Delegates Convene for Unity Meet

SAN FRANCISCO — The attention of more than 200,000 members of seven maritime unions will be riveted upon this city next week as representatives of these organizations and their delegates convene to consider unity of action and organization.

The convention, which opens Monday, May 6, at Eagles Hall, is the result of a call issued by a conference held in Washington, D. C., last February 4, 5 and 6, which stated: "We . . . propose an immediate approach to the formation of a national union composed of the seven undersigned unions comprising this conference, joining as autonomous organizations, and of such other maritime unions as may eventually agree to join in accordance with the rules of the national union governing new affiliations."

DELEGATES ELECTED

Signing the call were the American Communications Association, CIO; the Inland Boatmen's Union, CIO; the ILWU, CIO; the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's, Engineers and Wipers, unaffiliated; the National Union of Wrinne Cooks and Stewards, (CIO); the National Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, CIO; and the National Maritime Union, CIO.

In response to the call, the seven unions each elected up to 50 delegates and many of these were arriving in San Francisco as The Dispatcher went to press. Also meeting late Tuesday (too late for inclusion of details in this issue) was the National Maritime Program and Action Committee, created by the February 4 conference, to set agenda and other preliminary matters for the convention.

Proceedings of the convention will be printed daily and sent to ships, docks and locals immediately.

Each union will have one vote on convention roll calls, and whatever form organization takes, the composing unions will retain their autonomy as well as their funds and properties. Those principles were projected at the February 4 conference, which also proposed that the participating unions continue to elect their own officers, maintain their own constitution and bylaws and remain the sole judge of admission of members.

WORLD COORDINATE STRIKE

The proposed national union, as indicated by the Washington conference, would coordinate strike action affecting more than one organization, endeavor to promote national uniform agreements, be responsible for organizing the unorganized in the industry, represent national reorganization.

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MARITIME SECURITY: an Editorial

T HE LONG DREAM of sea and harbor workers that they would some day think out their problems together, act together and stick together against the ruthlessness of the shipowners is on the threshold of reality.

Three days from now, on May 6, the delegates of the seven most important maritime unions of the nation will be seated in San Francisco's Eagles' Hall on Golden Gate Avenue. What happens from that point on will be up to them. They will organize the convention and then proceed to make the decisions that will shape the future.

There are compelling reasons why they must perform a great page in American Labor History. The greatness of the page, as the future will behold, will depend upon the degree of unity which is achieved. Unity can be anything from agreement to consult and act together in matters of common concern to complete amalgamation of organization. How far the delegates will go will depend upon the necessities of the moment and the possibilities of the future as they see them.

The obvious necessities of the moment are these:

I. The shipowners are now organized into a powerful combine, styled The American Shipping Federation. Among other unstead, sinister purposes behind

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Maritime Security

A REAL SPRING OF UNIONS

this combine is the smashing of the maritime unions, which becomes easy for them or hard for them, according to the ability of the unions to hang together and pool their strength.

2. Strike time is here. That is to say, the shipowners, gorged with war profits, cocky, arrogant and blind in their fury against any slight interference or check upon their imperialist plans, are determined that no gains shall be made by any of the individual unions now attempting to deal with them. They are deliberately trying to force, not a big strike, but a number of strikes, and their hope, or rather strategy, is to play one maritime union against another, to make one strike while another idles outside the picket line.

These are two of the most compelling reasons why the maritime unions must, as a minimum, coordinate their perspectives and find the formula for joint action, for unbreakable alliance, for unshakable faith in each other. As matters stand as of now, the maritime unions, except for some consultation and intermittent exchange of information, act on their own. This means that with the shipowners manipulating the timing through stalls and its inevitable successor—depression. What hope or shining example could the United States then extend to hunger, but as yet hopeful, people of other countries? They can only lose heart and struggle with less hope against oppression and communists, when they see a country powerful and rich and relatively safe when defeated by a devastating World War, with its people living in freedom, still unable to control or to defeat by a handful of so-called elected people's representatives in the United States Senate.

We have complete faith that the delegates will act in the best interest of all, and that they will fashion something that neither propagandas, tear gas, machine guns nor spies can break.

Prices & Poverty

IN RIGHTWEARM WRATH the American people have spoken and are speaking to their representatives in Congress on OPA.

Reports from Washington indicate that Congressional mail boxes are flooding over with the angry, letters, and petitions from the people back home, demanding an end to Congressional sabotage of price control.

The people—labor, farmers, small businessmen, housewives, white collar workers—are united in the fight against a disastrous inflation and its inevitable successor—depression. What have you done?

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WHILE the United States Senate must soon register its position on two important issues which now rest with it as a legislative body of the government, the Senate is whether the Office of Price Administration will be continued in order to guard the American people against the evils discussed in postwar inflation. Both these issues, seemingly uninteresting at first, are in reality closely connected, when one approaches them from the point of view of what is best for the welfare of the American people and, therefore, the majority of the world's people.

Uncontrollable destruction of the bare necessities of life, and the chaos that will follow for the majority of the people because of insecurity, broken homes and desperate hopelessness, will have an impact far beyond the United States.

You need not go into detailed statistics as living costs to know what will happen if the present controls are removed, insufficient though they may be at present. Savings and possessions painstakingly gathered over a lifetime will be swept away overnight. Living standards of wage earners and salaried people will be reduced to a subsistence level. Small farmers and businessmen, and that section of the people known as the middle class, will be bankrupted by the thousands and forced into the bread line, disillusioned and desperate.

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People in all walks of life are ready to act and to fight. They need the guidance and the aid of our maritime unions. Let us see that we furnish what leadership and organization we can.

ON THE British loan we should likewise understand that millions of oppressed people throughout the British empire are wondering, as we, the American workers, are, what the present and future control means. What is a loan in the interest of the United States and that it will be used for any purpose other than to increase the sagging rule of Britain over millions of people held in slavery.

The so-called British Labor Government has made it crystal-clear that it has no real intention of freeing the slave peoples now held captive by the empire. The British government intends to use the money, and its intentions are frankly stated by some senators in the United States Senate, to unite nations and people on a reactionary program against Communism. It is not a new role for the British government.

Many well-intentioned people have been misled on this issue, including some members in the United States, and apparently have acted and are acting in the honest belief that a loan to Great Britain will be used by that government for the purposes stated, namely, stabilizations of world trade and expansion of American foreign trade.

