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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 offices by one or the other 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

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### 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.

## The Farmer's Daughter Sez:

Golly how time fleets—seems only yesterday i sat me down and lipped off re: my father and his ideas about unionism—which reminds me i heard just the other day some fellow talking—and he seemed to think his membership in the union wasn't anything to be proud of—he felt it was necessary and a good thing but 'fgoodness sake lets keep it a seecrut! 'n i got to mulling it around and do you know—everybody belongs to a union of some kind—they simply call it by another name. now you take the doctors . . . they have their American Medical Association—they don't call it a union but it's one of the strongest organizations in the nation . . . no one questions its authority and everyone who belongs seems to deem it an honor . . . now just what is the difference . . . they are selling labor (highly skilled, of course, but nevertheless, labor) and advice. And—we are selling the same thing—all of a different caliber—all different degrees of skill and knowledge—d'ya see much difference ? ? ? not i.

well we had quite a time up here in the sticks this here spring—first we were going to have the biggest two day round-up in California and then we weren't going to have the biggest two day round-up—and then lo and behold we had it . . . and everything came out jim-dandy just like it always seems to . . . i don't know if you-all are interested but ye're going to have a new big representative up here . . . much as JIM GIBBS loves us he's decided his boys need a father and i wouldn't be surprised that MAE needs a husband—soooo—the upshot of the whole deal is the man who from here on will be met with our grief—troubles—woe—36 hours a day—will be ROY MURRAY. . . . ROY is a pretty nice fellow—I'm not sure whether to congratulate him or give him my condolences but enyway—we all wish him luck, huh ? ? ? he comes from DeSabra by the way—he's an operator . . . guess that won't change—guess i'll see if i can't organize the union reps. . . .

everybody would want to wish the gals luck who are going to Waco, Texas, and back in 1 week—POOR THINGS—going to Texas. . . . ROXIE NEWING is driving and taking POLLY MONTGOMERY—they're dropping off GENE ROLLIER in Arizona and leaving the ole PANHANDLE KID, baskins—a texan down to the last you-all-down in texas. let you know next month if they ever get back—all i got to say is . . . we're gonna have to dig up some money some place—its gettin' beer-bust time and our kitty that we have (that we don't tell anybody about) is gettin' pretty low. . . .

i hope everybody registered—you know the primary vote—nobody pays much attention to it and its really the most important—with candidates running on both tickets—and us only able to vote on one—we're liable to get to the November election with nobody there but the winner—if you know what i mean . . . ANYWAY, VOTE IN THE JUNE 8 PRIMARY ELECTION!!

be seein' you,  
shook.

### SENSIBLE DRIVING

Use all your senses when you're driving. See what's ahead. Listen for warning signals. Feel trouble, like faulty steering or bad brakes. Smell trouble brewing, like raw gas or dangerous fumes. Then develop your sixth sense—good judgment—and give full time and attention to your driving. In this way, you'll avoid senseless accidents.

### PULLED HIS LEG

A young married helper dropped into the plant's first aid room, and while there, decided to try for a little free advice.

"Doc," he said, "My little boy twisted his ankle and now he has to limp a bit. What would you do if it were you?"

"Why," answered the shrewd attendant, "I imagine I'd limp, too!"

There are occasions when it is undoubtedly better to incur loss than to make gain.—Plautus.

## '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!

## 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.

Many small boys are just the type their mothers wouldn't want them to associate with.

In Hollywood gals don't marry a man for his money. They divorce him for it.

## 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!



# Here Are Candidates For State Offices

## THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CONTEST

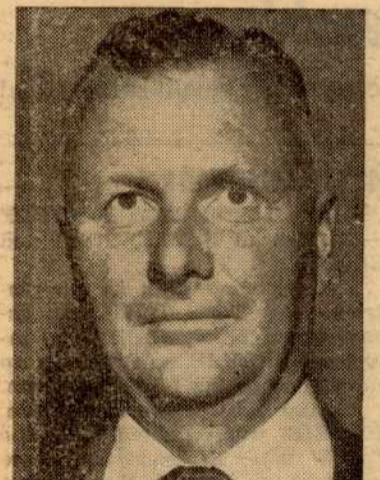
There are four candidates for the primary race for Lieut. Governor, all of whom have cross-filed on both Democratic and Republican tickets.



**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. HOWSER, Republican.**

A practicing attorney in the Los Angeles area, FRED HOWSER 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, Howser 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.

Howser 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.

