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Duarte and Lynden are Re-Elected

SAN FRANCISCO—The titled officers of ILWU Local 6 were re-elected in annual balloting last week. President Charles (Chill) Duarte receiving 4,062 votes in all divisions, and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lynden receiving 4,045.

In the various divisions, the race for 1956 officers went as follows:
San Francisco: Business Agent A—Joe Munro; Business Agent B—Weeds; Carlison; Business Agent C—Joe Lynch; Dispatcher—Billy Lufrano; Board of Trustees—Betty de Lendah, Sam Barney, and Al Harman; General Executive Board—Ace de Lasada, Hesaya Spaur, Edgar King, Tom Norton, Jack Miles, Mort Elkins, Sam Kritzmar, Kasull Kilgurname, and Ernest Alberghia.

OTHER DIVISIONS
Oakland: Business Agent A—Paul Heide; Business Agent B—runoff in December between Joe Blasques and John Moxey; Business Agent C—Bill Burke; Dispatcher—Joe Comes; Board of Trustees—Ed Newman, Bob Moore and Jim Nebala; General Executive Board—Charles ‘Slim’ Murray, Paul Fong, Mary Edgway, John Espinosa, Ralph Romer, Napolaka Schmidt and Sylvester Daniels.

Stockton: Business Agent—E. M. ‘Al’ Balatti; Board of Trustees—Albert M. Collins; General Executive Board—Walter Heine.

Redwood City: Board of Trustees—Roland Corley; General Executive Board—Manuel V. Ramirez and Elenor Buchanan; Chairman—E. L. Connell; Secretary—Harry Bridges; Director—Harry Bridges, ILWU presidet; Louis Goldblatt, ILWU secretary-treasurer and Constantine Samson, vice president, Local 142.

Bridges Visited NY on Cargo Study

NEW YORK—In a press interview here on November 11, ILWU President Harry Bridges said that he was in New York conducting a study of cargo-handling facilities, as compared to similar facilities on the West Coast.

NO INFILTRATION

The study was conducted in conjunction with officials of several steamship companies, and Bridges said that at the next session of Congress ILWU would ask for government assistance to intercoastal shipping and federal aid in a port rehabilitation program.

Bridges was quoted by the NY Times on November 12 as denying any desire to "infiltrate" the Port of New York and said he has called the press conference to dispel any "mystery" about his appearance on New York docks.

"There is no interest on the Pacific Coast," the ILWU president was quoted by the Times as saying, "that would like to see a similar commission out there and we are determined that it doesn't happen. If things go bad for longshoremen here (NY) it affects us."

Expert reviews will be given here by the ILWU, Bridges told the newspapers, to further the study of cargo handling facilities, as well as comparative costs of handling such cargo, as local, intercoastal and West Coast.

The NY Times story said that "steamship men who operate vessels on both ports have said that waterfron men in San

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The AFL-CIO Merger

By Harry Bridges

The THE PROJECTED merger of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations is scheduled to take place early next month. This development is pregnant with possibilities of great benefit to the working people of our country.

For here are the two largest labor federations in the land, about to be merged into one, with all that such a merger can mean in increasing the strength and influence of organized labor in our land.

But mergers, by itself, does not automatically mean labor unity in the interest of rank and file.

At ILWU’s 11th Biennial Convention delegates took note of the contemplated merger:

“Whether labor unity does in fact grow out of this merger will be shown by such policies as these:

—Organizing the unorganized
—Ending jurisdictional raiding
—Ending all discrimination on grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, political belief or sex
—Removing all restrictions on rank and file control and determination of union policy…”

ILWU members remember that our union left the CIO because of the denial of rank and file control, because of the refusal of CIO brass to permit ILWU to determine its own union policies; because of CIO insistence that when it “laid down the line” on national political policy, ILWU was duty bound to toe the line.

It remains to be seen whether any basic change will take place in both the AFL and CIO—or whether its combined rank and file can force such a change—along the lines to which we are referring.

