Almost Ready

Main entrance of the new Longshoremen’s Memorial Building in San Francisco is shown here. Final touches are being put on the building in preparation for formal dedication ceremonies January 17, 18 and 19. The auditorium and dispatch hall and separate administration building occupy a city block.

NY Longshoremen Win Round for Status Quo

NEW YORK — Longshoremen here have won a major victory in their fight for retention of the status quo in waterfront operations. The New York Shipping Association agreed it would not reduce gangs or fire checkers and clerks as a result of automation practices for the duration of its contract with the ILA, which runs until next Oct. 1.

The ILA in turn agreed to rescind its refusal to handle containers for companies presently handling containers. "Having been assured by the NYSA and conditions in the ports to be determined status quo: Secondly, geographic jurisdiction including the loose load out form,' and;

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Pensioners Federed
At Local 6 Party
SAN FRANCISCO — Retired warehousemen of Local 6 were guests at a Christmas party December 17 at union headquarters. The 150 retired members and their guests were served a turkey and baked ham dinner by the retired sisters of Local 6. The Pensioners Welfare Committee hosted the party.

Stopwork
Meet Urges
Talks Now

WILMINGTON, Calif. — Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor longshoremen, ILWU Local 13, stopped work for 24 hours December 22 to meet and adopt a resolution which amounted to a bill of particulars on the problems of mechanization immediately facing them.

A follow-up motion unanimously adopted recommended that stop work meetings be held in all ports to express protests if negotiations on the matter "do not materialize within a reasonable amount of time."

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Thomas Morrisey Dies in Hotel Fire
SAN FRANCISCO — Thomas Morrisey, an ILWU Pensioner, died December 27 in a fire that broke out in his hotel room. Morrisey was trapped on the third floor of the Continental Hotel, a six-story building in downtown San Francisco recently redesigned as a residence for elderly persons. He screamed for help, but firemen said Morrisey was dead by the time they got ladders to the floor and battered in the windows.

A veteran of the San Francisco waterfront, Morrisey was 68. He was a member of Local 10 until he retired from longshore work under the ILWU pension plan in 1956.
ABOR UNIONS, like other groups and institutions, grow and change in time. Economic and political forces set the framework within which unions operate in order to advance the interests of the rank and file.

Sometimes it is pretty difficult to be objective about what is really taking place in the labor movement, because our judgment and our point of view is so influenced by what is going on in the scheme of things. It can be well that many labor leaders and politicians today are pleased at the picture presented by organized labor. To the naked eye, the ILWU has been discouraged at the trend and direction being taken by the AFL-CIO. The labor movement is in danger and a militant organization fighting for the rank and file, is on the cover.

This is well-illustrated by recent developments in regard to the political line-up of organized labor. It is no exaggeration to point out the great similarities, in terms of political overtures, between the CIA in 1947-48 and the AFL-CIO in 1959-60, next two years shape up as a mirror of 47-48. The mirror is in the same class as the problem of improving political conformity on the affiliated unions—even more stringent than the situation. That same danger, Murray and Walter Reuther carried through for Harry Truman ten years ago.

As the members of the ILWU recall, the top political discussions back then were to be laid down in Washington and carried out in the states without question. When we protested and insisted upon our autonomous right to let the membership decide, the road opened up for us. We survived as a union and went on to new gains. But it's an old axiom that any division in the ranks of labor weakens all labor.

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WE IN THE ILWU, of course, are not opposed to political action or to a live participation in political campaigns as such. The record of the union in the recent elections proves this. And it is not necessary that the membership in one or two unions, numbers worked and voted for Democratic party candidates. That is the membership in one or two unions, a point that need not be raised. No union should be bound to a party or a candidate; nor should any union, for federation of unions attempt to commit members or funds or other resources to any political organization or outside non-labor organization. A labor party, owned, controlled and directed by the members of the unions, is the only answer.

Ten years ago, under the smoke screen of "communism," the CIO unions were warned to toe the line or else. Today, using the McClellan Committee operations and the rules of the Ethical Practices Committee, a similar conformity is being imposed.

