

Gov't lets study Contracts

Eight contracts for a variety of studies to advance job safety have been awarded by the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The contracts are for a total of \$965,600.

OSHA has responsibility for administering the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which covers some 57 million work-

ers in about 4.1 million places of employment.

In announcing the contracts, Assistant Secretary of Labor George C. Guenther said that "in view of the size and complexity of the problems involved in improving the safety and health of workers, we are contracting out certain tasks which urgently need to be accomplished, but for which we do not yet have the speci-

alized capacity ourselves." He added that, since OSHA is a new organization, many of the contracts are of a one-time, start-up nature.

The National Safety Council has been awarded a contract to develop methods of cost/benefit analysis which will provide employees with accounting procedures to measure savings resulting from effective safety and health programs.

A Washington, D.C., minority contractor, is testing the effectiveness of various methods of communicating with and motivating employers and employees to take action to improve occupational safety and health. Little valid research has been done in this field in the past, although motivational factors are highly important in accident situations. It is anticipated that this research will aid in the development of more effective safety communications.

The State of Wisconsin is developing a method for measuring inspection effectiveness under OSHA. The study will examine the relationship between hazards observed by inspectors and any unreported hazards which have caused illnesses or injuries according to Wisconsin Workmen's Compensation statistics. The results are expected to reveal what types of hazards inspectors may be overlooking.

Two important contracts have been awarded for work in the field of systems design and information retrieval.

A number of technologically advanced foreign nations have developed occupational safety and health standards, codes and regulations. New York University's Center for Safety has been awarded a contract to assemble, translate and compile current material from these nations. The ultimate goal is to cross-fertilize and advance occupational hazard control in the United States.

Joins Navy



Louis J. Vaughn, Jr.

Louis James Vaughn, Jr., of 5838 NE 31st, enlisted in the Navy August 11, at the local recruiting station.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vaughn and a 1971 graduate of Jefferson High School.

Vaughn will report initially to San Diego, California, for his nine weeks of training before his initial assignment.

Mainland China Imports

While it may be some time in the future before the impact of opening the trade doors to Red China becomes apparent, certain segments of the independent business community are reporting a growing harm from the present level of imports.

This is showing up in the data from almost 60,000 respondents during the first half of this year to the continuous field survey of the National Federation of Independent Business.

While this trend is by no means of landslide proportions, there are indications that import competition has become of greater concern, yet in no section of the country, or in any vocational sector, has there as yet developed a majority sentiment for higher tariffs, or lower import quotas.

The records of the NFIB of 20 years ago show that at one time the independent business community was strongly dedicated to the idea of high tariffs, but this sentiment has dissipated over the years.

Currently, 11 percent of the respondents feel that imports are helping their operations, and 14 percent say they are hurting, with the vast majority, 75



Model Cities area children sit spellbound while aid at Portland Zoo explains differences between harmless snake being handled and other venomous ones in cages in background. Children are from Model Cities partially funded 4C's Day Care Center's special program being conducted at the Portland Zoo this summer.

percent, saying they are having no effect one way or the other. The only wide regional variance is in the New England states with 21 percent reporting imports are hurting.

Among independent retailers, 16 percent say that imports are helping them and a like percentage say they are hurting them.

But 22 percent of the wholesalers and manufacturers claim imports are hurting them.

Nationally, 24 percent of the independent firms feel that quotas on imports should be lowered, and 28 percent say tariffs should be higher.

However, here again there are strong regional differences. In New England, 40 percent feel import quotas should be lowered and 43 percent feel there should be higher tariffs. In the South Atlantic states, 35 percent feel import quotas should be lowered and 39 percent are in favor of higher tariffs. These figures reflect an increase ranging from 5 to 10 percent in the first six months of the year, reflecting a growing regional sentiment.

Whether or not the independent business community will revert to its position of two decades ago is quite speculative. The opening of the American market to the Chinese may have some bearing on any change of sentiment.

While the official position in Washington appears to be that permitting China to sell in the United States is of minor significance due to that nation having little to sell in this country, with the doors now open to trade there is a possibility of the Chinese regime deciding to revamp its economy to go after this business.

If so, throwing into the American market the product of around 800 million people existing under what could be termed slave labor conditions could have profound results.

A contract has also been let for an objective evaluation of the effectiveness of construction training courses already completed. The contractor, Joseph Reyes, Inc., of Washington, D.C., will analyze how well the trained supervisors are imparting their knowledge when back on the job.

