ILWU Workers at Ward's Adhere to No-Strike Pledge

CHICAGO — Although the AFL, stated at an NLRB hear-
ing that it represented a ma-

jority of the employees in the

drug and warehouse division

of McKesson and Robbins

plant, not a single AFL vote

was cast in an election held

April 12. The ILWU received

43 votes.

An ILWU contract expired

December 1, 1943, and the

company refused to negotiate

a new one, subsequently tell-

ing the NLRB that it

couldn't negotiate with the

CIO when the AFL claimed a

majority in the plant.

The Crane Company's entire

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the company's refusal to

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ILWU Protest Ends Pressure

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — An ILWU

resolution, adopted by the San

Jose unit of Local 6, this month,

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unauthorized Army practice

which was invading the rights of
disabled soldiers.

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Local 215 in Chicago, which is the

bargaining agent for employees

of Montgomery Ward on the

illegally designated CIO local

in Chicago out on strike against

the company's refusal to hire

two War Labor Board direc-

tives.

The strike began April 12.

Kanssan City workers of

the ILWU, said the company's

refusal to hire was provoking

provocation by the company.

The ILWU worked itself in the

Chicago Montgomery Ward situation is

absolutely correct," said the

telegram. "You are fulfilling

the ILWU's policy and pledge

to fight the firing of the war

professionals."

"You have the backing of the

entire ILWU membership and the

unions of all other CIO war

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"Talk, Write and Act Politically," Is Appeal of Murray, Hillman to All CIO Officials

NEW YORK — "Talk, write and act politically," said a letter April 3 to all full-time officials of CIO unions over the names of CIO President William Murray and CIO Political Action Chairman Joe Hillman.

ACTION URGED

"We know that you are already aware of the urgency of our political responsibilities in this crucial election year, at least in the abstract," the letter said.

"This is everything possible being done within your organization to further this political program. Have you made political action a primary concern for 1944, around which your normal union activities revolve?"

"Your organizing program, your program for collective bargaining contracts, your education and recreation program all derive, of course, from your political program. This is true because much of the success of all your union programs depends upon the success of united CIO political action, and we see no reason why cooperation in this program is not as simple as the others.

GLASS AT STAKE

"We expect you to take this unpleasant but realistic view of the political situation.

"We either succeed in our political program and become the liberal and progressive government in this country, or we become the reaction, or we throw the people's gavel of the past 32 years down the drain and start all over again, and that is not an easy start won't be easy. Therefore, we must accept the alternative and revamp our organization into a potent political weapon.

"It isn't going to be easy to do the professional job that is called for. Politics is a compartmentalized racket. There are groups who are going to have to overcome emotional attitudes about political action within the labor movement itself. We are going to have to develop a group dedicated to the liberal political ends. Let us make this our program.

"The CIO has taken a stand for peace. It is a stand that has backed up that stand with $400,000 bill. This political money represents an investment for the future. We must continue to take every member of CIO unions on the island of Hawaii, and furnish our recognition has been asked. Companies involved in the Hawaiian Agricultural Co., Inc., in the Kauai district; the Kauai Sugar Co., in the Hanuako district, and the Po- poiana Sugar Co., in the Hilo-Puna district.

Working with Meacham are President Jack H. Kawano and Secretary Frederick Kamahana. Meacham was appointed by President Tamura, former Kwameh of Island locals; the ILWU has asked to coordinate the Political Action Committee's drive in the Eastern District offices.

"Major Hagon had our representatives brought before him to explain to him the existence of the Tanihara, Island of Oahu, and Longshore Local 26, Hilo, Island of Hawaii.

"Attempts of individual Army engineers to handle the situation have been sharply protested. Local 37 sent a letter to Lieutenant General H. C. Bescher, army governor of the island, expressing the opinion that the situation was making them the object of the illegal expulsion of Tanihara, Island of Maui by John D. Calhoun, representative of the CIO. Mr. Bescher stated that the situation was not under his control.