The big business of the modern labor federations, apart from the scramble for jobs and pie, has been tying up all the unions in one state into a more easily maneuvered political setup. We wouldn't be surprised to see the AFL-CIO position on demands and foreign policies laid down as the absolute benchmark for unions in respect to the White House. They won't be neutral on these issues or to take no position whatsoever. The demand for such an organization, apart from the scramble for jobs and pie, has been tying up all the unions in one state into a more easily maneuvered political setup. We wouldn't be surprised to see the AFL-CIO position on demands and foreign policies laid down as the absolute benchmark for unions in respect to the White House. They won't be neutral on these issues or to take no position whatsoever. The demand for such a political line-up is to be laid down in Washington and carried out in the states without question. When we protested and insisted upon our autonomous right to let the membership decide, the road opened up for us. We survived as a union and went on to new gains. But it's an old axiom that any division in the ranks of labor weakens all labor.

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Local 19 Picks
1959 Officers

SEATTLE—Jack Price has been re-elected President of Longshore Local 19 by a vote of 603 to 484 for J. A. Albada, all on the ILWU-PMA Regular Pension Plan. The widows are: Alta Elwell, Anna Clark, R. R. Ellsworth, Ray Hutson, Betty Pierce, Jr. was re-elected President of the Marine Clerks Local 63. He said that corporations that should engage actively in year-round political activity at the local level,” he told the company spent $20,000 on full-page newspaper ads urging Californians to support the right-to-work proposition in the last election. It also spent heavily on a similar proposition in Ohio. Voters in both states repudiated the company’s advice.

Take Over in Politics, Big Business Told

CHICAGO—General Electric Co. is spearheading a drive for stepped-up political activity by big business to off-set what it fears is the growing political influence of organized labor. GE Vice President Lemuel R. Boulware has advised top managers to put the heat on executives on every level to get into politics on the company side—or get fired.

Boulware told American Petroleum Institute’s 38th annual meeting that GE has done just this.

“Persuade the head of your company to announce internally and externally that proper and effective political activity is from here on expected as part of the work of every manager at every level,” he said. “My boss has.”

Boulware urged the oil industry to follow the example of GE and set up company-financed political action departments. He said that corporations should engage actively in year-round political campaigning and that they should spend company funds to influence legislation.

“General Electric has kept a representative in Washington on labor matters alone for the past 11 years,” he said. “We also have specialists there on taxes, on price and distribution regulations, on atomic energy, etc.”

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Clerks Local 63

WILMINGTON, Calif. — William B. Piercy, Jr. was re-elected President of Marine Clerks Local 63 by a vote of 318 to 121 for Cramer D. Glinston in the union’s election last month. Winners for other posts follow:

Vice President, Leslie Gebhard; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. A. (Bill) Jones; Board of Trustees, Morris T. Berkhoff, P. C. Murray, Claude Stotts, Sr.; Labor Relations Committee, W. Armstrong, Archie Petrovich, Dispatcher, Claude W. Brown.

Fresh winds ventilated the political atmosphere in 1958, blowing away some of the stale debris of McCarthyism. On the economic side, 1958 saw significant struggles and great victories for ILWU members, and they provided even larger problems for the successor year in the form of rapid development of labor-replacing machines and devices.

Everything that happened or didn't happen pointed to new and more crucial struggles ahead. Ave-inspiring scientific progress portended profound changes in the way of life for all men. At the same time world peace was held balanced on the unstable elements of diplomatic stubbornness and military aggression.

The stage has been set. Let us hope the curtain rises now upon something better than cold war and visions of doom, or spectres of unemployment.

**In January**

The Big sugar division of ILWU Local 142 in Hawaii demanded 28 cents per hour wage increase and called on the employers to bargain in good faith. The employers offered no counter proposal and demanded that the union withdraw its demand. The International executive board meeting in Honolulu decided on the full resources of the union behind the sugar workers.

Seventeen-year-old John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, delegation the AFL-CIO for expelling the Teamsters and other unions on a charge of corruption. Said Lewis on a television show, "The AFL-CIO was not formed to regulate the morals of American unionists, and I don't think it can." He called AFL-CIO President George Meany an "honest plunger" and said that Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers was "impelled by the imperiousness of his own verbosity."

The ILWU executive board warned that serious economic problems couldn't be solved by TV and sympathy.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit unanimously handed down a directed appeal for ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall of Hawaii. The court order wiped out a vote of ILWU Local 54 in Honolulu in December 1957. Local 54 voted to establish a monthly Hawaii Day with each member contributing $25 a month. The ILWU, in order to aid the sugar strikers, which union negotiators charged, received a charter for Auxiliary Number 35.

