Tied-Up Docks

This is how London's Royal Victoria Alberta Docks looked on October 17, when 21,000 British longshoremen and other dock workers were on strike. Export cargoes are piled up in pier sheds. As The Dispatcher went to press 44,000 men were out in the 3-week-old strike. The usual cries of "Communist-inspired" are heard throughout England, but the men are striking against compulsory overtime work, demanded by the employers. Arthur Deskin, secretary of the Transport & General Workers Union, has been urging the dockers to go back to work, saying the strike is "unauthorized" and a "Red plot." Most of the workers belong to Deskin's union. The rest to the Stevedore's Union. For more information about this great strike, see Harry Bridges, On The Beam, on Page 2.

Signup for Dentistry Extended

SAN FRANCISCO — Registration for the Pilot Dental Program here has been extended through November 6, by action of the ILWU PMA Welfare Fund trustees. Bay area children signed up for dental care totaled 2,618 early this week.

Meanwhile, Wilmington Harbor area longshoremen, passengers and traveling bosses started registering their children on October 23. The first day saw 215 children enrolled. Southern California's area longshoremen, shipsclerks and walking bosses started registering their children on October 23.

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Local 26 Convention Calls for Fair Trade

LOS ANGELES — A total of 144 delegates from 29 plants, under contract to ILWU Local 26 attended the local's Sixth Annual convention October 18, with Thrifty Drug's 30 delegates, the largest group from any one plant.

In a keynote address by Local President Al Caplan, in which he reviewed the union's activities since the last convention, he told delegates that "we have the confidence of the people." We have made constant gains. We have won literally hundred of grievances. We must pay tribute to the shop stewards for their victories on the job.

Caplan urged "greater public works at home, and greater trade with all the countries of the world, including China," to solve the country's growing problem of unemployment.

Lundeberg Says Firemen Gave Up Their Autonomy

BULLETIN

Testifying before an NLRB examiner his week, Harry Lundeberg declared the Marine firemen gave up their autonomy when they joined the petition for a two-department election on PMA ships.

"The demand was an obvious device which, if accepted, would attempt to overwhelm stevedore department workers by the votes of AFL and union men and women, and force them into SEU against their will."

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The 3-man election committee of the ILWU's PMA department with Plumbers and Boilermakers set NLRB elections, but both the sailors and firemen are now working exclusively from these two unions.

"We are determined to hold what we have and to improve what we have," he said. "We are prepared for anything that might come along in the form of strikes and attacks."

"Our union over-all is in great shape. It is effective, a fighting outfit. It makes its mark and it causes people to listen. Our union has produced results, it has protected the rights of our people. It has delivered.

"Wages and working conditions are the primary concern of our union."

"We have democratic controls (Continued on Page 4)"
WITHEM ARMS

ON THE BEAM

By Harry Bridges

THE STRIKE of the longshoremen in England, which is now in its third week, is spelling out some pretty harsh trade union lessons.

About three weeks ago a couple of gangs of longshoremen in London, members of the small National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union, walked off the job over a dispute on sorting frozen meat which they were discharging. The shipowners, employing agencies, employers association and the government were all stationed on the docks. Instead, they insisted that the union must first rescind a union policy adopted last January making overtime work compulsory, as it now is in England, then the situa-

No Confidence!

NOW, LET’S SEE—WHICH OF THESE GUYS VOTED FOR ME?

THE CADILLAC Cabinet is asking the people for a vote of confidence in its “record.” For any working man and woman, the answer should be loud and clear: “No confidence!”

The very phrase—the Cadillac Cabinet—was earned by the Eisenhower Administration from the first day it took office. It was early described as “Nine Millionaires and a Plumber.” But the plumber was soon forced to resign.

The cabinet is now loaded exclusively with millionaires whose interests coincide with the interests of the majority of the American people: offshore oil fields, timber, steepened taxes for the working man and women; unemployment relief; public power projects; organized labor movement and the people who comprise it as much as anybody else who must be trickled to—when votes are wanted—but who can be kicked in the teeth between elections.

IT IS THEREFORE not surprising that every poll of public opinion in the last few months—and they are not rigged in the interests of the people—shows that the voter is inclining toward the Democratic party, if only because Republicans controlled the 83rd Congress.

It would be no surprise, therefore, if the Democrats swept both houses of Congress in the elections, and the Republicans admit they are “running scared.”

ILWU is an independent union. At its September Executive Board meeting, ILWU adopted a policy statement which said: • a defeat for Eisenhower’s program • It has reduced taxes — for the rich • It has maneuvered to keep the cold war going • It has stripped the American people of their civil rights in important areas of their life; • It has worked to destroy public hous-

WITHEM ARMS

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Voting Information for Oregon ILWU Members

(Small) Board of Education.

