Local 10’s Building Fund Grows

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 10 has increased the $50,000 mark this week by $40,000, the total amount toward the erection of a new Local 10 building. The October 14 target date for the building project has been set by ILWU Local 10 president, with the erection of the new Local 10 building expected to begin as early as October 15.

The $40,000 down payment represents a significant milestone in the building project, which has received strong support from Local 10 members. The ILWU Local 10 president noted that the building project is a reflection of the independent union’s commitment to its members and the local community.

Building Fund Indicator

ILWU Local 10, which is planning to build a new local office, has erected a thermometer at Pier 18 to keep the membership aware of how much has been collected and how far they still have to go. In this picture, local president Bill Chester, ILWU Northern California Regional Director, and Robert Rohatch, ILWU Local 10 vice-president, are shown examining the thermometer.

The employer-dominated NLRB took months to decide what everybody has known for a long time: that the ILA had won two elections in a row, and that the ILA had built the waterfront labor relations organization that is the bargaining agent for over 25,000 New York longshoremen. The employer-dominated NLRB took months to decide that the ILA had built a strong labor relations organization.

Who Said It?

“Any fascist attempt to gain power in America would not go by the Hitler pattern. It would work under the guise of ‘super-patriots’ and ‘super-Americanisms.’ Fascist leaders are neither stupid nor naive. They know that they must band out a line that ‘sells.’” —Harry Long

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IT WAS A GREAT victory for the rank and file working longshoremen on both coasts, when the ILWU was finally announced last week that the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) had defected to the seaborning AFL for a second time in the port of New York.

Despite the smoke screen of a waterfront cleanup which both Democratic and Republican politicians concocted, and behind which the AFL hoped to take over the New York waterfront with the aid of the employer-dominated National Labor Relations Board, there never was more than one real issue in the port.

And that issue was the right of the working longshoremen to decide for themselves what they wanted to do in their own interests, to decide what kind of a union they would have and who would run it.

LAST DECEMBER, after months of careful build-up and preparations, the AFL tried to take over the port in an NLRB election and it was decisively licked. The ILWU, however, under orders from the politicians and the Federal government, threw out the election results on the grounds that the AFL raiders had been “intimidated.” Another election last May had the same result.

The longshoremen in New York have had the whole book thrown at them:
- Taft-Hartley injunctions not only crippled their strike, but the longshore locals were even enjoined from collecting dues and the men had to pool their resources voluntarily.
- A tight and successful rank and file controlled strike which held off police intimidation as well as AFL strike-breaking was forced to end on the threat that otherwise the union would lose its place on the NLRB ballot.
- Pickets and strike leaders were arrested and jailed. Many lost their waterfront registration and thereby their right to work, merely for strike activities.
- The union was thrown into receivership to tie up its funds just before the NLRB election.
- The waterfront registration law was enacted, requiring each longshoreman in New York to be screened, registered, mugged and finger-printed.
- And since last September, as a result of AFL raiding, ILWU conspiring and political pressure plays, the longshoremen have been working without a contract.

Yet the longshoremen held fast, stuck to their union, took everything on, and came through on top.

AFTER THIS DISPLAY of trade union understanding and unity, they deserve and should get a union contract which is as good as their victory.

If nothing more, the NLRB has certainly shown what it’s up to and what its “benefits” amount to in this display of union wrecking which was put on against the New York longshoremen.

But the rank and file insisted that they needed no outside help to set their own union straight and no outside help to run their union affairs.

WE CAN EXPECT the same kind of operation here one day soon. Instead of using “racketeers” as the menace, we’ll undoubtedly get the “red” treatment.

This program of union wrecking and union breaking can and will be defeated on the West Coast by the same kind of proper understanding and solidarity in the ranks which has just paid off so well in New York. When we recall the double talk about losing NLRB “benefits” as one of the punishments under the recently enacted union busting Brownell bills, we wonder who’s kidding. What benefit?

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ON THE BEAM

By Harry Bridges

ACCORDING TO reports from Washington, the Department of Justice is still haggling out how or when to use the new Communist Control Act to outlaw the Communist Party.

But, as we predicted, they are preparing to use the union registration provisions of the law almost immediately.

The fact is that we now have a law in the hands of the Attorney-General. A law passed almost unanimously, under which an Attorney-General is empowered to determine from day to day or month to month whether a union is or is not subversive.

How will this be done? And what guides will be used in making this determination?

We in the ILWU have had a little experience in this business of placing political tests on trade union policies. Only a few years ago the rank and file committee which attended the CIO trial proceedings was astounded to hear the union’s organizing activities, its collective bargaining victories, its 1934 & ’36 strikes and even its democratic local union structure, all described as being part of a red plot—as being subversive.

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After all, this was simply a sell-out operation under which in return for one that off or another the union leaders were tied for less wages, hours and conditions than the rank and file could otherwise have won through the fullest use of their unity and their economic strength.

Mr. Murray, that the rank and file wants it another way, you’ll get the same answer: “Well, the rank and file is wrong. It’s the right way.

