Pride of Local 13

ILWU Longshoremen of the Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor Area formally dedicated their new office and meeting hall building in Wilmington on February 1. Some 3,000 longshoremen and members of their families and friends of the union attended. The building has 23,000 square feet of floor space and is air-conditioned and centrally heated. In the auditorium the air can be completely changed in two minutes and it is one of the largest auditoriums in Southern California. See picture story on page 5 of this issue.—Dispatcher photo.

Hawaiian Pine Workers Make Gains

HONOLULU, T. H. — Agreement between ILWU Local 182 and the pineapple industry covering 8,000 workers was concluded here February 28. Wages were increased 4 cents an hour and the overall package, including paid holidays, overtime, etc., amounts to approximately 10 cents an hour.

The negotiations, conducted over a period of two months, were markedly different than those of former years. Union negotiators described them as constructive and devoid of anyStiffneck attitude on the part of the employers. Nor did the employees make any attempt to sell anything over the heads of the negotiating committee.

The union negotiating committee was chaired by Migumi Muramoto. Assisting by assignment from the San Francisco Local were Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt and Regional Director Jack W. Hall.

Site paid holidays gained by the union are novel for agriculture. About half of the workers are on plantations. The others are in canneries.

Other improvements were:

Night shift differentials of 5 and 10 cents an hour.

Vacation rights are extended to include some 6,000 intermittent workers.

New grievance machinery includes informal and speedy arbitration, and cuts down the number of strikes by processing a grievance.

The severity provision is improved to apply to promotions and transfers, with the union having the right to carry any disproportion in promotion.

A new structure of personalized rate assignments is set up. Employees who work in more than one labor grade will get a calculated median rate for the succeeding contract year and in the first instance will get retroactivity for the prior contract year.

A rate protection schedule is set up in the event of downward grading due to mechanization. The old rate will be protected for a period of months according to the length of service.

Formal machinery is set up to cover progression of individuals in their trade series.

A great number of classification and wage demands are subject to further negotiations. In the event of disagreement the union will have the right to strike at the end of a year.

San Francisco—A new defense bulletin put out by ILWU.

This will be an occasional mimeographed publication, designed "to keep all the locals informed of the current status of defense cases, either involving members of the union or about which the union membership is concerned and has taken a position.

"The plan," the first issue of the bulletin states, "is to distribute these bulletins from time to time in order that all of the information on defense cases will be up to date and available to the locals in one place."

The first issue of the defense bulletin carries the latest information about the Fangersteen, Jack Hall, Ernesto Mangasao, and other Local 37 members, Eugene Bagnoli, George Shelley and Bridges cases.

Briefly summarized, these are:

(Continued on page 6)

Who Said It?

"Far too many people consider that the use of the Fifth Amendment carries an implication of guilt, including many people who ought to know better and many people who do know better. You go back to the Department of Justice and tell them that the Fifth Amendment is also protection for the innocent."

(Turn to Last Page for Name of Author)
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We HAVE TO know the score in these things, and we have certainly learned enough from our own history to understand that when the boss—or the government—points the finger and says, "Red!" he means us.

If ILWU had been willing, any time since 1945, to lie down and play dead, and been insist on changing wages and working conditions, nobody in the whole country would have called us "subversive" or tried to head our union four times (and maybe a fifth now) by attacking our leadership. If the civil rights of ILWU or any other union can be destroyed—which means our right to bargain, to strike if necessary—then the rights of any other group can be destroyed.

And conversely, if the civil rights of any American—his right to speak his mind, write what he thinks, join organizations he chooses to—if these rights can be destroyed in the name of "national security," then the right of union labor go down with his.

ILWU should refuse to support any politician who does not fight the bipartisan Republican—Democratic alliance of labor haters and labor baiters now in public office, or likely to run for it.

Nor should it surprise anybody that such a program is actively promoted by a man who spent his entire life in military service and who long ago said that the trouble with our people was that they wanted to drink champagne when they should be content with beer, and if they were looking for security, they could find it in a nice long jail sentence.

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More ILWU Protests on Bridges Frame

SAN FRANCISCO—Telegrams and cables protesting the threatened new attempt to build on the Golden Gate Bridge again continued to arrive at the international office during the past two weeks. On December 28, Warren W. Elion, chief of the criminal division of the Department of Justice, announced that the word "would be "activated," probably "within a week or two." ILWU Local 4 (San Francisco, Wash.), after receiving a telegram to President Eisenhower stating that the Golden Gate Bridge is "a real national monument," voted unanimously to protest action of the federal government against him in connection with the attempt to take against our president, Harry Bridges.