Howser'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 Howser's administration and that enforcement of the State's anti-gambling laws was a farce. Unable to successfully disprove those charges, Howser 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; \$5,000 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.

### 2ND STATE SENATOR

Del Norte & Siskiyou Counties

There is no contest in this District. RANDOLPH COLLIER, Republican, is running for re-election without opposition.

### 4TH STATE SENATOR

Mendocino & Lake Counties

This is one of the "open" Districts. Since the incumbent, Senator BURT W. BUSCH, is not seeking re-election. There are three candidates in the race, all Republican, and all have cross-filed on the Democratic ticket.

The candidates are:

JAMES E. (Jim) BUSCH, at present District Attorney of Ukiah.

NORMAN JOHNSON, an attorney in Fort Bragg.

ARTHUR J. SCHILDER, a Ukiah Automobile Dealer.

No information is available to Local 1245 with respect to the platforms or programs of these candidates. It is suggested that members in the District which includes all of Mendocino and Lake Counties investigate the merits of these candidates in their own communities.

### 6TH STATE SENATOR

Butte County

There is no contest in this District.

State Senator PAUL L. BYRNE is seeking re-election. Mr. BYRNE is a Republican who resides in Chico. He has cross-filed on both tickets.

### 8TH STATE SENATOR

Tehama, Glenn & Colusa Counties

This appears to be anybody's race. The Republican incumbent is opposed by two other Republicans and by three Democrats, making a total of six candidates in the race. The candidates are as follows:

LOUIS G. SUTTON, Republican.

JAMES H. CLACK, Democrat.

MYRON CLAIRE FORBES, Democrat.

EARL W. HOLLINGSWORTH, Republican.

JAMES O. KIBBY, Republican.

SEYMOUR G. VANN, Democrat.

LOUIS G. SUTTON, Republican incumbent who has served in the State Senate since 1944. The AFL Legislative report credits Mr. SUTTON with 4 "good" votes, 13 "bad" votes, and 3 absences in the 1949 General Session. At the 1951 General Session SUTTON was credited with 6 "good" votes, 8 "bad" votes, and no absences on the test issues. During the 1953 General Session SUTTON was credited with 4 "good" votes, 6 "bad" and 7 absences.

The rival candidates for this race are as follows:

CLACK, a contractor and rancher residing near Red Bluff.

FORBES, a farmer residing near Orland.

HOLLINGSWORTH, a farmer and also a lawyer who lives in Los Molinos.

KIBBY, the Justice Court Judge in Orland.

VANN, a farmer residing near Williams.

No information with respect to the qualifications or programs of the five candidates who are opposing Senator Sutton is available to Local 1245. It is suggested that our members who live in the 8th District which includes Tehama, Glenn and Colusa Counties, investigate the background of these candidates at the local level.

### 10th STATE SENATOR

Yuba & Sutter Counties

Senator ED C. JOHNSON, Republican, of Marysville, is seeking re-election. He is unopposed. JOHNSON, a retired Division official of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has served in the State Senate for the past four years.

Senator JOHNSON was a long-time member of the I. B. E. W., which he joined in Sacramento many years ago when Local 36 was still in existence.

### 12TH STATE SENATOR

Sonoma County

This is a straight party line fight with the Republican incumbent being opposed by a Democratic contender. The District includes all of Sonoma County.

F. PRESLEY ABSHIRE, Republican incumbent, is the official candidate of his party.

ABSHIRE, a Farmer, residing near Geyserville, has been in the State Senate since 1949.

The AFL Legislative report credits him with the following voting record on matters of general interest to union members: 1949 General Session 2 "good" votes, 12 "bad" votes, 6 absences; 1951 General Session, 6 "good" votes, 7 "bad" votes, 1 absence; 1953, one "good" vote, 15 "bad" votes, one absence.

Senator ABSHIRE is the chairman of the State Senate Committee on Labor. In a special tabulation of six roll call votes IN COMMITTEE, he is credited with five "bad" votes and one absence. He has voted for legislation which would exempt from the 8-hour day, 48-hour week law women employed by resort employers on a seasonal basis, thus destroying their protection under the law. The bill failed to pass. He voted against replacement or repair of eye glasses for an injured worker who is disabled for less than three days. The bill was passed.



CHARLES E. GREENFIELD JR., Democrat.

Mr. GREENFIELD, an attorney in Sonoma, is the official candidate of the Democratic party. He was educated at Stanford University and was awarded a Law Degree at Harvard. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard for 4½ years during the war.

