LA Local 26 Breaks Ground For Its Home

LOS ANGELES—Ground-breaking ceremonies were held and headquarters for ILWU Local 26, to be built at 87th Street and Figueroa, took place December 17. International Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt and Local 26 President Al Caplan delivered the main speeches, and Caplan and LA City Councilman Gordon Hahn jointly hannoed the golden shovel to break ground for the $100,000 office and assembly building.

FOR LOCAL 26 ONLY

The building is being constructed for the union and will be occupied under the provisions of a long-term lease with the Warehousemen’s Building Association, a California corporation which owns the property. The association will provide the building and its facilities for the sole use of Local 26.

 Architects are David Hyun and Aaron Cohn. The general contractor is the Willens and Bertich Co.

This modern, up-to-the-minute building will serve as a center of activity for the union. Besides office space, the building provides an assembly hall for membership meetings, a large conference room for committee meetings and for union-employee luncheon meetings, a kitchen for social affairs and additional space for recreational activities.

OFFICES AVAILABLE

Office space is also provided for related activities of the local, including its Community Welfare and Labor Relations activities, and a Lafayette Welfare Plan administration.

The building is so designed that it can be easily converted to provide space for 2,000 square feet and will be situated on a lot 110 by 145, costing $30,000, which will provide ample parking space for members.

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SCALERS SET XMAS

FOR HOME

A growing list of labor groups in- supported in the fight against the United States for the rights of workers, and its declaration of the go-home movement, has also spent more than $1,000,000 in the last few weeks on one of the oldest strike-breaking tactics in industry; the offering of Christmas loans of $500 each to those workers who need money for the holidays—to be repaid in $5 installments (without interest) if their work is not over.

Brownell stated in his petition to the Court of Appeals to the courts, to strip militant and independent unions which will not conform to government policy of their rights before the National Labor Relations Board, and their contracts, if possible.

GOVT WILL DECIDE

In each instance it is the government that will decide what is right for the unions involved, and what officials they should have if they are to be considered as “conformists”.

As he had in the Mine-Mill citation, Brownell stated in his petition to the SABC that his action was designed to “help” the members of the electrical workers union, “clean their organization of Communist infiltrators even as the CIO cleaned its organization in 1949 and 1950.”

With the much larger AFL-CIO International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—for more than nine weeks.

ST. HELENS, Ore.—The Columbia River District Council last week urged all affiliates to get behind “Back for Morse” clubs as a means of registering the Senator who talked for 17 hours straight against the Taft-Hartley bill.

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The True Story of Christmas

by Harry Bridges

A SMALL ITEM in the back pages of a recent New York news
paper reported that 71 year old Joe Ryan was physically beaten and
wounded in the head, apparently in an argument with a small group of
people who have been periodically indulging in violence in his
neighborhood.

But when the word went out that Ryan had been picked to be a fall
guy, his fair-weather friends scattered in every direction. Nothing
had ever been revealed about Ryan and his actions that hadn't
been known to everyone in the New York waterfront for years. What
he did and how he operated in the racket-ridden New York waterfront
is no different from what goes on and other trade leaders around
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as president of the I.L.A. He had never been accused of anything,
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he enjoys today?

How many people know that Joe Ryan made Meany? That it was
Ryan who was the model for all the powerful New York waterfront
leaders, and wishing him well. The old guy just loved it. He never stopped
apologizing note to "Dear Joe" and pledged that the "entire machinery
of the government of New York State is behind you and your or
ganization."

After Ryan was served a referral from the Court of Appeals in his Taft
Harling case, the government offered to drop the charges if he
would come tax evasion.

A New York Times columnist named Joe Ryan the "fall guy, his fair-weather friends scattered in every direction. Not a
thing he did and how he operated in the racket-ridden New York waterfront is no different from what goes on and other trade leaders
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LA Scrap Stewards Picked

At Lipsett Steel: Chief steward Alfred Joseph, Stewart Sampson, Wilmer Wysock, L. C. Singleton, Clyde Jackson and Alvaro Jaramillo.

At Eureka Iron and Metal: Joe Acuna, Manuel Alcarez, Trinidad Galindo, Ramon Martinez, Jose Portillo, Henry Randall and Victor Simon.

