Warehouse Bull Session

Almost 100 warehouse rank and file workers turned out on Saturday morning, February 11, at the Local 6 East Bay headquarters to talk over upcoming warehouse contract negotiations. The "bull session," as it was labeled, was called expressly to get rank and file thinking about the contract, which expires June 1, and to assist officers in preparing recommendations to the Local 6 Convention that meets in San Francisco, February 25. In the picture above ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt is seen giving a summary of the meeting, after explaining the successful history of joint ILWU-Teamster negotiations. Seated next to him are Local 6 business agent Bill Burke and president Charles (Chile) Duarte. Above them can be seen the magnificent new, still unfinished mosaic mural made for Local 6 by famed sculptor Beniamino Bufano. Bufano depicts the story of working people throughout the world and their quest for peace.

Reagan Tax Cut Pledge Is a Phony

SACRAMENTO — Union members who voted for Ronald Reagan for Governor of California in the belief he was going to reduce taxes are going to be disappointed.

That's the opinion of Michael Johnson, legislative representative of the Northern California District Council of the ILWU, after observing the first seven weeks of the Reagan administration in action.

"I know many union members voted for Reagan," says Johnson. "I argued with them about it on the job. They believed he was going to reduce taxes. He isn't going to reduce them. He's going to increase them."

Reagan's pledge to reduce property taxes is "a real phony." He points out the homeowner just might wind up with a small reduction but big corporations, "the PG&E and the phone company," could wind up having their property taxes "by millions."

WINDFALL PROFITS

In this connection the California Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, has recommended to Governor Reagan that property tax relief be restricted solely to owner-occupied homes and to renters to avoid "giving windfall profits" to large landowners, corporations and apartment house owners.

Johnson says the ILWU is putting together a series of tax recommendations based on previously adopted union positions designed to expose the pro-business bias of the Reagan approach.

"For example," says Johnson, "Texas and Louisiana have oil severance taxes. Louisiana realizes $200 million annually from this source. California gets only about $1 million from its taxes on crude oil each year."

Emphasis of the Reagan administration has been on increasing consumer taxes, including a 25 percent increase in the state sales tax, higher excise taxes (5 cents a pack) on cigarettes, and an increase in liquor taxes.

"The new governor says he doesn't want to do anything to injure "the business climate."

Late Retirement Penalty Starts April 1

If you are a Coast longshoreman or ship clerk and eligible to retire, be sure to take note of the late-retirement penalty in the new M&M agreement.

This applies to men who are 65 or older, with 25 years of service. If you are in this category, you can retire any time before April 1, 1967, with full retirement benefit of $13,000. If you continue to work after April 1 there will be a penalty—a reduction in the total benefit—for each month that you work. The penalty will be $83.33 for each month that you work after April 1.

For example, if you work the month of April and then retire, your retirement benefit would be $12,916.67 instead of $13,000. After you retire, the amount of your monthly benefit will be the same regardless of the penalty, but the total of your benefit will be reduced by the amount of the penalty.

If you are eligible to retire and want to receive the full $13,000 benefit, you must retire no later than March 31, 1967.
"Unfriendly" is a term often used to characterize governments in Latin America. Unfriendly governments in Latin America are those that might not want the control of AFL-CIO President George Meany's foreign-policy adviser, Jay Lovestone. Business, about $160,000—and government, some $3 million. The CIA subsidized the NSA — to help overthrow a dictatorial regime in the US State Department and CIA was supporting.

President Truman, who signed the order creating the CIA in 1947, himself commented in 1953: "We have grown up as a nation, respected for our free institutions, and for our ability to maintain a free and open society. There is something about the way the CIA has been functioning that is casting a shadow over our historic position and I feel that we need to correct it."

The corrupting hand of the CIA has reached deep into the labor movement. In recent months many labor leaders have been kicked into line — to sup- port a dictatorial regime in the US State Department and CIA was supporting.

George Meany's foreign-policy adviser, Jay Lovestone, has worked hand-in-hand with the CIA as an unofficial arm of cold war politics. Sidney Lens, a respected labor leader and writer, recalls: "Someone who worked with the AIFLD in Bolivia explained its operations to me this way: the definition of AIFLD anyone who wanted a raise was a communist. Its whole purpose was to make the 191 or so men it trained into government supporters. It was willing to do something for union men only if they would kick the communists out of their union."

The result, says Lens, is that a few militant unions were kicked into line — to sup- port a dictatorial regime in the US State Department and CIA was supporting.

"In his article in The Nation, July 5, 1965, titled "American Labor Abroad, Lovestone Diplomacy," a study of CIA-inspired American labor diplomacy, Lens said that Meany and his foreign policy experts have claimed credit for some of the following:

Helping to split the Italian and French labor movements; encouraging the emergence of conservative leaders in West German labor movements committed to the cold war; the gathering of hard intelligence which has nothing to do with legitimate trade union work; supporting unions that depose the progressive Jagan government in Brittan Guiana; endorsed and financed right-wing labor leaders in the Dominican Republic who played a role in ousting the democratic Joan Bosch government, and led to the intervention in Santo Domingo; training Brazilians who joined the generals who overthrew the constitutional government and set up a military regime; defended every military interven- tion, including Cuba, Congo, Vietnam, etc.; educated literally tens of thousands of unionists in other countries and turned them loose with money against so-called left-of-center union leadership."

We agree with the San Francisco Chronicle that "the top leadership of the executive branch of Government should tell the CIA to lay off the students and go back to their XKE Jaguars with retractable scimi- nors." And while they're about it, they might stop trying to buy off the labor movement.

"This column is being written in New York City. I've just spent several days in Washington and I've been working on business and particularly in making preparations for the ILWU Seventeenth Biennial Convention, due to meet April 1 in San Francisco."

I saw Jimmy Hoffa, Teamster Union general president and I am pleased to report he accepted our invitation to be one of the main speakers at the convention. This was a pri- mary reason for my visiting Washington.

As is well known, Jimmy's appeal against the government frame-up was turned down by the Supreme Court, but further appeals are being made. I want to make it absolutely clear that he is to be an honored guest at our convention — and if the government tries to interfere, well, we'll just take a holiday until he shows up.

My next move was to see that great old man of the American labor movement, John L. Lewis. I spent some time with him, talking about the past and present state of the labor movement, a much more mellow man with degree for a man of 85, clear thinking and still enthusiastic.

He is especially proud of having launched one of the first union welfare and pension funds, and told me that in the last 20 years over two billion dollars came from the mine owners to be distributed to miners and their families for health, welfare and pensions.

My mission was to invite him to address our convention. But he asked me: "What about the communists? They never came from the mine owners to be distributed to miners and their families for health, welfare and pensions."

"Here in New York I contacted United Nations head- quarters to invite UN Secretary-General U Thant to speak to the convention. Unfortunately, he is leaving for Burma about the same time the convention opens, and won't be back until late in April."

The importance of inviting a man of U Thant's stature to speak to us is that we must keep trying to build a real base in the labor movement to step up opposition to the ghastly and extremely dangerous war in Vietnam.

Peace is as important to working people as any other group—not only because our sons and brothers are drafted to fight, but because the main burdens of this war, as all wars, are borne by the working people.

U Thant has presented some positive plans for ending the war in Vietnam. The ILWU International Executive Board in its last meeting adopted his plans for ending the war, and his ideas represent one of the most positive paths to peace yet developed by any reputable leader.

