Democrats, mainly southern, deserted their party leaders. But 24 Republicans mainly from urban districts and Rep. Vito Marcantonio (AL, NY) joined the Fair Deal Democrats to keep housing in the housing bill.

Longer Work-Week Ups Average Wage to \$53.08

Washington. — Responding to a minor extension of the work-week, average weekly earnings for the 11.8 million production workers in the nation's factories moved upward slightly from \$52.70 in April to \$53.08 in mid-May 1949, according to preliminary estimates made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Seasonal expansion on the part of lumber establishments and a number of food products industries were primarily responsible for the slight advance in weekly hours from 38.3 to 38.6 in mid-May. Gross hourly earnings for all manufacturing continued virtually unchanged at \$1.375.

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Washington Irving, author of "Rip Van Winkle" and many other American classics, was U. S. minister to Spain, 1842-46.

Round-up of the News from Salt Lake

By **RENNY BURROUGHS, C. L. VAN WINKLE and LOUIS SOLARI**
Business Representatives, Local 3

Report on New Location

Operating Engineers, Local 3, has a new permanent home owned by itself, the Local just having purchased a building at 1969 South Main Street in Salt Lake City. The residence in front will be used as a temporary office while construction on the permanent office in the rear is being completed. The purchase of this property and an attempt to give the membership better service in the state has made a number of changes necessary, as follows:

Provo Office Closed

This new office at 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, will be the only office maintained by your union in the State of Utah, as the Provo office has been closed. The phone numbers of this new office are: Salt Lake 8-8551 and 8-3021.

The office hours will be between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Through this office a master membership list will be maintained and a master unemployment list, and all dispatching to jobs will be coordinated so that the membership nearest the job will be quickly dispatched to the available work.

Provo Service

In order that our membership working out of the old Provo office may continue to receive service in that area, Representative C. R. Van Winkle will operate out of his residence at 1098 North 5th West street. The telephone number will be Provo 3695-J. When in Provo, he will attempt to be available at his home between 8 a. m. and 9 a. m. each week day morning and 5 p. m. and 6 p. m. each week day evening, and at the Labor Temple in Provo between 9 a. m. and 10 a. m. each Monday and 3 p. m. and 5 p. m. each Friday. As his work will necessarily keep him out of

town considerably, if he is not available during these hours, please contact the Salt Lake office.

Brother Louis Solari will be available each Monday morning between 9 a. m. and 10 a. m. and

each Friday afternoon from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. in the Labor Temple at Ogden, Utah. You may be able to contact him at other times through the Salt Lake office.

After office hours, your business representatives will be available by telephone when at home, at their homes as follows:

Renny Burroughs, Salt Lake 3-6987; C. R. Van Winkle, Provo 3695-J, and Louis Solari, Salt Lake 9-6209.

When out of work you may register through any of the business representatives or by telephoning, writing or contacting the Salt Lake office in person. The policy will be to dispatch the membership as near as possible in the order in which they register, taking into consideration the type of work available and the location of the job. Wherever possible, members closest to the job will be given the preference in order to avoid unnecessary travelling to and from work.

Regular meetings of your union will be held as follows:

Salt Lake City—2nd Wednesday, 8 p. m. In new Salt Lake city office.

Provo—2nd Friday, 8 p. m., Labor Temple.

Ogden—3rd Friday, 8 p. m., Labor Temple.

Cedar City—4th Friday, 8 p. m., City and County Bldg.

Bingham Canyon—4th Tuesday, 3:30 p. m., Eagles Hall.

It is to be hoped that the membership will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend one of these regular meetings each month so that your representatives can be advised at all times of the conditions of the work. Any advice that you have to improve the general conditions of our membership in the state is needed.

Report on Negotiations

The status of the negotiations remains about the same as in our last report. The Iron Mines Agreement with the Utah Construction Company covering the mines at Cedar City has been consummated, ratified by the membership and signed by your officers. Negotiations are still continuing with the Associated General Contractors, and at this writing look fairly favorable towards consummating an agreement that will be satisfactory to our membership.

The agreement with the Kennecott Coper Company is in the process of being negotiated. The company has made a wage offer which briefly contains an offer to withdraw any request for a decrease and instigating systems of job evaluation, any raises to be retroactive to February 4, 1949. This offer, however, is tied to the acceptance

One out of every four American workers belongs to a union.