The letter requested that the Tanihara be permitted to return to his home and engage in his regular occupation. The letter was accompanied by a letter from the Hawaii field office of the CIO, which pointed out that the Tanihara had been working for the United States for years and should not be denied his right to work. The letter was forwarded to the CIO at Washington, D.C., by the CIO district office in Honolulu. The letter was accompanied by a letter from the Hawaii field office of the CIO, which pointed out that the Tanihara had been working for the United States for years and should not be denied his right to work. The letter was forwarded to the CIO at Washington, D.C., by the CIO district office in Honolulu.

"Meacham, who is on leave from the CIO, has been working in Hawaii for the past two years.

"Moecham was commissioned in the U.S. Army in March, 1941, and has been working in Hawaii for the past two years.
Local 10 Expands Aid to Service Men, Asks Employers to Match $5 a Month

SAN FRANCISCO—Week by week, ILWU locals throughout the country are working out new ways of serving their members now in the armed forces. At a recent meeting of Local 10, San Francisco, at its last meeting, addressed a resolution to the Frontier Employers Association instructing them to send The Dispatcher to each book and probationary member and to have it in the office.

RESOLUTION QUOTED

"This week in the country, capital and labor alike, are engaged in the war effort equally and must join hands in the fight for the rights of all, longshoremen and service men alike. We are included in this, the resolution, addressed to the Waterfront Employers Association was quoted to the men.

The employees were asked to make every member of their local do as he was instructed to make every member of his local do as he was instructed to, and every brother he meets to send the sheets letter from the local—that his union's address. Anything IN WRITING, even more.

Postal regulations require service men.

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From 60 to 100 former members write to Local 10 each week, Miss Marsh said, and every one of them tells a story.

"They ask for extra copies of The Dispatcher, or in any other office is instructed to make brothers he meets to send the sheets letter from the local—that his union's address. Anything IN WRITING, even more.

Subject: Postal Service

"Only one person handles the news letters list, to answer takes and duplications," said Miss Marsh. "Every answer to the office is instructed to make a note of any way they come across and send it to me in effect, to be mailed to those addresses.

"We send the news letters (unpaid) to the first fifteen of each month, and every one of them tells a story.

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SUGGESTIONS TO UNIONS

These are Miss Marsh's suggestions on keeping local unions in the know of what is happening (in the form):

1. Build up a service men's mailing list, either from those addresses they have, or through their offices, or service men, or by practical way.

2. Write the news letters list, to answer takes and duplications, even more if possible.

3. As a form to members so that he can receive The Dispatcher at home, or to have him paid for.

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Polltawors Howw as 87 Clos Ciro Political Body

WASHINGTON (FP)—Alarmed politicians hark back to the days of the War. The political parties are kept open until 10 p.m. the county auditors will pass the election results to the county commissioners to be acted upon.

The world is divided into two camps: those who believe in the power of the people to elect their leaders, and those who believe in the power of the moneyed interests to control the country. The former are called Democrats and the latter Republicans.

British Postwar Labor Rule Seen

LONDON (ALN)—A Labor government in Britain is a "good" government, according to a recent survey of the Labor Party. The survey, conducted by the British Labor Movement, revealed that 92% of the respondents favored a Labor government. The survey also showed that 78% of the respondents felt that a Labor government would be able to implement the policies it had promised during the election campaign.

On the other hand, 22% of the respondents felt that a Labor government would not be able to implement the policies it had promised during the election campaign. The survey also showed that 60% of the respondents felt that a Labor government would be able to implement the policies it had promised during the election campaign.
Membership endorses
Havener for Congress

SAN FRANCISCO—Frances R. Havener, former
candidate for Governor of the State, has en-
dorsed the candidacy of the Local 6 membership
at its April meeting.

The recommendation for en-
dorsement was made following discussion of
a statement issued by the San Francisco Political
Action Committee.

Havener stated: “The fight is
with the vision and understanding
and the youth and labor who have
fought for it.”

“We are not fighting this war
for more unemployment and an-
other depression.”

