Warehouse Tragedy

Oakland city firemen are shown as they removed a badly burned ILWU Local 6 member from the Albers Milling plant following a dust explosion on September 16 which flashed through several floors and blew the roof off. Eighteen, all Local 6 members of the Oakland division, received first, second and third degree burns. One, Sylvester La Mell, died of his burns on the next day. Two others were reported still on the critical list as The Dispatcher went to press. (See story on Page 3.)

25° Increase, One Year Contract Is Demand of Hawaii Sugar Caucus

HONOLULU — Meeting here this week in pre-convention caucus, 250 delegates representing Hawaii's sugar workers at the the Third Biennial Convention of ILWU Local 142 voted unanimously to demand a minimum hourly wage increase of twenty-five cents when negotiations are opened on November 1 which are presenting our demands well enough in advance so as to eliminate any possible delay in bargaining by the claim that "we need time to study your proposals." In addition to the wage and duration (Continued on Page 5)

ILWU-PMA Fund to Pay For 1 Year

SAN FRANCISCO—Trustees of the ILWU-PMA Pension Fund this week announced that effective October 1 widows of pensioners dying after that date will continue to receive their husband's full pension for one year. The change is not retroactive.

The amended plan applies to unmarried minor dependents.

The trustees of the fund described the step as a desirable, outstanding and pioneering social advance, not heretofore achieved by any other pension plan in the country.

Still under negotiation among the trustees is the matter of also extending the health and welfare benefits to widows.

PROPOSED BY CAUCUS

The benefit to widows was first proposed by action of the Coast Longshore, Shipworkers and Walking Boss caucus following the 12 Biennial convention in April of this year.

The trustees of the fund came to mutual agreement on the matter this week.

Said the union trustees: "While we are not backward as a union in taking credit for an advance such as this—a great step forward—we must in all fairness give credit to PMA and the employer trustees for recognizing the step as a desirable social advance.

WOMEN'S ROLE RECOGNIZED

"The step taken demonstrates recognition of the role of the women toward labor organization and good labor relations."

Other pension plans in which widows participate have been in the form of insurance annuities, by which pensioners take only part of their pension during their lifetime, the remainder of the money going into premiums for the widow's annuity.

Under the amended ILWU-PMA plan full pension payments will be made to bona fide dependents such as widows who have been claimed as dependents, for income tax purposes for a period of at least three years, and/or unmarried minor dependents.

Payments would stop after the last of the following occur:
1. The remarriage of the widow;
2. The death of the widow;
3. The death of the last surviving unmarried minor dependent;
4. Attainment of the age of 18 by the youngest surviving unmarried minor dependent;
5. The marriage of the last surviving minor dependent.

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THE COURAGEOUS CHILDREN

There seems to be no question of the determination of the children present that they will not be beaten and whipped. The children are not afraid, they have no fear. They have learned to live in a world of fear. They have learned to live in a world of hate and cruelty.

The children who have been beaten and whipped are not the only ones who have been affected by this event. All the children in Little Rock have been affected. The children in the schools have been affected. The children in the homes have been affected.

The children have learned that they can be beaten and whipped. They have learned that they can be afraid. They have learned that they can be hate and cruelty.

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ILWU-AFL Ranks Show Strong Unity
While Pedro Sardine Fleet Tied Up

SAN PEDRO—This port's sardine fleet has been tied up for the first time while ILWU Local 33, the AFL Fishermen, boatowners and canneries try to reach agreement on a price per ton.

Boatowners had been offered $55 a ton by the canneries, but the offer had been withdrawn before boatowners could present it to the unions.

Both ILWU and AFL fishermen have set a price of $60 a ton for sardines, after separate meetings. ILWU members agreed on the price first, and then held a mass demonstration at the AFL meeting, urging the rank-and-file to insist on the same amount.

On the Beam

MEMBERSHIP OPEN
Increasing numbers of San Pedro AFL fishermen are filling application cards for the ILWU, Local 33 Secretary-treasurer John Royal said. "Our hooks are open," Royal said, "and any fisherman who wants to apply for membership is welcome."