And what the ‘right way’ is at the moment will be determined by the politicians in the Department of Justice and the current government policy.

It won’t be enough to keep quiet, steer off the political issues and stick strictly to simple trade union business.

The price of escaping attack will be the active endorsement of the latest foreign or domestic policy which needs a union label.

The law gives the Attorney-General the power to move against any union in the land also provides that any union which insists—as the ILWU did for less in wages, hours and conditions than the rank and file could otherwise have won through the fullest use of their unity and their economic strength.

The new union registration law is aimed at preventing just this from happening. It is not so much a law to liquidate existing unions or to close them down. It is instead a law under which unions can continue to operate so long as they operate in the “right way.”

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**Fight for American Civil Liberties is On**

WASHINGTON—From November 11, 1953, when Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. appointed Fireman Director J. Edgar Hoover staged their first public denunciation of the body and reputation of Harry Dexter White in order to start the campaign charging the Democratic party with "year after year treason" right up to this Labor Day under the banner of anti-Communism, the march against the liberties and rights of men who live and work in America has continued.

The most spectacular flash in that march against the liberties and freedoms of citizens have been:

1. The White case itself which saw the head of the government's secret police coming out in the open on a political issue for the first time and the eager parroting of Joe McCarthy's "20 trillion dollars" line by GOP Chairman Laurence J.itter, the man with this attacks on the CIO and its president, Walter Reuther, as "leftists, as associated with White, a womyn New Deal official, former President Truman and FDR."

**INDECENCY SCANDAL**

2. The televised Army-McCarthy hearings that dominated Senate debate on censure of McCarthy, a top leader of the Democratic party and Democratic leaders alike, to cooperate create another committee to investigate McCarthy.

3. The fantastic case of J. Robert Oppenheimer, who admitted--with teeth chattering--to lending his name to the creation of the atomic bomb. The Atomic Energy Commission, which did not condemn him further to government secrecy because he, before working for the government, knew some Communists. As anticipated, no condemnation of the eagerness to smear Oppenheimer. The subject of international personal and sensitive secrets discussed in his layman hearings, enabling all the world, including the Russians, to read.

4. The package of civil rights-stifling legislation delivered on order of the Republican majority. On this, the NAACP, determined to craft a bill to Congress by Brownell, the pre-empting of the civil rights protection of the Fifth Amendment, the denationalization of persons convicted of sedition, a 20-year disqualification for peace, and imposing long prison terms for harboring federal fugitives, jumping bail and obstructing government investigations.

**MORE SECURITY**

There is the creation of a new Internal security division in the Justice Department as well as requests for more funds to speed political police, or any other government, and jail and more funds to keep them in business.

The number of men and women arrested under the thrill provisions of the Smith Act rose to 117.

3. The precedent-setting trial of President Ben Gold of the International Fur & Leather Workers. Although he had publicly broken from the organization before signing a Tuft-Harley non-Communist affidavit, Gold was convicted of still being and acting the Communist party member. The court record later revealed that AFL officials had talked with members of the jury while the case was going on, but a mis- understanding was denied.

But the real story of ever-increasing civil liberties was being told in heartbreak and loss of jobs in many parts of the land where Immigration officials were carrying out "fishing expeditions" and searching homes of men and women. One of the cases was the case of Robert Lattimore.

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department acquired August 1953 will seek a new perjury indictment of Mr. Justice Department as well as the collapse case against him. The indictment charged Lattimore, who is a major target of the CIA, in 1953 when punched full of holes in the courts. Major attacks on the CIO, which accosted the former professor of 18 years ago, then he told a marathon hearing of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in 1952 the "sympathizer or any other kind of promoter and enemy of the communist interests."

On May 31, 1954, Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl dismissed this and three other counts in the indictment. Youngdahl said the main charge dismissed Lattimore the freedom of belief guaranteed by the Constitution. A federal appeals court on July 8, 1954, reinstated two of the dismissed charges in the Youngdahl in throwing out the key count. The court held that the word "sympathizer" did not "carry an easy to be followed meaning" to justify a perjury charge.

Rather than appeal this finding to the Supreme Court, the Justice Department, if the court lets the ruling stand, files the record reinstated by the grand jury. Lat- timore, a longshoreman, working for the State Department, has been under attack since 1951 when Senator Joseph McCarthy accused him of working for the Soviet Union. He resigned from the organization in 1945 as a "sympathizer with the State Department. He has been under attack since 1951.

**FOOLED BY BOSS**

Some of these employees are getting promises that have convinced them there is an裁 decision. Some of these local leaders have been very reluctant to use the newspapers as an instrument to bring about change. The strategy, which has been increasing, is to create an appearance that a union has been defeated.

Fighting for American Civil Liberties is On

**Longshoremen's Strike - August 11-20**

San Francisco - The mammoth Crown-Zellerbach strike in the news this week is a major challenge to the AFL and the IWW. The strike is a test of the AFL's ability to organize a strike and its willingness to support workers who are striking for higher wages and better working conditions.

