Sugar Strike Vote Underway

Await Tally As Pact Talks Stop

HONOLULU — With a strike vote already completed on the island of Oahu, the ILWU sugar negotiating committee was moving to the outer islands to take strike votes as The Dispatcher went to press. The tallies were expected to be completed Monday night, February 21.

Voting was scheduled for Maui on Thursday, "Big Island" of Hawaii on Friday and Saturday and Kauai on Monday.

Negotiations were suspended while the union was completing the strike vote. Negotiators emphasized that this was only a suspension and that negotiations had not yet broken down.

No strike date has been set. A 48-hour notice is required before striking.

The vote on Oahu, where the state capital Honolulu is located, was completed as the contract was reinstated. It began on February 7 and ended February 9.

OVERWHELMING

Sugar workers on the island had voted to strike by February 14 if necessary and at the time the vote was suspended the tally was running overwhelmingly in favor of hitting the bricks if necessary.

(Editor's note: At last report in a spot check at three sugar properties on Maui the vote was 1926 to 35 to authorize a strike.)

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ILWU Victory in the Desert Adds 550 Members in Organizing Drive

TRONA, Calif. — The ILWU scored a major representation victory last week by ousting District 50 of the United Mine Workers at the big American Potash and Chemical Corporation plant in Trona.

The vote in favor of the ILWU was 332 to 187. There were 550 eligible voters.

The election climax a 9-month organizing campaign in this desert region of Southern California.

Over 2400 new workers have been brought into the ILWU in Southern California by organizing campaigns during the past two years.

SMEAR TACTICS

Fifteen years ago District 50 took the American Potash contract away from the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers’ Union using the red issue as their main weapon. District 50 used the same tactics during this campaign.

The ILWU campaigned on such issues as wages, pensions, health and welfare, contract language and union democracy. It was also emphasized that the ILWU contract with US Borax at Boren was far superior in all respects to the one at American Potash.

In their concentration on the use of smear tactics District 50 held many showings of the film, “Operation Abolition” during the final weeks. This is the film that was produced several years ago to justify the existence of the House Un-American Committee.

They also put out half-page “Americanism” ads, put out doctored pictures of Harry Bridges toasting Molotov, and reprinted anti-ILWU articles by Victor Riesel.

In addition they swamped the air-waves over the Ridgecrest, California radio station with such slogans as “Support Our Boys in Vietnam—Vote for District 50,” “Keep Trona American,” and much more in the same vein.

They finished up with a night spot check at three sugar properties.

HONOLULU — ILWU won a smashing organizing victory at Lawrence Rockefeller’s Mauna Kea Beach Hotel early this month.

The vote in the NLRB conducted election was 214 for ILWU; no union 86; AFL-CIO 31. There are 360 in the bargaining unit now, and imminent expansion of the plush Big Island resort should swell the units to more than 600.

The vote corroborated a NLRB finding that the employer’s actions in an August 26, 1965 election had “rendered impossible a free and untrammeled expression of employees’ desires.”

Examples of this company behavior prior to the election were cited by the ILWU.

In addition they threatened the loss of coffee breaks, free meals and hand laundry if the union won. In addition, security guards transported off-duty workers to the polls and one served as company observer at the election.

On the day before the August election the management distributed a smear and scare leaflet issued by AFL Hotel Local 5 which asked “Do you think that you or your family could get (security) clearance when you say that you belong to a union that favors the Moscow line and is against American policy”?

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“List, brothers, list!”

Hey, Joe, are you listed?”

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THE DEBATE has been joined. The "hawks" have been served notice to stop honking the microphones and the administration to knock off insisting that patriotism must be equated with asking no questions. A crescendo of voices are now heard insisting that the Vietnam war is a subject worthy of debate before the American people. The line taken by the warhawks in congress—and note well how many of them are Southern racists and anti-labor reactionaries—is that those who insist on debate and discussion, and on the old-fashioned virtues of simple confrontation with the facts, are in some way letting down their sons fighting in Vietnam, or even, as Louisiana's Senator Long stated, are serving the communist cause.