But Britain knows what she is doing, and it is noticeable that when it comes to preservation of the empire there are no differences of opinion known as the Tory group, led by Churchill, and the so-called Socialists, led by Attlee, are in solid and unswerving devotion to the Labor government of Britain. If Britain can haul the United States deep in to lend the money that will support the British system, then Britain will have a better position to force more and more United States support behind her policy of repressive and tyrannical methods of controlling her empire and brutally oppressing, to an even greater extent than hitherto, the millions who suffer under her despotic and imperialistic rule.

Let us all work and act in such a way that we may avoid this deed. The time will come, should the loan be passed, as it is some many years after our attempts to stop the shipments of scrap iron to Japan, when our position on this matter at this time will help our efforts to reedy the eventual harm to the world that this loan will do.
The President of Trade Unions has appealed to the United Nations Security Coun-
cil meeting in New York "to con-
demn Franco's regime and to take
all appropriate measures capable
of wiping out this last vestige of fa-
cism." The cable, signed by WFTU
General Secretary Erland Backlund,
recalled the resolutions adopted at
the latest assembly of the Affiliate-
es of the WFTU demanding that all
democratic governments break rela-
tions with Franco Spain. It further cited world
labor's protests against Franco's execution of Spanish Republicans
and reminded the UN that:
"The survival of a fascist dic-
tatorship contradicts the people's
rights solemnly affirmed by the
United Nations charter; that one
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democratic countries is the right
to freely organize and manage
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Senators Buried Under Heavy OPA Mail;
It’s 50-1 in Favor, But More Needed

WASHINGTON (FP) — Senators are feeling labor pressure for the first time in many years. In a survey April 23 shows that they have not yet received more than about 60 percent of the total mail from unions. This report shows that the upward trend continues and that more and more mail is coming from unions.

Sen. Charles Tobey (R., N.H.), a member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, is receiving OPA mail and has commented on the situation. He said, "The volume of mail is increasing, and it is becoming more important to us to handle it in a timely manner."

"The committee is working hard to process the mail, but we are still struggling to keep up with the influx," said Sen. John Reed (D., N.Y.), the chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. "We are receiving more mail than ever before, and it is a challenge to keep up with it."
Ketchikan To Arbitrate Back Wages

KETCHikan, Alaska—Ketchi-\nkan longshoremen returned to work April 30, ending their near-\nly three weeks' old strike with an agreement from the employers to\nsubmit to arbitration the major\nquestion in dispute.

Dr. Vernon Mund will arbitrate\nwhether a retroactive wage in-\ncrease of 5 1/2 cents an hour and\nother benefits ordered by the\nNational War Labor Board last\nAugust for Pacific Coast long-\nshoremen should be granted\nAlaska longshoremen. Also agreed upon by the Ket-\nchikan Waterfront Employers As-\nsociation and ILWU Local 62 was a wage increase to $4.32 per hour\nstraight time and $1.88 per hour\naverage, retroactive to April 1,\nthe date the strike began. It was agreed by the employers that any\nincrease, including retroactivity,\nwas by Pacific Coast longshore-\nmen would automatically be ex-\ntended to Alaska.

The strike ended after a four-\nhour night session between the union and the employers at which the United States Settlement Service Commissioner Albin Pet-\nerson from Seattle was present. Alaska's Governor Ernest Grun-\ning and Senator N. R. Walker were also present, along with Steve Ghnam, ILWU regional di-\nrector for the Northwest.

Skin Disease Hits Docks at Everett

EVERETT, Wash. — Several longshoremen, sailors, and others are under doctors' care here as a result of a severe skin disease they contracted while unloading ammunition ships at the Mukilteo docks re-\ncently.

To date 23 cases have been re-\nported. Although no deaths have occurred, the disease is known to result in death in some in-\nvestigations. The disease is a result of a closure of the body's pores, presenting a typical symptom of severe sunburn.

Local 45 was called to establish the illnesses as disability cases, justifying compensation for doc-\nors' fees and hospital care. One of the cases has been in an Everett hospital for three weeks.

They'll Talk to 'King' Joe

A program for action against racial discrimina-\ntion in King Joe Ryan's International Longshore-\nmen's Association, was planned at this meeting in the New York offices of the National Negro Congress recently. A committee is to look into the King Joe was set-up. Rank and File long-\nshoremen are shown around the table at which are seated, from left to right, Doexy Wilkerson, editor of New York's People's Voice, Hope Stevens, chairman of the Manhattan Council of the National Negro Congress, and James Clark, editor of the Rank and File Longshoreman.

NMU Begins Month-long Strike Vote


"The showdown is here," said a statement in the NMU paper, The Pilot. "After five months of patient negotiations we stand where we started on our basic demands for a 30 per cent wage increase, overtime and the eight-\nhour day."

The NMU strike vote brings to the number of maritime unions who have already taken or are taking strike votes.

The NMU strike vote will ex-\ntend till June 4, to allow all members the chance to reach port and vote.

San Francisco port agent James Drury announced April 24 that a survey of vessels in the San Francisco harbor indicates a practically unanimous vote supporting strike action.

The National Maritime Union has joined with the other mari-\ntime unions in agreement that if a strike is called all will strike together.

Wall Street Joyous Over OPA Death Blow

NEW YORK (FP) — Satis-\nfied smiles and well-lit rooms of glees blossomed on Wall Street April 17 when the House gave its kiss of death in the War on OPA.

News of each successive crippling amendment — deel-\nying to kill OPA in nine months, guarantee a "reason-\nable profit" on every item of trade, end subsidies—sent the stock market higher and higher. By mid-afternoon the ticker on the New York Stock Exchange reached a new high of 90-3/4.

Then trading dropped a lit-\ntle. Maybe the magnates be-\ngan to feel sheepish when the amendment—crass House al-\nmost adopted that final sor-\nwful clause slipped in by a tie against inflation.

Their faces somewhat taken to OPA. They'll talk to 'King' Joe

Hold the Line

WASHINGTON—Describing it as "the greatest injustice to the American taxpayer which has ever come to my attention," Representa-\ntive Henry Jackson (D, Wash.) charged the shipping lines April 13 with cheating the government out of $50,000,000 or more in tax revenue.