Meanwhile, ILWU members are being paid off at their contract rate with boatowners for turn, which were taken by the cannery at approximately $40 a ton less than the new low price of $260 which they had agreed to pay the boatowners.

Copy of the ILWU contract are being circulated among AFL members, with the result expected to be that they will not fish without a written contract. It is also pointed out that the ILWU contract is the first with a union shop provision.

"Speaking for the ILWU membership," Royal said, "I want to thank the AFL rank-and-file for their wonderful co-operation with us, and for their cooperation with us to make the fishermen make a living wage."

ILWU President Harry Bridges, Vice-president, Rob Robertson, and ILWU Local 13 President, Bill Lawrence, last week addressed a joint meeting of ILWU and AFL members, which was also attended by representatives of the boatowners, canneries and business groups. Bridges praised the co-operation of the workers, saying that together, no matter to which union they belonged, workers could forge ahead.

"Hap" Murray Area Arbitrator, Is Dead

PORTLAND, Ore. E. P. "Hap" Murray, area arbitrator here under the coast longshoremen agreement, died here Monday September 15, a week after being released from the hospital. He suffered a heart attack a month before.

Murray was a founding member of ILWU Local 8 and an active organizer during the 1934 longshore strike. In the 1948 strike he was chairman of the strike committee.

From 1941 to 1948 he served as port agent for Portland and was appointed area arbitrator December 15, 1948.

Little Rock, Ark. A National Guardsman last September 4 gestures to 15-year-old Elizabeth Eckford, Negro student, indicating that she will not be admitted to heretofore all-white Central High School. The guard was called out by Arkansas Governor Faubus and withdrawn after a federal court order against interference with integration. On September 24, following violence that kept Negro students out of the school, President Eisenhower ordered Arkansas National Guard, placing it under his own command, and sent in paratroopers. Nine Negro students, thus guarded, went back to their classrooms on September 25.

September 27, 1957
Mexican Independence Fiesta

More than a thousand ILWU members and friends attended the ILWU Fiesta and Ball commemorating Mexican Independence Day, held at the Warehousemen’s Building on September 14. Los Angeles, the upper right hand picture shows Luis Ortiz Rubie, Los Angeles vice consul for the Mexican government, chatting with candidates for queen of the fiesta. In the right hand panel Laura Teran, candidate from ILWU Local 13, is crowned by Rafael Trujillo, personal representative of the governor of Baja California. The lower hand panel shows some of the hundreds of couples who danced in the auditorium at the Warehouseman’s Building to music of Memi Mata and his orchestra.

Mexican Fiesta Crown Goes to Local 13 Girl

LOS ANGELES—More than a thousand ILWU members and friends attended the ILWU Fiesta and Ball commemorating Mexican Independence Day, and held at the Warehousemen’s Building Sept. 14.

Local 13’s candidate Laura Teran was crowned Queen of the Fiesta by Raphel Trujilla, representing Governor Maldonado of Baja California.

Greetings from across the border to ILWU members were brought by Luis Ortiz Rubie, Mexican vice consul in Los Angeles, and Carlos Courrielche, of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce.

Guests introduced by Master of Ceremonies Eddie Rodriguez of Radio Station KPOP included:

- ILWU President Harry Bridges
- Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt
- Coast Labor Relations Committeeman L. R. Thomas, Local 13 President Bill Lawrence and other ILWU local officials, and County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn’s deputy, Mr. Lindsay.

In the audience room of the building were covered with an exhibit of Mexican art, imported from Baja California. Mexican foods and refreshments were served in the patio and in the upstairs lounge.

Headed by Local 26 executive board member John Lee, arrangements for the dance and fiesta were made by Martha Dmytryk, Marion Sherman and Fred Moore, all of Local 26; Margaret Talamantes, Blanche Talamantes and Joseph Uranga, all of Local 13.

