Caged Like Animals
Mexican-American workers, most of whom have lived and worked in the ports, are huddled into a stockade in Los Angeles’ Elyria Park, waiting deportation to Mexico. Snatched from jobs and families, they were tossed into these boxes, to be searched. In the midst of all this, behind the vigilance efforts encouraged by the McCarran Act and US Attorney-General Brownell’s threats of alleged “illegal entrants.”

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Is There a Doctor in the House?

As the Dispatcher goes to press, there are 12,000 doctors in the "house" — in San Francisco, that is — meeting in the convention of the American Medical Association.

The AMA is not a corporation, neither is it a union, but it has some of the good features of the latter, and most of the worst features of the former.

On the good side, the AMA polices medical schools and tries to push their standards higher so that better doctors will be trained. It sets up codes of medical ethics that have gone a long way toward eliminating quacks who prey upon the people's ignorance of medicine.

On the bad side, the AMA is "Organized Medicine" in exactly the same reactionary sense of the phrase as "Organized Business" is used.

It is more interesting — in this phase of its work — in guaranteeing the high incomes of a small percentage of those who control the organization, than in seeing that the individual small doctor gets a living wage.

And it wants to be sure that the patient pays as large a fee as can be exacted from him.

This fact accounts for the reason why the AMA has fought group medical plans, insured medicine and all ideas that would bring the cost of medical care down — even since the demand for such plans became urgent.

Because when a group of people — workers organized in a union like ILWU for example — go in collectively and bargain for medical care, they can bring the costs of hospitalization, preventive medicine, operations, down.

The AMA, just like the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, would like the patient (the worker) to bargain individually with the doctor.

In that way the doctor can size up his patient, find out where he lives and how much he can stand, notice the color of his skin — and decide how much can be squeezed out of him.

Any group plan, like Kaiser, for example, is fought under the smear-name of "socialized medicine," "socialism" or "communism" by the powerful and reactionary doctors who head the AMA.

And like money-hungry people anywhere, they try to keep the rank and file doctor from participating in the making of policy.

They levy assessments on the rank and file doctor to pay for a vast advertising campaign to fight group service plans, insured medicine, or any collective effort by the people to bring down the costs of medical care.

Yet group medicine is here to stay. Which does not mean it cannot be improved. It can. As witness our many battles with the Kaiser Foundation. But it came into existence because the people demanded it, and more of them are demanding it every day of the week, as the cost of medicine, of surgery, of hospitalization and post-operative care, of laboratory tests soar out of sight into the stratosphere.

In fighting collective medicine the AMA has raised every phony slogan it could think of — just like an employer resisting the demands of a union.

It has claimed that the "sanctity" of the doctor-patient relationship would be destroyed; that it has insisted that nobody wants to be "told" what doctor shall take care of him.

Ask any worker on the job: if he broke a leg or was carried off with a ruptured appendix, it makes little difference to him who sets the leg or removes the appendix. It takes until the doctor knows his job and does it well.

Sooner or later the AMA will learn that it must do what the people demand; must behave as every individual doctor swears to behave when he gets his diploma — and realize that it is the servant of the people, dedicated to heal them whether they have a million dollars in the bank, or a dime.

Near 4 years ago fighting broke out in Korea. Amidst all the conflicting statements as to who started the fighting first — the South Koreans, the Allies, the United Nations —the people who fired the first shots — the United Nations adopted a resolution on Korea calling for an cease that is concerned and the return of their fighting forces to positions occupied before the shooting started.

When the cease fire wasn't made effective immediately in Korea, Harry Truman announced that the United States would order American sea and air forces into battle, later followed by armed forces. The outcome eventually was over 1,000 American casualties alone.

The whole process was pushed along with the same sort of whose up hysteria and red baiting, and behind a smoke screen of supporting a decision of the United Nations aimed at repelling aggression and heading off World War III.

It is a matter of history now that the big majority of the American people were taken in by the whoop-de-do, including plenty of our own rank and file members. It might be recalled that during the hulla-bubba to get the United Nations to support the cease fire resolution of the United Nations and oppose U.S. intervention and the inevitable loss of face which would result.

One of the results of my opposing U.S. intervention in Korea and urging the union officially to do likewise was to get myself booted out of the AMF by my own union.

We now have another situation somewhat similar to Korea — an armed attack from outside Guatemala borders directed against the officially and popularly elected government of that republic.

It is more interested — in this phase of its existence because the people demanded it, in seeing that the incomes of the people paid as large a fee as can be extracted from the people, than it is in seeing that the Guatemalan people are doing down to the last man, woman, child the Guatemalan government will fail dismally.

Of course the government was condemned as "Communist infiltrated" and "Moscow controlled" by the U.S. State Department, under pressure of American corporations such as United Fruit. FDR and the New Deal were condemned just as viciously, and in the same way and for the same reasons and by the same interests — especially the powerful American monopoly, United Fruit Company.

