Local 208 Signs Gains At Maxwell

CHICAGO—Local 208 signed a contract with Maxwell Brothers Box Company last week, which elapsed three months of negotiations.

The contract includes time and one-half over 8 hours, 1 week's vacation after 1 year's service and 2 weeks after 5 years' service (subject to WLB approval), grievance procedure, and other benefits.

Also agreed to was a 25c increase every six months for all employees up to the maximum wage range; such increases to be automatic.

Isses certified to the National War Labor Board for disposition were union security and check-off, and the union's demand for a 15c general wage increase or 1½ minimum, whichever is the greater, plus a 10c per hour night shift differential.

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CHICAGO—Local 208 signed a contract with Schero Brothers last week, to end a long drawn-out War Labor Board dispute.

The contract includes a 1 week's vacation after 1 year and 2 weeks' vacation after 5 years, also wage increases ranging from 5 to 7 cents and a 2 weeks' vacation after 1 year's service (subject to WLB approval), grievance procedure, and other benefits.

Local 222 Gets Work

Local 222 contract with S.C. Freedman & Sons includes a wage increase of 5 and 7 cents and a 2 weeks' vacation after 1 year's service (subject to WLB approval), grievance procedure, and other benefits.

Authority for Back Pay Awaited at Royal Mfg.

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Scherco Contract Ends Long Dispute

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House to Continue FEPC

WASHINGTON—By the slim margin of four votes, 122 to 118, the House voted a $150,000 appropriation last week for President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practices Committee, defeating an all-out line-by-line Republican and poll-tax Southern Democrat effort to starve the committee to death.

American Labor Party Representative Vito Marcantonio of New York led the successful fight against an amendment that would have eliminated the fund from the billion-dollar war agencies appropriation bill, which now goes to the Senate.

Originally, the FEPC's enemies put over the amendment in committee of the whole, where a record vote is not possible, but in the House itself, after two days of debate, the amendment was defeated.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new Local 222 contract with S. Freedman & Sons includes a wage increase of 5 and 7 cents and a 2 weeks' vacation after 1 year's service (subject to WLB approval), grievance procedure, and other benefits.

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Three main points of the proposed preamble, which was approved unanimously, by 2,000 San Francisco warehousemen attending the Local 6 meeting, were:

A pledge on the part of the employer that basic union security will be respected for the duration and beyond.

A guarantee on the part of the employee that basic union security will be respected for the duration and beyond.

A uniformity of machinery to settle disputes peacefully through arbitration and other means.

LEAVE EMPLOYMENT

Bridges said:

"This measure would defend the security of the nation now and after the war, permitting both employers and labor to concentrate on defending the enemies of labor. These enemies are the Axis powers now, and unemployment after the war. Unemployment will only be licked by cooperation of a partnership, of management, labor, farmers, and government, which is free from industrial strife."

The proposed preamble follows:

"We, the undersigned, agree that what is now done by way of plan and effort to shorten the war, must be projected into, and continued into, the post-war world. And further that there must be a national unity, which amounts to a cooperative partnership of representatives of Capital, Labor, the Farmers, and the Government — not only to shorten the war, but to implement the victory. We believe also, that our property and our security in the post-war world will be in proportion to our ability to organize.

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An Approach to Unity

By adhering to its no-strike pledge during the war, labor has gained security against destruction by fascism, is gaining shortening of the war and is helping to put the nation on the road to a conclusive victory.

This has been possible because of unity of objectives on the part of both capital and labor — with some exceptions — which has been to win the war. A similar unity of objectives to lick unemployment after the war can make use of the strike weapon unnecessary.

Piloted unions cannot be placed wholly on employers, wholly on labor, or wholly on Government. For words it is approaching its coming negotiations with the employers with a view to defeating present and postwar enemies of both employers and labor. These enemies are the axes now and unemployment that brought shutdowns in the postwar.

The right to strike is inherent in democracy. If Local 6 were proposing to throw aside this right beyond the war the plan might be open to question. But no such proposal is made. In essence the plan is merely to forgo use of the strike weapon, and for employers to forgo use of their economic weapons while they use their energies jointly in the interests of both.

