Negotiating Proposals Set for Exchange
the reasons for a tax cut . . .

What relation is there between federal spending (as debated in the President's budget) and the power industry? This question—which is at the heart of the Administration's tax reduction-reform bills now in House and Senate committees—comes from a pamphlet published by the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO. Everyone Should Know About Government Spending and Full Employment.

The President and Secretary/Treasurer of the IID introduce the subject in this way:

"All too often the budget is considered "good" when it produces a surplus and "bad" if it results in a deficit. We in the labor movement believe that the deficit must not be viewed in a vacuum."

Reuther goes on to say:

"We look upon Federal spending and taxing as one of the democratic tools we need to use in the total effort of achieving full employment, adequate economic growth and a balanced national and responsible use of our nation's human and material resources."

UPTURNING ECONOMIC DISTRESS

"The picture of economic distress states the problem somewhat euphemistically. What we should discuss is the unemployment. While many sympathetic people see a need to protect, which could require employment of 5 or 6 per cent, the real dehumanizing effect of unemployment can only be felt in the experience of being unemployed."

UPTURNING ECONOMIC DISTRESS

"A SPUTTERING ECONOMIC MACHINE"

"We have come out of each of the last three recessions with an increased pool of unemployment. And the outlook for full employment in the future is not brightened:

1. Slow over-all economic growth.
2. The effect of automation and technological change in reducing semiskilled and unskilled employment.
3. On the supply side, the baby boom of the 1940's is about to enter the labor market, looking for career jobs. The danger they will not find them leads the authors of the study to conclude:

- This chronic and slowly worsening inability to offer productive work for all who seek it is endangering our national well-being, and gravely undermining the confidence of millions of American citizens in the capabilities of our economic system."

"(The economic basis for such legislation is the Youth Conservation Corps, both Poor Cities and the extension of the draft arises from this problem, also.)"

UPTURNING ECONOMIC DISTRESS

"TUNING-UP THE ECONOMY"

Government spending should be injected into the economy at this time to make it run smoothly. This can be done in two ways:

1. by a direct increase in government-buying, such as a highway-building program, or
2. by a tax cut.

We see the importance of President Kennedy's tax-reduction reform program in allowing the economy to make use of its potential horsepower.

BUDGET BALANCING

"Lower tax rates mean, at the same lower tax rates, more money for the federal government. This worries the critics of an unbalanced federal budget but what they fail to realize is that federal budgets don't have to be balanced as our personal, family budgets do."

BUDGET BALANCING

"BALANCED ECONOMY"

"What we must balance federally is our economic engine. The economy is an engine which can expand its cubic capacity like a balloon. The faster it turns over, the larger life's ever become, the greater its horsepower, and the more work it will do for us without straining."

"GOVERNMENT FUEL INJECTOR"

"By cutting taxes, Congress can indirectly inject more fuel into the economic engine which will put it in balance and allow for its expanded capacity. The fuel is the money which we, as consumers, will spend."

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Welcome!

The following people have been welcomed into Local 1245 during the month of March, 1963:

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James Chism
Cecil C. Ross
James I. Steele
Richard I. Grissom
SAN FRANCISCO
William H. Keough
Robert J. Whiskeen
John W. Putnam
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With the AMA

Slinin Thru the Years

Time marches on, but not the American Medical Association. Below are quotes from the AMA spanning 22 years:

1930—"Federal health grants to states: . . . wasteful and extravagant. . . and tending to promote socialization."

1932—"Voluntary health plans: . . . inimical to the best interests of all concerned."

1939—"Social Security: A definite step toward totalitarianism."

1949—"National health insurance: A step toward socialized medicine."

1953—"Crippled children's program: A socialist regulation."

1955—"Social Security for permanently and totally disabled at age 50: Another step toward wholesale . . . socialized medicine."

1961—"Health care for the elderly under Social Security: Socialised medicine."

From SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Guest Editorial from Local 1049's Grapevine

It is not always easy to take the "right" side. So many times it is a very unpopular side too. Those of you who have been active in Union affairs for any length of time are well aware of this fact. The shop steward who must tell a member that his grievance is not really a violation of the agreement or the officer of the Local Union who must take a stand on the floor of the Local which is against the popular sentiment of the business representatives who must often tell a member that they are wrong and the company is right in this case. These and many more situations make it tough to be on the "right" side.

In spite of this—it must be done. The man who lacks the courage to stand up and he can be counted as one of those who are not afraid to be different from his fellow members. And it often takes courage. It is easy to bluster and pound the table when you know what you are blustering about. What you must have is the courage to side with the "fire-throwers" and we respect the danger of misuse of such weapons. We also have the instant power of the "controlled flame" which can mean the difference between progress and productive use of fire.

