mme. Chiang, in First Union Talk, Tells ILWU Members—Your Cause China's Cause

'S Fellow Workers'

Mme. Chiang, wife of the generalissimo of China, center stage, made her first address in America to Labor through the ILWU on March 29. To her left is General Bulcke of Local 10. Others are members of Mme. Chiang's entourage and invited guests of the AFL and Railroad brotherhoods.

Payoff on Single Voyage Exceeds Vessels' Value Many Times Over

WASHINGTON — The shipowners are gouging Lend-Lease funds in an orgy of profiteering that staggers the imagination. The revelation was made here last week before a Congressional Merchant Marine subcommittee.

ONE Trip Pays All

James V. Hayes, general counsel for the committee, showed that profits from a single trip of some of the vessels involved were enough to pay off the entire book value of the ships many times over.

A suggestion that the shipowners renegotiate their contracts in order to dispose some of the escalatory profits was met with thereply:

"We see no reason, legal or equitable why any of the profits should be returned."

This came from John J. Burns, President of the American Foreign Steamship Corp. ships valued at $1,589,581 made $385,588 profit on one trip.

Ten American Export Line ships valued at $2,967,669 profit on eight trips.

Two American Foreign Steamship Co. ships valued at $252,526 made $1,572,114 profit on six trips.

Six American Export Line Co. ships valued at $30,7,828 made $814,242 profit on four trips.

Two American President Lines, Ltd., ships valued at $37,828 made $164,242 profit on ten trips.

Seven Colvors Steamship Co., ships valued at $395,974 made a profit of $431,128 on two trips.

Ten American Hawaiian Steamship Co. ships valued at $18,532 made $3,166,074 profit on six trips.

Ten Luckenbach Steamship Co., Inc., ships valued at $1,426,147 made $3,972,125 profit on 13 trips.

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Texts of Talks by Mme. Chiang and Bulcke at Local 10 Meeting

MADAME CHIANG

Dear working people! I am extremely glad to be in your midst this evening. When I called upon you in San Francisco on July 1, 1943, I mentioned that I know I am speaking to a cross section of all labor in America, both men and women, and that I am going to try to say to you is meaningful for every one of the laborers in America. 

But now the three gentlemen who preceded me said that "China's cause is our cause." I desire to add that your cause is China's cause. (Applause)

Her Message: Unity is Strength

Because my own people have suffered and bled for six long years I have a message which I would like to bring to you, and that is that unity is strength. (Applause)

I have often said that all we must not win this war, we must also win the peace which follows the war. (Applause) But in order to win the peace we must first win this war, (Applause) and that at the earliest moment possible.

Your task is not one which be important than that of fighting forces at the front. You must exert every ounce of your energy to cooperate together to help win this war. Because my own country has no heavy industries we have been greatly dependent on food and blood. You have heavy industries. You can provide the munitions not only for this, but for France as well. Therefore, I hope you will understand me when I tell you that the halls where you really my fellow workers. (Applause)

Warns Dissension Will Bring Defeat

Production must increase. We must let no discussion, no difference of opinion come between us. If we are to be defeated. Do you want to be defeated?

VOICES: No! No!

MADAME CHIANG: Do you want to win this war?

VOICES: Sure! Sure!

MADAME CHIANG: And so do we. Therefore, let all labor cooperate and increase production. That is my message to you tonight.

I have always said that I have great affection for the American people. I have always had affections for the American people because as a child I lived in this country and I know what Americans are. I wish to tell you that my trip this time has intensified my love for the American workers. (Applause)

Urges Everyone To Exert His Best

As soon as I wish to stress to you that it is necessary, it is vital that every one of us, not only here but every working man and woman in the country because I know that you are all patriotic and 100 per cent patriotic. (Applause)

NEW YORK (A.P.)—"I swear I'll blow my top when I got one," said John Heen, member of the International Railways, in an exclusive Federation Press interview describing how the French Fascists control in North Africa. "French Vichy wants men and telephone poles everywhere...call for War in the Jews, Nubians and Freemasons..." We learn meetings are forbidden, unions are outlawed, newspapers are censored. (Applause)

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Chers de Mme. Chiang Kai Shek dans le courant de votre CIO auditoire from this audience of longshoremen of Local 10 and their invited guests from the CIO, the AFL and Railroad Brotherhood officials on March 29.