Dirt Is Flying Along Utah Trail



Bro. George E. Zimmerman sent the pictures shown above, the poem below by Ernie Wilson, and some news items in a letter from Ukiah.

He reports that the going is pretty rough along the Utah Trail, with 40 to 50 ft. cuts and one up to 102 ft. Despite slides, job is moving along, he says, with quite a number of Engineers at work and heavy equipment on the job doing the biggest part of the job. Shown at the controls of Utah Construction's new NW80 is Bro. Frazier. Bro. Zimmerman is behind the gun.

With the shovels working seven days a week, Bro. Zimmerman says the paycheck is helped out considerably.

WHERE THE GOING IS ROUGH ALONG THE UTAH TRAIL

By **ERNEST WILSON**
(For Masonite at Ukiah)

Ukiah is the city,
Low Gap is the camp,
They will tell you it
Is a haven for any bum—or tramp.

Frank he runs the kitchen
And I tell you he is a wow!
The boys are hollering for milk
And we wish we had a cow!

Jackson and Cormer are cat-skinners
And I tell you they are duds,
But they shure can move the dirt
While drinking down the suds.

George, he does the oiling
And Dan, he runs the rig.
We feel they could do better
If they were feeding pigs.

A few more days I will tarry
And then I am on my way.
I am going down to 'Frisco
And there I am going to stay.

same schedule as they were this time last year.

State Work

Camp Gravel Co. in Middletown is doing a lot of work for the State this year. Brother George Lambert is operating the dragline.

Harvey Taylor Gravel Co. and the Dry Creek Gravel Co. just out of Healdsburg on Dry Creek are operating at full capacity.

Ukiah—

DOBYNS TAKES ROD AND REEL; HUNTS FOR 'BIG ONES' HE LOST

By **GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Agent, Local 3**

Yes, it's that time of the year when a man's thoughts turn to—, etc. So, I'm eagerly awaiting this week-end to go out into the wilderness with a rod and reel and seek that big one that got away last year. Now my fishing can be done from the bank or in a row boat—but from what I have seen a row boat do to some people in the line of sea sickness they should do their fishing from the bank.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. has completed its job at Calpella, on Highway 101. Due to weather conditions this was a long-drawn-out job. Brother Tead is in charge of the cleaning-up gang. Chuck Randall, the head nut-buster, is gathering up all the iron to ship out. Dick Alexander, the superintendent on this job, heaved a sigh of relief to have it finished and now has a big smile on his face.

In Full Swing

Utah Construction Co. is in full swing with all the boys doing a record job as usual. This company expects within the next week or so to have the road tied together, the Pioneer shovel on the Navarro side and the Pioneer shovel on Low Gap side can see each other's lights working at night.

The gravel spreads are working two shifts, both on Low Gap and Navarro side. I've been informed that Cecil Welton, acting superintendent, is being transferred to Eugene, Ore., where this company has an approximately \$2,000,000 job. We all feel bad to have Cecil leave—he has been a real friend to all Local 3 members. He is being replaced by Brother Tom Lane. We wish both boys the best of luck in their new ventures.

Lake County

Chittenden & Chittenden have a road job just out of Middletown on Highway 53. This company has made wonderful progress. Brother J. R. Durham is pioneering on the last cut. George Neufeld is the knuckle-buster. The boys will feel bad when this job draws to a close—they will miss their dip in the lake each evening.

Brother Bill Brown, with the help of Paul Piper and Harry Snyder, is setting up a portable crusher on Putah Creek, in Lake County. This crusher will supply the gravel for the Chittenden & Chittenden job.

Arthur B. Siri, Inc. have completed the underpass on Highway 101 for the Masonite Company. They have moved their Cobras back to Santa Rosa. They plan on a few weeks of stripping at their quarry on Hilltop Road. This company recently completed the job at Anchor Bar, Highway 1,

To Lay Hot Stuff

Clement Co. has completed the cement treated base on the eight half mile road job out of Laytonville, Highway 101. They expect to get started soon on laying the hot stuff. Glenn Denett is the plant foreman. Ray Brown, Morton Prather, the firemen. Wm. Chafee, plant oiler. Ole is the boxman. H. E. Pearson on the Cat feeding the plant. When they have finished with the road they are to supply the City of Willits with a few thousand yards of hot stuff, and believe me, the City can use it.

