Policy Committee Lays it on the Line—100% ORGANIZED OUR BEST SECURITY

“Get all the non-members signed up in Local 1245—and we won’t have to worry about the raiding tactics of any other centers.” This was the rallying cry around which several discussions of our Executive Board, Policy Committee and P.G.&E. System Negotiating Committee early this month.


Otto Never Still Seeks Our Jobs

Otto Never, who has the impressive title of General Manager of the Building and Construction Trades Co., was heard to be planning—petulantly that P.G.&E. “amateurish workers” are performing “construction work” which results in accidents in the Building and Construction Trades. Mr. Never, evidently chagrined by the fact that IBEW Local 1245 is legally certified to negotiate with P.G.&E. Never conveniently chooses to ignore the fact that many members who are qualified to perform operations, maintenance and construction work for the P.G.&E.

Local 1245 is well known for its cooperation with P.G.&E. in the interest of safety. The company has been thankful for the reports of accidents which we have submitted since our membership has doubled in the last seven years.

Safety Committee Eyes
Hazards of the Industry

“A coordinated system-wide Union Safety Committee is now in being” an organization providing the safety of working conditions of our membership. Composed of Business Mgr. L. L. Mitchell, Secretary of the Building and Construction Trades, Asst. Secretary, Chairman; Milton J. Kelly, Bus. Mgr. San Luis Obispo, the committee is awaiting word from Paul Yorhem and Research Dir. George L. Rice.

The entire committee attended the California Industrial Safety Conference, held in San Francisco, on February 11 and 12. They really got an earful!

The work, reported, for example, that while lost time accidents in California decreased from 59 per 100,000 workers in 1950 to 29 in 1953—there were 45 million man-days lost through industrial accidents during the year! There were 16 deaths due to industrial accidents in the Electric Industry and Caifornia during the year. The number of disabling injuries for the year has not been officially verified but it appears that it will exceed the previous year.

Frank J. Dillon, SACRAMENTO
SMUD Unit Proud Of Frank J. Dillon

By ROY WILDER

P.G&E. Pres. Black Reports a Good Year in ’53

The Pacific Gas and Electric Co. enjoyed a “good” year in 1953, said President James R. Black in announcing the preliminary earnings statements early this month.

Not profitable for the year ending Dec. 31, 1953 jumped to $23,000,000, equal to $3.12 per common share. This compares with $14,000,000, or $2.28 per common share paid in 1952.

Mr. Black reported that the P.G.&E. business continued to grow during 1953. “New peaks were established as measured by gross operating revenues, sales of electricity and gas, and numbers of customers served.” said Mr. Black. “During the last few months of the year, however, it was apparent that our rate of growth had slackened from the extraordinary pace of the years immediately preceding,” reported Mr. Black.

The president of the world’s largest utility firm reported that 4,131,000 customers were being served in the California district at the end of the year. The net gain in customers served during 1953 was 109,276. For the seventh consecutive year the company had added more than 100,000 customers annually.

Construction expenditures for 1953 were increased to $1,3,173,000,000, the amount spent by the company in expanding and enlarging its facilities since the end of World War II. Mr. Black’s report indicated that construction activity over the next several years will proceed at an “annual rate below that experienced in 1953.”

REPORT IMMEDIATELY all safety HAZARDS!
The U TILITY REPORTER

FEBRUARY, 1954

The "Full scale F.B.I. investigation of Chief Justice Earl Warren," ordered this month by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, strikes us as being ridiculous and pointless. It is another example of common sense yielding to the hysteria of our times.

The political and personal life of Warren is as much an open book as that of any man can be. He was raised in Kern County and began his law practice in Bakersfield. Warren and which of his family were in the public eye during the years he served as District Attorney of Alameda County. He was even better known as the Attorney General of California. And surely all eyes could see him during the three terms he served in the U.S. Senate.

This action falls into the category of stupidities equalled only by the attempt to haul a former President of the U.S. before a House investigating committee. It furnishes additional evidence that the House, on the record made public, is responsible legislators who spread fear and disunity among us. And all this is accomplished at the expense of the taxpayers. Far better, it seems to us, to use tax funds to accomplish worthwhile purposes, such as alleviating the growing unemployment problems in our nation. Furnishing several F.B.I. men with more modest means of work and making their expenses of $6,000 might well be balanced against the salaries of many of the Washington bureaucrats.

For many years, Key System employees were represented by IBEW Local 50, which was amalgamated with IBEW Local 252. Mike had always been an active George Wagner, President; George Wagner, President of the U.S. Electrical Workers Association. If he is always ready to "put his money where his mouth is" when it comes to supporting the labor movement, Mike cheerfully went without his vote.

