Local 6 Convention Demands 10c for Men, 15c for Women

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU's big Warehouse Local 6, in annual contract and constitutional convention here on March 6, set its sights on the April 1 reopening of its master contract with the Distributors Association of Northern California and voted to ask:

- A 10 cent across-the-board raise for men; a 15 cent across-the-board raise for women;
- A 10 cent raise for the swing shift; a 15 cent raise for the graveyard shift;
- Variations of 3 weeks after 5 years and 4 weeks after 20; with prorated vacations for hiring-hall men;
- To instruct its officers to attend sessions of the California legislature in Sacramento.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The convention heard greetings from San Francisco's president of the Board of Supervisors, George Christopher, who expressed his high regard for the local and its officials and offered his aid in anything he could do to assist Local 6. As he left the platform, Local 6 President Charles (Chili) Duarte stated, "This is the first time Local 6 has been addressed by the future mayor of San Francisco."

Other guests introduced from the platform were ILWU Local 10 president Martin Callaghan, who pledged the support and solidarity of San Francisco's longshoremen to the warehouse workers; Local 20 president Al Caplan (Los Angeles) who related the experiences of the sister local in meeting problems and winning gains; for Southern California warehouse workers; also ILWU Second Vice-President Germaine Bulke, Bill Chester, ILWU North.

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Race Scandal Breaks in NMU

NEW YORK—A major scandal broke wide open in the National Maritime Union (CIO) with the revelation that the Army, Navy and Coast Guard Intelligence services and the FBI have all brought pressure upon the union not to admit too many Negro and Puerto Rican members.

The revelation was m a d e by Hubert L. Warner, only Negro vice-president of the NMU, who revealed, a m o s t incidentally, that Hoyt Haddock, legislative representative of NMU in Washington acted as an agent of the FBI himself.

Warner was speaking before the National Council of NMU here on February 15. He said:

"Hoyt Haddock came down from Washington. . . . He said, 'If one source of Government had approached me I would consider it as no consequence. You know I am close to the Pentagon. Well, Army Intelligence called me in and told me that there was a move in the Union to take over, that the Negroes were being given preference and the Puerto Ricans, and that there is a Negro in the Union, and their finger pointed at you (Warner)."

Haddock then went on to tell Warner that Navy Intelligence, Coast Guard Intelligence and the FBI had come to him with the same story. The FBI was more cordial than the others but also rejected Warner's entreaties.

"The FBI said, 'You will go to Curran and give him no back information concerning the NMU,'" Warner related.

"Hoyt said, 'Here I am. I want to know from you what is the persecution of these persons being taken into the Union?'"

Warner's speech, reported in the March 11 issue of the NMU Pilot, continued with his denial that any such thing was happening, and Haddock asked him to give a figure.

"As he said it he (Haddock) bar got his pen and pad," said Warner, "so I know I am speaking in the FBI, to the Navy and Coast Guard and for Army."

Haddock then told Warner, "Well, this is pretty serious. Have you tried to talk to Curran? (Curran is NMU presi-

dent.)"

"I said, 'Yes. But I can't talk to Curran on these issues or any issues.'" He added, "I can't talk to Curran on these issues or any issues."

"He'll not give you any intelligent and discuss basic issues affecting the life of the union."

In the course of his speech Warner also charged that there was no democracy in the NMU in New York, that in NY 'the votes are stolen from the membership.'

Along with Curran (who was president), Haddock was a former secretary of the CIO Maritime Committee, and both played a major role in breaking up the Committee for Maritime Unity, which had important gains for workers in 1949.

Who Said It?

"It's amazing how a layoff will increase production. On one of our production lines the same number of workers are turning out 10 per cent more work than they did a year ago . . . Abstainism is at a near record low, and labor turnover is just approaching the record low of 14 per cent set in 1949."

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Sixteen More Dockers Retired on March 1

SAN FRANCISCO — The ILWU-PMA Pension Plan has released the names of ILWU dockers who were retired March 1. They are:

Local 4: Carl C. Hinck; Local 7: Frank Gehren; Local 8: Paul Bannin; Local 10: John E. Bastian, Otto Lepeke, John Loon, Harold N. Nielsen, Martin Nilsson and Blas Vazminos. Also.