Governor:

House of Representatives:

Propositions 7, 19 & 20.

Joint Legislative Council

Secretary of State:

State Board of Equalization:

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At the ILWU Local 26 Convention

A general view of some of the 144 delegates from 29 plants with which ILWU Local 26 has contracts, seen at the 6th Annual Convention of the Los Angeles warehouse local, held on October 16, as Al Caplan, Local 26 president, delivered the keynote address.

ILWU President Harry Bridges speaking to the Local 26 convention. From Bridges, going left are ILWU Local 6 President Charles (Chili) Duarte; Pete Moore, ILWU Southern California Regional Director; Ralph Csernak, organizer for Furniture Workers Local 576; Hy Orkin, Local 26 business agent; behind Orkin, Mizzle Perry, co-chairman of the ILWU Local 26 children's camp committee; Local 26 vice-president George Lee; Lloyd Seeliger, Local 26 BA and (behind him) Frances Livingston, public relations chairman for ILWU Auxiliary 28.

Some of the guests at the Local 26 convention; from the left, Alex Lazier, Maren O'Brien, Harold Balyou and John Radu, from the labor committee of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles; ILWU Regional Director Pete Moore and Local 6 President Charles (Chili) Duarte.

To Your Health!

Alcoholism: What to Do About It.

ALTHOUGH there's no single cure for alcoholism, modern treatment methods are helping many people. There's no simple way to recognize alcoholism, either, particularly in yourself. Alcoholism means different things to different people, and the amount you drink is not what's important.

Some people drink a great deal from time to time, but can take it or leave it. Some people know why they are dependent on alcohol, but others are married to their chartreuse. The person with a drinking problem can't leave it. He always has another drink after the first. He really means it when he says he has to have a drink. Perhaps most important, he doesn't realize he's drunk when he is.

METHODS OF TREATMENT

It's evident that since so many people use alcohol it must satisfy some need. Studies on drinking problems show this need is often for relief from anxiety, tension or boredom. Alcohol is a sedative and it is effective for a time in helping a person forget his problems. But if it becomes a habit it creates new problems, not the least of which is the fact that the drinker depends on alcohol to get along from day to day.

Various methods of treatment have proved effective in helping people whose drinking is thus out of control to stop drinking completely.

However, none of them work for long unless a person has decided he really wants to stop drinking. That's a decision each person has to make for himself. The rehabilitation clinic is an alcoholic for lack of will-power, warming him of the physical effects of the habit and appealing to sympathy for his family rarely help him reach this decision.

A good first step once a person has decided he wants treatment is consultation with a doctor.

Welfare Program contracts with service plans for ILWU families do not cover alcoholism in the sense that services for sobering up are not provided. But an appointment for advice on a drinking problem is covered. Treatment of illness arising from excessive drinking, like malnutrition and cirrhosis, is also covered. Under the insured plans, coverage is the same for alcoholism as for any illness.

NO DESIRE FOR FOOD

One of the major problems of alcoholism comes from the fact that alcoholics eat rarely. Those people who drink and eat may live to advanced age, but those who don't eat wind up with physical damage to the brain and liver. It's particularly important to get enough vitamins, minerals and protein.

Prescriptions of vitamins and also hormones may help people in whom alcoholism has corroded the thinking faculties and suppressed glandular function.

Drugs of various kinds help in some cases. For instance, there's a drug that causes nausea with drinking, but it's effective only if the alcoholic agrees to drink.

Another method of treatment is psychiatric, sometimes individual and sometimes group, aimed at showing the patient learning more effective methods of handling tensions than drinking.

Treatment facilities vary in different cities. A doctor can advise what they are and which is most likely to help in a particular case.

In San Francisco there is an Adult Guidance Center at 150 Otis Street which reports good results in a large percentage of people with drinking problems.

REQUIREMENTS OF CENTER

The only requirements of the San Francisco Center are residence in the city and county, sobriety for 24 hours before coming to the Center, and coming voluntarily with the realization that drinking is causing some problem in day-to-day living. The Center is part of the Department of Public Health and makes no charge for services.

Vitamin and hormone injections are provided and psychiatric treatment is also available.

Hours are 8-12 and 1-5 Monday through Friday and 8-12 and 1-5 Saturday. The telephone is KLondike 2-1173.

Alcoholics Anonymous, a nationwide organization operating on the principle of people who have learned to help others to stop drinking, has brought about many recoveries.

Los Angeles Warehouse Convention Calls for World Trade

(Continued from Page 1)

In our union to determine policy changes ... to select or change their officers. The rank and file makes the final recommendation — votes to accept or reject change. That is truly democratic and is the most effective way.

He charged that the Brownell bills were "strut-jackets fashioned so that any opposition to Eisenhower" could be stopped. Bridges said the administration hoped the antilabor laws could be used to "kick any organization into line."

