"All that harms labor is treason to America. If anyone man says he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar...there is no America without labor." —Abraham Lincoln.

OFFICERS NAMED IN L. U. 1245 ELECTION

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Business Manager-Financial Secretary

Charles T. MASSIE
President

Marvin C. BROOKS
Vice President

Milton (Scotty) SHAW
Recording Secretary

Thomas F. (Bud) KERIN
Treasurer

Walter R. (Bob) GLASGOW
Executive Board
Northern Area

Richard N. (Dick) SANDS
Executive Board
Central Area

Robert E. STAAB
Executive Board
Southern Area

Everett T. BASINGER
Executive Board

Labor Union Democracy
In Action

In every election there is always a victory — victory for some candidate. In Local 1245's biennial election certain candidates were elected but what is, perhaps, more important the election was a victory for union democracy.

While we are justly proud of Local 1245's democratic process and the opportunity provided for membership participation, ours is not an isolated example of democracy in labor unions. Contrary to the propaganda of labor's enemies, similar procedures are the rule rather than the exception in most Local Unions.

In the face of the present-day attacks on labor for its alleged undemocratic, high-handed, manner of conducting elections, Local 1245, IBEW, has shown, to those who would destroy labor, that our procedures are the very epitome of democracy.

The membership voted by secret mail ballot. The determination of eligibility for voting, opening of the ballots, tallying and counting were all done by a rank and file committee — none of whom were a candidate. (Continued on Page 3)

FINAL RESULTS

Local 1245's hard working Election Committee, under the chairmanship of Don Lucot, on June 18th reported the final results of our biennial Union Election for all top officers.

Business Manager Ronald T. Weakley was re-elected to serve a fifth term as Business Manager, Financial Secretary. Charles Massie, Line Sub-Foreman for S.M.U.D. and former Local 1245 Business Representative was elected to succeed Joseph S. Krems as President for the next two years. Marvin Brooks was re-elected for his second term as Vice-President and Milton (Scotty) Shaw was re-elected as our Recording Secretary for his second term. Thomas (Bud) Kerin, unopposed, was elected Treasurer for his second term, having been appointed to fill a vacancy in that position in Jan. 1957.

Northern Area Executive Board Member Walter R. (Bob) Glasgow will return for his second consecutive term to that post on the Board. Central Area Executive Board Member Richard N. (Dick) Sands, who was appointed to the Board last April, was elected to serve in that job for the ensuing term.

Robert E. Staab, PG&E Lineman (Continued on Page 3)
In these days of uncertainty, fear, insecurity and the mental regimentation which is the product of apathy, it would appear that the celebration of Independence Day should include a review of the Bill of Rights.

A couple of years ago, a poll of teenagers produced a shocking result. The poll showed that 41 percent of our teenagers believe the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people to keep and bear arms; or the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall is-

We herein reprint the Bill of Rights and we preface it by a review of the Bill of Rights.

Sovereign life-blood, of a free society is the freedom of expression. Cut off this life-blood and a free society withers and dies. If we are to live as free men we must think and speak like free men. We must affirm, and not abridge, our freedoms.

Article I
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridg-

Article II
A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Article III
No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any private house, unless in actual service, in time of war;

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Article V
No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any private house, except in actual service, in time of war; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to be tried twice for the same offense; or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war.

Article VI
In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and wherein the crime shall have been committed, which districts shall have been previously ascertained by law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accus-

Article VII
In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be other-

Article VIII
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article IX
The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X
The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.
**SERRA PACIFIC POWER**

Portola Area, Reno Service Center and Reno Construction Crews

PG&E CO. — Western Canal of Colusa in Colusa Division; Valley, Wise Hydro Plant; Burn Line Crews; Alta and Tulee (1 and 2). Highlight of the week: Workers in these areas to be sent to a director's jurisdiction got into the 10.0% column.

700 Percenters — On the Increase

Three areas and groups which are retaining 100% union organization since last report are:

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**Union Democracy** (Continued from Page 1)

Any office. All done without reference from anyone inside the Committee. The application procedure was conducted under the watchful eyes of several official observers, during the 21/2 days it took to complete the selection.

Amalgamates and a hearty thanks are certainly in order for a long hours of hard work by it in the Election Committee headed by Don Louet, as well as by those who helped him.