North African Fascists Hog U. S. Food

"Added all the confusion and dismay, there is a brave and unselfish heathenishness that fights on. Slowly the unions are gathering their forces and preparing to come out into this open air. There is a united feeling among the rank and file members of the Coal, Gas, Sheet Metal, Glass, Labor Unions. Comrades, it is high time, it is the time that we put it out. It gives the real sign of victory, that the war be behind the fascists lines."
Mme Chiang Says Our Cause China's

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The loading of scrap iron to Japan.

"In our action tonight, Mme. Chiang, you have a demonstration of a unity of the working man of American which is only in a small way the same thing which you in a big and noble way are trying to do for all mankind."

President Bridges' telegram came from Washington where he has been detailed on union business with the Maritime Commission.

HENRY'S TELEGRAM

"On behalf of the entire membership of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union," the telegram said, "I pledge to her (Mme. Chiang) and the heroic people of her country the full devotion of our union to their cause which is also our cause."

"Your task is not one whit less important than that of the fighting forces at the front," Mme. Chiang said in her brief speech, "You must exert every ounce of your energy to cooperate together to help win this war. Because our own country has no heavy industries we have been fighting with flesh and blood.

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Arthur Patten

Good! Excellent meeting! Her speech was very free, and she certainly made us think.

Lollie Hendrick

That was a very good meeting. We should try to produce more on all kinds of things and plan the Longshoremen for what they'd done. I appreciate the work you've done, but I don't think it's possible to do more than the Longshoremen we did. In this war, we are all proud to have her at our meeting.

Albert Johnson

I enjoyed it. What she said was fine. It was a good talk to people. We should go to the picket line with the Chinese around the world which was the Longshoremen supporting the Japanese picket line in 1938. That's possibly the main reason we came to see us at our meeting... appreciation.

Ray Feliciano

Never mind about this stuff. We're all doing our part. I was sure surprised to see Mrs. Slick's talk was fine. The photographer ... my work call is coming up.

Henry Williams

What Madame Chiang Kai-Shek said was good... about producing and working. She is one of the finest women... in America which she attended. She is a well educated woman all right and everything she said was fine. Tell the photographer to hurry... my work call is coming up.

Ludwig Gertner

We should have listened to her talk. She is a well educated woman. The Longshoremen enjoyed it. I thought what she said was fine. She is one of the finest women... in America which she attended. She is a well educated woman all right and everything she said was fine. Tell the photographer to hurry... my work call is coming up.

William Weber

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Forrest Rhonenus

It was fine. Mrs. Slick's talk was wonderful. It was good... her talk about our pep talks work. I expected to see more about Chiang, though. Her talk was short. I guess she came to see us because we supported that Chinese picket line in 1938. She is very swell looking.

J. J. Sweeney

The reaction of the Longshoremen to Madame's speech was good. They thought it was 100%. I didn't think she'd have time to come to see us with all she has to do. I guess it was because of our picket line with the Chinese in 1938. It's too bad she wasn't in front and most Longshoremen didn't know about it so they could bring their wives.

John Maples

Book No. 251

A good meeting. For a woman who is the first lady of China and busy... she has certainly kept herself fine looking and mentally up. She's 100 per cent for us just as Bridges said in his wire. We're 100 per cent for her. She expressed that at the meeting, too, when she said we had always been for China and China was for us.
Seamen Tell of 100 Days While Master Said “Mind Your Own Business”

The story of a vessel laden with wheat and loaded with American troops in the South Pacific quickly became a legend. Within a few months, hundreds of days in spite of the crew repeatedly refusing to unload the ship, the vessel was on its way. This is one of the first accounts of the experiences of the maritime unions of criminal war workers opposing the war.

The tale is told in an affidavit to the Maritime Union of America, the language-spelled language of the ship's captain, the Secretary of Commerce, and New Horizons, New Haven.

The affidavit reads:

"After having lived here for about 51 days with not one third of the crew joining us in the strike, was not willing to strike any longer, The captain decided to quit the ship. The union members were informed of the decision and demanded the ship be returned to the U.S. for repairs. The captain refused the demands, stating he would not go on board a ship that was not in good condition."