Funds raised by the queen contest and the dance will be used to provide scholarships for students who otherwise might be unable to continue their educations.

Hollywood Version of Union: Elect Slick Chick Chairman

The September 14 issue of the AFL-CIO News devote a full page of pictures and a column of rave review to the movie, “The Pajama Game,” which, it says, “boasts a strong labor punch.”

Movies: Excalibur, a nuclear engineer.

What we saw was a series of vaudeville acts in color related to each other by an absurd plot and a story line that bore no relation whatsoever to anything resembling genuine trade unionism.

The workers in a pajama factory demand an hourly increase of 7½ cents. They win it the easy way because the new superintendent of the factory falls in love with the chairman of the grievance committee. Impelled by his great, and in the picture somewhat acrobatic loves, the superintendent raids the president’s safe and learns from the books that the boss has been for six months secretly pocketing a price boost based upon the premise that the 7½ cent increase had already been granted.

The superintendent threatens to expose the boss unless he comes through with the raise.

So there it is, easy, just like it might happen in a good, respectable company union.

Moral of the picture: always elect a delectable little chick as chairman of the grievance committee.—M.W.

California Adds 7 More in Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Changes in state population, due to be reflected in the 1960 census, will boost the influence of the West in the House of Representatives; and, therefore, seven more electoral votes.

States slated to lose seats are: Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 2; Georgia, 1; Illinois, 1; Iowa, 1; Kansas, 1; Maine, 1; Massachusetts, 2; Minnesota, 1; Mississippi, 1; North Carolina, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Virginia, 1; West Virginia, 1.

Savants Will Speak On A & H Hazards

SAN FRANCISCO — The American Cancer Society will hold a forum, open to the public, on the “Health Hazards of Radiation,” Thursday, October 3, 8:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Fairmont Hotel.

On the panel will be scientists representing all points of view: Dr. Limus Pauling, physicist from Caltech; Dr. Curt Stern, geneticist, and Dr. John Lawrence, medical physicist from the University of California; Dr. Wright H. Langham, biochemist from Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Dr. Robert Newell, radiologist from Stanford; and Dr. Sherman Mayack of General Electric Company, a nuclear engineer.

The moderator will be Dr. George W. Beadle, biologist from Caltech.

Social Security Survivors Benefits

Lump Sum Death Payment

Upon your death, a lump sum equal to 3 times your primary insurance amount but not exceeding $255 may be paid to your widow or widower, if you were living together. If you are not survived by a widow (or widower) who was living with you, then the lump sum is payable to the person or persons paying your burial expenses. Lump sum payments are in addition to other benefits.
Rabies Is Still a Problem

ON AUGUST 11, 1957, a report from the resort area of La Selva beach, near Santa Cruz, California, told of two girls on vacation, aged 4 and 7, who were bitten by a rabid dog. Before dying, the dogs had attacked two cats and nine other dogs before dying.

In April a man in Orange County died of rabies; the local health department reported no previous preventive treatment; his family knew he was often friendly with homeless animals similar. Rabies is a worldwide problem, never taken hold, Hawaii for one, and never in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and England where the law could keep more than two dogs, both of which were said to have been exposed to rabies was almost 50 years ago.

The cause of rabies was almost 50 year ago. It was discovered in 1838 in what is now Los Angeles, California, where the law could keep more than two dogs, both of which were said to have been exposed to rabies was almost 50 years ago.

The cause of rabies is one of the smallest of organisms, a virus. It gets into the victim's body from rabies of animals. Rabies is not contagious, but the fact that it usually takes a long time to bring about a bite, a bit
Labor Believes Kohler Strike Will Win for Demo

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—Labor here is confident that it will win a solid victory of William Proxmire, Democrat, who bought an uphill fight for the senate seat he lost to Republican thursday. Wisconsin citizens are convinced that the landslide victory of the Kohler Company will not help turn the tide against Governor Kohler Strike fought an uphill fight for the senate seat here. The Kohler Company convinced that the landslide victory of the Kohler Company over the long struck Kohler plant, long ago associated himself from the bitter.<br>

Most of the newspapers in the state supported Governor Kohler's senatorial ambitions including the Sheboygan Press nominally a Democrat publication.