The Brownell laws are more economic than political, he said. "These things are not done out of security, out of confidence in their program or their leadership. They are done from weakness, not from strength.

"They want to silence all opposition."

At the bottom of it and behind the oppression in this country and the attempt of the administration to be "the world's cop," is the " Almighty Dollar," Bridges said. He mentioned the administration's act of violence in the United States in a shooting war in Indo-China, and quoted Eisenhower as saying "America must have the vital raw materials of Indo-China."

He said that tungsten had a lot to do with our forces fighting in Korea, that rubber and tin were behind interference in Malaya, and that oil was responsible for the administration's interest in Iran and Iraq.

He pointed out that although some of these men may be able to take what they have, others are struggling desperately to be free and we'll never stop them.

And remember, it is not my purpose to stand and defend any country besides the United States—they don't need it. Bridges said that the ILWU was pretty well aware of what the future holds for organized labor. It knows new life may take a whole army, airplanes and ships, but it knows unions will continue the function without the help of the government.

"It doesn't matter whether the rank and file agree on political or economic beliefs—they must stand for the union, its record, and the men who built it and will stand for it."

He urged delegates to "tell your employers they are not going to stop the United States of America from using its pre-eminence and sovereignty to help fight for freedom around the world. We can defy our enemies and we can beat our enemies—to hell with them!"
Lundeberg Petition Labeled Fraud

On the Lurline

Herman Young (delegate), C. B. Warstean, Charles Brown, and Brothers Anchita and Sanchez.

Rank & File Stewards Committee Asks PMA For Retroactive Pay & Immediate Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO—An elected rank and file committee of 3 workers employed by October 23 wrote to J. Paul St. Bure, president of the Pacific Maritime Association, calling on the shipowner organization to meet with the rank and file committee.

REPRESENT MAJORITY

The committee, which was elected by step-by-step meetings of ILWU-SDOC stewards up and down the coast, consists of Armand Croce, Charles Wassaw and Manuel Diaz.

In a letter to the PMA president, the committee said that it represented the majority of all PMA stewards, and "especially represented" the majority of all PMA stewards who voted "Neither" union in the NLRB election held this year.

The committee made it plain that it was not seeking official recognition as the union of choice, but rather to be an exclusive bargaining agent. It did claim, however, that PMA stewards deserve recognition and payment of retroactive wages and adjustment of overtime rates.

TEXT OF LETTER

The ILWU-SDOC committee said it was not attempting to intervene in any present NLRB hearings, nor was it in violation of the quorum order under which PMA stewards are being hired.

The text of the letter follows:

"This letter comes to you from a committee representative of and elected by a majority of employees of the Stewards Department of West Coast American flag vessels.

"We represent that group of stewards under the National Labor Relations Board's regional offices here.

"We are attempting to secure the right of exclusive representation for the entire group of PMA stewards, for which purpose we have been meeting in step-by-step meetings of stewards throughout the coast..."
On Hawaiian Farmer

Seven ILWU to three AFL with the whole gang teled off behind the ILWU-SDOC program 100 per cent. The on the last day of their strike on the Hawaiian Farmer on a 17 battle stars and was one of the first with the admiral at Wake, Guam and the Philippines. Food on the ship under Malakas is exceptional and there are no beers about it. In third panel were Ben Goo, messman and Leonard Hoepe, second cook and baker.

3 Pots Prive ULWU Has Majority of Cooks

Shipping reports from Wilmington, San Francisco and New York continue to demonstrate the huge majority that ILWU-SDOC holds over AFL in the stewards department.

Wilmington (week ending Oct. 16): Ten ILWU fishermen (8 in 10) aboard the Lurline, President Wilson; Fred Chancellor and President Fillmore, 7 for MCS-SIU.

The same period, ILWU dispatched 20 standbys to the Lurline to 9 for Lurline’s outfit.

ILWU Hits PMA With ‘Unfair’ Tag

[Letter to the editor:]

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU on October 20 sent a party of attorneys to practice charges against the PMA in court.

The charges were based on the fact that Harry Lundeberg’s SUP, together with the Maritime Fireman’s Union, was a floating strike and refused to cover the ILWU stewards department big brass. Issue after issue read “the name-calling, red-baiting and character assassination in the AFL Stewards News.”

The party of attorneys made the advantage of their membership clear to the AFL stewards department big brass. Issue after issue read “We are fighting few, who believe in and stand for the democratic way of thinking. Let them see by now that we can think for ourselves.”

Marvin T. Powell, Chief Steward, Indian Mail.

Will Fight to the End

BALBOA (CA) — We, the members of the ILWU-SDOC on the Balboa, claim we have much more to extend our human body to pay for air trips to and from the mainland when visiting their families, because practically no jobs are shipped off of Honolulu.

