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## SIERRA PACIFIC 1954 SETTLEMENT IS RATIFIED

### Reno Meeting OK's Terms With Pay Hike, Other Gains

Reno.—At a special meeting of the Sierra Pacific Power Company membership held in Reno, Nev., on May 12, the 1954 results of negotiations were overwhelmingly accepted. Members from Reno, Carson City, Truckee and Portola attended in order to hear the negotiating committee's report.

### Completed Health Questionnaires Are Badly Needed

As reported in the April issue of the UTILITY REPORTER, Local 1245 is cooperating with the California Department of Public Health in a most important study regarding chronic diseases.

The study, undertaken to determine the relationship between the incidence of various chronic diseases and a worker's occupation, is a vital one to the state's health service. The results of the questionnaire, accurately tabulated, may enable medical researchers to aid in eliminating much human misery and needless illness and death. **But—if the study is going to be really effective, every questionnaire must be filled out and returned to the union headquarters!**

A second mailing of questionnaires has been sent to those members who did not fill out and return the first form sent them. It is the hope of the Editorial Board that each and every one of you will do your part to make this study a success. Won't you please fill out the form and mail it in—right away?

The answers you give are **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**. The only persons who have access to your completed questionnaire are the trained researchers employed

Bargaining sessions were held for two days before a final settlement was reached on the 12th.

The settlement included:

1. A general across-the-board increase of 5c per hour to all employees in the bargaining unit.
2. A further increase of 5c per hour to climbing classifications, namely Line Working Foreman, Lineman, and Serviceman (senior) (Troubleman).
3. Elimination of the classification of "Constructionman" substituting a "Flume Repairman-A" with a wage increase.
4. Establishment of new classification, "Warehouseman—Senior."
5. Establishment of new classification, "Electric Working Foreman," with the same additional 5c differential applied as in the "Line Working Foreman" rate.
6. An additional 3c per hour for top "Senior Clerks."
7. An additional 3c per hour for "Unit Bookkeeper."
8. An additional 3c per hour for "PBX Operator."

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by the Bureau of Chronic Diseases of the State Health Department. In the interest of waging a successful battle against crippling and killing diseases—these researchers need YOUR help.



Pictured here are all members of your Executive Board with RICHARD GRAVES, candidate for Governor of California. From left to right, they are: W. R. "Bob" Glasgow, Ron Weakley, George Wagner, Cecil Davis, Grace Baker, Richard Graves, Frank Brown, Herb Macy, Marvin Brooks, and President Frank Gilleran.

### How Major Candidates Were Chosen

In view of the cross-filing in California, which tends to prohibit the voters of a political party from actual selection of the candidates, many members have asked "Just how ARE candidates for state-wide office chosen?"

There is no easy answer to that one! In prior years, candidates were selected in the "smoke filled room" manner—or there simply was no candidate put forth for many of the major parties.

1954, however, was different! Both the Democratic and Republican parties have "unofficial" state-wide organizations whose principal function is to CHOOSE the official candidate for top offices.

The Democratic Council of California, formed late in 1953, called a state-wide meeting in Fresno in February of this year. Delegates were authorized to attend as rep-

resentatives of any Democratic Club in the state, from the 58 county central committees and from the State Central Committee. All told, more than 1500 authorized delegates converged on Fresno, went through some marathon battles, and emerged with a "slate" of candidates for state-wide offices. None of the candidates who were NOT approved by that convention went on to disregard the mandate of the delegates and file anyway.

The Republican Assembly of California, "unofficial" candidate-selection organization, has been

functioning for several years. The Republicans have a two-part convention to select candidates. First, the smaller group, numbering less than 40 this year, met in Bakersfield to recommend candidates to the main convention. Then the actual convention, with fewer than 150 authorized VOTING delegates, met in Sacramento to pass on these recommendations. In the most hotly contested race, that for Lieut. Governor, the recommended candidate received 90 votes and the total vote mustered by the two opponents was 40. The opponents (Continued on Page Six)

### Graves on the Issues

Mr. RICHARD P. GRAVES, Democratic candidate for Governor of California, has served as Executive Director of the League of California Cities for the past 20 years. The league is a tax supported non-partisan association of nearly every city in the state.

In his capacity as Executive Director he has had a great deal of experience with all government programs, at both local and state levels, during these years. He has written innumerable bills and supported them before various committees of the State Legislature. His office served the League in consulting, legal advisory and research capacities.

Graves was appointed Executive Secretary of the State Council of Defense by former Governor Culbert Olson and served during 1941 and '42. He was appointed State Director of Civil Defense by Gov. Earl Warren and served during 1942 - '44.

Mr. Graves also served as a member of the 9th Regional Civil Defense Board, under appointment from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, during 1942 - '44. He was also appointed as Consultant to the State Reconstruction and Re-employment Committee in 1944 by Gov. Warren.

Graves was awarded a Master's Degree in the field of Political Science and Public Administration by the University of California. He has been a part-time instructor at the University for many years, teaching in Public Administration. Mr. and Mrs. Graves and their son and daughter have resided in Lafayette for the past several years.

Graves met with the Executive Board of Local 1245 for more than an hour on May 1st. The statements he offered on the vital issues of the day are set forth below, just as he delivered them.

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RICHARD GRAVES



GOODWIN KNIGHT

### Knight on the Issues

Governor Goodwin J. Knight, Republican incumbent, was elevated from Lieutenant Governor to Governor in October, 1953, when Earl Warren was appointed Chief Justice of the United States.


Governor Knight was first elected Lieutenant Governor in 1946 and was re-elected in 1950. Prior to that, for some ten years, he was a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles County. He is a lawyer and has a good deal of legal and judicial experience. During his seven years as Lieutenant Governor, he served as President of the State Senate. The Governor is a widower and maintains his legal residence in Los Angeles.

On April 7, Knight was invited to meet with the Executive Board on May 1st. The Governor was unable to appear. He sent the following telegram, which was received late on the afternoon of May 1st.


"I just returned from Washington and in going through my files my attention was called to your letter of April 9. If I had known previously of this invitation I would definitely have made provision several weeks ago for me to attend. It is impossible for me to be with you, much as I would like to. As you know, I have told the Executive Board and the Advisory Board of the California LLPE of my position which is in the interest of the working people of California. I am greatly concerned and interested in the importance of your organization." (Signed) "Cordially, Goodwin J. Knight, Governor."

The Governor's position on the vital issues of the day, as drawn from his statements to the press, and from other public speeches, is set forth below.

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## Vote June 8

This issue of the UTILITY REPORTER deals principally with the candidates who seek our favor at the June 8th Primary Election. There are 206 candidates running for 85 principal offices within the territory served by members of Local 1245. Our jurisdiction covers 15 Congressional Districts, 18 State Senate and 41 State Assembly Districts, in addition to the state-wide offices.

In view of our space limitations we shall confine this report to the official candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties.

With the exception of the office of Governor of California, no recommendations have been made for any candidates. It is our belief that the presentation of factual information concerning the voting records or stated principles of candidates is what the members want. We hope this information, scanty as it may be in many instances, will assist you in the selection of the candidate whom you feel will best serve your interests in public office.

We must say a word about the importance of voting in the Primary Election. Due to the cross-filing system which exists in California, most contests have, in prior years, been settled at the Primary. Seldom has the winner received a majority of all the votes cast, unless there were only two candidates. The cross-filing system permits a candidate to seek the nomination of the voters of each respective political party, regardless of his own party affiliation. This has tended to confuse hundreds of thousands of voters who normally vote for a candidate on the basis of the party platform he supports, especially when they know little of the candidate as an individual.

This year, for the first time in more than 40 years, the political party affiliation of each candidate will be shown on the ballot. In most counties "Republican" will be shown as "REP" and "Democrat" will be shown as "DEM." Other party names will be similarly abbreviated.

In the interests of the future of our great state, and of the best possible representation for all of us, we strongly urge you to VOTE on June 8th. The privilege of a free ballot is far too precious to lightly cast aside. It cost the Founding Fathers of our nation untold suffering and loss of life to obtain this democratic process. Many of us have fought, in three recent wars to preserve these rights. Now, let us VOTE—to prove to the world that free men do value their free ballot process.

## Graves For Governor

As reported in the April issue of the UTILITY REPORTER, candidates for the office of Governor and U.S. Senator were invited to meet with our Executive Board. Richard P. Graves, Democratic candidate for Governor, accepted the invitation and spent more than an hour with the Board. Goodwin J. Knight, Republican incumbent, sent a telegram expressing his regrets at his inability to attend the meeting. Congressman Samuel W. Yorty, Democrat and candidate for the U.S. Senate, and Thomas H. Kuchel, Republican incumbent, were both attending sessions of the Congress in Washington, D.C., and were unable to be present.

The union, as has been previously reported, does not ENDORSE candidates for any office. Many members, however, have requested the Executive Board to RECOMMEND a candidate for the office of Governor, since the public records and principal positions on issues of the leading candidates are not too widely publicized.

Following a careful study of the statements and record of both candidates, the Executive Board respectfully RECOMMENDS that you give consideration to the candidacy of RICHARD P. GRAVES for the office of Governor of California.

During the four years the next Governor will serve, California must face many challenges—which will call for strong, aggressive leadership. The availability of job opportunities for our constantly expanding population, the crucial role of our state as a major manufacturing, agricultural and seaport center, the constant expansion which our business enterprises must undergo to meet the needs of the economy—these and many more vital issues are all influenced by the actions of our Governor. We believe that RICHARD P. GRAVES will be the better man to lead us during the next four years.

## CANDIDATES FOR ASSEMBLY

(Note: These are the higher-numbered Assembly Districts, a continuation of Assembly candidate coverage started on pages 4, 7, 8.)

### 25TH ASSEMBLY

#### Northern Part of San Mateo County

There are three candidates in this race, the Republican Incumbent and two Democratic opponents. All have cross-filed. Since information is available only on the voting record of the incumbent, it is recommended that members in the district investigate the qualifications of the other candidates. All contenders are listed below.

**DANIEL J. CREEDON**, Republican Incumbent.

CREEDON is a San Mateo attorney who is seeking his 2nd term in the Assembly. His voting record on key issues at the 1953 session, as reported by the State A. F. of L. Legislative Report, is as follows: 6 "good" votes, 12 "bad" and one absence.

**JAMES B. DALY**, Democrat.  
A carpenter foreman who lives in Sharp Park, DALY is making his first bid for partisan office.

**THEODORE H. PRETZER**, Democrat.

PRETZER, now retired from business, lives in South San Francisco. He has been endorsed by the major labor organizations in his district.

### 26TH ASSEMBLY

#### Southern Part of San Mateo County

**RICHARD J. DOLWIG**, Republican Incumbent.

Now seeking his fourth term, DOLWIG is the official candidate of the Republican party. He is an attorney who resides in Redwood City.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits him with the following voting record during recent sessions:

1949—11 "good" votes, 11 "bad" and 7 absences.

1951—2 "good" votes, 15 "bad" and no absences.

1953—6 "good" votes, 12 "bad" and 1 absence.

**FRANK GROVES**, Democrat.  
GROVES, a Redwood City salesman, is seeking his first partisan office. He is endorsed by the major labor organizations in his district. Since no other information has been furnished, it is recommended that members make a local investigation on this one.

### 28TH ASSEMBLY

#### Northern Part of Santa Clara County and Part of San Jose.

**CLARK L. BRADLEY**, Republican Incumbent.

BRADLEY, now seeking his first full term in the Assembly, was elected in 1953 to replace ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD when he was appointed as State Controller.

BRADLEY is credited with three "good" votes, 14 "bad" and one absence by the State A. F. of L. Legislative Report for the 1953 session.