The affidavit goes on to describe the conditions on board the ship, including the lack of food, water, and sanitation. The crew was forced to work long hours in extremely hot and humid conditions, and many were sick and injured.

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Major D. Answers

Major D. was asked if the crew was being treated fairly. He replied:

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The men who handle the freight, load the ships, deliver the goods and keep the vessels in repair are calling for an accounting from the War Shipping Administration.

The War Shipping Administration over a year ago was entrusted with the task of organizing the merchant marine for its full participation in the war effort. During its existence and long before it came into being, the CIO unions in the maritime service had given unmistakly of their time and their strength and their lives to keep the ships sailing and to deliver the goods. They have cooperated to the utmost with the War Shipping Administration and other governmental agencies directing maritime commerce.

When failings and shortcomings were discovered, the unions brought them to the attention of these agencies and offered their assistance to overcome them.

The unions have been patient. They plugged away on the job. With a spirit of unyielding dedication, they brought them to the attention of the unions. They have been guided by a single principle—how can we best help them to win the war?

It is in this light the CIO maritime unions drafted a comprehensive plan for the reorganization of the industry.

This issue of The ILWU Dispatcher begins to set forth some of our findings and conclusions. Most disturbing has been the reluctance and downright refusal at times of the War Shipping Administration to take labor unions into full partnership in the pursuit of this great endeavor.

To the contrary, a study of the maritime industry shows that the War Shipping Administration has failed completely to deal with the crucial questions of labor supply, pooling of gear and equipment, control over operating practices, full utilization of docks, warehouses and terminal facilities, and the institution of rigid control over the industry.

Its recruiting and training program of seamen is run through with inefficiency, fumbling and waste. Maintenance and repair is left to the tender considerations of old-time customer practices and the whims of the shipyards. The record reads on and its sum total is a disastrous picture of the maritime service as the principal bottleneck in the conduct of the war. Some changes have been made. At the rate they are being made, we might have an efficiently operated merchant marine about five years after the war is over—with the danger that Hitler will be running it.

It is time for an accounting. The maritime unions welcome the support of Philip Murray for the demand for reorganization of the industry. They will support full in the request made by Senator Sheridan Downey that the Truman Committee conduct a thorough investigation of the industry.

Meanwhile, the unions will keep the course they have set. They will load, man and repair the ships, and drive harder than ever to do their job and get the goods to the front.

THE PROGRAM OF THE ILWU
For a People’s Victory and a People’s Peace
An Overall Production-Fighting Plan
More and Faster Production
A Second Front in Europe Now
No Discrimination Because of Race, Creed or National Origin
International Labor Unity
An End to Collaboration with Fascists
Immediate Freedom for India and All Subject Peoples
Full Military Alliance with the Soviet Union and China
Citizenship for Harry Bridges
Organize the Unorganized
Ration All Essential Commodities and Control Prices

THE BLIND SPOT
EVEN such a simple thing as baking a cake—or is it so simple?—requires a plan. First there is a recipe. It calls for so many eggs, so much butter, so much flour and other ingredients, and it details how they shall be mixed together, the manner in which they shall be baked, the time for baking and the degree of heat to be used. The recipe is the basic plan. The housewife goes on planning. She checks her ingredients, orders what is lacking, lays out her utensils, and even plans how she will load the cake with her own labor while the cake is in the oven.

In the war, however, housewives usually manage to get everything done to schedule. Their tired husbands come home to pleasant, spic and span surroundings and eat satisfying meals.

With the war and the shortages of staple commodities, housewives now must plan more, not less, in order to serve appetizing and balanced meals so necessary to husbands working harder in the war effort.

All the reports at hand indicate the housewives are meeting this emergency and planning with real skill.

IF this war is to be won before millions of American and allied lives are wasted, there has to be an integrated plan for shipping and a single, authoritative agency to administer it. The proper cargo has to be on the dock and properly sorted when a ship arrives. The required manpower has to be on hand and at the right place. The required number of seamen have to be ready to sail. The ship has to be dispatched to a port that can accommodate discharge of its cargo without delay. Precision has to be made for the airlift maneuver to unload it at the foreign port. These things and a thousand others that need to be dovetailed require blueprinting of the highest order.