Jackson placed the blame on the Maritime Commission for al-\nlowing the shipping lines com-\npletely illegal tax exemptions.

He has demanded that the commission make public full in-\nformation about the profits, tax savings, and deposits and with-\ndraws from the tax free re-\nserves of each subsidized ship.

Lawrence Directs Strike Strategy

SEATTLE—"This is a strike for a working man's chance!" said Dr. Vernon Mund will arbitrate the major question in dispute.

Dr. Mund said he was prepared to sell the shipping lines his time unions in agreeing that if a strike is called all will strike together.

72-Year-Old Docked Leaders Campaign for Rep. DeLacy

SEATTLE—"He gives a working man a chance!"

That's the way S. Beatty, a Ne-\ngro stevedore, No. 857, says he \nsires up his congressman, Hugh DeLacy, from the First District in Washington.

Beatty, who has worked as a longshoreman for over 50 years on the Seattle waterfront, backed up his record with punched up cards for picket duty during the maritime struggles of the past.

"I'm 72 years old and still go-\ning strong," he said. "I got hit by a strongback in 1918 but then I got up and I walked right away."

A veteran member of ILWU 19, Beatty said, "I've stood up and worked for De-
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It is estimated that delivery of ships in any considerable num-\ber will probably not take place until late summer. Foreigners will have to wait longer for all except Liberty ships.

The floor price (the very mini-\num at which a vessel will be sold) is set at 31 cents per ton of war cost for Liberty ships. Other dry cargo ships will go at 25 cents per ton of war cost, and tankers at 50 cents per ton of war cost. It is esti-\mated by the US Maritime Com-\mittee's Washington Newsletter of April 14, that all the ships will be sold at the floor price.

The OPA report that the vast majority of owners have re-\ceived increased earnings since the war began in 1939. The gains in not operating income have gone up 34 per cent for apartments.

Employers Walked Out

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Seattle longshoreman S. Beatty pauses more in takes at the Coaster Crawler to sign a petition to save OPA from the crippling congressional amendments. A coalition of Republicans and reactionary Democrats are trying to put over on the American people. Reports from Washington are that Congressional mail boxes are bursting from the flood of letters sent from all parts of the nation demanding that OPA

be extended without amendment.
Local's Veterans Plan to Study at Labor School

A plan for veterans of World War II to become full-time students, local to work part time and study part time was considered at a meeting April 25 at the School.

There are now almost 60 such veterans.

Considerable enthusiasm for the program was reported by Vice President Richard C. Campell to the meeting, who also announced that the Veterans Committee is now doing an excellent job of action on it.

The Veterans Committee meets every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the CIO Building, 150 Golden Gate Avenue.

Bargaining Rights Won

An 11-year fight of Local 2 to obtain California's factory workers employed by the American Hardware Manufacturers Association for its contract with the company, was a victory last week when the National Labor Relations Board affirmed the local as collective bargaining agent.

Constitution Gets Review

By Special Committee

The newly revised constitution of the California Labor School for study under the GI Bill of Rights was reviewed by a special constitutional committee, whose report will be presented at a special meeting.

Appointed by President Richard Carroll to serve on the committee were Gene Kiner, A. Roman, James Jones, Sam Berg, Mary Sandoval Zuniga, John Anderson and Owen Kircher.

The present constitution has "done much toward building the ILWU affiliated with the CIO, and toward building a stronger union among the longshoremen.

Court Finds For Dockman Hurt on Ship

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court last week handed down a 6-to-3 decision in a shipboard injury case which will afford great protection for longshoremen injured in a variety of work.

The case involved the Seas Market, San Francisco, which last week when the National Labor Relations Board affirmed the local as collective bargaining agent.

Office Lease Expires; New Quarters Sought

The membership has voted that the present office quarters expire in June, the lease should thereafter be confirmed on a month to month basis, but that in the near future a binding lease should be made to locate new offices.

James Jones Elected Unity By-Lee President

James Jones has been elected by the membership to serve as unity by-lie president for the May 6 convention of maritime unions in San Francisco.

The American people contrib-
uted $32,734.49 in cash and goods to the Red Cross in 1935.

Se busca Nuevo Local

Siendo que el contrato de arriendo de las oficinas de la Local 34 se habría terminado el 30 de mayo, se ha decidido solicitar la constitución de una junta de oficinas.

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Triunfamos en el Casco de American Hawaiian

Después de haber jugado 32 partidas, habiamos ganado 12 (38%) y perdido 3 (72%) contra 64, y esta es la razón por la cual no he abandonado el mundo de los negocios de trabajo del tiempo.

Los Veteranos De La Local Planearan Estudiantes En La Escuela obrera

En el mitin celebrado el 26 de abril, en el CIO School, se tomó en consideración un plan de estudio para los vetera-
nos de la guerra: se decidió que quienes pertenecen a nuestra Lo-
cal 24, habiendo ganado 12 partidas, se puedan tener en cuenta para trabajar del tiempo.

Local Files With National Labor Relations

Local 6 filed with the National Labor Relations Board on April 14 a charge that the Pacific Coast Stevedores Agency, based in San Francisco, acted as collective bargaining agent for workers in the Bay area.

Organizer Gene Kiner reports that the charge was made by a majority of super-

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The decision of the National Labor Relations Board on the ILWU appeal is expected any day.

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Superman Fights Religious Bigotry

NEW YORK—Superman did a lot of good for religious bigots dur-
ing the war, now with the peace bigots are trying to take his place.

Beginning April 16, the Kellogg Company, manufacturer of the famous Kellogg breakfast cereals, will begin a campaign to fight religious bigots.

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Wrong Pay: Kennedy Will Take Name

Any longshoremen who believe there has been a mistake in the bank account, he has received from the Army is urged to comply with the following instructions, so that any mistakes can be cleared up quickly and most efficiently.

If any longshoremen are urged to leave their names, their registration number and the gross amount they received and return to Helio Kennedy at the union office, 990 Washington St. With this information it will be possible for all the relevant records to be checked and the longshoremen will be informed if there has been any error.

Ship Companies Top '45 Profit Makers

The San Francisco waterfront was general held its own in regard to profits in 1945, shipping companies did a little better than the rest.

The National City Bank of New York makes an annual translation of shipping industry profits for 1945.