**Cotton Cargo on Increase in S. F.**

SAN FRANCISCO — Cotton, soybeans and other grain cargoes for the year as king of exports through the Port of San Francisco have been increasing. Cargoes have been valued at more than $37,000,000. Cotton cargoes have been valued at more than $23,000,000. Soybeans have been valued at more than $4,000,000.

**How You Voted To Vote Yet?**

If you have not registered to vote in the last election, you should register by September 8. That is the last date to register for the election.

Voting is one of the obligations of citizenship, and it is particularly an obligation if you want to preserve their unions.

Vote for candidates who will be fair to organized labor.

**Local 26 Signs Export Firms**

WILMINGTON — Class A & B Health and Welfare payments of $1.00 a month will be included in contracts signed between ILWU Local 26 and Export Firms. Also gained was triple time for holidays and an increase of 10 cents offer which several AFL workers in the Weyerhauser plant accepted for $2.05 an hour.

**Local 24 Picnic**

SAN PEDRO — Mike Silk, ILWU Local 13 docker is who was arrested for his organizing efforts and was released on September 1 after 46 years in the labor movement. He was made life honorary president of the ILWU dockers. Only membership concurred on August 19

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**MIKE SILK and SILK was officially installed as President of the ILWU on August 31, 1954. He was born in 1967 and started his working life as a repairman in 1900 as a apprentice iron worker. He remained in the craft for many years working to win his longshoreman's card.

**Youthful delegation to the AFL-CIO convention in 1951, he nominated for the federation.**

For several years Silk worked as a laborer, and came to San Francisco in 1950 where he joined the new ILA. After ILA became ILWU he went to Stockton as a longshoreman, later transferring to ILWU Local 13 here.

It was Silk's work in Stockton that brought him into the Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt French trist as a defense witness on January 25, 1949.

**STOOLPIGMENTS Paul Crouch and Manning Johnson had told that ILWU President Harry Bridges attended a "central commit-tee" meeting in New York in June, 1950.**

Silk's testimony helped to prove the ILWU's financial involvement in the Chicago union and in the IWW strike. The ILWU Local 13 member served on nearly every local of the ILWU for decades. He was nominated for the longshore pension on December 3, 1951. He will be a 49 years old man on the day he retired.

**Auxiliary in L.A. Stretches Dollars**

SAN PEDRO — The ILWU Women's Auxiliary has im-plemented an expanded committee to help the wives of Local 26 members further their financial and education efforts. The committee has been effective in helping families of ILWU members.

Chairwoman of the Committee, included Mildred Berman, Patricia McCord and Doris Newman.
ILWU Local 6 Opens New SF Hiring Hall

The new ILWU Local 6 hiring hall (for men) in San Francisco had a house warming party on August 21 at its new quarters—86 Commercial Street. Hundreds turned out to celebrate. Upper left shows a group standing in front of the entrance to the hall looking out left, a group of warehousemen and women under the slogan that typifies ILWU hiring practices. Standing in front of the dispatcher’s cage are Lew Clayman (left) and Al Harman, chairman of Local 6’s board of trustees and manager of its celebrated drum and drill team (Dispatcher Billy Lufrano is in the circle inset). Upper right, left to right, are Warehouse Local 6 members Clarence Leland, Anthony Russ, Joe Freeman, Al Reese, Sam Lewis, Ezekiel Fulan and John Dragoian. Examining the floral offerings is Thomas Charles Jones. The card he holds in his hand reads: “ILWU Local 6: Congratulations on your new home. May your building stand as a monument of old traditions of maritime democracy to remind you of our common struggle of the past and our great success ahead.” (Signed) The Members & Staff, ILWU Stewards Department.” The other bouquet came from ILWU Local 34, Ship clerks, with fraternal greetings. The hall opened for business on August 16.

Wife of Seattle Dock Worker is Arrested!

ASTORIA, Ore.—Sharp protest against the recent arrest for deportation of an ILWU Local 19 longshoreman’s wife, Mrs. Gus Rytal, has been voiced by the Clatsop County Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

In a letter to Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., the committee pointed out that prosecution of the middle-aged Norwegian-born woman would not “do nothing to preserve our institutions, but would undermine what little confidence people have left” in the regional office of the Immigration Bureau, headquartered in the Sound city. Mrs. Rytal’s arrest coincided with a stepped-up drive against Local 6’s Get Polio Insurance

SAN FRANCISCO — Benefits for post-polio care went in effect September 1, 1954, and the patient has been continuously covered since starr of the disease.

The Kaiser Foundation will treat patients of foreign birth living on the Oregon side of the Columbia, the committee said in an interview. Within the past ten days, the committee charged, “quite a few persons in Astoria have been harrased by the local inspector reportedly accompanied by a representative from Mr. Boyd’s office in Seattle.” At least one of the number, the committee said further, is an active member of the Oregon ILWU.

Local 24 Protests Anti-ILWU Bills

ABERDEEN, Wash. — During the closing days of Congress ILWU Local 24 here protested the imminent passage of the Brownell anti-union “package” which has now become law.

