



Union Committee Presses for Gains

PG&E Wage Talks Move On

Despite many days of committee sessions and bargaining meetings with the Company, the System Negotiating Committee continues to plug away toward the point where an equitable, tentative settlement can be achieved.

Days and nights of work have not produced this goal as of the time we go to press.

The Committee, consisting of Chairman Russ Stone, and members Dan McPeak, Art Justis, John Michael, Frank Quadros and "Scotty" Shaw is working closely with the Business Office in the development of strong arguments to support our basic position for settlement.

Counter proposals have been received and reviewed on nearly all the issues before the negotiators. A notable exception is the question of general wages, still sitting in the hands of the Company which must make the next move. Movement on cost items and major principled issues has been extremely slow on the part of the Company. This has slowed progress to date.

GAIN ON INEQUITIES

Our inequity program is nearly resolved at this writing. A number of gains have been scored on this subject matter.

The working conditions sections of the contract are proving the hardest hurdles to cross in order to hit the finish line.

While there were many proposals submitted by the Union, the membership has voiced a desire for substantial improvements in wages and conditions, due in part to the relative "drought" when it comes to major contractual gains over the past several years.

A "resume" of the original proposals was developed in order to reduce the discussion to a list of stated objectives and principles on each issue, rather than discussing each and every word of contract language. Both parties are using the "resume" as the basis for present negotiations.

SEEK ACCEPTABLE "PACKAGE"

Some of the issues are being referred to a sub-committee in an attempt to resolve certain differences outside of the major negotiations. Others are being set aside for an attempt to draft joint interpretative bulletins on clauses presently in the agreement. Revisions of language for purposes of clarification have been removed from immediate contention, since agreement has been reached on the use of a sub-committee to endeavor to re-write such language at a later date.

It appears that many of the procedural matters presently before the parties must be worked out in some manner other than these negotiations if we are to get to the business of an agreed "package" to wind up the 1956 negotiations.

Your Committee will meet again with the Company on Tuesday, June 26. The calendar from then on will depend on progress made at the session on the 26th.

EXPLORE ALL AVENUES

All possible efforts toward a settlement are being explored by

your Committee. While some "secondary" or comparatively minor issues, as well as certain procedural matters, have been removed from immediate contention, the major cost and principled issues have been retained to this point.

The membership gave the Committee a big job and a big program. Such things take time and involve a lot of money. Therefore, the movement has been necessarily slow.

Collective bargaining is a joint

operation in which both parties mean to protect and advance their separate and joint interests. A lot of work on both sides is going on which requires patience and understanding if an agreeable conclusion is to be reached.

Intensified efforts to reach a conclusion are being put into plan. Your committee is "boiling down" its position to the final stages of negotiations and will continue to press diligently for an early and

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FRANK D. GILLERAN



RONALD T. WEAKLEY

Gilleran and Weakley Renamed to Head 1245

Local 1245's Election Committee, under chairmanship of Brother Clyde Weddle, reported last Saturday on the results of our biennial Union Election for all top offices.

President Frank Gilleran was re-elected to his third term as President of Local 1245; Business Manager Ronald T. Weakley (unopposed) was given a large vote of confidence; and Southern Area Executive Board member Marvin P. Wagner was re-elected to his second term. All other top policy offices were filled with new men.

Three "old hands" were elected to Union office after an absence of several years from Union policy making spots. They are Brothers Marvin C. Brooks, elected vice president; Walter R. "Bob" Glasgow, Northern Area Executive Board member; and Edwin B. White, Central Area Executive Board member. Brooks, Chairman of the Union's System Safety Committee, is a former Executive Board member, as is Glasgow, and White is a former Business Representative and held various offices of predecessor union organizations.

A joint meeting of all outgoing and incoming Union officers will be held at headquarters on Sunday, July 1st, following a testimonial dinner for former Treasurer George R. Wagner which is set for Saturday evening, June 30th.

Following is a complete breakdown of the vote received by all candidates for Union office and policy committee positions.

President: Frank R. Gilleran, 1672 (re-elected); John C. Loschy, 503; Charles Massie, 1467.

Vice President: Marvin C. Brooks, 973 (elected); Gerald R. Cannon, 370; Ray D. Reynolds, 677; Russell E. Stone, Jr., 859; and William Yochem, 698.

Business Manager: Ronald T. Weakley, 3193 (re-elected).

Recording Secretary: Milton "Scotty" Shaw, 3562 (elected).

Treasurer: Walter H. Martin, 3233 (elected).

Southern Area Exec. Bd. Member: Marvin P. Wagner, 501 (elected); and Charles B. Wason, 306.

Central Area Exec. Bd. Member: Edwin B. White, 316 (elected); Joseph H. Kriens, 165; Patrick F. McEvoy, 274; William M. Morrison, 195; and Frank A. Quadros, 267.

Northern Area Exec. Bd. Member: Walter R. Glasgow, 686 (elected); and J. M. Snodgrass Sr., 408.

General Construction Exec. Bd. Member: Everett T. Basinger, 150 (elected); and John W. Michael, 141.

POLICY COMMITTEE VOTE

San Joaquin: Gerald Bayless, 274 (elected); and Robert W. Irwin, 153.

Coast Valleys: Robert E. Staab, 128 (elected); and Edward L. Sunkler, 82.

Dept. of Pipe Line Operations: Jack E. Wilson, 32 (elected); and Walter G. Kreusch, 16.

San Jose and Santa Clara MUD: Addis O'Conner, 83 (elected); and Jean T. Hiam, 66.

East Bay and Central Supply Dept.: Loren C. Middlekauff, 157 (elected); H. Gonzales, 117; H. C. Halbach Jr., 111; Robert K. Hudson, 131.

Key System and East Bay Municipalities: Louis Bonino, 52 (elected).

San Francisco: Dorwin E. Robinson, 247 (elected).

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FT. BRAGG UNIT GOES 100 PCT.!