Those who insist on discussion believe it is a higher form of patriotism to work for peace and save the lives of their sons, as well as the well-being of their nation. This now includes 100 of the most distinguished churchmen in the world who this week in Geneva unanimously called for immediate peace in Vietnam. The central committee of the World Council of Churches, representing 214 Christian churches around the globe, thus makes a most positive contribution to the growing quest for sanity.

FROM A SMALL start, with Senators Morse, Gruening and Fulbright in the lead, the debate is becoming full-blown. Almost single-handedly they kept alive the Vietnam issues. Aided by a very small number of journalists, churchmen, scholars, and a rare voice in labor, the questions, doubts and demands for answers have brought about a changed climate.

Morse, who was a speaker at the ILWU's 1963 convention and Gruening who spoke on Vietnam at the union's 1965 convention both have expressed views on the war which the union has long endorsed. Gruening recently proposed that no draftee shall be drafted without this discussion, and Fulbright have led the fight to kill the measure, which the union has long endorsed. Gruening recently proposed that no draftee shall be drafted without this discussion, and Morse, Gruening and Fulbright in the lead, the debate is becoming full-blown.

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WHAT MATTERS now is that the debate is on in full force. The opportunity presents itself for every individual and every local and every community group to express its support of those who are carrying the ball publicly.

Those who have boycotted the means of communication by claiming they could not do so because of censors in Vietnam. The main point remains: will the government—and I mean the government—hold up its end of the contract?

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Local 6 Hits Bricks Over Wage Issue

SAN FRANCISCO—Fifty members of Local 6, dried fruit workers, struck the Sunshine Curtain Co. on February 11 over the sole issue of wages.

Their previous contract expired February 1 and the moving “traveling brick” offer was five cents to start February 1 and three cents August 1, minus deductions and plus $200 for ten years. The contract would have for another year.

Sunshine Curtain employees were manning picket lines at the company’s main plant, the Broderick building.

Another 70 members of Local 6 were subsequently locked out Feb-

uary 15 by the ABC Manufacturing Co., which also makes curtains. Pick-

et lines manned by these women carry signs saying “This is a lock- out.”

The final union demand before the strike was ordered was ten cents across the board starting February 1.

The present maximum rate of pay for Local 6 union women is $1.89 an hour, $2.19 an hour on-union plus pay $1.23 an hour.

Local 11 Sets Dried Fruit Pact Demands

SAN JOSE—Contract demands of dried fruit workers were discussed and adopted at the February 7 meeting of Local 11. Highlight of the meeting was the report reached to gain more consideration for sea- sonal workers, some of whom have been manning picket lines for as long as 15 years without making seniority or vacations.

Employers also will be notified for one year only.

Local 11 is in the middle of contract negotiations with the American Fruit Packing Co., the nation’s largest dried fruit company.

The ILWU insists that sugar workers be assured of full support of the International in their negotiations which were still continuing at Dispatcher press time.

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Scoring the Johnson administration’s handling of foreign policy and calling for an end to the “horrible killing in Vietnam,” the board said, “It’s still the same old committee,” the Executive Board pointed out.

Its target is still anything progres- sive, anti-Communist and May Day.

The board made it known that it would not house the ILWU’s attorneys by individual members, the status of the ILWU’s attorneys a procedure for handling industrial injury cases.

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Executive Board Rejects Guidelines: Calls for End to Horrible Killing

HONOLULU—Five resolutions covering issues of international, national and local concern were passed by the ILWU Inter-

national Executive Board at its meeting here February 3 and 4.

The ILWU reiterated its rejection of President Johnson’s 2.2 percent “wage guideline” in contract negoti-

ations. Highlighted was the fact that industry profits are at an all-time high and still rising, and that there is no program to limit these profits.