Local 12: Oscar Blohmmer, George Boelte and Arthur Lauten; Local 15: Frank F. Spranger and Eddie G. Waf-

il; Local 21: Fred W. Roeder, Local 24: Heski Fabian Nosui. The names of R. H. Lang (Local 12) and B. N. Bowl (Local 9) were added to their retired list as of February 1, 1964.

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COOLHEAD THINKING

In making the offer, Goldblatt said the union was receding from its previous demand for a 12 cent package settlement in the "interest of the waterfront industry," and the community at large.

In explaining why the union was dropping its pension demand, the ILWU spokesman said "the union committee cannot in good conscience recommend any of the employer pension proposals. It may be," he added, "that a year (Continued on Page 10)

HONOLULU — The vast bulk of Hawaii's sugar industry was scheduled to go on strike today at 5:30, without a vote, in a showdown union-employers' campaign which commenced more than 8 months ago, came to an abrupt end last week. Industry negotiations not only refused to accept a "last ditch" union proposal, but also withdrew a 4 cent wage offer in the last week of December.

ILWU International Presi-
dent Curran, who arrived in Honolulu two weeks ago to "personally assess the situation" on the strike, is inevitable, unless the employ-

ers make a quick and sub-

stantial change in their position.

ILWU International Secre-
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blatt arrived in Honolulu last week in the Islands. He said that only "the employers can avert a sugar strike."
The Big Lie

MEMBERS OF ILWU will be among the last to swallow any such Big Lie as McCarthy is promoting. For they learned about the "Red Menace" the hard way.

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And unless we want to be hammered into silence and conformity, we have to stand up on our hind legs and fight everymanifestation of McCarthyism on the national or international scene.

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March 19, 1954

By Harry Bridges

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T THE PHRASE, "The Big Lie," was coined by the late Adolph Hitler, who claimed that you won't get very far in life if you rob it all. Because it didn't work, the more likely people were to believe it. With the aid of the big lie— that Germany was going to take over the whole world. Hitler was not only able to conquer the German people and suppress any opposition to his rule, but he came close to conquering half the world.

But the only trouble with his theory is that, while it is true that people will swallow the big lie for awhile, in time they come to see through it, and when they do, their anger sweeps the Hitlers into the garbage-can of history.

TODAY WE ARE witnessing in America the rise of another demagogue of the same type as Hitler. His purposes are also the same as his predecessor's—to take control of the nation, to sweep aside all opposition and to rule it in the interests of his millionaire backers.

The character's name is Joe McCarthy and he is the junior Senator from Wisconsin, and a Republican. His following, however, cuts across party lines.

His methods are parallel to Hitler's: to write himself in the American flag (instead of the German); to announce over and over that he is going to save us from "Communism," and to smear all opposition to him methods and his aims as "Red." McCarthy refers to himself as McCarthy, and has not hesitated to take on the Army and the President himself, and make both of them back down.

That opposition to his aims and his methods is rising daily in the nation is evidence of the good sense of the American people, and the proof that they cannot be sold on the Big Lie forever.

News Commentator Edward R. Murrow put on a TV program exposing McCarthy on March 9 and has been swamped with letters, wires and telephone calls, running 15 to 1 against Joe. Even Margaret Truman, the ex-president's daughter called up to congratulate Murrow, and we're afraid that old man is thinking now.

But not for long, Truman, with his screening program, loyalty orders and loyalty checks and his "Truman Doctrine" who laid the groundwork for the Big Lie that a more skillful man like McCarthy has picked up and parlayed into a career and a bid for power.

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ILWU Local 26 (Los Angeles) Credit Union ended 13 years of renting for member Lyle Var- ker and his wife, Flora, when he borrowed money to make a down payment on the ultra-modern home before which he, his wife and children, Darrell, Darlene and Linda, pose above. Lyle has been a member of the local since July, last year, when he started to work at Quaker Oats. Their new home has three bedrooms, hardwood floors throughout, forced air furnace, garbage disposal unit, big closets, steel sash windows, and is beautifully decorated.

**ILWU Local 9 & San Francisco Shipsclerks Protest Anti-Labor Butler Bill**

**NEW YORK.—The March issue of ILWU Local 9's labor monthly features ILWU President Harry W. Murnane's statement on the Butler Bill—"wondered if it would not be a high Bradshaw, the warehouse man's views on the power sellout, newspaper-wrapped parcel contamination of the Longshoremen's Association (Independent), that it has been working without a contract since last September. The full names of the International Longshoremen's Association (Independent). It has been working without a contract since last September.