Bus. Rep. Fred M. K. Lucas proudly reported this week that every eligible PG&E employee in both the physical and clerical forces in the area of Ft. Bragg unit No. 3717 is now a member of Local 1245.

The unit consistently has good attendance at unit meetings, according to Lucas, with 70 to 80 per cent of members in attendance. Their participation in Union affairs is spirited and they have been strong supporters of the Union's program. This unit was among the first on the system to give their unanimous support to the negotiating program devised by the Union's System Negotiating Committee with the PG&E Company.

Plans are now being formed to

stage a dinner and dance at the Coast Hotel in Ft. Bragg in the near future. The social committee promises that EVERYTHING will be free except the liquid refreshments. A drive is on to insure that every member and wife or husband will attend this major social function.

The Unit wishes to extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to Unit Chairman Don Peterson, Steward Walt Knox and Brothers Johnny Kaser and Fred Hervilla for the excellent work they have done in building their unit up to a maximum strength.

The Editorial Board is pleased to say "Hats Off to Ft. Bragg Unit No. 3717 for a job well done!" We hope you will keep up the good work.

Rice Leaves Union Staff; Opens Labor Consulting Service

Business Manager R. T. Weakley announced this month that George L. Rice, Director of Research and Education for Local 1245, has resigned from the staff of the Union, effective July 1, 1956. Rice will establish a labor consulting and research service, headquartered at the Financial Center Building in Oakland.

A former secretary-treasurer for the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union of the Monterey Peninsula, Rice joined the staff of Local 1245 early in 1953. For the preceding two years he had been associated with the 12th Regional Wage Stabilization Board, initially as Associate Director of the Agricultural Wage Section of the Board, and later as Senior Industrial Relations Analyst in the heavy industries section.

In announcing the resignation, Weakley stated:

"Brother Rice has served our Union well during the past three years. His contributions in such matters as trade union and political education, vocational training, public relations and labor participation in community welfare, have been outstanding. Our Union has advanced in the general community and within the labor movement as a result of his efforts and capabilities.

"On behalf of the officers, staff and general membership, I wish to



GEORGE RICE

convey the thanks of our organization and best wishes for success in Brother Rice's new venture."

The new business venture will be known as George L. Rice, Labor Relations Consultant, according to Weakley. Rice's office is Suite 707, Financial Center Building, Oakland 12, California, and the telephone number is TEMplebar 2-0933.

Rice and his associates will provide essential services to labor unions and employee groups in connection with negotiations problems, economic research, and consultation on establishment of trade union educational programs.

Rice will retain his "A" membership in the IBEW, as well as continuing as a member-at-large of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.



Just in case you doubt your eyes—this really is an octopus! And it's being held by Brother C. J. "Red" McMahan and his wife of Garberville. "Red" and Bro. Jack Van Buren went abalone diving this month at Bear Harbor—but they returned with the octopus, which measures more than 8 feet. We wonder if they ate the thing!

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San Francisco, Calif.
INT. BRO. OF ELECTRICAL
WORKERS, LOCAL 1245
ATTENTION: Ronald T. Weakley

Dear Brothers:
There are only two ways we can show our appreciation of your moral and financial support and your presence at our side:
1. By winning this fight.
2. By following your wonderful example, giving whatever help we can, whenever we can, to you and all our brother workers. Wherever you are or they may be—we are all in the same boat.
God bless you.

Eternally yours,
/s/ Jim Rossi, president
Godfrey Boehm, vice-president
John A. Eberle, Secty.-Treas.
**CEMETERY WORKERS AND
GREENS ATTENDANTS'
UNION**

(Editor's note: Local 1245 contributed \$50 to the strike fund of Local 265 of the Cemetery Workers Union, Local 265, which is now nearing the end of its second month of strike against the major San Francisco and San Mateo County cemeteries.)

San Francisco, Calif.
June 15, 1956

R. T. Weakley, Bus. Mgr.
Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that we have settled our strike against the Optical Employers Association of California.

Our new agreement provides a 12½ cent per hour wage increase retroactive to November 1, 1955 and our members returned to work on June 4, 1956.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and your membership for your contribution of \$100 to our strike fund.

The financial support we received from organizations such as yours made it possible for us to carry on a strike for 18 weeks to defeat a determined employer effort to break our Union. We are most grateful for your assistance. With best wishes, we are

Fraternally yours,
**OPTICAL TECHNICIANS
AND WORKERS' UNION,
LOCAL 18791, AFL-CIO**
Edward Burkhardt, Bus. Rep.

Yuba City, Calif.
June 6, 1956

The Editor, Dear Sir:

I know this is extremely late in coming but better late than never.

The generous gift from the Union to us after our terrible experience on Christmas Eve in the flood will never, never be forgotten.

What a Christmas for our children as well as for thousands of others! And I believe as big a heartache to us parents who had worked hard for their Christmas, as we all do each year.

However, had we known that day that the Union and the Red Cross both would come to our aid, maybe our faces would have been a little brighter, and our hearts a little lighter. But then, we didn't know.

But from all this—even from our loss—which was so great, Christmas had the true meaning to us and all was not lost, for a lesson was learned, though hard to bear. That Love, Hope and Charity are truly the real meaning in life and maybe God had his hand in all of this, to bring Christ back in Christmas for those of us who had maybe forgotten. Truly, our friends, fellow workers and even strangers helped us learn. Without you we couldn't have done what we did for years to come.

Thank you for helping us walk again.
Most sincerely yours,
Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. Mallory,
Nancy, Paul Jr. & Kenneth

SECOND ANNUAL UNION DANCE GIVEN BY NORTH BAY UNIT

(By Fred M. K. Lucas, Bus. Rep.)
North Bay Division Grievance Committee sponsored its second annual dance at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Santa Rosa on June 2nd.

More than 100 members and guests turned out for the affair, and a rousing good time was enjoyed by all. "It was well worth the drive down to Santa Rosa," commented Bro. Henry B. Lucas, Union Chairman of the Humboldt Division Grievance Committee. "I just wish that all the members of our Local Union could have enjoyed this wonderful time."