Sentinel men are won’t give us a chance if they get a trip-card out of the people in the Balboa.

Departures from Page A1, continued on Page B.

Flying Scud Crew

Bocks the Program

Sailors in the Northwest have noticed the fact that PMA has never executed a contract for the reason that the ILWU stewards department burned men up. They say the AFL is getting its ships down to San Francisco.

On the Ship

The ILWU crew members aboard the P&T Pathfinder and 200 per cent (SDOC ship) wrote from in Portland. The ILWU-SDOC crew has the right to demand for any job on any department on PMA ships. The letter was signed by H. Cloud (secretary) and D. R. Ward (delegate). Three hundred per cent ILWU ships recently touched on New York, Dick (ILU) has been asked to present these reports. They are the Saltwater Ships, President Arthur and W. L. McCormick.

Another letter was from the McMurphy. The AFL claims it is a 100 per cent job being done aboard Delegate Ahrens on the Matson Navigation vessel. There are 65 SDOC members aboard.

The stewards aboard the President Hawk, 12 per cent for the PMA. Are getting ready for action. There are 125 ILWU members aboard, to 28 for MCS-SIU.

The AFL members aboard the Hawaiian Pilot (100 per cent) are not ready to take the initiative. The AFL members aboard the 2nd cook on the P & T Pathfinder, chief baker and one messenger.

The crew of the Nevadan not willing to take the initiative. It seems 3 new boys, imbued with Lundebergism, talked the sailors into taking over time in lieu of having a night lunch.

Hired hands in the 1st division of the federal government procedure to turn the stewards department out of the gang, and it was implied by the 3 new men that they were going to be turned out if they took out AFL cards.

As in most other cases, the workers are getting anxious for action, any time that the workmen are getting anxious for action, any time that the workmen are getting anxious for action.

Division payments in 1954, according to the Bureau of Business, are expected to reach the highest level on record, about $9 billion. As much as 55 per cent of corporate profits will probably be distributed to stockholders.
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SUP Men Start a 'War of Nerves' Against ILWU Stewards

AFL-ers are apparently under instructions to start a war of nerves against ILWU stewards department members on PMA vessels. ILWU SDOC representatives up and down the coast report that deck and engine room departments have intensified their activities in harassing the stewards, their "program" being especially aimed at the galley crews and ILWU stewards. They apparently think that by hardtiming the SDOC members, the SDOC members will quit the ship. With this sort of feeble-minded approach, they hold joint meetings of engine and deck departments, step up petty beefs and complain to the captain of the ship, in an effort to get the stewards fired. This was tried on the Oregon Trader, and aimed at the SDOC cook; and on the Nevada, AFL firemen tried the same thing against the ILWU steward.

The AFL-ers complain about the food, the service, the cooking, anything to create a beef that can be lodged with the Old Man and needle him to the point of cussing the ILWU members.

The "war of nerves" isn't working; nor is it likely to. ILWU SDOC members have good nerves. They are also good stewards, by and large, and the beefs don't stand up.

Unemployment compensation claims for the week ended January 3 were 667,300, highest weekly figure since August, 1945.
ILWU Inter vien en los Discusiones de la NLRB

SAN FRANCISCO — Hubo esta semana dos grandes acontecimientos en la lucha actual por un nuevo convenio para el personal de cámara de la PMA.

El 21 de Octubre, la ILWU presentó una demanda ante el Comité Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo, solicitando una elección de representantes en el favor de todo el conocimiento ni la forma colectivo. No solicitamos un arreglo de sueldos y retroactividad, pero la PMA y este Comité, a través de Camara que representa al person de sueldos y ajustes de sobretiempo desproporcionados. El fallo del Tribunal Federal de la Corte de Apelaciones en el Pacifico (PMA) solicitando lo siguiente:

"El Comité representativo de los patronos eligió por una mayoría de obreros del Departamento de Cámara en un acuerdo con la PMA, a Pérez de América, con el fin de alcanzar una igualación de los sueldos y ajustes de sobretiempo de los tripulantes de naves con pabellon Americano en la Costa del Oeste, lo cual establece la igualación de los sueldos y retroactividad. Por consiguiente, este Comité, en el favor de todo el conocimiento ni la forma colectivo.

1—Una igualación de los sueldos y retroactividad no desean aceptar cualquiera de estas propuestas.

2—Este Comité no sostiene que es un agente colectivo exclusivo del personal del Departamento de Cámara. Sin embargo, sostiene que todo el personal del Departamento de Cámara en las naves de la Asociación Marítima del Pacifico (PMA) es merecedor de un pronto reconocimiento, siendo también merecedores de pagos de sus sueldos retroactivos y ajustes a las tierras de sobretiempo para obtener paridad con los tripulantes sin licencia de las naves de PMA.