This is Mr. GREENFIELD's first bid for public office. He is pledged to support a complete County Highway and traffic safety program, an integrated public school program including a 4-year State College at Santa Rosa; a balanced farm program including price supports on commodities which are not favored; and is opposed to State legislation which would further restrict our trade unions.

Mr. GREENFIELD has been endorsed and is supported by all AFL unions in Sonoma County.

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



SEN. ED C. JOHNSON

### 20th State Senator

San Joaquin County

This is another straight party line contest with a Democrat opposing the incumbent Republican. The 20th District includes all of San Joaquin County.

VERN W. HOFFMAN  
Republican incumbent

HOFFMAN, a farmer who resides near Acampo, has been a member of the Legislature since 1948. He served one term in the State Assembly and was elected to the State Senate in 1950.

The State AFL legislative report credits him with 5 "good" votes, 20 "bad" votes, and 4 absences during his service in the Assembly at the 1949 General Session.

During his service in the Senate, the AFL legislative report credits him with the following: at the 1951 General Session, 1 "good" vote, 10 "bad" votes, and 3 absences; at the 1953 Session, no "good" votes, 15 "bad" votes, and 2 absences.

While HOFFMAN had voted in favor of some improvements to the Unemployment, Disability, and Workman's Compensation Insurance laws during his one term in the Assembly, he has consistently opposed any improvements since his election to the State Senate.

ALAN SHORT  
Democrat

Mr. SHORT, an attorney who lives and practices law in Stockton, is the official candidate of the Democratic Party. He has also received the support and endorsement of the labor unions in the district.

SHORT is pledged to support the platform of his party and to work for improvements in laws which affect the economic and so-



cial rights of working men and women.

He has been active in numerous civic affairs in his home city and, as a practicing attorney, he has first-hand knowledge of the problems of the State.

### 26th State Senator

Tuolumne, Mariposa, Calaveras

This is a battle between two Democrats, Dr. STEPHEN P. TEALE, who was elected at a special election in 1953, and Mr. CLYDE C. SHERWOOD, an attorney and rancher who resides at Mountain Ranch. The 26th District includes the counties of Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Calaveras.

The incumbent, Senator TEALE,



STEVE TEALE

has been endorsed by the labor organizations in his district. At the Special Session, which was concluded late this spring, Senator TEALE was a vigorous supporter of all measures which were introduced or supported by the State AFL, according to the AFL legislative report.

No information has been made available to the "Utility Reporter" concerning Mr. SHERWOOD.

### 28th State Senator

Alpine, Mono & Inyo Counties

There is no contest in this district as the incumbent Senator CHARLES BROWN, Democrat, is unopposed.

Senator BROWN has been a member of the State Legislature since 1938.

## "HORSEPLAY"

(By VERNON L. FRANKLIN,  
Member, Union System Safety  
Committee)

An accident caused by "Horseplay" is invariably one which gets immediate and proper recognition. It is usually recorded as one of the more common causes of accidents to cover up for a foreman who has permitted "horseplay" to take place or for a worker who was actually "goofing off." There are many reasons why this should be brought to an end. Most important, of course, is the end result for the man himself. Without those few minutes of laxity on his job he might have enjoyed an accident-free record and been spared untold injuries.

One of the duties of a foreman is to educate new or old employees in the methods of performing his work properly and safely. If a foreman does not permit "horseplay" to begin with his crew, he does not have to cover up for himself or his crew member in his reports.

Let's begin our next work day by eliminating that extra slap on the back—that bit of rough-housing which at the time seems harmless. Let's keep the head cut in on our own special duties to keep our own necks and bodies in one piece—if for no other reason, for the sake of our loved ones. Let's not play—let's think!

## 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.

### 1ST ASSEMBLY

FIRST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—

Counties of DEL NORTE, HUMBOLDT and MENDOCINO.

There is no contest in this district. Incumbent FRANK P. BELLOTTI, Republican, is unopposed for re-election.

### 2ND ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

COVERING COUNTIES OF TRINITY, SHASTA, SISKIYOU, MODOC, LASSEN, PLUMAS and SIERRA.

PAULINE L. DAVIS, Democratic Incumbent.

Mrs. DAVIS, of Portola, is the widow of the late Lester T. Davis, who was formerly Assemblyman from this district. She is a Railroad Dispatcher by occupation and is now seeking her second term.