While in Washington I dropped into the US Senate building to see how they live and work, working on union, trip too tough for him. He promised to send a message to be read to the delegates.

"My intention in trying to see Secretary Rusk was to get a State Department OK to go to China. Not only do I want approval for myself, but to have a rank and file union delegation go with me.

We want to see what's going on there. Rolling it down to particulars, we would like to see what is happening specifically to the labor movement in China."

"We've all been barraged by rumors and speculation, and news reports, interviews, TV shows and radio broadcasts by so-called "China watchers" who keep looking at China from Hong Kong or Tokyo, and for each story there is a contra- dictory account of how they live and work, working on union, in other words getting our information from the horse's mouth.

That is what I hope to be able to do — with a union delegation to rank and file status as soon as it is possible for us to make contact with the highest level of authority in the State Department.

We want to visit Chinese workers, see what is happen- ing to them and to their labor movement, and get the information first hand.

[Image]
BC Unions Seek Fair Labor Laws

VICTORIA, B.C. — Restrictive labor legislation, the threat of automation and mechanization to work- ers, and loopholes in existing legislation which are used by employers to evade and defeat responsible collective bargaining, are the four main reasons for the current deterioration in labor-management relations by the BC Federation of Labor, in a memorandum on Feb. 8, to the provincial government.

Almost 300,000 member federation, to which ILWU locals are affiliated, proposed legislation to:

• Outlaw all injunctions in labor disputes.
• Remove Section 4(2) of the Trade Unions Act which presumes a union guilty of an offense by any of its members until proven innocent.
• Provide that technological changes and automation by the employer which would materially or adversely affect the working conditions of the employees be deferred for negotiation to the next contract or negotiated at once, if both parties are given the right to strike and lockout.

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• Forbid the use of strikebreakers during a legal strike.
• Abolish the government supervised strike vote because it serves no useful purpose and is detrimental to responsible collective bargaining.
• Abolish conciliation boards, but upgrade and strengthen the role of consultation offices.
• Compel the Labor Relations Board to give written reasons for all decisions and to establish procedures.
• Provide full collective bargaining rights including the right to strike for civil servants.
• Reduce the maximum work week to 40 hours.
• Include farm workers under minimum wage legislation, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation.
• Establish a system of free public education which now includes Grade X to nurseries, kindergartens, all levels of university and vocational training.
• Establish a fresh water port on the Fraser River.

CRDC Fights Sales Tax

SALEM, Ore.—A resolution asking the voters whether they want a sales tax to "reduce property taxes" was rammed through the House last week by its Republican backers.

Approved in a 34 to 26 vote, the measure, as an election issue, was defeated by the Senate on the subject in April.

Rep. Jason Boe—one of the Demo- crats elected last fall with ILWU support—said the measure would not do what it is supposed to do, which is to close property tax loopholes down.

There is a broad gap between what it will cost to get property tax relief and what they (the people) will get," Boe said.

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Congratulate on union problems and move on to the fact that our present gains may be enhanced. Political involvement may be necessary but I feel it should be only in a manner directly involving union problems.

I like the way the ILWU is working with the Teamsters.

I feel that there should be classes on contract understanding.

The most important issue in the world today is our (US) policy in Southeast Asia, and Vietnam in particular. I am very proud of the posi- tion the ILWU has taken in this controversy and hope that it will continue or become more militant.

Have free drinks at meetings.

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"For example, Sid, just before his untimely death, was manning papers to go all-out in mobilizing support on the Hill behind ILWU-sponsored legislation to increase the weekly accident benefit under the Longshore and Harbor Workers Act.

"Most important to the Teamsters, Zagri was devoted heart and soul to Hoffa and never stopped plugging to do anything that could be done to see that Hoffa finally won justice in the courts. As a matter of fact, he was tracking down some important evidence in Montgomery in Hoffa's case which was overthrown by the tragic fire that snuffed out his life.

In a telegram to Teamster pres- ident James Hoffa, the ILWU inter- national officers said: "The death of Sidney Zagri comes as a terrible shock to all of us here. We will suffer almost as greatly as you are suffering from the loss of his driving energy and his great contribution to the ad- vance of all labor through his legis- lative efforts. Please extend our deepest condolences to your colle- gues and the Zagri family.

On the floor of the US Senate, a eulogy to Zagri was delivered Febru- ary 9 by Senator Hiram Fong of Hi- waii.

"Sidney Zagri was widely known and respected on Capitol Hill," Fong said. "He was a vigorous and articu- late advocate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters which he served as its legislative counsel.

Anyone who knows Zagri as a warm and compassionate human be- ing, a foremost champion in the movement to win for every citizen the civil rights and civil liberties guaranteed under the constitution of the United States to every American, to the Teamsters Union, the Capitol and the Nation have lost a dedicated citizen. I have lost a friend."
Puget Sound Council Raps Log Threat

SEATTLE—James Costa, newly elected president of the Puget Sound District Council, spoke at the February 2 Council meeting for financial and public relations help to combat the “Save our Logs” initiative. D. W. Van Brun of Longshore Local 40 in Puget Sound reminded the union that a committee had been formed to oppose the initiative, which would prohibit exportation of logs. He pointed out that the initiative would not prevent shipment of logs to an Oriental buyer, the major corollary concern of those who would be free to export them.

He stated that part of the funds for operation of the state’s schools come from sale of state-owned timber. Other officers elected were Donald Glisic, vice president; Karl Drummond, secretary; Leonard McGuire, William Wallace and Walt Williamson, trustees.

Jim Byrne Elected In Portland Runoff

PORTLAND—Jim Byrne has been re-elected business agent-secretary of Local 40 in a run-off election which has generated much interest in both the ranks of the ILWU and Columbia.

The balloting, which was by referendum and gave Byrne an almost two-thirds majority over his opponent, Ralph Nugent, resolved the original tie-vote between the two.

Byrne, who saw Byrne installed authorized the admission of six Local 21 longshoremen in Portland, and called for the February 10 meeting of the ILWU Southern California District Council.

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“THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF WRINGERING OUR HANDS AND SAYING ‘SO-Called Democratic Opposition Being Executed.’ BUT EXECUTIONS CANNOT BE UNDONE,” he emphasized.

DRUGS NOT EXPECTED TO BE EXEMPT FOR HUMANE CONDUCT, NOT FOR KILLING VENGEANCE," he said.

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The 1960 Mechanization and Modernization Agreement which terminated on June 30, 1966, was extended for five years to run from July 1, 1966, to June 30, 1971. It was apparent of the negotiations that the Plan had proved of great benefit to both parties. The ILWU representative reported sharply increased productivity, and the Union was pleased to have the early retirement and vesting provisions.

Under the new agreement, as under the original agreement, the shipowners and stevedoring contractors are forbidden to make revisions on the introduction of labor-saving devices, relieved of the use of unnecessary men and assured of the elimination of work practices which impede the free flow of cargo or ship turnaround. These guarantees to industries are in exchange for a series of benefits for the workers, designed to protect them against the impact of the machine on their daily work or on their job security.

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Shooting War in Asia Eclipses War on Poverty

By Jeff Kibre
ILWE Washington Representative

The 90th Congress is on the road, short of its rightful powerful Negro chairman, changed significantly in makeup from the last Congress, and the question is where it is going or not going, of which no one is sure.

One of the most striking features of the current Washington scene is President Johnson himself. He has lost some of his confidence — or, as a current best-seller puts it, “a sense of the Arrogance of Power.”