In a wire directed to Senators Warren Magnuson and Henry Jackson and Congressman Don Bostwick, the ILWU expressed its strong disapproval of the anti-union “package” which has now become law.

Congressman Harold Veelle (R., III.) has repeatedly said that the Brownell package was aimed at ILWU.

US companies have an investment of more than $4.8 million in manufacturing in foreign countries.

The companies include the following:

- 40—Clyde C. Levan; Local 63—James Basterrechea and Lorenz Chelhar; Local 15—Mike Bilk and E. Thomas; John Veint; Jack D. Dainty and George Warner; also.
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- Child of Local 10 Dockers Saved From Bay

SAN FRANCISCO—Joseph Morris, Jr., aged 6, was saved from drowning on August 25 when he fell off Ferry Ship No. 5 into the bay.

Postman Edward Streiner, who heard Joe Jr. screaming dived into the water and held him until an approaching ferryboat captain saw both the man and the boy and rowed a boat.

Joe Jr. is the son of Joseph Morris, ILWU Local 10 longshoreman. They live at 967 Mission Street, where the six-year-old made a rapid recovery from his sudden immersion in the bay.

15 Dockers Retired on Sept. First

SAN FRANCISCO—Fifteen more oldtime dock workers retired on the first of September, the ILWU-PMA Pension Plan announced last week.

They are: Local 8—John H. Atwater, Howard P. Lamb and Walter P. Larson; Local 10—Emilio Basterrechea and Lovem Christen; Local 15—Mike Bilk and E. Thulin; John Veint, Jack D. Dainty and George Warner; also.

Local 24—William M. Major.

The affair will be held at the union hall, 4551 Avalon, and music will be furnished by Roy Milton and his orchestra. Admission will be $1, and all proceeds will go to the local’s building fund.

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Eureka Bottle Workers Get 5 Cent Wage Hike

LOS ANGELES—A wage increase of $1.25 per man-month for the Warehousemen’s Health and Welfare Plan were won in a contract signed last month between ILWU Local 20 and Eureka Bottles.
Disputed Overtime Won

Ten men aboard the James Lick (including one AFL cook) represented in the steel strike against PMA funds built by the ILWU-SDOC and were paid $2,084.61, which is the average of the 

strike funds against such a contingency being built on board PMA vessels. The minor - Pacific Luxury Line's President Wilson, as such a fund is not maintained by each voyage and are being held aboard ship for any emergency. Other ships which are building emergency funds include the President Tyler, President Van Buren, President Polk and President Adm. Typical of these actions is a petition from the Pacific mail from Bombay, India, on August 5, and signed by 49 ILWU-SDOC stewards. At that date, they raised a fund of $315 which it has grown since.

"Unified action," Robertson said, "is the key to success in the September stop - work meeting. We do not move until every stewards' department on every ship is ready to come aboard a stop - work meeting. "We do not move till all is ready and the entire muscle is built that is required to force the shipowners to sit down at the table and negotiate."

ILWU Funds Built

The election will take place in all ports and set up the course to be followed by the committee, which will then come to San Francisco to make a final meeting with the Pacific Maritime Association for the purpose of negotiating and bringing into being a collective bargaining agreement for the ship owners.

GROUP IS FREE

The coast-wide committee will also be in a position to go to the board of the rank and file of all members and present representatives of the ship owners.

The main purpose of this project, according to Robertson, is to bring about a contract for all working stewards, no matter with which union they are affiliated, as rapidly as possible.

PMA stewards have been working without a contract for two years and six months.

ILWU Stewards Department

Stewards on Polk Ready for Action

BOMBAY, India—The stewards aboard the President Polk, who belong to ILWU's Stewards Department, are ready to take any action necessary to win a contract. A resolution signed by 68 cooks and stewards, and forwarded by SDLC delegates Armon Croston, reads as follows:

"We, the brothers and sisters of the President Polk, concerned in the recent progress reports by President R. Robertson, ILWU first vice-president and chairman of ILWU-SDOC, and in order to secure any action necessary to win a contract, have fully understood a strike may be in the making, and a long struggle ahead of us. We have had our meeting for careful study of the best action required to get our contract. We have raised $315 for a voluntary strike fund..." and the like.

The scullions rose up in arms in common resentment, says the Stewards Log, and proved to the company that if the galley was untidy it was the fault of the company for having "so busy beating the guys out of overtime they forgot they had responsible services and services to live up to. Result: no quarrel about overtime, and a clean galley."

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The Van Buren is 99 per cent ILWU, with the exception of the third cook, who is on a relief trip.
Meetings on Shipboard

Keep Members Up to Date

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU stewards aboard PMA ships are reporting to The Dispatcher the actions taken at shipboard membership meetings.

The Philippine Bear stewards department on August 3 voted Thomas J. Hitchen a “good man to sail with,” and said they were sorry to see him leave the ship in San Francisco.

Hitcherson is now a temporary ILWU-SDOC representative in San Francisco. (See picture on page A, this issue.)