Bus. Rep. Al Kaznowski drove over from Sacramento to attend the dance. "It was certainly inspiring to participate with a group with such a high spirit of unionism," he declared. "I am really proud to be associated with the staunch group of union men and women who put on such successful affairs."

And Bus. Rep. Ed James, former Grievance Committeeman from the North Bay Division, also drove over from his Stockton area. "It was very nice to get back to North Bay on an occasion such as this and have a chance to see a lot of friends I worked with here," said James. "I've attended both dances and am really looking forward to the dance next year because I

know many more of our members will take advantage of this fine Union affair."

Special thanks are due the following members and wives who gave so freely of their time and energy to make the dance a success: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neher, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fellin, Mr. and Mrs. William Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chastain.

A Safe and Sane 4th

Our annual national holiday in honor of the Independence of our Country is here again.

While we honor the beginning of the greatest nation in history, we might take stock of another "greatest" item in connection with American holidays.

The greatest slaughter from non-combatant causes is found in the so-called accident casualties in our country. A National holiday is the signal for the grim reaper to mark up a big score.

Automobile casualties hit the headlines and we shake our heads in dismay. Yet, many of us forget these sobering statistics when we take off for a holiday of fun and relaxation. Why can't all of us just think of how precious our lives and the lives of others are before we start for the hills, beaches, picnic grounds or local celebrations?

When we arrive at our destination and join the holiday throng, what do we find? Happy crowds, pleasant associations, group fun, fireworks, and other diversions.

Sometimes we also find the shock of seeing a drowned child carried lifeless to a grief stricken parent. And we sometimes see children maimed for life from an unsupervised explosion of lethal fireworks.

Why didn't we watch more closely? Why didn't we stay with the kids as they set off those big "crackers?"

All too often we read the sad accounts of such injuries and fatalities and feel thankful that they didn't occur in our family.

The only purpose of this editorial is to remind ourselves that this needless slaughter proves that death does not take a holiday. The fact of the matter is, death has a super-celebration on a holiday!

Let us enjoy our Fourth of July. Let us be safe and sound on the Fifth of July as well, because we took a little time to be careful.

STEEL NEGOTIATIONS MOVING TOWARD CRUCIAL DECISIONS

NEW YORK (PAI)—After two weeks of quiet negotiations the United Steelworkers and representatives of the Big Three in the steel industry have reached the point where the union's wage policy committee is taking a look at the results thus far.

The 170-man body was called into session for June 15 by President David McDonald in line with the union's "usual procedure of keeping the committee informed regarding steel negotiations." Earlier he had reiterated hopes that the union would be able to reach an accord with the major companies by June 17 well in advance of the expiration of the present contract on June 30.

Neither the Steelworkers nor negotiators for the Big Three—United States Steel, Bethlehem and Republic—have given any indications of what offer the companies presumably have made.

What the Steelworkers want is pretty well known. Their 1956 wage policy as published in the current issue of Steel Labor lays down the following goals:

- A "substantial" wage boost.
- Week-end premium pay in an effort to get rid of as much Saturday and Sunday work as possible.
- Supplemental Unemployment Benefits, to provide "eligible employees up to 52 weeks of adequate benefits against the ravages of unemployment and to encourage stabilization of employment."
- Improvement of insurance and pension plans.
- Establishment of the Union shop in the steel industry.
- Additional paid holidays and liberalization of vacations.
- Better contract terms in general.

While company negotiators have refused to divulge their proposals, it is likely that the industry will try to get a long-term—5 years—contract, with fixed annual increases and that it will offer a fund of 5 cents an hour for supplementary unemployment benefits.

All reports say that the Steelworkers will reject a long-term contract in favor of a two or three year one and that they will want the bulk of their gains to come during the first year.

The wage policy committee has authority to recommend strike action unless satisfactory agreements is reached before June 30.

LOOKING AHEAD

Among other provisions in a new contract between the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and Locals 1339 and 1352 of Intl. Brotherhood of Elect. Workers is a clause written in anticipation of the march of automation. Under it, no wage cuts nor layoffs for workers with five or more years seniority.

Elbow Grease Does Job

Another demonstration of how hard work on the part of state and local COPE's can bring about success at the polls has just been furnished in New Mexico. There, most of the candidates endorsed for the legislature by the county COPE's won their primary elections May 8, and many candidates running for state office who were endorsed by the state COPE also were winners.

How did this come about? The answer: County and state Committees on Political Education worked hard at the sweaty job of registering trade unionists so that they would be eligible to vote; they told, in plain language, just where the candidates stood on important issues; and they did a tremendous job of getting out the vote.

James Giachello, president of the Bernalillo County COPE, said: "We had the finest cooperation by our people that I have seen in my 22 years in Albuquerque." Result: Seven COPE-endorsed candidates for the state legislature won their primaries.

Elbow grease works just as well in politics as in anything else.

Well, What Have You Done Lately!

We told a few weeks ago about a check of Union membership to determine what percentage is registered to vote. The percentage then was far too low, we are sorry to report; it has not improved very much since then. Unless Union people soon take steps to remedy this bad situation, and unless Unions take action to speed up registration, we need expect only a small Union vote in the coming elections.

Hold your breath but study these facts: It is doubtful if one third of Union people have registered. Think that over; try it on for size. Are you one of the (other) 67 per cent? How about it?

There is no time like right now to register so that you can vote. In a few weeks you will have to stand in line and wait for others. Why not register right away?

Unless Union people register and vote, they may suffer a terrific setback in November. Maybe they will deserve what they get, but lots of others who do not deserve the worst of it will suffer for their carelessness and lack of interest.—"The Washington Teamster," May 11, 1956.

Some girls go to college to get a bachelor's degree — others to get a bachelor.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

By Polly Cope

It's bad enough when adults suffer because of governmental red tape and mismanagement. But when our children are involved, it really touches our hearts.