**CURTIS H. PERRY**, Democrat.  
PERRY is a route salesman who lives in Mountain View. No information concerning his qualifications has been furnished; therefore, it is suggested that members in the district make a personal investigation.

### 29TH ASSEMBLY

#### Southern Part of Santa Clara County and Part of San Jose

Three Republicans and one Democrat seek this office and all have cross-filed. Since background information is available only for the incumbent, it is recommended that members in the district make a local investigation. The candidates are as follows:

**BRUCE F. ALLEN**, Republican Incumbent.

ALLEN is a San Jose attorney who is seeking his 2nd term in the Assembly. He is credited with the following voting record by the State A. F. of L. Legislative Report for 1953: 4 "good" votes, 13 "bad" and 2 absences.

**MICHAEL di LEONARDO**, Democrat.

Mr. di LEONARDO is an attorney who practices law in San Jose.

**PARKER L. HATHAWAY**, Republican.  
The Mayor of the City of San Jose, HATHAWAY is making a bid

## 'Round and About

Bus. Rep. Ed White reports that members of the Physical Unit have joined forces with Clerical members in the Stockton Division to push for greater organization. The one hundredth Clerical member of the division joined the union early this month. With the approaching negotiations on wages and contract items, members of both Clerical and Physical bargaining units realize the importance of their membership drive. They intend to keep on organizing until every possible prospect has joined the union. Good work, we'd say!

### HIGH VOLTAGE PROGRESS

We see that a twin circuit 63-mile long 330,000-volt tower line has been completed in the East. The towers run around 150 feet in height and the 6 conductors are 1,275,000 C.M., A.C.S.R. expanded cable (1.6" O.D.). They are designed for straight-line spans of 1700 feet. Voltages of 500,000 have been line-tested and we can look for increased construction of such facilities.

### LEO GILLERAN IS ILL

Brother Leo Gilleran, charter member of Local 1245, is confined to his home, recuperating from a heart attack. Pres. Frank Gilleran,

Leo's brother, advises that Leo is coming along fine but must have a good, long rest. An operator at Brighton Sub-station in the Sacramento Division, Leo has put in a good many years of service with the PG&E. He has also been an active member of 1245 for a long time. The Editorial Board wishes Leo a speedy recovery from his illness.

### BRO. FAY ROBBINS PASSES ON

Bus. Rep. Gene Hastings had the sad duty of delivering the union's \$1000 death benefit check to Mrs. Florence A. Robbins, widow of our late Brother Fay S. Robbins of South San Francisco (late last month). Bro. Robbins, who died suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage, was well known throughout the entire community of South San Francisco. He was one of the outstanding members of our So. S.F. Unit and his passing is deeply regretted by all his fellow members. The deepest sympathy of the officers of Local 1245 is extended to Mrs. Robbins in her bereavement.

And—from Cairo, Egypt, comes the report of a new union. Seems the Camel Drivers who chauffeur tourists around took to heart the stories they heard about American unionism. In their first contract demands the drivers asked for a health and welfare plan—not just for themselves but for their camels as well! We haven't heard, yet, how they made out on that one!

SMUD Unit advises that Brothers KENNETH J. C. BARNES and JOHN HEGELTON have agreed to accept posts as Press Secretaries for the UTILITY REPORTER. Welcome aboard, men—we'll look forward to getting news items from you, starting with the June issue. Don't forget—press deadline is the 10th of every month!

## LET'S LOOK AT THE FREE RIDER

(Special by Jerry Moran, Bus. Rep., Coast Valleys, San Jose and Gas Supply and Control)

To begin with, just what is a FREE RIDER? A free rider is a person who is always ready and willing to let the other fellow carry the load. He is always looking the other way when the waiter comes up with the check. He is the person who will sit at the feast, dance to the piper, complain about the dessert, and then steal away while his companions pay the bill!

The FREE RIDER is the person who will accept the hard-won conditions and then smirk, saying: "These are my inherent rights." Yes, these ARE his inherent rights—rights made possible by the fellow employee he left holding the check.

Has the FREE RIDER ever taken stock in himself? Has he ever asked, "What does the boss think of me?" I know the answer to these questions—and so do you.

Whether you are working in the snow country or on the desert, in the ditch or on a pole, in the garage or in an office—take a look at him—a good look at the FREE RIDER. He is the person who is enjoying the benefits that you have won for him. He is the one who never complains that you have picked up his tab for this ride he is taking.

Now, let's look at another matter on this subject of the FREE RIDER. When he is approached by a steward to join the Union, what does he say? "What has the Union ever done for me?" This is his common philosophy. When he is reminded what the Union has done to improve wages and working conditions, he then says, "Yes, I know all that; but, what have they done for me—lately?" What he means is, "Who has been footing the bill for me!"

Well, I have the answer for that one, Mr. FREE RIDER. It's been the girl in the Eureka office; it's been the boy in the Gas Supply and Control on the desert at Needles; it's been the man in the General Construction, floundering through the snow in the Sierra. It's been the man on the pole and the man in the ditch. It's been the men and women who are working alongside of you—carrying the load for you—and believe me, they're getting a little sick of you!

for the State Assembly.

**SPENCER M. WILLIAMS**, Republican.

Another official seeking the office, WILLIAMS is now the Deputy Counsel for Santa Clara County. He is an attorney and lives in San Jose.

## Secretary of State

### DANIEL RAEBURN, Democrat.

A Los Angeles resident, 35 years old DAN RAEBURN is the official Democratic candidate for Secretary of State. A graduate of UCLA, RAEBURN came north to undertake graduate studies at the Berkeley campus of the University.

RAEBURN has been extremely active in California politics, in the Democratic party, for more than half his life. This is his first bid for major political office.

The Secretary of State, among other duties, is charged with the responsibility for assigning numbers to the ballot propositions.

In this connection, RAEBURN charges that his opponent has consistently assigned number 13 to important labor-supported measures—such as elimination of cross-filing and Senate re-apportionment, which were voted down in recent years. (Studies of ballot propositions point up the fact that number "unlucky 13" fails of passage at nearly every election!)

RAEBURN pledges himself to support the platform and programs of the California Democratic party, if elected.



**FRANK M. JORDAN**  
Republican

The long-time Republican incumbent, Mr. JORDAN is again the official candidate of his party. JORDAN, a resident of Sacramento, is a member of a number of important committees by virtue of his office.

He has received the endorsement of the State LLPE.

# Here Are Candidates For State Offices

## THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CONTEST

There are four candidates for the primary race for Lieut. Governor, all of whom have cross-filed on both Democratic and Republican tickets.



**EDWARD R. ROYBAL, Democrat.**

The official candidate of the Democratic party, ROYBAL is a city councilman in Los Angeles, now serving his third term; 38 years old, married, with 3 children, Mr. ROYBAL is a cost accountant, having graduated from UCLA. He is a member of a pioneer Spanish-speaking family which arrived in the West in 1590.

Mr. ROYBAL, during his tenure as L.A. City Councilman, has supported the following legislation: 1. Retention of rent controls; 2. Improved wages and working conditions for L.A. City Employees. 3. Funds for additional playgrounds and improvements on existing facilities. 4. Smog control program. 5. Improved library facilities. 6. Compulsory Fair Employment Practice (non-discrimination) for L.A. City Employees. 7. Improved police, health and traffic services for the 2 million residents of Los Angeles.



**HAROLD J. POWERS, Republican Incumbent.**

Lieut. Governor Powers assumed his present office in October, 1953, when the resignation of Governor Warren elevated Knight to the Governorship. POWERS, then President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the 3rd ranking state officeholder, became Lieut. Governor and resigned his elected post as State Senator from the 1st Senatorial District.

A rancher from Eagleville, POWERS served in the State Senate for 20 years. The Calif. State Federation of Labor reports that he cast 5 "good" votes, 9 "bad" and was absent 3 times on 17 test votes during the 1953 Legislative session.

POWERS voted FOR severe limitations on granting 2 hours time off from work to vote; FOR denial of unemployment insurance benefits to an individual while he is receiving dismissal, severance or in lieu of notice pay; AGAINST raising maximum temporary disability benefits from \$35 to \$40 per week; and AGAINST a bill which would remove employer liability for serious and wilful misconduct in cases of injury resulting from such cases as assault.

**FRED F. HOUSER, Republican.** Mr. HOUSER, who resides in Pasadena, is a Judge of the Superior Court in Los Angeles County,

a position he has held since 1946. He served as Lieut. Governor during the first Warren administration, from 1943 to 1947, and had previously served three terms in the State Assembly. He has also conducted three losing campaigns for U.S. Congressman.

Mr. HOUSER is 49 years old and is an attorney by profession. His prior voting record, while a member of the Assembly, is not available to the UTILITY REPORTER.

**JAMES W. SILLIMAN, Republican.**

The official candidate of the Republican Party, SILLIMAN is presently the Speaker of the Assembly. He has served four terms in the

Assembly, having been elected from Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties.

SILLIMAN resides in Salinas and is a well-to-do warehouse operator. He is also an officer of a building and loan firm in that city.

During the 1953 General Legislative session, SILLIMAN did not vote on any of the 19 test roll calls reported by the Calif. State Federation of Labor (as speaker, he would vote only in case of a tie). However, he is recorded by the Federation as having cast 18 "bad" votes and one "good" vote during the 1951 General Session. He has consistently voted AGAINST improvements in our Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment and Disability Insurance laws.

## Attorney General

This is one of the key offices within the state, since the Attorney General is the Chief Legal Officer for all the citizens. In addition to being the principal crime prevention agency, the office is available to any citizen who is in need of assistance in legal matters. The Attorney General, by virtue of his office, is also a member of numerous boards, authorities and commissions of the state. He is also the chief protector of the water rights of the citizens.

At the time of this writing, there is only one major party OFFICIAL candidate in the running, the Democratic incumbent. There are two Republicans on the ballot, but neither has received the endorsement of his party. Also running is EDWIN M. COOPER, a Southern California attorney and candidate of the Prohibition party.

The background of the major party candidates follows.



**EDMUND G. "PAT" BROWN, Democratic Incumbent.**

"PAT" BROWN, native son and San Francisco attorney, is seeking his second term as Attorney General. Mr. BROWN has previously served for eight years as San Francisco's District Attorney. He is the official candidate of the Democratic party.

Pledged to an objective and non-partisan administration when he was first elected, BROWN has kept that pledge, in the opinion of nearly every observer of his actions while in office. He has led the campaign against juvenile delinquency for many years and worked cooperatively and closely with all other law enforcement agencies to eliminate the causes of delinquency. In the continuing war against narcotics, BROWN has played a leading role. The narcotics investigators from his office have had to work unusually hard because of the absence of sufficient numbers of Federal narcotics agents, due to the cuts in the national budget. In this fight against narcotics BROWN has enlisted the support of representatives of every element of our society.

He has worked closely with representatives of labor in the handling of legal problems pertaining to labor unions or the rights of individual members.

BROWN led the fight against a bill which proposed, under the guise of an administrative reorganization measure, to greatly curtail the Attorney General's powers in water matters. The proposal would have given these powers to an APPOINTIVE body. BROWN took the po-

sition that the citizens are entitled to have such powers vested in an ELECTED official, who is responsive to the wishes of the majority of the voters. The bill was finally defeated, after Gov. Warren announced he would veto it, if passed by the legislature.

"PAT" BROWN is married, the father of four children, and makes his home in San Francisco. He worked his way through the Hastings Law School of the University of California.



**FRED N. HOUSER, Republican.**

A practicing attorney in the Los Angeles area, FRED HOUSER is seeking to recapture the position of Attorney General which he lost at the Primary election of 1950, when he was defeated for his own party's nomination.

Born in Nebraska in 1905, Houser has been a resident of California since 1924. He is married and has one son.