"Cualquier personal del Departamento de Cámara que no desee aceptar ningún arreglo de sueldos y retroactividad, no tiene ninguna obligación de hacerlo.

"No es la intención de este Comité de imponerse a cualquier procedimiento legal o discusiones, tales como las actualmente se están llevando a cabo ante el Comité Nacional del Trabajo con respecto a una elección para determinar la entidad contraria para el personal del Departamento de Cámara.

"La PMA no puede tomar ninguna decisión en el hecho de que nosotros del Departamento de Cámara, quienes ya pusieron de caballo ante el Consejo Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo, efectuada a principios de año.

Por consiguiente, este Comité representa, como lo ha proclamado en el sufragio en esa elección, una mayoría de obreros del Departamento de Cámara que no desean aceptar cualquiera de las propuestas propuestas a la Asociación Marítima del Pacifico (PMA) ofrecidas por su gráfica y rehusan en dejar la de ósea, de abandonar los barcos en apoyo a las huelgas que se están haciendo.

"Nuestra oferta es simplemente que en nuestra opinión nos pertenece a la Asociación Marítima del Pacífico (PMA) a favor de uno u otro, de aquel personal del Departamento de Cámara que representa o en favor de todo el resto del personal del Departamento de Cámara.

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US Moves Against 17 Insurance Companies

WASHINGTON—Finally realizing as election day neared to complaint of thousands of working men and women that they have been cheated on hospitalization, health and accident insurance policies, the Federal Trade Commission went into action October 15 by filing complaints charging false advertising.

The complaints were filed against 17 companies which controlled one-third of the total $1 billion a year business in health and accident policies sold to an individual basis. No action was taken against the companies that operate the $2 billion a year group health and accident policy business.

Among the 17 companies accused of misleading advertising are the Big Four, Mutual Benefit Life & Accident Association of Omaha, Neb., Bankers Life & Casualty Company of Chicago (The White Cross Plan), Reserve Life, Indianola, Calif., and United Insurance Company of Chicago.

MISLEADING AIDS

Each of the 17 accused firms was charged with fraud by two in four specific complaints. Each has 30 days to answer. If after a hearing the charges are substantiated, the only penalty suffered by the companies will be a cease and desist order, making them cease their advertising. Following is a summary of the complaints:

(1) Misrepresentation of term duration dates when in reality renewed is only at the sole will and on the terms of the company.

(2) Misrepresentation of extent of coverage, the impression all accidents and sicknesses are covered when in reality coverage is strictly limited.

(3) Misrepresentation of dollar limits. Companies create impression top sums will be paid for most operations. Actually the operations covered are few.

(4) Misrepresentation of date of coverage. Most companies give the impression coverage begins at once, while many delay coverage until the policy has been in force for many months.

(5) Misrepresentation of health status of applicant. Companies create impression all sickness is covered but actually refuse to pay if sickness is traceable to an origin before the policy was taken out.

Also covered are charges of misrepresentation in coverage of "low cost plans, "on benefits payable for life" and on multiple benefits which turn out to be self-exclusive.

What's Good for General Motors Dept.

WASHINGTON — Welfare Secretary Oreta Culp Hobby, who has fought federal aid in education since her appointment, hasn't modified her policy even in the weeks before the general election.

She told a press conference her office estimated the need for school construction in this country to be somewhere between $12 and $15 billion.

"Federal aid," she said, "might delay school construction because local boards would wait and see how much money they can get before spending their own money."

From 1910 to 1935 the US spent only 2.9 per cent of the total national output for new non-farm residential construction; in 1936, the peak year, only 4.4 per cent.

New Local 20 Officers

Sworn in on October 8 by Pete Moore, ILWU Southern California Regional Director, here are the newly elected officers of ILWU Local 20 (canoe workers, San Diego). Left to right, standing: Garnie Duke, trustee; Don Stover, secretary-treasurer and business agent; Magdalena Tapia, trustee; Bill Buggert, trustee; and Manuel Pena, vice-president. Standing, in front, Kati Reduegas, recording secretary; sitting, Clarence Kiesling, president. The new officers are currently negotiating with the Van Camp Sea Food Company in San Diego, for higher benefits under the present health and welfare plan of the local. Local 20 is ILWU's newest local.

Sardinian Men Set Out From San Pedro

SAN PEDRO—This port's sardine fleet sailed last Sunday morning, manned by ILWU Local 33 (Seiner Fishermen) members, for the first time in several years. Return of sardines to lower California waters and the reaching of an agreement with canneries for a $30,000-40,000 guarantee are responsible for the reinstatement of the fleet.