LBJ’s State-of-the-Union message reflected the current unusual posture of the President. The message was in low key; it lacked zip or “pur¬ ple passages” — or, rather, went to the Congress, the people, the world.

‘Great Society’ Buried
Another thing that sticks out conspicuously, is that LBJ — as the United Mine Workers Journal says pointedly, “buries” the Great Society, or, at least, “put it into mothballs.” Oh sure, there’s lots of talk about “runs and butter,” a two-front war — one in Vietnam and the other against poverty at home. But like the fine print in your insurance policy, you discover under the surface that the “green stuff” is on unlimited war in Southeast Asia; on belt-tightening at home all down the line, and no more legislative handouts to labor or the poor.

LBJ has offered a single proposal of substance for organized labor or working people in general. You want to know how that repeal of Taft-Hartley’s 14(b) or other popular labor goals. Likewise, nothing is urged at all on the other, a vague suggestion on the sticky question of open housing.

Not Just a Dead End
But that’s not to say that the ses¬ sion is a dead end. Many meaning¬ ful issues are on deck. There’ll be plenty to fight for and to struggle against. Social Security improvements could be the biggest in years. LBJ has endorsed a 29% boost in retirement benefits, plus other beneficial programs for the elderly. The “eyebrows,” too, are on the line for higher old age benefit pay¬ ments.

Also, there’s a general feeling, to which the President generally subscribes, to revamp the Controversial SelectIVE service system, due to expire this coming June, should be substantial¬ tially revised.

Again, President Johnson opened the door on the subject of wire-tap¬ ping. For a prospect, an affirmative action to control this dirty business looked the best in years.

Longshore Comp. Act
As for the ILWU, there are at least two special issues of paramount importance. The favorable action looks good. One is a substantial boost in the weekly bene¬ fit under the Longshore Compensation Act. The Department of Labor has the power to make a grant, and it is already know that the Presi¬ dent will urge favorable action in an upcoming bill.

The other item — a longstanding objective of organized fishermen — is a significant bargaining for fish prices — where wages of crew men are directly af¬ fected.

Executive agencies are finally responding to bills previously intro¬ duced by Senators Magnuson and Bartlett and some movement toward the long-sought objective now looks more and more possible.

One other important area where action appears possible is “consumer protection” legislation.

Perhaps one of the most exciting prospects — one that deals with the all-important subject of peace or war — just opened up days ago. Chairman Fullbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee got from the nation a specific alternative to our dirty war-making plan in Southeast Asia by offering an 8-point proposal for ending the Viet¬ nam War.

Senator Morse endorses the Ful¬ bright proposals and urges the wid¬ est possible support to push them along.

Turning the Clock Back
One of the surprising proposals of¬ fered by LBJ is a proposition to merge the Departments of Commerce and Labor. This would put the Labor Agency back where it started, under a — a small and ineffective bureau of the Commerce Department. With no opposition to the shift is strong — a united “no” from labor here — in¬ side word is to the effect that the Administration plans a driving push to put the deal across.

Chief caustics of the reorganiza¬ tion would be the service and pro¬ tective bureaus — safety, wage-hour, etc. — painfully built up over the years in the Labor Department. This issue is one to watch and holler about.

Coalition in Business
Last November’s national elections radically altered the makeup of this Congress, compared to its predeces¬ sor. The Democrats still rule the roost in both houses, with a 64-to-36 margin in the Senate and a 245-to-178 in the House. However, as the record has plainly shown over the years, Democratic majorities don’t ordi¬ narily spell legislative majorities for progressive legislation.

Some other arithmetic of the House legislative makeup has been spelled out by Congressional Quar¬ terly, an independent publication, on what’s doing in government. CQ’s analysis shows a drop in the House from 206 to 176 dependable liberal elections, remains about the same as in the 89th Congress. It again stacks up as the more liberal of the two houses. But conservatives picked up steam from the elections and are acting tougher than last year.

Labor Loses Champion
Amid the balalaikas over the Adam Clayton Powell affair, some hard facts stand out and need em¬ phasis. As the record reveals, did a great job for labor as Chairman of the House Labor Committee. Bringing it right down to ILWU, he was largely responsible for the last amendment to the Longshore Comp Act, boosting the weekly bene¬ fit, and stood ready to help push an¬ other bill through this session, rais¬ ing the weekly benefit to around $126.

Powell was the only Negro with enough seniority to head up a rank¬ ing standing committee; and things being what they are, the Negro peo¬ ple undoubtedly will wait a long time for a successor to Powell.

The only answer to the Powell case that makes sense is to fight for his restoration to the Chairmanship of the Labor Committee. 

The Numbers Game
The budget sent to Congress by LBJ is really something. Reduced to simple terms, if that’s possible, this is a war budget. Total defense spend¬ ing accounts for $66 of every dollar budgeted. Vietnam alone swallows up $66 of each dollar, compared to the 11c per dollar allocated to all social and welfare programs.

All told, Vietnam operations are given some 22 billions for the next financial year. We now find that from 1959 through 1968, the Johnson administration has spent 175 billions of the American people’s money.

Big Brother
A noteworthy feature of President Johnson’s Economic Report, trans¬mitted to Congress January 26, is the shift in major Senate policy goals. President Lyndon B. Johnson holds the post as the first Secretary of State.

Only the Maritime industry, which has been screaming to hold on to its old setup, is presently outside the new department. Unless the industry wises up and changes its attitude soon, it may be hit by the new Maritime Act, which was passed two years ago but held up by right-wing pressure triggered by that venerable (but non-existent) red-hater, J. Edgar Hoover.

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Win Election
At New Plant
In LA Area

LOS ANGELES — ILWU here in Southern California has won another in the long series of organizational gains chalked up by the union in the last year.

This was a representation election conducted by the State Conciliation Service at Midwife Machine & Manufacturing Company in Monterey Park. The company manufactures fasteners and other small parts for helicopters and space missiles.

In the election held February 1, 46 voted for ILWU, nine for no union. 63 workers are in the bargaining unit.

John Matull, from the regional office, was given the major responsibility for organizing this shop. He received considerable assistance from Local 29 rank and file member Max Aragon.

Negotiations for a new contract, which started this week, are being conducted by Local 30 business agent Frank Lopes and two committeemen.

We roll over 200 new members have been organized by the ILWU Southern California Department in the last year and a half.

Olson to Report on
Southeast Asia Trip

SEATTLE.—Oliver S. Olson, president of Local 19 and a member of the three-man delegation that recently visited Southeast Asia, will report on his trip.

Olson’s tour of Thailand and South Vietnam, including his contacts with working people, military men, civilians and officials in both countries, will be presented on Friday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Local 19 dispatch hall at 1400 Western Avenue. Olson will also show slides of his trip to South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. The Ladies Auxiliary will serve refreshments.

Rosenbrock Urges Vote
For San Mateo Bonds

SAN MATEO, Calif.—A city bond issue for school construction has been chosen to represent area old timers at the union’s 17th biennial convention in San Francisco. At their regular meeting February 2, the pensioners voted to send letters to Oregon’s delegation in Congress urging the necessity for upping social security benefits because of the sharp increase in the cost of living.

Columbia River Pensioners
Elect Sickenger Delegate

PORTLAND — Mike Sickenger, president of the Columbia River Pensioners Memorial Association, has been chosen to represent area old timers at the union’s 17th biennial convention in San Francisco. At their regular meeting February 2, the pensioners voted to send letters to Oregon’s delegation in Congress urging the necessity for upping social security benefits because of the sharp increase in the cost of living.