At the 1953 legislative session, Assemblywoman DAVIS was credited by the State A. F. of L. Legislative report with 16 "good" votes, two "bad" and one absence. She has supported all major legislation introduced or endorsed by the A. F. of L.

QUENTIN PHILPOTT, Republican.

Mr. PHILPOTT, a public accountant, resides in Greenville. Since no information has been furnished concerning his qualifications, a local investigation is suggested.

### 3RD ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

—COUNTIES OF TEHAMA, GLENN, LAKE, COLUSA and YOLO.

There is no contest in this district. Assemblyman LLOYD W. LOWREY, Democratic incumbent, is unopposed. LOWREY, a farmer who resides near Rumsey in Yolo County, has been a member of the Assembly since 1940. He is seeking his eighth term.

### 4TH ASSEMBLY

FOURTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

—COUNTIES OF BUTTE, YUBA and SUTTER.

There is no contest in this district. Republican Incumbent Assemblyman DON HOBBIE is unopposed. HOBBIE, an Oroville auto dealer, is seeking his second term.

At the 1953 legislative session, HOBBIE was credited with one "good" vote, 15 "bad" and three absences, on a series of test votes noted by the State A. F. of L. Legislative Report.

### 5TH ASSEMBLY

FIFTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

—COUNTIES OF NAPA and SOLANO.

No contest in this district, either. SAMUEL R. GEDDES, Democratic Incumbent, is unopposed. GEDDES, a Napa General Contractor, is seeking his second term in the State Assembly.

At the 1953 legislative session, GEDDES cast 12 "good" votes, five "bad" and was absent on two roll calls, according to the State A. F. of L. Legislative report.

### 6TH ASSEMBLY

SIXTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

—COUNTIES OF NEVADA, PLACER, EL DORADO, AMADOR, CALAVERAS, ALPINE, TUOLUMNE, MARIPOSA, INYO and MONO.

FRANCIS C. LINDSAY, Republican Incumbent.

LINDSAY, the official candidate of his party, is seeking his fourth term in the State Assembly. He is a rancher and resides near Loomis.

According to the State A. F. of L. Legislative report, LINDSAY is credited with the following votes on roll call test issues in recent sessions:

1949—9 "good," 14 "bad" and 6 absences.

1951—2 "good," 13 "bad" and 2 absences.

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# 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 6000)—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.

## Useful First Aid

All of us should know something about first aid. Accidents occur suddenly and, while awaiting the physician, a few simple maneuvers may prevent disability and occasionally save a life. This concerns such mishaps as take place in the home, on the street, and in office or factory.

Accidents vary from simple scratches to concussions and fractures. Those with no medical training will profit from the adage, "The less done, the better." Hemorrhage is the exception. But anyone who has been knocked down by a car, is unconscious, or who may have sustained a fracture is better left alone until competent help arrives. Such individuals should be made comfortable and kept warm. There are times when common sense enters the picture. If Tommy comes home with a black eye there is more to be done than telling him to duck the next time he gets into a fight. Have him lie down and apply cold towels or an ice bag to stop bleeding beneath the skin. The same applies to bruises elsewhere on the body.

The first aid treatment of burns follows a hands-off policy except for the first degree burns which is best treated with soap and water and covered with a clean bandage. The application of petroleum jelly offers relief. Second and third degree burns leave scars, more so when they become infected.

## City of Hope Aids All Workers

"We do not ask of an unfortunate: What country do you come from or what is your religion? We say to him: You suffer, that is enough. You belong to us; we shall make you well."—Louis Pasteur.

The above quotation appears on the stationery of the CITY OF HOPE offices. This free, non-sectarian medical center is aiding working men and women who have been the unfortunate victims of catastrophic diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis, leukemia, Hodgkins' Disease and heart disease. Labor has been the primary supporter of this institution and quite naturally has received the major portion of its benefits.

CITY OF HOPE medical center and hospital is located at Duarte, in Southern California. If you take a trip to the Southland a visit to this magnificent institution will be a unique and rewarding experience for you.

## 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.

## Hear Frank Edwards!

### 1ST CONGRESSIONAL

The contest in the First District is a straight party line race between the Republican incumbent and his Democratic contender.



MAX KORTUM, DEMOCRAT

KORTUM, born in Napa County in 1890, is making his first bid for public office as the official Democratic candidate for Congressman.

A graduate of the Davis Campus of U.C., he has spent the major portion of his life in agricultural enterprises. KORTUM has been a teacher and agricultural instructor on the staff of the Santa Rosa High School. He is a member of the California Farm-Bureau and of the Poultry Producers of Central California.