ROOSEVELT SUPPORTER

Roosevelt supporter with an eye on May 16, date of the primary elec-
tion, the members of the Political Action Committee of the Oakland Unit are going all-out for George P. Miller, candidate for Congress from the Sixth District, who will oppose Albert E. Carter, incumbent Republican, in the June 6 primary. Miller was recently endorsed by the Local 6 membership. He is shown here pointing at the calendar. Others are left to right: Charles Murray; Charles Murray, PAC chairman; Bobby Santos; Vice President Paul Heide, and C. A. Chiswell, PAC secretary.

Oakland Unit for Roosevelt 4th Term; 3,000 Members Cheer Resolution

Oakland — Recognition of the high type of leadership he has given the Nation was ar-
corded President Franklin D. Roosevelt by more than 2,000 Progres-
sive Miners at the 21st Annual Hall
Dance in the Auditorium Theatre.

The resolution declared, in par-
t,”Resolved: That this local go
before a fourth term.”

“Whereas; Be balm initiated
in the postwar world,” the resolu-
tion said.

The resolution was adopted by
majority of the pooh, regardless of
affiliated unions will be sought.

Record Crowd Frolics at Eighth Annual Ball—
$5,000 Netted for CIO Servicemen’s Canteen

S AN FRANCISCO — A crowd which passed the admission bar-
tendue records enjoyed the Eighth Annual Ball and Floor Show at the Civic Auditorium. The affair netted $5,000 for the CIO Servicemen’s Canteen.

The dance was preluded by a "three month's" planning by a rank-and-
file committee of the executive board of Sam Baran who has chartered each year's ball since
1933.

PRAISED BY LYNDEE

The dance was received with high praise from President Richard Lyndee, who commented on the
good turn-out.

Next S. F. Membership Meeting April 26

The next monthly San Francisco membership meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26, at 8 p.m., at the California Room on 21st Street between Mission and Market.

“Pointing out that Thomas Bolph,...." (Page 6, continued)

J. C. W. ANSON

April 21, 1944
The Big Ball

These pictures show a portion of the big crowd. On the left, with Marie Hackman and Elise Birkland, President Richard Lynden, Congresswoman's secretary, Marie Lynden, and Vice President, Textile Workers Union, Mrs. Charles and Charles Jr. (Extreme right) are ILWU Local 10 President Germaine Belzka; Frank Havenner's secretary, Marie Lynden, and Victor Fields, Textile Workers Union; Mrs. Charles and Charles Jr. (Extreme right) are ILWU Secretary-Treasurer, with Virginia Women's, right) is Virginia Samaduroff with husband; Mrs. Hazel Drummond, Jane Bissell, CIO War Relief for the Big Ball.
pictures afford a glimpse of the 15,000 who
got the Civic Auditorium last Saturday night
for Eighth Annual Ball of Local A. (Center)
Among the top, left to right: is more of the
Ensemble of the Petroleum Unit in the fed-
oral National Candidate Franck R. Havenner,
and Vice President Paul Flood, Mrs. Olga
Charles Cluets; Charles Cluets, Dispatcher;
ILWU President Harry Bridges and friend.
Frank Maxey, member of Ball Committee,
Mark Hendricks, Local 10 legislative director;
are Dave Hedley, Secretary, CIO Political
(Right) is shown Pfc. Eugene Paton, former
a Woods, ILWU Research Staff. (Bottom
left and next to Business Agent Mabel Keating,
Relief Director Tillie Olson, and Pat Thompson,
are the Drum Corps, led by Mitch Petersen,
McDermott, International Representative from
a Ball Committee; Bob Williams; and Sally
R. H. Gordon, Baltimore, Md., and Marjorie
McKenna, Dolores Shickler, San Jose
HOT CARICAR
by hazel drummond

Think this year's Annual Ball made a lot of us stop and think. The Eighth Annual Ball. Eight long hours of waiting, talking, laughing, together. We used to give the boys plenty of recreation funds. Now we've given it to help establish recreation for the girls who are fighting a war. We have thousands of members and friends out there—on the job, or out on the move, but who are doing a different kind of job now. Old of familiar faces were wondering how life and I think we made it to feel prettier. I think we were getting it to leave (save what was left in I mean)."

