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John Fitzgerald Kennedy 1917-1963
Many eulogies have been written and de-
levered for President John F. Kennedy. We could have written our own, and the one we think we could not do better or embellish upon the eulogy which Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, delivered before the bier in the capital rotunda on November 24. It follows:

THERE are few events in our national life that unite Americans and so touch the heart of all of us as the passing of a Presi-
dent of the United States.

There is nothing that adds shock to our sadness as the assassination of our leader, chosen as he is to embody the ideals of our people, the faith we have in our institutions and our belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Such misfortune has befallen the Nation on other occasions, but never more shocking than two days ago.

WE ARE saddened; we are stunned; we are perplexed.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, a great and good President—the friend of all men of good will—a believer in the dignity and equality of all human beings; a fighter for justice; an apostle of peace has been

and malevolence, such as today are eating their way into the bloodstream of American life.

What a price we pay for this fanaticism!

HAS been said that the only thing we learn from history is that we do not learn. But surely we can learn if we have the will to do so. Surely there is a lesson to be learned from this tragic event.

If we want to eliminate from this nation every trace of discrimination and oppression that divide us and the bitterness that begots violence.

Is it too much to hope that the martyrdom of our beloved President might even soften the hearts of those who would themselves recoil from assassination, but who do not shrink from spreading the venom which kindles thoughts of it in others?

OUR NATION is bereaved. The whole world is poorer because of his loss. But what moved some misguided wretch to do this horrible deed may never be known to us, but we do know that such acts are

commonly stimulated by forces of hatred and political groups to understand and to respect one an-
other.

So let us put an end to the teaching and preaching of hate and evil and violence.

"Let us turn away from the fanatics, from the far left and the far right, from the apostles of bitterness and bigotry, from those defiant of law and those who pour venom into our nation’s bloodstream."

Although one can, and many people surely will, have firm reservations with respect to some of President John-
son’s commitments in the field of foreign policy, it is dif-
cult to quarrel with words which call for unqualified efforts to work toward world peace.

"We will be unceasing in the search for peace; resource-
ful in our pursuit of areas of agreement even with those who are not with us; but firm in our determination to join with us in a common cause . . . We must be ready to defend the national interest and to negotiate the common interest. That is the path that we shall follow."

It’s a sure bet that the Birchites, and the war-minded maniacs who spout the “better dead than red” slogans, will start right off targeting Mr. Johnson for even using the word “negotiate” in foreign affairs, let alone pleading the nation to do just that. And, on top of this pledge, another of “un-
swerving support of the United Nations.”

HORTLY after taking over as President, Mr. Johnson
announced his intention of having the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, and the murder of his assassin, Oswald, continue so that all the true details of what happened in Dallas would be made known to the world.

Too many people in the U.S., and especially in other countries, are not sure that it is true, satisfied with the decision announced by the Dallas police department, that the case of the killings of the president and of Lee Oswald, his slayer, is closed.

What really is in order is a high level investigation by a court or panel of eminent judges or citizens of national

standing and solid reputation, similar to the inquiry held for the purpose of fixing responsibility as to how the Japanese could so easily destroy Pearl Harbor.

At that time there were many who hoped the inquiry would help hang part of the blame of Pearl Harbor on FDR. A similar inquiry into this case at Dallas should at least bring to light the existence of “plots” if, in fact, there were any such thing.

The new President deserves the support of our nation—
not blind support, but certainly a fair chance to make good on his pledge to be the friend of all men of good will. If he does so, we have no fears for his success in a difficult job, at a diffi-
cult time.
ILWU's Spontaneous Tribute

SAN FRANCISCO—"This is a shocking and terrible thing. All American eyes and hearts are on the assassination of our President. We send our most heartfelt condolences to the American nation and to his family."

This statement to the press by ILWU General Counsel Harry Bridges and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt was the first and immediate reaction to the thunderously unbelievable news that pierced the heart of Washington and the nation minutes after the sniper's bullets snuffed out the life of the 35th President of the United States.

"Only the fullest rededication to the cause of peace on Earth—such as, for example, his very positive part in the test-ban treaty."

In recent times, the late President was himself mur- dered in sight of the police and press, under circumstances that were horrifying to the American people and around the nation, and throughout the world, for a true investigation in depth is necessary. Governor Mike Mansfield's statement (see editorial comment, page 41) on the assassination was dramatically worded: "We have talked for a hundred short days, they wired:.

Along this and other waterfronts, offshore and onshore, and in plants and factories and stores—wherever there were workers—there was some kind of action from quitting the job and feeling the rage and sorrow in every form of mourning.

Growing Hatred

Even though the explanation is especially among Negro workers, it was felt that this shot from behind that killed a President was a reflection of growing rightwing racist hatred in the deep South and elsewhere.

Whether this was true in this case remains to be determined, but that was the way many working people felt. And many Negroes expressed their deep hatred, their hatred for the man who was accused of assassinat- ing the President was himself murdered in sight of the police and press, under circumstances that were horrifying to the American people and around the nation, and throughout the world, for a true investigation in depth is necessary.