Elect Sickenger Delegate

Local 8, ILWU, Portland, Oregon, will hold its primary election March 17, 18 and 20 to fill the offices of mid-term business agent, dispatcher, LRC member and convention and causal delegates. Nominations will close March 8. Polling will be between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (5:30 p.m. on Saturday) at 422 NW 17th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Local 13, Wilmington

Local 13, ILWU, Wilmington, Calif., will hold its primary election March 7, 8 and 9 run-off election March 20, 21, 22 to fill the offices of president, vice president, welfare officer, day business agent, day dispatchers, standing committees, and 25 members of the executive board. Nominations will close March 4. Polling will be at ILWU Hall, 231 West Street, Wilmington, Calif.

Local 94, Wilmington

Local 94, ILWU, Wilmington, Calif., will hold its primary election March 14 and final election March 21, 1967 to fill the offices of president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, recording secretary and 15 members of the executive board. Nominations will be made, starting Feb. 1, 1967 and closing March 3, 1967. Polling will be between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 400 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Wilmington, Calif.

Portland Wheat Payroll

PORTLAND — Wheat exporting means about $12 million in payroll to the Portland area.

Logging Pier
Is Dedicated
At Aberdeen

ABERDEEN — Many people from all communities around Grays Harbor were present for dedication of the new Terminal Four pier on January 28.

"We believe this is one of the most up-to-date piers in the Pacific Northwest for the handling of log cargoes," said Max Vekich, secretary of Longshore Local 34. "It is adequately lighted for nighttime operation. All of this equipment is handled by Local 34 members."

The equipment includes two giant whirley type level luffing cranes, mounted on 600 foot gooseneck, which can move the length of the pier on rails.

A feet of "tlemberjack" lifts, with jaws designed to handle logs, is used at the new facility.

The pier itself is 100 by 600 feet, built on steel pilings, of steel and concrete construction, topped with aggregate and asphalt.

Lighting is provided by 56 flood lights to pier each, 76-foot poles, in addition to lights on the cranes.

The pier and cranes cost more than $2 million, according to E. W. Clockman, manager. This, added to the cost of the storage area, log handling machines, utilities and a service building brought the total investment to nearly $3 million. This was paid by revenue bonds issued by the Port.

The building includes comfortable, modern, electrically-heated facilities for use of the longshoremen.

Dockers, Widows
On Pension List

SAN FRANCISCO — Following is the February, 1966 list of dock workers retired, under various ILWU-PMA plans.

Local 1: Alfred U. Maki; Local 2: Harry L. Kinn; Local 18: Jim Banner, Marion Barluch, Julian M. Chavez, Virgil Doig, Harry E. Ricketts, Clifton Andrus; Local 21: Richard Carter; Local 23: Oscar Erstad; Local 29: Brian W. French.


Retired under ILWU-All Alaska Benefit Funds: Local 60: Louis E. Nick, Luther L. Johnson, Frank R. Ver- ger, Woodrow Snyder, Paul E. Wol- coff.

The widows are: Adelina Benedetti, Teresa Contreras, Lottie A. Cowart, Thelma G. Hall, Anna J. Hansen, Mary L. Jones, Margaret Kossuth, Anna Lambert, Evelyn M. Miller, Gladys H. Miller, Mary A. Orth, Frieda L. Pielus, Rose Regli, Reta Skycko.

Visitors from Mexico

Longshoremen from ports throughout Mexico, in Wilmington and San Diego to study longshore methods in US. They were welcomed by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, with Ruth Hoopes, secretary, providing a "welcome packet" of things to see and do. To left of Mrs. Hoopes (front) is Tony Sedillo of ILWU Local 13, who serves as liaison between that local and the longshore union of Mexico.
RECENTLY I fell heir to a stack of old outdoor magazines and newspapers, some of them dating back to 1884. What caught my eye most of all was the gun and rifle ads. For instance:

The plinker or varmint hunter could acquire a single-shot Stevens rifle, a .22 caliber, for only $4.25. (You might buy a good cap pistol for that today.) A repeater in the same line cost $8.

An issue of American Field, front-runner of Field and Stream dated 1894, advertised a lever-action, Model '73 Winchester for $30. Marlin Arm's answer to the Winchester rifle was a similar lever-action rifle for $13.

A Remington rifle, Model 2, in .32 caliber, sold for $7.50, while a mail-order concern offered a .22 caliber rifle known as the New 1911 for $1.61—and 100 cartridges thrown in for good measure.

For the scattergunner, the Ithaca double-barrel shotgun could be purchased for $17.75. This was a fine shotgun with an engraved receiver and the buyer didn't have to pay for it until he had taken it to the field and decided it was to his liking.

Longshoreman Jack Cannon, formerly of Long Beach, a retired member of Foremen's Local 94, writes from his present address—St. B, Box 255E, Eugene, Oregon.

"Dear Fred: Enclosed is a pic of yours truly with first steelhead of the year, a ten pounder that measured 28 inches from nose to tail. Not a record-breaker for size but a real fighter that battled for over a half-hour before I could slide it to bank. "I used to be very partial to the sturgeon by counting growth rings on a tree trunk fishing on the famous McKenzie River but since my first steelhead-catch. I can't seem to stay away from it any more."

"Enjoy reading about the outdoor experts of fellow ILWU members all up and down the Pacific Slope."

One of the most underrated of game fish in America is the Mackinaw, otherwise known as lake trout. (It must be noted that the so-called lake trout, the brook trout and the Dolly Varden, which is sometimes referred to as the bull trout, are not true members of the trout family but members of the char family.)

In the period of "ice out" in the spring, the lake trout comes finning inshore, ravenously hungry after its meager winter diet, stalking the smaller fish that might venture from their hiding places close to shoreline drop-offs.

Then it is time to troll slowly, or cast an underwater, minnow-simulating lure or fly from boat or bank. Present that hardware or "winged dandy" in the right spot and you might tie into the lunker of the day, perhaps a lifetime—anywhere from a five to fifty pounder, or more.

An angler who will long remember the fighting spirit of the lake trout is C. H. Rose of Kennewick, Wash., pictured here with a 42-lb. specimen he hipped from Priest Lake, Idaho, on a jointed pike lure.

Last we heard, Rose was undaunted, hoping to catch an even larger lunker from Priest, large enough to top the world record set by Hubert Hambers in 1952—a 63-lb., 2-oz. specimen from Lake Superior.

But even this moose-like monster was topped when a 102-lb. monster was taken from Lake Athabasca in Saskatchewan, Canada in a commercial fisherman's net.

Biologists determine the age of sturgeon by counting growth rings on the pectoral fins, in a similar manner as growth rings on a tree are counted. The following length-to-age table was prepared from their findings:

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The above table was prepared from a detailed survey in which white sturgeon were used. From the above chart it can readily be seen that the sturgeon is a slow-growing animal and rigid protection must be maintained if extinction is to be averted.

ILWU members—in good standing and the members of their families can earn a pair of the illustrated KROCODILE fishing lures by sending in a clear snapshot of a fishing or hunting scene—and a few words as to what the photo is about.

Send it to: Fred Goetz, Dept. TD Box 508 Portland, Oregon 97207

Please mention your local number. Of course, retired members are eligible.