"Gossip being passed around here about the DUKK LIN- DEN was a candidate in the next election. But her DUKK LIN- DEN was at the committee room—then declared to have upset the race, which was the most unusual hand shaking. An 'AN MARIS STEIN' (that's the committee (too) was) matched hand shakes with "Heidi" and "Howdy down".

According to PEARL ANDER- SONE, our co-sponsor of the event to do it. She was quite a dancer (especially when it comes to the Calexico). They did see CPE, JOE DI MIGGIO made a pretty good fit in his place. NINO SHOBOL in Balatiti, he said. Three numbers in the MARIE BACHMAN, MARTHA RUSSELL and ELISE BARSCUG- NIS (they are a different town). Hammum.. Dunn said. I still don't have any answer yet to ask. They [were] right there give an answer. So, they are not accustomed (any- more).

And the gala. We think should drop the Cingerella story and tell the story of the women lake by day and debauchery by night. The Cingerella was spreading glamour all over the joint and getting in a lot of practical experience in the busi- ness houses. MAE SHAN- DRAKE, a quite new girl, said "I'm quite an expert," and said "I see WHITEY THURLING in between. She was wearing a white silk outfit—no such comfort—couldn't have been in the same dress, and that's our usual mean) ---SAM BARBEN was in his glory, but then we know he never could go wrong. We're trying to see FRANK MAXE in there pitch- his idea. But the Army couldn't keep him away from his duty, so he couldn't. COUSINS were right there give an answer. He said he knows that they are not accustomed (any- more).

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Seattle Local 19 Booms Warehouse Organizing

ROKE—Determination to build a great union of warehousemen in Seattle was expressed in a resolution adopted by Longshore Local 19 on April 6. The same resolution defined the "expansion limits of the two local's of Seattle and was con-

templated in ILWU, Local 9.

The resolution states: "Whereas, it is our desire to absorb workers at the ex-

pansion limits of the two local's of Seattle and to strengthen all the ware-

houses in the City of Seattle and the respective employers with the full support and coopera-

tion of Local 19, and,

"It is further resolved:

"That we give all possible aid to the building of a great union of warehousemen in the City of Seattle, and elsewhere in the Northwest, under the jurisdiction of ILWU, Local 9, in order that the true principles of CIO trade unionism may be promoted to the betterment of all workers in this area."

L.A. Needs 100 Child Care Units

LOS ANGELES (FP) — Working

mothers in this No. 1 critical labor shortage area know their children aren't getting a break. A CIO survey shows that 100 additional care centers are needed at once.

More than 9,000 elementary school-age children of working mothers live in the heart of this congested city, but there are only 10 school centers open to give them after-school care, the sur-

vey disclosed.

R. E. HOWE CHECKS CARGO FROM LONGSHOREMEN F. GOTAY AND ALEX NEGOMIR. WAR CARGO IS DOUBLE-CHECKED BY SHIPCLERK J. R. BANCROFT (LEFT) AND SHIPCLERK AL BESENIG (RIGHT). CHARLES F. (CAP) HUSTON (WITH NOTEBOOK) IS A PAST PRESIDENT. THE LONG-

SHOREMEN ARE O. E. PETITSON AND ER MARTINELLI. CARGO CHECKING IS AN EXACTING TASK, MUST BE FAST, ACCURATE, SURE, CLEAR.
Local 6er Returns With 2 Hero Medals, Tells of Pacific Fighting—Sees Long War

SAN FRANCISCO — "The fighting began in the Pacific," with this assertion, Staff Sergeant Eddie Lunardelli, of the ILWU, told his fellow seamen at the Pacific Coast Conference here yesterday. "It was the Silver Star and a Presidential citation for "gallantry in action," the silver star he won with the Fighting 164th. Sgt. and Mrs. Lunardelli are members of Local 6.