The Internal Revenue Service presented Harry Bridges, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt with bills for $80,000 each claimed a $1 deficiency tax for nontaxable income. Bridges termed it "a petty cheap and chicken thing for the government to do." San Francisco Bay area warehousemen of ILWU Local 1 held their 13th Annual Contract and Constitutional Convention and as its first order of business adopted an amendment to increase dues for the duration of the Hawaii sugar strike in order to aid the strikers. The end of the month more than $70 thousand had been forwarded to the strikers by main-land locals of the ILWU.

Local 6 presented to the Distributors' Association of Northern California a demand for a 25-cent increase across the board wage increase of all contract rates. With the use of goon crews two gangs of Local 13 longshoremen in Los Angeles Harbor, working in 11 shifts, loaded 16,000 tons of steel plate aboard the 80 World Junkin in seven days and nights—an all-time record.

**In March**

A Senate labor sub-committee began hearings on an enforceable longshore safety program, long advocated by ILWU and ILA. Representatives of both unions testified.

In Portland ILWU Second Vice President Germani Bulcke installed a charter for Columbia River Walking Bosses Local 92. Wives of Tacoma longshoremen received a charter for Auxiliary Number 35.

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Delegates to the ILWU Longshore Shippers' and Walking Bosses Caucus convened in San Francisco and formulated a demand for a wage increase of 25 cents an hour, plus overtime. The caucus also reiterated its full support for the sugar strikers and laid plans for raising all the money necessary to see the strikers through to a successful conclusion. ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt told the caucus that the entire economy of the islands is based on one way or another on the sugar industry, which is controlled by the Big Five companies. "By
The sugar strike ended in victory on the basis of a proposal for settlement made by Territorial Governor William F. Quinn. The strike lasted 126 days. The agreement reached was ratified almost unanimously by the strikers.

The pay hikes and other cash benefits won averaged more than 23 cents an hour. The sugar workers got an immediate increase of 16 cents an hour plus reduction in attendance adjustments which raised certain pre-strike hourly classified rates as much as 24 cents an hour. They will get another 7 cents, on July 1, 1959, and at the same time further classification increases. The settlement also provided for the establishment of the 49-hour week on an industry-wide basis. Medical dues remained at their pre-strike rate. The employers had demanded a boost in the dues. The new contract runs to February 1, 1961.

With negotiations now finished the warehousemen and the District Council of Warehousemen of Northern California extended beyond the deadline on a day-to-day basis officials of ILWU and Teamster Warehousemen met at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco and issued this statement: "A full review was made of the recent warehouse wage adjustments which are now being negotiated. The two unions saw eye-to-eye on all issues."

The unity paid off in the form of 9½ cents an hour wage increase retroactive to June 1 and an additional increase of 3½ cents an hour on July 1, 1959, with wages negotiable for opening at the end of the third year.

Following the settlement a statement signed on behalf of the ILWU by George Moe, vice president and Joseph Dillon, director of the Western Warehouse Conference, and on behalf of ILWU by Goldblatt and President Charles "Chili" Duarte of Local 6, said in part: "The agreement negotiated between Local 0, ILWU and the Distributors Association of Northern California represents a real victory for all warehouse workers in California and on the Pacific Coast. The unity of purpose and common determination of warehousemen and Teamster warehouse locals was a major contribution to achieving this agreement. . . . This same unity will be maintained in full strength in the drive to equalize benefits in the remaining warehouse contracts, and to protect and advance the interests of all warehouse workers in the future."

The ILWU-PCA pension fund reached the end of its seventh fiscal year with reserves of $19,155,943.08 for payment of retirement benefits. Total administrative costs for the 7 years was approximately eight-tenths of one percent of the total contribution.

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The board declared it was ready to join with other unions in programs built around four basic aims, being:

- Organizing the unorganized while continuing to fight for shorter hours, higher wages, better conditions, and the national security.
- Unqualified pursuit of national policies which advance world peace and world trade, and establish general world peace and world defense.
- Building labor's political independence and retaining the right of the rank and file in determining union policy making and to union autonomy.

The ILWU Local 19 at Seattle at a regular membership meeting voted unanimously to assess itself $5 per month for the following reasons: "in order to promote joint or coordinated collective bargaining with sugar refinery workers in the East and Gulf areas and in Hawaii. ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Goldblatt wrote to Tomitaro Kaneda, president of the ILWU-PMA coast agreement."

Pedro, revised, amended and modernized their master longshore agreement became effective on Monday, January 2, 1959. The new contract to run to January 31, 1959, was otherwise identical in many respects to provisions of the ILWU-PMA coast agreement.

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The ILWU President Harry Bridges informed all longshore locals in British Columbia that an immediate program of action will be launched to secure for all US ports if the BC Shipping Federation attempts to operate under "right-to-work" regimes.