The data presented for a representative sample of shipping companies showed gains of 1945 profits over 1942 to 19.9.

The net worth of the shipping companies, however, increased only 27 per cent in contrast to a small increase in other industries.

Auditory Getting

Strikers' Housing

Your Turn for Strikers' Housing

April 2—May 2

The rank and file United Front, after the longshoremen walked.

Foremen of the Unity of All Auxiliaries

For Fair Employment

Handing over the 103,456 Northern California signatures for the November ballot to the San Francisco registrar, is George Walsh, President of the Local 10. Standing immediately left of Walsh is Matt Crawford of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, and Paul Schaefer, San Francisco Federal Commissioner. (Photo by Downey and Downey from the 20th District. In Southern California, 145,000 signatures were collected, thus assuring the FEPC's place on the ballot. It is estimated that 179,000 valid signatures were collected from the entire state, and the FEPC campaigns have well over-shoot the mark.

Maritime Wives Move for Unity of All Auxiliaries

BALTIMORE—(Fotos)—In their masses the maritime auxiliaries were presented for a representative sample of shipping companies throughout the nation. As a result of the FEPC campaign, the maritime auxiliaries have the shipowners control the hiring and firing of all seamen.

The ILWU auxiliary in Seattle, and from the docks in spite of their tremendous authority, voted to stop hauling cargo to the dock because they themselves had been signing up players when they could only be hired union.

The might of the working class is shown here April 15 by representatives of all the maritime workers are: George Walsh, President of the Local 10; Helio Kennedy, General Manager; and from the docks in spite of their tremendous authority, voted to stop hauling cargo to the dock because they themselves had been signing up players when they could only be hired union.

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FOOD COSTS WILL SKYROCKET

30 per cent.

January, 1946, levels.

One amendment offered by Representative Wolcott (Republican from Michigan) forces OPA to raise price ceilings so that every manufacturer, every processor, every distributor and every retailer makes a profit on every product. This is so inflationary that even The New York Journal of Commerce, newspaper spokesman for business, is terrified by it. The Journal of Commerce says the Wolcott amendment opens "the way for indiscriminate and excessive price increases."

If we repeat World War I experience and taking San Francisco as a typical city, the cost of living would go up by at least another 42 per cent above February, 1946, levels.

Food would go up at least 33 per cent above January, 1946, levels.

Clothing would go up an additional 103 per cent. House furnishings would go up an additional 122 per cent.

Fuel, electricity and ice would go up another 64 per cent.

Rent would go up another 27 per cent.

If this happens, real wages will be cut another 30 per cent.

These computations are based on the assumption that if price control were ended, prices would rise at least as high as they reached after the last war, when price control was also abandoned. The computations are based on statistics issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and admittedly understate the extent of the inflation which occurred after the last war.

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Actually, the danger of inflation is much greater now than after the last war—and there are several reasons why prices will go even higher. The shortages are now much greater than after the last war, which was much more destructive—and it lasted much longer. There is more peak-up demand.

Chester Bowles, on December 6, 1945, in a speech he delivered to the NAM (which is the supply side of the inflationary forces in this country), had this to say:

"Today it is generally recognized that inflationary pressures are at record levels. Liquid assets are at all-time high. Savings have increased from pre-war levels by 145 billions of dollars. Currency in circulation is almost five times as great as before the war."

"The stock market has been booming merrily upward. As in 1929 tax drivers, barbers and elevator boys are providing inside information and just what selections are apt to rise the fastest. The dope sheets coming from Wall Street anticipate higher and still higher prices. The real estate market is starting to skyrocket."

"If we repeat World War I experience and the housing shortage is infinitely greater. Under OPA's rules some items such as grades of furs, from which price controls were removed during the last war, must be held to be in adequate supply, what would happen to meat, vegetables, milk, cereals and all the other dozens of food products which are in more scarce supply?"

"Right now the apparel situation is tighter than it has been since the beginning of the war."

"Our veterans in search of their first outfit of 'civvies' are forced to walk from store to store and even then often fail to secure the clothing to fit their needs. All authorities agree that this storage is likely to continue for a great many months to come."

OTHER PRICES WOULD SKYROCKET

"If we accepted your official recommendation of the early removal of the price control, what would the public be asked to pay for automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines and vacuum cleaners? Some say that competition would take care of all that. I can only say that this expectation is not in line with the facts."

"The original requests of OPA by manufacturer's were for increases ranging from 25 per cent to 55 per cent. On October 26 and 27 orders were taken for 300,000 Ford cars, one-third of the entire 1941 production—with no questions asked on prices or trade-ins."

"If the nation accepted the official NAM recommendation, what would happen to the price of building materials? During the period of the first World War, the cost of lumber, soil pipe, carpeting, other essential building materials tripled. Today the housing shortage is infinitely greater. Under the best of circumstances I am told that only 500,000 homes can be built in 1946."

"Mr. Bowles is not exaggerating. If anything, his strong plea to the NAM to cut out their attack on price control was on the conservative side."

WE ARE REPEATING EXPERIENCE

During World War I the government imposed price controls, but immediately following the Armistice of 1918, all controls were junked. Some of us remember what happened in the United States and in other parts of the world.

From July, 1914, to the Armistice in 1918, prices increased 62 per cent. (Between the outbreak of World War II and V-J Day, the price increase has been held to approximately 35 or 35 per cent, according to statistics issued by Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, the true increase has been in the neighborhood of 50 per cent, according to the CIA figures.)

When the government removed the controls after the armistice, for a short period prices declined (so far since V-J Day, even with the controls on, prices continue to increase).

"After a short period of decline, because of the demand for scarce goods which developed a huge pressure, businessmen began to build up inventories of the goods that were made available after the armistice. Simultaneously, a strong demand for American goods developed from abroad. Many dealers duplicated orders, in part because prices were rising and they wanted to protect themselves: in part because deliveries were slow, and in part unquestionably out of a great desire to make a "killing."

Prices soared. From March, 1919, to the peak of the boom in June, 1920, the cost of living skyrocketed.

The so-called cost of living index for the United States as a whole rose from 100 in December, 1914, to 205.8 in June, 1920 (more than doubled).