Certainly so far, in the maneuvering that has been going on in top AFL and CIO circles, there is no evidence that any such changes—toward greater democracy and local autonomy—are in the works.

Instead we have seen the high brass of both organizations jockeying for personal and organizational advantage like other politicians.

The 11th Biennial Convention also said:

“...there is always the danger that the merger document could be used to impose conformity and compliance with government and employer-inspired economics and political policies upon the organized labor movement.”

As of now, both AFL and CIO have spent too many years trying to make political deals with the administration and the politicians in power, and have hamstrung the natural militancy of the rank and file in favor of these expedient deals.

As a result, most of the American labor movement has lost its fire and vitality. The absence of the kind of vigorous and dedicated leadership which only the labor movement can give to the American people is more responsible than anything else for the state in which our country finds itself today.

The ILWU convention summed up the problem like this:

“To the extent the rank and file members of the AFL and CIO are able to determine the policies of the developing merger we can be sure that the direction will be militantly democratic and in the interest of the working people.”

Only if the combined AFL-CIO can capture the imagination of the workers the way the old CIO did in the days of its original organization, will the American trade union movement really be going places once again.

This is something every member of ILWU wants to see. And something which the members of ILWU will do everything possible to help bring about.

The TENSION in the Middle-East is a good example of the kind of problem still essentially unresolved.

The fact is that the same revolution for freedom and self-determination which India and China have already experienced—in their own way—is also now flaring through the Middle-East and Africa, and taking on in each country the peculiar form that file that particular land and its people. In Asia and Africa it is going on in one way, in Israel another, in Egypt another.

No one can ignore the hopes and dreams and sacrifices of common people from every corner of the earth who have been poured into Israel. The country was born in battle and survived because the Arabs were prepared to die—and many did—for their homeland.

The Israeli nation of about a million people has been driving almost, using 20th century techniques of acquisition of land and skill, to build their homeland. And they have been doing this in the midst of fifty or sixty million Arabs still living under backward, feudal conditions. Egypt, of course, is one such land.

Now under the leadership of young military officers, Egypt has shaken off British rule and has started playing an important role in foreign affairs. There is even some evidence of internal reforms in the Egyptian regime, for better or worse is bringing Egypt into the 20th century.

In the past hundred years each of the countries in the Middle-East has been the pawn of one great power or another.

There’s no denying that the Western powers, including the United States, have made deals with this or that local ruler to secure oil rights and to maintain military bases. And there’s no denying that our influence has never been more pronounced in the Middle-East than in the recent years of the cold war, the hot war in Korea.

After all, the important thing about the recent top-level talks in Geneva between the US, England, France and the USSR has been less what was specifically agreed to by the leaders of these nations than the very fact of such talks at all. And only thing they all recognized was that an atomic war would be mutuately destructive. But when they had accepted this it did not automatically settle every outstanding and critical difference between them.

On the contrary, the problems all still remain—to be negotiated, compromised and bargained over. Without the fear that disagreement will trigger off a hydrogen bomb war.

In the world today, it is not always the problems between East and West come about because of the currents and forces flowing powerfully among the leaders of the world; especially among the peoples in the colonial areas. The drives which are putting millions of people into motion for a better life are among the most important developments of our times. And, like all great movements in history, those who benefit from things remaining as they are, do their best to see the change, and they do what they can to stop it. We learned this lesson ourselves in the early days when we built the ILWU.

So differences—and perhaps change or a feeling of whether you welcome change or fear it are the kind of differences which can’t be settled by top-level sessions by the world’s statesmen.
San Francisco longshore Local 10 went to the polls last week in annual election of officers. Here are three shots taken at Pier 18 while the election was in progress. Left to right, Local 10 members are registering as they enter the polling area; in the center picture, they are marking their ballots; and in the right-hand picture, they are depositing their ballots in a teller for drop in the ballot box.

Counting of the votes had not been completed at Dispatcher press-time.