A strike bulletin from the Kohler strike headquarters here made this comment: "The Kohler Forces, with all the money in the world, is fighting, protested Wisconsin with giant billboards...Therefore, if the state could easily have thought the name was Kohler, not Wisconsin. The veteran of the Kohler—began in Walter Kohler's own town,north of the long Kohler plant, long ago associated himself from the bitter..."

Ex-Local 33 Officer Is Market Reporter<br>

SAN PEDRO—Anthony D. Sokolich, former officer of Local 33 (Inhumeran), is now working for the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a market news reporter.

A new market service is prepared by V. J. Samson and Sokolich, and is distributed throughout the world to newspapers and organizations involved in the fishing industry. Function of the report is to give statistics and information in the industry and on new developments.

Asian Flu Vaccine? No Controls, Small Supply<br>

SAN FRANCISCO—"There are no controls in the distribution of Asian flu vaccine. It is available only through the usual commercial channels," re- ported Dr. Martin J. Hoff, chief of the communicable disease clinic, summing up national vaccination efforts.

Several ILWU Locals have sent inquiries to the ILWU PMA Welfare Fund on whether the vaccine is available anywhere, and at what cost. The welfare fund has reported that Asian flu will be available on August 12. All released from the San Francisco health department. Some other authoritative estimates of the vaccine effectiveness range from 20-30 percent.

The disease has been mild in most cases, usually lasting two to five days, with fever, aches, malaise, cough, and tiredness. A dry cough, and sometimes tiredness has been the most frequent complication following flu vaccination.

Local 6 to McClelland: Race Hate Is Greatest of Rackets

SAN FRANCISCO—"The most corrupt, irresponsible, vicious and contemptible racket in the world today is the race hatred racket," the executive board of ILWU Warehouse Local 6, which said in a resolution especially addressed to Senator McClellan of Arkansas and his committee investigating allegations that the railroad company had resorted to the race hatred racket in its recruitment of members. The board said in its judgment "the most corrupt, irresponsible, vicious and contemptible racket in the world today is the race hatred racket and the lynching posts...."<br>

The resolution was sent to Senator McClelland and all members of the special Senate investigating committee.

The New York Times in a recent editorial noted that "dissemi- nation of anti-Negro propaganda and the most contumacious technique practiced by the railroad brotherhoods is a racket that has become the most important racket in the labor movement."
Few Switch In Choice of Health Plan

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund reported this week that in the ports of San Francisco, San Pedro and Stockton where every man eligible under the Fund has a choice of health coverage between service plans and the Kaiser Foundation plan, the Kaiser plan, less than 1 percent changed their coverage in this year's selection period, effective July 1.

In the two California ports with a choice between the Kaiser Foundation service plan and an alternate insured plan, 106 of the 10,680 eligible made a new choice. The insured plan gained 69, Kaiser 37.

In Seattle with a choice among several quality health plans, Cooperative and the Bridge Clinic, and the regular national plan, there were 20 transfers to or from the insured plan, 2,180 eligible.

The 1957 selection leaves 3 percent of the men in the three ports in the adequate insured plan, which was improved July 1 by higher surgical and hospital service benefits and a new benefit for X-ray and laboratory tests.

In the Portland-Vancouver area where the choice is between the Kaiser Foundation and Oregon Physicians Service, 3 percent switched coverage. Of 250,000 eligible in OPS, 82 percent in the Kaiser Plan.

SAN FRANCISCO—In the annual change in health coverage for ILWU Local 6 warehouse workers in the Bay area, 160 switched plans during the 1957 selection period, offered the choice.

These plans divided almost evenly: 82 went from the Insured Plan underwritten by Continental Casualty Company to the Kaiser Foundation service plan, 78 the opposite. The current Bay Area count shows 58 percent in the service plan, 42 percent in the insured.