During the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Kortum served as inspector and appraiser of crop loans under the Farm Credit Administration.

He is pledged to support the program of the Democratic Party. Among other statements, he has made the following with regard to labor: "Strong unions capable of collective bargaining are promotive of high wages. I am opposed to legislation calculated to weaken them or curb continued growth. I stand for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law."

### HUBERT B. SCUDDER, Republican Incumbent

Mr. Scudder is the official Republican candidate. In a report issued by the AFL he is credited with a total of 3 "good" votes, 45 "bad" votes, and 2 absences in a series of 50 roll call test votes. On the roll call test votes listed on this page he voted: For No. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11. Against No. 3, 7, 9, 10, 12.

Scudder, now seeking his fourth term, has voted FOR the following measures: Substitution of the Anti-Labor Wood Bill, which contained the most obnoxious features of the Taft-Hartley Act in place of the Lesinski Bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act. The amendment to invoke the Taft-Hartley injunction against the Steel Workers Union (June, 1952); FOR taking 750,000 people out from Old Age Insurance coverage; FOR Removing 1 million people from coverage of Fair Labor Standards Act; FOR Reduction of 1951 authorization of 135,000 housing units to only 5,000; FOR killing rent control; FOR Shifting of income tax burden for defense to workers.

### 2ND CONGRESSIONAL

#### WILLIAM B. BERRY, Republican

Mr. BERRY, a 37 year old Consulting Forest Engineer, is the official candidate for the Republican Party. He is the son of State Senator Swift Berry of Auburn.

Since Mr. Berry has never held public office there is no voting record available for him. No information concerning his position on the vital issues is available to the "Utility Reporter."

#### CLAIR ENGLE, Democratic Incumbent

Congressman ENGLE, elected without opposition in 1952, is opposed by an official Republican candidate this year. The contest is along straight party lines.

Engle, on 72 AFL test roll call votes, is credited with 45 "good," 13 "bad" and 14 absences over the period of the past 10 years. He voted FOR No. 2, 6, 7, 9, 12. AGAINST No. 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11. ABSENT on issue No. 3.

### 3RD CONGRESSIONAL

This is another straight party-line contest. The background of the two candidates follows:



JOHN E. MOSS  
Democratic incumbent

Mr. MOSS, the incumbent and official candidate of the Democratic Party, is seeking his second term in the Congress. MOSS, who served in the State Assembly from 1949 to 1953, has been a consistent supporter of the programs available by the AFL. In the 1951 session of the State Legislature he is credited with 15 "good" votes, 1 "bad," and 1 absence.

During his freshman term in Congress MOSS was credited, on 15 test issues, with 10 "good" votes, 2 "bad," and no absences.

On the roll call test votes listed on this page, he voted FOR No. 7, 10, and 12; AGAINST No. 5 and 9.

Congressman MOSS was not a member of the House of Representatives at the time the remaining test issues were voted upon.

JAMES H. PHILLIPS, Republican PHILLIPS, the official candidate of the Republican Party, is a resident of Sacramento.

A former Assemblyman, he is credited by the State AFL with 3 "good" votes, and 14 "bad" during the 1939 State Legislative Session. In his second term in the State Assembly he cast one "good" vote and 12 "bad."

PHILLIPS voted FOR the Hot Cargo Bill in 1941 and AGAINST the Right to Picket. He also voted AGAINST retention of the Closed Shop for Unions and AGAINST Bonds to Finance the Central Valley Project.

No information is available to Local 1245 with respect to his pledges during the current campaign.

### 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.

### 11TH CONGRESSIONAL



CARL SUGAR, Democrat

SUGAR is making his first bid for political office. A Stockton Engineering Consultant, Mr. SUGAR is the official Democratic candidate for Congress.

Mr. SUGAR, a native son, has been awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Law, and Master of Law.

He has been a leader in the struggle for conservation of water and land resources for many years. He has served as chairman of the California State Board of Forestry and was appointed a member of the Governor's Natural Resources Committee by Governor Warren.

SUGAR declares that the Taft-Hartley Act must be revised and the intent of the Wagner Labor Relations Act reinstated. He fa-

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## GRAVES ON THE ISSUES

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### 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—unsoiled 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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1953—2 "good," 14 "bad" and 2 absences.