The Salk anti-polio vaccine inoculation program has been shamefully mishandled. Originally, it was planned to give three inoculations to every person under 20 and all expectant mothers. Less than a year ago, the U.S. Public Health Service predicted that the program would be completed by the start of the 1956 polio season.

However, many factors have built up to hinder the program. We are now informed that the program cannot be completed until possibly June of 1957. In the meantime, many children who should be getting their third "shot" have not yet received even their second one.

One of the most irritating factors is the national publicity drive which tells physicians and parents that now is the time to start inoculation, yet supplies are not available.

The entire method of distribution is wrong. There is no uniform policy for equal distribution in the states. The vaccine is distributed by the Public Health Service to the states on the basis of child population. Then the states decide how much to distribute free and how much to distribute to commercial outlets for use by private physicians. The drug salesman decides which physicians shall receive the vaccine. The physician decides which patients shall have it.

It is easy to see that this is an unfair method of distribution. Certainly, the burden of decision shouldn't rest entirely on the salesmen and the physicians. We do not intend to criticize the physicians. They are doing all they can to handle their inadequate supplies fairly. But we do question the present method of procedure. The Michigan plan seems much better. There the State authorities distribute all vaccine free.

Why are Salk polio vaccine supplies still far short of the need? How much vaccine has been produced and where has it gone? Is the program being adequately stepped up to supply the needs? All over the country, mothers ask these questions. What can we do about it?

In New Jersey, for instance, the CIO Women's League is working on this program. Recently, in Trenton, during the annual legislative conference of the State CIO, League representatives presented petitions bearing 6000 signatures, urging speedy action on a pending state law which would eliminate the means test as a barrier to free distribution of the Salk vaccine. Naturally, we object to any means test because it requires a financial accounting from the parents before the vaccine can be distributed. The women further requested a conference with Governor Meyner to enlist his aid in increasing vaccine allocations to Public Health agencies. Governor Meyner stated that legislative action was necessary. He also confirmed that the supplies of vaccine were very short.

The League takes the position that because supplies are short, the allocation to public health agencies must be increased in order to complete an effective mass immunization program before the 1956 polio season starts.

This is an excellent example of what we women of organized labor all over the country should be doing to work for the welfare of our children.

Utility Workers Study Automation Problems

By Henry C. Fleisher
Atlantic City, N. J.

Automation and increasing civilian use of atomic energy to produce electric power were seen by the 10th anniversary convention of the Utility Workers as providing major problems for employes of the power industry in the years ahead.

The union, a former CIO affiliate which was chartered in 1946, reported that during the past decade straight-time hourly wages for utility workers had jumped from 96 cents to \$2.12.

However, the union's officers in their annual report to the convention voiced fear that "consumer rates have been held down at the expense of the workers in the industry" and they expressed concern that the utility industry's wage structure "is below what it should be."

OFFICERS VOICE CONCERN

Pres. Joseph Fisher noted that two recent installations of "univac" automated equipment at one mid-western utility will take over the jobs of an estimated 400 clerical workers, and he predicted that job opportunities in the industry may be declining.

On the other hand, the union foresaw that the atomic-powered utility plants of the future will create new jobs and a necessity for new safety codes. Recent experience indicates the utility industry's main anti-union efforts are being centered on preventing organization of the new modern power plants.

Officers of the union voiced concern that the expansion of public power projects such as the TVA into steam-generating facilities, does not "take into consideration the need for realistic rate structures." They have the effect of limiting the union's ability to make satisfactory economic advance in private utility firms, the union complained.

Throughout the three-day convention, discussion of labor unity and its effect on the utility workers was a constant theme.

AFL-CIO Sec-Treas. William F. Schnitzler, addressing the 300 delegates, scoffed that the "prophets of gloom" has been "wrong—dead wrong" in predicting that the "AFL-CIO marriage" wouldn't work.

"The unity, spirit and purpose is being translated into action," Schnitzler declared. "On Capitol Hill in Washington, our legislative representatives are speaking with one voice, urging Congress to adopt programs which will benefit all of the people. . . ."

MERGERS VOLUNTARY

"There is some substantial progress, too, in the discussion of merger between national and international unions, despite the fact that there is not and there will not be any compulsion upon international unions operating in the same field to amalgamate."

AFL-CIO leaders, he added, will be pleased by "such voluntary mergers, and we'll do all in our power to aid any organizations in such an effort."

Specific questions about a possible merger between the Utility Workers and the Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were discussed by officers and delegates and by IBEW Pres. Gordon Freeman, a convention guest.

Unity committees of the two unions have met during the past year, but the deaths of two former IBEW heads — Dan Tracy and Scott Milne — halted progress. Committees from the two unions are expected to meet again within the month.

Pres. Fisher of the Utility Workers noted that "unity would be good for all utility workers," and added that "if we can work out the proper arrangements with the IBEW, it will be in the best interests of all of us."

But he cautioned that many problems, including that of structure, must be thoroughly explored. **SHARE COMMON INTEREST**

IBEW Pres. Freeman, noting that the two unions "share a common interest," assured the delegates "we of the IBEW will do everything in our power to work

with the UWUA for the good of both our organizations.

"United I believe we can create a better utility industry and a fuller, more abundant life for every man and woman who is a part of it."

Freeman said "it would be a pretty fine thing if we could unite" and hasten the job of organizing the 15 per cent of the utility industry that has not yet been unionized.

"Those unorganized companies are the ones that give us trouble when we enter negotiations on the properties we represent," he pointed out.

Another guest speaker, Pres. James B. Carey of the Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, hailed united labor's help to the IUE victory in the recent Westinghouse strike which he saw as marking the "beginning of the end of strike-breaking in America."

"Obviously, it's now clear to all employers and to all American industry that the ancient union slogan, 'an injury to one is an injury to all,' has at last been given flesh, blood and reality," Carey declared.