We are approaching a period in which the atmosphere is favorable for gaining our ends through peaceable means and with the cooperation of employers instead of their hostility because the ends — full employment and expanding business — are in the interests of both.

Industrial peace can be maintained through realization and pursuance of a common aim on the part of capital and labor, that common aim being the abolition of unemployment and insecurity for both business and workers, and thus removed one of the main causes of strikes and lockouts.

Instruments for these ends are collective bargaining, conciliation, and arbitration when agreed upon, and political action on the part of labor, and even employers, too, in their own busines interests for overall and general improvement of the workers' conditions from the standpoint of health, education and culture. This calls for full integration of labor, especially through political action, into the mainstream of American life.
"Look Forward, Not Backward!" Says Harry Bridges
as CIO Officials and ILWU
Old-timers Gather to Honor
His Ten Years of Leadership

Roasted with praise and
showered with gifts, Harry
Bridges admitted to feeling
mighty good May 27 when more
than 600 officials of CIO unions
and many oldtimers of the
ILWU gathered at the Hotel
Lexington in Oakland for a
testimonial dinner to pay honor
to him for his ten years of lead-
ership.

The dinner was sponsored by
the California CIO Council, fol-
lowing an important Executive
Board meeting held in Oakland.
H. V. Malone, president of the
ILWU and regional director of
the CIO, accepted the praise and
accepted the gifts only as honor
to the rank and file.

"All I ever did," he said,
"was act as spokesman."

He directed his own praise
groups at a group of oldtimers
who ten years ago served on the
strike committee with him in
the big struggle of 1934.

"As long as I was able to
point out to them that there
was a just fight for working
people going on, they were al-
ways there," he said of them as
symbols of ILWU rank and file.

There was understandable
remembrance by many speakers
about the action-packed ten
years since Bridges first walked
from his longshore job on the
waterfront to lead the rank and
file in revolt against miserable
conditions and corrupt union of-
ficials.

But Bridges refused to look
backward.

"Look forward," he said. "I'm
thinking of 1954, another ten
years hence, where we're going
and how we're going to get
there. We can look back to
past struggles and apply our ex-
perience in them to avoid mis-
takes in the future.

PROOF IN CALIFORNIA

"I think the strikes we had
brought the experience to make
strikes unnecessary. In con-
vert with the working people of
the world, we can achieve our
aims without strikes and with-
out sacrificing any of labor's
gains.

"In the past two weeks we've
had proof here in California.
Who ten years ago would say
that we would ever be able to
support some 40 candidates for
public office and nominate virt-
ually every one of them?

"The aims of labor today are
the aims of all American peo-
ple. We are fighting politically
and there is no difference be-
tween what we are fighting for
now and what we fought for
then—ten years ago. We were
fighting then and are fighting
now for the right to organize,
abolish discrimination, for edu-
cation, and for safety and other
protections.

"And the employers are
changing. They are not as much
concerned with eliminating
unions anymore, and the atroci-
tions only prove the rule. They
have joined with us to win the
war. Now they are finding they
will have to join with us in
order to win the peace—so they
can stay in business and make
a profit and so that we can stay
on the job.

"Our program is not solely
the program of labor anymore.
It is a program in which the
American people and the em-
ployers have a part. It is my
intention to try to convince em-
ployers of their stake in this
program."

He described the status quo,
which he said some employers
still hankered for, as apple sell-
 ing and Herbert Hoover with fas-
tious and Hitler-raging high.
He ridiculed the demands for
post-war guarantees and said that
the fact that the CIO program of
ten years ago has now be-
come the program of the ma-
 jority of the people of the world
was "the most powerful guar-
ante in the history of the
United States."

5TH COLUMN CITED

He said the fifth column
which attempts to put a possi-
mite face on things has its
counterpart in the 1934 strike.

"Then we called them stool-
 carriers," he said.

Explaining the meaning of
Teheran, Moscow and Cairo and
the second bill of rights promul-
gated by the President, he said:
"We've not time to look back,
excepting to know what we don't
want to come back.

Henry Schmidt, former pres-
ident of Local 10 and now one
of two members of the Coast
Labor Relations Committee
of the Auto Workers. They were
a stick and lighter and a pen and
pencil set.