FIGURES HIDE INCREASE

We must remember, of course, that the impact of the increased cost of living after the last war was much greater than the Bureau of Labor Statistics indexes registered. Concealed price increases were effected through changing of quality, all kinds of phony packaging devices, and a host of other chiseling practices.

The effect of the inflation on the workers in low income groups was disastrous. Wages could not keep up with increased prices. The suffering and privations endured by the wage earners as a result of postwar inflation cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Because of the fact that wages did not keep up with prices, the inevitable happened—prices crashed.

The memory of that crash has been obscured by the great depression of the 1930's, but it was one of the sharpest and most disastrous collapses in the country's economic history. Workers, farmers, and businessmen alike hard hit.

Within 22 months factory payrolls shrank 44 per cent. Employment fell off more than five
So it was little business that suffered the greatest disaster when the bottom fell out of the market. The experience with inflation after the last war is one the labor movement has not forgotten. We do not want to experience the kind of inflation which hit Germany after the last war.

"Last night . . . I saw a woman crying in a store. In her hand she held a mark for buying her man a shirt. The clerk was very rough. He told her there was nothing at that price. "But you have. I saw it in the window," she tells him. "Exactly when did you see it?" he asks her. "Why only this morning," she says. "Ha, he answers, 'that's different. This afternoon that shirt went to 20-000." And the poor soul, she just sat down and bawled like a baby."

This happened in Germany after the last war. ("I Saw Inflation in the Ruhr," Factory Management and Maintenance, October, 1942.)

We do not repeat this story to be alarmist. We repeat it because it is a distinct danger here now. It is actually happening now in China, Greece, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia and many other countries throughout the world.

Inflation is a general condition in the world today.

"A prominent American banker—observer in the Ruhr of 23—said to me: "If I wanted utterly to demoralize a nation—to destroy it in both body and soul—all I'd bother to do would be to give it a good hard dose of inflation."

We can state solemnly that this fight to preserve price control is America's economic Stalingrad. There is no retreat from this line. We either hold it or we will suffer a great defeat.

**Labor Fights for OPA From Coast to Coast**

CHICAGO (FP)—As protest against the murder of OPA swelled throughout the nation, labor unions from coast to coast put their organizing strength into the people's fight to save price control and the nation's living standard.

In Chicago a giant Town Hall meeting of almost 1,000 people representing more than a million Chicagoans crowded into city hall April 25 to form a people's lobby to save OPA in the Senate. Every major organization in the city, including the AFL, CIO, was represented.

Wires across the continent were humming with save OPA messages from unionists in the state of Washington to their senators in Washington, D.C. The state AFL state and Seattle CIO councils, the Seattle Metal Trades Council (AFL) and the Joint Council of Auxiliaries, representing 16 AFL and CIO auxiliaries, are united in their fight to preserve price control. The women's auxiliaries have sent 12,000 petitions to Congress in support of price control and are collecting signatures for 12,000 more.

The emasculating amendments to OPA voted in the House were sharply scored by the Portland, Ore., Industrial Union Council as it met to inordinate measures in the Senate May primary. In Denver the United Vejdrans Council picketed the hotel where Rep. Dean G. Gillespie was acquiring on May 12. In Cleveland a group of placards denounced the congressman's opposition to OPA.

In San Francisco labor and veterans organizations planned an avalanche of letters to senators, a parade, picket lines in front of department stores, work stoppages in various plants and possibly "customer strikes" to put the heat on Congress.

Open air meetings, shop gate gatherings, mass distribution of leaflets and home visits to weekending congressional women on behalf of May primary in New York. CIO transport workers were gathering at shops and homes right on the line to save OPA. The garment center's 85,000 AFL dressmakers warned senators against passage of the crippling House amendments.

Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York accepted the chairmanship of the Citizens Committee to Save OPA after a delegation of its members went to Washington to see Outland and the Appropriations Committee had better stay in on the recession in order to make a special appropriation to bury the corpse of price control in America. By our actions here today we are truly encouraging inflation—an inflation which will inevitably be followed by the most disastrous deflation in the history of our country. I want no part of it myself."

—Congressional Record, April 17, 1946, page 7978.

Representative Joseph Clark Baldwin (R., N.Y.)—"This bill started out as a bill to give all of the food to some of the people all of the time, but is rapidly becoming a bill to give all of the food to some of the people all of the time."

—Congressional Record, April 11, 1946, page 2090.

Representative Louis C. Rabaut (D., Mich.)—"I rise to extend my sympathies to the American people . . . today a majority of the membership voted consistently against the best interests of the American people. For the amendments as placed on the bill are a confession of subservience to a 'master's' voice, and that voice, Mr. and Mrs. Average American, is not your voice. The fate of the savings, the bonds, the insurance policies, the allotments to the GIs and the benefits to old age pensioners, are all drastically reduced by the action of this House today. In the world, the general welfare of today is more important than the personal ashcan."

—Congressional Record, April 17, 1946, page 7967.

Representative Hugh De Lacy (D., Wash.)—"The true title of this act should be the Eat Cake Act of 1946."

—Congressional Record, April 17, 1946, page 7966.

Representative William Lenke (R., N.D.)—"The OPA . . . is an unAmerican, illegitimate child. It was born of foreign parentage."

—Congressional Record, April 17, 1946, page 2063.

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—Congressional Record, April 17, 1946, page 2064.

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—Congressional Record, April 17, 1946, page 2064.

Representative Adam C. Powell, Jr. (D., N.Y.)—"Today 90 per cent of the people have been betrayed by the pressure of the 10 per cent. A few days ago 1,000 consumers came to the Capitol to see us, their Representatives. The police broke up their lobby. Today I saw hundreds of lobbyists, from industry, big money, gathering the halls outside our chamber's door and no one bothered them. The largest number of phone calls and pressure visits in recent years took place today. You have betrayed the little people because of the pressure of big people."

—Congressional Record, April 17, 1946, page 2061.

Sense and Nonsense from Capital Hill

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that leaves go $5 for a 1'4 street car..."
World Trade Unions in May Day Call

Warns of Losing 'Fruits of Victory'

PARIS (AIL)—The World Federation of Trade Unions, in a May Day message, called upon the workers of the world, men and women, young and old, to dedicate themselves to spreading the trade union movement in all countries as a force of social progress and human emancipation.