A hearty thanks to the following who served as Election Committee

- G. Geiger
- T. L. Smith
- J. E. Peck
- C. J. C. Steward
- B. E. Fairchild
- C. J. C. Steward
- L. E. Hoover

- J. H. Smith

**Homer Honored on Retirement**

Fred Homer, Compressor Engineer at Station "B" in Oak- land was guest of honor at a dinner June 6th, given by his many friends and fellow workers.

The get-together was won for Fred's retirement this October 1st.

Fred, an avid duck hunter, was presented with a set of decoys and an envelope containing a "long green" local 1945. President Joe Reesor who pre- sented Brother Homer with one of our auto-rallies and an IBM paper lapel pin in behalf of the union and expressed appreciation for his years of active support of union principles.

By recalling the past: Fred related how upon joining the union shortly after being emp- loyed by PG&E, he received a call to report at a nerve center, mentally and physically.

**S.T. Picnic Set For Sept. 14**

Committees from Local 1245 units in San Francisco in conju- nction with the Trustees of the United Fund are planning a picnic to be held at Laurel Park in Cupertino on Sunday, Sept. 14th.

All who attended last year's outing stated it was a "bang-up" affair and will have a better turn out this year. Tickets will soon be available from the Picnic Committee.

**Martin Pollock**

Martin R. Pollock, a 10-year- old lineman for PG&E in Frem- no, is to be complimented for his recent completion of high school education.

Brother Pollock, Local 1245, BIBW member since April 3, 1947, studied nights in classes offered by the Fresno Community Schools Adult Education Dept. and realized the accomplish- ment of one of his goals — a high school diploma.

Not only did Martin attain his goal, he outstripped his class- mates, being selected out of the class of 212 adults as salutator- ian at the commencement exer- cises.

In the picture a school adminis- trator is shown giving Martin official approval of the saluta- torian address prepared by Bro. Pollock.

**Everybody's Ready For Local's Big East Bay Picnic July 20**

Plans for the Annual Local 1245's East Bay Picnic are proceed- ing on schedule. As announced in last month's UTILITY RE- PORTER the date is July 20th, the place is Robert's West, East Bay Regional Park.

The Picnic Committee—Don Louet, Art Percyman and Nick Garcia have arranged for a re- peat of all of last year's attrac- tions plus some new ones. This year's turnout is expected to be twice as great as last year's so twice as much "chow", beer, soda-pop, etc., will be available.

Remember: Husband, wife and as many kids (under 18) as you've got can all eat for the price of two tickets at $1.50 a copy.

The date is again July 20th. See your steward for tickets.

**Thanks, Oscar**

Say Santa Rosas

On June 16th, at the Santa Rosa Unit Meeting, Oscar Fellin, Local 196, presented a copy of the Chair- man's address prepared by Bro. Oscar Fellin to the Chairman- ship Committee.

This is the type of news we like to enjoy printing. Let's have more of it.

**STEAM GROUP LAYS PLANS**

Representatives from all steam power plants in the PG&E system were called into a meeting on Saturday, June 28th in the local union headquarters to discuss current problems facing the local union and its membership employed in this field.

Business Manager Ronald L. Weeksley in addressing the group, which consisted of both maintenance and operating per- sonnel, outlined two major problems as follows:

- The most immediate being the question of maintaining plant equipment and the steps necessary for the local union to protect its jurisdiction in or- der to maintain this work for its membership.
- The advent of the use of nu- clear energy in the steam gen- erating field presented the sec- ond.

He stated that the matters of job definitions, proper wage rates, training and safety are of major concern to the local union and the steps necessary to prepare for future negotiations. Following a full discussion on both matters, a committee was formed to take further action.

George Taylor, Electrician from Humboldt Bay Power Plant; Donald Peters, Ma- chinist from Moss Landing; An- thony Zanotti, Machinist from Hunter's Point and Kenneth Bader, Boiler Repairman from Oakland Power Plant were selected to work with the business office on the question of plant maintenance. This group will be supplemented by Donald Vest, Watch Engineer, Humboldt Bay, Raymond Michael, Control Op- erator-Mechanic, Barry Lieb- seher; Senior Control Operator; Murro Bay, John Masi, Olhe-Pu- tero and Melvin Robbins an Elec- trician from Pittsburg to under- go a program of research and preparation for negotiations in the nuclear energy field.

An interesting film, "Liccon- N° 1" was shown to the group. It covered the development of the PG&E—教学质量 Plant and was both timely and interesting. The film was made through the publicity Department of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

**New Home for SMUD**

Ground was broken on May 1, starting construction of S. M. U. D.'s new $4,297,000 home in Sacramento. To be completed by July 2, 1956, the beautiful mod- ern building will be of stone and glass construction.