ILWA Local 6 was the other big local electing its officers for 1956 last week. These pictures were taken in Folk Hall, Civic Auditorium, as the San Francisco election was in progress. Members register in the left-hand picture, mark their ballots in the center picture and deposit them in the ballot box at the right as they leave the hall. For results of the Local 6 election, see story on page 4.

---Dispatcher photos

Local 33 Is Voting for 1956 Chiefs

SAN PEDRO—Voting on 1956 officers for ILWU Local 33 (seiner fishermen) will be under way from November 23 to December 22, with members required to come to the local's hall to mark ballots. Members who do not vote will be fined $5.

Unopposed candidates are George Frankovich for president, Mel Kolumbic for vice-president, and Pete Boskovich, John Budrovich and Nick Podue for the three trustees to be elected. For other offices there are:

Secretary-treasurer—Anthony Scalich (incumbent) and John Ruzick. Business Agent—John Marinkovich (Incumbent) and Anthony Zavich. Sergeant-at-arms—Filip Stanovich (incumbent). Steve Setka and Lawrence Staigaro.

Fourteen candidates are running for the 10-man executive board. They are Albert Despot, Nick Lovrich, Nick Puhanich, Miroslav Filip Stanovich (incumbent), and Anthony Zavich (all incumbents), and Pete Blagaich, Daniel Bozart, John Budrovich, Frank Burcina, Mel Kolumbic, Paul Setka, Jerry Lucich and John Matulich.

Elections Set for ILWU Local 63

WILMINGTON—Annual election in ILWU Local 63 (marine clerks) will be held on December 1, it was announced by the local last week.

Running for president are Daniel Hughes and William B. Piercy, Jr.; for vice-president: Leslie Gebhard, Howard Lederer and Mickey Ralph; and for labor relations committee: George Bond, Carl Branden, Paul Setka, Jerry Lucich and John Matulich.

How ILWU Helped Get a New Kaiser Hospital

WILMINGTON, Calif. — Almost six years of effort and persuasion by union trustees of the ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund and ILWU's dock locals here led up to the November 4 groundbreaking for the Wilmington Kaiser Foundation Hospital.

ILWU interest in getting a hospital built in the Harbor area goes back to the first negotiations between the Welfare Fund and the Kaiser Foundation, early in 1950 when the Fund had just started.

DOCKERS CAME FIRST

The longshoremen under the welfare program were the first—and for some time the only—Harbor area group to have Kaiser coverage. Today they and their families still make up more than half of Kaiser's enrollment in the area.

In December, 1950 negotiations were held between the ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund Trustees and the Kaiser Foundation. The talks resulted in what is called a "pre-employment contract". The agreement applied only to the employees of the local involved. It was signed by Andrew Wade, a Negro war veteran, in buying a home. The family immediately became the target of Ku Klux Klan terror and the Wade home itself was dynamited.

In February of 1953, and we are searching for suitable land. The story repeats itself for the details in the following years, with the union, as Thomas put it, "persistently and insistently asking that a hospital be constructed," until success came with this month's groundbreaking.

The Union Trustees said after the groundbreaking ceremonies: "As there has been a shortage of administrative hospital facilities for the Harbor area, this building means improved health services not only for the longshoremen and their families but for the whole community."
Salk Vaccine To Be Given In Wilmington

WILMINGTON—Inoculations of Salk polio vaccine will be given at the Local 13 hall here Saturday, December 3, from 1 to 5 p.m., to children who have Kaiser Foundation Health Plan as their insurance coverage under the ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund. Area Welfare Fund officer on call is William Stumpf announced last week.

Doctors of the Southern California Permanente Foundation Medical Group will give the injections to an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 children of age from ILWU Locals 13, 63, and 94, Stumpf said.

The Welfare Fund will pay the cost of the vaccine for children under age 15 who are not eligible to have injections under the school program. All unions in the area, AFL, CIO and independent, whose members have the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, have been notified and invited to have their members’ children come to the ILWU hall on December 3 for the inoculation. For those children whose parents or a guardian present, there will be a charge of $1.75 for the cost of the vaccine.

To receive the vaccine, children must be accompanied by a parent and must be in good health.

