Owen Hero in Reno Blast

Orville Owen, Sierra Pacific Power Co. Gas Serviceman and Local 1245 Grievance Committee Representative and member of Union's Negotiating Committee is credited with saving countless lives in the recent explosion and fire that destroyed a block or more of downtown Reno.

Called to investigate a reported gas leak and was immediately convinced that the explosion in the basement was imminent. He then entered the basement to determine whether the fire and other buildings in the area were endangered. He switched off the Power Co. and Fire Department.

Brother Owen re-entered the basement of one of the buildings with another man to investigate a basement boiler that he thought might be near the source of the gas leak. As they reached the foot of the basement steps, they were knocked down twice by explosions. Suffering leg and face burns, he served as Unit Chairman. In addition to his Union responsibilities, he has served as a Steward. In 1953, his many Union activities over the years include Steward, Grievance Committee Chairman, Unit Vice-Chairman, Unit Chairman for De Sabla Division, and Regional Vice-Chairman.

He was a direct descendant of the late George McManus, a prominent Union leader who served during World War II, from August 1942 to December 1945.

In May 1956, the UTILITY REPORTER ran a picture of Red and his wife Linda, adding an eight-foot octopus which he caught while saltwater fishing, his favorite hobby along with hunting.

In addition to his wife Linda, his family includes one son Dennis, age 12.
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LIONEL HOLMES

Another Old Timer

Introducing Lionel L. Holmes, chairman of the San Francisco Teachers Association and speaker of the P.G.A.E. as a "Bell Ringer"—that is, an Openers, and School Superintendent of Sacramento City School System.

For Shame

The real reason behind the emotion-charged opposition of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to any Federal aid to education would make interesting reading. We don't know the real reason. We do know that the men who run the Chamber in Washington are opposed to any Federal help for our schools every year for a different reason.

One week, the Chamber's Washington Report darkly mentions "thought control." Another week, its publication charges that the drive for Federal aid to education is a plot to increase the Federal Government control over our state and local school systems.

The Chamber's report to its members shirks: "Adoption of a Federal education bill by any area—no matter how small and with how many so-called safeguards—is the first step in the nationalization of the schools."

The fact is that every major school-aid bill contains provisions stipulating that the Federal Government has the right to exercise any direction, supervision or control over the personnel, curriculum or program of instruction of any school receiving Federal moneys.

Yet, if you believe Chamber of Commerce publications, this provision is only an attempt "to obviate the fears of parents against the threats of Federal domination."

More recently, the Chamber has shifted its attack. Now the threat is supposed to be the "invasion of the public school system with no serious shortage of classrooms in the United States—implying that the whole school crisis is a national hoax.

President Eisenhower disagreed with the Chamber in his speech to the National School Officials Association.

The President said: "In 1955, and again last year, I called attention to the critical shortage of classrooms in many communities across the country."

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Yet, the Chamber of Commerce still stands on its supposed attacks against businesses which, strangely enough, is the only area where there is no serious shortage of classrooms in the United States—implying that the whole school crisis is a national hoax.

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AFRICA, TOO

Zimbabwe, Southern Africa

Even the horses can't stomach the provisions of some Labor laws here. Some 35 Africans map factory bonds were fined by the court for "taking illegal" work. The court fined them $10 each for being under and paid their fines saying: "This is the best bunch who have worked under me and until the strike had caused no trouble."

BILLS OF PENNIES

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Destroy Salk Polio Vaccine: Fear 'Crepitch Socialism'  

It is "statelessness" to insure health programs abroad, but "safety to those at home." It was. 

The question was raised recently by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon. He cited to the Senate reports that large quantities of Salk vaccine were destroyed because it wasn't "crept," in another allusion to "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently charged in the Senate that the American people's health programs, "crept," should be in the hands of the American people's health programs, for it is "creeping socialism" to do so here. Senator Wayne Morse recently char
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Coda is now in effect covering ethical problems. They are designed to encourage the younger workers who are unionists to hold the public trust placed in them.

On matters of general public good, we see the AFL-CIO asking the California legislature to pass a workers state socialized maternity act, by which the state would pay the maternity costs and would be reimbursed by the employer. The AFL-CIO is also asking the legislature to pass a bill to provide for the betterment of the economic situation by increasing the minimum wage and by providing for the betterment of the working conditions in the factories. The AFL-CIO is also asking the legislature to pass a bill to provide for the betterment of the economic situation by increasing the minimum wage and by providing for the betterment of the working conditions in the factories.

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(Continued from Page One) The main reason for the meeting was to discuss the problems of the electrical workers and the effects of the strike. Mr. Lance also pointed out that there must be some concerted effort to work out the problems of the electrical workers and the effects of the strike.

Business Failures Are Still Climbing

Big business profits and dividends continued to soar, but according to recent business conditions in businesses during 1955, the profits of the largest corporations increased by 15% over the profits of the largest corporations last year. A majority of these failures were caused by the increased competition, retail and wholesale enter-

Eye Clerical Line of Progression

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