In the meantime, more formally—though equally solemn—reactions were forthcoming in San Francisco, through President Charles Duarte of the Alameda County AFL-CIO, and George Vallor, welder who is a member of the Kennedy family in these words: "On behalf of the membership of Warehouse Union, Local 6, ILWU, we express deeply our sympathy on your family's loss and our nation's loss of a courageous man who will go down in history as a fighter for the things he believed in. We send you condolences and deepest sympathy."

The local also wired the late pres- ident's brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, demanding a com- plete exposure of the facts surround- ing the assassinations first of John Kennedy and then of Lee Oswald.

In Southern California port areas, as in those elsewhere along the coast, longshoremen left their ships in large numbers soon after they heard—in most cases during the lunch hour—that the President had passed away. In San Diego, Wit- hington, Long Beach and Port Hueneme, dock workers, ship clerks, working women quietly left the docks, many in tears. In every case where it was necessary, the hatches were first se- cured before the men picked up their books and left.

Some men worked during the nor- mal weekend period, but for three hours, from 8 a.m. on Monday to 8 a.m. on Tuesday, no ship worked.

Most warehouses were closed, al- though in some cases, where employ- ees insisted on keeping businesses open, work continued.

In the Puget Sound area, the same general pattern of deeply felt grief and protest against the tragic act of violence started on the docks at the same time word first reached men on the docks. Men began to leave and by about 2 p.m. after the hatches were secured, not a ship was working on the Monday of mourning, and all sugar and pineapple companies ceased operation.

Other union actions in the State of Hawaii, Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt sent two more telegrams. To Mrs. Kennedy by the conference, and a telegram of condolences sent to the President's brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, would continue to encourage President Johnson.

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California Legislative Session Saw

Gains Despite ‘Finagling,’ Report Says

"Political finagling, manipulation and power plays" marred the 1963 session of the California Legislature, but in spite of all it had "great many gains in all categories." The report of ILWU President Jeff Kibbe, the ILWU's legislative representatives in Sacramento, to a joint meeting of the Northern and Southern California District Councils, urges every member to write to the House Ways and Means Committee, asking passage of H.R. 3920, the Hospital Insurance Act.

The address by Ways and Means Committee, House of Representatives, Washington 25, D.C.

Duarte Tells Of Reaction to Slaying in Rome

SAN FRANCISCO—The president of ILWU Local 6, Charles (Chile) Duarte, was in Rome, Italy, on Friday, November 22—on his way home from a trip to Russia. On the day, November 22, the same day that President Kennedy was assassinated, Duarte was in Rome, Italy, on his way home from a trip to Russia.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Preparations for the tenth annual old-timers’ Christmas party are moving into high gear. It will be held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, Friday, December 20, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Buffet supper will be served at 8. Dancing and entertainment will be given with new dance music. Admission is free to all paid up pension club members and their wives, as well as to widows of club members.

General admission to the younger generation ILWU is $1 single or $1.50 per couple, which includes the buffet supper and paid refreshments will be available as well as ice cream for dessert.

All members of the ILWU family are invited by the San Francisco Bay Area Pensioners’ Association.

Dave Rader Is President Of Local 6 Pensioners

SAN FRANCISCO — Dave Rader was inaugurated as President of the San Francisco Pensioners of Local 6, ILWU, D. B. Johnson, vice-president, Harry Nyberg, secretary-treasurer and Dave Heller, secretary-treasurer in elections held November 13.

These and other officers and committee members for the warehouse union are installed at the January 8, 1964 membership meeting.


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Safety Programs

PORTLAND — Resolutions concerning the enforcement of shipboard lines, port safety procedures, hazardous cargo handling, and waterfront work stoppages were among those approved by the recently held 52nd convention of American Port Authorities.
AUXILIARY NEWS

Oregon Women Ask Business Tax Review

SALEM—Demands that the legislature review taxes received from highways represents a great change in utilities, as a way out of the state’s $60 million fiscal shortage, came last week from Auxiliary 1, North Bend. The women were inspired by the fact that other states are increasing education and other essential state services imperiled and are, at the same time, opposed in increasing the tax load of those least able to pay.

Similar demands were voiced by pickets representing young Democratic groups, who appeared outside the Statehouse Building November 12. The Young Dems urged tax rev- eres and bills of absentee corpora- tions having plants in Oregon be made public. They charged that a certain high paid official was furthering the plans of that not only would there be no funds for the public schools, but that a special tax exemption could be enacted for students, and individual income tax exempt paying community would be closed.

Federated Sends Greetings To Russ and Aussie Women

NORTH BEND, Ore.—The Feder- ated Auxiliaries recently sent greetings to women’s groups in separate hemispheres.

One, to the Soviet Women’s Commis- sion, was forwarded to Vice Presi- dent J. R. Robertson with the request that he deliver it in person when he was in Moscow last month as a guest of the 12th Congress of Soviet Trade Unions. In a letter to the ILWU official congratulating him on his selection as a fraternal delegate to the Rus- sian meeting, Federated Auxiliary President Valerie Taylor said that “any information you could gather which will further our common cause” with the Russian women’s group would be appreciated.