The second injection of the vaccine will be given at the longshoremen’s hall on January 7, 1956.

Local 26 Will Go to the Polls In December

LOS ANGELES — Nominations for the 1956 officers of ILWU Local 26 closed last week, with only two contests developments.

Incumbent Los Angeles Business Agent Hy Orkin is opposed by William Robinson (Thiffy Drug).

Incumbent Wilmington Business Agent Apollo Kidd (Terminal Warehouses).

President Al Caplan has named President George Lee and Secretary-Treasurer Lou Sherman have no opposition.

OTHER CANDIDATES

Other candidates are Clifford Gilbert (Thiffy Drug) and Jack Kidd (Terminal Warehouses).

President at-large, President George Lee, and Secretary-Treasurer Lou Sherman have no opposition.

Voting will take place at two general membership meetings, which will replace the division meetings for December. Wilmington members will meet at the ILWU Hall, November 15, and Los Angeles members will meet in the union hall, 5931 Avalon Blvd., Wednesday, December 21.

Local 9 Asks ILWU To Repair Pier 43

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 9 (warehouse) at its regular membership meeting of November 6, called on the Port Commission to repair and modernize bulk coal loading facilities on Pier 43.

The resolution came out of the fact that the railroad has announced it may refuse to repair and modernize its coal storage facilities on Pier 43 until the dock and track have been repaired.

Other portions of the resolution restate the facts that the loading of coal on Pier 43 at the rate of three ships per week is being performed by hand; that the state of the ship and track facilities is deteriorated and out dated; that the barge lines are inadequate to transport the coal from the SLR (San Francisco) coal terminal; and that the loading facilities are not suitable for modernizing the loading of coal to the railroad.

Business Week magazine reports that prices for coal may rise as high as 10 per cent or more in the present shortage and that coal is not expected to be available in any quantity to the railroads and igniting industries for months to come.

Kneeland Stranahan is a shipper in Portland, Ore., and a member of ILWU Local 40.
EUGENE V. DEBS

His Centennial

Here is Part of the Story of the Great Leader of American Workers, Outspoken Socialist and Peace Advocate Who Died 24 Years Ago Last Month

By Kneeland Strandhan

Debs stood by the McNamarra brothers even after they had been deserted by other labor leaders. He vigorously fought the framings of Tom Mooney and Sacco and Vanzetti. He said: 

"I know Tom Mooney intimately—so if he were my own brother. He is an absolutely honest man. He had no more to do with the crime for which he was convicted than I had... What is Tom Mooney guilty of?... For years he has been fighting bravely and without compunction the battles of the working class out on the Pacific Coast. He refused to be bribed and he could not be brow-beaten. In spite of all attempts to intimidate him he continued loyally in the service of the organized workers and for this he became a marked man. The henchmen of the powerful and corrupt corporations, concluding finally that he could not be bought or bribed or bullied, decided he must therefore be murdered. That is why Tom Mooney today is a living person, and why he would have been hanged as a felon... but for world-wide protest of the working class.

Debs opposed America's entry into the First World War. On Sunday, June 16, 1918, he delivered a speech in Canton, Ohio, which only briefly touched on the war. He said nothing in that speech about the war that wasn't also said by President Wilson himself—after the war was over. Debs was indicted under the so-called Espionage Law and convicted on September 12 after a jury trial, and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The 1920 Socialist Party convention nominated Debs for President. The picture of Debs in his convict's uniform appeared on campaign posters all over the land. Harding was elected President—but Debs polled over 900,000 votes.

Upon leaving prison Debs was broken in health and spent part of his last years in a health sanitorium. Yet he continued to lend his voice and pen to the cause of labor and the common man wherever the struggle existed.

Death came to Eugene V. Debs on October 20, 1926, at the age of 71. His body lay in state for two days in the AFL Labor Temple in Terre Haute. Thousands of memorial meetings were held all over the United States to mourn the passing of a truly great labor leader who had fought a life-long fight for a progressive and militant labor movement based—in the words of Debs—"on the common sense of the rank-and-file..."