The nearly \$3 million given to the Westinghouse strikers by unions throughout America "stunned" the company and proved that the strike "couldn't be starved to death," Carey said. "Westinghouse knew it was defeated by a united labor movement."

Carey, who had presented the union's charter to it 10 years ago when he was CIO secretary-treasurer, hailed the accomplishments of the union during its existence.

Utility union officers are elected at every other convention, and they serve until the next meeting 18 months from now. The officers, in addition to Pres. Fisher, are Sec-Treas. William Pachler and Vice Presidents Harold Straub and William Munger.

Fortune Mag. Says Corporations Break Law on Pol. Gifts

Fortune Magazine, a Luce publication, this month charged that corporations "violate the law" that makes it a crime for them to give money to political parties.

"Corporations . . . cover up contributions by listing them in various expense accounts," Fortune says in its May issue. "The boss's secretary appears as the purchaser of blocks of tickets to \$100-a-plate dinners. Executives contribute handsomely to campaign chests with the understanding that they will get their money back in bonuses."

The magazine admitted that "corporation heads who argue that union dues should not be used for political purposes are not in a very good position to argue that they should be permitted to use stockholders' money for political ends."

The magazine claims that the best solution to the problem of financing campaigns without exposing candidates to "the pressures of self-serving groups" is the "familiar and unspectacular one of persuading many more millions of Americans to become political contributors—in effect, to do with the electorate at large what unions are already doing by canvassing their millions of members for small amounts."

Fortune admits that there is "no limit" to the amount of their own money which rich executives can channel legally into politics. It also notes that a number of corporation heads ask their subordinates to contribute money to their favorite parties and candidates. (In 1936, says Fortune, two families, the DuPonts and Pews, kicked in \$933,546 in their fight against the New Deal.)

At a gathering of bishops a waiter tripped when serving soup and spilt the contents all over one of the divines.

The victim jumped up, stuttered, went red, and finally blurted out: "Will someone not in Holy Orders please say something appropriate?"



WROTE UNANIMOUS SUPREME COURT DECISION ON "RIGHT TO WORK": Justice William O. Douglas wrote the decision upholding the railroad union shop in "right to work" states. He wrote: "One would have to be blind to history to assert that trade unions did not enhance and strengthen the right to work."

1245 Is Host To Central Valley IBEW Conference

Hotel Leamington in Oakland was the scene of the latest quarterly meeting of the Central Valley Conference of the IBEW, held on Saturday, June 9th.

Brother Robert E. Conn, Business Manager of Local 639, San Luis Obispo, chaired the day-long session, while Loyd Myers, President of Fresno Local 100, held down the Secretary's chair.

The delegates were addressed by Bryan P. Deavers, new president of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council. Bro. Deavers urged IBEW locals, particularly those in the construction industry, to affiliate with and participate in the activities of the State BTC. He also announced that Bro. Myers had recently been elected to fill a vacancy on the executive board of the state organization.

International Representatives Otto Reiman and Verne Breillot (a local 1245 member) were also present and addressed the delegates. In addition to routine informational reports as to activities of IBEW local unions in the area, the LO. representatives commented on several problems encountered in effecting merger of various branches of AFL and CIO unions.

Delegates in attendance represented IBEW local unions 428, Bakersfield; 100, Fresno; 684, Modesto; 591, Stockton; 639, San Luis Obispo; and 1245, Oakland. Local 1245 delegates were Bus. Mgr. Ron Weakley, Asst. Bus. Mgrs. M. A. Walters and L. L. Mitchell, Research and Education Director George L. Rice, and Bus. Reps. W. Scott Wadsworth and Ed James.

Next scheduled meeting, to take place in September, will be held in San Luis Obispo.

Crack Jim Crow in South Oil Industry

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—The first significant breakthrough in the Jim Crow pattern within the southern oil refining industry has been reported here by Herbert Hill, NAACP labor secretary. He said that the change occurred at the Magnolia Petroleum company's Beaumont refinery where 32 Negroes were promoted from the labor department into the "process mechanical division" which previously was all-white. Negroes also were promoted at the Shell Oil plant and the Philipps Petroleum Company refinery, both in Houston.

Hill said that as a result of cases filed by NAACP with the President's Committee on Government Contracts and because of the work of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union (AFL-CIO), new union contracts have been negotiated, eliminating the "separate line of progression" limiting Negro

98 Per Cent of AFL-Endorsed Candidates Win on June 5

(CLLPE RELEASE)

Ninety-eight percent of AFL-endorsed candidates either won their own party nomination or carried both tickets in the California primary elections of June 5.

The AFL took no position in the presidential primary, which was swept by Adlai Stevenson on the Democratic ticket. Estes Kefauver ran a distant second. President Eisenhower took the Republican nomination without opposition.

1) AFL-backed Richard Richards captured the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate and will face incumbent Senator Thomas Kuchel in November;

2) Of 23 AFL-endorsed candidates for Congress, 20 won nomination of their own party and three won election by taking both party nominations;

3) Of 15 AFL-endorsed candidates for the State Senate, eight won nomination, six were elected and one failed to win nomination;

4) Of 63 AFL-endorsed candidates for the State Assembly, 45 won nomination, 17 were elected and one failed to win nomination. Of the 17 elected, 14 are Democrats and 3 are Republicans.

Election of AFL candidate Carl L. Christensen, Jr. in the Third Senatorial district brought the Democratic party close to control of the State Senate. Christensen is from Humboldt County.

California's party identification law, adopted by constitutional amendment in 1952, resulted in more legislative run-offs than in any other primary in the modern history of California politics.

Meantime, the CLLPE announced plans for a pre-general

Gauntlet Flung Down in Political Field Says Meany

Organized labor must fight for its principles in the political and legislative fields because that is where the gauntlet has been "flung down by those who are opposed to us," AFL-CIO President George Meany says. "This is where the real challenge is," Meany told the Textile Workers Union of America convention.