Speedlifting isn’t being done. Ships carry sand ballast to Africa and bring ballast back. Ships shop for free pies. Ships waste valuable dock space by digging through red tape to find the heavy cargo that goes in first. Ships waste the extra gasoline to complete the trip in speedlifting.

And ships carry booze and bananas, birdseed and artificial flowers while munitions pile up in warehouses. This space isn’t large enough to begin list of the delays and waste.

In peace time the shipowners have an Incentive for meeting schedules. It is in the way they hold their best men. Today they have no incentive. The government guarantees them a profit and the necessary quality for failing to deliver the goods on time. Naturally, they favor their old customers and that is how troubles and waste get crammed into shipping space so vitally needed for war supplies.

The British are doing a better job through the Ministry of War Transport, which is planning cargoes, planning ship routes, planning voyages and planning labor pools.

The big failure of the War Shipping Administration to date has been its lack of a centralized plan. It hasn’t called in labor or permitted labor to participate in its policies. In fact, it hasn’t even tried to speak of it.

The time has come for a plan to make the whole shipping industry operate as an integrated unit, equal to the need of the times. It has to be a plan that can be dovetailed with the manufacturer, the merchant, and the consumer.
Los Angeles Local Sells $4,200 In War Bonds at Victory Rally

LOUIS A. SMITH—Inaugurating a city-wide drive for funds to purchase United States war stock, Local 26, ILWU, sponsored a victory rally at the City Terrace Victory House, Sunday, March 26, resulting in the sale of $4,200 in War Bonds and Stamps.

Local 26 purchased $2,500 in War Bonds and boosted the sale of $1,700 in War Stamps by circulating the victory drive through the streets of Los Angeles. The rally was addressed by C. C. Proctor, President of the ILWU and a delegate to the United States War production Board.

The greatest service the Labor Journalist can do for his union is to know who was elected to office from other locals and something about the policies and program and plentiful information on the testing of the policies in action. In doing this job well, a union newspaper comes to the general public just as it would to the individual or group of individuals owning it. The trade union journalist should cock his ears and set his sights for the events in his union which concern the implementing of his union's program.

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Antony J. La Piana

L. A. Sontag's

Eye Remedy

It is called Vita-Min-Go and
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Speaks for Housewives in OPA

**MONDAY**

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**Dinner:** Red Beet Boiled Red Cabbage Topped Cabbage, Antioch salsa Whole Wheat Bread

**Peanut Butter Bread Pudding**

- 1 cup sugar
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- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
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Cover half of the operating costs with the funds raised. The auxiliary donated to the OPA after the war to help families. The dinner was part of NAM March 29 elections from which the oldest auxiliary was elected. The next meeting will be held at the Salvation Army. Present officers are Agnes Murray, president; Winnie Hendrikson, vice president; Colette Scott, secretary; Alice Van Bruce, treasurer. Bellingham Does Red Cross Work From Bellingham Auxiliary Notes The elections were held at the Salvation Army, OPA was being installed at the next regular meeting, April 2. Officers are: D. C. Gets First Nursery From Lanham Funds The District of Columbia Board of Commissioners on March 29 accepted its first Lanham Act grant for child care, $17,125 to cover the operating costs of a center for 80 children of working mothers. Between the 2000 and 3000 offers of red cross work will pay for renovation and remodeling structures for the project.

The Auxiliary Longview Gals Run Rail, Act As Air Raid Wardens

LONGVIEW, Wash.—Auxiliary No. 14 holds meetings only once a month on the second Thursday for the duration. The transportation problem effects the regular attendance of members. By holding daytime meetings some in members' homes the problem is partly solved when we can use one car to carry those of us living in the country. The auxiliary donated to the UMO the proceeds of a card party held recently. Our members are participating in other war work such as standing watch on the airplanes detector post at Kelso, working at the consumers centers, acting as air raid wardens. All of us are preparing Victory Garden.

At least three members are running dairy farms while our husbands work. We consider that their present war work is very important, especially since the demand for more dairy products. We wish the papers would write up and put some glamour in our jobs like they do the lady welders.