Don Gilchrest of Everett Sports 'Man of the Year'
Amp about 8 percent of total exports of... Testifying before a congressional
should be outlawed. Those customers in the name of pro-
to Asia, a growing market, and yet
protecting jobs in an industry where
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were destroyed when my house was
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were revived after World War II
and the 1948 strike. These are treas-
Fifth Memorials since 1950, the year
the souvenirs of the Bloody July
From time to time, I shall send
you items and material which will
help you to rebuild your collection of
labor souvenirs. With my best wishes!
Francis J. Murnane

A package came to my office the other day containing a few
memories of the past and a letter
which speaks for itself. It was sent
by Jack J. Murnane, president of
Local 19, Portland. It provided a won-
nerful example of the contrasts be-
tween the present and the past, es-
pecially the handful of old "brasses"
which once used by longshoremen when the old "tie-up" prevailed. He
also sent me a collection of
"Bloody Fifth" commemora-
tive stamps issued by Local 8 over
the years. These will replace those I
had, which were destroyed when my house was
buried to the ground last year. They
are all very much appreciated—as is
the letter which follows:
Dear Bob:
I am sending the stamps and cards
I promised you which comprise all
the souvenirs of the Bloody Fifth
Firm from 1950--8, the year they were revived after World War II and
the 1948 strike. These are treas-
ured by the members who participate
each year. One frequently hears, as a spring hall argument: "Is that so?
How many Bloody Fifth Stamps have you got in your book?
I am also sending you some genu-
ine relics of the old days on the
Portland waterfront: the days be-
fore the jointly operated hiring hall
when favoritism and graft were ram-
pany. These are the famous, or, no-
less 'brasses' which were granted to the lucky men who were able to
obtain a job. These passports to eat-
ing and living were highly prized. The
men usually opened a conversa-
tion with the question, "Did you get
a brass?"
The brass granted the men the
rights to one job which they had to
work around the clock under infel-
sable conditions. When they needed
money before payday, the loan
sharks would take the brass, collect the man's pay with it, deduct whatever was owed, and give the
worker what was left—if anyth-
ing!
Just imagine, Bob, the hundreds of
longshoremen to whom these old
clipped "brasses" meant everything.
How tightly they once were held by
strong hands because they meant
food for the wife and kids at home.
If the seven enclosed brasses could
only talk they could fill an entire
issue of The Dispatcher.
Then some people have the gall to
to say that the ILWU has not blazed a
progressive trail. I don't think many
such critics would like to go back to
the days when only the favorites got
the "brasses."
The L. H. H. on the smaller brass
pieces of course means Longshore
Hiring Hall. The W. F. E. you will
remember as the Waterfront Em-
ployee's Home. Dear Gus Plant, Pink
Bell, Foise, Harrison, and such ilk who
were relegated to the ash can of his-
tory by the inspired militancy of the
maritime workers.
There are thousands of members in
our ranks who have never seen the
historic "brasses" and, unfortu-
nately, are inclined to be cynical
about the struggles and sacrifices of
the old days. Yes, verily, the ILWU
has certainly obliterated the evil
things such relics typify, yet, it will
require the enlightened dedication and fighting spirit of all members of
the ILWU to chart and blaze an even
better trail for the future.
From time to time, I shall send you
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help you to rebuild your collection of
labor souvenirs.
With my best wishes!
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Sky Full of Storm
Available From UC
Sky Full of Storm, by David Sel-
vin, a history of labor in California,
no longer is available at the ILWU
International office, as announced
last year in The Dispatcher.
The book can be obtained by writ-
ing to: Institute of Industrial Rela-
tions, University of California, Berkeley. The cost is $1.14, including postage and tax.
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Warehouse Bull Session

Almost 100 warehouse union rank and file officers turned out at the Local 6 East Bay headquarters on February 25 to talk over upcoming warehouse contract negotiations. The "bull session," as it was labeled, was called expressly to get rank and file thinking about the contract, which expires June 1, and to assist officers in preparing recommendations to the Local 6 Convention that meets in San Francisco, February 25. In the picture above ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt is seen giving a summary of the meeting. After explaining the successful history of joint ILWU-Teamster negotiations, seated next to him are Local 6 business agent Bill Burke and president Charles (Chile) Duarte. Above them can be seen the magnificent new, still unfinished mosaic mural made for Local 6 by famed sculptor Beniamino Bufano. Bufano depicts the story of working people throughout the world and their quest for peace.

'Survey Bulletin'

To members who did not receive questionnaires:

If your local has changed your address since the ILWU Attitude Survey was mailed, a questionnaire is being mailed immediately.

Time to answer has been extended to February 26.

Membership response has been overwhelming, with some 18,000 already returned, and more coming in all the time. This is a far higher percentage than the usual survey.

Take advantage of this opportunity to express your opinions. Do it now, please!

Late Retirement Penalty Starts April 1

If you are a Coast longshoreman or ship clerk and eligible to retire, be sure to take note of the late-retirement penalty in the new M&M agreement.

This applies to men who are 65 or older, with 25 years of service. If you are in this category, you can retire any time before April 1, 1967, with full retirement benefits of $13,000. If you continue to work after April 1 there will be a penalty—a reduction in the retirement benefit—for each month that you work. The penalty will be $83.33 for each month that you work after April 1.

For example, if you work the month of April and then retire, your retirement benefit would be $12,916.67 instead of $13,000. After you retire, the amount of your monthly benefit will be the same regardless of the penalty, but the total of your benefit will be reduced by the amount of the penalty.

If you are eligible to retire and want to receive the full $13,000 benefit, you must retire not later than March 31, 1967.

Reagan Tax Cut Pledge Is a Phony

SACRAMENTO — Union members who voted for Ronald Reagan for Governor of California in the belief he was going to reduce taxes are going to be disappointed.

That's the opinion of Michael Johnson, legislative representative of the Northern California District Council of the ILWU, after observing the first seven weeks of the Reagan administration in action.

"I know many union members voted for Reagan," says Johnson. "I argued with them about it on the job. They believed he was going to reduce taxes. He isn't going to reduce them. He's going to increase them."

Reagan's pledge to reduce property taxes is "a real phony." He points out the homeowner just might wind up with a small reduction but big corporations, "the PG&E and the phone company," could wind up having their property tax cut "by millions."

Windfall Profits

In this connection the California Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, has recommended to Governor Reagan that property tax relief be restricted solely to owner-occupied homes and to renters avoid "giving windfall profits" to large landowners, corporations and apartment house owners.

Johnson says the ILWU is putting together a series of tax recommendations based on previously adopted union positions designed to expose the pro-business bias of the Reagan approach.

"For example," says Johnson, "Texas and Louisiana have oil severance taxes. Louisiana realizes $20 million annually from this source. California gets only about $1 million from its taxes on crude oil each year."

Emphasis of the Reagan administration has been on increasing consumer taxes, including a 25 percent increase in the state sales tax, higher excise taxes (6 cents a pack) on cigarettes, and an increase in liquor taxes.

The new governor says he doesn't want to do anything to injure "the business climate."

Warehousing Year Off to a Good Start

OAKLAND — The "Warehouse Year" started in earnest here last week as rank and file members and stewards of Local 6 told their officers what they believed the next contract should contain. The present three-year contract expires June 1.

A "bull session" at Local 6 East Bay headquarters on Hegenberger Road was called to assist the officers in preparing recommendations to the Local 6 Convention that meets in San Francisco, February 25.
"Unfriendly" is a term often used to characterize governments in Latin America. Lovestone, has worked hand-in-hand with free reign over a small country's resources to give United Fruit Company or oil corporation $200,000; business, about $160,000—and government, some $3 million.