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7:17 DISPATCHER

committee of the ILWU was called into session to initiate discussion of the problems of mechanization and to look longshoremen's wages. The letter to longshoremen stated "An important part of our program is directed to the further saving of time and money resulting from new operations and the increased use of modern methods of cargo handling." 

In November

T HE SO-CALLED "right-to-work" proposals went down to inglorious defeat in Washington, Ohio, Colorado and Idaho. It passed in the state of Iowa. ILWU district councils, locals and associations played a major role in defense of the measures in Washington and California.

RIGHT-to-WORK issues brought out the labor vote, generally helped the Democrats. U.S. Senator William F. Knowland, leading advocate of "right-to-work" proposals from his state, was defeated in his bid for re-election. The ILWU members voted for the Democratic Governor and in Congress and in the state legislature the ILWU saw a better chance for liberalism.—If lots of heat is applied to Congress.

Three officials of ILWU in Hawaii won seats in the Territorial House of Representatives. They were elected with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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T HIRTY DRUG Company strikers, members of ILWU Local 26 and numbering 300, approved a 5-year contract ending a strike and bringing them a 11 1/2 cents immediate wage increase, 3 weeks vacation after five years service and additional health and welfare benefits.

The month ended with Harry Bridges debating the boys of Bloody Thursday and the others who gave their lives for their union.

Said President Bridges Tuesday in Long Beach, California that the labor movement was "floundering about" under its present leadership and is wandering up the alley of no return."

Foremens Local 58

Announces Officers

SALE — ILWU Ship and Dock Foremen Local 58 announces the slate of officers who will head the union in the coming year.

President, E. B. Youngberg; Vice President, H. A. Olson; Secretary, J. Weber; Treasurer, C. E. Wagner; Executive Board members, H. B. Johnson, H. Black, and M. E. Thorsen; Labor Relations Committee, H. W. Simpson, M. E. Thorpe, and J. E. Wagner; Delegates to ILWU Pacific Sound Council, R. E. Wagner.
Tip to ILWU Families: Get Regular Checkups

T o ILWU families whose Welfare Department health coverage is in a group service plan, like the Kaiser Foundation or Group Health Cooperative or Bridge Clinic in Seattle:

A major advantage of your coverage is that you are strongly encouraged to take active steps to keep well. One such step we will strongly recommend:

No matter how well you feel, make appointments for health checkups regularly. Generally, once a year for adults, more often for young children, more often if anyone if the doctor so recommends.

Checkups make possible early detection and treatment of many more serious and common illnesses, notorious for starting with pain or symptoms so minor that anything is wrong. Prompt treatment can mean the difference between a disability or self and health.

Checkups cost you nothing under your Welfare coverage in these plans. In some of the medical centers, they are given during evening hours.

Ask your doctor about the necessary hospital care.

Selection of a personal physician helps make medical care more effective. Be familiar with the location, hours, prices of the doctors you see in your area. You have the right to choose another doctor if you feel otherwise.

Toward your goal of providing the best dental care for your children, you have seen him before. You always have the right to choose another doctor in the Blue Cross plan for your personal physician.

Start Your Children Early at the Dentist

T o ALL families with children:

Children do have to go through the dental troubles most of us have been through. There are suggestions here to help you make future appointments with him.

Be the kind of parent who does not have to sit with a doctor you don’t know for an hour, because you have seen him before. You always have the right to choose another doctor in the Blue Cross plan for your personal physician.

Start the children young, at any age, to make a habit of regular dental care.

Letter to the Editor

Praise for ILWU

Editor:

The news article in your issue of December 5th, "Congressmen Praise Hawaii ILWU, Dub Rod Issue a Smoke Screen," is significant. There are many in the fellowship of the Methodist Church who are Social Action oriented and in our Oregon chapter, are grateful for the fine leadership which the ILWU is affording the American labor movement, and because we are so concerned with the way in which many good causes have been called Communist, I have taken the trouble to write to each one of the five members of the Congressional Committee mentioned in your news article congratulating them on their stand, both as a false charge of Communism is concerned in the matter of Hawaii statehood, and in their appropriation of the fine character and work of the ILWU. In addition, I am sending copies of The Dispatcher for December 5th to each of the six members of our Congressional delegation from Oregon, calling attention to the relation of the item in question and this congressional committee's report.

It would be safe to say, I believe, that there are millions of people throughout the United States who take new heart and hope from the many fine things that the ILWU is doing in helping to build a more democratic and a finer nation than this, our country.