Negro Boycott of Alabama

Montgomery, Ala.—The boycott of Montgomery's city bus lines by the Negro community went into its second week December 12 and remained virtually 100 per cent solid. Transit officials halted service on five routes and estimates placed the company's losses at better than $2,000 a day.

This spontaneous protest gesture against the line's cruel racist policies by 40,000-old Negro citizens was touched off by the arrest of a widely-respected woman church leader on December 7. She had refused to give up her seat at the order of a bus driver who was trying to "equalize" his load by unseating Negroes so that white passengers just getting on would not have to stand.

Spontaneous Move

No organization or individual can be said to have inspired the boycott. The accumulated insults of past years—deliberate passing by of Negroes waiting at bus stops, pistol-wielding drivers, packing in of Negro standees while seats in the "white" section remain empty, and the arrest of a 14-year-old Negro girl last summer for refusing to yield her seat to a white man—cut across all class lines.

"The leaders were led," declared one local official of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. "I don't believe there has been anything like this in the south in 92 years. Certainly I've never seen its like in my lifetime."

At a 4-hour session arranged by the Montgomery City Council, a committee of Negroes met with bus-line representatives December 8, with neither side yielding. The Reverend M. L. King, Jr., spokesman for the committee, emphasized that the boycott was not designed to end segregation on the buses.

Reverend King listed three demands as a condition for ending the boycott: (1) courtesy on the part of the drivers; (2) a "first come, first served" seating policy, with Negroes filling the bus from back to front and whites from front to back; (3) the hiring of Negro drivers for routes that run through predominantly Negro neighborhoods.

"We provide 75 per cent of the revenue there and so we think it is only right that some of it should come back to us," he said in explanation of the third demand.

Union Membership In California—Up!

San Francisco—California labor unions added 50,000 new members during the past year, bringing their total membership to 1,618,500 in 1955. Ernest R. Webb, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced last week.

Around 111,000 other workers in California are members of unaffiliated labor organizations. Among these are several railroad brotherhoods, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, the Federation of Women Telephone Workers of Southern California, the California State Nurses Association, and the National Federation of Federal Employees.

The 3-per cent rise in union membership between July, 1954 and July, 1955 accompanied a 4-per cent increase in nonagricultural employment in the State.

Los Angeles—Karen Beth, an eight-pound girl, was born to Frieda Caplan, wife of ILWU Local 26 President Al Caplan, at Kaiser Foundation Hospital at 4 a.m., Sunday, October 28.
Seattle Thanksgiving Dinner

Oldtimers belonging to ILWU Local 19 were honored guests at a Thanksgiving dinner held on November 22. One hundred and eight ILWU pensioners, their friends and auxiliary members were fed that day. Chief cook was J. J. Whitney with Sharty Beard as second cook and Jimmy Beard as "chief taster." The picture above, with the guests unidentified, shows part of the line-up at the serving table.

Local 13’s Football Team Wins 3, Loses 2 and Ties 1

WILMINGTON — ILWU Local 13’s first semi-professional football team, since before the war ended its season last week with a record of three wins, one tie and two losses.

“It’s a good record for a first year’s team,” said Sports Committee Chairman Fred Ponce. “Yes, the team’s play was better than the record showed. Arnis Dandoy and several other of our key men were unable to play in several games, including those we lost.”

Dandoy is an ex-Cleveland Browns player who was a star player at USC.

The last three years before the war, the then Local 13 football squad won the municipal championships.

Coaches of this year’s aggregation were Spud Murphy and Ron Munroy.

Formation of a basketball team is underway, with one practice session having been held. Local 13 members interested in trying out for the team are asked to phone the union’s office.

Local 26 Is Asking For 25c at Minerals Co.

LOS ANGELES—A 25 cents an hour across-the-board increase and other contract improvements are being sought by ILWU Local 26 members at Kennelly Minerals Co.

Formation of the wage increase union demands include an additional paid holiday (to make a total of eight), three weeks annual vacation and a health and welfare coverage (they now have only a basic (Class B) and a new contract termination date.

Negotiators are Bert Ingram, Robert Thompson and Jesse Irazo, assisted by Local 26 Vice-president George Lee.