Prices were set at $47.50 a ton for sardines, $50 for jack mackerel and $65 for Pacific mackerel.

First offer on a guarantee by the ILA when a sardine fleet was offered by the SF company, which the union rejected, and the later higher guarantee was made and accepted.

Definitely being sought is a guarantee for tuna. Tuna boats stay tied up at the docks while the deadlock continues.

Shipclerks Assist ILA; Back Graves

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 24 (shipclerks) at its regular membership meeting on October 11 voted to send $250 to the International Longshoremen's Association (Independent) in New York; for defense of its recently indicted members.

The SF shipclerks' local also voted to donate $350 to the Graves Royal campaign.

Richard Graves is the Democratic candidate for Governor of California; the interim Governor Edward Roybal is the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor.
In the Beer Garden

This was a popular spot with ILWU Local 26 members, delegates to the 6th Annual Convention of the Los Angeles warehouse workers, their families, relatives and friends, attended the Carnival Ball. Net returns will be over $2,000.00.

Music was supplied by Roy Milton’s orchestra.

The GOP Suffers From Foot-in-Mouth Disease

INDIANAPOLIS—A Wilson-type combination was pulled by Representative Charles B. Brownson (D.), Governor of Indiana, who stoked up a tempest with his statement to a political group recently that "we want to attend a reception in Washington today and be able to tell our constituents from the west coast who the big men are from the East coast.

Secretary-Treasurer George Freije of the Central Labor Union wired the GOP Congressmen for a retraction and added: "We believe that the country would be better managed if the smallest members were composed of waiters instead of millionaires, thereby assuring a cabinet representative of the majority of people in this country.

In the past, he said, there have been reports of "fist fighting and acting people in the cabinet." He went on to say that the "headquarters of bigwigs is not up to the standards of our union.

A Tale of Two Oregon Candidates

PORTLAND, Ore.—One of the election contests of keen interest to laborers in Oregon is that between Norman O. Nilen, (D.), and S. Eugene Allen, (R.), for state labor commissioner. The League of Women Voters queried both candidates as to what labor legislation they thought the 1955 legislature should repeal or enact. Allen, who left the editorialship of the Oregon Labor Press several years ago to work for an employers' association, replied: "There will be many things that are important and many that are not. The public will have to determine what is the right legislation for the states.

Nilen, in answer to the same question, wrote: "Yes, repeal law 663 (the anti-picketing law) and expand the conciliation service; provide a minimum wage for male employees (there is one for female employees although there is more than one hundred years old); expand industrial safety programs; provide for unemployment compensation for wage earners who work for employers of four or less employees, increase the tax base under unemployment compensation insurance; require industrial self-insurance regulations.

In a speech before The Dallas central labor council, Nilen exposed the fact that the minimum wage law for many women is only 25 cents an hour.

Over 1,000 Teachers Have Been Branded by Stooges

DENVER — "During the last three years, anonymous, unvalued and unjustified criticisms have been put at least 1,000 teachers in public schools, colleges, and universities to 'suspect lists' as disloyal or subversive," said Representative Martin of the Denver Post in a letter to the editor following a survey of 12 states from coast to coast.

The Post made the "survey after the witchhunt began victimizing teachers in Colorado.

NO PROOF SHOWN

Martin said: "The fact that stands out above all others about the anti-anti-communist drives at the schools is this: In the vast majority of the case, the informers or accusers or accusers have utterly refused to face the accused, or to come forward with supporting evi-

Despite the anonymity of the accusers, hundreds of teachers have been fired or forced to leave the school system, Martin found.

He said that most schools authorities have been so eager to go along with the allegedly anti-communists drive that they have forgotten the fundamental principle that an ac-

Teachers have been held 'socialistic' and therefore punished with suspension and dismissal.

NO SUBSTANTIATION

Martin attacked Colorado Governor Dan Thornburg (D.), for passing along what he called information from reliable sources against several teachers in this state and refusing to substantiate it. "Governor Thornburg," Martin said, "was simply accused by various officials concerned about the constitution and just procedure by which such accusations, who could be called on to produce supporting evidence and produce valid evidence. The Governor de-

The Post writer contrasted this treatment of teachers where a guarantee is written into the law, and where teachers cannot be fired unless specific reasons are presented in writing.

Information for Prospective Pensioners Retiring in 1955

(Exclusively those who reached age 65 on or after September 1, 1954, who have made at least three years of recent amendments to the Social Security Act.)

This article explains the amount of earnings you will need in order to qualify for maximum Social Security Retirement Payments.

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Shelley Sorry He Voted For Anti-lie Bills

Shelley, a prominent AFL leader in California, had his reelection to Congress assured in the primaries. In speeches to the Commonwealth Club and San Francisco Central Labor Council, Shelley attacked the new law as endangering “fundamental liberties.”