It will house the Administra- tive and Commercial Office now located at 215 E. St., the Engineering Dept., presently at 50th and R Sts., the equip- ped cafeteria for the employees, and will have a 300-car parking area adjacent to the building.

Steam group hear future program for their Department.
ANOTHER "SCAB" STATE BEGS FOR RUNAWAY WORKERS

Child labor as a social problem probably came into existence shortly after Adam and Eve were cast out of their Edenic state. Working children were, in fact, a social problem until the late 19th century in England, where children were virtual slaves of factory owners. In the United States, the child labor problem became acute after the Civil War. Little boys and girls were forced to work long hours in damp, filthy coal mines and in factories. For a period of about 28 years after 1830, the Federal government passed no laws forbidding child labor. Some states, including those now known as "right-to-work" states, in the Midwest and West, incorporated anti-child labor legislation. The story of child labor is tragic. The last great drive for "right-to-work" was in 1857 when a lot of people said, "I don't say the law will cut the salaries of all working men, but under the conditions as electricians' salaries, are way too low for that property. It had a right-to-work law here, there'd be more competition for those jobs and salaries would be more in line with what the work is worth."

We believe these remarks tell the whole story of what's been done to bring the "right-to-work" laws.

Savings Bond:

A contestant may submit only one entry in this contest and entries must be received in Local 1245, IBEW Office in Oak- land by 5 p.m., August 15, 1958. Any entry received after 5 p.m. August 15, 1958 shall be ineligible for consideration.

7. All entries shall become the property of Local Union 1245, IBEW, and none will be returned. Correspondence will not be entered into with any person concerning this contest and the contest will not be discussed with any person by telephone.

8. Any person entering this contest must consent to the use of his name, photograph and essay by Local 1245, IBEW, for publicity purposes in connection with this contest or the subject matter, in any manner they see fit. Local 1245, IBEW.

9. All winners will be notified by mail and their names, photographs and essays printed in the UTILITY REPORTER, July 11, 1958.

10. Contestants shall submit their entries to the judges of the contest and the selection of the winners shall be made by the judges.

11. Address entry to: CONTEST DIVISION, LOCAL UNION 1245, IBEW.

Savings Bond Offered by the Socialist organization.

"Yes, that's right," was the response. "Well, I want a job." "OK," responded the personnel manager. "Just fill out this questionnaire." After struggling with the questionnaire, for quite a while, the job seeker returned to the employment desk with blank eyes.

"Why, this here thing want to know how old I am; whether I was born in this country; what the color of my eyes are."

"Ah, right. All right. No cause has been more popular with the public here than the "right-to-work" law."

Some differences!

We are warned by the National Child Labor Committee that we must be alert to the tacks from anti-labor forces.
working for "right-to-work" laws, that such protection as is now legally assured may be in danger. Aside from the inevitable pure economic inability to pay for an adequate free public school system, we can expect attacks on existing child labor laws. Put the kids to work! It's cheaper that way and greed

cares nothing for the child's welfare or the workman's ability to provide a living for himself and his family.

Whoever said "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom" spoke truly and trade unions must be eternally aware that such union-busting kind of a man and his children enjoy today wage work harder, and must be vigilant to see that these freedom are kept.

CRITICAL LAWS AND FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION ARE PART OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE UNIONS, FOR THE REACHING PROVISIONS FOR SOCIAL GROWTH.

Do Californians want to relinquish them now?

WILL CALIFORNIA VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 18.

For Wives Only

If you're the wife of a PG&E employee, you'll be interested. On July 1st, had his weekly wage increased 5 percent, which on the average amounted to $5 a week. At $260 a year. Pretty nice, huh? But this $260 doesn't just accidentally happen; it came as a result of hard collective bargaining in the last year between Local 1245 and the PG&E Company.

In those states with a "right-to-work" law, employers have the exclusive right to set you work—on UNION terms, not YOURS.

"Well, after you got over the shock, you'd probably sit down and try to figure out how to make the family budget fit this drastically reduced income.

"You'd begin by giving up plans for buying a car, or a new washing machine, or a new stove. If you like, most of us are buying this at the install ment plan now, you'd have to dip into your savings account—

"Just to keep the meetings going. New clothes for the kids would have to be deferred, and new clothes for you. Too. You'd have to cut down on the meats, cut down or eliminate your entertainment budget entirely. You might even have to move to a cheaper rental, or sell the house you're now buying because the payments are too high.