A. R. McEwen Construction Co. of Willits is opening up the road between Boonville and Hopland on Highway 28. This job consists of portions, mostly the sharp curves. Tom Rich is moving in several pieces of his equipment.

A. G. Raisch Construction Co. has portions of 16 miles going north out of Healdsburg on Highway 101. Lester Middleton is operating the Pioneer cat. James Hilliard is the operator on the Athey loader. Don Powers is on one of the blades, with Bill Russell giving the orders.

Russian River

F. L. Crane Co., in Alexander Valley working on the approach to the bridge across the Russian River, is having a rough time of it; seems like this particular cut is rock. Laurel Musselman is the operator on the Northwest shovel with Bill E. Fulton as the oiler. Hamilton Hughes, wearing out the dozer. One of our old land leveling friends from Rio Vista, Edward F. Murphy, says it may be rough and rocky but it beats eating that dust in the Valley.

Judson, Pacific & Murphy Steel Co. are laying the steel for C. B. Tuttle Co. on the Alexander Valley bridge across the Russian River. Jimmy Lane, the last time I saw him, was sweating and cussing. He said, "They never did make a truck crane heavy enough to please an Iron worker." He had this Lorraine dancing on the back wheels, with William C. Nixon, the oiler, trying to hold down the front end.

Kelseyville, Evans Bros. Sand and Gravel Co. is operating on the

of the same offer by the other unions represented on this company's properties.

Sand and Gravel

The Sand and Gravel agreement remains about the same as reported in our last report. Some progress is being made to better the economic and other factors which affect this industry. However, no additional meetings with the companies have been held. The shop agreement has not as yet been subject of negotiations with the contractors, depending, as it does, upon the consummation of the agreement covering construction work.

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First Water Flows at Orange Cove As Big Friant-Kern Link is Feted

There was a big celebration on July 10 at Orange Cove, in Fresno County, as the first 75 miles of the 153-mile Friant-Kern Canal was completed and began carrying water for the thirsty countryside.

With wells in the district drying up and dust storms threatening to make a desert of the rich land around Orange Cove, the water came none too soon.

CELEBRATION

Orange Cove citizens marked the occasion by a gala celebration that included airplane stunting, parades, feasting and speechmaking. In the newspaper accounts

reporting the event, a lot of organizations were mentioned for their efforts on behalf of the project. But scarcely anything was said about the boys who sweated and schemed and improvised to make it a reality—the Operating Engineers.

The Friant Canal, like the rest of the huge Central Valley Project, has been strictly an Engineers' show. Though the Teamsters and other crafts have been well represented among the crews, it was the Engineers and their huge earth-moving machines that were principally responsible for the progress made on the 75 miles of ditch just completed.

MACHINES

The Engineers themselves aided in developing some of the special machines used up the Valley. One of the more spectacular of these was the giant machine used to line the ditch.

It is really a huge mobile form. Capable of propelling itself, in one continuous operation it lays down the concrete for the sides and bottom in a continuing operation—quite a job when it is considered that the canal is 17½ feet deep, 36 feet wide at the bottom, and 80 feet wide at the top.

Consider that a four-lane pavement is only about 30 feet wide, and then visualize the dimensions of that waterway! It has cost \$29,793,307 to date and it is estimated that nearly \$30,000,000 will be spent before the 78-mile section extending to Bakersfield and the Kern River is finished.

DROUTH RELIEVED

The water which reached Orange Cove on July 10 got there just in time. The area was parched by one of the worst drouths in the history of the Valley. Wells were going dry and some irrigation pumps could produce only salt water.

About 35 miles of the uncompleted 78-mile section is now under construction. Contracts for the balance of the big ditch are expected to be let by the Bureau of Reclamation sometime this year.

When completed in its entirety, the canal will carry water from Friant Dam, on the western slope of the Sierra, into the upper reaches of the Valley and to rich but thirsty Kern County.

Huge as the dam (fourth largest) and canal are, they are but one phase of the vast Central Valley Project, which takes most of the water from the San Joaquin River's watershed and moves it into areas tributary to the Kern River, and then goes to the Sacramento River for the water thus displaced, bringing it up the valley.

This is done by means of a 200-foot lift at Tracy, near the mouth of both rivers. The pumping plant is about 60 per cent complete at the present time. It will be powered from water impounded at Shasta Dam at the extreme northern end of the Valley.