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Senator Morse has, in addition, moved to kill the 1964 Congressional resolution which is presently being used by the executive branch to jus-

tify the escalation of the Vietnam war. That resolution arose as the result of incidents in the Tonkin Gulf and authorized defensive US military action against naval attacks.

Terming Senator Morse’s resolu-

tion as being “in the finest tradition of this country,” the Executive Board applauded his demand “that foreign policy, particularly the deter-

mination of foreign policy that entails military action, must at all times be the property of the Con-

gress and of the American people.”

HARRY TRURO TROPHY

The ILWU’s Harry Truman Trophy for “victory in the battle for the freedom of the American worker” was presented to Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt and Local 12 President Carl Damaso report on the state of negoti-

ations. Above, Unit 50 executive board member Frank Muranda checking off names of members who have voted.

The persecution of Dr. Stamler drew the fire of the Chicago Daily News and Chicago’s American. In February, 100 scientists and educators was formed by Dr. Stamler’s wife and more eminent Boston heart special-

ist, in behalf of Dr. Stamler.

THE UNION’S LAWYERS

Citing a recent US Supreme Court decision, the Executive Board is urg-

ing all local ILWU’s to refer their attorneys a procedure for handling industrial injury cases.

The Supreme Court has held that a union has the constitutional right to refer its members to union attorneys on matters within the area of the union’s collective bargaining.

Such arrangements, the board points out, could result in larger settlements for workers and lower contingency fees than in the past.

The board said: “In many areas now the setup is chaotic. Men in-

jured on the job engage the first attorney they can find, often with the result that they recover a paltry sum of money improperly represented. The tendency is to ac-

cept a fast settlement even if a large- 

er one may have been obtained. Many cases are taken to the courts which could have been settled better and more cheaply under the worker’s compensation laws.

Forrester Is Re-Elected at Puget Sound

SEATTLE—William Forrester, ILWU Local 31 president, was re-

elected at the annual meeting of the Puget Sound Council at its meeting here February 10.

Other officers elected were: vice president, James L. Costa, Local 19; treasurers, Leonard McGuire, Local 23; Walter Williamson, Local 25, and Richard Baker, Local 28; secretary-treasurer, Ron Tait; northern district area labor relations committee, Arne Askindal, Local 24; southern district area labor relations committee, Ron Tait; public relations committee, Arne Askindal, Local 24; publicity committee, consisting of Don Gilchrist, Laurance Kratky and Mark Venter Jr., hopes to publish the bulletin once a month.

The Dockers is New Everett Bulletin

EVERETT—A new addition to the family of ILWU publications is The Dockers of Everett, 101 Fourth Ave. N., Everett.

The first issue, on January 23, features a story on the results of a recent union election at the Puget Sound Council.

The Dockers is a monthly bulletin which will be published in Everett and will be distributed to all members who have paid subscriptions.

Richardson Is President of Local 19 Pensions

SEATTLE—Local 19 pension mem-

bers last week announced the follow-

ing new officers: William Richardson, president; Tom R. Richardson, president; Tom R. Richardson, president, George Von Dohlen, secretary-treas-

urer, and Arvid Johnson, vice presi-

dent. Trustees are: Earl George, Pete Lindberg and Arvid Johnson.

Right-to-Work Threat Looms In California

SANTA BARBARA — "Right-to-Work" will be an issue in California’s November elections State Controller Alan Cranston predicted recently.

He told the California State Coun-

cil of the 1965-66 constitutional convention that the inevitable Republican nomi-

nation of Ronald Reagan in the June primary will be the result of an open un-

ion vote, a so-called "right-to-work" election.

Reagan, on February 1 in Los Angeles, condemned what he felt was a move by the state to deny workers the right to collectively bargain as a group.

Elected to the negotiating commit-

tee were: Nick Cigliriano and Ann Formosa from CPC, Oscar Hartt and Ray Molina from Sunwrest, Rose Zimbickie and Joe Damas from May-

fair, and John Krattley and Virgil Wallace of Healdsburg will also be on the committee.