He said he was sorry he voted for the bill primarily because of the manner in which it was pushed through Congress. He said if he had had time to study it and amend it, he might have voted for it anyway.

“We did not even have the bill before us,” he said, describing how typewritten notes on the legislation were handed around just before the vote. He explained that he voted against the so-called immunity law, restricting use of the Fifth Amendment, as a protest against legislation presented without notice.

But when the communist control act came up, he said: “The pressure was on. You can’t vote against it.” I passed twice, then weekly went down and said Aye. I have tossed every night since, wishing I’d said No.”

He cited adoption of the law as an example of the “slow trickery that is being resorted to take away the civil liberties of the people of the US.”

In his speech before the AFL central labor body, Shelley made a sharp attack on Attorney General Herbert Brownell.

“The greatest antagonist of the civil liberties of the everyday citizen of this country is the attorney general of the US,” he said. “If it were left in his hands, civil liberties would disappear in six months.”

Bishop Tells How Stoolie ‘Recanted’

WASHINGTON—Sworn testimony about the lies of a professional government witness against so-called subversive organizations and individuals was in federal records, October 19, following the declaration under oath by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam that Harvey Matusow had told him he manufactured evidence for congressional committees.

Summoned as a witness to impeach Matusow’s testimony in the long government prosecution of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Oxnam told his story before the Subversive Activities Control Board October 18.

Oxnam, who some time ago revealed that Matusow had told him about his lies, repeated the story on the witness stand. He said Matusow had told him he had a “religious experience” and decided to set the lies straight and make up with those he had maligned.

The bishop said he was “impressed” that Brownell should use such men as witnesses.

Migrant Act is Issue For Oregon’s Voters

ASTORIA, Ore.—Repeat of the Walter-McCarran law is a vital election issue in this state, in which one person in four is foreign born or of foreign birth or mixed parentage, and in which a number of active trade unionists, of foreign birth including John J. Fougere of ILWU Local 8, have been arrested for deportation.

The Clatsop County Committee for Protection of Foreign Born wrote all Congressional candidates from Oregon as to their position on the law, receiving replies from only three. The three, who were opposed to the law and said, if elected, that they would support the Lehman-Celler substitute bill sponsored by Senator Morse, are Richard L. Neuberger, running for Congress in District 4, and Donna Mitchell, the Democratic candidate in District 1.

No reply was received from Walter Norblad, the Republican incumbent in District 1. Norblad, although himself the son of an immigrant, voted for the police state law when it was passed in 1952, as did all other members of the Oregon delegation at that time except Senator Morse.

Oregon Voters to Choose a Sheriff

PORTLAND, Ore.—Multnomah County voters will have a chance to choose next week between their incumbent sheriff, Terry Schrunk (D) and his Republican opponent, Kelly Deaderick, before becoming sheriff, was president of Firefighters Local 43 and a leader in the civil service section of the Portland Central Council. No heads have been cracked on any picket line in this area since he took office. Deaderick spent 27 years with the FBI and several years in “labor relations” work in a large local department store well known as a citadel of the open shop.
First Visit
Rosemary Sundsorth, 10, had her first appointment under the Pilot Dental Program in San Francisco last week. The dentist examined her teeth and planned her treatment for the coming year. Rosemary's father is ILWU Local 10 longshoreman Theodore Hausterl.

Sign-Up for ILWU Dental Program Extended to November the Sixth

(Continued from Page 1) remains eligible for the entire year of the program, through September 30, 1955, in San Francisco and November 30, 1955, in Wilmington, even though the father loses his eligibility. The only exception is that coverage ends at age 15.

TWO CHOICES OFFERED
In both California ports the men have a choice between a service plan and an insurance company plan.

For Wilmington families under the service plan, which is similar to the San Francisco service plan with a group of dentists providing services to the children, the locals will make the first appointments. Preference in early appointments will go to children nearing age 15. Followup appointments will be made at the offices of the dental group. This plan covers all needed care for each child except for three exclusions which are the same for both plans.

Wilmington families choosing the insurance company plan should make appointments for as soon as possible after December 1 for all children age two or over. This plan is identical in the two ports, with up to $75 indemnification, according to a schedule, paid for each child for services given during the year by a licensed dentist who is a member of the American Dental Association or eligible for membership.

INSURANCE, TOO
The insurance company plan includes insurance of up to $250, according to the schedule, for each accident to sound and natural teeth.

Exclusions under the entire Dental Program are orthodontics, care purely for appearance and care provided by the Fund's health coverage.

The Welfare Fund is planning a program of dental health education in cooperation with the Dental Associations in the two areas, the California State Association in San Francisco and the South- erner California Association in Wil- mingtion.