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Other featured articles in the new issue include a report on ILWU activities in the state, the news that the ILA ranks have taken over the New York dockworkers, and a discussion of the situation of East Coast shipping centers.

A council motion protesting the Butler Bill was voted down by the Longshoremen's Board.

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**ILWU Columbia River Council Blasts Un-Americans**

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The political broadside was directed against the party of the party's candidates for Congress, and a referendum on the proposed Butler Bill was defeated.

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Local 6 Asks 10c, 15c Rates

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ROBERTSON SPEAKS

ILWU First Vice-President J. R. Robertson, Local 6, spoke of ILWU's responsibility for his fellow worker, and the ILWU's responsibility to all workers. He said, "Everything we win on the eco-

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Candid Camera at Local 6 Convention

Speakers at the big Warehouse local's 1954 convention, left to right, George Christopher, president of the SF Board of Supervisors with Local 6 secretary-treasurer Dick Lynden who introduced him; Local 6 President Charles (Chili) Duarte, who hailed Christopher as 'the next mayor of San Francisco'; Local 10 President Martin Callaghan, pledging dockers' support to warehouse workers; President of ILWU Local 76 (LA) Al Caplan, with greetings from the Southland and Local 6 member and ILWU Second Vice-President J. R. (Bob) Robertson whose speech marked high point of the annual affair. (All photos this page by Dispatcher staff.)

Above, three Local 6 East Bay business agents, Bill Burke, Joe Coelho and Paul Heide; in the huddle on the stage at right, Al Caplan (Local 76 head), J. R. Robertson, Bill Chester, ILWU Northern California Regional Director, Percy Moore, Local 6 welfare director, Martin Callaghan and ILWU Second Vice-President Germain Bulcke.

ILWU Auxiliary women fed the 500 delegates. A magnificent spread was put out and consumed in record time. To the right, Mrs. Fay Irvine, Auxiliary member, holding Tommy Figueiredo, son of Joe Figueiredo of Local 6, Mrs. Joy Figueiredo, his mother, spoke for Auxiliary.

Local 6 women workers from both sides of the Bay played an important role at the convention. Left to right, Yerena Soanes (X-ray, Kaiser Oakland); Marie Ridgway (Ozalid, Oakland); Josephin Beam (American Can); Evelyn Reader (American Can); Geraldine Raglin (Hiram Walker); Betty Lindquist (Fraser’s, Oakland); and Annie May Butler (unemployed). The women were vocal on every issue of importance.

At the mike in these shots, left to right, are Ann Adams (Colgate) speaking, with Art Pearl (Alberding) waiting his turn; then Local 6 (SF) business agent Swede Carlson waits as Bernice Dear-inger (Hiram Walker) speaks; finally, Joe Figueiredo talking with George Valters waiting his turn.
NCDC Alerts NC Locals On The Butler Bill
SAN FRANCISCO—At its February 20th meeting the Western ILWU Northern California District Council representing 25,000 ILWU Northern California District Council representatives will be advised of our opposition to this measure. We recognize (the Butler Bill) as a major step in the direction of establishing a complete, professional health service that would make all US unions subject to the same standards of its members .. (it) recognizes the Butler Bill and signed by Senator William Knowland, Thomas Meske, in letters to Senators John M. Butler.

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Along with lumber, newsprint is one of the only remaining coastwise cargoes of any consequence. It is shipped to California ports from Canada and ports of the Columbia River. The paper being handled above in San Francisco came from Oregon City, Ore., through Portland. The paper is stacked upright in the hold. For discharging, longshoremen pull it over, roll it into the square of the hatch and split it on a small piece of wood into position to be picked up by a squeeze bridle. Hoisted over ship's side and onto the dock, the rolls are picked up by a squeeze lift which operates almost like human hands. The lift uprights the rolls for stacking in the cargo shed as it travels. This method of discharging, and equivalent loading, has been in use only during the past few years and has considerably reduced the amount of damage done by old methods. San Francisco and Los Angeles newspapers are supplied with newsprint mainly by water. The SS Pacificus is typical of coastwise ships carrying newsprint.