For six years he was Deputy City Prosecutor of Long Beach. He was elected to the State Assembly in 1940 and re-elected in 1942. During his second term he was appointed District Attorney of Los Angeles County by the Board of Supervisors. He was elected to this office in 1944.

Houser was elected Attorney General of the State in November 1946 and served through 1950. Since that time he has resumed his private law practice in Southern California.

Houser's four-year term was marked by numerous skirmishes with Governor Warren over the policies of administering the Judicial Department. It was charged that gambling of all types flourished during Houser's administration and that enforcement of the State's anti-gambling laws was a farce. Unable to successfully disprove those charges, Houser went down to defeat when he sought election for a second term as Attorney General of California.

**CLAUDE A. WATSON, Republican.**

Los Angeles attorney WATSON has filed only for the Republican party nomination at the primary election. He did not submit a statement regarding his qualifications for office in response to the invitation of Local 1245.

**TODAY'S CHUCKLE**  
It's a pretty sure bet the man with PUSH eventually will pass the man with PULL.

## THE U.S. SENATOR CONTEST

There are 6 candidates seeking nomination to the office of United States Senator from California at the June 8 primary. In addition to the official candidates of the major parties, the following are on the ballot:

**Isobel M. Cerney, Independent Progressive Party candidate.** Miss Cerney is a teacher and writer who resides in Menlo Park.

**William T. Hooley, Republican.** He is a fireman who makes his home in Oakland.

**Adam C. Derkum, Democrat.** Derkum is a public accountant from Los Angeles.

**Leo Gallagher, Democrat.** Gallagher, also from Los Angeles, is an attorney.

those who derive their incomes from stock dividends ahead of those more in need of tax relief."

"No amount of deceptive, high-powered propaganda can fully obscure the need to clean up the current mess in Washington. This can only be accomplished through a resounding Democratic victory."



**THOMAS H. KUCHEL, Republican Incumbent.**

Appointed to the U.S. Senate in January, 1953, by Gov. Warren, KUCHEL seeks election now as the official candidate of the Republican party. In addition to his brief service in the U.S. Senate, he has been elected to the State Assembly and the State Senate of California. Following three years of service with the U.S. Navy, KUCHEL was appointed State Controller by Governor Warren, early in 1946. He was twice elected to that office, in 1946 and in 1950.

Now 44 years old, KUCHEL received his law degree from U.S.C. in 1935. His home is at Anaheim, in Southern California, where he practiced law for several years.

The A. F. of L. report on 10 roll call test votes in the U.S. Senate credit Kuchel with 9 "bad" votes, no "good" votes and one absence. He voted AGAINST: increased funds for school construction in defense areas; the Hill amendment to increase funds for grants to local communities for hospital construction; and AGAINST retention of the "oil for education" clause in the Tidelands Oil bill.

KUCHEL has voted FOR the following: denial of stand-by power to the President to impose emergency price, wage and rent controls; a one billion slash in the Foreign Assistance program; FOR limiting the treaty-making power of the President and Senate (George substitute for Bricker amendment); FOR granting authority to heads of departments to discharge any civil service employee; and FOR the hiring of Mexican farm labor at the border, following expiration of the international agreement which established procedure for such hiring.

In a press statement, KUCHEL says, "I made one commitment when I was appointed and I made it publicly. I said that I would assist President Eisenhower in fulfilling his pledge to the American people."

"Our employment level in this state is high and it must be frankly stated that we have more employment today than we did a year ago. On the other hand, new building permits all over this state are swelling; industry is moving West. Candidates for public office ought not to resort to fear psychology on economic conditions merely to win votes."

"I have introduced a number of bills relative to fire protection, flood control, levee construction, harbor dredging and the like. Almost all of them have passed the Senate and are in the House."

In addition, KUCHEL's sponsors claim that his sponsorship of the Cotton Acreage Quota Bill has benefited thousands of California farmers and prevented incalculable damage to the general economy of the state.



**SAMUEL WILLIAM YORTY, Democrat.**

YORTY, the official candidate of the Democratic party, is presently Representative in Congress from the 26th California Congressional District. He has served two terms as Congressman, winning his last election at the Primary Election of 1952.

YORTY, a lawyer, now 44 years old, entered politics in 1933 as one of the original sponsors of the Central Valley Project. He was elected to the State Assembly in 1936 and served two terms.

Following combat service as Air Force Combat Intelligence Officer with the U.S. Pacific Forces, Yorty resumed his law practice in Los Angeles. In 1948 he was again elected to the State Assembly, in which he served until his election as Congressman.

SAM YORTY led the fight in the House last year against drastic cuts in American Air Power. He has also led the continuing fight to preserve California's rights in the Colorado River Basin.

The A. F. of L. report on 31 roll call test votes credits YORTY with 29 "good" votes, two "bad" votes and no absences. He has voted FOR the following legislation: Increased funds for veterans' medical care; increased funds for rural telephones; 35,000 new public housing units; restore a \$6 million cut in school aid funds; retention of government owned synthetic rubber plants; emergency aid for drought areas; increases in Federal old age insurance retirement payments; and FOR a \$20 million appropriation to continue the Voice of America.

SAM YORTY has voted AGAINST weakening of Civil Service; a measure to restrict reciprocal trade; allowing arbitrary discharge of Civil Service employees; and AGAINST several tax bills which proposed to shift additional tax burdens to working people.

In a public statement early this month, YORTY said, "It is my belief that vigorous action to end unemployment is long overdue. I have been urging action ever since the problem became even a possibility. Too much action to end unemployment is better than too little. In other words, it is better to have too many jobs than not enough. For taking this position, my opponent called me a "psycho-recessionist," while scoffing at the unemployment problem."

"I favor tax relief for low income families ahead of dividend collectors. The Republicans still follow the thoroughly discredited "trickle down" theory of trying to start prosperity at the top. They are fighting to reduce taxes for



# About the State Senate Election

The EVEN NUMBERED State Senate Districts are open for election this year. Thus, half of the State's 40 Assemblymen will be up for election. The State Senator serves a 4-year term with odd and even numbered Districts alternating at each Primary and General election.

## 14TH STATE SENATOR San Francisco County

This is another "open" race with four candidates seeking the office which will be vacated by State Senator GERALD O'GARA, who is retiring. The District includes all of the City and County of San Francisco.

### DONALD J. BRUCE Republican

Mr. BRUCE, who is retired, lives in San Francisco. No information concerning his qualifications has been furnished. He has cross-filed.

### LEO F. KAUFMAN Democrat

A sales manager, KAUFMAN has filed for the Democratic nomination ONLY in this contest. He resides in San Francisco. Since no other information has been furnished on his qualifications, it is suggested that members in the district investigate these candidates at the local level.

### ROBERT L. MCCARTHY, Democrat

A San Francisco attorney, McCarthy has been endorsed by the majority of the Democratic Party organizations in the District, as well as by organized labor. He is pledged to the Democratic State platform and is opposed to any legislation which would further restrict or curtail the rights of labor unions.

McCarthy, now 33 years old, served two terms in the State Assembly from 1948 to 1952. The AFL legislative report credits him with the following voting record: 1949 General Session 21 "good" votes; 6 "bad" votes, 2 absences; 1951 General Session 7 "good" votes, 8 "bad" votes, 2 absences.

McCarthy supported every major bill designed to improve the Unemployment and Disability Insurance Act at the 1951 Session. At the 1949 Session he worked actively to support the 7 major bills designed to improve our Workmen's Compensation Law.

### GEORGE M. DEL SECCO

The official candidate of the Republican Party, Mr. DEL SECCO is a 28-year old real estate broker in San Francisco. He is a member of the Republican County Central Committee. No other information concerning his qualifications and background has been made available to the Utility Reporter. It is suggested that members residing in San Francisco make an investigation at the local level.

## 16th State Senator Alameda County

This is another straight party line contest. Background of the candidates is set forth below:

### ANGA BJORNSON Democrat

The official candidate of the Democratic Party, Miss BJORNSON has received endorsements and support from all the labor organizations in Alameda County. She is pledged to support the platform and program of the California Democratic Party.

A business woman and farmer, Miss BJORNSON has been active in numerous civic activities over a long period of time. She was a high school teacher for many years, retiring in 1953.

In a special statement to the "Utility Reporter," Miss BJORNSON said: "I will expend every effort, as your State Senator, to improve educational facilities to meet the expanding needs of our growing population. We must have more enforceable liquor and narcotics laws and I shall work to see that we have them.

"I believe that we must conserve the tidelands oil of California to serve our future generations. The larger share of the State's income from this source must be used for the betterment of our educational facilities.

"We must defend Labor's right to honest, unrestricted collective bargaining and we must qualify State laws which affect unions and the rights of their members

to Unemployment, Disability, and Workman's Compensation Insurance.

"I am grateful indeed for the support many of the members of Local 1245 have given to my campaign. Please extend my very sincere thanks to all of them through the pages of your fine publication."

### ARTHUR H. BREED, JR. Republican incumbent

Senator BREED, the endorsed candidate of his party, is a real estate developer, residing in Oakland. He has been a member of the State Legislature for nearly 20 years, having been first elected to the Assembly in 1934. He was elected to the State Senate in 1938, a position which his father before him had filled for a number of years.

He is a member of the following Senate committees: Business and Professions; Finance; Public Health and Safety; and Transportation. He is chairman of the very important Revenue and Taxation Committee.

According to the State AFL's legislative reports, BREED is credited with the following votes on key issues: During 1949 General Session, 6 "good" votes, 9 "bad" votes, and 5 absences; during the 1951 General Session, 7 "good" votes, 4 "bad" votes, and 3 absences; during the 1953 General Session, 16 "bad" votes, no "good" votes, and 1 absence.

BREED has consistently opposed all legislation designed to improve the coverage and benefits of laws on Workman's Compensation, Disability, and Unemployment Insurance.

## 18th State Senator Santa Clara County

This is another straight party line contest as there are only two candidates in the race. The 18th District includes all of Santa Clara County.

### JOHN F. THOMPSON Republican

THOMPSON, the official candidate of the Republican Party, is a farmer who resides near San Jose. He has been a member of the State Legislature for 11 years, moving from the Assembly to the Senate in 1950.

The State AFL legislative report for the 1949 General Session credits THOMPSON with the following votes: While a member of the State Assembly, 6 "good" votes, 15 "bad" votes, and 8 absences. Since moving to the Senate, he is credited with the following votes: at the 1951 Session, 2 "good" votes, 11 "bad" votes, and 1 absence; at the 1953 Session, 1 "good" vote, 15 "bad" votes, and 1 absence.

He has consistently opposed all attempts to improve the Unemployment, Disability, and Workman's Compensation laws.

### JACK P. D'ANGELO, JR. Democrat

Mr. D'ANGELO, the official can-

### THE BOSS EVER TRY THIS ON YOU ???

An equipment salesman, holed up in a small Wyoming town by a bad snowstorm, wired his firm: "Stranded here due to storm. Wire instructions."

Back came the reply: "Start summer vacation immediately."