In Seattle the Washington State Dental Association recently completed a survey on the dental needs of 120 children, and a similar spot check is scheduled to be made at the offices of children for Portland dock workers next month, under auspices of the Dental School of the University of Ore- gon, the Oregon State Board of Health and the Oregon State Den- tal Association.

Results of these surveys will be provided the Welfare Fund in setting up the Dental Pro- gram in the Northwest.

ILWU Local 13 Donates 299 Pints of Blood to Red Cross Blood Bank

WILMINGTON—“Full participa- tion by members made our recent two-day Blood Bank drive a tremendous success,” ILWU Local 13 Vice-President Adrian Finch said, as he announced that 299 pints of blood were donated. The members have realized the need for their own adequate Blood Bank.

The Local IL Blood Bank, for- merly in debt to the Red Cross, now has a credit balance of 155 pints.

“In all my time serving with the Red Cross,” an official of that organization said, “I have never seen such participation in any local anywhere.”

Funds of the next Blood Bank drive for Local 13 has been set for December 17, when an all-day drive will be set, rather than two afternoons as in the past.

On the March

O UR PEOPLE are going to the polls next week to deter- mine whether or not the Administration in power is to get the “vote of confidence” it wants for the next two years. We have been pursuing the last two years.

And in this election there is much food for thought for members of ILWU. For they are an integral part of the people who are going to register—by their ballots—a vote of confidence or no confidence in the Administration.

Let’s look back the short space of five years, to 1949. That was the year the CIO expelled ILWU for refusing to toe the CIO line.

That wasn’t what CIO said, of course. It said we were “Communist dominated.” ILWU denied it. We had hoped it hoped to terrify our membership into wholesale desertion of the principles of action—the independence and militant action which had made us strong.

But ILWU members refused to be panicked by the smear. They refused to be terrified by the red label. They believed then, as they believe now, that ILWU members know what is best for their union.

And a very interesting thing has happened as a result of our officers and members maintaining a principled position. ILWU today is stronger than it ever was before. It has maintained a principled position on all the important issues which face it as a union, and which face its members as Americans.

It has not hesitated to speak out on every issue of the day—national, international, social—which face the working men united in its ranks, more solid in its strength than at any time in its history.

NOW, LET’S TAKE a look at CIO. CIO today is split down the middle. Cut loose from the politicians with which it used to make deals—rather than relying on a unified strength of its membership—it faces total destruction.

The only way CIO can “survive” is to merge with AFL, which will scarcely survive by itself. For it will be swallowed up in the AFL in the merger and dissolved. And a former great orga- nization that once commanded the allegiance and channel- ized the militancy of American workers—only a short time ago—will have disappeared.

What is the lesson for us in this and what is the parallel with the current election?

The political party in power has been doing to its opposition exactly what CIO tried to do to us. It has been smear- ing it as “red,” “subversive,” “treasonable.” And—at least in the last election—the unions which return this party to power.

And we wonder whether the opposition has learned anything from this. We wonder whether it is going to maintain a principled position (as ILWU did when faced with the smear) or whether it is going to kowtow under.

For if it does maintain a principled position on the crucial issues of war and peace, on which American people need, demand and must have, then it will fit that the American people will support it and return it to power.

But if it fails to stand up under pressure to smear, it will cede the party to power, it will face dissolution just as CIO faces dissolution today.

T HE POLITICAL party in power today has made quite plain exactly what it wants and is interested in doing. It is the party of big business.

Take a look at the morning headlines. General Motors Corporation made greater profits in the first nine months of this year than in the same period last year. Like period profits in the face of a drop of 9 percent in sales, fewer people employed and less production. How did it make these profits?

By the simple process of having the present administration kill the excess profits tax. There has been no compar- able cut in the taxes paid by American workers but the party in power is not interested in them.

That is why American workers going to the polls next week have got to vote for candidates who place our interests first—whatever their political labels. They have got to vote for candidates who maintain a principled position on the issues which face us as workers, which face it as a union, and which face our members as Americans:

Profits?

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Exposes Lundeberg Gamble

SAN FRANCISCO—The Stewards Department Organizing Committee of ILWU last week distributed to all ports and ships a four-page leaflet exposing the role that Harry Lundeberg, secre- tary of the SUP, is playing in the current hassle over a bargaining agent for the cooks and stewards aboard Pacific Maritime Association- ships.

Titled “Lundeberg Is Gam- bling,” the SDOC leafflet shows that the SUP head is not only gambling with the wages, hours and conditions of the working cooks and stewards, but with the welfare of his own Sailors Union members and the men who work below-decks in the engine room.

The ILWU leafflet says Lunde- berg is “gambling on a legal gimmick in order to take over the steweward department through a phony 3-department election.”

“If he wins, the SDOC and firemen as well as the cooks and stewards, will lose . . .

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