Lunardelli called the men into a huddle, took command of the Spanish ship Maria In a short order of the affair, told the men of the fighting at the Saps which his commanding general withdrew two miles back of the strong points of their machine. The Only honest answer is that we will be fighting to end all shipments of Chilean nitrate, which were brought up to equality with the output of German armament plants," Blazon said. The ILWU pledged support to any move now, as the necessity for the continuation of Chilean nitrate shipments. As long as Mar. 1943, the ILWU and the AFL, and people in the United States and jobs for people in other lands. The only honest answer is that we will be fighting to end all shipments of Chilean nitrate, which were brought up to equality with the output of German armament plants," Blazon said. The ILWU pledged support to any move now, as the necessity for the continuation of Chilean nitrate shipments. As long as Mar. 1943, the ILWU and the AFL, and people in the United States and jobs for people in other lands.

NMU Accuses Lakes' Employers

NEW YORK — Opening of the Great Lakes shipping season brought charges from the National Maritime Union (NMU) that the Lake Carriers Association was creating a dangerous situation by operating their ships in violation of the government's manpower stabilization program.

"I knew the membership wasCentral American in outlook and their driving ambition was to get the company and reorganize the lines into a defensive position."

Two other vessels, the Virginia and the General, were involved in the conflict.

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Scalers Plan 300 Women On Ship Jobs

BAN FRANCISCO — In cooperation with employers, ILWU Ship Scalers Local 205 announced this week to relieve its manpower shortage by sending 300 women on ship repair and maintenance work.

200 APPLICATIONS

RICHARD Q. Slocum, business agent answering that nearly 200 women — chiefly wives, sisters and aunts of the union's all-male membership — have applied so far for books in Local 2.

"We plan to have the women do light work such as sweeping, cleaning, low work on the ship and rigging. Books — bookends, and rigging books for trellis work. Women will be released our men for the heavier work."

"Our present members are being drafted every day. We have short about 200 workers right now and we need many more of a competent nature. It is therefore necessary that we put on women now to help them with their market probity. They will be left behind to help the men and put on work six months."

"The women who have applied for probationary books and have been employed and are having a hard time, they do not return."

Garavaglia Heads Stockton Local

STOCKTON — A Garavaglia has been named head of ILWU Stockton Local 54. Elected vice-presidents were George Simon, Charles E. Nason, lei gross, and William E. Ruhland. "We have a lot of potential," Campbell added.

Unions Use Plant Radio To Boost Soviet Output

MOSCOW (AP) — In Soviet factories, union radio stations are being asked to boost output. "We intend to make the workers more aware of their responsibility to the state," said V. B. Kuznetsov, head of the All-Union News Agency.

Muster to Die — Your Attack a Compliment

NEW YORK — Muster must, according to President of the United Workers, immediately relayed to the Executive Committee attack which included himself and his union. "Your unwarried attack," Muster declared, "is in fact a compliment. It proves that I stand for unity and for democracy and that I can face up to the fight against those anti-democratic institutions as the bell which successfully keeps you in order."

Unions on the Attack

NEW YORK — Harry Bridges was called a "rotten radical" by the United States Department of Labor in its latest report on the CIO's efforts to organize the International Fishermen and Allied Workers of America. The union has been ordered to cease and desist from its efforts to organize the fishermen.

"It is the duty of the Department of Labor to protect the rights of the workers," said President Harry Bridges. "We are not afraid to fight for our rights."
Hillman Hails High Court
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NEW YORK (FP)—The U. S. Supreme Court accepted as argued the white primary
heralding a new and vigorous political move in the South. The decision, taken
by the Supreme Court, is of the utmost importance in the struggle to
make the white primary unconstitu
tional. It is a recognition of the fact that the white primary is an
attempt to deny the vote to the Negro and thereby to nullify the
civil rights that the Supreme Court has awarded to the Negro in
the past. The decision will open the door to the Negro to participate
equally with the white man in the political life of the South.

The Supreme Court, in its decision, held that the white primary is a violation of the
Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

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