### CORRECT OIL CHANGING

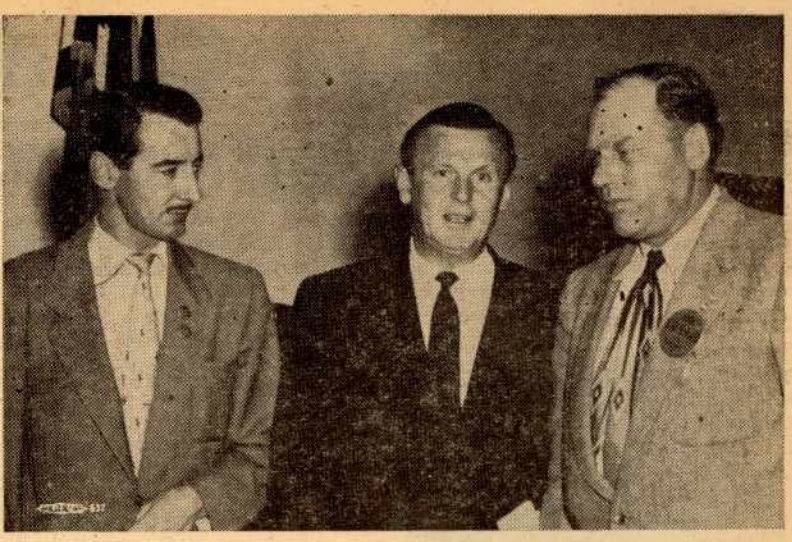
An old rule but one worth repeating: When changing oil in your car, be sure the engine is warm so that the oil will be hot when drained from the crankcase. This enables you to derive maximum benefit from an oil change, as dirt and other impurities are more completely removed when the oil is hot.

**BE SURE YOU  
VOTE JUNE 8TH!**

didate of the Democratic Party, is a Telephone Company employee who resides in San Jose.

He is committed to the support of the Democratic state platform, if elected. He has pledged himself to resist any attempts to further restrict or hamper labor unions and the rights of their members. He favors increases in the maximum benefits of Unemployment, Disability, and Workman's Compensation Insurance payments.

**Hear Frank Edwards!**



Here are Research Director GEORGE L. RICE, Candidate for Governor RICHARD GRAVES and Bus. Rep. PAUL "CY" YOCHEM, reading from left to right. The picture was taken at a meeting of Northern Calif. Union representatives who are supporting Mr. GRAVES.

# About the State Assembly—

Due to space limitations, we have limited the information concerning qualifications and voting records of Assembly Candidates.

The key test issues involved include bills on rights of labor unions, improvements in Unemployment, Disability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance, Public Housing, Social Welfare, Teacher Salaries, Industrial Safety, Civil Rights, and other matters of importance to our members—both as citizens and as trade unionists.

Assemblymen—there are 80 of them—are elected for two year terms; thus the entire body faces the voters at each Primary and General election. The Assembly meets on each ODD-NUMBERED year for a General Legislative Session—usually lasting about five months. During this General Session, laws of almost any nature may be introduced, debated, and rejected or passed. During each EVEN-NUMBERED year, the Assembly meets ONLY to act on the State's Budget—unless the Governor calls an "Extraordinary Session," and lists the specific proposals which require action. In that event, legislation may be enacted.

A word of caution as to the voting records which are listed for all incumbents or former incumbents. The ratio of "good" to "bad" votes is not a perfect measure of the worthiness of an Assemblyman. At times, when a bill is certain to receive an overwhelming majority vote, an Assemblyman who might normally vote against the measure will vote with the majority, just to obtain credit, on the record, for a "good" labor vote.

The absences credited to various Assemblymen does not necessarily mean they were not in attendance. Many legislators serve on a large number of committees and are often called away from the General Session to transact important committee business. Thus, they may not be in the Assembly Chambers when a test bill is put to a roll call vote.

## 10TH ASSEMBLY

10th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—Most RURAL areas of CONTRA COSTA County.

### DONALD D. DOYLE, Republican Incumbent.

DOYLE, an Insurance Broker who lives in Lafayette, is now seeking his second term in the Assembly. He is the official Republican party candidate.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits DOYLE with the following record on important roll call test votes during the 1953 session: 10 "good," 6 "bad" and 3 absences.

### EDWARD N. MUNNS, Democrat.

MUNNS, the official Democratic candidate, seeks ONLY his own party's nomination. No information has been furnished, therefore a local investigation is recommended.

## 11TH ASSEMBLY

11th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—City of Richmond and surrounding part of CONTRA COSTA County.

### S. C. MASTERSON, Democratic Incumbent.

MASTERSON, a former Judge in Richmond, is an attorney who is

seeking his second term. He is the official candidate of the Democratic party. MASTERSON is a member of the very important INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS Committee of the Assembly, which passes on all bills affecting labor before they are permitted to be put to vote on the floor of the Assembly.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits MASTERSON with 18 "good" votes, no "bad" and one absence during the 1953 session. He is supported by all labor groups in his district in his bid for re-election.

### FREDERICK G. COLE, Republican.

A Richmond attorney, COLE is the official candidate of his party. No information has been furnished on his background; therefore a local investigation is suggested.

## 13TH ASSEMBLY

13th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—The Southern part of ALAMEDA County.

This is a wide open contest since Incumbent Assemblyman FRANCIS DUNN, Jr., is not seeking re-election. DUNN, who consistently earned one of the best "good" labor voting records during his 12 years of service, is now seeking the office of SUPERVISOR, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

The following are candidates for the seat vacated by DUNN; all have cross-filed:

### CARLOS BEE, Democrat.

Mr. BEE, the official candidate of his party, is a Councilman, City of Hayward, and is also an educator. He has been endorsed by the AFL Voters' League of Alameda County.

### EDWARD A. ROBEY, Republican.

Mr. ROBEY, an Oakland realtor, is seeking the nomination of both parties.

### OLIVER C. STIVERS, Republican, is a Hayward business man.

### EDWARD V. TATE, Democrat, is a Dry Cleaner residing in Hayward.

Since limited information is available concerning these candidates, a local investigation is suggested.

## 14TH ASSEMBLY

14th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—The City of Alameda portion of ALAMEDA COUNTY.

### RANDALL F. DICKEY, Republican Incumbent.

DICKEY, an Alameda attorney, is seeking his eighth term in the Assembly, having first been elected in 1940. He is the official Republican candidate.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits DICKEY with the following record on key test votes during recent years:

1949—17 "good," 6 "bad" and 6 absences.

1951—7 "good," 5 "bad" and 5 absences.

1953—12 "good," 3 "bad" and 4 absences.

### ROBERT W. CROWN, Democrat.

CROWN, a young attorney and resident of Alameda, is the official candidate of his party. He is pledged to support the program of the California Democratic party. This is his first bid for office.

In a statement to the UTILITY REPORTER, CROWN said: "I am anxious to do my part to solve the unemployment problem which confronts many residents of my district.

"I firmly believe that labor organizations should be encouraged in their growth, rather than restricted by bad legislation. Free collective bargaining is essential to our way of life—and it must be encouraged.

"This opportunity to bring a message to the members of the IBEW is greatly appreciated. I shall appreciate the opportunity to serve you in our State Assembly."

## 15TH ASSEMBLY

15th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—Part of the Central area of ALAMEDA County.

### LUTHER H. LINCOLN, Republican Incumbent.

An Oakland Lumberman, LINCOLN is seeking his fourth term in the Assembly as the official candidate of the Republican party. He was first elected in 1948.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits him with the following record of votes on key issues during his three terms:

1949—1 "good," 5 "bad" and 13 absences.

1951—8 "good," 3 "bad" and 6 absences.

1953—7 "good," 5 "bad" and 7 absences.

LINCOLN has one of the poorest attendance records of all Assemblymen, with regard to the key test issues tabulated by the State A. F. of L.

### ROBERT B. (Bob) RIVER, Democrat.

Mr. RIVER, the official candidate of the Democratic Party, is a Civil Engineer and an Oakland resident. In addition to his degree in Engineering, RIVER has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has done graduate work at U.C. He is married and has 3 children.

He is a recognized authority on control and regulation of public utilities and is widely known for his many reports and studies on rapid transit, traffic, flood control and water resource projects.

RIVER is pledged to the following program: Solution of our transit and traffic problems; provision for adequate Civil Defense facilities; protection of our youth by stopping the flow of narcotics; the end of "boss rule" and secret government in California; the amendment of state Disability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance to provide payments which meet the cost of living.

He is endorsed and supported by the Alameda County AFL Voter's League.

## 16TH ASSEMBLY

16th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—City of Piedmont and Northeast sectors of ALAMEDA County.

### WALTER DAHL, Republican Incumbent.

DAHL, a Piedmont Real Estate and Insurance Broker, was first elected at a Special Election on November 10, 1953. He has, thus, (Continued on Page Seven)

# Here Are Candidates For Congress

## These Are Key Issues on Which Congressmen Voted

1. Wood Bill (HR 2032)—May 3, 1949; passed 217 to 203; Nay-G.

Vote to substitute anti-labor Wood bill, which contained all the most obnoxious features of the Taft-Hartley Act, in place of the AFL-backed Lesinski bill to repeal Taft-Hartley Act.

2. Reduce Minimum Wage Coverage (HR 5856)—August 10, 1949. Passed 225 to 181. Nay-G.

Vote on Lucas amendment to Fair Labor Standards Act which removed one million people previously covered by Act. This amendment cut out those most in need of protection.

3. Raise Old Age Insurance Benefits (HR 7800)—May 19, 1952. Defeated 150 to 140. Yea-G. (Two thirds majority required.)

Vote on bill to increase old-age security insurance benefits \$5 per month and protect insurance rights of those permanently disabled. Bill was killed by American Medical Association lobbyists. (Bill later passed by bandwagon vote, 362 to 22.)

4. Cripple, Disability and Unemployment Compensation (HR 6900)—August 16, 1950—Passed 188 to 186. Nay-G.

Vote on Wolcott motion to prevent recommitting bill to committee for purpose of including disability insurance and removing bad Knowland amendment on unemployment insurance. (Knowland amendment destroyed federal regulation of unemployment compensation laws and permitted states to force the unemployed to break strikes or go without compensation.)

5. Liquidate Public Housing (HR 4663)—July 21, 1953. Passed 239 to 161. Nay-G.

Vote on Phillips motion that House concur with Senate to authorize construction of 20,000 public housing units in fiscal year 1954 out of 62,000 previously authorized and contracted for. Representative Phillips admitted his motion would place public housing on a liquidation basis.

6. End Rent Control—(HR 8120) June 26, 1952—Passed 226 to 169. Nay-G.

Vote on Wheeler amendment which ended all rent control on September 30, 1952, except in critical defense areas or where local authorities request its continuance.

7. Reduce Income Tax Burden on Workers (HR 8300)—March 18, 1954. Defeated 204 to 210. Yea-G.

Vote on a motion to send the Administration's tax revision bill back to committee for purpose of substituting a \$100 increase in personal income tax exemptions for a provision granting major relief to the wealthy few in the nation who have divided income. (The tax revision bill was heavily weighted in favor of corporations and wealthy individuals.)

8. End Price Controls (HR 8120) June 26, 1952. Passed 210 to 182. Nay-G.

Vote on Talle amendment to end all controls except on a handful of scarce materials being allocated or rationed for civilian use.

9. Prevent Border Hiring of Mexican Labor (HJ Res. 355)—March 2, 1954. Defeated 156 to 250. Yea-G.

Vote on Shelley motion to recommit resolution legalizing unilateral recruitment of Mexican labor at the border under a program instituted by the Eisenhower administration following expiration of the international agreement with Mexico for legal importation of Mexican farm labor. (Shortly after passage of the resolution, an international agreement with Mexico was negotiated.)

10. Prevent National Forest "Giveaway" (HR 4646)—February 17, 1954. Passed 226 to 161. Yea-G.

Vote on Metcalf motion to recommit a measure giving large timber owners valuable rights to national forests, instead of money, if their private lands were requisitioned by the government. (Be-

sides being a well-conceived giveaway, the measure transferred forest land operated for multiple use, such as watershed protection, recreation and grazing, to a single use—timber production.)

11. Delete Point IV Program—(HR 7797)—March 31, 1953. Defeated 150 to 220. Nay-G.

Vote on Smith motion to recommit bill with instructions to eliminate Title III, the Point IV program for development of backward areas and prevention of Communist encroachment.