When You Are Hurt On the Job

(Or Become Ill because of Job Conditions)

1. Report the injury or illness to your foreman, the plant First Aid Office, or the boss.
2. Demand First Aid or medical treatment if needed.
3. Get the names, addresses and phone numbers of all persons who saw the accident, or ask your Shop Steward to get them for you.
4. Do not sign any papers or give a written statement to anyone, except to a union representative or your lawyer, or on their advice.
5. If you later find that you have injuries you are not aware of at the time you first reported the accident, report them at once to your employer or to the doctor provided by him or by his insurance carrier.
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John L. Hints Welfare Fund Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In his first public outing in many months, John L. Lewis showed he still has plenty on the ball. Appearing before a Senate subcommittee, Lewis blasted proposed federal legislation to regulate welfare and retirement funds. No new laws are needed, he said, to get rid of the “hu- man jackals who are feeding off” union welfare funds.

This position is in marked contrast to suggestions by AFL and CIO leaders favoring a “disclosure” law. Such a measure would require annual financial statements reports to a federal agency. It has been proposed largely as an alternative to stiffer legislation. Lewis brushed the “disclosure” proposals aside. All that is needed, he said, is enforcement of existing laws against racketeering and for “bureaucrats’” labor leaders to be- stifle themselves.

THE ONLY WAY

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And more than one comment was heard that the country will still benefit plenty from the “old man.”

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PROGRAM FAR OFF

This background is important in figuring what must be done to win Con- gressional approval of an effective school aid program. The Administra- tion has now been forced to agree on the idea of federal aid. But, consider- ing the original aims set for the Con- ference, it must be recognized that we are far from an acceptable legis- lative program.

The big question is not mere agree- ment. What is even more important is how much how much Congress will make available.

And from the looks of the last session, along with the budgetary policies of the Administration, it’s clear the Con- ference brought us only a short dis- tance from the needed bill.

Labor was instrumental in building the public school system. It cannot be asked to go back to Congress and say “we’ve heard what you said.”

New NY Cop

This is what the New York City Police Department who was appointed re- cently to the post of executive direc- tor or the B-State Waterfront Com- mission that rules the lives of New York and New Jersey longshoremen.

Notice to Non-Citizen Members of the ILWU

SAN FRANCISCO — The immi- gration and Naturalization Service an- nounced last week that, pursuant to the law, all non-citizens resident in the USA are required: on the first day of January, 1956, to submit their current address to the Service.

The announcement came from Bruce Barber, District Director of the Service, who said registration forms may be found at US post offices or at the nearest immi- gration office. Willful violation of the law may result in fines up to $300, imprisonment for 30 days and possible de- portation.

16c-Raise Is Recommended For RR Non-Pros

WASHINGTON — A company-paid health and welfare program and a 16c hourly wage increase for 750,000 non-operating railroad workers were recommended to President Eisenhower here December 12 by a 3-member emer- gency fact-finding board.

Operating under the Railway Labor Act, the board considered the argu- ments of 16 railway lines and 14 unions representing non-operating workers. The roads had offered a 10½ cents hourly raise, whereas the unions sought a 27 cents increase. The board recommended a 16c an hour raise. It was pointed by Eisenhower of the companies assuming the full cost of the health and welfare fund, which now shared between them and the workers, would be two cents hourly. The full package, therefore, was worth 16½ cents.

The special board was composed of Dudley E. Whiting of Detroit, chairman; George Allen Dash, Jr. of Philadelphia, and John D. Larkin of Chicago. It was ap- pointed by Eisenhower after the non- operating unions threatened to strike for their demands.

The board in its lengthy report said it awarded the 16½ cent package set- tlement on the principle of keeping non-operating railroad workers’ wage in- creases in recent years equal to those won by operating unions, such as en- gineers, firemen, trainmen and con- ductors. The board put operating work- ers’ wage gain at 10½ cents hourly, and said the new award brings them in line with that.

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Local 6 Talks With Kaiser on X-Ray Techs

OAKLAND—Local 6 of Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union announced December 7 that it is resuming wage negotiations at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland on behalf of the x-ray technicians. The union is seeking to bring the starting wage rate for x-ray technicians up to the level of wages for common labor in the area. The common labor rate for some 400 companies in the Bay Area under contract with Local 6, starts at $1.92 1/2 cents per hour. The starting wage for x-ray technicians at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland is $1.60%.