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The CORRUPTING hand of the CIA has also reached deep into the labor movement. In recent months many labor leaders have been compelled to look at an AFL-CIO supported organization known as the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD) which was set up to "educate" and train Latin-American trade unionists.

AIFLD was organized in 1962 and financed by labor, business and government. Last year, the AFL-CIO contributed around $200,000; business, about $160,000—and government, some $3 million.

The AIFLD — purportedly working to counteract "communist influences" in Latin-American trade unions, which has been charged repeatedly with funneling money and trained men — as an agency of the CIA — to help overthrow "unfriendly" governments in Latin America. "Unfriendly" is a term often used to characterize governments which might not want to give us a free hand, the Companys or oil corporations or mining interests complete and free reign over a small country's resources and markets.

American labor's diplomacy abroad, under the control of AFL-CIO President George Meany, his foreign-policy advisor, Jack Lovestone, has worked hand-in-hand with the CIA as an unofficial arm of cold war politics.

Sidney Lens, a respected labor leader and writer, recalls: "Someone who worked with the AIFLD in Bolivia explained its operations to me in this way: the operation of AIFLD anyone who wanted a raise was a communist. Its whole purpose was to make the xox or so men it trained into government supporters. It was willing to do something for union men only if they would kick the communists out of their union."

The result, says Lens, is that a few militant unions were kicked into line — to suppress a dictatorial regime in the US State Department and CIA was supporting.

IN HIS ARTICLE in The Nation, July 5, 1965, titled "American Labor Abroad, Lovestone Diplomacy," a study of CIA-inspired American labor diplomacy, Lens said that Meany and his foreign policy experts have claimed credit for some of the following:

Helping to split the Italian and French labor movements; encouraging the emergence of conservative leaders in West German labor movements committed to the cold war; the gathering of hard intelligence which has nothing to do with legitimate trade union work; supporting unions that depose the progressive Javan government in British Guiana; endorsed and financed rightist labor leader in the Dominican Republic who played a role in putting the democratic Juan Bosch government, and led to the intervention in Santo Domingo; training Brazilians who joined the generals who overthrew the constitutional government and set up a military regime; defended every military intervention, including Cuba, Congo, Vietnam; "educated" literally tens of thousands of unionists in other countries and turned them loose with money against so-called left-of-center union leadership.

We agree with the San Francisco Chronicle that "the top leadership of the executive branch of Government should tell the CIA to lay off the students and go back to their XKE Jaguars with retractable scimitars." And while they're about it, they might stop trying to buy off the labor movement.

HE CIA has been caught in a campus caper which only serves to point up once again how this uncontrolled super-agency corrupts everything it touches. This time the CIA has been exposed in the act of buying off some of the leaders of the National Student Association, the largest and oldest group of its kind, with some 1.5 million students throughout the country.

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The importance of inviting a man of U Thant's stature to speak to us is that we must keep trying to build a real base of support for the movement to step up opposition to the ghastly and extremely dangerous war in Vietnam.

Peace is as important to working people as any other group—not only because our sons and brothers are drafted to fight, but because the main burden of this war, as all wars, are borne by the working people.

U Thant presents some positive plans for ending the war in Vietnam. The ILWU International Executive Board decided to support his plans for ending the cold war, and his ideas represent one of the most positive paths to peace yet developed by any reputable leader.

While in Washington I dropped into the US Senate building, hoping to see Senators Kuchel and Murphy of California, but they were back in their home state. I also hoped to see Senator Fulbright, but he was away. I spent some time in Washington, D.C., working on union issues, as was Secretary of State Dean Rusk, whom I also hoped to see. I did have a long talk with Oregon's Senator Morse, who had just returned from Latin America.

My intention in trying to see Secretary Rusk was to get a State Department OK to go to China. Not only do I want approval for myself, but to have a rank and file union delegation go with me.

We want to see what's going on there. Bailing it down to particulars, we would like to see what is happening specifically to the labor movement in China.

We've all been barraged by rumors and speculation, and new reports, interviews, TV shows and radio broadcasts by so-called "China watchers" who keep looking at China from Hong Kong or Tokyo, and for each story there is a contradictory account from other sources.

We've had enough experience with our overseas delegations in the past years to know there is no substitute for working people, union people, meeting each other face to face, talking about how they live and work in other words getting our information from the horse's mouth.

That is what I hope to be able to do with a union delegation from the ranks as well as it possible to make contact with the highest level of authority in the State Department.

We want to visit Chinese workers, see what is happening to them and to their labor movement, and get the information first hand.
BC Unions Seek Fair Labor Laws

VICTORIA, B.C. - Restrictive labor legislation, the threat of automation and mechanization to work- ers, rising prices, and loopholes in existing legislation which are used by employers to evade and delay negotiation of collective agreements are the four main reasons for the current deterioration in labor-management relations by the BC Federation of Labor in a memorandum on Feb. 8 to the provincial government.

As remedial measure the 120,000 member federation, to which ILWU locals are affiliated, proposed legislation to:

- Outlaw any injunctions in labor disputes.
- Remove Section 4(2) of the Trade Unions Act which presumes a union guilty of an offense by any of its members until proven innocent.
- Provide that technological changes requiring the employment of workers which would materially or adversely affect the working conditions of the employee be deferred for negotiation to the next contract or negotiated at once provided the parties are given the same right to strike and lockout.

10,000 Surveys Received

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 10,000 copies of the ILWU Survey of Membership Attitudes had been received in the International office before the time for this Issue of The Dispatcher.

This was a high rate of return for any kind of survey or questionnaire, and more were continuing to arrive at about a thousand a day. If you have not yet mailed your survey, please complete it and put it in the mail at once.

Many members have taken the opportunity to comment freely in the blank space provided for that purpose.

A few samples:

"Concentrate on union problems and expenditures so that our pres- ent gains may be enhanced. Political involvement may be necessary but I feel it should be only in a manner directly involving union problems."

"I like the way the ILWU is working and fighting for the Teamsters."

"I feel that there should be an increase in our medical insurance. I also feel that there should be classes on contract understanding."

The most important issue in the world today is our (US) policy in Southeast Asia and Vietnam. In par- ticular, I am very proud of the posi- tion the ILWU has taken in this controversy and hope that it will continue or become more militant.

"Have free drinks at meetings."

Sidney Zagri, Top Teamster Lobbyist, Killed in Fire

WASHINGTON — Sidney Zagri, one of the victims of a restaurant fire last week in Montgomery, Ala., was legislative and political action representative for the Teamsters Union.

Teamster president James Hoffa said that Zagri was "irreplaceable" and "a tireless worker" for that union and organized labor in general.

ILWU legislative representative Jeff Kibre wrote:

"Zagri did an outstanding job of building a modern legislative action organization within the Teamsters and he was widely respected in Washington as one of the most vig- orous and energetic advocates in fighting for legislation of value to organized labor.

"For example, Sid, just before his untimely death, was making plans to go all-out in mobilizing support on the Hill behind ILWU-sponsored legislation to increase the weekly ac- cident benefit under the Longshore and Harbor Workers Act."

"Most important to the Teamsters, Zagri was devoted heart and soul to Hoffa and never stopped plugging to do anything that could be done to see that Hoffa finally won justice in the courts. As a matter of fact, he was tracking down some important evidence in Montgomery in Hoffa's behalf when it was overthrown in the tragic fire that snuffed out his life."