At its regular membership meeting on January 12, ILWU Local 10, San Francisco, read a statement "to support Harry Bridges in any further effort to be re-elected to the presidency of the ILWU, to oppose any reopening of the old charges against him."

WIRES BY THE SCORE

Local 33 (New York City) and Local 133 (Pelican, Alaska) wired Eisenhower: "Urges you act at once on Old Charges of Bridges. There have been four trials and two Supreme Court decisions, and this is unprecedented in American history. The world and all decent people will watch future persecution intolerable."

In Wilmington, ILWU Local 94 (Delaware) wired Eisenhower: "Its urgent request that you turn over to the ILWU the persecution of our president, Harry Bridges."

Cables from eight ILWU Local 148 (Los Angeles) workers to Eisenhower on January 18. They were sent by unit members in motor, truck, railroad, telephone, packing and the newspaper industries.

RANKS SPEAK

Typical message: "How many times must a man stand trial to prove his innocence when he has been gypped? Bridges has done much for us. We shall never forget him. We are fighting for Bridges case a frame-up. "Peace on earth, let's have a little freedom in America. Where is Bridges to all the men in the labor movement, all of the unorganized men."

In a wire to Eisenhower, Harold Clark, secretary-treasurer, ILWU Local 12, said: "I call on you, Mr. President, to tell Mr. Oney four times in a year to ILWU know that we have a democratic union in America that is the labor movement. We know that such attacks are only brought about because we have succeeded in winning some of the best contracts in the country, etc., etc., of any union in the country.

"We must resist with every means at our com- mercial indifference the attack, the benefits we have gained with the councils. Our leadership. We wish to urge that you stop this new bridge.

Local 16 (Juneau, Alaska) also wired Eisenhower on January 31, "We refuse to re-elect President Eisen- hower of our Local 16, 30, 32 and 33. We call on you to say that Bridges case a frame up."

J oe Guy President

Of ILWU Local 16

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Joe Guy has been elected president of ILWU Local 16, Long Beach. Clarence Hellman was picked as recording secretary and Alex- ander Jacobson as the local's business agent.

Business Magazine Tips Its High Hat To ILWU Longshore Payroll Methods

Starting Life

In the new Kaiser Foundation hospital in Los Angeles is Diane Marie Tucker, now daughter of Mrs. Ruby Tucker whose husband Frank is an ILWU Local 26 member employed at Western Compress. Care of Mrs. Tucker and baby is being given by her husband, and they are looking forward to her recovery.

Business Magazine Tips Its High Hat

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In the old days, the SW article pointed this week. "Our rank and file, BWC, says he thought it."

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The Pension Plan

Questions and Answers on the ILWU-PMA Pension Plan

Social Security Survivors' Benefits

Social Security benefits are paid not only by reason of retirement of the worker, but also to survivors on death of the worker. Retirement benefits start at age 65 and then continuing if you stop working. Survivors' benefits are paid to

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The Biggest Payroll in Astoria: Unemployment

ASTORIA, Ore.—The big-

gest payroll today in job-short

Astoria comes not from ship-

ping. Hour billing or lumber

from unemployment itself.

This was disclosed when the

employment-compensation

commission at Salem reported

recently that benefit payments

to jobless workers in Clatsop

County (total population 38,000) in December totaled over

$37,116. The rate of insured un-

employment in the county

last 3 1/4 years of his life.

If the deceased worker leaves neither a widow, widower,

child who may get benefits, each of the worker's parents

are entitled to a lump-sum benefit of $75. The worker

may also leave other relatives, such as

one-half of his support from the worker at the time of his death.

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whether he is fully or currently insured. These benefits are

intended to take care of burial expenses. They are payable

to the widow or widower, or

if there is no such person, then to the person who paid the

burial expenses. When paid

to the widow or widower, they are equal to three times the

worker's monthly benefit. If paid to other persons, they

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For Stockton Welfare Plan

STOCKTON, Calif. — Stockton

last week became the first port

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Fund’s Insured Plan where the

County Medical Society has sub-

scribed to the principle of “prior

fee agreement” between doctors

and employers.

Welfare Fund representatives

have been discussing agreement

on charges with the San Joaquin

Medical Society for some time.

The Fund’s program is to try

to standardize the agreement in all

Insured Ports so that the Plan will

never cover more of the members’

medical and surgical expenses.

Discussions started first in Stock-

ton since it is the largest Insured

Plan port on the Coast.

TALK OVER FEES

The Medical Society here agreed

on advising ILWU mem-

bers and dependents to talk over

charges with their doctors in

advance of medical treatment or

surgery. If a doctor will not limit

his charges to the amounts al-

lowed by the Plan and the mem-

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Gold leaf letters with murals depicting longshore work adorn the portals. The building has modern furnishings, fireproof vaults for records, and one of the largest auditoriums in Southern California. It is finished in mauve with burgundy drapery and gray drape background.