**CLARENCE A. STEVES, Republican.**

Mr. STEVES, who resides in Pilot Hill, seeks the seat now held by his fellow-Republican, LINDSAY. No information concerning the background or qualifications of STEVES has been made available to the UTILITY REPORTER.

## 7TH ASSEMBLY

**SEVENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**—Counties of SONOMA and MARIN.

**RICHARD H. McCOLLISTER, Republican Incumbent.**

A Mill Valley Real Estate Broker, McCOLLISTER is seeking his eighth term in the State Assembly. He is the official candidate of the Republican party.

According to the State A. F. of L. Legislative Report, McCOLLISTER is credited with the following votes on roll call test issues in recent years:

1949—17 "good," 7 "bad" and 5 absences.

1951—7 "good," 7 "bad" and 3 absences.

1953—10 "good," 7 "bad" and 2 absences.

**STEPHEN A. BALZAN, Republican.**

No information has been furnished about Mr. BALZAN, who resides in Bolinas. A local investigation is suggested.

**WORTH SEYMOUR, Democrat.**

The official candidate of the Democratic Party, SEYMOUR is making his first bid for partisan office. He is a newspaperman who resides in Belvedere. No other information concerning his qualifications has been presented; therefore a local investigation is recommended.

## 8TH ASSEMBLY

**EIGHTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**—Part of SACRAMENTO County.

**GORDON A. FLEURY, Republican Incumbent.**

A Sacramento attorney, FLEURY is seeking his fourth term in the Assembly. He is the official Republican candidate. He is chairman of the highly important Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits FLEURY with the following votes on roll call test issues during recent years:

1949—16 "good," 10 "bad" and 2 absences.

1951—4 "good," 13 "bad" and no absences.

1953—5 "good," 13 "bad" and 1 absence.

**JESSE E. FLUHARTY, Democrat.**

Mr. FLUHARTY is an attorney who lives and practices law in Sacramento. He is the official candidate of the Democratic Party. A local investigation is recommended, due to the limited information furnished the UTILITY REPORTER.

## 9TH ASSEMBLY

**NINTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**—Part of SACRAMENTO County.

**ROY J. NIELSEN, Republican Incumbent.**

NIELSEN, a Sacramento Real Estate and Insurance Broker, is one of the oldest members of the Assembly, in terms of total service. He was first elected in 1924, served until 1941, and was again elected in 1952. He is seeking his tenth term and is the official candidate of the Republican party.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits NIELSEN with the following votes on key issues during the 1953 session: 17 "good," 2 "bad" and no absences.

**JOHN J. REYNOLDS, Democrat.**

The official Democratic candidate, REYNOLDS is a public accountant who lives in Sacramento. Since no other information has been furnished a local investigation is suggested.

## 12TH ASSEMBLY

**12th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**—County of SAN JOAQUIN.

**JOHN J. McFALL, Democrat Incumbent.**

A Manteca attorney, McFALL is seeking his third term in the Assembly. He is the official candidate of the Democratic party. He is a member of several Assembly committees, including the important

RULES Committee.

The State A. F. of L. Legislative Report credits McFALL with the following votes during his two terms: 1951—12 "good," one "bad" and 4 absences; 1953—12 "good," 2 "bad" and 2 absences.

**ARCHANGELO FEOLI, Republican,** is a salesman living at Stockton.

**CHARLES E. ROHN, Jr., Republican,** is in the farm machinery sales business in Stockton.

**MURL F. PATTERSON, Democrat,** is a railroad switchman, living in Stockton.

Since no information has been furnished on these candidates, a local investigation is recommended.

# BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

## 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.**

## THIRD DISTRICT

This district, which includes nearly all the counties of Northern California, has the most hotly contested race for the position. The last elected member died in 1952 and his post was filled by appointment. Two Democrats and one Republican seek the office.



**PAUL LEAKE, Democratic Incumbent.**

Appointed by Gov. Warren in 1952 to serve the unexpired term caused by the death of the incumbent, PAUL LEAKE now seeks his first elective office.

A graduate of Woodland high school and the University of California, Mr. LEAKE is the Editor-Publisher of the Woodland Daily Democrat, the newspaper he has published since 1912. He served for 13 years as Collector of Customs in the Port of San Francisco (for the U.S. Treasury Department) and established an enviable record for capable and honest administration. Principal duties of that office are tax revenue administration and law enforcement.

Mr. LEAKE has given the following statement to Local 1245: "In politics, I am an Independent Democrat. For 13 years I served under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman with the U.S. Treasury Department and was appointed to my present office in December, 1952, by Governor Warren."