As members of the A. F. of L. let us honor both these men during Brotherhood Week. As Americans let us work by their principles the entire year.

To all of which we add, "Amen."
The UTILITY REPORTER really gets around the country! Interna-
tional Rep. Glenn MacKinnon, as-signed to the West Coast prop-
erties of the Philadelphia Elec-
tric Co. in far-off Pennsylvania, sends way too many editorials. A
RAYS's recent article “Union Busi-
ness is Your Business” has been
picked up by the IBEW paper in Pennsyl-
vania and transplanted from the
“syndicated columnist!” Can
We’re still mentioning Phila-
phia, however, and you’re prob-
bly thinking that the IBEW has filed a peti-
tion for a representation election in the
N.J. Labor. We’ll keep our fingers crossed.
“Interim News” reports that the workers there will vote IBEW.

SACRAMENTO—SMU Unit Proud Of Frank J. Dillon

(Continued from Page One)"They're getting a little too
"unions" for several years.

Many of our brothers would like
for you to think hard about your
members for his outstanding efforts
in contributing to the betterment of
SMU Unit 73, Sacramento, Calif.,
Bro. Frank J. Dillon. Bro. Dillon
has spent a lot of time working hard for the Union, and
the International Brotherhood of Elec-
tric Workers and Westinghouse.

Bro. Dillon was born in Wood-
mont, Cali., and came to Sacra-
mento in 1923. Since his mother had
died when he was 10, he lived with
his grandmother, took over and raised him.

Frank attended grammar and
high school at the Catholic Bros-
th school in Sacramento. He was
so good at school that when still
a young man, working at the Huls Clothing Co. in Sacra-
mento, he bought his first
of the Commonwealth Edison
a paper of the Commonwealth Edison

Newsletters and the Labor Re-
hort, he was ahead of anyone at
small steps forward which is the
best way to run a labor union.

Our Union has obtained bene-
ficiaries in factory insurance
which you have hoped to gain as an
individual. Although the union
grows as a large organization is
not achieved by any spectacular
or small steps forward which is the
way to run a labor union.

Now look in this issue for the
Newsletters and the Labor Re-
hort, you'll find a lot of
small steps forward which
is the best way to run a labor union.

Check your mail for Unit 73,
submitted by the Union in
Sacramento last fall and is
now a part of the
Westinghouse.

Perhaps other

Political Labor cooperation
is putting out a meeting between
the two organizations in a
month. Copies are sent to
everyone, and copies
of the Newsletters and the
Labor Report can be passed on
in the field. Check your
local units for more details.

We hasten to say, "WE AGREE."

To one of our members
recently—and returned to find it
in the office. The camera was,
unknown to the owner, carried
by a co-worker.

Both these members are on
ED committees are an accepted—and
valuable—part of the
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Community and church service
are eligible for benefits. If you have
unemployment insurance when you
file a claim. You are
plied to carriers for general

We have been hearing a lot about "chiselers"
who are taking advantage of their unions.

We think, to persons who drew unemployment insurance
improperly. It has, however, been our experience that for
every one of these people who are
wrongly using the insurance that they
are entitled by their failure to follow these three rules:

1. Always let someone else
see your application.
2. Always read the application
and fill it out yourself.
3. Always sign your application.

We’re about a meeting of 30
promoters is "hit the ceiling" with their
marks by telling

We’re about a meeting of 30
members of the Crown-Zellerbach Pa-
K of C. Labor-Press and School in Sacramento.

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Our members and their families.

The P.G.&E. Building

The year 1954 is a challenge for the California Utility Industry. Internally, we are better off than a year ago. We are fighting a battle to build up a lot of trouble for the future. It is good to report that our Local 1245 has improved its financial position. The annual report is available, and is on file at all units and at Union headquarters. It highlights a healthy gain in cash and profits for the year. Our membership in the United Railway Workers of America, Local 1245, we understand, being 10,000.

The Union has been advised that the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is planning to build Coast Counties facilities and services as smoothly as possible. It is indicated that present plans call for the establishment of Coast Counties in the near future. Plans of the Board of the UTILITY REPORT, are under discussion and will be announced shortly.

BUSINESS REPS. Spokesmen

Our Business Reps. are working hard to improve the working conditions for all our members and their families.

We are unique among the 14 locals in California in that we are the only local in the state that has a Manufacturing Representatives of the Union and as such, we are able to have a healthy gain in cash and profits for the year. Our membership in the United Railway Workers of America, Local 1245, we understand, being 10,000.

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