Why do we bring this unpleasant subject to your attention?

BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN CALIFORNIA IF ANY SO-CALLED "RIGHT-TO-WORK" BILL BECOMES LAW HERE.

This cut may come in several stages but it can add up to 40% eventually.

In those states with a "right-to- work" law on their books the average 1956 per capita income was nearly getting cheaper than that in California.

"Right-to-Work", "Voluntary Unionism", "Employer-Employee Relations" are all high sounding names to hoodwink the average citizen into thinking he's getting something for nothing. It is nothing but tricks. He'd laughingly confess that they're simply tricks, and he'd be the first to tell you that they're nothing but tricks. He'd laughingly confess that he had deceived you—that he has deceived you with his "line of patter" while his hand was quicker than your eyes. TRICKS, yes, but all in the spirit of fun and amusement.

Not quite so amusing, however, and certainly not for fun, is a gigantic TRICK, a king-size HOAX, a monstrous ILLUSION being advertised with the whole State of California as the stage. This trick to end all tricks has as its main "prop" a compulsory open shop law, the infamous "right-to-work", the union-destroying, wage lowering "scab" law. It's labeled PROP 18, "EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS" and has been used on 18 other stages throughout the nation where the deceitful, TRICKY ILLUSION has been a success.

The deception employed by the GREAT ILLUSIONIST AND COMPANY in California would put any magician's talents to shame. Their "Line of Patter" has been very carefully prepared by experts, and is designed to focus attention on everything but what the performers are truly up to. There has been much advance publicity exposing this ILLUSION and the delay in discovering its climax. But many persons don't bother to read advance notices. So if the trick is pulled off, the climax will come as a complete surprise to them.

Stage directions for this TRICKY ILLUSION as written by its creators are:

ACT 1. Recruit willing accomplices from the audience to assist in softening up the "sockers": Convince audience that the TRICK is not a TRICK at all. Stick strictly to the prepared "line of patter" script. Divert audience's attention from what you have up your sleeve. Shoot insults at any heckler who sees what you're really up to. Scream over and over that he's a goon, a racketeer, a thief, an American. Relax and he'll steal your show.

ACT 2. Test entire audience's acceptance of your "line of patter". If you've deceived the majority, your role has ended. Meanwhile, accomplices are to pass among the audience and pick their pockets. Each and every person is to lose a substantial amount. After this initial "hail", there's no problem as their pockets will be empty most of the time. What would have ordinarily gone into their wallets will now go directly into the accomplices' pockets. THAT'S THE TRICK!

ACT 2. EURUKA! CLIMAX! The audience now clearly sees through the TRICK. They've been hit right where it hurts—IN THE POCKET BOOK.

Pay no attention to the hoo and cry from the audience as the show is over. THE GREATEST TRICK OF THEM ALL has been pulled off once more.

Critics' Review

This critic has seen a lot of TRICKS and ILLUSIONS, performed by journeymen, but never one like this. It's the most DEFINITIVE, PRACTICAL, CONCRETE PIECE OF FOOLISHNESS on any stage.

My recommendation is to join up with those hecklers. They've seen this TRICK on 18 other stages, they've talked to the sad but wiser audience who have been deceived, they know that ACT 2 will be played according to the script and it stinks!

It's a rotten show with "bad" actors. The audience should not tolerate such an insult to its intelligence.
State Hearings On Pollution And Radiation

An Assembly Interim Committee held hearings on air pollution and radiation protection in San Francisco June 16th and 17th for the purpose of receiving testimony from interested parties involving the need of state legislation to protect workers and the general public from radiation hazards resulting from the use of nuclear energy. Many suggestions were received by the committee from industry, labor and public organizations.

There was general consensus in the overall testimony received that legislation is necessary, but that there was wide conflict as to the degree, and that the agency that should administer the program. Further hearings will be scheduled in the near future. Administrating Assistant Scott Wadsworth from Local 2455 was in attendance.

Union Election Results

The biennial election of Officers and Policy Committee for Local 2455, IBEW, has been completed and the results of voting on the candidates for all offices and delegates to the International Convention are as follows:

Total Ballots Cast: 10,948
Total Void Ballots: 111
Total Ballots in Post Office: 97
Total Challanged Ballots: 46
Total Mail in Ballots: 550
Total Vote Cast: 10,860

LOCAL 2455's NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE for S.M.U.D. masters at Union Headquarters for last minute preparations prior to meeting with S.M.U.D. management.

The foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the results of Local 2455, IBEW, 1958 Election of Union Officers, Policy Board Members and Delegates to the International Convention.

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Ernest E. Steiner

Clifford Div.

ROGER GODINE

San Bernardino Div.

JAY W. STARR

John W. Pickens

Shockley & Co., City of Lodi

RALPH D. MINER

Raymond L. Nylen

Robert B. Graham

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Senator John Williams, Delaware, Republican and tax watch dog of Congress, reported showing that more than $300,000,000 in withholding and social security pay- ments was collected from workers and never turned over to the Treasury.

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**Family Features**

**Smash Hit of the American Performing Arts Program at the Brussels World Fair. Benny Goodman performs al fresco for admiring tourists at the Atomium in the background.**

In Caracas, Venezuela, an angry mob stones Vice President Richard M. Nixon. In Beirut, Lebanon, a United Nations Information Service Library is sacked. In Brussels, Belgium, at the American, Pavilion of the Brussels Fair, a tall, bespectacled man sways in a spotlight playing jazz on a clarinet. When he stands, one feels a moment of appreciative silence—and then the crowd responds, whistling, applauding and finally cheering Benny Goodman.

For many years abroad, the United States has ranked the number one material leader of the world. Now, with our foreign policies are questioned, our political leaders attacked, and our artists—Goodman, Clurman, Armstrong, to mention a few—are accepted with open arms around the world. Europe is America's best export, and America finds herself acclaimed as a new economic leader around the world.

Well aware of this new situation, the Metropolitan Broadcasting Company, Inc. decided to air a one-hour program each week, "in person" at the Brussels Fair as an international presentation and as part of the American Performing Arts Program of the Department of State.

"In sponsoring those performances of American jazz by the great Benny Goodman orchestra, we hope to add a dimension to the Atomium in the background."

Goodman's concert status has stood him in good stead. At the Brussels Fair, one of the most popular pieces on his concert program was the Mozart Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra in E-flat, which he played with the Belgian National Orchestra under the baton of Andra Vanoordze.

"Our country should be represented in Brussels in terms of America's own cultural contributions to the world," Goodman said recently. "I am proud to have been designated by the U.S. Government for the American Pavilion at the Brussels Fair. This was disclosed by the management of Delbruck, Inc., to which the Metropolitan Broadcasting Company as the exponent of our popular music. My musicians and I look upon the Brussels engagement as a real opportunity to foster good will for the United States through music."
Now that our Local Union elections are over, we are again working away on current problems and programs. However, a few comments may be in order concerning our recent elections.

Quite better than a third of our eligible members chose to exercise their franchise. The response in some areas is very happy with the present administration simply being “what” about who leads their organization. At any rate, this writer is delighted with the attitude and participation displayed by a majority of the membership.

At best, an officer of this Local Union has an arduous job, sacrifices much of his personal and family life for the good of the Welfare and, subject himself to what is sometimes unfounded and abusive criticism. Yet, if he is what he should be, he is dedicated to the job, he is devoted to the members and their families.

R. T. Weakley, President, has received much criticism for it helps him to evaluate and sharpen his techniques toward improvement. We welcome competition in a democracy because he believes in the democratic process. The future holds many problems and we will take part in the process and participation and discourage him by a lack of it.

At any rate, we will make the best use of the tools given him because he likes the people he is privileged to serve.

The procedures amended today are not perfect but will stand up as a great improvement to democracy against many organizations when it comes to elections of officers. Our system is both expensive and difficult to administer. Some may say democracy too far or that we do not have much efficiency in our procedures. It is this writer’s belief that while we may provide some more efficient method, we should extend the democratic process further. It could be accomplished through a flow in our present procedure.

As it now stands, we are required by the International Constitution regarding arbitration and representation of officer candidates. A good many of our people complain and rightly so, that they do not have sufficient knowledge concerning the background, experience, present activity, and other factors upon which to consider the candidates for office.

A proposal was introduced in the 1954 Convention which would have modified the present restrictions. The proposed change was defeated but will be introduced again by Union. We are cognizant of the dangers which are present in dispensing the restrictions of certain types of electioneering duties but we propose the step toward a more democratic elimination procedure and reflect the will of our membership.

The 1956 Election Committee of our local area is being gratified for their hard work in developing the primary democracy. They have offered some suggestions on procedure which will be discussed at the next meeting of future committees and these suggestions will be considered by the incoming officers.

The future holds many problems. The labor movement as a whole is participating in the atomic energy developments. Not only is there an expanding which call for new Local Union programs, you-