"I am a Past President of the California Newspaper Publishers Association and have operated my own paper for a lifetime. My newspaper has always employed International Typographical Union printers. We have never had even the threat of a strike or walkout, and have just completed negotiating our new contract."

"In the early days when it was not so popular to be on the side of labor, I have been on the team."

"Believe me, I am deeply appreciative of your interest in this—my first attempt to corral votes for myself." The statement was signed "Gratefully yours, PAUL LEAKE."

**DON MITCHELL, Democrat.**

A trucking firm operator from Sacramento, DON MITCHELL is

# 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.

seeking his first elective office. Born in Iowa, MITCHELL came to California in 1933, when he was 18 years old.

Working days, he studied traffic management, transportation law and accountancy at night school. In 1937 he left the truck driving profession and became an accountant for the Calif. Department of Employment. During the war years he worked as a field examiner for the Federal Office of Defense Transportation.

Following a period as manager for a traffic management firm, MITCHELL started his own trucking business with 13 trucks, in 1946. Today, he operates a fleet of 110 trucks under the corporation name of Cal-Central Trucking Co.

He has lectured at Sacramento State College and Stanford University in business administration and transportation classes. In addition to service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento-Yolo Port District MITCHELL is active in numerous civic and church affairs in his home community of West Sacramento.

He is a withdrawal card member of the Teamsters' Union.



**CLINTON T. DUFFY, Republican.**

Third aspirant for the post with the Board of Equalization is CLINTON T. DUFFY, official Republican candidate. DUFFY, who lives in Kentfield, Marin County, is widely known as the former Warden of San Quentin State Prison.

He is a member of the California Adult Authority and is known as an authority on crime and prison problems.

DUFFY has first-hand experience with some of the problems of the liquor industry, as he operated a bar and restaurant for some time after leaving his post as Warden at San Quentin.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

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vows expanded reciprocal trade treaties, lowering tariffs to encourage foreign trade, and programs to prevent oversupply of raw materials and processed goods.

SUGAR believes that control and administration of Government functions must be at the lowest possible level and that the Federal Government should keep out of State and local problems wherever possible.

**LEROY JOHNSON**

Republican incumbent

JOHNSON, representing counties of San Joaquin and Stanislaus, is an old hand in Congress who is seeking another term.

The congressional voting record, as compiled by the AFL, credits Mr. JOHNSON with 16 "good" votes, 36 "bad" and 10 absences. On the roll test votes listed in this issue, he voted for: No. 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8; against 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12. He was absent on No. 3 and 4.

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 official 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-

vises, "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.



# 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.

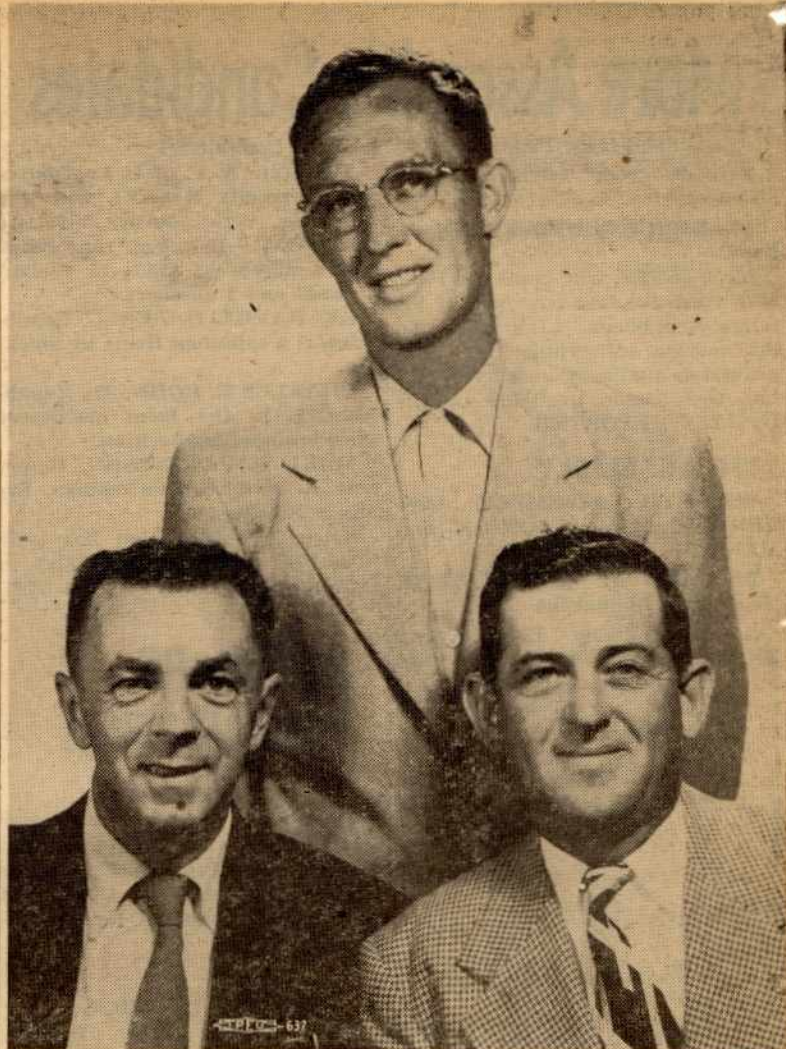
We continue to request that all members report immediately any snoopers hanging around their job