In a telegram to Teamster presi- dent James Hoffa, the ILWU inter- national officers said: "The death of Sidney Zagri comes as a terrible shock to all of us here. We will suf- fer almost as greatly as you and your union from the loss of his driving energy and his great contribution to the ad- vance of all labor through his legis- lative efforts. Please extend our deepest condolences to your col- leagues and to your family."

On the floor of the US Senate, a eulogy to Zagri was delivered Febru- ary 8 by Senator Hiram Fong of Ha- waii.

"Sidney Zagri was widely known and respected on Capitol Hill," Fong said. "He was a vigorous and articu- late advocate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters which he served as its legislative counsel. Everyone also knew Sid as a warm and compassionate human be- ing, a foremost champion in the fight for civil rights and civil liberties guaranteed under the constitution of the United States."

"The Teamsters Union, the Capitol and the Nation have lost a dedicated citizen. I have lost a friend."
Portland — Jim Byrne has been reelected business secretary of Local 49 in a run-off election which has generated much interest in clerks' ranks on the west coast. The balloting, which was by referendum and gave Byrne an almost two-to-one margin over his opponent, Ralph Nugent, resolved the tie-vote between the two.

Byrne, who was selected by delegates who saw Byrne installed authorized the admission of six Local 21 longshoremen into Local 49. Byrne also stated that part of the funds for operation of the state's schools come from sale of state-owned timber.

WILMINGTON — “The typical victim of capital punishment is a miscreant, i.e., a killer, pervert and friendless. The wealthy are never executed.”

The speaker was Edward McNulty, vice-president of the Southern California Board of the American Civil Liberties Union, which prepared for the January 10 meeting of the ILWU Southern California District Council.

Ralph Nugent, Local 49 business representative, who is also an HAM legislative representative, made up of extremely conservative delegates, urged that there be a joint council meeting in Sacramento, attended by delegates and file members, to develop a political program.

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should bond prospects for greater East-West trade. The first is
President Johnson's East-West Trade Act, a proposal to give the
discriminatory US practices affect-
ing European socialist countries; and the other, the New
Consular Treaty with the Soviet
Union — a pact made two years ago
but held up by right-wing pressure
triggered by that venerable (but
somewhat diminished) red-hater, J. Edgar Hoover.
Both measures are now the object
of a flood of extremist hate
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WASHINGTON — A year ago
there was a great deal of optimism
here over the prospects for the
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a lackluster, listless bill, and
wage controls. We've come full
circle in one year's time.
As the report indicates, Big
Brother will continue to sit at
the bargaining table. The essential
difference now is that the President
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any given situation; and
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Win Election At New Plant In LA Area

LOS ANGELES — ILWU here in Southern California has won another in the long series of organizational gains chalked up by the union in the last year.

This was a representational election conducted by the State Conciliation Service at Midwick Machine & Manufacturing Company in Mon ley Park. The company manufactures fasteners and other small parts for aircraft and space vehicles. In the election held February 1, 46 voted for ILWU, nine for no union. 63 workers are in the bargaining unit.

John Matull, from the regional office, was given the major responsibility for organizing this shop. He received considerable assistance from Local 26 rank and file member Max Aragon.

Negotiations for a new contract, which started this week, are being conducted by Local 25 business agent Frank Lopez and two committee men.

Well over 2,000 new members have been organized by the ILWU Southern California region in the last year and a half.

Olson to Report on Southeast Asia Trip

SEATTLE—Oliver S. Olson, president, Local 19, and a member of the three-man delegation that recently visited Southeast Asia, will report on his tour.

Olson’s tour of Thailand and South Vietnam, including his contacts with working people, military men, civilians and officials in both countries, will be presented on Friday, March 17, at 9 p.m., in the Local 19 dispatch hall at 1400 Western Avenue. Olson will also show slides on South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. The Ladies Auxiliary will serve refreshments.

Rosenbrock Urges Vote For San Mateo Bonds

SANTO DOMINGO, Calif.—A city bond issue for school construction has been strongly endorsed by Arthur C. Rosenbrock, secretary-treasurer of Ship Clerks Local 34.

“All citizens should be urged to get out and vote to support this worthwhile issue,” said Rosenbrock, whose home is here. “San Mateo's children are suffering because of willful neglect; so all citizens should vote for the school bonds on March 7, 1967.”

Columbia River Pensioners Elect Sickenger Delegate

PORTLAND — Mike Sickinger, president of the Columbia River Pensioners Memorial Association, has been chosen to represent area old timers at the union’s 71st biennial convention in San Francisco. At their regular meeting February 2, the pensioners voted to send letters to Oregon’s delegation in Congress urging the necessity for upping social security benefits because of the sharp increase in the cost of living.

Logging Pier Is Dedicated At Aberdeen

ABERDEEN — Many people from all communities around Grays Harbor were present for dedication of the new Terminal Four pier on January 28.

“We believe this is one of the most up-to-date piers in the Pacific Northwest for the handling of log cargoes,” said Max Vekich, secretary of Longshore Local 21. “It is adequately lighted for nighttime operation. All of this equipment is handled by Local 24 members.”

The equipment includes two giant whirley type level lifting cranes, mounted on 60-foot concrete piers, that can move the length of the pier on rails.

A fleet of “lumberjack” lifts, with jaws designed to handle logs, is used at the new terminal. The pier itself is 100 by 600 feet, built on steel pilings, of steel and concrete construction, topped with aggregate and asphalt.

Lighting is provided by 56 flood lights. Each of the 70-foot poles, in addition to lights on the cranes.

The pier and cranes cost more than $2 million, according to E. W. Cocklin, manager of local 24. About one-third of the cost of the 32-acre storage area, log handling machines, utilities and a service building was paid by revenue bonds issued by the Port.

The building includes comfortable, modern, electrically-heated facilities for use of the longshoremen.

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Visitors from Mexico

Longshoremen from ports throughout Mexico, in Wilmington and San Diego to study longshore methods in US. They were welcomed by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, with Ruth Hoopes, secretary, providing a “welcome packet,” with a list of things to see and do. To left of Mrs. Hoopes (front) is Tony Sedillo of ILWU Local 13, who serves as liaison between that local and the longshore union of Mexico.

Grays Harbor

Designed to handle logs, this pier at Grays Harbor, Wash., is 500 by 100 feet, built on steel piling, of steel and concrete construction, with aggregate and asphalt deck. The two cranes, mounted on 60-foot ganyards, travel length of pier on rails. With diesel-electric power, they can handle logs at rate of 500,000 board feet per shift. Longshoremen’s lunchroom at new Terminal Four service building, Grays Harbor, is clean, warm and well lighted.

Photo—By Aberdeen Daily World

Election Notices

Local 8, Portland, Oregon

Local 8, ILWU, Portland, Oregon, will hold its primary election March 17, 18 and 20 to fill the offices of mid-term business agent, dispatcher, LRC member and convention and caucus delegates. Nominations will close March 8. Polling will be between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (5:30 p.m. on Saturday) at 420 NW 17th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Local 13, Wilmington

Local 13, ILWU, Wilmington, Calif., will hold its primary election March 7, 8, 9 and run-off election March 20, 21, 22 to fill the offices of president, vice president, welfare officer, day business agent, day dispatchers, standing committees, and 25 members of the executive board. Nominations will close March 4. Polling will be at ILWU Hall, 231 West C Street, Wilmington, Calif.