12. Increase Hospital Construction Funds—(HR 5246)—May 26, 1953. Defeated 197 to 203. Yea-G.

Vote on Fogarty amendment to increase from \$50 to \$75 million funds from which federal government grants assistance to local communities for construction of hospitals.

### 4TH CONGRESSIONAL PHILLIP O'ROURKE

Democrat

Mr. O'ROURKE, official Democratic candidate, is a Vice-President of the American Radio Assn., a CIO organization.

Born in Ireland in 1902, he attended school in the famous village of Killarney. After 25 years of maritime service, including the war years, he came ashore to work for the American Radio Assn. He had been a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Maritime Service.

Appointed in 1950 by the U.S. Secretary of Labor to serve on the Coast Guard Security Board, he has served on the Security Review Board for four years and has been active in numerous civic affairs. He resides with his wife and two children in San Francisco.

He also served on the "Little Hoover" Commission which investigated the streamlining of San Francisco administrative structure and procedure.

He was co-founder of an Irish literary and historical society, and chairman of the American Red Cross Blood Bank in San Francisco.

O'ROURKE is committed to a program of full employment, greater purchasing power, and improvements in the general business economy.

WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD

Republican incumbent

MAILLIARD, now seeking his second term in the Congress, is an attorney who resides in San Francisco.

He is credited by the AFL with 4 "good" votes, 8 "bad" votes, and no absences during his first term. On the roll call test votes he voted FOR No. 5 and 10; AGAINST No. 7, 9, and 12.

He was not a member of Congress when the remaining issues were put to a vote.

### 5TH CONGRESSIONAL

This is the only district in California in which the incumbent is unopposed.



REP. JOHN F. SHELLEY, Democrat, is a former president of the California State Federation of Labor, former secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, and former State Senator from San Francisco County for the period 1938 to 1946.

SHELLEY has an outstanding record of service in both the State Legislature and the nation's Congress. He was co-author of the famous Shelley-Maloney bill which first established the State Disability Insurance program in California. He deserves the overwhelming support of every citizen in his district in this, his third term in the Congress, as a token of our appreciation for his able leadership.

### 6TH CONGRESSIONAL

This promises to be one of the hottest fights in the nation. The Democratic incumbent, Robert F. Condon, is being opposed by another Democrat and by one Republican in a three-way battle. Background of the candidates follows:



ROBERT F. CONDON  
Democratic incumbent

CONDON, a Walnut Creek attorney, is seeking his second term in the nation's Congress. He is the official candidate of the California Democratic Party.

Prior to his election to Congress, Mr. CONDON served two terms in the State Assembly. His 1951 voting record, as reported by the State AFL, is 17 "good" votes, no "bad" votes, and no absences. During the 1949 session he was credited with 24 "good" votes, no "bad" votes, and 5 absences.

His AFL record in Congress is reported as 9 "good," 1 "bad," and 2 absences. On the roll call test votes he voted FOR No. 7, 9, 10, and 12; AGAINST No. 5.

The remaining test votes were taken before he became a member of Congress.

AL L. DAY

Democrat

Mr. DAY, a Concord city councilman, is making his first bid for partisan political office. While he had been invited to submit a statement concerning his views to the "Utility Reporter," he had not accepted the invitation at press time.

No information concerning his personal background or legislative views is available to Local 1245.



JOHN F. BALDWIN, JR.  
Republican

The official Republican candidate, Mr. BALDWIN is an attorney who resides in Martinez. He opposed Congressman Condon in 1952 and was defeated at the General Election.

A graduate of the University of California, BALDWIN entered the Army as a private and rose to lieutenant colonel during the last war. He served as Chief of the Foreign Fiscal Affairs Branch of

the War Department. He is a member of numerous veteran and civic organizations in his home community.

BALDWIN is pledged to fight for increased allocation of Government shipbuilding contracts to West Coast yards. He favors continued assistance to those governments "actually resisting Communist aggression." He favors the "elimination or modification" of inequitable sections of present labor laws.

BALDWIN has devoted much of his campaign time to discussing the issues of Communism.

### 7TH CONGRESSIONAL

This is another straight party contest between the Republican incumbent and his Democratic challenger.



JOHN J. ALLEN, JR.  
Republican incumbent

Now seeking his fifth term in the Congress, Mr. ALLEN, the official Republican candidate, is an Oakland attorney. ALLEN was born and raised in the 7th District and is the son of the late Judge J. J. Allen.

He had service in World War I as an apprentice seaman and served as an advance base officer, Navy, South Pacific, in World War II.

Mr. ALLEN served for 20 years as an Oakland School Director.

The official AFL voting record credits him with 6 "good" votes, 50 "bad" votes, and 2 absences on a total of 58 test issues during the past eight years. On the roll call test votes he voted FOR No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 11; AGAINST No. 7, 9, 10, 12.



STANLEY K. CROOK  
Democrat

Mr. CROOK, the official Democratic candidate, is an economist and business consultant who resides in Berkeley. He is married and has two young sons.

CROOK has served as executive secretary of the State Assembly Interim Committee on Public Health; executive secretary of the Pacific Coast Board of Intergovernmental Relations; secretary of the Far Western Association of Civil Defense Directors; and as a research consultant in western economic affairs.

He has also had Government experience as labor relations adviser to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture; special consultant to the chairman of the National Security Resources Board; and as economist for the Western Regional Office of Price Stabilization. In a statement to Local 1245, CROOK said:

"We cannot longer ignore the plain economic danger signals. Prompt effective action must be taken to restore full employment and to maintain it—not merely as

an immediate necessity but as a constant long-range policy.

"Taxes must be fair, equitable, and firmly grounded on the principle of ability to pay. Tax relief must go first to low and middle income families rather than to corporations and the wealthy.

"Most of all, the people of the 7th Congressional District are entitled to firm, aggressive, constructive representation in Congress—to leadership in the fight for security and prosperity.

"If you give me your support, I can only promise you that all my experience, all my training and my understanding will go into the job of representing you—in this District."

Mr. CROOK has long been active in California Democratic Party activities. He is pledged to support the platform and the program of his party.

### 8TH CONGRESSIONAL

This is another straight party contest. Background of the candidates follows.



GEORGE P. MILLER  
Democratic incumbent

Mr. MILLER, now seeking his seventh consecutive term, is the official candidate of the Democratic Party.

He is credited, in his AFL voting record, with having cast 55 "good" votes, no "bad" votes, and having been absent on 7 occasions during the 10-year period covered by this tabulation. On the test issues involved, he voted FOR No. 7, 9, 10, and 12; AGAINST No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 11; was ABSENT on No. 3.

JESSE M. RITCHIE  
Republican

Mr. RITCHIE, the official candidate of the Republican Party, lists himself as a general engineering contractor. He is a resident of Oakland.

In a statement to the "Utility Reporter," Mr. RITCHIE'S campaign secretary wrote as follows:

"Mr. RITCHIE has a broad background in the field of Labor, being an original member of Local No. 30, Operating Engineers, AFL, and having the distinction of being superintendent of construction and union steward for the Operating Engineers on the same job at the same time. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers; the Manila Engineering District Club, Philippine Islands; the Society of Military Engineers; and holds many other distinctions in the field of mechanical and civil engineering.

"Mr. RITCHIE has had many years experience in Washington, D.C., in his battle for AD-X2 and believes in the 'rights of the little people.'"

This is Mr. RITCHIE'S first bid for major office.

### 9TH CONGRESSIONAL

J. ARTHUR YOUNGER  
Republican incumbent

YOUNGER is the official Republican candidate, seeking his second term in the House of Representatives. He is a resident of San Mateo.

According to the AFL report he cast 10 "bad" votes, no "good" votes, and had two absences during his first term in Congress. He (Continued on Page Eight)

## GRAVES ON THE ISSUES

### (Continued from Page One) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CALIFORNIA

"California's population will increase by at least a million and a half during the next four years—the terms in office of your next governor. In that period, we must create some half-million new jobs, if the 12½ million present Californians and the newcomers are to enjoy full employment and prosperity. I favor immediate creation in state government of a State Redevelopment Agency, which, working with labor, business, civic groups and local governments, will launch an aggressive program for economic expansion. This agency will provide the leadership in a continuing drive to attract to California new industries which will create the necessary jobs and also the new wealth needed to finance improved educational, welfare and other governmental services for our growing population. As Governor of California, I shall use the great national prestige and influence of that office to see to it that Federal policies adopted in Washington foster the economic development of California."

### ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF UTILITY EMPLOYEES

"I do not think that you want your rights abridged by any kind of state act. That would be dynamite and I cannot see it. Is there any kind of situation which could not ordinarily be resolved by collective bargaining? You cannot take away these collective bargaining rights from any group so long as they are willing to try to use them."

### THE SCHOOL PROBLEM

#### (a) School Construction to Meet Our Needs

"Public school enrollment will increase another 550,000 during the next four years. By 1961 the enrollment will climb to over three million. We must make room for these students! To do so, we must open an average of 13 new classrooms every morning for the next few years!"

"In short, we must dynamite the school house log jam with all the power we have. The exact system we finally develop, the exact amount of State money that will be necessary to assist our local school districts, are problems we must all decide upon with the help of our educational and financial experts. But whatever the plan and whatever the amount, I am confident the voters of California will approve it, when they understand the advantages and economies of an adequate, long-range attack on the school building problem, as compared to the year-by-year emergency methods we have been using. We must not waste a single dollar—but we must and can do the job for education that has to be done."

#### (b) Overcoming the Teacher Shortage

"Part of the problem is salaries. While we in California have raised teachers' pay to a point where it compares favorably with other states, the fact remains teachers have left the profession because they could make more in other occupations. In the years ahead, we should work to bring teaching pay scales in line with the high standards of the profession."

"And we certainly must restore and elevate the status and dignity of teachers in our society. The present atmosphere of fear and suppression—which seems to have singled out teachers in particular as targets of suspicion—is hardly an inducement to make education a career. We must strengthen academic freedom if we are to attract and hold loyal, capable teachers in our school system."

"As Governor, I will nourish the hope—with deeds as well as words—the hope of giving California children the very best education we can contrive."

### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

"In some respects, public employees are, of course, in a different position than employees of private business. But I believe in the right of government workers to organize for the protection of

their interest, to join unions, and to have their union spokesmen deal with governmental administrators."

### CROSS-FILING

"Cross-filing, adopted near the turn of the century, has stayed on to plague the development of a strong, vigorous two-party system in California state politics. I favor elimination of cross-filing to restore party responsibility."

### DEVELOPMENT OF WATER AND POWER RESOURCES

"Instead of wasting time and money studying State purchase, we should be exerting all our efforts on an integrated, long-range State program for the maximum development of our water and power resources. This program will require the cooperation and participation of federal, state and local governments and also the private power companies, in a manner consistent with sound public policy."

"We need such a master program now. We can no more recover lost water than we can recover lost time. We should lose no more of either."

### INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT, DISABILITY AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE BENEFITS

"Consistent with the maintenance of the solvency of the unemployment insurance and disability insurance funds, I favor increases in benefits and extension of coverage wherever possible and administratively practical. As Governor, I shall reform the Department of Employment, and see to it that applicants are treated fairly, squarely and humanely."

"Payments under workmen's compensation should be allowed to increase as the worker's wage and cost of living increases, in order that temporarily or permanently disabled workers may maintain a decent living standard. An immediate increase in maximum weekly benefits to \$40 is needed. Death benefits to widows and dependent children should be liberalized, as they have been in other states, to more adequately provide for the care of survivors."

### WELFARE PROGRAMS

"We must strive to provide public assistance in California to ALL persons in legitimate need, indigents as well as aged, blind, and needy children, at a level that will provide adequate health and a decent standard of living."