In spite of this—we must have courage. Such is the case with the power of the atom. We have known was to follow. In spite of the boos and catcalls and sarcasm from those who did not or would not understand. This Local is looking for many more members to attend our meetings—ready to stand up and be counted when the chips are down. We are looking for the leaders of tomorrow from amongst the young minority.

The reason we have kept our independence as we have is because of the men of courage who were first to speak out when it was necessary to do so. This in spite of the reaction they knew was to follow. In spite of the boos and catcalls and sarcasm from those who did not or would not understand. This Local is looking for many more members to attend our meetings—ready to stand up and be counted when the chips are down. We are looking for the leaders of tomorrow from amongst the young minority. Your union is not run by a bunch of outsiders but by yourself and your buddies!

Realize this truth and help to hold onto what you have. Get out to the meetings and have your say. Say what you believe to be right no matter what! Ride with the tide only when the tide is going in the right direction! It doesn't always, you know!
Consumer Counsel to Federal Consumer Meet

Mrs. Belee Nelson, State Consumer Counsel, goes to Washington next week for a meeting of the Federal Consumers' Advisory Council to which she was appointed last year.

The national group acts as advisor on consumer interests to President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers. Mrs. Nelson is chairman of the group's committee on consumer representation in government. She also serves on the committees on credit and on standards, grades and labels.

Cereal Company Fined For Short Weight

Food and Drug Administration successfully prosecuted a short-weight case against a national cereal manufacturer.

The company was fined a total of $600 for short-weighting packages of puffed rice and puffed wheat. Information given to the Federal consumer Protection Commission by a consumer said that we were told consumers should be relieved from the absurd circumstance of being sold water at ham prices without our knowledge.

At the hearing preceding government representatives followed the consumer testimony. They were in complete agreement that the representatives of the meat packing companies, not the farmers, who made the case for adding water to the packing tank.

INSURANCE HEARINGS

Not all of our presentations in behalf of consumers before regulatory agencies have concerned food. My first appearances last year was before the Insurance Commissioner, and I am hoping that this is only the first of many appearances there.

There are probably 1,000 health insurance policies on the market in California. The consumer's problem is to find which one of these is best for him and his family after comparing the benefits offered for a brief description of the benefits.

The hearing on this proposal was called to determine the feasibility of permitting up to 1% pounds and restore the prewar sizes and main.

Ashley to a New Requirement on Installment Purchases,

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Assembly and Senate Get Food Labeling Bills

Assemblman Nick Petris of Oakland introduced AB 2003 which requires the container of margarine carried in California to clearly designate the type of ingredient used in the full.

The Senate SB 918 has been introduced by Senators Virgil O'Sullivan of Williams and Jack McCarthy of San Ra-

Credit

Enact a price of credit law to require full disclosure of simple annual interest in all credit contracts.

Require full disclosure and listing of all charges and fees on home loans.

Reduce credit charges on automobiles.

Give car buyers the same rights as other credit users in case of prepayment and repossession.

Eliminate ambiguity of the term "outstanding balance" in revolving charge accounts and correct abuses which result in interest charges exceeding 18 per cent per year.

Study the rate of service charges on revolving accounts to determine the feasibility of reducing them.

Extend credit law protections by 1% pounds and restore the prewar sizes and main.

Outlaw referral selling.

Packaging and Labeling

Require the statement of the sizes of an article to be displayed on the principal display panel of a container.

Outlaw all ads of the breed, leave and restore the present sizes and main.

Eliminate the "absurdity" of presently requiring the breed, leave and restore the present sizes and main.

Where ingredient of a food product must be listed, require that water also be listed if it has been added.

Undertake an interim study of State weights and measures and labeling laws.

TV and Auto Repair

Crack down hard on cheating in the repair of automobiles and TV, radio and phonograph sets.

Household Moving

Correct abuses in connections with damage claims, estimates and shipping delays.

Unfair Selling Practices

Strengthen the law on false and misleading advertising. Set up new requirements on installment purchases and on visual misrepresentation in advertising labels and package.
Negotiating Package Developed

At a combined meeting of the Executive Board, Advisory Council, System Negotiating Committee, and the Business Manager's Staff—this year's System Negotiating Program was developed. The Negotiating Committee's weeks of work in studying and evaluating Unit Proposals were climaxed in L.L. Mitchell's report. Advisory Council Members discussed the report and made their recommendations. The Executive Board has reviewed the package and the Negotiating Committee has been working on the details preparatory to the May 1st exchange with the PG&E.
President Lee Thomas

George Tully commends the Negotiating Committee for its work in preparing the report. In the foreground are Joe Farmer and James Branstetter, partially hidden.