With kindest regards, and every good wish and earnest prayer for the continued success of the ILWU, its splendid work in the community, and its good work in helping to maintain and promote the interests of America, and build world peace in 1959.

Cordially yours,

(The Rev.) Mark A. Chamberlain
Chairman, Oregon Chapter
Methodist Federation for Social Action

Stallcop to Lobby for ILWU In Washington

SEATTLE—The ILWU will have a full-time representative to press its programs at the 1959 session of the Washington state legislature at Olympia.

This decision was made last month at the ILWU Puget Sound Council Legislative Conference. President Edson Stallcop of the conference was elected as the legislative representative. A 50% quota of members was voted to finance the union's lobbyist in Olympia.

The conference memorialized Congress to expand world trade, particularly trade with China, to require that longshoremen at military installations shall be done through stevedore contractors, and to repeal Section 14B of theTaft-Hartley Act giving a green light to state right-to-work laws.

PROPOSALS LISTED

State legislative proposals backed by the conference include:

Control of the prices at rest homes to patients.

A bill to award World War I veterans $100 per month.

A bill to amend the Old Age Assistance Law.

Removal of unemployment compensation provisions discriminating against workers who lose jobs because of strikes and trade disputes.

A tax referendum on the best method of raising revenue.

Bills to provide additional facilities for assisting the mentally ill, alcoholics and retarded children.

New Walking Boss

Local Picks Officers

PORTLAND, Ore.—Officers elected for the coming year in Oregon's newest local, Walking Bosses 92, include Clyde Mungur, Rainier, president; and four vice presidents: for upper river, Johnny Tyler, Portland; lower river, Emil Blemann, Longview; Southwest Oregon, Francis E. Cirt, Coos Bay.

Clem Werner, Portland, was re-elected to the secretary-treasurer-dispatcher post; and members of an 8-man executive board elected were Robert Blemann, Portland; Louis Hebert, Vancouver; Hugh Clark, Longview; Van Cramer, St. Helens; Clyde Mungur, Rainier; Emil Jankolka, Astoria; Frank Jacobson, Newport; and Walter Birkedal, Coos Bay. Tommy George and P. H. "Bert" Fleskes will represent Local 92 at the CRDC meetings.

An increase in the minimum wage in Washington state to $1.25 an hour.

Cooperation with AFL-CIO legislative programs was approved. The conference also voted continued participation in the United Labor Advisory Committee.

Astoria Local 18 Elects 1959 Officers

ASTORIA, Ore.—H. Paulson will be president of ILWU Local 18 in 1959. Other officers and board members elected during recent balloting are: A. Christensen, vice president; E. Graham, J. Riner, Ed Bieh, G. Duncan and B. Sample, executive board; Lee Haynes and C. Morgan, labor relations.

Harry J. Taylor was re-elected business agent-records secretary; A. J. Randolph and Fred Niskala were returned to office as secretary-treasurer and marshal, respectively. The three were unopposed. Randich will represent the four mill workers on the Columbia River District council, Morgan being the hold-over delegate.
The January meeting of the Columbia River District Council will feature selection of the meeting of The Columbia River District Sunday of the month, January 18, in- rally scheduled, to give affiliate locals tions. The present legislative represen- for ILWU” to follow along the lines “work out a constructive program laid down by the Northern and South- • agendas for 1959.

NY Longshoremen Win Status Quo

(Continued from Page 1) containers during the life of this con- the ILA has agreed to rescind its original refusal to handle containers for any companies not engaged in the container operations prior to October container operations prior to October, the ILA will now handle containers for all compa- in the operations as of November 12, 1958, when the container matter was first brought before the New York Labor Joint Rela- tions Committee. It is understood that expansion of the container program will be the subject of further discussions between the ILA and the ILWU for a period of at least 60 days with a view to artificial development of means for the preparation for future collective bargain- ing. These negotiations will commence on January 5, 1959. It is understood that both parties that companies that have not now handling contain- ers in the future will give notice to the ILA of the time proposed for negotia- tions.

The parties having embarked on this commendable approach to the solution of a complex problem, a contract which presages an amiable and re- alistic solution of the problem, the con- tainer dispute currently in arbitration, accordingly be held in abeyance without prejudice to either party.

Bowen Re-elected

WILMINGTON, Calif.—Ernest L. Bowen, re-elected President of ILWU Walking Bosses Local 94 November 14, the charter member candidate, received 299 out of 285 ballots cast.

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