Local 94, Wilmington

Local 94, ILWU, Wilmington, Calif., will hold its primary election March 14 and final election March 21, 1967 to fill the offices of president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, recording secretary and 15 members of the executive board. Nominations will be made, starting Feb. 1, 1967 and closing March 8, 1967. Polling will be between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 409 W. Pacific Coast Hwy, Wilmington, Calif.

Portland Wheat Payroll

PORTLAND — Wheat exporting means about $12 million in payroll to the Portland area.
Recently I fell heir to a stack of old outdoor magazines and newspapers; some of them dating back to 1884. What caught my eye most of all was the gun and rifle ads. For instance:

The plinker or varmint hunter could acquire a single-shot Stevens rifle, a .22 caliber, for only $4.25. (You might buy a good cap pistol for that. A repeat in the same line cost $8.

An issue of American Field, fore-runner of Field and Stream dated 1884, advertised a lever-action Mod. 73 Winchester for $20. Marlin Arms’s answer to the Winchester rifle was a similar lever-action rifle for $13.

A Remington rifle, Model 2, in .32 caliber, sold for $7.50, while a mail-order concern offered a .22 caliber rifle known as the Hamilton for $1.01—and 100 cartridges thrown in for good measure.

For the scattergunner, the Ithaca double-barrel shotgun could be purchased for $17.75. This was a fine shotgun with an engraved receiver and the buyer didn’t have to pay for it until he had taken it out in the field and decided it was to his liking.

Longshoreman Jack Gannon, formerly of Long Beach, a retired member of Foremen’s Local 94, writes from his present address—Rt. 3, Box 2556, Eugene, Oregon. “Dear Fred: Enclosed is a pic of yours truly with first steelhead of the year, a ten pounder that measured 28 inches from nose to tail. Not used until he had taken it out in the field and decided it was to his liking.

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Don Gilchrest of Everett Sports Man of the Year

Don Gilchrest, secretary, dispatcher and business agent of Longshore Local 32, Everett, Wash., (left) receives award from Will Nessly, sports editor of The Everett Herald, as “Man of the Year in Sports” banquet. Behind Gilchrest can be seen part of a huge drawing of him. Many famous sports figures were present. Gilchrest coaches baseball, basketball and football for kids, plays on and manages Local 32’s softball team.

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Portland, Oregon 97207

Man of the Year

Don Gilchrest, secretary, dispatcher and business agent of Longshore Local 32, Everett, Wash., is C. H. Rose of Kennewick, Wash., pictured here with a 42-lb. specimen he hipped from Priest Lake, Idaho, on a jointed pile lure.

Last week we heard, Rose was un-daunted, hoping to catch an even larger lunker from Priest, large enough to top the world record set by Hubert Hammers in 1962—a 63-lb., 2-oz. specimen from Lake Sucker, British Columbia, Canada in a commerical fisherman’s net.

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Please mention your local number. Of course, retired members are eligible.

EVERTET, Wash.—Everetts “Man of the Year in Sports” is Don Gilchrest, secretary, dispatcher and business agent of Longshore Local 32.

The award is given annually by The Everett Herald to “the man deemed to have done the most for sports in Snohomish County” during the past year.

Six men were nominated for the honor by the Herald, then the winner was chosen by vote of some 500 persons attending a banquet sponsored by the newspaper.

Gilchrest has for many years been a volunteer coach of football, baseball and Little League baseball. He manages and plays on the ILWU softball team and drives in auto racing.

Guest speakers at the banquet were John Roseboro, catcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Bob Devaney, Nebraska’s head football coach.

NOMINEES

The other five nominees for the award were Dennis Erickson, who quarterbacked the Montana State team to a Big Sky Conference championship in ’66; Jim Ollom, the Pacific Coast League’s pitcher of the year, with 20 games to his credit; Steve Thompson, who won all-coast honors at University of the Pacific; Robert Guttfield, tackle; Mike Measham, area golf champion; and Mary Cross, Everett Junior College coach whose team won state baseball and football championships last year.

A trophy was presented to Gilchrest by Will Nessly, Herald sports editor, to enthusiastic applause. According to that newspaper’s account of the banquet: “Gilchrest, who appeared to be truly surprised, accepted the trophy almost apologetically: ‘For once I am speechless,’ he said. ‘I didn’t think I had much of a chance with all these fine candidates.’”

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Gilchrest himself played basketball and baseball as an Everett high school student, and now is a member and manager of Local 32’s softball team. The ILWU team won the city title last year and captured the district crown the preceding year.

With typical modesty, Gilchrest pictures himself, at 35, as an “old duffer” and says, “I’m getting so old now that I’m playing outfield.”

Mrs. Marie Ashmore, re-elected to her third term as president of Longshore Local Auxiliary 8, receives gavel from Dave Courtmarche, secretary-treasurer of Longshore Local 13, during installation ceremony.
Jack Price, ILWU Leader Since 1934, Now Retired

George A. (Jack) Price

SEATTLE—George A. (Jack) Price, International Executive Board member and for many years one of the most active ILWU members, retired as a longshoreman on January 1 of this year. He will complete his term as executive board member.

Jack's career on the waterfront started in Raymond, Wash., in 1926 where he was active in organizing ILA Local 38-42, of which he was a charter member. He also helped organize other unions in the Northwest, and was a delegate to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

Price was in the thick of the great longshore strike of 1934 and every coastwise strike since that time. With formation of the ILWU, he became a leader in Local 1 in Raymond.

During the forties he moved to Seattle. He has served as president, recording secretary, convention delegate and labor relations committee member of Local 19 for some twenty years. He is now 2nd International vice-president, an office later discontinued. He has served many terms as International Board member.

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J. (Bob) Robertson

Everett Local Hits Ban on Log Export

EVERETT, Wash.—Longshore Local 32 is opposing a threatened initiative in the state legislature to forbid export of logs to Japan.

The Docker, published by Local 32, reprinted in a recent issue a column by Dan Coughlin in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which stated, in part: "Initiative 32 is so far from the mark as to be almost laughable—were it not so ultimately tragic. This message—Don't export our natural resources—sounds so much like Mom and apple pie that it just might be approved by the voters."

"There's no guarantee that passage of such a law would bring any magic suddenly increase the number of jobs at her, and put more money before payday, the loan sharks would loan money on the brass, with 10 percent interest, or pawn. These passports to eat

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A PACKAGE came to my office the other day containing some marvelous "brasses" of the past and a letter which speaks for itself. It was sent by Francis J. Murnane, president of Local 8, Portland. It provided a wonderful example of the contrasts between the present and the past, especially the handful of old "brasses" once used by longshoremen when the old "brasses" paid off.

He also sent me a collection of "Bloody July Fifth" commemorative stamps issued by Local 8 over the years. These will replace those I have grown to love to collect. I once watched them being destroyed when my house was burned to the ground last year. They are all very much appreciated—as is the letter which follows:

Dear Bob:

I received the stamps and cards I promised you which comprise all the souvenirs of the Bloody July Fifth that the members since 1926, the year they were revived after World War II and the 1948 strike. These are treasured by the members who participate each year. One frequently hears, during a longshore hall argument, "Is that the real thing when the bloody July Fifth Stamps have you got in your locker?"

I am also sending you some genuine relics of the old days on the Portland waterfront. Wherefore the jointly operated hiring hall

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