Members of the Staff also attended the two day session. Right to left we see Business Representative Frank Quadros, Negotiating Committeeman Lawrence Tindall, and Business Representatives Mark Cook, Spike Evans, and Bobby Robinson.

Jimmy Lydon recommends a point of strategy to the Negotiating Committee. Also identified in the picture are, left to right, Joe Farmer, Jim Fountain, Fred Jaggers, and Brendan Stronge.

James Branstetter inquires about a specific proposal to be included in the Negotiating Package.

Up near the rostrum, right to left, are: Treasurer Andy Clayton, Recording Secretary Hank Lucas, Executive Board Member—Southern Area Albert Callahan, President Lee Thomas and Executive Board Member—Northern Area Frank Anderson.

Jimmy Lydon, left to right, are: George Tully, Jim Branstetter, Joe Farmer, Charles Brooks, Walter Kreusch, Art Barson, John Hinkel, Fred Jaggers, Jim Miller, Coro Intern Harvey Charusisky, Frank Stephens, Herbert Dickenson, and the Staff. Left to right, Ron Fields, Wayne Weaver, Deputy Labor Bobby Robinson and behind them, Rooy Murray and Al Kaznowski.
The ancient Greek philosopher Plato was a good example of this. He said, "Let us begin with the goods and services we truly need, and then later pay for them in taxes." He believed that the goods and services we truly need are those that increase our quality of life and help us achieve our goals. This means that we should focus on goods and services that are important to us and not just those that are convenient or fashionable. By doing this, we can ensure that we are using our tax dollars wisely and that we are able to live a better quality of life.
we get letters
...on RTW's reapppointment

March 26, 1963
Mr. Ronald T. Weakley
I.B.E.W., Local 1245
1918 Grove Street
Oakland 12, California

Dear Ron:

It is my pleasure to reappoint you Member, Advisory Council, Atomic Energy Development and Radiation Protection, for a term to expire October 1, 1964. Your acceptance of this appointment will enable you to continue your very fine service to the Council and the State. Your commission and oath of office are enclosed, together with a memorandum of what is necessary in order for you to qualify under this commission.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN, Governor

on Local 1245

Mr. Ronald T. Weakley
Business Manager
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245
1918 Grove Street
Oakland 12, California

Dear Ron:

The two weeks that I spent with the Electrical Workers was one of the highlights of my internship with the Coro Foundation. I considered it an important assignment because I had never had any direct contact with a union and only limited contact with union people. To my satisfaction I now have a greater understanding and insight into the labor movement.

As I stated to you on a number of occasions, I am very impressed with the capabilities of the professional staff and the other union members that I have met. Their genuine hospitality and informativeness contributed greatly to my union education. Although I was with the Brotherhood only a short time I sincerely feel that it made some long lasting friendships.

For the opportunity of visiting with Local 1245 I wish to thank you and President Leland Thomas. I would also like to convey for my wife, Janet, her appreciation for allowing her to sit in on one of your meetings. I hope that we will again have the good fortune of calling upon you and the Brotherhood.

Sincerely,

1/4 Harvey Charnofsky
Intern in Public Affairs
1962-63

B. W.

Was the FEAR editorial written in sincerity or with tongue-in-cheek? There is real danger in educating an electorate to think and to say what they think. If that happens, they will read between the lines; they'll remember that the depression of the 30's was prolonged by Democrat politicians in the FDR camp so that an uneducated electorate would fear to think and speak for fear that they would be taken off WPA and made to show a little of the ruggedness and individualism you decry.

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U.S. Gives Angel Island to California—Congressman Jack Shelley (left to right), Under Secretary of Interior James Carr, Senator Clare Engle and Land Management Director Karl Laut- strom participate in ceremonies in Washington, D.C., marking official transfer of 517 acres from the Interior Department to the State of California.

SHELLEY STARTS CAMPAIGN HERE FOR MAYOR

John P. Shelley, who was elected last November to his eighth consecutive two-year term as Representative to Congress, has announced the official start of his campaign for mayor of San Francisco.

The 57-year-old longtime Democrat is a veteran labor leader, having served as president of the San Francisco Labor Council, and as State Senator before going on to Washington two days later.