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The union has demanded a package in the neighborhood of 55 cents an hour for a three-year contract, to include a substantial wage increase and fringe benefits. 

Ready for Strike

The ILWU negotiators have indicated they are well prepared to drive through with a successful strike if need be.

"The strike vote was called off," a union staff member said, "in the interest of finding out if a settlement could be found without a strike. But now we are showing no signs of bargaining realistically, the strike vote had to be resumed."

ILWU Victory In the Desert Adds 550 Men

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A Saturday-morning car parade on election eve. When the votes were counted in broad daylight, the ILWU scored almost two to one on one Regional Director Bill Piercy, Jr., and International Representative Don Wright headed the ILWU drive. They were assisted by Boyce Couch, newly elected vice president of Local 30, Boron.

Additional help was provided by other officers and rank-and-file members from Boren as well as the rest of the ILWU regional office staff.

In an effort to hold on to the American Potash plant, District 50 used five regional directors from such places as Southern California, Arizona, Oregon, and Connecticut. They also had five international representatives in the field and sent their research director and director of organization out from Washington, D.C.

Contract negotiations between ILWU and American Potash are scheduled to begin February 28 in Trona.

Things Go Better With Coke in Hilo

Hilo—Employees of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Hawaii voted 13 to 0 in favor of a new contract of ILWU representation in an NLRB election February 8.

Hawaii Division Director George Martin says "the boycott is off, now, and we urge ILWU members to patronize this firm now that it is unionized.

The union lost an election there in 1966.

Dust flies as ore is sucked out of giant ship and dumped to belt lines at huge Vancouver Wharves complex, the largest bulk loading terminal on the Pacific Coast and typical of the booming expansion in British Columbia.

By Dispatcher's Canadian Correspondent

VANCOUVER, B.C. Peace and trade, strengthening of trade union and political action, preparations for the coming contract negotiations and an address by President Harry Bridges highlighted the eighth annual convention of the Canadian Area ILWU held here February 7. In attendance were 60 delegates representing 3,000 workers.

The first action of the convention was to send a wire to ILWU sugar workers in Hawaii pledging the full support of the Canadian membership to the sugar workers in their drive for a new contract.

The conflict in Vietnam is "the main threat to world peace," the delegates resolved, as they urged the Canadian government to exert every effort to bring it to an end. This would involve a cease fire, recognition of the Viet Cong at the bargaining table and a settlement based on the 1954 Geneva Agreement which calls for the removal of all foreign troops from Vietnam.

"Peace in south Asia is of direct concern to every ILWU member," the convention affirmed, "not that because of the danger of Canada being involved in a global conflict but because most of ILWU's trade is with Asia. Our jobs depend on this trade.

The convention called on Canadian labor to dissociate itself from the support which AFL-CIO leaders in the US are giving to President Johnson's "policy of aggression in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic."

Canada should not participate in any military acts such as Nato and NORAD, the delegates agreed, nor should any foreign troops be allowed to train in Canada.

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**This Year Is Pay Day for Us**

Bridges Tells Canadian Meet

VANCOUVER, B.C. "We are in good fighting trim," Harry Bridges, International ILWU president, told the 8th annual convention of the Canadian Area ILWU, February 9. Noting that all longshore contracts expire this year within a period of 30 days in July and August, he called for coordination in negotiations and strategy.

"This year is pay day for us," he said. "The employers made money. We need to knock off a substantial wage increase. Not enough funds are at stake for benefits."

The ILWU, he said, had established close contacts with the Woodworkers (IWA), the Pulp & Sulphite Union, and the Teamsters, looking toward the objective of a common program for struggles coming up this year.

"We have good relations with the Teamsters," he said. "Our two unions working together represent a tremendous amount of concentrated economic power.

HOFFA FRAIDED

Bridges said he had personally investigated the charge of misusing pension funds against Jimmy Hoffa and that this was an "absolute and complete frame-up."