Previously greetings over the sig- natures of Mrs. Taylor and Feder- ated Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Verna Asbury, were sent to the Union of Australian Women’s national conference in Sydney.

North Bend Women Aid Vets Hospital

Hawaii ILWU Greets Leader of ‘No More Hiroshimas’ Movement

HONOLULU—An improbable mixture of industrialists, labor lead- ers, pacifists, university leaders and last school year aton. Yasui urge them to support steps toward world disarmament “in defense of humanity.”

“The union said it wanted to intro- duce Dr. Yasui, “father of the nu- clear disarmament movement in Japan” to “some of the people we work with.” But the day became so busy arguing about our nickel and dime differences that we never get around to discussing a big interest we have in common — the prevention of war. We must find the answers to that and we must find them together.”


The following are excerpts from an address of the “Facilities and the FCC—Dangerous Precedent,” written by attorney Laurence B. Youth and pub- lished in the November 30 issue of “The Nation.”

“The three stations concerned are KPPA, Berkeley, KFPK, Los An- geles; and WBAL, New York. All of these depend for their support on a mixture of ‘subscriptions’ from their listeners, who pay $12 a year to keep the stations on the air.

Pacific Foundation, which oper- ates commercial FM stations in Berkeley, Los Angeles and New York (has) been asked by the Federal Communications Commission to have each of its officers and stations named and fired by the Board of Directors, submit sworn answers to two questions:

Are you or have you been a mem- ber of the Communist Party? Are you or have you ever been a mem- ber of any other organization which advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence?

Although the stations are not pri- vately owned, they have come from the first a policy of presenting a fair mixture of political compet- itors, with representation for the Far Left, the Far Right and various stages in between.

As part of this policy, they have consciously aired the views of a genuine Communist.

Last January, three Pacifica offi- cials, all women, are at the top of the list, one commentator and a Los Angeles subscriber were summary decreed to appear before Senator Richard Russell’s Senate Public Committee. The hearing was chaired by Senator Duff of Connecticut.

The transcript of these sessions is singularly uneventful that even the Far Right was able to muster no more than a perfunctory interest. The Subcommittees proceeded to ask for a $60 million fiscal shortage, it might well prove fatal.

The expense of a court fight would be far beyond Pacifica’s slender re- sources.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court has said that “the broadcasting field is open to anyone, provided there be an available frequency over which he can broadcast without interference by others, if he shows his competency, the administrative, the financial ability to make good use of the assigned channel.”

Baker also said that “Congress did not authorize the Commis- sion to choose among applicants on the basis of their political, economic, or social views.”

The above standards, he went on, could not be matched by the three Pacifica stations, as far as he could tell, by more than most of the stations that receive their licenses and renewals without question or hesitation.

Dockers, Widows On Pension List

SAN FRANCISCO — Following is the latest list, as of Novem- ber 19, 1963, of dockers re- quired under the ILWU-PMA plan:


Local 15: Ben Eastland’s Internal Security Sub- committee of the United Public Dockers, Widows On Pension List

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Oregon Cigarette Tax Defeated; Giveaway Bill Still Under Study

SALEM—Oregon workers won't have to pay five cents more a pack for their cigarettes, CRDC President Er-...
'Men & Machines' Taped for Seattle TV

SEATTLE—Suspension of regular programming because of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, postponed the showing of the “What's the Story” interview program on the book “Men and Machines” by KINO-TV.

With Charles Herring as moderator, the taped program features a panel of newsmen interviewing ILWU President Harry Bridges and D. W. Cornell, area manager for PMA.

Ships Convert To Full Van Service

SEATTLE—Conversion of two 400-foot steamships, Company is placing longshippers in full van shipments for the Seattle-Seward route. The vessels will begin making the weekly runs in two weeks.

The three shift schedule on bulk operations and the new gang sizes are ready for implementation by December 31.

Local 10 Primary Picks Secretary; Other Major Offices in Runoff

SAN FRANCISCO — The Bay Area's longshore Local 10 here in its primary election, November 21-22, named Carl Smith (Shaddy) Smith as secretary-treasurer for the 1964 term, while runoffes are scheduled for president, vice-presidents, business agents and dispatchers.

Smith defeated incumbent Reino J. Erkkila, 1201-1143, for the secretary-treasurer's post. Runoffs will be held between James Kearney (1011 votes) and Willie Christensen, Joe Mosley, Jack Orchid and Mike Samaduroff.

No Such Thing as a Little

But I wonder what we will do tomorrow and the day after to prove that out of disaster at least something has come new understanding?

Understanding that hate, faithlessness to our principles, bigotry and extremism, whether on the left, the right, up or down, are like heroin.

There's no such thing as taking a day off of them. And there's no one who can handle them. Once you hooked on, hooked on something, you're going to go on hunger.

It may be the schoolteacher who gets fired on suspicion of nonconformity. Or four kids in a Bir- mingham church. Or a John Fitz- gerald Kennedy.

Seven men nominated to fill the nine board of directors; the right, up or down, are like heroin.

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