LURLINE REPORTS

An August meeting aboard the luxury liner Lurline, reported by ILWU-SDOC Delegate Phil S. Murphy, carried a detailed report of a speech he made to the members of his department aboard the vessel. Delegate Murphy spoke on the need for unity aboard the ship to get the things the crew members need and want. He reported on the settlement of a number of cases that had occurred during the voyage, and beaks that looked as though they might be coming up.

The Lurline meeting was also addressed by an AFL member, who spoke in favor of unity between AFL and ILWU men aboard the vessel. He invited an ILWU speaker to appear at an AFL meeting aboard and the invitation was accepted.

Arthur Cobb, Organizer, Loses a Bet

SAN FRANCISCO — The next time Arthur Cobb, AFL-organizer, bets two hundred dollars on anything, he’ll think twice about it. The way it comes, he’ll come up a question of who represents whom, who owns what?

On August 30, Cobb, who is chief steward on the Surprise, risked a twenty-dollar bill on his statement that he could produce more AFL books aboard the vessel than temporary ILWU-SDOC Representative Tom Hitcherson could produce ILWU books.

Hitcherson promptly produced 8 ILWU books out of a total of 12 ILWU-SDOC departments aboard. Cobb could produce his own and one other.

Cobb sighed by saying he couldn’t get all the books together and the men had left the ship, but arithmetic is still arithmetic even when an AFL man tries to do it. (And 8 from 12 would leave 4 AFL books, if it weren’t for the fact that there is at least one other AFL department aboard the 12, who wasn’t aboard.) Cobb also have to face a hearing.

San Francisco, September 6 — The Pine Tree Mariner, also 100 per cent ILWU, whose chief steward is Warren Hudgeth, and delegate in C. S. 3. Cobb was alibied by saying he couldn’t get all the books together, but Cobb risked a $200 bet that he could produce the materials he was given, which included a statement that he was given by the company.

The third man faced the hearing, but the mate who was on the boat at the time the STU member who won it for him are: -

The Welfare Report for August 1954

SAN FRANCISCO — During the month of August the ILWU-SDOC Welfare department received $37,314.24 in benefits to members of the Stewards Department Organizing Committee.

This total may be broken down into the following categories:

Welfare Fund Disability Benefits — $5,494.44
California Disability and Hospital Benefits — $11,720.50
Maintenance and Care Payments — $15,072.00
Unearned Wages — $1,203.31
Dependents’ Disability Benefits — $1,073.05
Deep Benefits — $5,000.00
Transportation Payments — $7,005.00
Cash Settlements — $740.00

Phil Eden, ILWU-SDOC Welfare officer, submitted the monthly report, emphasized to all members that the department is interested in helping all ship’s officers when ill, in order to receive immediate attention and establish that the illness was not incurred while aboard the vessel; also, to report immediately to the union’s welfare officer, when arriving in port, to guarantee receiving all benefits to which the ill or injured member is entitled.

SDOC Man Assaulted by Goons

PORT ALBERNI, B. C. — Eddie Chang, ILWU-SDOC delegate aboard the Hawaiian Forester, went ashore on August 17, took his wallet and beat him until his face was practically unrecognizable.

Chang tried to stop the fight, but the men still beat him up and stopped themselves. Chang went back to his ship.

That night at 2:30 a.m., asleep in his bunk, Chang was attacked by three of the SUP deck crew, who gassed up. They gassed up again before he could get to the door, and then gassed him.

Chang went down the street to the supper room and started in on him again, but the mate who was on watch put a stop to it.

In Seattle all three goons defended一架ing anybody, but the ship’s captain fired two of them before the Court Guard had even scheduled a hearing on the assault.

The third man faced the hearing, but in the meantime he had been suspended for 6 months. Two others will be heard.

Chang is still aboard the Hawaiian Forester. The job he was doing is a very good job as SDOC delegate. The entire steward’s department aboard the Hawaiian Forester is a good team.

Life expectancy of Negroes is about 10 years shorter than for whites.
Working Cooks Call for Action

James Lick Ready to Go

A signed petition from the ILWU-SDOC stewards aboard the James Lick, mailed August 27, informs the Stewards Department of the ILWU that the crew members are ready to go to any means necessary to get a contract.

To All Working Cooks & Stewards

The Dispatch is anxious to report all activities aboard PMA vessels on which ILWU-SDOC members are employed. Letters of 200 words are therefore solicited and will be printed, as space permits.

Pictues of crew members and the activities in which they are engaged are most welcome. They should be clear, sharp pictures of any size, printed on glossy paper, and most important: Identify all the individuals, left to right.

Copies of the minutes of shipboard meetings and the actions taken at those meetings will interest your brother and sister cooks and stewards aboard other vessels. Send them in, too.

All contributions should be sent to Editor, The Dispatcher, 100 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2, Calif.
SAN FRANCISCO—La Comisión Organizadora del Departamento de Cámara de la ILWU anunció esta semana que las sesiones con pára de trabajo para todos los obreros del ramo en el departamento de cámara, se fijarán durante el mes de septiembre.

