Gas, Electric, Water, Clerical and Construction Workers

It's YOUR Health—Mail the Health Questionnaire

One of the most important public service projects our Union has embarked on was initiated this month. Working in conjunction with the California Department of Public Health, Local 1245 has mailed a survey questionnaire to every member. The answers to the various questions will provide valuable information concerning health hazards as they are related to various occupations.

The most important goal of the survey is to determine the incidence of various diseases and disorders of workers. Health officers feel that the most important of the health department officials obtain information concerning the incidence of some diseases.

The Bureau of Chronic Diseases of the State Department of Public Health is conducting a long-term study of the number of deaths from health causes as related to occupations. More than 100 Local Unions in all parts of the state are voluntarily participating in this study. Survey forms have been mailed to date and the response has been notably 100 per cent. Westernizers have been collected between 15,000-100,000 workers in various industries throughout California.

Early reply to the questionnaire mailed our members has been excellent. But that isn't good enough for such a vital project. For the most accurate information for the use of our State Department of Health we need to have a complete questionnaire returned by every member.

If you haven't yet completed and mailed your questionnaire, please do so immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the form, drop a card or note to the Union headquarters—and you will be mailed another.

Your Executive Board is proud that Local 1245 has been asked to participate in this survey. It behooves each and every one of you to do your part to make the study a success. In this manner, we can help all of our members in their struggle against common diseases.

Nominations For All Offices Set Next Month

The Editorial Board of the UTILITY REPORTER wishes to remind all members that nominations for Union offices will be open at the upcoming monthly meeting. All offices open for nominations include: Business Manager and Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurers, President, and recording Secretary of the National Convention will also be open.

Each member who plans to accept nomination for any Union office is urged to so notify the Recording Secretary of Local 1245, 1918 Grove St., Oakland 12, Calif., before May 1st. The writer should specify for which particular office he will accept nomination. This procedure, if followed, will save the Union office a considerable amount of unnecessary work which would otherwise be required to find out just which办公室 member aspires to.

All members who wish to run for election as Delegate to the International Convention are requested that their dues must be paid through the month in which the convention is held—that is, August, 1954. It is suggested that advance dues payments be made as a guide to those who wish to become candidates.

Any member in good standing, who has paid his proper dues in good standing, he is eligible to participate in the Convention as well as a candidate for one of the Union offices listed above.

Adopting the same suggestions will result in substantial savings to the Union and will insure that all members who desire to run for Union offices will have their rights protected.

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Labor's Endorsements

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The Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations of the University of California has been conducted among the members of a large Midwestern union this past year. We are seeking to build an awareness of the facts you will know which of the candidates you feel best serve you in Government. It is then up to you on election day to make your own decision about how to cast his vote.

As a California Democratic Congressman who has a wife and children, who received $40,000 in income from stock dividends, and large personal savings, I am personally convinced that the	Democrats in Congress contend for fair play, feeling that if a representative does not represent the public interest, he is not a true representative of the people. Therefore, it is unfair to force a member to come to the House. On the other hand, the tax dividend reduction will bring less than 5% of American families. There is one point of American families who can benefit from the corporate share will reap the tax dividends.

Organized Labor's program for the election of friendly candidates has usually been implemented on a four-fold basis: the formation of political action committees, the endorsement of candidates, the collection of money for political purposes and campaigning for candidates among the membership. But, in spite of their activities, few people have spoken to the union member and asked his views. Yet, the union is the only one who holds the key.

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Research and Education Corner

Last month, in these columns, we set forth some of the wage increases and improvements in fringe benefits which have been obtained by a large number of employees through the efforts of your Union.

The need was recognized by management that the large wage increases granted to employees since the March 15th, 1941, collective bargaining agreement had been followed by a general increase in labor costs. After careful study of the wage and fringe benefit situation in the utility industries throughout the country, the company has now come to the conclusion that it is necessary to make certain changes in the wages and fringe benefits of employees in the Clerical classifications which have resulted from Union representation.

The possibility of making these changes was discussed with you in your Union meetings, and you were encouraged to make use of your time, energy, and ingenuity to help solve many of the social problems facing the country. Today, we are now prepared to publish the increase in wages and fringe benefits which have been obtained by constant and persistent efforts of your Union.

This increase makes possible the improvement in wages for Clerical classifications which have resulted from Union representation.


These increases show how much better off we are today than we were last year. The company has been able to grant these increases because of the good work that you have done. We are all proud of the fact that we have been able to make these improvements without any loss to the company.

We hope that you will continue to work hard and to help your Union to keep up the good work.

R. T. Weakley, Editor, Utility Reporter.

Your discussion of medical care at the April meeting of your Business Manager's Report meeting, was a subject close to my heart.

I can understand, and even respect, the feelings of some company officials, even though I may not personally agree with them. A doctor is dealing with human suffering and, with his training, he is often called upon to make a sacrifice in the interest of his patient. He has been replaced by Brother Fred White. In addition, Brother Ed Martin, representing the Stockton Division, has announced that he will serve the union in this capacity.

The chief job of the principal repr- sentatives of Local 1245 is to present the company's proposals to the union, by working under the direction of the union's Business Manager, Ron Weakley. To effectively do this, they need the help of our members in the Clerical, and any other division, to help them in the task of obtaining the maximum improvements, and to stand up against offers of others which do not serve the best interests of the jobs of our membership.

The regular representatives of your local union have been chosen to represent the company and the new contract will serve the huge San Joaquin Valley area.

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To the members of the PG&E, is now presented. These improvements have been realized by the years of negotiations and improvements in fringe benefits obtained through your Union for the physical employees of the PG&E Company during the period from April 1, 1944 to April 1, 1954.

The company's proposals for consideration will be published as the unions seem to think appropriate.

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"Gill" is known as a great hunter and fisherman. His friends recall how he would spend his days hunting and fishing when he hunted at the Guiltie club.

Brother Barthold has a word of advice for those in the electrical union:

"We have to keep our union strong at all times in order to protect what we have already gained. It is certain that we have already gained some things, and it is certain that we have to work hard to keep them. But we have to keep our union strong at all times in order to protect what we have already gained."