In addition 875 workers in Stockton, Local 6, and Sacramento, Local 17, have insured plan coverage under their welfare program, in Stockton, improved by a San Joaquin Foundation for Medi- cal Care and the Kaiser Foundation program.

The Bay area selection took place in August and September, and the insured plan was 65 percent in September 1. The warehouse welfare contracts tie premiums for the two plans together; with no change in the Kaiser premium, the same increase for the insured plan has been applied to a new benefit effective September 1, a major medical expense insurance.

Any provision, covering employees only, not their dependents, is designed to provide a benefit which cannot be paid by the Plan's regular benefits in cases of severe illness or injury. It would become effective.

If out-of-pocket costs, not payable by the insured plan, exceed $725 in "eligible expenses" during a calendar year, the new benefit will pay 50 percent of "eligible expenses" over the $725 up to a maximum of $5,000. "Eligible expenses" include hospital charges, charges by doctors, nurses and tech-nicians, and prescribed medical supplies and appliances.

The major medical benefit applies in the Bay area as well as in the immediate Bay area and as far as 25 years.

The IRS has made no decision.

US. Firms—Not Workers—Profit From China Trade

NEW YORK — In a copyrighted article from Niigata, Japan, the Wall Street Journal reported recently that United State firms are reaping sizable profits from trade with the Chinese mainland. funneling through Japanese firms in which U.S. corporations have interests.

"U.S. Secretary of State Dulles' policy of scaling up red封面 from China American trade and travel is spilling new leaks," the paper reported. "The products of U.S. technology are stowed, shipped into Communist China, despite the ban on American trade with the mainland."

The article was written by Igor Oganesoff, Wall Street Journal ex-correspondent who is the newly named recently cleared by the United States for entry into China and is now waiting in Japan for a visa from Peking.

The shipments, worth many millions of dollars, are made in Japan by companies which are partly owned by U.S. manufacturers. These manufactured items, which are identical to the products turned out in factories in the state of New York and other American plants, are being shipped to the American manufacturers.

As a case in point, in the port of Niigata, on Japan's west coast, there was built a new ammonium sulphate plant by Chemical Construction Corporation, a company which will have its first order west Red China—15,000 tons of ammonium sulphate fertilizer, to be shipped to the American China company.

Huge Fertilizer Demand

The enormous, annual fertilizer demand of 20,000,000 tons, is expected to be this plant's best customer. As a result the plan is planting to double its capacity by this fall.

Other American companies profiting in China trade: American-owned nickel smelting plants in China include one which is a 35 per cent owned affiliate of B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company; two iron and steel plant which has shipped 2,800 tons of galvanized iron to China; a textile concern which produced under a technical aid agreement with Arnooe International Corporation; a new fertilizer plant which ships manufactured ties to China, under an agreement with American Can Company.

Nylon, Medicine, Radio Tubes

Other American companies being deprived of trade with America products in China include: A company producing streptomycin under a tieup with Merck & Company; a rayon company which learned to make rayon from Dupont under a 15-year agreement and ships nylon to China; an electrical firm which has a tieup with International General Electric and agreements with such U.S. firms as RCA, Westinghouse and General Electric, and includes production of radio tubes, locomotives, and a number of other products.

The legality of this situation has been sought both in the U.S. and Japan and the conclusion drawn by the Wall Street Journal's investigation was that the Chinese mainland, owned less than 50% of a Japanese concern's stock, thereby not considered a Yankee firm.

In the meantime, despite the all public and business protest in the U.S. for opening trade with Red China, American businessmen are being deprived of oppor-tunity for trade through the State Department ban, while many U.S. corporations are profiting through their affiliates and agreements with Japanese firms.