Turning to the conflict in Vietnam, Bridges called it a "foreign war, an undeclared war, an unfair war."

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Attention to the large volume of wheat shipments to the Peoples Republic of China—68 shiploads in 1965.

"Food and trade will build a bridge of friendship for Canada everywhere in the world," declared the officer's report which was adopted by the gathering.

"Our role in world affairs would be infinitely enhanced if we became known as a country which refuses to export death in the form of arms and will export only the means of life—food, machines and raw materials to every country willing to trade with us on a fair basis, regardless of its political or social system."

The delegates asked the Canadian government "to end the rather ridiculous situation where we conduct large scale trade with China, yet because of US objections, we refuse to extend diplomatic recognition to this land of 650 million people which could be Canada's largest market, or to support its admission to the United Nations."

The convention also approved the expansion of port facilities up and down the BC coast, including such major undertakings as Vancouver.
Wharves in North Vancouver and Pacific Coast Bulk Terminals at Port Moody

Noting that present development plans in Vancouver are happening in a vacuum, the convention advocated an overall plan by a central authority.

The convention reported that the Ottawa ILWU to the right of labor to strike during the term of a collective agreement if the employer

The Board of the union was instructed to prepare a brief in support of a comprehensive port development plan for Van-

couver. In the meantime, the convention insisted, the ILWU should

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These include the new 6500-ton capacity newparger barges running between Port Alberni, Powell River and ports in California; the ship

Frank H. Brown, part of a ship-

track-train transportation system based on the container concept of

freight handling; the "Cargo Robot" on the ship Buffalo which eliminates slingers, and the ship Tropwood equipped with gantry cranes de-

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"These developments require alertness on our part to protect the interests of our membership," the officers report.

The bulk of the convention's time was devoted to unionization of major industries. The ILWU leadership and all lo-
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with all employees invited.

At the hotel on the Sunday after-

report listing the many strikes

and job security concessions reluc-
tantly agreed to by the oil com-
paines.

The widespread support for the

oil workers, said the delegates, was not just a spontaneous movement, but a direct result of policies of militant action and unity in the

past that we helped to develop and carry into life."

The convention wired the Can-
adian Labor Congress protesting the raid by the Steelworkers Union on the Mine Mill Union at Trail, BC.

Drawing attention to Mine Mill gains in wages, working conditions and pensions in Trail, the convention emphasized that the only one

who will benefit from the disruption caused by raiding will be the em-

loyers.

What we need, said the delegates, is more unity, more organization of the unorganized and not "raiding, can-

nibalism and civil war within the

ranks of labor.

The convention called for the inclusion of all unions within the BC

Federal of Labor and the Canadi-

an Labor Congress. At present a

number of militant unions including the Mine Mill, Teamsters, Fisher-

men and United Electrical Workers are excluded.

A political action by the ILWU was emphasized as delegates adopted resolutions calling for:

• Support for labor endorsed can-
paigns running for civic office.

• A uniform educational curricu-

lum for all of Canada to replace the

ten year provincial curriculum.

• Rejections of the US-sponsored "Parsons Plan" which calls for the diversion of western Canadian rivers to the US.

• A government non-profit car in-

surance scheme to stop the rocket-
ing cost of car insurance now im-

posed by private insurance com-
pанииes.

• Support for west coast fishermen in their demands for inclusion of all Pacific nations in the North Pacific Fishery Treaty, which is today limited to the US, Canada and Japan.

• Labor legislation to abolish the restrictive sections of the Labor Re-

quirements Act of BC; equal use of ex parte injunctions in labor disputes; banning the use of strike-breakers; a maximum work week of

40 hours for all workers; the right

of labor to strike during the term of a collective agreement if the em-

ployer introduces new machines which drastically change the condi-
tions of employment; full pay for all workers being retrained.

• Free vocational and university training.

• Abolition of the use of police
dogs in labor disputes.