The Delta-Mendota Canal, now only 27 per cent complete, will accomplish this exchange of water by carrying it along the western slope of the Valley for 120 miles to the San Joaquin River at Mendota.

Distributors Try to Bypass Warehouses

San Francisco—The Distributors Assn. of Northern California is trying to bypass the strike of Local 6, Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO) by unloading merchandise direct from box cars and delivering it to retail stores. Both unloading and trucking are being done by Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) members.

"This arrangement can produce only a partial supply," an ILWU spokesman said. "You can't just reach into a box car and pull out everything the stores want. Some houses have orders for thousands of different items. These can't possibly be filled by the direct delivery system."

Alabama Reporters Tell Congressmen Of Hooded Violence

Washington. — Three Alabama newspapermen June 29 outlined for a House judiciary subcommittee a pattern of night-riding terror by hooded men which has swept the Birmingham, Ala., area in recent weeks. Involvement of the Ku Klux Klan was suggested but not specifically charged in all cases, though the methods were those for which the Klan is known.

Speaking from personal knowledge based on interviews with victims of assault, kidnaping, threats and beating were Clarke Stallworth Jr., reporter for the Birmingham Post, Clancy Lake of the Birmingham News and Paul Trawick of the Union News, Jasper, Ala.

DOZEN CASES

The congressmen heard nearly a dozen cases of violence reported in detail, one of which was an attack upon Stallworth merely for carrying out his reporter's job of investigating an abduction and beating in Dora, a small town near Birmingham. In that case alone arrests have been made and the case will go to trial August 1. In the other incidents, mostly involving white people only, victims were uniformly afraid to talk to reporters and to complain to the police.

Some of the occurrences sketched for the subcommittee were:

1. A widow, Irene Burton, abducted with her 16 and 18-year-old daughters, along with three men, by a band of 150 hooded men on June 3. They were accused of improper moral conduct, threatened with hanging, and two of the men and Mrs. Burton were beaten with a heavy leather belt.

2. Billy Rochester, a miner whose back was broken in a mining accident, was abducted June 1 and stripped, flogged and threatened with more for alleged non-support of his family.

3. Mrs. McDanal, of Westwood, Ala., who fought hooded men who invaded her home and who was threatened with death when she lifted the hoods of four of the group. They accused her of pandering and selling whiskey illegally.

4. Steve Marshalar, whose roadside cafe in Brookside was invaded by about 16 carloads of armed hooded men who burned a cross in his yard and told him that Negroes and Catholics must be "kept down" in the community. Marshalar himself is a member of the Greek Catholic Church.

Urge Building Of Public Roads

Washington.—In a move to create more jobs, the Public Roads Administration on June 30 asked Congress to increase the rate of building on a nationwide network of roads by 700 per cent.

It proposed a 37,800-mile net of superhighways to cost more than \$11 billion and urged that materials be stockpiled so that there will be a constant six-month supply.

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By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

This office has received many queries concerning withdrawal cards. To clarify in the minds of members of this organization the rules governing this procedure, we print the following from the Constitution of the International Union of the Operating Engineers:

Art. XV, Section 4(a)

Any member of the International Union who ceases to perform the work of an engineer, may at the option of his local union, be given a withdrawal card; but no withdrawal card shall be issued to any member of the International Union who is employed as an engineer.

Art. XV, Section 4(b)

A fee not to exceed five (\$5.00) dollars may be charged for each withdrawal card. (Local 3 charges \$1.00 for a withdrawal card.)

Art. XV, Section 4(c)

Local unions shall purchase withdrawal cards from the general secretary-treasurer. When a holder of such card desires to reinstate himself in full good standing membership he shall present this card and it shall be acted upon in the same manner as clearance cards.

Art. XV, Section 4(d)

Any member entering a local union on a withdrawal card shall pay the difference in initiation fee as hereinbefore provided in the case of clearance cards, and if he shall enter said local union within one (1) year of the date of the issuance of the withdrawal card he shall be required to pay all dues and assessments accruing during such period of time in the local union which issued the same, and said dues and assessments shall be forwarded to the local union which issued the withdrawal card; and at the same time he shall pay an assessment of five (\$5.00) dollars or such amount as may be fixed by the general executive board, and a similar amount for each successive year, or part thereof, to the local union admitting him, which it shall forward to the general secretary-treasurer who shall place the same in the defense fund. All members of the international union who have been granted withdrawal cards by their local unions may continue to be members in good standing in the death benefit fund by paying in advance and directly to the general secretary-treasurer the sum of six (\$6.00) dollars per annum, three (\$3.00) dollars of which shall be placed in the death benefit fund and three (\$3.00) dol-

lars of which shall be placed in the general fund; but he shall not be in good standing in any other respect.