Wage negotiations have been carried on with the hospital since November 22 of last year, with no wage offer from the Hospital.

"Kaiser Foundation Hospital does not reconsider its position in these negotiations, the union will be compelled to reconsider its long standing policy of not resorting to strike action against the hospital," William Burke, business agent stated. "X-Ray Department employees at Kaiser Foundation Hospital are skilled technicians required to have a background of training and experience and at the minimum, a high school education. They are an integral part of the medical profession. It is certainly a sad commentary on the wage policy of the hospital when the union has to strive to bring the wages of these technicians up to a par with common labor's rates of the area. This is a desperate situation which may require drastic measures to resolve."

Elizabeth Kanowitz

Picked by E. Bay Women

OAKLAND—Elizabeth Kanowitz was elected president of ILWU Auxiliary 37 in elections held in the women's organization on November 11.

Others elected in annual balloting were: Susan McKinzie, vice-president; Leona Jackson, secretary; and the following members of the executive board:

Alice Geren, Elvadie Mcllroy, Emma Schaefer and Myrtle Smith.

Bay Area Oldtimers Throw a Xmas Party

Three hundred and fifty ILWU pensioners living in the S. F. Bay Area, their wives, friends and fellow union members turned up at an early Christmas party given by the pensioners' club on December 10 at 150 Golden Gate Avenue. There was dancing, food and drink (all on the house) till two a.m. In the pictures above, on the left side, top, women of the auxiliary are shown with gifts that were for sale. Below them, Santa Claus drops in for a visit.

December 23, 1955

Local 13 Blood Drive Hits a Record: Total Is at 410 Pints

WILMINGTON—Blood donations by ILWU Local 13 members and their wives at the Blood Bank drive of December 15 totaled 122 pints, only eight pints short of the maximum that could have been accepted by the six-bed Red Cross unit set up at the local's hall. Seventeen members and wives who volunteered their blood were rejected because of recent illnesses or because they showed up after the closing hour of 7 p.m.

WIVES CONTRIBUTE

Seven wives of members contributed, and the gang of gang boss Oscar Hagen, donated six pints of blood, the only 100 per cent contribution from one gang.

Bill Kelters, champion donor of Local 13 and of the barber area, gave his 74th pint of blood.

The December 16 Blood Bank drive is the last to be held under the direction of Vice-President Adrian Finch, whose two years in office will end in April. When Finch took over the responsibility of Welfare Officer for the local, the Blood Bank was in debt 68 pints to the Red Cross.

TOTAL at 410!

Local 209 Wins 9 Cents in New Pact

CLEVELAND — Negotiations between ILWU Local 209 (warehouse) and the Wolf Envelope Company, concluded late in November, resulted in a 4 per cent general wage increase plus fringe benefits on incentive pay and computation of the annual improvement factor. It was announced this week.

All told, the settlement amounts to an average of close to 9 cents an hour in addition to the 135 workers employed.

A demand for a welfare program will be made next year, when the entire contract will be open, ILWU Washington Representative Jeff Kiberre said. Kiberre assisted in the negotiations.

The new agreement was effective as of December 4. The local's negotiating committee consisted of Lloyd Yama- moto (chairman), Wendell Jackson, Bob Ross, Pete Schwartz, Cleveland Cox, Lee Lenson and Dan Coffey.

Local 1 Donates to Mrs. Rystad, Fisher

SEATTLE — ILWU Local 1 (Bay- mond, Wash.) through its delegate to the Columbia River District Council of ILWU, recently made a donation of $25 to the defense of Mrs. Nora Raystad, wife of an ILWU Local 19 longshoreman.

Mrs. Rystad is threatened with deportation by the US Department of Immigration and a defense committee has been started to aid in her fight to remain in the USA.

Local 1 also made a donation of $61 to A. A. Fisher, former International Woodworkers of America (CIO) official, who has been convicted under the Taft-Hartley "non-communist" affidavit provision of the slave law. Fisher is appealing his conviction.