President Giblin at desk in his new, finely appointed office. At right are more guests on stage during dedication: Jim Cribbens and William Marlowe of PMA, Jim-Jackson of Matson, Harbor Commissioner Bernard McLaughlin and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas. The building was completely financed by assessment levied by vote of the membership. No mortgage.
New Defense Bulletin Put Out by ILWU

(Continued from page 1)

Fougerouze of Local 8 had been ordered deported to Tahiti, was recently jailed—despite the fact that the deportation order is on appeal, and was finally released on bail. Contributions and pledges of support should be sent to John Fougerouze Defense Committee, R.R. New Everett, Port-
land, Ore.

Alicia Hall, ILWU Regional Director in Hawaii, was convicted under a phonetic alphabet code for deportation. She is on appeal by the Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

SUPPORT NEEDED

Ernesto Mangangue (Local 37) was threatened with deportation, but the US Supreme Court, by refusing to review a lower court decision, reversed the deportation order, claiming that Mangangue was born in the Philippines he could not be deported. Other Local 37 leaders are still facing deportation as part of the furni- ture of his life and to his Arab blood.

Shibley's secretary ... stated that Shibley has just about lost all his power, savings and probably about $75,000 in free income since he first represented Bennett. She said, "I only hope he doesn't give his life, too." (Shibley) has been continued to the Veterans Administration Hospital for several weeks with a tentative diagnosis of congestive heart trouble; this country needs him more than it needs its kitchen.

Shibley with his courage, honesty and integ- rity.

Cigar Workers Ask Closing $0.49

CIGAR WORKERS — Former national officers of ILWU's newest auxiliary (28), attached to ILWU Local 28, and its first step in raising the standards and conditions of work is called for.

The company's position is that it has paid unemployment insur- ance for these workers, and it is under no obligation to give them service for an unreasonable sum of money

The company, which has already been closed by the government's order, has announced that it is closing down its operations to save money, and is: thinking of moving to a lower wage area.

Whiskey, too. Shibley needs his courage, honesty and integ- rity.

What cigar do you smoke?

Officers of New Auxiliary Named

W. K. Bassett, administrative assistant to Master Mariner. John W. Lewis, Honolulu, was fatally in- jured January 17 when he was struck by an auto driven by an air force sergeant on Honolulu's Kalakaua Way. An old school liberal, Bassett was a frank admirer of the ILWU, and always fulsome in praise of the union's achievements in raising the standards of living, and is completely impervious to red-baiting and his acid counter-attacks often made laughing stock of his and his followers. His enemies, The picture above was taken at the convention of ILWU Local 142 in Honolulu last Oc- tober. He also addressed the 9th Biennial Convention of ILWU in Honolulu in 1951.

ILWU Attorney George Shibley Fights 3-Year Prison Term

L. G. Lewis, San Francisco — On the street under $2,500 bail, ILWU lawyer George E. Shibley is preparing his appeal to the US Court of Appeals in San Francisco, on his recent conviction for contempt of court. He is here of having "compired . . . to steal," and of "having received and concealed . . . property belonging to the Shibley was sentenced to 2 years in prison by Judge Harrison and held in contempt of court here of sentence given Shibley for sum- mering Shibley. Judge Harrison was asked him to steal the documents.

In a motion to proceed on the appeal of the contempt sentence given Shibley, Court costs would amount to approxi- mately $4,500 and if Shibley is required to pay in advance he will have to raise $75,000 in a few weeks during his term of confinement. In a tribute to Shibley, whose record was marred by his activity in behalf of unions and union veterans, the President of the 9th Circuit, General Colin D. Gilibert told the Dispatcher:

"Men like George Shibley do not have a future for today, they build for tomorrow. He could easily be to politics, but he has a very free and of course the conscience all good men have, free of all except the burning guilt that would arise whenever he heard of another military man being court-mar- tial, free were or read of the military entering a civilian's home, seeking him, free until he saw foreign militarism in this, our United States."...
Iron ore is carried from dump car to ship by belt and chute below decks. It is a dusty task and one that requires masks for most of the longshoremen engaged. The dump cars are brought over a pit by jitney. The bottoms are opened and a huge vibrator called a “shakeout” is made to grip the sides of the car. Between it and longshoremen loosening the ore by hand, every speck of the cargo is made to fall onto the belt that moves it to the ship. Depicted above is the loading of a Japanese ship in the Los Angeles Harbor.