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.



Here are the members of your Sierra Pacific Power Co. Negotiating Committee. From left to right, they are: BUD PRIME, ED HASTINGS and LLOYD SMITH. The committee was assisted in its negotiations by a group from the business office.

## Sierra Pacific Settlement OK'd

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9. 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.

10. An additional 5c per hour for "Senior Stenographer and/or Typist."

11. The extension of the "Serviceman (Senior) (Troublemaker)" and "Truck Driver" classifications system-wide where needed.

12. A 2½ per cent increase for each 6 months until maximum for satisfactory performance of clerical employees on wage ranges.

13. 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 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.

## HEAR FRANK EDWARDS!

James L. McDevitt, national director of Labor's League for Political Education, is urging all-out AFL support of the Frank Edwards nightly radio broadcasts.

McDevitt said the Edwards program enjoys one of the top audience ratings in radio. He recommended greater publicity efforts for Edwards by AFL local and state papers.

The hard-hitting AFL commentator is heard Monday through Friday in five big California cities.

Edwards is on at 10:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, on these stations:

City	Station
San Francisco . . . . .	KFRC
Sacramento . . . . .	KXOA
Bakersfield . . . . .	KBAA
Los Angeles . . . . .	KHJ
San Diego . . . . .	KGB

## Household Hints

Thaw frozen bread in the wrapper, to keep warm-air moisture from condensing on the bread.

If you are buying meat with bone, you'll need one pound for two servings. A pound of lean meat without bone will make four servings.

While shampooing, comb the thick soapy lather the full length of long hair, using a very coarse comb. This is extra insurance for complete cleanliness from scalp to hair ends.

If you are planning to build or redesign your bathroom, plan it to avoid annoyances. That "jungle" of drying hosiery or lingerie can be eliminated by installing an armed rack right into the wall or wainscot at the time the bathroom is modernized.

If not sure of the quality of a

chunk or round steak, tenderize it before braising. Just cut through the surface fibers of the meat in a criss-cross pattern.

Tweezers or a strawberry huller will do a good job of pulling out pin feathers from poultry.

Scrap ends of washable wallpaper make attractive, practical, and long-wearing jackets for recipe books and other kitchen manuals.

To make planting of small seeds a lot simpler, mix them with dry sand.

Thinking of throwing out that faded fiber rug? To make it last another season, give it a coat of your favorite color house paint thinned with turpentine (one part turpentine to three parts paint). Work the paint thoroughly into the fiber with the brush to obtain the best results.

## 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.

## PARTIES HONOR HARRY BOLLIN

Brother HARRY BOLLIN, who resigned last month as business representative after a lengthy tour of duty with the Humboldt and North Bay Divisions, was honored by two units.

A surprise party was given Bro. Bollin on March 24th by members of Unit 3111, the Eureka physical group. Refreshments were served—everyone had a fine time—and Harry was presented with a Scheafer pen and pencil set.

The Weott-Garberville group, Unit 3112, not to be outdone by their brothers farther North, also had a party for Harry. Plenty of refreshments were served. Brother JOHN CLINKERSCALES showed his very interesting color movies of Linemen at work, and then "doubled in brass" by playing the piano.

Needless to say, Bro. BOLLIN is most appreciative of the kind deeds of the members of the units he served. Said Harry: "Always makes a guy feel good to know that he has a bunch of good friends who will think about him once in a while!"



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.