"California remains the only large industrial state without a program of state aid for the totally and permanently disabled. I regard such disability resulting from accident or disease as creating a joint federal-state-county responsibility, and I would urge that California follow the example of 39 other states in implementing this Social Security program. Adoption of such a program would relieve the indigent aid burden on the counties, which in this recession period has increased seriously. It would also allow California to take advantage of a federal grant-in-aid program that we are now supporting, but from which we receive no benefit."

### FREEDOMS AND SPECIAL LOYALTY OATHS

"Today, our freedoms are seriously imperiled. Communism would crush all liberty and make all men slaves. This great menace we must combat with every resource at our command. We know that the course of history has placed in America's hands the opportunity and the obligation to lead the free world in preserving and strengthening its freedom against Communism. But our hands must be clean—unsouled by undemocratic practices at home, if we are to win and hold the support of those parts of the world where the choice hangs yet in the balance."

"I believe very strongly in freedom and democracy—in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights which guarantee us this freedom. I don't think we keep it by taking oaths. I was opposed to the academic oath at the University of California. I was opposed to the non-Communist affidavit provision of the Taft-Hartley Act. It assumed that Americans were un-American. We now have all public



The members of the PG&E Negotiating Committee are shown here studying the numerous proposals which have been submitted for the 1954 negotiations. From left to right, they are MERT WALTERS, Asst. Bus. Mgr., RUSSELL STONE, WALT KAUFMAN, former Committee Chairman ROY MURRAY, new Chairman FRANK QUADROS, EVERETT RYPINSKI, ED JAMES and EVERETT BASINGER.

## How Candidates Were Chosen

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chose to disregard the action of the Convention—and have filed anyway!

Now that these candidates are on the ballot—the choice rests with you. Your votes, at the primary election, will determine which candidates will remain on the November General Election ballot. Any candidate who wins the NOMINATION of his OWN political party, by receiving the highest vote of all contenders, is then certified by the Secretary of State as the "NOMINEE OF THE PARTY" and will appear on the general election ballot. When one candidate receives the nominations of both major parties, he is, to all intents and purposes, actually elected. His name must still be put before the voters at the general election, though—just in case any one wishes to run as a "write-in" candidate.

That's the way it works. The next job is yours—that of VOTING ON JUNE 8—to insure that our majority rule process is still effective.

## Municipalities Get Set to Bargain

Bus. Rep. Al Hansen, with the 1953 municipalities negotiations finally wrapped up just a couple of months ago, is now getting set for the next round.

Proposals are now being readied for the following units: Sacramento Municipal Utility District; City of Alameda; City of Lodi; City of Santa Clara; City of Oakland, and City of Berkeley.

Negotiating committees for each of the respective units have met and outlined changes in working conditions for inclusion in the new proposals. Bro. Hansen is busily engaged in compiling statistical wage information for use in substantiating proposed inequity corrections and general wage increases. The state-wide wage survey of Municipal Utilities, conducted by Local 1245 last year, has been brought up to date this month. It now reflects all recent changes in wage rates and working conditions.

The SMUD Unit also reports they have been successful in inducing a prominent real estate broker to become a candidate for the Board of Directors of the District. Political action seems to hold a lot of the interest of the members these days.

employees sign an oath. Veterans and churches must sign an oath.

"It seems to me that if we teach ourselves and our children what Americanism is and what it means—and why we have the Bill of Rights—this, to me, is the most effective way of dealing with the problem of dealing with subversive influence."

**BE SURE YOU  
VOTE JUNE 8TH!**

## KNIGHT ON THE ISSUES

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With respect to the unemployment problem in California, Knight stated on April 30, 1954, that reports of unemployment being down were "encouraging." He added "it's possible that all this recession and unemployment talk will subside after June 8 (the date of California's primary elections)." (Source: Los Angeles DAILY NEWS, May 1, 1954.)

Just a day later, on May 1, 1954, he was quoted as saying that the only complaints he personally gets about a business recession in California come from "politicians and political sources." He was further quoted, "I get no mail from Chambers of Commerce, civic organizations or even substantial unions," he declared, adding:

"I do get letters occasionally from some politicians or political sources suggesting we initiate hundreds of millions of dollars of public works—but never telling where to get the hundred millions." (Source: San Francisco CHRONICLE, May 2, 1954.)

### ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF UTILITY EMPLOYEES

While Knight has given no specific answer to this question, he has stated that "I am unreservedly in favor of free collective bargaining. I am unreservedly opposed to any oppressive legislation aimed at labor."

The San Francisco CHRONICLE in its issue of August 22, 1953, quotes Knight as saying, "Elimination of cross filing—would destroy the Republican party. There would not be 15 Republicans elected to the State Legislature in 1954. The Governor and other Republican constitutional officers would be defeated."

### INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT, DISABILITY AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE BENEFITS

Governor Knight referred to his action on supporting Assembly Bill 1 at the 1954 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, which increased maximum benefits of unemployment insurance from \$25 to \$30 per week. (The official California Department of Employment statement regarding this increase, dated April 3, 1954, reported that passage of the bill would mean approximately \$18 million more per year for unemployment insurance claimants than they would otherwise have received. The statement went on to report that "A B 1 also gives 110,000 California employers a \$38 million cushion against the possibility that their 1955 tax rate will jump above that for 1954 solely because the Unemployment Fund balance on December 31, 1954, is below 7.5 per cent of taxable wages. A new, lower breaking-point of 7.1 per cent was established by the bill.")

While Knight is reported to have made no specific reply regarding increases for Disability Insurance Benefits, he did believe there might be room for better death benefits payable from the Workmen's Compensation Fund to widows and dependent children of a worker killed by industrial accident.

### FREEDOMS AND SPECIAL LOYALTY OATHS

While serving as Lieut. Governor, Knight was automatically a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California. During the lengthy debate over the imposition of the "loyalty oath" for members of the faculty Knight joined with the majority of the Regents who succeeded in passing the oath requirement. Knight was also reported to be in favor of the 1953 State Legislative bill which requires all veterans to sign a loyalty oath in order to receive the \$1000 property tax exemption which is provided by law for California veterans. His position on the special oath for leaders of churches, if it is a matter of public record, has not been brought to our attention.

### LABOR VOTING RECORD

The Presiding Officer of the State Senate may vote only to break a tie. The only recorded vote of Knight, as Lieut. Governor, which we have a record of, was cast on June 8, 1951. The issue was a bill, supported by organized labor, which would prohibit the state from discriminating against apprentices in state construction projects. Knight voted against this bill. Later in the Legislative session, on a motion for reconsideration, the bill was put to a vote again, but did not result in a tie. Thus, Knight had no opportunity to change his initial vote.

Due to Knight's failure to appear before our Executive Board on May 1, the UTILITY REPORTER had to utilize public statements on the above issues rather than direct answers to our prepared questions as reported on Richard Graves.

### GOV. KNIGHT'S POSITION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

From speech to Commonwealth Club of Calif. May 5, 1954.

"During the past 10 years our public school enrollment has increased by 860,000. It is currently increasing twice as fast as death rate. We must spend one billion on school construction by 1960!"

"We must construct an average of 100 classrooms per week from now to the end of 1960—and somewhere, we must find at least 100,000 additional teachers to handle all these new classrooms and students."

"No state ever faced a bigger building program. I am confident the people of California can meet this challenge. I shall look forward to leading the way."

### WHO SAID THAT?

Listening to the Happiness Boys peddling their false optimism reminds us of an observation by the great cowboy humorist, the late and beloved Will Rogers, who said in October of 1930—

"There has been more optimism talked and less of it practiced than at any time in our history. Millionaires are offering speeches instead of offering jobs. The optimism all comes from banquet tables where everybody has more than they can eat."

Did he say . . . that was 1930? ?

A wise man never gets choked on his own tongue.

# More Assembly Candidates

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served only in the Budget Session of 1954.

A former Mayor and Councilman in Piedmont, DAHL is the official candidate of the Republican party.

**SAM W. BLANFORD**, Democrat. BLANFORD, official candidate of the Democratic party, is making his first bid for political office.

A Journeyman Machinist and long-time member of the International Association of Machinists, A. F. of L., BLANFORD is supported by all labor organizations in his district. He is pledged to support the program and platform of the Democratic party and is concerned with the rising unemployment in California.

## 17TH ASSEMBLY

Northwestern Section of Alameda County

WM. BYRON RUMFORD, Democratic incumbent.

First elected in 1948, Rumford now seeks his 4th term in the State Assembly. He is the official Democratic candidate and is endorsed by all labor organizations in his district.

A pharmacist in Oakland, RUMFORD was educated at U.C. College of Pharmacy. He has also taken graduate work in Political Science. He is married and has 3 children.

RUMFORD'S voting record on key issues, as reported by the State A. F. of L. Legislative report, is as follows:

1949-24 "good" votes, 2 "bad," 3 absences.

1951-16 "good," no "bad," 1 absence.

1953-5 "good" votes, no "bad," 14 absences. RUMFORD was in Germany during most of the 1953 session on a U.S. State Department mission.)

JOHN ADAMS, JR.—Republican. The official candidate of the Republican Party, ADAMS is an attorney who lives in Berkeley. He has been active with the N.A.A.C.P. in the Bay area for a number of years and has represented numerous persons in litigation to prevent discrimination because of race, color or creed. ADAMS states "If am elected, I will devote all of my time and effort in the Legislature as your public servant and in the protection of your interests."

## 18TH ASSEMBLY

Northern Portion of Alameda County

THOMAS W. CALDECOTT, Republican incumbent.

The official candidate of the Republican party, CALDECOTT has served in the Legislature since 1946 and now seeks his 5th term. He is an Oakland attorney who resides in Berkeley. CALDECOTT is Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and is a member of numerous other important Assembly committees.

The State A. F. of L. in its official Legislative Report, credits him with the following record on key roll call votes:

1949-11 "good," 14 "bad" votes and 4 absences.

1951-5 "good," 10 "bad" and 2 absences.

1953-8 "good," 7 "bad" and 4 absences.

WINTON McKIBBEN, Democrat.

McKIBBEN, the official Democratic candidate, is a Berkeley attorney who is making his first bid for elective office. He is a member of the International Association of Machinists and worked his way through Law School at the University of San Francisco. He is married and has 2 young children.

He is pledged to support the program of the California Democratic Party. McKIBBEN, in a statement to the UTILITY REPORTER, stated: "I will work to fill job needs and growth needs of our increasing population by building schools, hospitals and other necessary public projects."

"I believe in fair taxes and will work to equalize the tax burden in accord with ability to pay—which means a reduction in consumer taxes. I believe that we must limit the expenditures of lobbyists, require accurate accounting of their expenditures and encourage equal representation for all groups.

McKIBBEN is supported by all the labor organizations in his district.

## 19TH ASSEMBLY

Southwestern Part of San Francisco County

CHARLES W. MEYERS, Democratic incumbent.

A San Francisco business man, MEYERS is seeking his 4th term in the Assembly having been first elected in 1948. He is the official candidate for the Democratic party.

MEYERS serves on the very important Finance and Insurance Committee of the Assembly. The State AFL, in tabulating 29 roll call votes IN COMMITTEE, reports MEYERS cast 18 "good" votes, 6 "bad" and was absent on 5 roll calls. (This is the committee which must act on all legislation affecting Unemployment, Disability and Workmen's Compensation before the bills can go to the main body.)

The voting record of MEYERS on the key test issues, as recorded by the State AFL Legislative Report, is as follows:

1949-27 "good" votes, no "bad" and 2 absences.

1951-15 "good" votes, 1 "bad" and 1 absence.

1953-14 "good" votes, 5 "bad" and no absences.