• A more humane and sym-
pathetic attitude by the Workmen's Compensation Board in dealing with compensation cases.

STRESS ON SAFETY

Safety was underlined throughout convention reports, discussions and resolutions as delegates noted four
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SCDC Urges the Election Of Pro-Labor Candidates

WILMINGTON — Key questions of interest to labor, working people in general and the general public will be put to Southern California public office seekers by the ILWU Southern California District Council April 22 at a candidates’ interview meeting.

Council members decided at their February 11 meeting to call the candidates who seek ILWU endorsement, and to answer such questions as: Will they support anti-labor State Senator Hugo Burns for speaker of the Senate? And, what do they propose concerning rising insurance rates and taxes?

Council members’ meeting will be held in the Local 26 hall, 5655 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles.

TAKING THE ‘PLEDGE’

After hearing material which simulated the experiences of the last named, adopted after a public hearing held in Olympia in 1962, represents the many years’ worth of experience made on this subject of the late Frank Andrus.

The state safety code for longshore is largely the work—and language—of Van Brunt.

The council, in a previous meeting, adopted the following invitation: "We consider it both a privilege and a duty to call in the doctor of her choice, to call in the doctor of her choice, and away from the brink of a nuclear holocaust is the only hope for our country and all humanity.

GRAPE STRIKE AID

Support for the San Joaquin Valley grape strikers was voted by the council. Setting the increasing hardships the strikers, now in its third month of their bitter struggle, are enduring, the council authorized the ILWU to channel $50 a week to each of the nurserymen’s compensation in labor's protest at the last session of the legislature.

SALEM SECRET

Local 8 Attorney Frank Pozzi, and Al Roli, counsel of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union National Executive Board who had spoken at the January candidates’ meeting.

Baker reported on a meeting in the State Board of Elections, which held a public hearing in Los Angeles. The court, in concern over the workman’s compensation in labor’s protest at the last session of the legislature.

He said, was that the courts, not the State of Oregon, will be authorized to study the manpower in the construction industry, and urged that ILWU “nurture and develop candidates from the ranks of its own membership.”

Attention East Bay Local 6 Members

OAKLAND—Beginning Monday, February 22, the address of East Bay Local 6 head-"quarters will be 99 Hegenberger Road, Oakland 46. New phone: 625-5650.

SCDC urges Pro-Labor Candidates

Design Rewards A prize for "Excellence in Design" was recently awarded the East Bay Division of Warehouse Local 6 and architect Herbert T. Johnson for the newly completed union headquarters building in Oakland. Marion J. Varner, vice president of Schenley Industries and member of the Society of American Registered Architects, presented the blue ribbon certificateto Local 6 at ceremonies February 1 and a major anti-union force, the council notified him of the SCDC’s opposition to the war in Vietnam, the council called for the sending of a letter to Senator Fulbright concerning operation of the workmen’s compensation in labor’s protest at the last session of the legislature.

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SCDC President Bill Lawrence noted the retirement of Morris Watson, the council’s legislative director, and announced the naming of Sidney Roger as editor. He cited Roger’s "rich experience" in the newspaper and radio field and as a member of the ILWU.

The council’s letter of appreciation to Watson warmly commended his many years of faithful service and brilliant work for the union. The SCDC was commended in a letter from George Biddle, member of the American Civil Liberties Union, National Executive Board who had spoken at the January council meeting.

"It is mighty reassuring to see suchprincipled and yet down-to-earth approaches to union problems as I saw in action the other night."

He then referred to a meeting of the council heard SCDC Legislative Representative Ernest Baker and former delegate, Henry Land, of Local 8, who represents CRDC on the Oregon State Board of Education, had authorized study of the manpower in the construction industry, and urged that ILWU “nurture and develop candidates from the ranks of its own membership.”