Las fechas que se fijarán para dichas sesiones estarán basadas sobre el número de barcos que en este tiempo se encuentren en puerto, adaptándose de tal modo, a fin de garantizar la asistencia máxima de los miembros del departamento de cámara que trabajan para la Asociación Maritima del Pacífico (P. M. A.).

La disposición primordial en los asuntos de trabajo en dichas sesiones, será el de obtener un informe detallado sobre el progreso del programa en el Departamento de Cámara, y también en desarrollar planes para una rápida acción.

Es de esperar que el acontecimiento más importante será el de la elección de una comisión representativa de personal del departamento de cámara que están afiliados con la ILWU-SDOC, a la AFL, o los que no pertenecen a ningún gremio de todo.

Dicha elección se llevará a efecto en todos los puertos como también la organización de la comisión representativa a lo ancho de la costa, tras esto, entonces vendrá a San Francisco para exigir una reunión inmediata con la Asociación Maritima del Pacífico (P. M. A.) y realizar las negociaciones con los representantes de las empresas navieras.

La comisión que funcionará a lo ancho de la costa estará además en una posición para solicitar y obtener el apoyo del grueso de las filas militantes de todos los gremios marítimos, en la ejecución de sus justos reclamos.

El objeto principal de este programa, insistió la ILWU, será el de lograr un convenio para todos los trabajadores del ramo en el departamento de cámara, una importancia con tal gremio, estén ellos afiliados, en una acción rápida como sea posible.

Personal de Cámara en la Asociación Maritima del Pacífico (P.M.A.) han estado y aún están trabajando sin contraído alguno, por espacio de dos años y medio.

Para Septiembre Se Fijo Paro de Trabajo

In the Sulphur Mines

NEW YORK—ILWU-SDOC Representative Pete McGoldrick met on August 27 with Tony Anastasi, Anthony Imbrazus and Sam Dibella, officers of the ILWU local of the International Longshoremen’s Association (Ind.), who pledged complete moral support to the ILWU Stewards Department Organizing Committee.

The ILA officials told McGoldrick that they wanted to see the closest working relationship between ILA and ILWU dock workers, and pledged that if the ILWU Stewards Department had to go on strike to get a contract, they would support it 100 per cent.

Illegally and Dibella recently made a tour of West Coast ILWU locals to tell their side of the battle in which they were engaged with a rival AFL organization attempting to raid them.

IGA was finally certified by the National Labor Relations Board on the same day McGoldrick met

ARE YOU A LOYAL AMERICAN OR ARE YOU GOING TO ASK ME FOR A WAGE INCREASE?

LA Leaders in Brooklyn Pledge Support to SDOC

Verificación estructuramente del interés de todos

ILWU stewards aboard the Sulphur Mines

Here are four of the five ILWU stewards aboard the Sulphur Mines, all of whom are 100 per cent for the SDOC program, and ILWU delegates, Grady Turner (second cook), Joseph Hudson (saloon messman) and Eddie Gonzales (chief cook). Antonio Quintas (PG messman) didn’t get into the picture, sent from New York by ILWU-SDOC representative Pete McGoldrick.

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Local 26 Man Helped Mine Salt of Earth

LOS ANGELES — Although much of the initial planning for the production of the motion picture “Salt of the Earth,” propped by the Mine-Mill union members and supporters, was concerned with company-initiated vigilantes to keep the pickets away, little has been said about the workers behind the scenes. The men whose efforts made it possible for the camera to roll.

One of these men was PaulPerlins, a 26-year-old member, who was technical coordinator of the ILWU Local 17 of July 21.

He was one of the first planning sessions, months before shooting started, until the film was in the can.

BLACKLISTED MAN

Perlins was a member of the IATSE and a studio grip for 18 years. He joined the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Hollywood, through the strike of the Conference of Studio Unions in 1946.

Perlins, and the rest of the technical crew were on the location sites in Silver City and Bayard two months before shooting started. They became members of Mine-Mill Local 800, which had evolved from the miners’ union organization.

He was elected president of the miners’ union twice against area Empire Zinc upon which the picture was shot.

Perlins, in fact, was elected president of the ILWU’s San Diego Local 800.

“One of the big differences that we had to overcome was that equipment in order. Breakdowns occurred, and the local had to do the equipment repair shop.

The local had to take the equipment into the mine shops and do the necessary work, under the watchful eye of those miners who were familiar with it.”

Almost all of the footage was shot on a privately-owned ranch, the Ranch of William Glazier of the International Office, at Glazier, on the outskirts of Los Angeles, near Los Angeles, using members of the local’s Furniture Workers Local 176 who volunteered for the job.

After the first threats of vigilantes in Silver City, Perlins said, it was necessary to concentrate all of the men on that area, from some neighboring states, to work in the local and patrol the camp and guard the miners who were performing their duties.

Many of the miners, Perlins said, “could be trusted to carry rifles just in case some gang turned up.