New Stewards

Charles E. Ryars, General Construction; Frank A. Salmeri, General Construction; John D. Teller, General Construction; Ralph O. Waters, North Bay Division; Patrick T. Sullivan, Pipe Line Operations Department; Steve J. Mantalvanos, San Francisco Division; Charles C. Bailey, San Joaquin Division; Glen E. Newton, San Jose Division.

Retired Members


April 1, 1963:
- George L. Clark, De Sable Division
- George L. Pritton, Coast Valleys Division
- E. J. Lawsen, Sacramento Division.

I AM MOVING

Important Notice

Under a new postal regulation it will now cost the Local Union 10 cents rather than five cents to obtain corrected addresses from the post office for members who have moved. This means that if a member moves and does not notify the Union, the post office will charge the office 10 cents for the incorrectly addressed issues.

Members may notify the Union by filling out and sending the form below to the Local Union:

Name:

New Address:

Old Address:

Mail to: IBEW Local 1245, Mall Room 1918 Grove St., Oakland 12, Calif.

The 50 Years of the U.S. Department of Labor

by W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor

During its first half-century of service to the United States, the concern of the Department of Labor can be expressed in one word: People. Human welfare is the focus of our entire concern of policy making, the face of continuing change and all that it represents in the 1960's.

The Department of Labor, once a subordinate bureau and even today the smallest agency represented in the President's Cabinet, faces a task equal in magnitude to those challenges of 1913. It carries much of the responsibility for a major decision we must face as a people: Can we make our economy a human one, as well as a technical success?

At its beginning, the challenges confronting the Department of Labor were immigration, child labor and producing an accurate method of measuring changes in job vacancies. Some of the methods that tried to bring about the dream of America held by the immigrant workers who were among its first concern.

Its purpose has varied little timed to deal with the problems of people. Yet, to meet the challenges in American life, the constitution of the Department has been altered many times. As a national employment service, a federal conciliation service and a Women's Bureau were added to its original functions early in its history.

During World War I, the Department became involved in the vital problem of supplying manpower to aid the war effort and in insuring the production of essential goods. During the years that followed, the Secretaries of Labor worked for increased security for individual workers involved in the technological change that mass production brought about.

With the Depression of 1929, new activities of the Department came into being—the national employment service, wages and hours law enforcement, apprenticeship and training, and the development of labor standards to improve working conditions and thus increase the well-being and efficiency of workers.

At the same time, some of the older agencies were remodeled with these changes. Immigration and Naturalization, the Children's Bureau, and the Mediation and a Conciliation Service have no longer under the wing of the Department of Labor, having been established as separate agencies or transferred to other departments of the Government. In the Department of Labor, new bureaus were created to meet the changing needs—Employment Security, Labor Standards, Apprenticeship and Training.

Wage and Hour.

The history of the Department is that a record of response to change, always the welfare of the American worker and his family dominating the aims, thoughts, efforts and actions of the Department.

Refraining is being devised, to fill new job opportunities. We are going to need in this decade alone 5 million more jobs. These jobs are presently available. We must expand the economy to the point where there are over 200,000 more jobs.

With the increasing fast in our time and in any other times is the fact of change, and the common denominator of all of our difficulties is dealing with change honestly and wisely and constructively. We must take the offensive with change and make the change a force for man's delivery, instead of permitting it to become the instrument of his destruction.

As in earlier periods, the Department of Labor will be able to make a contribution because of its concern with man and the power he represents.

In Memoriam

WILLIAM E. STAHL, a Senior Warehouseman from San Joaquin Division, died March 10, 1963. Brother Stahl had been a member of the I.B.E.W. since May, 1952.

WALTER R. SANBORN, a member of the San Joaquin Division, September 1, 1943, passed away on February 17, 1963. Brother Sanborn was a Gas Dispatcher in the Stockton Division.

WALTER C. WEBBY, an Elecrockian from San Francisco Division, passed away on March 30, 1963. Brother Webby was initiated in the I.B.E.W. on March 1, 1942.

THEODORE TRABUCCO, from McCord, and employed in the San Joaquin Division, died February 28, 1963. Brother Trabucco was initiated into the I.B.E.W. on August 1, 1943.

WILLIAM B. GIPE, a member of the I.B.E.W. since September 1, 1956, passed away on April 14, 1963. Brother Gipe was initiated into the I.B.E.W. on August 1, 1945.

WILLIAM R. GIFE, initiated into the I.B.E.W. on November 1, 1942, passed away on March 29, 1963. Brother Gife was from Coast Valleys Division and had been retired since June 1, 1962.

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