WAREHOUSEMEN GRATEFUL

Richard London, president of
ILWU Local 4, said:

"Warehousesmen are deeply
grateful for the start, leader-
ship and guidance Harry gave
us. As we look forward into
the critical future, it is once
again Harry who finds the
way."

E. Thornton, general secre-
tary of the Metal and Muni-
tions Workers of Australia, who
attended the banquet with C. A.
Crofts, general secretary of the
Federated Gas Employes Indus-
trial Union of Australia, said

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LONDON—The mobility of modern war has introduced a bewildering pattern of invasion and invasion after invasion, and the advance and retreat of huge masses of armored, mechanized troops, has completely revolutionized the role of the supply services.

To no branch does this apply more than to Royal Engineers. In the docks operating companies of the Royal Engineers, the "caique stevedores," who every battle front that touches the seaport is but to be found behind the front line unloading supplies for the fighting troops, not only of the Army but also of the Navy and the RAF.

In ROYAL ENGINEERS

Compared with the war of 1914-1918, it is altogether a much more different and more dangerous world. In this world there are thousands of caiques and stevedores from the ports of England, France, Scotland, Northern Ireland, now serving with the Royal Engineers. Many of these are experienced fighting men, but, as the Army expanded, they were later compulsorily transferred to a dock engineering or a Royal Engineers company, where their peacetime experience could best be utilized.

This is the story of one of the first companies to be formed; No. 1003, which was part of the British Army in Greece and Crete for nearly eight months, operating the cranes, loading and unloading the ships, operating the caiques and dealing with the cargoes, while the British Army was fighting for Greece against two warring factions. No. 1003 was formed in Blackpool on July 1, 1940, immediately after the fall of France. On the continent we had very heavy casualties among the British Expeditionary Force and our evacuation of over 100,000 men made the British Army in Greece and Crete, and the first British dock company to work there, go straight to work, and as soon as the new unit then forming in Egypt was ready.

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Australians Studying U.S. Labor, Plan Postwar World

SAN FRANCISCO—The Australian labor movement, like the CIO, stands 90 per cent behind the AFL, wants peace, production and jobs in the postwar world in working solidarity to achieve those ends.

C. J. Crofts, general secretary of the Australian Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales, was in San Francisco last week to start a study of American union organization and industrial relations. The Australian Labor Party government backed the delegation's visit to give them every assistance.

Crofts is general secretary of the Australian Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales. Thornton holds the post of director of the AFL's political action arm. Both are labor leaders with connections of the AFL-Muncions Union, counterpart of the American United Steelworkers of America, and their way to London to attend the world labor congress of the British Trades Union Congress, will give the opportunity for an up-to-date picture of the London meeting, will make the survey in America instead.

"I'm particularly interested in manufacture of small arm and shells in America," Thornton said.

GOVERNMENT PLANTS

"The United States government plants are largely produced in government plants and there are no government plants and conditions are far more superior to those here," Thornton said.

"We want to see that these government factories keep operating with those conditions," he said, "that they shall not go back to private industry.

Thornton added that he is interested in the fact that the East is to get aircraft production for the next year and that the workers h a v e tentative appointments with CIO and AFL leaders in the Far East.

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Local 6 Projects Plan for Labor-Management Peace After the War

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We rejoin any hostility of labor to capital as such, and any hostility of our unions as such, knowing well that such approach would involve the demand that neither can now afford, and that we must face the economic future in view of the dangers of internecine conflict and in the light of the new phases of the world economy.

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CIO Maritime Committee's membership structure, one Chairman of the CIO Maritime Committee's "We must not throw the burden of post-war employment upon our workers. We must work with employers to help work to create the greatest merchant fleet in history! Graph

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Membership Jumps

CIO (Continued from Page 1)

"The CIO is faced with the task of economic recovery in the postwar period, which is not only the responsibility of the maritime industry, but the responsibility of all of industry. The CIO Maritime Committee postwar program calls for full employment and expansion of economic opportunity.