UNION ACTION

Perlins revealed that Juan Chacon, president of Local 800, was selected by the union and the ranch owner to serve as a union representative on the picture, although it had originally been intended to hire a professional actor.

“Mr. Fagerhaugh’s attorney received a letter of August 

"Your story failed completely to state that, according to the motion, Mr. Fagerhaugh’s place of employment was well known to the Government, and that his only purpose in demanding that the Government reveal his name was to use the Government to enforce the unlawful and illegal purpose of harassing the defendant and preventing him to public censure and loss of employment.

Fagerhaugh’s attorney received a letter of August 15 which stated that the Examiners had the same information, but the Examiners did not make such an offer.

The Defense Department is growing rapidly.

Local 26 Win 5c

Local 26 Women's Auxiliary made a campsite available next summer for about 23.5 million US families in 1955, according to the National Association of Manufacturers. The association said that the number of families in the US increased from 21.4 million in 1955 to 23.1 million in 1956. The association said that television sets sold in 1955.

Baton Twirler

This is Diana Shelton (aged 10). She won the championship at the Chicago Music Festival. She won four prizes: first prize (cash) and 3rd place in the 3rd straight line and has now returned home.

ILWU-PA Committee Set for Joint Program

SAN FRANCISCO — The Committee of the ILWU Political Action Conference on August 19 set up a committee of five to meet with other labor groups in the Bay Area and with political groups to work out a joint program of political action.

The committee consists of Richard Lydon (Local 6), Henry Schmidt (Local 18), Willie Waller (Local 2), E. Quinn (Local 75), and Lavon Bonham (Local 34) with Tim Kelly (Local 6) as alternates.

A report was made to the conference by Local 6 Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lydon, on the ILWU delegation which met in Washington and addressed the platform committees of the Democratic Party and the National Maritime Union. The committee may meet there on August 7 and 8. (See August 20 Dispatcher.)

The conference agreed to hold a meeting of the full ILWU Political Action Committee on September 1, to receive a report by the action committee, and to work out a program for mobilizing the support of ILWU members in the Bay Area.

Ken Hansen (Local 6), who acted as chairman of the conference action committee meeting, reported on his request to the Democratic and Republican Party platform committees.

Hansen said he had received an invitation from the GOP committee to submit a draft proposal on Fair Employment Practices legislation. He added that he has been in consultation with the ILWU Women’s Auxiliary.

Local 6 Drum and Dance Teams Win 10 Prizes

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Local 6’s drum and dance team keeps right on winning prizes. On May 23, Maritime Day, the drum corps won first prize, ($25) and the dance team second prize, ($22).

On June 6 in Sausalito the drill team took first prize, ($40) and the dance team second prize, ($25). Other prizes were won at Gilroy (June 11), State Oren Jolles, ($40), Redwood City (July 5), and Stockton (July 5).

On August 7, Dolores Fowerman, majorette, won first prize of $25 and the drum corps won a $25 prize at ceremonies commemorating the opening of the Silver Avenue (San Bruno) bridge.

On August 22 at the San Rafael fundraiser, Pinetta Paoncelli, majorette, won a $25 second prize.

About 23,5 million US families bought major household appliances and furnishings last year, compared with 21.4 million in 1955. Television sets led the group of purchases.

Credit Where It's Due

SAN PEDRO — Mrs. Ross Larsen, secretary of ILWU Local 800, has been told that the women who belong to that organization must take care of their own affairs, and they should be given the prizes and thanks of all for a job very well done for two years in succession. The Auxiliary made the salad and served the trimmings and desserts and coffee.

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Local 26 Women Check Camp-Site

LOS ANGELES — The children’s Summer Camp Committee of ILWU Women’s Auxiliary 26, headed by Marie Perry, last week reported that a camp-site suitable for the purposes of the Auxiliary and Local 26 has been found in the San Fernando-Redlands area.

Barton Flats, the camp-site, will be available next summer for a two-week period at a cost of $5,000 a week. This will include all costs of food, lodging, counselors, and health provisions.

Local 26 had been asked to designate a committee to work on the camp-site with the Auxiliary committee, and arrangements to have the camp go ahead as quickly as possible.

Local 17 Gets 5c at Rice Growers

SAN FRANCISCO — An agreement between ILWU Local 17 here and Farmers Rice Growers Cooperatives, signed on June 1, was amended to provide 5c on bushel wage raise to all classifications effective on that date.

Casual workers employed in excess of 60 days will receive half day’s vacation pay at the straight-line rate for each 173 straight and overtime hours worked in excess of 60 days during the first year of employment, and 1 day’s pay for each year thereafter.
Home Again This is Nick Toyagich, ILWU Local 10 oldtimer, who flew home to his native Yugoslavia on August 11 after 48 years. Toyagich, 72 years old, came to NY from Bremerhaven, Germany in 1906. He has been a ditch-digger, miner, railroad worker. In 1911, he did some gold-mining in North Bend, Oregon. Toyagich worked in the USA from 1911 to 1949. Nick is 72 years old, came to NY from Bremerhaven, Germany in 1906. He has been a ditch-digger, miner, railroad worker. In 1911, he did some gold-mining in North Bend, Oregon. Toyagich worked in the USA from 1911 to 1949.