Grainliners This is the executive board of Local 507, Vancouver, B.C., which is primarily a grainliner local but also handles jobs. This local which owns its own bildings, and all the British Columbia District Council meetings. Members of the executive board shown here are, standing, left to right, N. McAuley, K. Daly, F. Christian, D. Olsen, D. Barbier, A. Masind, W. Foster, seated, left to right, J. McComb, J. Rowe, H. Velp, president of the local, and J. Urquhart, secretary.

22 More Dockers On Pension List

SAN FRANCISCO—Twenty-two ILWU dock workers were retired on the ILWU-PMA Pension as follows: Fifteen on regular: Three on open-end; and Four on disability as of October 1, 1957. Henry Schmidt, Pension Fund Director, announced this work. They are:


On the open-end Plan were: Local 8: Robert Engels; Local 31: Albert Garcia and Antonio R. Jardim, Sr.

On the disability plan were: Local 8: Robert Leonard; Local 13: Warren Leaquaft; Local 19: Roy Alexander and Edwin J. Smith, effective September 1, 1957.

Improved Health Program in Stockton for Warehousemen

STOCKTON—ILWU Local 6 warehousemen and their families here have an improved health program under their Welfare Fund as of September 1. The plan, under sponsorship of the San Joaquin Foundation for Medical Care, provides that doctor members of the Foundation will accept the plan's insured schedule of benefits if in the Board of Doctor's opinion, the care provided is required for the well being and welfare program if it is to cover their medical expenses.

The Foundation is an organization of M.D.'s, created, by the County Medical Society; the majority of doctors in the Stockton area belong to it and the warehouse doctor has endorsed the new local Plan.

If a family goes to a doctor who is not a Foundation member, the regular insured benefits can be paid, but there would be no guarantee against extra charges to the family.

The plan has also been improved by addition of a major medical expense benefit for employees.

Is 'Unsafe'

LA Harbor

WILMINGTON—Charges that Los Angeles Harbor facilities are inadequate, were made by ILWU Local 13 representatives in recent hearings before the State Assembly interim committee on Industrial Safety.

Five chief grievances aired by Nick-DiBiasi, Local 13 member, who spearheaded the attack, included:

No efficient ventilation system some docks, and inadequate arrangements on others.

A lack of ventilation in many ware-houses, although many World War II vintage buildings used for cargo have faulty mufflers and emit large amounts of gas and fumes.

There have been no improvements made on docks for 25 years.

A few of the docks, particularly Berth 150, are firetraps. "Fifteen per cent of Los Angeles Harbor would be closed down," DiBiasi said, "if state safety regulations were enforced." Hit in particular was the worst in the South Basin, Berths 51, 51, 53, 51, 120 and 164.

LA Harbor was the only San Francisco Port in the South Basin which is not a Harbor Board Lake." The Labor Relations Committee, L. B. Thomas, pointed out to the assembly committee that longshore work was the second most hazardous industry. He pointed out that among 16,000 longshoremen there were 4,000: the number of workers or 12.6 percent during 1954.

ILWU Local 13 President Bill Law-rone said there had been no in-spection by the Harbor of the Division of Industrial Safety since 1947, and explained that the division was "seriously understaffed."

DiBiasi told the committee there were right "most" items, contained in AB 537 which failed to pass in the last legislature, that the ILWU wanted added to the California Labor Code.

These spilled out safety regulations regarding mobile and stationary power units, loading platforms, dock facilities, cars plates and handling equipment.

The committee, which included As-ssemblymen Vincent Thomas (San Pe- dro) and Edward Elliott (Los Angeles) among others, was conducted on a tour of the waterfront by ILWU member Arnold Navekas during a recess of the hearing.
BROTHERHOOD is a word that tends to embarrass some people when it’s used; others consider it “corny.”

Yet, it is just this word—and the meaning behind the word—that gives birth to this union and everything it stands for. In 1904 we developed a principle and a course of action which, when boiled down, meant brotherly love. If that sounds “corny” then so be it.

The basic principle of the hiring hall was founded on the idea that we are each other’s keepers. The heart of everything we built and always stood for was founded on a slogan that we still use today: “as injury to one is an injury to all.”