WALTER D. FORBES, Republican.

FORBES is one of three Republicans opposing MEYERS for this seat. He is an industrial chemist, who resides in San Francisco. No information as to his background and qualifications has been made available to the UTILITY REPORTER.

FRANK J. MAHER, Republican.

An office manager in San Francisco, MAHER has made no information concerning his qualifications, available to the UTILITY REPORTER.

MILTON MARKS, Republican.

MARKS is a 33-year-old San Francisco attorney, who is making his second bid for the State Assembly. He was a candidate in the 21st Assembly District in 1952, losing at the primary election.

MARKS has been officially endorsed by the Republican party and by the Union Labor Party of San Francisco.

## 20TH ASSEMBLY

Part of San Francisco County

THOMAS A. MALONEY, Republican incumbent.

The second oldest member of the Assembly, in point of service, MALONEY was first elected 30 years ago, in 1924. He is a San Francisco insurance broker.

MALONEY is a member of the important Finance and Insurance and Industrial Relations Committee of the Assembly, as well as numerous other committees.

In 29 roll call votes in the Finance & Insurance Committee, the State AFL credits him with 27 "good" votes, 1 "bad" and 1 absence. MALONEY is credited with 5 "good," 1 "bad" and 1 absence on 7 roll call votes in the Industrial Relations Committee.

His voting record, as listed by the State AFL, is as follows during the past 3 Legislative Sessions:

1949-25 "good" votes, 3 "bad" and 1 absence.

1951-17 "good" votes, no "bad" and no absences.

1953-18 "good" votes, 1 "bad" and no absences.

MALONEY is cross-filed and seeks both major party nominations. He is supported by all labor organizations in his district.

CHARLES H. TUTT, Democrat.

Another San Francisco Insurance Broker, TUTT seeks only the nomination of the Democratic party. No information regarding his qualifications has been furnished the UTILITY REPORTER. It is suggested that members living in this district investigate at the local level.

## 21ST ASSEMBLY

Northwestern Part of San Francisco County

CASPER W. WEINBERGER, Republican incumbent, is unopposed for re-election in this dis-

# More State Candidates

## State Treasurer

This is an unusual contest because the official candidates of the major political parties are both named Johnson. Also in the race are Robert R. DARBY, Republican, an Inglewood business man and Fred H. Ross, Prohibition Party candidate, who resides in Alhambra.

He is seeking his 2nd term in the Assembly.

The Legislative Report of the State AFL credits WEINBERGER with the following votes on key issues during the 1953 session: 7 "good," 9 "bad" and 3 absences.

## 22ND ASSEMBLY

Central portion of San Francisco County

BERNARD R. BRADY, Democratic Incumbent.

A San Francisco accountant, BRADY has served in the Assembly since 1952. He is seeking his 7th term and is the official Democratic candidate.

The Legislative Reports of the State AFL credits him with the following votes on key issues:

1949-16 "good" votes, 6 "bad" and 7 absences.

1951-9 "good" votes, 7 "bad" and 1 absence.

1953-12 "good" votes, 5 "bad" and 2 absences.

JOHN A. BUSTERUD, Republican.

The official candidate of his party, BUSTERUD is a 33-year-old San Francisco attorney who is seeking his first public office. He has been endorsed by the Union Labor Party of San Francisco.

Since no information concerning his candidacy was furnished the UTILITY REPORTER, it is recommended that members make a local investigation.

## 23RD ASSEMBLY

South-central part of San Francisco County

This is one to watch carefully, since the incumbent, whose name will appear on your ballot, died shortly after the filing deadline. Under California's election code requirements, his name WILL REMAIN ON THE BALLOT.

WILLIAM CLIFTON BERRY—Democrat incumbent.

BERRY Died early in May, but his name must remain on the ballot.



PHILLIP BURTON, Democrat.

The official candidate of the Democratic party, BURTON is a 30-year-old San Francisco attorney who is supported by all labor organizations in his district. He has been active in the Democratic party for a number of years, is a member of the State Central Committee and the Western Regional Director of Young Democrats of America. He has NOT cross-filed but seeks only the Democratic nomination.

In his statement to the UTILITY REPORTER, BURTON said:

"I am concerned about the unemployment problem in California. We MUST provide JOBS by a state public works program to eliminate unemployment.

"We must increase pensions to \$100 per month and eliminate relatives' responsibility and the "means test" requirements.

"We must increase the availability of low-cost public housing and (Continued on Page Eight)

The office of State Treasurer is extremely important because of the state appointments which the incumbent is automatically entitled to, in addition to the vital function of safeguarding the state's monies.

The Treasurer is a member of the following committees: California Water Project Authority; State Finance Committee; finance committee of the Veterans' Welfare Board and member of the State School Building Finance Committee.

The background of the principal candidates is set forth below.



GEORGE E. JOHNSON, Democrat.

The official candidate of the Democratic party, GEORGE E. JOHNSON is a successful Sacramento business man and the President of the California Restaurant Association. His relationship with the trade unions which represent his employees has always been excellent. George E. is 53 years old, married, father of two children and a three-time grandfather.

He is presently Treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee, has been a delegate to numerous national Democratic Conventions and is identified with many civic, fraternal and veterans' activities in his home community of Sacramento.

In a special statement to Local 1245, GEORGE E. JOHNSON says, "I am a candidate for State Treasurer because I believe that, after 32 years of one man's administration, this office is due for a change. California's problems must be met in today's terms, with a fresh outlook and new vigor. As the officially endorsed candidate of the AFL, CIO and Railway Brotherhood unions, I feel that my qualifications for office will appeal to the members of your local."

This is MR. GEORGE E. JOHNSON'S first race for elective political office.



CHARLES G. JOHNSON, Republican incumbent.

A candidate for re-election for his 9th four-year term, CHARLES G. JOHNSON is the official candidate of the Republican party.

He is a former San Francisco banking official, having organized the Swedish American Bank many years ago. CHARLES G. JOHNSON was the state's first superintendent of weights and measures, holding that office for 8 years before his first term as Treasurer.

In a special statement to Local 1245, CHARLES G. JOHNSON ad-

vised, "Enclosed in a short article relating to my qualifications for the office of State Treasurer. I am grateful for your offer to run an article, and if space permits, a picture."

The statement reports that during CHARLES G. JOHNSON'S long administration, he has handled bond investments which will return the state interest earnings approximating \$200 million and bank deposits which will bring in another \$30 million to ease the burden of California taxpayers.

CHARLES G. JOHNSON advocated legislation which revised the procedures providing for treasury control of all state money. Under the new procedure, all state funds go into the Treasury and state agencies issue treasury warrants against their budget appropriations. The new system is self-supporting and has returned a profit to the state of over \$500,000 annually.

MR. CHARLES G. JOHNSON is a member of the committees listed at the beginning of this article. He is presently the senior member of the Water Project Authority.

## State Controller

GEORGE D. COLLINS, JR., Democrat.

Official candidate of the Democratic party for State Controller. COLLINS, a San Francisco attorney, is a veteran member of the State Assembly, having been first elected 16 years ago. He has served continuously for 8 terms.

COLLINS has always maintained an outstanding labor voting record. During the 1953 General Session of the legislature, he was credited with 17 "good" votes, no "bad" and 2 absences on 19 test issues reported by the State Federation of Labor.

MR. COLLINS has consistently supported all measures designed to improve and extend benefits of our unemployment, disability and workmen's compensation insurance programs. He has introduced numerous bills designed to improve the ability and structure of the Unemployment Insurance Code. It was COLLINS who introduced the bill to repeal the "hot cargo" and secondary boycott law, which had been declared unconstitutional, but still remained on the statute books.

COLLINS has been especially active in introducing and supporting legislation concerning our tax structure (important since tax problems are the principal concern of the State Controller.) He introduced a measure which called for creation of a California Tax Commission of 8 members, including 2 from labor, to investigate and study state and local tax structures and administration. He also introduced a bill calling for reduction of the state sales tax to 2 per cent, increasing personal income tax exemptions for family breadwinners and making up the resultant tax loss to the state by increasing taxes on big salaries, insurance companies and corporate income. The bills were defeated in Assembly committee.

This is MR. COLLINS' first bid for state-wide elective office.

ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD  
Republican incumbent

The official candidate of the Republican Party, Mr. KIRKWOOD is a former Assemblyman, having served three terms from 1947 to 1952. A resident of Saratoga, in Santa Clara County, KIRKWOOD was appointed Controller by Governor Warren in 1952 in another of the California "Tinker-Evers-Chance" plays. (When Nixon was elected Vice President, Warren appointed Kuchel as U.S. Senator, and KIRKWOOD as Controller, replacing Kuchel.)

According to the State AFL voting record, Mr. KIRKWOOD was credited with 1 "good" vote, 14 "bad" votes, and 2 absences at the 1951 session of the Legislature. He was credited with 2 "good" votes, 18 "bad" votes, and 9 absences at the 1949 General Session.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

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voted FOR No. 5; AGAINST No. 6, 9, 10, and 12. He was not a member of Congress when the other issues were put to a vote.

In a statement to the "Utility Reporter" from his campaign publicity director, the following comments were noted:

"J. A. YOUNGER in his first term has proved his ability by his outstanding service to all the people of the 9th Congressional District, regardless of party, and deserves the wholehearted support of every citizen of the county in the June 8 Primary.

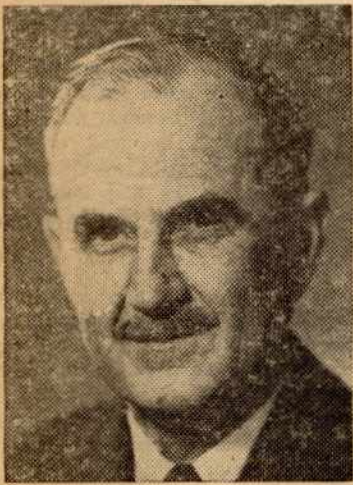
"He has fought for and achieved economy in government and the first major tax reduction in over 20 years. President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon have praised YOUNGER for his forceful backing on major legislation needed to help enact the challenging and forceful program of the Administration—restoring dignity and confidence in our Federal Government."

He is a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House.

### HAROLD F. TAGGART Democrat

Dr. TAGGART, dean at the San Mateo Junior College, is the official candidate of the Democratic Party. TAGGART, who narrowly missed election to this office in 1952, is making his second bid. He is known as one of the outstanding educators in California.

TAGGART supports the program of the Democratic Party. He is pledged to take action to eliminate



HAROLD F. TAGGART  
Democrat

the unemployment problem; to protect our freedoms, and to fight against any restrictions on the right of Labor to free collective bargaining.

Dr. TAGGART is supported by all major labor organizations in his district and is endorsed by the State AFL.

## 10TH CONGRESSIONAL



CHARLES S. GUBSER  
Republican incumbent

Now seeking his second term in Congress, the official Republican candidate had previously served one term in the State Assembly.

(The State AFL legislative report credits him with 3 "good" votes, 13 "bad" votes, and 1 absence on a total of 17 test issues in the 1951 General Session of the State Legislature.)

In his first term, GUBSER has "campaigning to save the Veterans Employment Service from unwarranted budget cuts and to assure that a sound backlog of public works constitutes a backstop in

the event of large scale unemployment." His committee also advises that he has "bent his efforts to bring a \$12-million VA hospital to his district and to secure funds for a Bay Area survey."

GUBSER, in a statement to Local 1245, said: "I actively subscribe to President Eisenhower's maxim to be large and human in all those things dealing with people, and to be conservative in those dealing with the people's money. I learned in my service in the Legislature to judge each issue independently and honestly; to represent all the people faithfully without regard to their party affiliation or walk of life; and to fight for what I believe is right."