Local 18 Wins New Pact at Pillbury ASTORIA, Ore.—In the short- est time in the history of the local, the negotiating committee of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local 18, assisted by National Representative M.M. Meehan, and Mrs. Taylor, August 10 wrapped up a contract for Local 18 members including women, incorporated, and the Flour, Feed and Flour Millers' National Association of Seattle.

Meehan and Taylor were A.J. Strong and Clara Jones presided.

Sardines Are Reported Returning to West Coast MONTEREY — Reports of return of sardines to Monterey have been post- posed until Jan. 15, 1955, in the meaning of the local to make the San Francisco Bay waters safe enough for sardines to be present two weeks ago by union negotiators.

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AFL groups. Portland Auxiliary 14 is making plans to establish an ILWU auxiliary here.

TUNA FROM TUNA — Dispatch Staff Photo

To Your Health!

The Problem of Ulcers

ONE OUT EVERY ten people has a duodenal ulcer some time in his life. The duodenum is the first part of the small intestine, attached to the stomach. Ulcers occur in the duodenum and the stomach.

Advances in medical knowledge and treatment during recent years have made the ulcer sufferer far less miserable than they used to be. ILWU families should not hesitate to use their Welfare coverage for a prompt checkup at the first appearance of symptoms.

"Pain-food-ease" is the usual ulcer picture. Discomfort, varying from actual pain to abnormally strong hunger, starts some time after a meal and relieves itself when the food pain is around the center of the abdomen, above the navel.

When an ulcer has been under treatment, you are likely to wake at night with pain, two or three hours after going to sleep, though you have no pain in the morning.

REASONS FOR ULCERS

Ulcers may be caused by bad eating habits, by overworking or by over-eating. If you have ulcers, consult your doctor.

Ulcers result when digestive juices containing acid attack the wall of the stomach or duodenum. Muscle spasm in the contraction interferes with the blood flow and furthers the "digestion" of the stomach wall.

Medical opinion differs on whether or not an ulcer patient needs continuous treatment, with many doctors believing that just as many so-called "ulcers" are self-induced, and should not be treated as such, because they are caused by the patient's own anxieties.

Ulcers are caused by the build-up of stomach acid, which irritates the stomach or duodenal lining, sometimes severely. The acid may be too strong, or there may be too much of it.

Three types of complications need vigorous treatment. Ulcers, along with medicine, is a prescription for no irritation, and sufficient quantities. Symptoms may be abnormal, such as deep-seated and constant pain, with the patient eating nothing for days. The local plus $3 per year for wageworkers.

The ulcer diet should be balanced and nutritious. In some cases surgery is necessary, but this is attempted only as a last resort. The ulcer diet should be balanced and nutritious.
The Islais Creek Grain Terminal (Barley Dock) in San Francisco, part of which is shown at top left, stores 30,000 tons of grain. The grain comes by rail car and truck and goes out by ship. Scoops operated by men and pulled by cable pull the grain out of rail cars to a dump from which it is picked up by belt and conveyed upward to huge storage silos. Shown in the pictures are sacking off and weighing operations. The mountain behind the weigher is bulk wheat. Lower right is a peek at belt conveyers. One of these carries the grain to storage. The other carries it through a long shed construction to the ships.

—Dispatcher photos
The REAL LESSON we have learned from the three-year experience of the marine cooks and stewards is not to let our enemies slowly force us into a position where, because of doubts and fears, we lose our military and finally become afraid to face up to the issues and fight. Realizing what is at stake in the struggle of our Stewards Department members, the ILWU membership as a whole is prepared to back them all the way.

In the near future, members of the Stewards Department will bring about a situation where the ILWU has the legal and moral right to strike. When the Stewards Department makes such a demand on the shipowners it will be prepared to take whatever steps are necessary, including strike action.

STEWARDS DEPARTMENT members are determined to force the employers to recognize them as a union group and when such recognition is denied to us they will force the employers to recognize them as a union group.

The demand for recognition by the Stewards Department personnel surely will come as no surprise to the shipowners. For years we have been exposing the NLRB, election laws, and the fact that the Stewards Department workers had made up their minds that there must be a change. They are now ready to bring about that change within the structure of the ILWU; and if they are forced to hit the brakes to correct all the abuses that have existed for a long time, such action will be entirely on the shoulders of the shipowners.

As there is no legal barrier preventing them from sitting down with their employers to work out a mutually satisfactory settlement of all issues in dispute.

The three-year struggle has been a lesson to us all. We have learned that the only road to victory lies in the united and concerted action of the workers and the employers. We have learned to demand and insist on our rights and demands from the beginning. We have learned the lesson of patience and the lesson of fighting with determination. We have learned that the workers must stand firm in their determination to get what they want and that they must be prepared to fight for it. We have learned that the workers must be prepared to make sacrifices and to pay the price of victory.

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