The WFTU called the attention of the world to the importance of this year's demonstration of world labor solidarity because "international trusts and the forces of social reaction under what is called democracy" are making up to deprive the peoples of the world of the fruits of the victory won by the democracies over fascism.

The call said:

"On the occasion of this May 1, 1946, the WFTU renews the tradition of calling upon the trade union movement. It appeals to all workers of the world. At the end of World War II, workers of both sexes and all ages who have been suffering from the war in their persons and in their moral and material possessions thus far have regained a certain hope to humanly higher and socially more reasonable standards of life.

"Throughout the world trade union organizations are the center of all action concerning respect for human life; organization of social security; the fight against poverty; efforts to reduce social strife; maintenance and stabilization of peace; current struggle to bring the peoples towards their legitimate national independence.

"The WFTU, whose national foundations were laid during the war, was born in the spirit of the last efforts by free peoples necessary to end the world war over nazism, fascism and Japanese militarism. This federation is the consecration of the great workers of the world, and the affirmation of international trade union unity among all forces of organized workers.

"Thereby feels authorized on the occasion of this May 1, 1946, to appeal to the few national authorities for the organization of the international atmosphere, consecrating the rights of mankind, consecrating the rights of trade and workers' freedom. The WFTU, world organization of workers whose trade.Unions are well-nigh universal, greets the pioneers of international trade unionism. Not only does it remind them of the unity of the trade union movement but also it invites them to work for:

PROGRAM OF ACTION

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Warehouse Unites Caucus in Northwest

ASTORIA, Ore.—A caucus of ILWU Warehouse Local 207 in the Northwest developed a program for action in the warehouse and miscellaneous field at a meeting here April 14.

Represented were ILWU Locals 18, 9, 15, and 1. Also present were two warehouse Division executive members, Howard Bedine and George Clark, and International Representative Steve Glumaz.

The program adopted at the caucus included:

1. That the warehouse and miscellaneous locals should have an effort immediately to tighten and streamline their organizations.

2. That the warehouse and miscellaneous locals should investigate the possibilities of amalgamating with other warehouse locals or the longshore locals in their area with a view to strengthening their unions financially, as bargaining agents, and for political purposes.

3. That the warehouse and miscellaneous locals be asked to take steps to organize those workers who are employed by them in their local areas.

The members at the Caucus discussed the need for calling coast-wide meetings of the ILWU Warehouse locals in the Northwest, in order to draft uniform coast-wide agreements, with a view to eventual coast-wide coordination.

ILWU Board Sets Policy OverReuther

CHICAGO (FP)—The United Auto Workers (CIO) executive board adopted by a 15-5 vote a statement of policy that conflict-ed on many points with the program of newly-elected President P. J. Reuther and his allies.

The statement was drawn up by f o r m e r President R. J. Thompson, the late Local 218, Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes and Vice-President Richard L. Lewis, who were absent without consulting Reuther.

Sharpest criticism of Reuther came in the section on wages, currency reform, and prices, which re-flected the ability-to-pay argument and the statement that we have already fought and won the basic battle to prevent a price increase in General Motors products.

"Because of the concerted drive to bring down prices center we must oppose long-term contracts and price" "Hard Working" clause," it stated, at the twenty-year GM agreement which froze wages below one-year period. It also called for a fight to prevent weakening of union security.

Strike Set for May 6 at Rathborne and Maxwell

The wooden box shop industry will see a shutdown of the Rath-borne & Maxwell Box Company on May 6, when mem- bers of Locals 208 and 207, dem-onstrating against the termination of the organizing possibilities in their area, have called a strike.

A general box workers' membership meeting was held in Chicago on April 4, to vote the motion to strike "in order to further the organizing possibilities in their area ... but in strength our unions financially, as bargaining agents, and for political purposes, to ..."

The company further tried to take away the union security the workers had gained in previous years. This kind of negotiation finally led to a deadlock which forced the employer to make a de-finite decision on strike action.

ENQUIRING RAISING

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Warehouse Ball  Honored guests of the ten thousand warehousemen and their families who jammed San Francisco’s Civic Auditorium at their tenth annual ball last Saturday included the ILWU delegation from the Hawaiian Islands (top) and Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union (right). Curran is the big guy seated between Bjorne Halling and Lou Goldblatt of ILWU.

Ovations  The crowd roared its welcome to Paul Schnur (right), 20th District Assembly candidate, here pictured as he was introduced by President Lynden and Ball Committee Chairman Sam Barron; and Congressman Frank Havenner (left), as he was escorted into the auditorium.

Highlights  Best part of the show was ILWU’s own championship Drum Corp (top) and Drill Team (bottom) who put on the fanciest maneuvers and drills yet seen in San Francisco. (Left) Scene in the “committee room,” most popular place in the building for the hard-working committee, which made the ball a success.
Ball Committee Gets a Hand

Lined up in front of the bandstand for a much deserved ovation is part of the hall committee, who worked hard for months to ensure a smooth, enjoyable evening. They are pictured here as they were introduced by Sam Barren. Left to right they are: Henry Braz, Jack Couzens, Floyd Swel, Harold Pride, Carl Colvin, Eloise Sawyer, Red McDonald, Lou Santos, May Shaeple, Eva De Martin, Alexander Benn, Pete Powers, Jackie Fairley, Abe Vegas, Herb Baum, Clarence Fletcher, Larry Micromates, Frank Maxey.

Disability Vets

Caught by the camera during the show, part of the crowd of over two hundred disabled vets, who were guests of Local 6 at the ball. The GI's were brought to the hall in buses from Letterman General Hospital, and the Oakland Naval Hospital.

ATTENTION
5. F. Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 8 p.m.
Civic Auditorium

Brick Works Fights Local With Lockout

CROCKETT—Determined to maintain its old anti-labor setup as long as possible, the Port Costa Brick Works is continuing the lockout it started against its employees on April 18. At that time, the employees switched enthusiastically to the Warehouse Union after giving up all hope of bettering their conditions under the AFL, which was their nominal employer at the time.

The names of the new CIO members are in the hands of the NLRC, with an election date pending opposite.

The Port Costa Brick Works was not expected to give up its nine-year grudge ride with the AFL without a fight. However, the militancy and solidarity of the new brothers has surprised even old-timers in Crockett, who know a thing or two about these things.

These new brothers know that they themselves are the Warehouse Union at the Brick Works, and that there are some 15,000 other Warehouse men and women to help them all the way through.