He noted the spread of the so-called "right-to-work" laws, now in effect in 18 states, and to proposals by Congressmen to restrict labor's political activity. He called the laws "a complete and absolute fraud" and said their real aim is to weaken unions and render labor "ineffectual." The campaign to spread further these anti-union laws is "on in full swing" under the guise of concern for the non-union worker, Meany said.

"I submit—what evidence is there to qualify either the National Association of Manufacturers or the Chamber of Commerce of the United States as being representative of the unorganized workers? . . . where are their credentials?" Meany asked.

Union members pay dues, Meany said, "but we also know that non-union workers pay dues . . . to the employer in a lessened hourly and lessened daily wage all through the year." Meany said he was confident that labor would rise to the challenge through greater political action.

IBEW Wins in East

Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers has been certified as bargaining agent in two Pennsylvania plants; Westinghouse at Youngwood and Magnetics Inc. at East Butler, following NLRB votes, which gave IBEW huge majorities. The Union also won a substantial wage increase across the board for 8300 workers it represents at New York plants of Niagara Mohawk Power

gro employment to unskilled jobs in the all-Negro labor departments.

election convention to be held in San Francisco on September 14. Business of the convention will be a review of primary election endorsements and voting on endorsements for the November 6th general election.

The ABC's of CHILDREN'S VISION

Young eyes, growing and developing as they are, cannot always meet the stress and strain of schoolwork. When this happens, there is invariably some sign of the conflict—easily seen if parents know how to look for it.

The fundamental clues to visual problems are as simple as ABC. A stands for appearance of the child's eyes when they do not see properly. B stands for his behavior which so often is the warning sign. C stands for the complaint he sometimes makes when vision doesn't do the job.

APPEARANCE

Frequent sties, swollen eyelids, and inflamed eyes may have an underlying basis of eyestrain. Persistent redness and watering, after intense use of the eyes, can come from inadequate vision.

Eyes which "look crossed" or "turn out," though only part of the time, are acting abnormally in a child of school age.

BEHAVIOR

Restlessness and irritability may occur if pressure is put on the child to perform a visual task, difficult or not. Avoiding use of the eyes accompanied by a variety of excuses, or misbehavior to divert attention elsewhere are common reactions.

Failure to learn at the expected achievement level, if not accountable in any other way, may itself be an indication of a visual problem.

Playground action can be a source of information about eyesight. Frequent tripping or stumbling, poor hand and eye co-ordination in playing ball or picking up things, temper tantrums, and even unsociability can have a visual background.

Behavior while reading is significant in many cases, including some of the less severe visual problems. Holding the book too close to the face, frequent blinking, closing one eye, tilting the head, poor posture, rubbing the eyes, and easily losing the place are particularly meaningful.

COMPLAINTS

Young children are most likely to avoid use of their eyes if they hurt. Their symptoms of pain are often nebulous and misunderstood, but as interest in learning develops, and the pressure of school increases, complaints become more frequent and important. A healthy, normal pair of eyes should be able to meet the demands of schoolwork without fatigue or symptoms of discomfort.

Complaints of headache, dizziness, blurred vision, seeing objects double, itching or burning of the eyes, and discomfort of any kind associated with use of the eyes are abnormal in children of school age. Car sickness, nausea, and nervousness may be related to incorrect visual responses.

Parents who know the ABC's of vision can prevent what might hinder their child's school progress, and may save him some precious vision besides.

(Courtesy of Vision Conversation Institute, Inc. 672 S. La Fayette Park Place, Los Angeles 57, Calif.)

UNION WELTERWEIGHT

Vince Martinez, world's third-ranking welterweight, is a member of the International Union of Electrical Workers. He once worked as a draftsman in the Westinghouse Plant in Peterson, N. J. His father, Anthony, also has a union background, at one time being on the CIO staff as an organizer.

The average horsepower of all 1956 American automobiles is 206.8.

YOUR Business Manager's REPORT

By RONALD T. WEAKLEY

Writing a column for our paper has been one of my responsibilities for over three years. There is such a vast amount of subject matter that could be used that sometimes it is quite a chore to select an item for a monthly column.

The institution of a Union news-

paper goes beyond just collecting items, giving them to a make-up man and going to print. We assume new responsibilities because the printed word becomes permanent and is subject to varied interpretations. We must capture and hold reader interest or we supply waste paper. How successful we

are is always a subject of concern to those who try to put out a newspaper.

I have been told by members of the working press that ours is a homey, interesting and "different" Union paper. This doesn't tell us much. We do know that at least a member generally feels that our paper is mostly "about his Union."

We do not accept advertising. We do not have anniversary issues or other money-raising gimmicks. We try to make this paper another means of communication between the officers and the membership, not a commercial enterprise.

What really concerns us is that there is such a wealth of interesting information about our people and their activities that we should never be short of copy. How many fine photographers do we have? How many interesting adventures and experiences belong to our people? We know that among so many thousands of members and their families that a great store of copy must be available.

The "reporters" for our paper are mainly Business Office personnel. The results of using "canned" or "boiler plate" material contributes to the lack of interest in some Union papers. We try to avoid this.

The lack of interest by some editors is good enough reason why some readers and their wives use newspapers to start fires or wrap garbage.

Our fear is that some of our copies are utilized in this manner.

Each member of our Union pays 10c per month, included in his dues, for this newspaper. It costs more than 10c to produce and distribute. We should get our money's worth by making this paper a real buy for that 10c.

Of course, the commercial press must please the subscriber or he cancels his subscription. We cannot operate that way nor do we want bigshot advertisers telling us what to print. This is the sad plight of the great majority of the public press.

It is the hope of your Editor that we can make some real improvement in the interest and readability of this paper. We risk the failure of reaching high readability percentages deliberately.

Experts in this field advise that the average adult American has a reader reception ability of a seventh grader. One periodical, with some 12 million circulation, beams its copy to this seventh grade level, we are told.

