Annual 9th District Progress Meeting in SF is Huge Success

The annual IBEW 9th District Progress Meeting, held on October 4th and 5th in the new home of Local 6 in San Francisco, was adjudged an outstanding success by all in attendance.

Local 1245 was represented by Bus. Mgr. R. T. Weakley, Vice Pres. Marvin Brooks, Exec. Director James Noe, Director of Jurisdiction Frank Graham, and International President Gordon M. Freeman, International Secretary Joe Keenan, International Treasurer Jere Sullivan, and Regional Vice President Charles Foehn, Director of Manufacturing Organizations Paul Menges and Director of Jurisdiction Frank Graham.

Charles Foehn, Executive Council Member and Bus. Mgr. of Local 6, hosted the Progress Meeting, extended greetings to all the delegates.

Vice President Harbak then introduced D. Dave Johnson, representative of NECA, who outlined the purposes of NECA and their history of cooperation with the IBEW.

Walters Eu, International Representative for the Hawaiian Islands, was the next speaker. He stated that the IBEW was the strongest union in the Island Federation of Labor, and the best organized. He stated that their wages and contract provisions were not up to the mainland standards, but were improving all the time.

Jere Sullivan, International Treasurer, was the next speaker. He spoke on Right-to-Work and the operation of Local 1245, the difficulties encountered in operating our Union are outstanding in the labor movement and, further, that he and his colleagues were proud to represent our Local Union.

The general session of the Conference was opened by Program Coordinator Scott Wadsworth. He explained that the purpose of the conference was to explain the operation of Local 1245, the difficulties encountered in operating such an organization, the need for expanding our operations and the need for proper program and finances. As the delegates had key members in their respective areas, it was hoped that a base of understanding was established.

Member's Wife Is First to See Sputnik

Mrs. Elaine Cordua may have been the first person on the Pacific Coast to see Russia’s space satellite. Wife of Ted Cordua, 1957 PG&E Negotiating Committee Member, Service Division Grievance Representative and Shop Steward, she and Ted are active members in the local “Moonwatch” in connection with the International Geophysical Year's “Moonwatch” in connection with the International Geophysical Year's

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Chairmen and Recorders Meet Urges Dues Raise

In an historic meeting, Chairmen and Recorders or alternates from all Local Units of Local 1245's jurisdiction, convened at Union Headquarters in Oakland and the Shattuck Hotel in Berkeley on September 28th and 29th. The 152 delegates, the Executive Board, Policy Committee and Staff were welcomed by President Frank Gillilan, who introduced the guests, Vice-President Oscar Harbak, and Joseph Grodin, Attorney at Law, who expressed the hope that a base of understanding of the scope of Local 1245 and the labor movement would be developed and carried back to the membership.


BRUNDAKE: CONCERTED WORK CAN BEAT SCAB LAW

Albert Brundage, prominent attorney with the law firm of Tobriner, Lazarus, Brundage & Neyhart addressed the Joint Executive Conference on September 28th on the topical issue of “Right-to-work.” The delegates were particularly attentive to Brundage’s remarks which included the following:

“Labor unions should not be surprised at the use of an attractive phrase aimed against them for exploitation at the very places where it will have a most compelling ring. The struggle between working men’s organizations and resisting employers has probably been cast in shibboleths. So the wavering line of economic bar; between the two groups takes on the terminology of such irrelevant legalisms as union “monopoly,” at the end of the 19th Century; or the “effect on interstate commerce” of the strike or picket line, in the beginning of the 20th; or “freedom” of employes to enter into individual contracts not to join a union in the 20th and the corollary “right” to be free of government regulation of child labor, hours and work, and minimum wages; and the recent phrasing of the right

Attention, Sutter Co. Members!

• Monday, November 4th is “D” Day—2:00 P.M. is “H” Hour

• Your County Board of Supervisors will take up the question of the vicious anti-union right-to-work ordinance at that time.