Un-American Head Hits ILWU; Asks New Anti-Labor Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Witch-hunting congressman Harold Velde (R., Ill.), chairman of the House Un-American Committee, blasted ILWU and President Harry Bridges in introducing a bill in the House of Representatives on January 25 that would strip unions “dominated by Communists” of all collective bargaining rights.

Velde argued that such legislation was needed and pointed to ILWU as the horrible example. He complained that when his committee was in San Francisco in December of last year, “We saw the sorry spectacle of an alleged labor leader (Bridges) calling a strike . . . in protest against public hearings . . .”

The “strike” was the one-day stop-work meeting called by the rank and file of ILWU Local 10, and authorized before the Velde committee came to town, if it should “attack ILWU or its leadership.”

On the same day the Washington correspondent for the Scripps-Howard newspapers (Ruth Finney) said she had learned that the UnAmericans planned another trip to San Francisco “just after the closing date for candidates who will run in the June primary.”

The correspondent spilled the beans when she wrote that the planned hearings, scheduled to attempt to show widespread Communist infiltration into the Democratic party were planned “some time ago, and . . . will be timed to do the greatest possible damage to Democratic candidates in the June primaries.”

During the last hearings, Democratic Congressman Robert Condon (Contra Costa) was smeared by a stool pigeon before the committee, as having “attended a closed Communist meeting.”

Denying the charge, Condon replied that the Velde committee was “a Republican committee, touring the country to smear Democrats.” The revelation of the timing of the new probe would seem to substantiate Condon’s accusation.

A bill similar to the one introduced by Velde had been protested on January 14 by ILWU Local 13 President Gordon Giblin, in a letter to California Congressman Cecil King.

Noting that Representative Lloyd M. Renielsen (D., Tex.) had proposed a bill to strip of bargaining rights all “Communist-dominated” unions, Giblin wrote to King saying, “We of ILWU Local 13 certainly oppose this type of labor suppression. To place the destiny of thousands of workers, their wives and innocent children into the hands of a small group of people who are basically anti-labor . . . is indisputable recklessness. This type of legislation only leads us to believe an attempt is being made to further the steps toward a totalitarian government.”
Local 6 Strappers in Victory

SAN FRANCISCO—Weighers and strappers belonging to ILWU Local 6 have been in the habit of taking a "wash-up" time in the morning and afternoon.

A dispute arose on January 1 when four coffee weighing contractors attempted to abolish or curtail the clean-up time, despite the fact that it had been an industry practice for the past 10 years.

These contractors (Bear & Gar- rigues, Burton Portland & Com- pany, Harry & Sons) notified Local 6 members by letter that they would be fired.

"We will urge a "neither" vote, which we consider an ILWU vote, and we are counting on overwhelming support to result in a contract covering ILWU members. Neither of the other unions is in a position to bargain ever again in the "Economic Security in Future Years," the ILWU Local 13 Federal Stevedores Department employees "into ILWU. Having accom-

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(CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 1) nounced that the "committee would support the Authority's recom-

ILWU strategy then centered around forcing the NLRB to call an election with only two unions on the ballot, the old MCS-Independent, and the AFL-MCS.

Our leadership on the waterfront will further encourage the rank and file to carry out their assignments and making contact with the stewards on the ships and giving real assurances to them that the longshoremen are behind the ILWU, with the support of the rest of the ILWU. In other words, the ILWU's program was not so much de-

Local 26 Credit Union Election

WILMINGTON—With a slogan of "Economic Security in Future Years," the ILWU Local 26 Fed-

B Y R. (Bob) Robertson

THE STRATEGY USED by the ILWU in its Stewards De-

partment organizing drive up to this point has been very successful. When the ILWU began to organize among these workers last June we were faced with the major problem of organizing ILWU Local 13 Federal Stevedores Department employees "into ILWU. Having accomplished this we then had to make contact. Now we are forced to force the NLREB into action. From the very beginning the ILWU based its campaign on the fact that we represent ourselves, with the support of the rest of the ILWU. In other words, the ILWU's program was not so much de-

Get Rid of Fink Halls

The important thing for ILWU members to remember is that if either union advertising on the ballot should win, the Fink hiring hall will continue to control the ILWU as long as it has a claim on the waterfront.

To assure victory in this campaign the full time officers of every ILWU longshore local should spend as much of their time as possible on the docks giving direction to the rank and file longshoremen in carrying out our program. It is the responsibility of the local officers and local Execu-

Our first objective was to sign up a majority of the Stew-

Let them know that a "neither" vote means that the ILWU will be in position to work for them and with them to achieve the substantial gains through collective bargaining.

Let them know that in our union the strength is behind each individual member.