We do not believe this. We are warned not to talk "over the heads" of our people. If that means "talking down" to our people, we just do not agree. We will attempt, always, to elevate the level of ourselves and the members we are privileged to represent.

Now this discussion must reach a conclusion, although it is, at the moment, one-sided. I have a fervent hope that those who read this column will make a small investment of time in order to protect and improve their investment.

By that I mean that some written expression to our office on this paper would be most welcome. We need constructive criticism, and suggestions, on content, lay-out, and most of all, the general area of "how we can improve our paper."

When the current major business of our Union is concluded, we shall spend more time in improving our communication. We need your interest and your help in making these improvements.

Before I conclude this column, I should like to express my appreciation in your confidence as expressed by your re-electing me to office. It is an honor as well as an expression of confidence to one who must endeavor to express the desires of our people to your employers. Whatever gains that may have been achieved over the years have been as a result of the teamwork of shop stewards, grievance committeemen, negotiators, officers and the hard work of a loyal, dedicated staff. I accept your confidence with humility and will endeavor to serve you with the best of my ability.

MATTHEW WOLL DEAD; LAST GOMPERS LINK

Matthew Woll, close associate of Samuel Gompers and vice president of the American Federation of Labor for 36 years, died last Saturday in New York. He was 76.

At the time of his death, Brother Woll was a member of the executive committee of the merged AFL-CIO and also a vice president of the merged federation. He had held top union offices for more than 50 years.

AFL-CIO President George Meany said in a formal statement of sympathy:

"The entire labor movement will mourn the passing of Matthew Woll. He served the cause of the nation's workers with constant faith, courage and sound judgment for half a century.

"Imbibing his knowledge of trade unionism from Sam Gompers, Matthew Woll throughout his brilliant career remained true to the principle of the founders of the labor movement. He believed wholeheartedly in labor-management cooperation. Labor has lost a great leader."

Born in Luxembourg, Woll came to America at 10. He became an apprentice photo engraver at 16. He was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois in 1904 and in the same year was elected president of the AFL International Photo Engravers Union, a post he held for nearly half a century.

In 1923, President Gompers appointed Woll to a special committee to study and improve death benefits provided by affiliated unions. Out of this activity grew Woll's connection with the Union Labor Life Insurance Company, set up by the AFL in 1925. Woll was president of the insurance company for 30 years, resigning last year to become the firm's general executive chairman.

Woll was senior lieutenant to Gompers, Green, and Meany during his long membership on the AFL executive council.

Regarded as the architect of the AFL foreign policy program, he was chairman of the AFL Free Trade Union Committee prior to the merger, and since then had served as co-chairman of the AFL-CIO Committee on International Affairs.

Brother Woll is survived by his widow, and two sons, Willard M. Woll, and J. Albert Woll, general counsel of the AFL-CIO.

A Requiem Mass was offered for the deceased this Tuesday in St. Matthew's Catholic Cathedral, Washington, D.C. Burial followed at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in the national capital.

Negotiations Continue For PG&E Contract

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acceptable conclusion. All members are urged to watch closely for the call to attend ratification meetings. The call will be issued as soon as is possible by your Negotiating Committee.

The Committee reminds the membership that the job of obtaining a tentative settlement is the difficult job of the Committee. The final decision on whether the Company's movement on our proposals is sufficient rests with the members of our Union who attend and vote at the Unit Ratification meetings.

Joseph X. Paup, erstwhile gentleman and the poor man's Caruso, says that a nickel goes a long way today — that you can carry it around for weeks before you find something to buy with it.



MATTHEW WOLL

Gilleran, Weakley Re-elected by Union

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Stockton and City of Lodi: Willard E. Lehman, 134 (elected); Albert M. Bolter, 127; and Donald J. Rasmussen, 105.

Transit Authority of Sacramento: William H. Bowser, 7 (elected).

Citizens Utilities Co.: James Dwyer, 34 (elected); and Viola M. Morrill, 6.

Humboldt: Clifford J. McMahon, 77 (elected).

Shasta: Gerald F. Watson, 113 (elected).

Sierra Pacific Power Co.: George W. Kaiser, 45 (elected); and Sylvester E. Kelley, 33.

De Sabla: James E. Gibbs Jr., 142 (elected).

Drum: Woodrow N. Stephenson, 83 (elected); and Paul Bernardis, 41.

Colgate: Frank E. Moran, 97 (elected).

North Bay: Clarence T. Chastain, 150 (elected); and Albert Carpignano, 74.

Sacramento: Edward W. Mills, 119 (elected); and John D. Pedroia, 49.

Sacramento MUD: C. E. Ray, 46 (elected).

PG&E General Construction At-Large: Robert L. Du Bois, 179 (elected); and E. C. Elmore, 127.