High Court to Hear 'Look at Books' Argument

WASHINGTON—The US Supreme Court announced December 12 it would hear argument and rule on the issue of whether federal labor law requires an employer to show his books to a union when claiming he does not have the money to grant a wage increase.

The important issue came to the high bench in the case of Truitt Manufacturing Co. of North Carolina and the International Association of Bridge Structural & Ornamental Iron Workers. The company had pleaded poverty in refusing to bargain for a raise and the union asked for a look at the books. The company's refusal was upheld by the US circuit court of appeals in Richmond, whence the issue was appealed to the Supreme Court.

MIGHT HURT BOSS

The issue has been in considerable doubt since the appeals court for the 2d circuit, in New York, held that company books must be produced to justify a refusal to bargain for increased wages. Employers claim that, once granted, such a "look at the books" would injure the employer's position with regard to his competitors. Unionists state that this argument is used to cover up the facts when a wage boost is possible and justified.
Dangers in the Home

The average home, said a physician speaking before the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, has little advertised features, "dangerous, painful, and frightening traps for the unwary .. ."

Cautions urged by physicians who see their share of such accidentally incurred accidents, and by the National Safety Council and state government officials, are that parents make safe practices, their business, may seem obvious and simple. It's the simple things that cause most tragedies.

RADIO! DANGER!

A wife tells with horror how her husband almost electrocuted himself by switching on a radio in the bathroom while he shaved after a shower.

An elderly man living in a single room with a heater that leaks gas wakes up with a headache and nausea.

A child takes a long drink of a cleaning preparation he finds under the sink.

Keeping your home safe is a round-the-clock year-long project, mostly a matter of thoughtfulness and habit; winter brings special dangers; the holidays are filled with accidents as you see many accidents that could have been prevented.

Among things to check in your home:

WHAT TO CHECK

Gas stoves, furnaces and other home appliances should have fluxes in good working order. Monoxide from a slight gas leak or from incomplete burning in a defective appliance can cause illness, sometimes death. Using a gas heater outright with no windows open doubles the danger. Carbon monoxide doesn't smell, give you warning.

Worn electrical cords and defective or overloaded wiring cause fires. Parents are warned to keep children away from wall outlets: a less frightful trap for the unwary.

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Cleaning materials and insect poisons too. Many small children have had severe burns from putting these live electrical appliances should have flues in good working order. Carbon monoxide from a slight gas leak or from incomplete burning in a defective appliance can cause illness, sometimes death. Using a gas heater outright with no windows open doubles the danger. Carbon monoxide doesn't smell, give you warning.

Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

WATCH THE KIDS

Keep matches away from children, cleaning materials and insect poisons out of children's reach. Some chemicals, not recognized by the young, are particularly dangerous. Keep all medicines in a place out of reach.

Child Care and Dentistry: Discussed at Local 4

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Panel discussion by experts on dentistry and pediatrics highlighted a meeting here December 5 attended by 50 ILWU Local 4 parents.

The panel included Dr. Bykeman, dentist, who acted as moderator, and Dr. Henry H. Eder, a pediatric surgeon. Among subjects discussed were the relationship of dental health to general health, and the importance of dental care.

Area Welfare Director Roland Smith spoke on the health Check which is sponsored by the longshore and local of ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund.

Joe Blasquez, Blasquez

To E. Bay Local 6 Post 26

On December 5, 1955, the post of business agent B in the December 25, 1955, edition of this division of ILWU Local 6. Blasquez held the job throughout 1955 and 1956 and ran against him in the primaries. The final vote was: Blasquez, 1,225; Maxey, 791.

New Study on Heart Disease; Bare Tie to Hard Work, Poverty, Jimcrow

CHICAGO — A newly reported study by one of the nation's most widely read and respected heart disease research scientists may well revolutionize theories about why one is most likely to get heart disease.

In popular and in medical thinking, the heart attack victim has long been the middle-aged, prosperous businessman who just manages to buzz his secretary on the office intercom as he clutches his heart and slumps to the thickly carpeted floor. The likelihood that this is pure myth and that heart disease is not only a disease of the rich is the result of a report just issued by Dr. Jeremiah Stamler, director of the Department of Cardiovascular (heart and blood vessel) Research at Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital to the American Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries).