A Crockett brother who has given especially valuable help in organizing this new Port Costa group is Renzo Vasquez.

Schnur Pledged Local 6 Support; Patterson Endorsed for U. S. Senate

SAN FRANCISCO—A standing ovation for Paul Schnur, San Francisco CIO Council secretary, who is a candidate for Assembly in the 20th District, and the endorsement of Ellis E. Patterson for U. S. Senate were the political highlights of the regular San Francisco membership meeting.

The motion was given Schnur when he appeared to thank the Warehouse Union for its endorsement. In his speech, he dealt with his background as a working man and labor leader, emphasized that he was the CIO's candidate as well as that of the Democratic party, and urged a success in the campaign for Schnur is looking into high gear, with the windup of a splendid registration drive in the district. There the list of registered voters is well over 50,000.

Petitions, window cards, small campaign cards, and fliers are all making their appearance. Thousands of leafleters are being divided into last-ditch fight to save OPA have been sent into the field. The political action committee is appealing to all members of Local 6 who have any time to give to the cause, to volunteer, to assist in getting out the vote. The warehousemen are anxiously awaiting the results of the vote. A snail of progress and the men of Local 6 who have any time to give to the cause, to volunteer, to assist in getting out the vote. The warehousemen are anxiously awaiting the results of the vote.

$50 Scholarships Offered To Vets at Labor School

SAN FRANCISCO—Scholarships amounting to $50 a month were offered this week to five lucky Local 6 veterans, who want to attend the California Labor School. The scholarships, plus money granted under the GI Bill of Rights to vets attending the school, will bring their income to $215 a month for single men and $150 a month for married veterans.

The scholarships are being offered by the Local 6 Veterans' committee, as an inducement for veterans to take training designed to make them capable leaders of the union. Of course, above the subsistence wage, Uncle Sam will pay all tuition costs, books and materials needed for study.

The course being offered by the Labor School is a combination of classroom work and practical experience in union affairs. It includes the study of labor history, parliamentary procedure, public speaking, negotiations and contracts, teamsters' union, etc. It also includes work with officers of Local 6 and other unions, directly in negotiation and settling of grievances and meetings with committees.

The course lasts 15 weeks. Application should be made to the union office immediately, since the committee must make its decision as to who gets the scholarships by May 4. Judges will be the Local 6 Veterans' Committee.

Pay Increases Sought By Santa Rosa Unit

SANTA ROSA—Members of the negotiating committee from the Santa Rosa plant of the Poultry Producers are Alma Log-Nette, Fred Gluche and Martha Russell. They are in the process of negotiating for more pay.

The people of Costa Rica, Panama, Brazil, Venezuela and Mexico contributed $231,220 in cash and goods to Russian Relief last year.

The Gl's were brought to the hall in buses from Letterman General Hospital, and the Oakland Naval Hospital.

500 Workers Collect $500 Jobless Pay

OAKLAND—Action by Local 6 before the Unemployment Insurance Commission has won between $500 and $665 in unemployment compensation for each of 500 workers locked out by the Paradise Company during the machinists strike.

The union, through the testimony of Business Agent Leon Gottick, John Matz, Leonard Do- ho, George Canete and Men Maia, was able to prove that the Paradise Company did not want anyone to go to work during the three-day slowdown strike, and that they would not have had any way even if the people had come in.

The ruling of the commission was that every worker involved by the company was entitled to unemployment insurance.

Total amount of money involved at Paradise may run over $140,000.

10,000 Warehousemen Frolic at Local 6's Ball

SAN FRANCISCO—Ten thousand warehousemen, their families, friends and invited guests, jammed San Francisco's auditorium last Saturday night for an evening of entertainment and dancing. It was the most successful annual ball in the local's history.

Months of careful planning by a large group of executive, union officers, and entertainers headed by Sam Barren, Lou Santos and Jack Couzens led to the smooth, enjoyable program. At 7 p.m., the ball was started with the concert of dance music by Art Weidner's band. From 8 to 9, the crowd enjoyed a smooth floor show featuring the Helen Hughes dancers and top vatle of select girls. At 9 o'clock, the precision-trained Local 6 Drum and Drill Corps swung out on the dance floor and put on the fantastic exhibition of drill yet seen in San Francisco.

For the rest of the evening the smooth dance floor, the bandstand and the entertainers were Congressman Frank Havens, incum- pent for U. S. Senate; Paul Schnur and National Maritime Union president Joe Curran.

Main guests were two hundred honor guests, President Maloney, the Republican candidate for U. S. Senate, and a large rank and file committee headed by Sam Barren, Lou Santos and Jack Couzens.

The committee as a whole de- served the ball committee, who worked hard for months to insure a smooth, enjoyable evening.

Guests of honor, who received the largest and best affair we have ever had the privilege of participating in, were Congressman Frank Havens, Senator Maloney, the Republican candidate for U. S. Senate; Paul Schnur and National Maritime Union president Joe Curran.

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Locked Out

These brothers, who work for the Port Costa Brick Works, were locked out when they joined Local 6 for more decent wages. The smiling man on the extreme left (standing) is Emilio Gomez, shop steward of the Port Costa Brick Works. On the right are officials of Local 6 who welcomed the new brothers into Local 6. Local officials are, from right to left, Joe Lynch, Local 6 vice president; August Hemenez, Crockett Johns-Manville Corporation here to bargain in good faith, the locked out its warehouse work; Joseph Heide, international representative; Rudy Holmes, chairman of the Crockett Division, and Austie Regan, recording secretary of the Crockett Division.

At Johns-Manville It's An Old Story But a New Lockout

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—After months of struggling and refusing to bargain in good faith, the Johns-Manville Corporation here locked out its warehouse workers, April 27. Johns-Manville, a large nation-wide corporation, has one of the worst anti-labor records in the country.

Wages paid by the corporation in Redwood City are 50 cents an hour lower than those paid by Plant Rubber and other companies doing similar work in the area.

During the negotiations which led up to the lockout, the company's management, according to witnesses, represented an offer of a 15-cent wage increase as one which would bring the plant's wages up to the average of wages paid in the community.

That such a representation is false is evidenced in the fact that plants in the area, producing the same product, not only paid higher wages, but all the same product, not only paid higher rates to begin with, but granted other benefits as well as a 18%-cent increase.