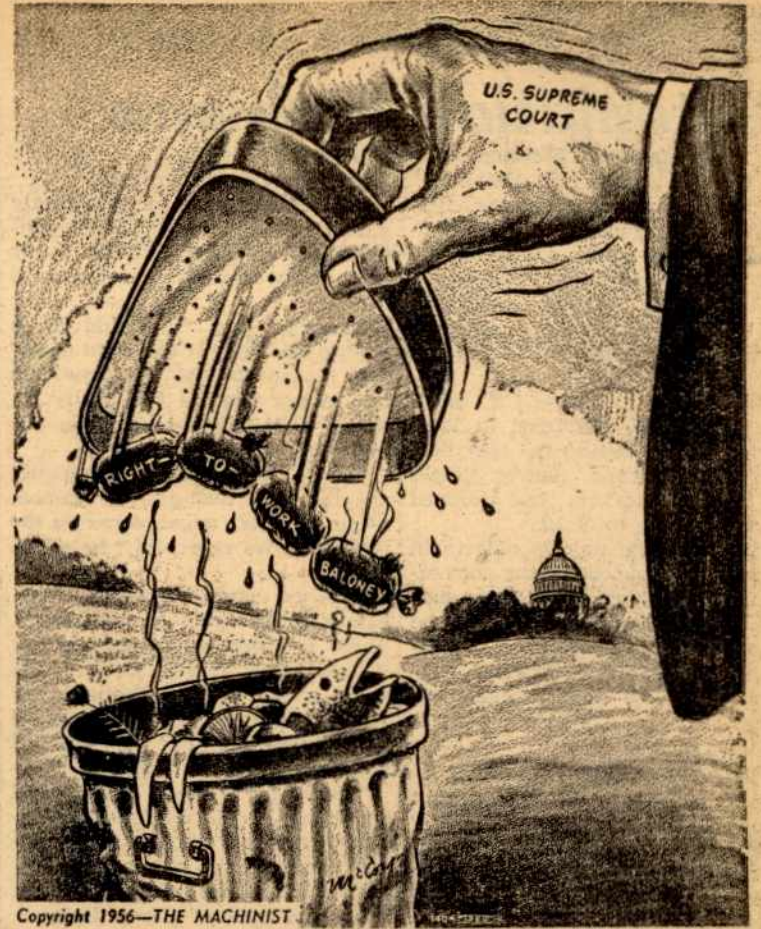
PG&E Clerical At-Large: Morris G. Carpenter, 189 (elected); Francis R. Gans, 55; and Verna O. Leonard, 126.

The Local Union Election Committee, chaired by Brother Clyde Weddle, was composed of Brothers Phillip C. Coffin, Theodore H. Cordua, Luther Hoover, Marion E. Humphrey, Donald E. Jensen, Henry B. Lucas, A. D. Lucot Jr., and John B. Osborne.

Due to serious illness in the family of Chairman Weddle during the time for tabulation and certification of the election results, he was unable to be present. The Committee, therefore, duly elected Donald E. Jensen to act as Chairman and Judge of the election for the duration of the Committee's activities.

The Committee collected more than 4,100 ballots which had been returned by the deadline of 10 a.m., Friday, June 15th, and commenced their count of the votes. The huge job was completed at 1:30 a.m., Saturday, June 16th. Official report of the Committee will be given to the Executive Board on Sunday, July 1, 1956.

A treasonable sixth column works for right-to-work laws.



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Poe Project Will Add 106,000 kw To PG&E Feather River System

Bechtel is constructing important units of a major hydroelectric project for Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Details were revealed by Senior Vice President J. P. Yates recently when he announced that the power division—already under way on dam construction—will also build the powerhouse.

Known as the Poe Project and located on the North Fork of the Feather River, the work includes a diversion dam (and related work) and a powerhouse building, 175 feet by 110 feet in size which will house two turbo-generator units with a combined capacity of 106,000 kilowatts. Design of these units is by the P.G.&E. engineering department, while procurement and construction of the dam and powerhouse building is by Bechtel Corporation.

The Poe Project is located in an area of northeastern California

where Bechtel in 1921 completed its first power contract—the Caribou No. 1 Water Tunnel. The job was done for a utility that later became a part of the P.G.&E. system. The new project is a step in the power company's program of adding 364,000 kilowatts of generating capacity to its Feather River installations.

The dam will have a crest length of 420 feet and will raise the water level of the river at this point approximately 50 feet. It will be of concrete construction. The contract calls for the installation of four radial gates 50 feet wide and 41 feet high fabricated by California Steel Products Co. Poe Dam is located about one mile upstream from the town of Pulga on the Western Pacific mainline. Bechtel crews started work there in February.

Poe Powerhouse will be built seven miles downstream from the dam. Water will be carried through a solid rock tunnel now under construction by a joint venture that includes an old Bechtel associate—Utah Construction Company. The powerhouse has been designed for two generating units.

The plant itself will be semi-outdoor type and will be constructed in a deep excavation through a gravel bar to bedrock. Ground will be filled in around the concrete structure to provide the necessary yard area, leaving only the river side exposed. Visible above ground will be a 240-ton gantry crane, covered hatches for access to the plant from above, a small control building and the switchyard.

The entire project is a 2½-year job. Completion has been scheduled for 1958. Bechtel operations are under the supervision of K. O. Taylor, Manager of Power Construction. Superintendent is John M. Curlee and C. L. Jeffers is Office Manager.

CLLPE Convention Set for Sept. 14

(State Fed. Release)

The pre-general election convention of the California Labor League for Political Education will be held September 14, in San Francisco, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL political organization.

Haggerty said the September convention will be held in California Hall in downtown San Francisco.

The political session will follow by one month the California State Federation of Labor's annual convention set for August 13-17 in Long Beach.

Organizing Progress NORTH BAY HITS A GOOD STRIDE

Reaching for their goal of 100 new members before the end of the month, organizing committees in every part of North Bay Division are busily at work, advises Bus. Rep. Fred M. K. Lucas.

More than 75 new applications have been forwarded to the Union business office during the first weeks of the drive, reports Lucas. And the enthusiastic organizing committees are determined to press on until they have reached 100 percent membership in the physical and clerical forces.

Special credit is due the following members for their untiring work to build Local 1245:

San Rafael area — Brothers Charles Bagley, Juneau Bell, Willie Mazina, Ed Hale and John Viera; Napa, Vallejo area—Kermit Herlocker, Al Carpignano and Joe Tamborini; Santa Rosa area—Bill Ray, George Woodson, Jim Parker, John Tue, Oscar Fellin, Ed Neher, Hank Connolly, Fred Jagers, Babe Adams, Bill Wall, Paul Panick, Verner Madsen, Clarence Chastain and Earl Anderson; Ukiah area—Walt Dunlap, Gerry Collier, Don McDonnell, Jim Little, and Orm Gaspar; Ft. Bragg area —Walt Knox, Don Peterson, Fred Hervilla and John Kaser.

Members in other sectors of the vast PG&E system might well emulate the good work of the North Bay Division Organizing Committees. Their work and interest is greatly appreciated—and goes a long way toward building a better and stronger IBEW Local 1245.