OLCC income

Oregon Liquor Control Commission Administrator, John E. Martin, reports net income from all liquor revenue sources was the highest in the history of the Commission, amounting to \$37,320,007. This is an increase of \$3,382,098 or 9.97 percent over the previous fiscal year.

The distribution of funds for the quarter ended June 30, 1971, sent a total of \$10,241,365 to the State General Fund, \$65 to the State General Fund, \$65 to the State General Fund, the incorporated cities and the counties. The General Fund received \$7,168,956, the cities \$2,048,273, and the counties \$1,024,136.

Traffic tips

If you're a drinking driver, the Portland Traffic Safety Commission says that last "one for the road" is the drink you can't afford. It could cost you your life.

Next time you're driving to the beach or mountains, make sure you're not a parade leader. A slow moving vehicle that stacks up other cars behind him is asking for trouble. Sooner or later one of them will take the long shot and try to pass at an unsafe location. The Portland Traffic Safety Commission says when things begin to stack up behind your car, pull off the highway and let faster moving vehicles pass.

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- In September, this huge power plant in the Hanford valley near Centralia, Washington, will begin generating much-needed electricity for our region. It will burn extremely low sulphur coal from a nearby deposit.
- Long before actual construction begins, agricultural experts here will be working on plans for restoring the land once it had given up its coal.
- Studies of many kinds and hundreds of plantings were made on test plots. From them, the scientists developed long range land restoration plans. The program somewhat resembles the one-time farming, because it makes use of natural growth cycles.
- Here's how it works. Section by section, the overlying earth is scooped off the black coal seams. As each section is interested, the coal is dug out, and buried in the power plant.
- After all the coal has been taken out of a given area, the exhausted mine pit will be refilled with dirt. Ashes from the plant will help fill certain pits, and sugarcane also have been made to use them for disposal of refuse from the area.
- After an area has been covered once again, it will be replanted and planted to suitable trees and grasses to make it once more harmonize with its surroundings.

And that's the plan. A long dormant and little known coal deposit, one of the very few in the region, will be put to good use producing electricity. And with this kind of forethought and care, the one-time coal land once again will become wildlife and bird land in its surroundings. After all, the electricity you use in your home is 100% clean. And we want to make sure the plants which produce that electricity are good to neighbors, too.

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Initiative Bid Held Illegal

Serious legal, tax and financial problems exist in relation to the effort of the Portland Association of Teachers to use the initiative process operating budget of the Portland Public Schools, school officials were told today.

County officials and legal advisers to the Board of Education indicated Friday both that the initiative petition drive of the PAT, to force a third vote on the twice-defeated school levy, is not only illegal, but probably has also failed to meet the deadlines set forth in the statute for certification of signatures in time for a September 21 election, even if it were legal.

In a letter to the Board (dated Friday, John Weldon, Director of Records and Elections for Multnomah County, said that his office would be hard pressed to validate the number of signatures required in time to meet the requirement of 35 days notice to his office of the date of an election. Some 9,300 signatures of qualified electors signing petitions would have to be verified by August 17 to meet this requirement, Weldon indicated.

Weldon said "it would be physically and humanly impossible" to do the job in the time allowed.

The PAT has been circulating petitions for several weeks calling for an election

Job Safety-Health

Fifty thousand firms have been asked to submit occupational injury and illness data for 1971 as part of a federal drive to develop and maintain adequate statistical records. The some 250,000 selected employers will be required to submit statistical data for the calendar year 1972 sometime in January, 1973.

The firms have been asked to complete the following by January, 1972: 1) a survey of work injuries required by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and 2) a questionnaire based on the material recorded in the Log of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and the Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses kept in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Law. Data recorded in connection with the survey of work injuries will be requested for two six-month intervals—January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31.

The definitions to be used are the same as those for the 1970 Bureau of Labor statistics questionnaire, and the reporting forms will be mailed early in January, 1972.

Questionnaires on which information relating to the Occupational Safety and Health Law recordkeeping requirements will be entered have not yet been prepared.

The survey is designed to supply a measure of evaluating the effectiveness of safety and health programs in industry. It will also permit an analysis of work related injuries and illnesses under the old and new reporting systems.

Higher education is well for those who can use it to advantage, but it too often fits a man to do things for which there is no demand, and unfits him for work which there are too few to do.

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