Art. XV, Section 4(e)

However, members holding withdrawal cards and desiring to continue in good standing in the death benefit fund must make application to the general secretary-treasurer within thirty (30) days from the date the withdrawal card was issued and he must be paid up to and including the month of his death in order that his beneficiary may be entitled to the death benefit. In the event any member granted a withdrawal card violates any of the articles of this constitution any local union or the general executive board shall cancel said withdrawal card and he and his beneficiaries automatically lose his and their rights under the death benefit fund.

Land Surveyors Sign Contract

The Bay Counties Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association, Inc., with offices at 1107 Hearst Building, San Francisco, California, signed a master agreement with the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, covering Technical Engineer classifications of chief of party, senior inspector, instrumentmen, inspector, junior inspector and engineer's aide. The Land Surveyors Association is comprised of 47 civil engineering firms with offices in the nine bay area counties. The agreement applies to Northern California and includes the forty-six counties north of the northerly boundaries of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties and the westerly boundaries of Inyo and Mono counties to the southerly boundary of the state of Oregon. This contract was signed on June 17, 1949, and became effective July 1, 1949.

Detroit—Their wages tied to the federal consumer price index by a contract modeled on the General Motors contracts, 700 office workers of the city-owned Detroit Dept. of Street Railways will suffer a 2c hourly cut in wages effective June 24.

Lobbyists Have Plenty to Say About Your Pay

Two hundred million dollars of your money is frozen in an unused reserve fund largely because of the activities of a handful of men in Sacramento.

They are: Adrian Kragan, Leob and Leob; Gil Rowland, Pacific American Steamship Assoc.; Leland Grozinger, American Mutual Alliance; Leslie Cooper, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance; Harold Leavey, Western States Life Insurance; John McFarland, American Reciprocal Assoc.; Stanley Burke, Calif. Self Insurers Assoc.; Reginald Vaughan, Guarantee Insurance; Perry Taft, Casualty Insurance; Frederick Hawkins, Life Insurance Assoc. of America.

These are some of the chief life insurance and big business lobbyists in Sacramento. And they have been successful in getting the legislature to kill off every bill to improve disability insurance benefits—the money for which comes entirely out of YOUR paycheck.

INSURANCE COMPANIES have a big stake in keeping DI payments low—several hundred million dollars worth.

That's because the smaller the payments, and the fewer the people getting them, the more money they can keep for themselves.

Under the present "Voluntary Plan" program, employees may choose either the State or a private company as their insurer.

The catch is that the private companies, by law must give at least the same benefits as the State. That means if the State increases its payments or coverages, the private companies must do likewise.

SINCE THE DISABILITY insurance program started in '46 with \$107 million from the Unemployment Insurance reserves DI payments to workers when they get sick never have kept up with the money coming in from automatic paycheck deductions. The State now has a reserve of \$200 million—all of which has been docked from your paychecks.

Private companies, who handle 40 per cent of the people covered, undoubtedly have a comparable amount. Furthermore, while the State keeps its reserves in trust for the people, the private companies pocket their surplus each year as a profit.

If no more money were deducted from paychecks for the next 8 years, there would be enough in reserve to pay all Disability Insurance claims.

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Real Estate Lobby Continues Fight In States, Cities

Despite its resounding defeat in Congress, the real estate lobby is still in business.

With the Administration housing bill passed, the lobbyists are scattering from Washington to state capitals and principal cities throughout the country. There, the lobbyists will continue their anti-housing campaign.

Under the measure passed by the House June 29, states and cities, must set up public housing authorities to be eligible for federal aid in clearing slums and building houses and apartments for low-income groups.

So the real estate lobby will exert its influence to try to prevent states and cities from setting up these authorities or from adapting existing agencies to take advantage of the Federal housing program.

Fortunately, 42 states already have set up agencies through which they may participate in public housing. Twenty-four are able to work with the Federal Government in slum clearance projects. And 470 cities, towns and villages have housing authorities that can be used or adapted to take advantage of the national legislation.