The United Nations has now again ordered a cease fire. It is noticeable and significant that a few days later the United Nations voted to send American armed forces to support the UN position and upheld the repulsion of the invasion without a struggle. It looks very far to find the reasons why.

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Our government, and every other government, should keep noses, guns, men and support out of the picture. It is our job as labor to give our help and all the support we can to the unions of Guatemala and to the legally elected and constituted government.

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Local 6 Is Signing Up Indie Firms

San Francisco—Federal District Judge Hamlin on June 14 set argument on motions to dismiss the fifth framespam for July 13.

ILWU Attorney Richard Glennstein later said the government now wants to reactivate a civil suit to strip the ILWU president from his naturalization, because of deportation proceedings. The original motion to dismiss was filed in 1945, when the government had stated that the criminal case (against Bridges) had been disposed of.

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Beef Settled on Santa Adela After Three Stoppages

SAN FRANCISCO — The S.S. Santa Adela (Grace Line) was discharged June 16 at Pier 27 (SF) after resolution of a beef that had seen three work stoppages in 24 hours on the part of Local 10 longshoremen.

The Santa Adela came in from San Pedro, where Local 10 dockers had refused to work her. She was loaded with fish meal, feed, and canned goods.

The chemical combination created fumes that were highly noxious in the men working cargo. When the ship tied up at Selby, one gang of dockers refused to work after a short time aboard. Returned to Pier 27, another gang walked off June 15, and the Coast Arbitrator was called.

FMA Representative Robert Snyder was opposed to having a California state chemist called in to test the cargo, and the night shift walked off, as well as a morning shift on June 16.

(San Francisco, 1954)

On June 5 at a garden luncheon in Berkeley, wives of ILWU Locals 6, 10 and 34 members set up a new auxiliary. At top, left to right, are Mrs. Willie Maron, Mrs. Rose Estreito (organizing committee), Mrs. Alice Geron (committee), Mrs. Betty Levy (S.F. Auxiliary president), Mrs. Janice MacLeod (committee), Mrs. Irene Kwos (Local 6 welfare department) and Mrs. Birthener Conner (committee). In inset at right, Mrs. Rose Arian (California Auxiliary VP), delivering a report as Mrs. Susan McKinley (temporary chairman) takes notes; lower photo, left to right, Mrs. Nora Veranese (committee), Mrs. Ethel Tenell and Mrs. Ida Morgan.

Margaret Pearl (committee), Mrs. Catherine Zarate (committee), Mrs. Ethel Tenell and Mrs. Ida Morgan, Tentative proposals were made at the luncheon for a children's clothing exchange and the making of layettes for the wives of unemployed members. The women discussed the effects of war and unemployment on children; children's camps; teen-age sports programs, and other possible auxiliary activities, such as a toy exchange, health and welfare, and the possible establishment of a credit union. In addition to those named above as members of the organizing committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Kanowitz was elected temporary secretary.

10 Years of ILWU in Hawaii

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It was a rare occasion when a sugar worker went to "town" (Honolulu) and bought essentials. Most of our money we spent at the company store, and we had little, if anything, left over after buying food, and other essentials.

"We were had credit 'risks' and we felt it deep inside. "By sacrificing much, some of us were able to send our children to various colleges... We didn't want them to suffer and live the lives we were living. We did not like being sugar workers."

ROBERTSON SPEAKS

At the Oahu picnic, ILWU First Vice President J. R. (Bob) Robertson spoke to the members and the general public. Other speeches were made by former circuit judge Alex E. Stedman; Justo dela Cruz, Oahu Division Director of Local 142; Jose Corpuz, business agent; Fred Salas, ILWU Local 142, and ILWU Regional Director in Hawaii, Jack W. Hall.

At the Maui celebration, Hall was the recipient of a scroll thanking him for his achievements for the union.

Other speakers at Maui were Thomas T. Yagis, Local 142 division director; Charles Matayoshi, and County Chairman Eddie Tam. The celebration was held in Kahului Park.

Hans L'Orange, manager of the Oahu Sugar Company and Robert Trent, executive secretary of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, also participated in the celebrations.

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Jimen in And Out of Jail Again

SAN FRANCISCO — Martin Jimenez, ILWU Local 6 member who has been under threat of deportation for some time under the provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act, was in and out of jail again two weeks ago.

Jimen, who has been free on $1,000 bail for some time while his appeal was pending, was suddenly jailed again on June 2, following a hearing in the case, and held in another case.

The Supreme Court had acted in the case of Galvan v. Press, and ordered that he be released and that his case be heard on appeal.

Judge George B. Barris turned the veteran Local 6 man, who has lived in the United States for many years, over to the Immigration Department, which promptly jailed him.