GUBSER resides with his wife and daughter in Gilroy, where he operates the family farm.

He is a member of the Postoffice and Civil Service Committee and the District of Columbia Committee of the House of Representatives.

The AFL legislative report credits GUBSER with 1 "good" vote, 10 "bad" votes, and 1 absence during his first term in Congress. On the roll call test votes listed here, he voted FOR No. 5; AGAINST No. 7, 9, and 12; was ABSENT when the vote was taken on No. 10. He was not a member of Congress when the other issues were put to vote.

## CANDIDATES FOR ASSEMBLY

(Continued from Preceding Page) liberalize the Veterans' Farm and Home Loan act.

"I will work to curb loan sharks—to reduce small loan interest rates and prevent auto repossession abuses."

We need TAX RELIEF for working mothers and small home owners, and I will work to achieve this. We must also increase unemployment insurance benefits and extend the coverage to all workers."

"I am grateful for this opportunity to bring a message to the members of IBEW Local 1245."

GEORGE T. ALVERS, Republican.

The official candidate of his party, ALVERS is a 29 year old San Francisco Businessman. He has cross-filed.

No information concerning his qualifications has been made available to the UTILITY REPORTER.

NORMAN E. WILLIAMS, Democrat.

A San Francisco general insurance agent, WILLIAMS has filed for both party nominations. No information concerning his qualifications has been furnished.

It is suggested that local investigations be made concerning those candidates who have not made pertinent information available.

## 24TH ASSEMBLY

East Central and Downtown Parts of San Francisco County

There are four candidates seeking election from this district, formerly represented by GEORGE COLLINS, Jr., who is now a candidate for State Controller. Information concerning one man has been presented. It is suggested that local investigations be made to obtain the qualifications of the remaining aspirants, who are listed below.

EDWARD M. GAFFNEY, Democrat.

A former member of the Assembly whose district was amalgamated with others in the Assembly re-districting following the 1950 Census report, GAFFNEY is supported by the labor organizations in his area. He is a San Francisco insurance broker who served 12 years in the Assembly, from 1940 to 1952.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Reports credit GAFFNEY with the following votes on key issues during the general sessions:

1949—29 "good," no "bad" and no absences.

1951—16 "good" votes, no "bad" and 1 absence.

GAFFNEY was one of only three Assemblymen who were credited with a perfect labor voting record

# YOUR Business Manager's REPORT

By RONALD T. WEAKLEY

We have been reporting, for some time, the activities of Otto E. Never, who is presently the General President of the California Building and Construction Trades Council. Our only interest in this gentleman stems from his abortive attempts to raid the jurisdiction of our union. We have enough trouble with layoffs and the protection of our members' jobs without getting into a match with this raider. However, it appears that Never will not be satisfied until we call his bluff.

We have been doing some checking on Mr. Never and find that our friends, the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, A. F. of L., got a taste of Never's raiding tactics when Never was a Business Representative for the Operating Engineers Union. Other people have reported his activities as a utility employer in Crescent City where he operated a gas and water company with working conditions and wages hardly fitting for a union leader—utility employer.

The UTILITY REPORTER is a small paper in size but is one which is wholly devoted to the news of our union and items of interest to our members. Never also publishes a sheet which looks more like the advertising section of a large commercial daily.

We do not approach utility employers seeking advertising hand-outs.

Never is also quite interested in photography. His cohorts are snapping pictures of our members at work on their jobs and snooping around for "proof" that our members are doing "construction" work. Never doesn't need photos—we will stipulate that our people build gas mains and services under our certification and Union Agreement. Further, we intend to continue to do such work.

This fellow is rather comical but we can do without his brand of humor while our members are being laid off due to lack of work and their families are hoping that their breadwinners will soon have a chance to regain their jobs.

Just the other day, near Vallejo, Never's chums tried to take over one of our jobs. They were met with complete resistance by a unified membership backed up by our business representative and an International Representative. This is the sort of answer to give a raider when he comes snooping on our jobs.

We continue to request that all members report immediately any snoopers hanging around their job

site. Get their names and the nature of their business and phone it collect to the Union office. You will be doing yourself and your fellow members a service when you chase these raiders off the job.

There is no fear that Never and his kind will move in on your union or its jurisdiction, but vigilance is necessary if we are to protect your jobs. These people will go to any lengths to get control of the work performed by utility workers but Local 1245, IBEW, will protect your jobs with every weapon at its command.

We suggest that Never get into something more suited to his talents than trying to raid our union as a sideline to advertising, photography and operating gas and water utilities. Otherwise, we shall have to dig a little deeper into this irritating item with responsible elements of labor who might find that Never's tactics will result in the loss of considerable work to building tradesmen, rather than Never getting control of our normal work.

Perhaps the State Building Trades members should take a good look at Never's actions before he completes the job of antagonizing A. F. of L. utility workers and their employers beyond all patience.

## TIME OFF TO VOTE ASSURED ALL WORKERS

State Attorney General "Pat" Brown reminded all California employers on May 18th that they must post notices to their employees regarding their rights to PAID time off to vote.

Under the law, the notices must be posted at least 10 days before the primary election. As amended by the 1953 State Legislature, the law now provides for paid time off (up to two hours) for voting PROVIDED a worker has less than 4 free hours between opening of the polls and the commencement of his shift AND less than 4 hours between the end of his shift and the closing of the polls.

The employee has a responsibility too, under the amended law. He MUST give the employer at least TWO WORKING DAYS NOTICE if he desires paid time off for voting.

It is strongly recommended that every member of Local 1245 vote in the early morning hours on June 8th, if possible. This will help to avoid the usual late afternoon congestion at the polls—and will enable you to vote with a minimum of time wasted standing in line.

in 1949 by the State A. F. of L. JOSEPH G. KENNEDY, Democrat.

KENNEDY is a San Francisco lawyer who is making his first bid for elective office. No information concerning his qualifications has been furnished.

IRVING SHORE, Republican. The official candidate of the Republican party, SHORE is a 43 year old S. F. lawyer. No other information has been furnished concerning his background.

ROBERT JOSEPH DOONAN, Republican.

DOONAN is a San Francisco law enforcement officer who is seeking his first partisan office. No background information has been furnished.

All candidates in this district have cross-filed.

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## Bd. of Equalization

Due to an oversight on the part of the Editorial staff, no letters requesting background information were mailed to candidates for this office. It is recommended, therefore, that members in the First District, which extends from San Francisco, South through San Luis Obispo County, investigate the merits of the contenders in their local areas.

The candidates all of whom have cross-filed, are as follows:

GEORGE R. REILLY, Democratic Incumbent, of San Francisco. ROY J. KNIGHT, Republican, of

## Sierra Pacific Settlement OK'd

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- Establishment of "Clerk—Service" and "Clerk—Electric Distribution Department" while eliminating "Departmental Clerk." Discontinuance of wage range for these jobs and substituting an 18-month time progression system.
- An additional 5c per hour for "Senior Stenographer and/or Typist."
- The extension of the "Serviceman (Senior) (Troublemaker)" and "Truck Driver" classifications system-wide where needed.
- A 2½ per cent increase for each 6 months until maximum for satisfactory performance of clerical employees on wage ranges.
- All wage increases retroactive to May 1, 1954; the contract to run for 1 year.

A complete new wage schedule will be printed and is too lengthy to print in full in the UTILITY REPORTER. However, here are a few key top rates under the 1954 agreement:

- Working Foreman (Gas, Water, Flumes, Maintenance, and Reservoirs)—\$2,365 hr. or \$94.60 wk. (1-yr. progression).
- Laborer.—\$1.78 hr. or \$71.20 wk. (1-yr. progression).
- Helper.—\$1.90 hr. or \$76.00 wk. (1-yr. progression).
- Flume Repairman A.—\$2,065 hr. or \$82.60 wk. straight.
- Ditch Patrolman.—\$1.98 hr. or \$79.20 wk. straight.
- Serviceman (Gas and Water).—\$2.27 hr. or \$90.80 wk.
- Mechanic (Shops).—\$2.26 hr. or \$90.40 wk. straight.
- Machinist.—\$2.315 hr. or \$92.60 wk.
- Operator (Washoe Plant)—\$2.29 hr. or \$91.60 wk. (1-yr. progression).
- Senior Meterman and/or Electrician and/or Communicationman.—\$2.445 hr. or \$97.80 wk. straight. Apprentice—\$2.315 hr. or \$92.60 wk. (30-mo. progression).
- Street Light Maintenanceman.—\$2.075 hr. or \$83.00 wk. straight.
- Lineman.—\$2.425 hr. or \$97.00 wk. straight.
- Groundman.—\$1.90 hr. or \$76.00 wk. (1-yr. progression).
- Serviceman (Senior) (Troublemaker).—\$2.485 hr. or \$99.40 wk. straight.
- Line Working Foreman.—\$2.67

San Francisco. STUART L. MCCLURE, Republican, a newspaperman of San Francisco.

### SECOND DISTRICT

There is no contest for member of the State Board of Equalization from the 2nd District. Republican Incumbent JAMES H. QUINN of Oakland is unopposed for re-election.

- hr. or \$106.80 wk. straight.
- Electric Working Foreman.—\$2.67 hr. or \$106.80 wk.
- Clerk—Service.—\$2.195 hr. or \$87.80 wk. (18-mo. progression).
- Clerk (Electric Distribution Department).—\$2.195 hr. or \$87.80 wk. (18-mo. progression).
- Equipment Operator (Heavy).—\$2.17 hr. or \$86.80 wk. straight.
- Truck Driver.—\$2.12 hr. or \$84.80 wk.
- Senior Clerk.—\$1.82-\$2.01 hr. or \$72.80-\$80.40 wk. range.
- Senior Clerk.—Specialized.—\$1.98-\$2.195 hr. or \$79.20-\$87.80 wk. range.
- PBX Operator.—\$1.64-\$1.81 hr. or \$65.60-\$72.50 wk. range.
- Senior Public Utility Accountant.—\$2.42-\$2.58 hr. or \$96.80-\$103.20 wk. range.
- Senior Stenographer and/or Typist.—\$1.73-\$2.00 hr. or \$69.20-\$80.00 wk.
- Engineering Assistant—Junior.—\$1.835 hr. or \$73.40 wk. (1-yr. prog.); Routine.—\$1.98 hr. or \$79.20 wk. (1-yr. prog.); Senior.—\$2.26 hr. or \$90.40 wk. (2-yr. prog.).

Sierra pays approximately half of the cost of a comprehensive health and welfare plan, has a guaranteed 40-hour week, a joint contributory pension plan, 10 days vacation after 6 months and 15 days vacation after 10 years, 12 days sick leave after 1 year and for each ensuing year, cumulative to 60 working days and after 5 years service and 60 accumulated working days, one-half day for each month up to another 60 working days. Also, the Company agrees to work out apprentice training programs, where needed; has 30 days notice of layoff for lack of work, and in general matches industry patterns in basic working conditions and fringes.

As can be seen by the new rates, Sierra Pacific has steadily improved its wage structure to a point where it compares favorably with the California-Nevada wage picture, and in a few cases leads the field. It has been doing business with Local 1245 for nearly 10 years.

This year's bargaining committees consisted of Frank Tracy, president; F. G. Barnett, vice-president, and Roy Torvinen, assistant secretary, for Sierra Pacific; and Ed Hastings, Bud Prime and Lloyd Smith for Local 1245. Bus. Mgr. Ron Weakley, Asst. Bus. Mgr. Mert Walters, and Bus. Rep. Al Kaznowski assisted the Union committee in negotiations.

The Union committee was given a rousing cheer for a job well done by the membership, after the acceptance vote was taken. The Committee also gave credit to President Frank Tracy and his S.P.P. Committee for their courtesy and fairness in the bargaining sessions.