SAFETY CODE

Van Brunt distributed copies of the Safety Code, which he gave to the delegates.
SAN FRANCISCO — It's many things to many people. On its board of directors president, Otis Bails, it's "economic democracy in action." It's "Our store—we own it." To others, it's an attractive supermarket with reasonable prices; the Neighborhood Cooperative supermarket, the highest in the business. The first of its kind in San Francisco on those days, Local 6 and 10 members, who comprise a large part of the Co-op's $3,200 owners will show off their store to all comers. Opened eight months ago, the Neighborhood Co-op was born in a discussion in 1963 among pickets protesting the discriminatory hiring practices of merchants in an area with one of the highest Negro populations in San Francisco.

The group was known as Auxiliary 5, Unit A. It's "ID Auxiliary" at this other part of the business, the first of its kind in San Francisco.

Wives of Oregon Checkers Form Newest Auxiliary

PORTLAND — Oregon's newest auxiliary group—consisting of wives of checkers and supercargoes belonging to Local 40—held its first formal meeting and installed temporary officers at the Union Hall yesterday with a colorful ceremony witnessed by visiting union and auxiliary officials.

The group will be known as Auxiliary 5-A, vice-president; Betty Dodge, vice-president; Marian Grandstrom, treasurer.

Top unit officers installed by Mrs. Taylor included Barbara Lint, president; Betty Dodge, vice-president; Arline Steinmetz, secretary; and Grandstrom, treasurer.

The group investigated the cooperative idea and decided this was what they wanted. In October 1963 they began selling shares for five dollars each and in little more than a year had raised the necessary $7,500 to buy a store and begin operations. The market opened June 30, 1965.

ILWU MEMBERS COOPERATE

March 5 and 6 ILWU Days have been set as "ID Auxiliary" at this other part of the business, the first of its kind in San Francisco. Through the cooperation of Portland, Oregon. On a fine spring day in mid-June, he was fishing from the pier of Bradford Island, in a stretch of the river below the towering dam, just beyond the deadline marker on the Columbia.

It was around 4 p.m. that the fish was finally eased to bank—a finny brute measuring 68 inches from nose to tail and tipping the scales at 154 pounds. Here's a picture of Al with his prize.

We ARE happy to note recent information from the California Department of Fish and Game indicating that the elephant seal is a comeback off the coast of California. Recent survey showed a population of 3,663 elephant seals—other wise known as sea elephants—on the offshore island of the state, an encouraging figure when one considers that only 806 were counted in 1961, the last time a census was taken. Same survey revealed a sea lion population of 3,677 on the California coast and offshore islands and it must be noted here that this represents a decline for this animal as 25,038 were counted in 1961.

A large majority of the elephant seals—only a small number seen on San Miguel Island, off the Southern California coast. Other small groups of elephant seals were noted on the offshore islands of San Clemente and Santa Cruz and on Ano Nuevo Island north of the city of Santa Cruz. All in view of our fast declining wildlife stocks in some areas.

Elephant seals are fully protected in California.

To dry wet boots or moccasins in camp, heat a goodly amount of pebbles or tiny stones in the fire and pour the hot pebbles into the shoes. Shake them around and they will take moisture without injuring the leather.

ILWU members—in good standing—and the members of their family can earn a membership in the KROCODILE jures. All that's required is a clear snapshot of a fish, fishing gear or fishing questions in words as to what the photo is about.

Write to:  

Fred Goetz, Dept. TD9, 9216 S.W. I wea, Portland, Oregon 97216.
This Is Your Longshore Listing Card

Every registered longshoreman, ship clerk and walking boss — young and old, active and retired, whether eligible for welfare or not — is being asked by the ILWU to complete a Longshore Listing Card next month.

The Longshore Listing Cards will be issued to all longshoremen on the second payday in March — the 11th, 12th, 13th. It will be issued to retired longshoremen along with their March pension checks.

The Coast Committee is calling on all coast longshore, ship clerk and walking boss locals to cooperate in the "Listing" project.

Your "help and participation," the Coast Committee is "guaranteed to do the job well done and on time."