—Dispatcher Staff Photo.
The Pension Plan

Questions and Answers on the ILWU-PMA Pension Plan

To: All members whose names are on the Permanent Pension List who have reached age 65 or are nearing that age who may work some additional years in order to complete 25 years’ service in the industry before they can retire on the ILWU-PMA Pension, and including members who are eligible to retire upon reaching age 65 but who decided to continue working between their 65th and 66th birthdays. Eligibles must retire.

From: Henry Schmidt, Director, ILWU-PMA Pension Fund.

Your Attention Is Called to Two Different Proposals:

Proposal No. 1: In case you are in this category, it will be advantageous for you to contact your local Social Security office as soon as you reach age 65, especially if your earnings since January 1, 1951, have averaged $300 per month. The Social Security Office will advise you how to “freeze” your Social Security retirement payments (at the maximum level) in order to continue to work on the waterfront and take advantage of all work opportunity if you are physically able to do so. While working you will not be paid Social Security retirement payments but when you stop working you will receive $85 per month because you “froze” your social security at the most advantageous time.

If in the future months you will not be able to earn as much as in the past, then by all means “freeze” your social security at the most advantageous time. Your Social Security retirement payments will be withheld for that month.

Example: If you retire on Social Security at 65 per month and work on the waterfront 24 straight time hours each month at $11.66 per hour, which equals $73.44, your total income each month will be $185.44.

In case your wife is 65, a special condition will be taken into consideration. If you have paid Social Security retirement payments and your total income would be $200.94 per month. Your wife must personally apply for her Social Security retirement payments at the Social Security Office in your town.

The pension contract provides:

“Eligibility Formula for Pension Payments:

“A. A Longshoreman shall be eligible to receive monthly Pension Payments commencing on or after July 1, 1951, if he meets each of the following conditions:

(1) His name is included in the Pension List.

(2) He has been employed as a Longshoreman in each of the 5 years preceding his retirement.

(3) He is creditable for 25 years of service; or

(4) He has been employed as a Longshoreman in each of the 5 years preceding his retirement.”

The last point has not been interpreted by this secretary that you have to be creditable for the last 5 years. Your physical condition and advanced age will be taken into consideration concerning your availability for work.

51,169 Sign Petitions For Wesley R. Wells

SAN FRANCISCO—A total of 51,169 signatures in support of Wesley Robert Wells was presented on March 9 to Joseph Babich, secretary to Governor Goodwin Knight. Wesley Robert Wells, a Negro, was scheduled to die in California’s gas chamber on March 13. Governor Knight acts to commute his sentence. The Negro, most accused of killing a man, Wells is condemned because of a 1937 conviction for forgery at a prison guard in 1937. Six delegates carried five boxes of petitions to the Governor’s office. The signatories included: Wesley S. E. Wells, Los Angeles; Ken Hart, vice-president; Ethel Roberts, secretary; Ethel Williams, treasurer, and Anna Wadlock, sergeant-at-arms. 

DOLLY MODROW

The back pay amounts to 12 1,440 cents an hour and within your union ranks to promote the best interests of every member. If you are not, you are weakening your union and thereby your own security. A union, like any other organization, is your weakest link. Don’t let the weak link be you. Be ON THE MARCH for the ILWU.

The Local 26 membership organized a delegation to meet with the AFL Team-stores, including Mrs. Mollie Berry, Mrs. Frances Tandy, Mr. John Murray, treasurer; Ethel Williams, secretary; and hundreds of shops meeting together, stronger and more united than ever before in its history.

The Local 6 membership tightened its ranks and won great social gains in 1953. The full strength of the International union to be utilized in all local divisions to greater gains in wages and job security.

Our membership always strengthens, everywhere, our membership ranks around to give even greater support to warehouse locals. This was especially true in Northern California where local 26 members concentrated on Local 6, the large Bay Area warehouse local.

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The discussion by the delegates was in a serious vein and showed the maturity of the rank and file interest in the general welfare of the local. A realistic program was developed on wages, vacations, job security, improvements to the welfare plan and a pension plan for older workers. The grave possibility of mass unemployment in San Francisco, job security and real union security were major issues of discussion.

Every warehouse and plant in Local 6 has been well aware of the absolute necessity for 180 per real union. As a result, dues delinquency is at its lowest in the history of the entire local. The membership is pulling together through its union and refuse to strike. This case is one of the best interests of every member. If you are not, you are weakening your union and thereby your own security. A union, like any other organization, is your weakest link. Don’t let the weak link be you. Be ON THE MARCH for the ILWU.