No doubt some of the members of the ILWU were able to attend one of the Debs Memorial meetings held this month. But all of us have an opportunity to know and understand and enjoy the full story of Debs' useful life and his many contributions to the American labor movement by reading "The Bending Cross," that excellent biography of Debs by Ray Ginger, which may be obtained from the ILWU Book Club or your local secretary for only 75 cents.
Korean and Polish Workers
Hail Bridge’s Fifth Victory

SAN FRANCISCO—The Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Communication Workers Union (North Korea) on October 24 wrote from P'yongyang congratulating ILWU President Harry Bridges on his recent vindication in the fifth trial held to de-naturalize and ultimately to deport him.

The chairman, Pak Ts'ol Jing, wrote: “All the transport and communications workers, technicians and office workers of the Korean Democratic Peoples’ Republic extend warm encouragement and support to you among the longshoremen along the Pacific Coast and to all American workers who are waging a valiant struggle . . .

“We will always stand firmly on the side of you who are striving for the defense of democracy; peace and the interests of the workers, and will actively encourage and support your struggle.

“We wish the longshoremen . . . as well as all American workers further brilliant victories in their struggle for their freedom and peace.”

Polish dock workers also wrote a letter of congratulations to ILWU, mailed from Gdansk (Poland) on September 20, congratulating the union on the Bridges victory.

In their letter, they said, “The news about the freedom of your president, Harry Bridges, has been a great joy to us.

“Faithful in action and the energetic campaign led by the American dockers of the Pacific Coast compelled the authorities to acquit (him) . . .

“You have not been isolated in your struggle; you had the solidarity and international support of longshoremen and transport workers since the very beginning of the Bridges case . . .

“ALL the Polish dockers wish your union, under the leadership of Harry Bridges, further success for the working class, for improvement of the living conditions of American dockers of the Pacific Coast . . .

“The letter was signed for the Polish longshoremen’s union by its president, Wlodzimierz Szyrnowski.

Bridges Gets Ovation
From AFL-SF Council

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU President Harry Bridges received a standing ovation from the members of the AFL Bldg. and Construction Trades Council when he addressed it here recently.

Bridges thanked the Council for unanimously approving the appearance of the secretary, Dan Del Carlo, as a character witness for the ILWU president during his most recent trial.

Reminding the delegates to the council that in the very building where they were meeting, ILWU was “really established, in 1933 and 1934, the ILWU pledged continued cooperation between the ILWU and all other unions, despite any differences of opinion that might exist between them.

Two ILWU pensioners belonging to Local 10 have already made voluntary paid-up payments of the $200 certificates that will help to finance the SF Bay Area Longshoremen’s Memorial Association Building near Fisherman’s Wharf. Thirteen of them are shown in these photos, at a meeting held at ILWU headquarters last week to publicize the building drive campaign. They were addressed by Bill Chester, ILWU Northern California Regional Director and vice president of the Association. The 21 are: Herman Molander, Joe Salas, Harry Bergh, R. J. Collins, JACKIE W. Klay, W. E. Higbee, CHARLES D. HAMMER, OSCAR R. EDLUND, Peter L. NELSON, MANDUSS OLSEN, EMIL SCHWANDT, CHARLES WEISS- SIA, PAUL BLOCK, LAURIT J. AHTEE, ANDREW J. STOLL, J. CHRISTENSEN, Joseph Senn, Olaf Eriksen, KARL OLSEN, JOHN C. LIMA, WALTER, E. CARLSON and JOHN T. MCMORRIS. The two would like to see the building started soon.

To your Health

Truth & Lies About Drugs

A TOOTHBRUSH was advertised as useful for prevention and treatment of tooth decay, pyorrhoea, toothache, infected teeth, loss of teeth and recession of gums.

A manufacturer claimed using this brush would assure good health and longer life, would rebuild the jawbone and preserve youthful appearance.

Another manufacturer claimed his toothpaste, which had nothing special in it, would help cure rheumatic and lung ailments, abscesses, inflamed tonsils, sinus trouble and tongue blisters. The paste was said to absorb poisonous substances from the body.