Other policies advocated include a planned transition from wartime control to private, peacetime operations; binding, universal, minimum wage scales; encouragement of American en- trepreneurship into less shipping and indirect trades; adequate pro-

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The program also discusses the human side of the reconstruction problem, pointing out that the seaman, although a front-line fighter throughout this war, is the least protected of all industrial workers and at present has no assurance of continued employment insurance. Economic security for the maritime work-

GROWTH OF OUR MERCHANT FLEET

"Ships—more ships" to smash the Axis and to create the greatest merchant fleet in history! Graph

The CIO Maritime Committee postwar Program envision continues industrial harmony based on labor-management cooperation and nationwide uniformity of wartime and postwar conditions in the maritime industry. An average wage in policy determination for American shipping is called for. The program points out that the American maritime worker has as much at stake in the sound operational program as the shipowner.

Organizer Joseph Hen-

Look Ahead! Says Bridges At Banquet

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Australia's unions had fought for better conditions for shipping. Bridges.

Referring to the attempts to deport Bridges, he said: "Australia's labor government — has on at least two occasions indicated that it considers Bridges would not be only a good citizen of Australia, but a good citizen of the United States of America."

Ralph Rogers of the National Teamsters, who said that Bridges would be drafted into the shipping industry if the ILWU or the CIO if Joe Curran hadn't come forward, said: "It was Joe Curran who made this matter a token of the ILWU's esteem for him."

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Warehousemen Say Any Kind of Strike Is Treason and Betrayal of Labor

SAN FRANCISCO—A warning that all labor must be on guard against disruptionists as the nation prepares for the coming defense drive, has been voiced May 24 by Local 6 in a sharply-worded resolution denouncing as treason the attitude of labor toward the war.

According the resolution unanimously adopted by 5,000 members of the local, the general business and the local asked that it be submitted to the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the California CIO Executive Board, which met at Oakland.

“We declare unequivocally that any strike, of any kind, which is foreign to the war and labor on guard against disruptionists as the nation prepares for the coming defense drive,” the resolution said, and concluded:

“The strike was unconditional and voluntary. The workers involved, we deem it in the interest of the armed forces to be impartially respected and be tolerated.

“Every labor must be on guard as we go forward into this decisive undertaking. There will be attempts to confuse our ranks, to stir discontent against favored rather than real enemies, to disrupt the political action and national unity, to make exceptions to this pledge, and to disrupt the political action and national unity, to make exceptions to this pledge, and to disrupt the political action and national unity. What is there about the whiteness of a starched blouse, or the transparency—or is that imagina-

Miss Ainsworth pulled in her chair and tried to look at her breast. “It isn’t a brooch, Mr. Bostwick,” said Miss Ainsworth. "I bought you what you are going to do with your real estate business."

By MIKE QUIN

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When Mr. Bostwick dictated a letter he usually cast up his eyes curiously at the knee-cap, paused a moment, then scanned at random as he got into the body of the message, writing up with a final paragraph around her breast pin, and looking her self-convincingly in the eyes at the “you're very truly.”

"And we deeply regret," he said, “that although we appreciate the circumstances in which you find yourself—(he had reached the waistline and noticed a slight bulge and a rip in my blouse)—not enough to suggest plausibly—either—never mind that,” said Mr. Bostwick. "We won’t be in that. Don’t you have pay

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We will support the President, his administration and all federal agencies in any action necessary to prevent strikes, and to this end we call upon them to refuse to give consideration to the demands of any section of labor while it is in violation of the no-strike pledge.

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Local 8 Votes $1,000

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On my recent trip to San Francisco, I had the privilege of attending a membership meeting of Local 601, which is engaged in the production of electronic equipment for the electronics industry. I was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the members, who demonstrated a real sense of pride in their work and their union. The meeting was well-attended, with a number of new members present, and the atmosphere was one of solidarity and support. The union has a membership of more than 2,500, and it is the largest local in the area in terms of membership, with a large hall in the city for our meetings. We would have to rent the hall if we were not able to use it. The union has released "The Negro Soldier at Home and Overseas," which chronicles the experiences of the soldiers. It is the strength of a member that lends its support to the union. We learned the great value of the power of the union and its ability to move forward into the coming national elections. The resolution called for the board to confer with the office of the War Production board, Office of Fair Employment Practice, Office of Army, Navy and any other government agency where the problem might be involved.

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