"The company's pretense of collective bargaining is a sham," charged ILWU Regional Director Bjorne Hailing, who participated in the negotiations. He contended, "The company has no consideration for its workers, many of whom have worked in the plant for from five to 30 years. The company, through these devices, intends to destroy the union and deprive the workers of their right to bargain collectively."

AFIL FAILED

The 70 workers locked out at the Johns-Manville plant joined Local 6 after years of AFL affiliation had failed to net them fair wages and working conditions.

The workers are now determined to bring the pay scales and working conditions up to decent standards, and in conformity with the community pattern.

Crockett Loses To Oasis B-5

CROCKETT—Sporting the blue and white colors of Local 6, the Crockett division's softball team traveled to Oakland to lose to Frank's Oasis team in its initial game, 6-5.

Still in the throes of "spring training" and organization, the oasis men nevertheless turned in a creditable performance.

Games with out-of-town teams have been scheduled and scores and stories about the games will be published in the Dispatch as they are received.

The following is the line-up which played against the Oasis team:

Swanson, 1B; Camant, 2B; Obert, SS; Trotta, BT; Porco, LF; Bonini, CF; Poggi, RF; Quill, RF; Mabery, C; Goodgrass, P; Holmes, P.

Want to Win $10 Prize? Then Enter Photo Contest

SAN FRANCISCO—Only two weeks remain to send in their entries in the photo contest sponsored by the Warehouse Camera Club. Prizes of $10 and $5 are being offered.

Drum and Drill Corps List 2 More Parades

SAN FRANCISCO—Local 6's champion Drum and Drill Corps, fresh from victories in the St. Patrick's Day parade and from a spectacular appearance at the Local 6 hall, is scheduled for two more parades during the next two weeks.

On May 4 it parades in Los Altos, and on May 11 it joins in the raising of the American Flag in San Carlos.

On May 12, it parades in South San Francisco, at the Holy Ghost Portuguese Fiesta.

For the best shots of warehousemen at work, a prize of $10 will be awarded.

Camera Bugs

George Egiphan is pictured here explaining some of the fine points of photography to camera to three members of the Warehouse Camera Club. From left to right they are: Simon Grundy, Al Addy, Bill Redmond and George Egiphan. The club is now conducting a contest among amateur camera fans for the best pictures dealing with warehousemen. Members of Local 6 interested in either the camera club or the contest can apply for information at 519 Mission St.

Brother Aids Brother

When the Stockton Division of Local 6 held an organizational meeting last Friday (April 15), one act came with a new twist, comes to San Francisco on May 10 at the CIO Auditorium, 150 Golden Gate Avenue.

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$1,100 RESERVED SEATS

Tickets are available from the union for large houses, and at 519 Mission St., San Francisco. They sell for $7.50 and $11.00, the latter being reserved seats.

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McFarland is an old time member of Local 6, an active committeeman for the Negro community of Oakland.

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BARA SAN FRANCISCO—"Don't let Congress regret moving to Trump's OPA Pledge!" is the slogan of 300 delegates, representing practically all the factories and workers of the city, who met on one day's notice at the Chinese Gardens to get themselves organized for a campaign to keep OPA going.

The conference was attended by Dick Lyndon, Local 6 president, and by gentlemen from the Bay Area CIO, National Citizens Political Action Committee, American Veteran Committee and Negro and civic organizations.

Lyndon, incumbent candidate for Congress in the Fourth district, said that the familiar hoo of Southern Democrats and Northern Republicans has ganged up on the citizenry. Lyndon said SAM GIbson didn't wear a Tux... The "EATEN" contingent were there with a big delegation from Crockett... Where did MERICAN LULU LENS got the perfect costume?... BARA SAUNDERS, Mayor Lapierre's right hand, was there with IDA DUNN got a day off last week. Company, Steward Frank TILLIE escaped the flowing gown by having to run around after every other picture taken. and naturally she'd keep ordering drinks for the whole MJB crowd? Wharton's in top form, and naturally the excitement of practical work is a little more radiant than papas and papa.

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Without Lots of Love

New York Daily Mirror, headed this check for $10,000 over to the National Maritime Union, April 29. The check represents an out-of-court settlement by the Hearst Press, sponsor of Winchell's broadcasts, settled last June for $9,000, bringing total damages won to $19,000. The suit is the first filed and won by a union against a broadcaster and columnist.

Hearst Coughs Up $10,000 To NMU for Winchell Laws

NEW YORK — The National Maritime Union received a $10,000 check last week from the Hearst Corporation. The check was an out-of-court settlement which eliminated the union's six-year libel suit against Walter Winchell. Hearst pressed the Jergens Company for statements defaming the NMU and its members.

The $10,000 Hearst check brings the total damages won by the NMU and its members to $19,000, the largest such sum ever won by a union in the United States. Last June, the Jergens Company, sponsor of Winchell's broadcasts, settled for $9,000.

WINCHELL HOT AIR

The company, following a broadcast by Winchell in 1940 and 1941, asked the Court to release the Hearst, New York Daily Mirror, and to pay the legal expenses. The company, which is engaged in subversive fifth column activities and was actively conspiring and engaging in the sabotage of the anti-fascist movement, asked the Court to release the union's libel action to the membership, the union's statement issued by the 11 CTAL leaders, declared the "unanimous decisions was signed by delegates to the CTAL conference, voted confidence in the CTAL presidency. Chile's delegate, Anselmo Araya, said the CTAL presidency. Chile's delegate, Anselmo Araya, said the CTAL presidency. Chile's delegate, Anselmo Araya, said the CTAL presidency.

Bridges Calls for Medical Aid To Homeless Yugoslav Children

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco chapter of the American Jewish Congress has announced its endorsement of the Bridges' new organization, "Yugoslavia," and its support of the union-busting policies of the CTAL presidency. "Tuberculosis has become endemic, worse than anywhere else in Europe," Mr. Bridges said. "We will help the anti-fascist Yugoslav children in their effort to build a new Yugoslavia.

"War torn disease is threatening the lives of the new Free Yugoslav States," said Bridges. "Tuberco- lysis has become endemic, worse than anywhere else in Europe. The new Yugoslavia is fighting a losing battle against tuberculosis."