Notice of appeal having been filed by the warehouse local's attorney, Norman Leonard, the adm- inistration was released on June 7, but his bail was raised to $5,000.
Ten Years of ILWU Progress Hailed in Hawaii

At Oahu celebration of the tenth anniversary of ILWU organization in Hawaii June 5 are shown ILWU First Vice President J. R. Robertson, Hans L’Orange, manager of the Oahu Sugar Company, Robert Trent, executive secretary of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, Former Circuit Judge Alva E. Steadman (now president of Cooke Trust Company and Love’s Bakery). He said unions are here to stay. To his left are Justo de la Cruz, Oahu division director for Local 142, Jose Corpuz, sugar business agent, Fred Sakai, Hostess Jean Sera, who presented the leis, and ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall. The affair was held in the baseball park at Waipahu and was attended by thousands of sugar workers and their families.

In the picture above, Hall is presenting a pension certificate and ILWU pensioner’s lapel pin to Tomeichi Fujii. A uniform pension plan for sugar workers was one of the great gains of the last negotiations. Served to the celebrants were 15,000 bottles of soda pop, 5,000 plates of chow fun, 10,000 hot dogs on buns and one ton of flavored shaved ice. At the right, Yasuki Arakaki, first president of Olaa (Hawaii) ILWU sugar unit, presents a lei, gift and certificate of recognition to Kim Ing Kee, veteran Olaa Sugar Co. sugar worker, who was retired from his job a couple of years ago. Other Olaa old timers look on.

Pensioners, who joined the ILWU back in 1944 and who have since been retired, were honored at the Olaa union’s big 10th anniversary celebration held on April 30, May 1 and 2. At left are more of Olaa old timers after presentation of gifts, leis and certificates. Since these pensioners were retired prior to negotiation of the new sugar plan, they will not be covered under the new plan. Many put in as much as 45 years in development of the sugar industry in Hawaii.
**Oldtime Cooks Discuss PMA's Pension Offer**

SAN FRANCISCO — Veteran stewards who belong to the ILWU Stewards Department International are planning a protest in June 17 to a discussion of the pension plan offered by the Northern California regional stewards department. It was outstanding.

Some oldtime cooks and stewards, in denouncing the PMA representation rights for all members of the Longshoremen's Union, as "totally unsatisfactory," were picketed by the locals. The contract was extended until June 1955, all items except the ILWU-PMA settlement.

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Oil to the Far East is one of the more substantial cargoes handled on the West Coast. Bulk oil goes in tankers. Packaged in drums, it is handled by ILWU longshoremen in the cargo hatch of tankers and on dry cargo ships. The pictures above show drums of oil being loaded aboard the President Polk, a passenger liner and general cargo carrier, at Pier 50 in San Francisco last week. In order, they show a fork lift truck picking up 8 drums on two pallets and carrying them to shipside; the drums being tied for hoisting, and being hoisted over the side to the hatch; and being lowered down the hatch and coming to rest at the bottom of the hold where they are handrolled into place. Before introduction of palletization and the lift truck, which displaced at least eight men, the drums were rolled by hand from the dock to shipside, the line of rollers sometimes numbering 20 men.
Local 6 Hits DANC Try To Search Its Workers

SAN FRANCISCO—Several warehouse employers, in whose employ the locals have been attempting to institute a grievance procedure both administratively and totally unacceptable to ILWU, was voted twice this week.

The warehouse companies, claiming there were too many liars among the DANC representatives, have been seeking to limit the joint grievance procedure under the new contract.

ILWU Local 6 has served notice on the warehouse companies in Northern California that it will not tolerate such a practice, which is in direct violation of the agreement to the US Constitution.

The company is prohibited from searching and surveilling without a warrant, nor can the company legally waive his rights under the Constitution.

The warehouse companies in

Terminal Workers Get New Pact

OAKLAND—A new agreement was signed out by the locals here on June 25, 1954, for terminal workers.

The agreement, which is to be signed by the new local and employers, will provide for a wage increase, a new profit sharing plan, and a new grievance procedure.

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Local 694 Ink a Longshore Agreement

WILMINGTON—A new two-year agreement between the local and the employers, which was signed in a conference room at the headquarters of the local, was a major step forward in the longshore war.

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The membership is proud of the record it has established, of its rank and file militancy and determination to keep the union under ransom travel.

The gang steward who checked the book of every member of his gang to see that each was in good standing with the union. The waterfront division operated under and within the conditions set out by the rules and regulations. Twenty years ago waterfront work was the most hazardous in America, and personal injury was abnormally high.

The amount of cargo moved in and out of the hold of a ship has been uniform coastsince 1937, the load limit, which is 2190 pounds, is determined by the physical and social conditions.