LOW WAGE COUNT

Dr. Stamler's study tends toward the conclusion that the harder you work physically and the lower your wages, the more likely you are to be a victim of fatal heart disease. The Chicago scientist conducted a study analyzing 30,000 heart and circulatory deaths by occupational groups, income, sex, age and race.

In the breakdown according to occupational groupings Dr. Stamler found that men in the executive professional classifications had the lowest death rate from heart disease.

More work, more stress, more heart disease and more death, the report concludes. In the 25-44 age class is only 1:1 to 1, and Negro women at this age actually have a higher death rate than white men.

The answer would seem to lie in the fact that in many areas of the country little or no medical care is available to Negroes. As a result, many Negroes die in infancy, childhood and early adulthood of pneumonia, tuberculosis, dysentery and other ailments which are not often fatal for those fortunate enough to have modern medical care available.

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It has long been known that women are less prone to heart disease than men, and the Stamler study bears this out. It also bears this out with some startling exceptions.

Among white people, the male female heart disease death ratio is 5 to 1 in the 45-64 age group; 57 to 1 in the 45-64 group. Among Negroes the male female death rate is 30 to 1, in the 25-44 age group is only 1:1, and Negro women at this age actually have a higher death rate than white men.

The studies whichever in this country and in foreign countries, particularly in Africa, make it clear that the medical factor in the cardiovascular death rate for Negroes is a factor in the death rate for Negroes.

In Chicago, where Negroes can obtain medical care, this factor is minimized, and the damage that hard work, hard life and discrimination do to the heart takes its toll.

Another Scrap Co.

Signs Up With 26

DOMINGUEZ—Newest scrap plant to sign agreement with ILWU Local 26 is the American Banking Company, which is just beginning operations and which will in normal production employ from 12 to 18 men.

Management agreed to the same con-

tracted conditions that are in effect at National Metals on Terminal Island, and wage rates ranging from $3.65 to $4.25 per hour, with $2.10 per hour above the classification of crane operator. These rates about 20 cents an hour above the pattern for bailing operations in Los Angeles.

Mr. E. Wilkinson, Business Agent Loyd Seeliger, who negotiated the contract with the company, said the agreement would be opened in January for improved wages and other conditions.

700 Enjoy Local 13's Xmas Party for Kids

WILMINGTON — More than 200 children of ILWU Local 13 members turned out for the annual Christmas party, which was held uner the sponsorship of the local's sports committee and were entertained and given gifts outside decorated with candies, fruits, nuts and small toys.

Bearing out this possibility are figures on deaths caused in whole or in part by hypertension (high blood pressure). It is generally accepted that emotions and worries play a big role in aggravating high blood pressure cases. In the Chicago study, the death rate from high blood pressure was four to eight times greater among middle-aged Negroes than among middle-aged whites. National figures for all age groups show that the mortality rate from hypertension is more than twice as high among Negroes as among whites.

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McCarthy Tries to Give Plumb to Ex-Con Friend

WASHINGTON—Post Office De-
partment officials kept an em-
barrassed silence here November 29
on the move by Senator Joseph Mc-
Carthy (R, Wis.) to give a patronage
plum to a friend who had been con-
victed of violating prohibition and
gambling laws.

McCarthy earlier had announced
from his office here that Thomas
Miller, the ex-convict, had been ap-
pointed postmaster of Appleton,
Wis., the senator's home town. The
department, however, said flatly that
"no appointment has been made." Spokesmen would not be drawn into
discussion of the case, which is a
little sticky for the administra-
tion in view of its "moral crusade" and
clean-as-a-hound's-tooth propa-
ganda.

Ecuador Pays Fine
For US Tuna Boat

SAN PEDRO—First claim paid by
the US government for a fine paid to
an American fishing vessel
after seizure by a foreign country was
paid recently to the owners of the
"Sun Streak," a tuna boat which was
seized by the Ecuador government
five days until the owners had paid a fine
held in Quayaquil, Ecuador, for five
fishing voyage when an armed Ecua-
er degrees were winded up, according to an,

Local 20 Wins 5c
From Van Camp Co.

SAN DIEGO—Negotiations between
ILWU Local 20 and Van Camp Can
Bakers were wound up, according to an
announcement by ILWU Regional Di-
rector Pete Moore, with an across-the-
board wage increase of 5 cents an
hour, with 10 and 15 cent increases in
some classifications.