One protection you have against this and more subtle kinds of false, misleading labels and advertising is federal and state pure food and drug legislation. Another is the direction to go slow when anyone tries to sell you a medicine or any gadget with wild claims of what it can do for your health—ask your physician or dentist first.

LAW REQUIRES TRUTH

THE LAWS require truthful labels and advertisements on medicines, including warnings of any danger. But there are always people who try to get around the laws, and enforcement of the laws requires a bigger budget nationally and locally than at present.

For example, a committee appointed this year by the secretary of the federal department of Health, Education and Welfare to study enforcement of the Food and Drug Act reported that the Food and Drug Administration was not staffed to provide the degree of protection consumers should have. Two years ago FDA officials told Congress they needed more men to enforce the laws, with the growing number of new drugs and new food products.

An FDA booklet titled Read the Label says:

“Most drugs are truthfully labeled, but not all. It is wise to be skeptical of medicines and curative devices offered to the public for the treatment of serious diseases. It is foolish to postpone proper treatment by finding out for yourself that the medicine is no good.”

Under the law, the label on any medicine that can be sold without a doctor’s prescription must give adequate directions for use, showing what the medicine is for, how much to take, how often, and for how long.

Many drugs, which may be harmful if used without a doctor’s supervision, can be sold only on prescription. A doctor’s directions are needed in using these.

On a non-prescription medicine, the label must tell you when not to take it. For example, the label on a laxative warns not to use it if you have stomach ache, nausea or other symptoms of appendicitis.

WATCH THE CHILDREN

A NEW REGULATION, growing out of the fact that aspirin is the leading cause of death from misuse of drugs for children under age five, will require aspirin product labels to warn: “Keep out of the reach of children.”

The FDA has gone to court over false cancer cures, machines and electrical and other devices as well as medicines, but this is a multi-million dollar business, according to Dr. Irvin Kerlan, associate medical director of FDA; the promoters, with their business stopped in one place, often manage to start up again in another.

The tragedy is the needless loss of life caused by delay of adequate medical treatment. In one court case against a man who charged $400 per patient, mainly for medicine mailed to the patient’s home, 60 witnesses testified, most of them outstanding cancer authorities, that their patients had died or still had cancer after taking the medicine.

Advertising for false devices and worthless medicines is designed only to snare you, while labeling in accordance with the laws gives you information you need to get your money’s worth and guard your family’s health. Read labels and claims carefully—if in doubt, check with your doctor before you buy.

Local 6 Gains at SF Goodyear Co.

SAN FRANCISCO — Big gains for Local 6 warehousemen employed by ILWU were won by the recently organized Goodyear Rubber Company here, came as a result of a week of intensive bargaining that began on November 7.

The Goodyear workers recently voted in an NLRB election to be represented by the ILWU warehouse local, by a vote of 21 to 9 (for Interna-

tional Rubber Workers) with 5 no-vote ballots and two challenged votes.

The house was brought under the master contract on November 14 and the rubber company agreed to the Interim Rubber Workers’ contract and a special committee was appointed to work out which resulted in gains for the men of approximately 20 cents an hour, and for women, about 27 cents an hour, bringing the base rates up to $1.935 per hour and $1.70 per hour respectively.
Probe of Civil Rights Violations Opens; Wide Investigation is Seen

WASHINGTON—Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D, Mo.) opened a scheduled three weeks of hearings into the present state of constitutional rights November 14 with a promising statement of a broad inquiry by his Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights.

Hennings noted the subcommittee expects to take testimony from three cabinet members: Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, Treasury Secretary George Humphrey, and Attorney General Herbert Brownell. Jr. The big question here was whether men like Browne, Wilson and Humphrey appeared heartening for defenders of civil liberties. He said: "The first series of hearings will inquire into practices of the various loyalty-security programs, including the military personnel security program, the government employees security program and the industrial security program. These programs are estimated to cover one-fifth of the working force of this country."