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LONGVIEW, Wash.—Auxiliary No. 14 holds meetings only once a month on the second Thursday for the duration. The transportation problem effects the regular attendance of members. By holding daytime meetings some in members' homes the problem is partly solved when we can use one car to carry those of us living in the country. The auxiliary donated to the UMO the proceeds of a card party held recently. Our members are participating in other war work such as standing watch on the airplanes detector post at Kelso, working at the consumers centers, acting as air raid wardens. All of us are preparing Victory Garden.

At least three members are running dairy farms while our husbands work. We consider that their present war work is very important, especially since the demand for more dairy products. We wish the papers would write up and put some glamour in our jobs like they do the lady welders.

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Letters to Boys in Service Can Combat Lies in Press
By J. R. ROBERTSON

To the boys in the Armed Forces, we are all aware that enemy propaganda is being organized and massed in readiness for the day when the United Nations will be called upon to assist in reducing the burdens of war. We have a responsibility to our boys in arms to do all in our power to combat this enemy propaganda which is being used by the enemy to undermine the spirit of the people who have chosen to serve in the armed forces.

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Denver Resists Backdoor Agreement With AFL at Robbins Incubator Plant

DENVER—Local 217 has notified the management of Robbins Incubator Plant that it is conducting a vigorous organizing drive, that it expect an NLRB election to be held before any unionization drive is carried to a conclusion.

It has been reported that the AFL is making efforts to get a back-door agreement with Robbins and freeze out the CIO.

Using the slogan “One Union, One Card” and pointing out that a single union will bring greater benefits to the workers and speed war production, the AFL drive is meeting with considerable suc-

success at the plant. This plant now is manufacturing war material.

The failure of the company to pay back wages as it promised has been carried as far as we do not want to have union elections at the plant, but we are continuing our efforts to get the workers to organize and back up our organizing drive.

Write Once a Week To Friend in Service

But it is not enough to give this type of protection. And it is not enough to give parties for our members when they leave for the service or have a fam-

ily. We must keep them in-
formed of what is taking place at home so that they can plan for their return to industry to every in-

dividual who enters the service.

An Organizing Board

The International is proud of the Dockworkers Company em-

ployees in Cleveland for their splendid ILWU vote in their re-
cent election. The company officers were chiefly re-

sponsible for the organizing drive, supplemented by the efforts of CWO Chairmen: Edna Murphy, Vice Chairwoman; Rosemary Steward, for their work.

Spain Workers Await 2nd Front

In his appeal to the American Labor movement, Alexander Z. Leonides, General Secretary of the ILWU, called for a united approach to the problem of war.

It is the policy of the union to mail to its members second only to the defense of its members. The ILWU Disputer. However, present conditions make it impossible to send our newspapers to all of our members at the present time.

Your Responsibility

To Keep Them Informed

Literally thousands of our members are now in the service. Every member in every ship has some of the few free newspapers available. Some were union mem-

bers. Others were not. But if we are able to do anything about this situation it is as im-

portant for every member to keep his fellow workers in the union in the awareness of what is going on through personal contacts as it is to keep them on some important union con-

cerns.

It is just as much our responsi-

bility to our union and to our

fellow workers in the service to

know the truth about our fight for freedom as it is to face any

situation on our home front as it is to organize the crew.

A safeguard for ourselves as well as our brothers in the service is the knowledge that our role in the unions is playing in the struggle for freedom and that we can explain it to other men in the same way.

Local 26 Answers AFL Slur As Flintkote Signup Gains

LOS ANGELES—Organization moved ahead at Pioneer Flintkote Company with more than 500 of the 900 employees seeking an automobile to place Local 26, ILWU, on the ballot at the expiration of the AFL contract.

In a "mud-slinging" campaign against the CIO Warehousemen, Local 166, AFL, attempted to dis-

rupt the CIO’s organization drive by false assertions that produc-

tion in the plant had dropped 35 percent and that Local 26 had promoted discord among the workers.

The resolution was ordered to every unionist.

Send Once a Week

To Friend in Service

Every union should be organized to write a let-
ter at least once a week to his tradi-

friend in the service, to let him know the news of his plant, union and community activi-

ties.

Local Backs Mine Pay; Hits Lewis

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