Also won was the 40-hour week, ex-
cept for the "wet fish" months of July,
August and September, during which time Local 20 members will work five
straight-time Saturdays.


d was on a routine
fishing voyage when an armed Ecua-
erian boat ordered it into port, charg-
ing violation of a law of that nation
limiting fishing in offshore waters to
native boats.


Local 26 Xmas Party for Kids
The Los Angeles ware-
house local gave its an-
nual Christmas party for children last week at the 28th Street Young Men's
Christian Association building. This picture shows part of the large crowd of
Local 26 kids and their parents who attended. Santa Claus distributed gifts
and Leo Sherman, Local 24 secretary-treasurer (standing in center of picture)
was the master of ceremonies. (The brother with the cigarette was not identi-
ified by the photographer.)
UPW Strikers Win a Great Victory: Godchaux Sugar

RESERVATION—Never wavering in eight months of bitter struggle, 850 Godchaux sugar refinery strikers held their ground. The strikers won the wage demands for which they went out, and they will all get a salary of $4.50 per day.

"Under the circumstances, I think we've done a pretty magnificent thing," a spokesman for their union, United Packinghouse Workers Local 1154, said. To anyone familiar with those circumstances, this is a masterpiece of understanding and determination.

The plant was operating with a force of 400 scouts at the time of the settlement. Godchaux sugar refinery strikers achieved this victory with a 2-to-1 majority. The union, with Negro leadership reflecting the proportion of Negro membership, was able to turn back scores of Alabama and Mississippi sharecroppers who were fighting for the same 50 cents per day wage. Out of 850 Godchaux workers who weakened and broke, the unions that were put back on their job, only four were Negroes.

According to unofficial reports on terms of the settlement, the strikers get a 5-hour raise this month and another 5 cents on January 1. The company, balled for many weeks at dismissing its scabs, finally agreed to a recallable schedule under which all strikers will be taken back. The union was apparently forced to forego its demand for 4 cents worth of fringe benefits. The settlement is a victory for the Negro workers who were without the unions and the industrialization of labor that are not at the same time the aspirations of those who have been trying to put us out of business ever since we first started to organize.

I have recently come across a book that, for the first time, tells the true story of labor as it has never been told before in our country.

This book is called "Labor's Untold Story," and it was written by Richard O. Boyer and Herbert M. Morals, writers who have been close to the labor movement for years. They know what they are talking about.

At this time, and for three columns, I'm going to talk a little about this book, for it tells well the story of the past in which the labor movement has engaged and the manner in which the victories were won or the battles lost.

The REASON this book is written is simple: for the story of labor has never been told. It is the true story of labor, the people's bargain, and how divisions within the ranks of labor have always brought about defeats.

And the powers that be—whether they run newspapers, magazines, radio, TV—do not want that story told, for they are big business themselves and the ideas they promote are the ideas of big business, not the ideas of the working people.

The Boyer-Morals book tells the story of these struggles and these victories and it would be a good idea for union officers, shop stewards, and local leaders to get the book from the ILWU Book Club and read it.

For it will remind each of a fact that we in ILWU are never tired of repeating: that is, that the working class, our country, and in every other country in the world never got a handout from the bosses; it was not a question of raise in wages without fighting for it—and never and the victory. And any labor leader or politician who tells you that we did either is a liar or a phony. Nothing worthwhile or permanent has ever come easy to the working people.

Justice Department Is 'Helpless' on Till

SAN FRANCISCO—In reply to a protest to the Justice Department about the conviction of 14-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi, ILWU has reprinted the story of the murder from Warren, N.C., Assistant U.S. Attorney General, to the effect that his department "has no jurisdiction, whatsoever, to carry on any action in connection therewith."

ILWU's board recently demanded an investigation of the lynching murder and Oney says: "Available information indicates the alleged kidnaping and brutal killing of Till were the acts of two private individuals and that he was not transplanted from a southern state line."

The department is, however, Oney wrote, conducting "extensive investigations into the alleged deprivation of the civil rights of Mississippi Negroes and the alleged denial of the right to vote."

Answer to Who Said It?