"The committee will examine the loyalty-security programs which appear to conflict with the citizens' rights under the First Amendment. The practices to be examined include the use and effect of the attorney general's list of subversive or disloyal persons accused of no crime, the gathering of political dossiers on citizens, and the like."

FIRST AMENDMENT

Hennings' opening statement, however, appeared heartening for defenders of civil liberties. He said: "The first series of hearings will inquire into violations of the rights of free speech and freedom of assembly or association guaranteed by the First Amendment (of the US Constitution)."

"As part of this inquiry, the committee will examine closely certain practices of the various loyalty-security programs, including the military personnel security program, the government employees security program and the industrial security program. These programs are estimated to cover one-fifth of the working force of this country."

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Local 13 Increases Membership by 197

WILMINGTON—First step in increasing the membership of ILWU Local 13 to 3,250, which was voted in September, will be taken the first meeting in December when 197 class "B" men will be initiated. Local 13 President George Love announced last week.

Defense Department spending in the fiscal year just ended June 30,1955, topped the original $32.4 billion estimate by some $1.5 billion.

Bridges Visits NY on Cargo Study

(Continued from Page 1) Bridges admitted to questioning by the reporters that he would like to see a working agreement between ILWU and ILA, on standardization of loading methods and on a common expiration date for wage contracts, but said these had not yet come about.

Local 14 Oldtimers Honored

On November 5 ILWU Local 14 pensioners Oscar Sundall, William Lowe, Oscar Nelson and Emile Madson (lower photo) were honored at a banquet and party in Eureka, California, which was sponsored by the local and its Auxiliary 29, Turkey with the trimmings was served (upper photo), music of accordionists, guitarists, pianists and solo singers was heard.

Pensioners in Bay Area Plan Party and Dance

SAN FRANCISCO—All ILWU pensioners in the Bay Area were invited this week to a party and dance at 150 Golden Gate Avenue. In the ballroom, to be held on the evening of December 10.

There will be no charge for admission and each pensioner may bring a lady guest. Food and refreshments will also be gratis, with entertainment and dancing until one o'clock in the morning.

Only identification required will be the pensioner's gold retirement card, to be in the Bay Area at the time will be welcomed.

Other ILWU members are also being invited, the arrangements committee announced, but will be asked to pay a $2.00 admission charge which will include the cost of food and refreshments.

By the end of 1955 auto installment debt will amount to nearly $3 billion more than at the end of last year, when it reached $14.0 billion. Car production and sales are expected to drop next year.
Stoolie Dies

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Nightclub, Paying Off

Sан Francisco — Eight more ILWU Local members, found guilty by the local's labor relations committee of violations of the low-man-out dis- patches rule, were punished last week with fines and penalties ranging from 15 to 60 days off.

It brought to 16 the total number of men found guilty of chiseling, in the local's current drive against the prac- tice.

"The dispatching system of Local 10 is now on the beam," the Longshore Bulletin of November 15 re- ported, "The low-man-out rules are now being observed by every member of the local."

The labor relations committee which heard charges against the 16 men who were involved consisted of Local 10 Vice-President Robert Rohach, Charles Hoffman and Jack Hogan.

The International union was repre- sented by Second Vice-President Ger- maine Bulkle and Northern California Regional Director Bill Chester, both members of the local.

"How did this happen? It seems to me that either labor did not have a base in the community, or they did not have a base and were not disciplined," the Bulletin said.

"If, on the other hand, it is true, it did not know how to go about getting the rank and file to vote its own candidate into office." (Local) ...•9•4114••••••••90,••••

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Chains

By J. R. (Bob) Robertson

There is a hard and serious lesson to be learned in the recent off-year elections throughout the nation. And that lesson is this: that organized la- bor's influence on its own rank and file is weighing less than profoundly.

Let's take it from the San Francisco mayoralty election. Here we had a can- didate, who held the "unitard" banner of local labor leadership. Yet-labor's can- didate was dropped by a margin of two to one or more. Several other men, who workers did not vote for the man their leaders recommended to the voters.

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