• Those proposing this union-busting law have been working "tooth and nail" rallying support, aided and abetted by your area’s labor-hating public press.

• Contact your respective Supervisor and let him know of your opposition to such legislation.

• THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE
Governor Orval Faubus’ opposition to school integration in Arkansas is exacting a heavy toll on manpower in many of our industries. The reason for this is, as the saying goes, “One man’s mealess minority in our society is another man’s manna.”

The United States Army gives the same educational test to all draftees. And the latest report of the Surgeon General of the United States Army is not encouraging. The trend is downward. This is the same situation in which we are in the United States today: In the United States Army, the school is the same today that it was a few years ago; and in the United States Army, the school is the same today that it was a few years ago. And if this is the cost to the Army, how much costlier is this to our economy, to our citizens and to our country? And if this is the cost to the Army, how much costlier is this to our economy, to our citizens and to our country?

The value of the good it provides cannot be overestimated. The value of the good it provides cannot be overestimated. It is a matter of this country-wide campaign is that it should prove no government could effectuate a better group of officers and men who are actually engaged in industrial work, and that, linguistically, it is illegal.

On all of these issues the attempt, to say nothing of the negotiations, will be aimed at gaining favor for the Army’s positions in the Armed Forces. Their schools have not given them the kind of preparation that their schools still prevail cannot do their share in the Armed Forces.

On the Negotiating Front

Café Pacific Utilities Company, Needles Division

At the last issue of the Utility Reporter went to press, a tentative agreement had been reached by the executives of the company and the employee representatives of the union and we reported that it was being submitted to the membership for ratification. This meeting, which was held September 17th, was in a conference meeting and we reported that it was held for the purpose of presenting the contract and wage offer, primarily over the question of the contract for the Telephone employees, utilization of the contract for the Telephone employees, clarification and wage rate for the employee of Searchlight, Nev., and mine. The membership gave a vote of no confidence, a couple of items in the conditions portion of the contract.

Some of the wage rates effective October 1st are: Lineman, $2.88 per hour; Gas Serviceman, $2.96; Groundman, $2.15 and Central Office Repairman, $2.65. Subsequent increases will be applied to all classifications on 4-1-58, 10-1-58 and 3-1-59, which will bring the Lineman to $3.04, Gas Serviceman to $3.23 and Groundman to $2.38.


Citizens Utilities Water Co. Subsidies

After months of negotiations, the company and the union agreed to a six-day strike, following a break in negotiations. The six-day strike, agreement was finally reached and a settlement obtained on September 24th. The Agreement, which will be effective as of October 1, 1957, and run through November 30, 1958, provides for improvements in the company’s pay scale, an increase in the payroll of Saturday work at the San Francisco plant, and the elimination of forced standby without compensation, improved.

Standard Pacific Gas Line Inc.

Following the exchange of proposals, the union and the company reached an agreement on wages provided for a 5% per cent increase, effective 7-1-57, plus an additional 5 per cent to be applied 7-1-58.

The Mail Bag

September 26, 1957

R. T. Weakley, Editor

With this letter, I would like to express my appreciation to Bus. Mgr. R. T. Weikley, the Executive Board and all those who have been part of the Joint Executive Conference possible and for the way it was coordinated.

In the position of the development area and wait, grasping it. It is in this matter that Local 1245 and all the other labor groups so high in the ranks of the unions. More strength to its arm!

The Racket Press

For the protection of trade union members in this area and for the protection of fair union employers, the Utility Reporter will publish exclusively beginning next month with a series exposing the activities of the racket press—one of the most destructive and insidious tools of management. Watch for “The Racket Press,” read how the racket press, through the International Labor Press Association is fighting this racket.

Brundage Calls for Concerted Effort To Beat Scab Law

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address by PG&E Vice-President J. K. Horton, which outlined the need for expansion, use of automatic equipment and development, of management in the next eight years.

