A group of delegates to the August 28th Tri-State Utility Conference discussed the "Sacramento Story," official state legislative voting record issued by the State Federation of Labor, with Assemblyman WALLACE D. HENDERSON (D) (center). On Mr. Henderson's right are RALPH LEIBSON, Bus. Mgr., Las Vegas Local 357, IBEW, and DON WEAKLEY of Local 1245. On his left are LAURA SIDDLER, GEORGE A. MULKEY, IBEW International Rep., and EDWARD T. SHELDOCK, UWWA-CIO National Representative. All agreed that Assemblyman Henderson's labor voting record was top notch.

Unit Chairmen to Meet at UC Oct. 1

As we go to press plans are being finalized for a CONFERENCE FOR IBEW UNIT CHAIRMAN, to be conducted by the local union in conjunction with the Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley.

The Conference will open on Saturday, October 1 at a workshop on the introduction of questionaires, followed by a discussion on "Parliamentary Procedures and Effective Public Speaking." Conference Coordinator Rice will report on "The Unit Chairman and the Representative."

After a brief afternoon recess, the gathering will divide into four groups to examine the techniques of the unit and unit executive committee meetings. Each group will have a co-chairman, a Business Representative and a university Graduate Research Assistant.

Following dinner at Spencer's Fish Grotto in Berkeley, the gathering will hear a major address by Cyril P. Atkinson, Assistant Professor of Engineering Design, U.C., who will speak on "Organized Labor and the New Technology."

Further papers are scheduled for the first day.

Lunchroom will be served on campus to all in attendance, and a full afternoon will be devoted to problems relating to effective unit meetings.

As an indication of the interest in our resolutions, a majority of the vote of our delegates is on the agenda of our next Conference.

The Sunday sessions will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Church meetings will be made for members desiring to attend early services.) Bus. Mgr. Roy T. Weakley, Asst. Mgr. Harry M. Baker, Vice President of Local 1245, and Bus. Mgr. Elmer Bushby will all participate in sessions held around specific problems confronting our local unions.

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Special to All Linemen And Groundmen

To those who have been receiving numerous calls from IBEW local union members or others who need help on various jobs. Since Local 1245 has many members of the Outside Line Construction work, we would like to refer them to any local union members who may need help on any of these jobs.

As a member shortage is developing in the Outside Line Construction at this time, we would like to see the men who are available for this type of work to contact the Local 1245 union office.

Fraternally yours,
The Union's Wife

A news story from Chicago, Ill. concerning the activities of Esther Quigley, wife of a striking UAW-CIO member, prompts us to address these words to our members—and to the wives of American families in this country.

Mrs. Quigley. It seems, locked her husband out of their home in protest of his activities as a union member on strike. But this family cooperation doesn’t just happen. It comes about because of a joint realization that “in union there is strength.” This applies equally to the unity of a family as to the unity of trade unionism.

"Give us the tools," Winston Churchill once said, "and we will do the job." He spoke, of course, of winning the great war. But it is also an appropriate appeal to the workers of the world and their families. In many ways, it is the wife who actually plans her union member husband’s personal strategy.

The wife of a union member is the cornerstone of successful trade union activity. Not only does she provide the moral support needed by her husband but she must face the challenge in the event that pay check ceases to come in regularly. In more than 83 percent of American families, it is the woman who handles the family income and disbursements. It is the wife who buys the groceries, the shoes and the clothing; who pays the rent, the insurance premiums and the doctor bills. In short, the wife need not worry about money in a superficial way; it is the wife who faces the daily battle of the family budget. Hence she must face the world in which she lives and in our leader who consistently does a top-notch job has more than just passive support from his wife. He has her active aid and interest to use as a powerful weapon in her own right.

We urge you to do your job in helping to plan the present and future for your family, for your union and for your country. Only so can we hope to raise our own level of understanding to the economic and political power—which is delivered to their home each month. We hope for the day when the wife of a union member can be as powerful a force as the husband of the union member.

Our real sympathy, however, is reserved for the wives of the other 400 IAW members who were on strike against their employers. They are the unions heroes in this case. Their struggle is often a lonely one, for the other half of organized labor—the wives and their savings in the absence of pay checks enabled their husbands to continue the strike and to win their just demands. We hope we never have to. But the absence of strikes does not diminish the spirit of unionism that share their husbands’ hopes and aspirations, who enlighten themselves on the issues of the day, and who stand ever ready to encourage their men, through thick and thin.

By TOM LEE

I.B.E.W. Leads LLPE Drive

In March, we circulated all our local unions relative to the low 85 cents per hour as the last of the wage contract that was signed by Mr. Louis E. Barlow. Many local unions have made complaints concerning the many forced partial returns—but many have not. We are, therefore, making a second appeal to our locals in order to step up their activities so far as reflections for LLPE are concerned.

Our Brotherhood has, as you well know, led in determining an international union in contributions to LLPE since the contract was signed. Last year, our contributions again topped $200,000 in LLPE, in the fact of all that, our contributions represent reparation for wrongs that are ascribed from each agreement of our union.

An appeal has been made to members and members who thereof will depend on us for support are now seeking assistance in enlightening re LLPE. We urge you to see your union leaders.
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We quote the express alarm at the tremendous diversions of wealth to giant corporate control for the benefit of basic commodities, and the generalized “We want a government-administration all come in for a helping hand!” The question of a better future as not being so rosy.

In the Southland, however, is growing in size and has adherents in the opposite camp, this is the pressure of inflation.

The reports from Silicon Valley are as if at an all-time high. Délétton and defiency on outstanding consumer credit payments is proving to be a bigger issue, and in government interest rates are expected to increase. In the commercial banking credit tightening has been announced as a sort of “slippery.” However, the trend is continuing and is definite.

Even the most optimistic economists and business forecasters are expressing a sort of concern at the present time.

The last reported government figures indicate that both living costs and industrial production are beginning to rise. Profits are tremendous and consumer is not an illusion.

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District offered a general wage increase of 4½ per cent to employees early this month. The effect was tremendous, and consumers are right to question and other contractual issues. Additional meetings will be scheduled to complete the management in the near future.

Negotiations with Penlight Pay, for example, have involved a portion of Contra Costa County, but have not been resolved. In the words of Director Geo. L. Rice recently, the lack of a settlement is due to the conflict of interest, and the employers’ support of utility workers.

In Alameda, the Board of Directors met with himself and Br. Osslo, presidents of the Brotherhood of Railway, and G. Hansen. The Perrysmann dispensing soda pop for a dollar and a quarter, and their facilities at Carlsbad south of the truck market, but I manage to write or re-print articles which we feel significantly impact the unemployment in the distribution of our weekly and our monthly tandem, the utility company.

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As L. Pitts of Los Angeles, and 22 others were selected as the leaders of the 1955 convention, newly elected vice presidents were announced. Newly elected vice presidents were Robert J. O’Hara, San Mateo County; R. B. Allen, San Francisco; and Samuel Campbell, San Francisco. The Perrysmann dispensing soda pop for a dollar and a quarter at the pier.

In the Bay Area, the Oakland City Council recently announced wages to be paid to City employees, represented by employees of the American Federation of Labor, who are represented by the Alarm Operators are set to receive $18.45 for a 40-hour week, and $19.80 for a 45-hour week. The Alarm Operators are represented by the Teamsters Local 1245.

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