The filled-in Longshore Listing Cards will be used to set up totally new machine records for the ILWU-PMA Benefit Funds.

**BEETTER SERVICE**

The new records will speed up the Benefit Funds, lightening the work, on the locals, and equip the Fund to better serve the membership.

The need for the new records first appeared in connection with preparations of the Benefit Funds office to integrate Welfare Plan with the Medicare program starting July 1. The union and PMA had agreed on integration earlier.

The records would insure protection for every longshoreman and his wife as they became eligible for the age-65 program.

The Benefit Funds would then be able to locate the men and women who become 65 each month among the some 50,000 men, women and children under the Benevolent fund welfare program.

A possible source of the information was checked. It finally became clear that the longshoreman himself was the best source of the information needed for the new records.

And it also became clear that prompt, accurate listing would allow the new machine records to speed up Benefit Funds office services, to ease the workload that falls on locals, and to accomplish other jobs beyond the initial job of compiling the integrated Medicare program.

The Longshore Listing Card was developed to provide every longshoreman — active or retired, whether eligible for welfare or not, whether covered by Medicare or not — with the easiest and most convenient way of "listing" the required information. The Longshore Listing Card asks each longshoreman to list his wife and his six or more dependent children, if eligible for welfare or not, whether he has any children over age 18 and under age 22. And it asks him to list other current information.

Each special supplemental listing card is being made available through the locals for longshoremen who have six or more dependent children.

Filling out the card takes only a minute or two. It does not require anything in way of records. All information listed on the Card is confidential and will be used by the local and the Benefit Funds office.

County boards and the Longshore Listing Card can simply be dropped in a mailbox. It is already addressed and the postage will be paid by the other end by the Benefit Funds.

ILWU in Hawaii is an Integral Part of the Entire Community

After the International Executive Board meeting in Honolulu, I took advantage of my being here to visit some of the outside islands, as well as to observe the union in action at its headquarters in Honolulu. It has been several years since I had an opportunity to really rumble around the islands.

One of my first impressions was of the resourceful methods employed by the union to hold the membership together during seasonal layoffs in the pineapple canneries. Early one morning I walked into the union's conference room and found it occupied by 25 or 30 women, chatting, laughing and working busily on a sewing project.

In the center of the group was one of my old friends from earlier, a woman who I was told had spent some 25 to 30 thousand dollars in the integrated Welfare Plan and who, I was told, was trying to organize a walking boss local of her own.

One of my impressions was of the resourceful methods employed by the union to hold the membership together during seasonal layoffs in the pineapple canneries. I was impressed with the way the ILWU is helping its members get through the slack, non-canning season to learn and earn a little extra money. It is the period for Christmas presents, or gifts to friends. It keeps the group in touch with one another and helps to develop solidarity within this union group.

This is only one of the interesting techniques this local and its unit leaders have developed to create a real family feeling within the union. Some unions have semi-annual "family nights" or parties where the whole family enjoys a dinner, a short talk and an evening of entertainment.

Local 142 has a statewide sports program, with home- and-away tournaments and mutual hospitality which reaches across unit and industrial lines, and weaves a strong web of ILWU personal friendships throughout the state.

Our experience with modernization and automation of industry both here and on the mainland tells us that this basic industrial membership with not increase in size.

The place where new jobs are developed is among the tourist, hotel and related service industries. After my trips to the outside islands I began to realize what a tremendous potential this field holds for the future security of ILWU members.

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By that I mean that ILWU has three members in the State House of Representatives and several other members active in State and county boards and commissions and in other public bodies.

They earn respect because they do their homework, study issues, take positions, and earn respect for ILWU as an organization which fights for recognition for the shape of things to come and taking action NOW to organize this fast-growing field.

On the outside islands it is the key to jobs for our members and their children, who would otherwise have to leave their home communities to find work. And in this connection I was much impressed with the way the ILWU in Hawaii has given attention not only to basic economic problems, but also to political activity by actual participation.

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