The statements of experts in the fields of economics and industry, and the union's management statements, weakened the union's management, more production, less manpower and weaker collective bargaining power is a major industry goal.

We have, however, reached a point where the Union is to survive. This is centered in general session.

Our future goals are going to increase if we are to protect our jurisdiction in the craft versus the line. Our union's solvency, he was reminded, must be taken over by this assembly.

The meeting adjourned and bus transported the delegates to the Shattuck Hotel where a reception and dinner were held. Speaking before the group was Albert Brundage, attorney with the law firm of Tolbert, Larrance, Brundage & Neyhart, whose jurisdiction was the Taft-Hartley Law and State's Right-to-Work Measures.

The conference reconvened Sunday morning in the Shattuck Hotel, again the delegates spoke on Labor and Education and the closing session was held in the Shattuck Hotel.

Business Manager Weakley, in his closing remarks, stated that union members should vote on the resolutions or recommendations to carry out our program or discussions must be made. The resolutions which were held in recesses leading up to the final point, were unanimous on the need for a dues increase with the amount ranging from $1.00 to $1.50 per month.

Business Manager Weakley, in his closing remarks, stated that the reports should be taken under advisement. The next meeting was set for the late fall.
**COLUMN**

**Water Department**

Meeting with the Company on Wednesday, October 16th, union's committee, consisting of George Lutasho, State Chairman, and John Shimer, was able to reach tentative agreement on definitions for several classifications. The Company has now under consideration several changes proposed by the Union and it is expected that the Company will conclude negotiations within the near future. Such agreement to be carried further. Under discussion are the following: Domestic Water and Water Conservation Departments, which are being combined under the new set of negotiations. There are reports to report that committee member Everett Rypinski from Sacramento County was unable to attend the last meeting but are looking forward to his return.

**Davis Shop, Warehouse**

For the first time in their collective bargaining relation-
ship, the Union and Company sit down across the bargaining table on Friday, October 28th, to discuss a District 7 agreement. The bargaining committee, consisting of the employees in the General Construction Department, the spe-
cific construction in which the employees at the Company's Davis Shop assist, was unable to reach agreement. While no conclusions were reached at, considerable progress was made and upon receipt of counter proposals from the Company, the matter will be brought to the membership for a vote.

**Reno Recorder Believes**

A Good Job Being Done

Clare Rhye, Unit Recorder of Reno Unit 2311, in her report of the Joint Executive Conference held on September 26th and 27th, stated that the major reason for raising the area's wage is the fact that the Recorder believes it is a good job to be done. She further stated that the Recorder believes that raise is necessary to do the kind of job that is being done.

**Irene Hayden**

There were several hundred people in attendance at the meeting, including several hundred adults and children. The Recorder believes that this was a success and that the Recorder is working in the best interest of the Recorder's constituents.

**PG&E Dept. Negotiations**

Negotiations with respect to job definitions and lines of pro-
gress were started for two groups during the past month, and the Committee is being formulated to commence discussions for a third group.

**General Cost Expenses**

During the course of system negotiations with PG&E earlier this year, there were discussions held on the question of whether or not the General Cost Expense provisions and requirements for qualifying for a general cost expense are necessary. According to the findings of these discussions, it is felt that a fair large group representative committee would need to look into the particular aspects of the problem and to draft an outline of the Union's position. From this group a committee of three, together with a representative from the Business Office, would be able to draft an outline meeting with the Company for the purpose of carrying on the negotiations.

At the present time it is planned to hold the preliminary meeting during the middle part of November and 18 or 20 members representing all divisions of the Department, as well as representatives of members working under all conditions (cementing, camphor, laying away from home or living in trailers) will be invited to participate.

Management has informed Union that in preparation for forthcoming discussions, that they will conduct a survey among G.E. employees in the near future. Such survey to be conducted of individual interviews designed to collect data relative to residence area, number of employees living in trailers and similar data.