Today we are faced with attacks on our American unions, so serious that some believe they could spell the end of the trade union movement as we have known it in the past decades.

“Right-to-work” legislation (more properly called right-to-work) is only one of a number of attacks we are facing. Congressional committees, politicians of all stripes, editorial writers, the many voices that represent big business are calling for labor’s scalp—via new legislation.

The fight that faces us is made all the tougher by the hard, realistic fact—that for a time it—that a great many American workers have been sold on the idea that politicians may have the answer to some of labor’s problems.

WE MAY ASK this question then: what goes on in some unions to make so many workers feel that known anti-labor politicians may have any answers that will help American working men and women?

Can it be that many workers must feel that there has been a breakdown of democratic processes in their own unions? And how strong is this feeling?

If you had a hundred officials of a hundred different unions in a room together discussing the word democracy, I'm sure you’d swear up and down that they practice democracy in their unions. Democratic practices are spelled out in their constitutions. Then where is the rub, why do so many workers believe politicians will help labor?

Democracy is a very good word—just like brotherhood is a good word—but these words are too easily distorted. The breakdown of democracy, like brotherhood, is in its application—whether in a union or in a government.

(This can apply equally to a union or government official, spending his time on a golf course while the members of the union, or the country, need his services.)

It was the meaning that’s behind the word brotherhood, as practiced back in 1904 when the foundation of our union was first developed in the form of the hiring hall, that brought us from nothing to something.

If you walk among oldtimers, with a little memory of things that happened in the past, and talk about present conditions in our unions you will hear many say “what we need is a new word like brotherhood.” If a few more guys had a little experience with hunger they might be willing to work a little harder to keep the union in good shape.

So this brings another question to mind: do we need to go hungry in order to act like brothers? Why in times of plenty is there a feeling of brotherhood? In lean and tough times we stuck together, we fought together and we made magnificent gains together. Do we have to be beaten over the head by cops and tear gassed, do we have to hear our children crying with hunger before we decide to practice this idea again?

This was one of a number of actions taken by the NCDL, including further discussion on the current situation in the longshore industry, a request that safety orders applicable to the waterfront be written into the California Labor Code, and a recommendation that there be an increase in the number of local officials to make it easier for local officials to handle the problems.

Lucio Bernabe, a member of Warehouse Local 11, San Jose, appeared before the council for the first time to discuss fighting his deportation case. Bernabe has been an ILWU member since 1937, for 14 years in the San Jose local, and a former union organizer. He made a great labor movement in this country and a great labor movement in his area.

This was a very special day for the ILWU, a day of accomplishment and hope.

The ILWU is in an old book entitled “Illustrated Inventions and Machines." It is in France in 1578. It is titled "A Bucket Chaih," and the original is in an old book entitled "Illustrated Inventions and Machines." The Latin caption above the engraving, roughly translated says, “A new machine for digging earth out of a ditch. It is suitable for constructing earth walls within stone—with small cost and a minimum number of workers.”

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Looking Back over the past decade we might note that the Wagner Act called the Magna Carta of American labor—was passed during a time of great turmoil, when there were fighting for jobs and there was real hunger in the land. That was a time when the struggle was hard, there were dangers, but there was a spirit and a great movement developed by men who stood shoulder to shoulder and understood the meaning of brotherhood.

On the other hand the Taft-Hartley Law was passed during a time of plenty. Now there is also a so-called time of "plenty." And again there is no one in labor who doesn’t know what’s in the wind—legislation designed to make even the T-H Law pale in comparison.

During our last convention we said there is nothing wrong with any trade union that a little rank and file control couldn’t cure. Faced by anti-labor pressures the time to start spelling out what this means is here. The member who attends his meeting and doesn’t speak up when he has a gripe is giving up the most important right he has: which is to rule his union. A man who has a beef on the job and gripes to his fellow worker and who doesn’t carry through at his meeting and through every level of union machinery is sold on the idea that politicians may have the answer to some of labor’s problems.