Thrifty Drug Workers Win 5-Week Strike in LA

LOS ANGELES—A mass meeting of Thrifty Drug Company warehouse strikers on July 15 overwhelmingly approved terms of a new three-year contract and ended a hard-fought five-week strike. In a statement issued by Local 26, secretary-treasurer Lou Sherman said the total wage and benefit package followed closely the recent settlement in Northern California involving 25,000 warehousemen under ILWU and Teamster contract.

Five hundred fifty Los Angeles and Anaheim warehousemen and women struck on June 12 when the company offered a three-year contract of only 13.2 cents first year, 12 cents second year, and 12 cents third year.

The strike-won settlement will cost the company 21 cents an hour the first year, which includes 18.7 cents across the board to every employee, and adjustment of inequities involving 136 workers on certain skilled jobs. They will receive additional increases ranging from 1 cent to 49 cents above the general increase.

There will be a general increase of 20 cents across the second year and 20 cents again the third year. In addition, shift differentials are increased by 2 cents an hour.

Four weeks' vacation after 15 years will begin on January 1, 1970, and the company agreed to maintain all health, welfare, and dental plan benefits, where premium increases are expected to cost approximately 3 cents an hour within the next three years.

The settlement provided that all strikers would return to work July 18 without discrimination, and that all strikebreakers would be fired. The company and union agreed to

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Labor Backs John Burton in Runoff

SAN FRANCISCO — Party control of the California State Senate hangs upon a runoff special election to be held here August 15.

In primary voting on July 18 the San Francisco electorate eliminated Supervisor William C. Blake and left Assemblyman John L. Burton, Democrat, to contend with Municipal Judge Milton Marks, Republican, in the runoff.

Burton has the endorsement of virtually all labor in the San Francisco Bay Area, including ILWU and the AFL-CIO political arm, COPE.

In the July 18 polling, in which the voters had a choice among the three candidates regardless of party affiliation, Burton polled 75,319 votes to Marks' 89,282 and Blake's 22,661. Blake immediately announced he will campaign for his fellow Democrat.

The race for the Senate seat vacated by the death of Senator J. Eugene McAteer has attracted statewide interest since it will determine which party will control senate organization of committees.

The late Senator McAteer was a Democrat and with him the Democrats had a 21 to 19 vote edge. Election of a Republican to replace him would tie the Senate at 20 to 20 and make the Republican lieutenant governor the deciding vote, thus giving the Reagan administration control of the top chamber.

In addition to his labor support, Burton has the endorsement of all Democratic Party organizations in the state and city and of San Francisco State Senator George Moscone.

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Secretary-treasurer Louis Goldblatt explains details of proposed settlement with Thrifty Drug Company at Los Angeles and Anaheim before it was approved by great majority of members at special meeting July 15. Seated, from left: L. L. (Chick) Loveridge, International executive board member; Don Oldencamp, Local 26 executive board member; Paul Perlin, IEB member; Charles (Chili) Duarte (second row), president of Local 6, San Francisco Bay Area; John Lee, Local 26 board member; Hy Orkin, Local 26 president; William Piercy, regional director; Louis Sherman (extreme right), secretary of Local 26. Wages and benefits won followed closely Northern California settlement.

Assemblyman John Burton as he visited with longshoremen aboard SS Crusader at San Francisco's Pier 28. Burton, candidate for State Senator in special election of August 15, is seen here pinning a campaign button on the shirt of walking boss Bennie Hunter. Others, from left: Ray Seeterlin, Shipclerk Local 34; Alexander Kosloff and Sam Daniloff, Longshore Local 10; Jacinto Martinez (between Burton and Hunter), Local 10; James Herman, president of Local 34; William Chester, regional director. Democratic control of the State Senate depends upon Burton's election.
The Strike-Breaking Act of 1967

Right to Strike

The Strike-Breaking Act of 1967, enacted on July 17 and signed by President Johnson on the same day, may have a more misleading official title, but it is what it is—a ruthless strike-breaking measure designed to break a strike.

By this Act of Congress railroad workers have been sent back to work without a collective bargaining agreement and told that by 90 days hence—if no agreement is reached—they must take whatever is shoved down their throats by a Presidentially appointed 5-man mediation board. This is compulsory arbitration with ersatz sugar coating, perfumed to hide its odor.

It is also involuntary servitude and an end to free collective bargaining unless the courts can find the courage to interpret correctly the word and spirit of the Constitution of the United States, which forbids such servitude.

Says Article XIII, ratified in 1865, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

Even if in this instance the gimmick turned out to be benign, which we plenitiously doubt, we would be against it on principle for the reasons stated above. If it stands, it will become a guiding precedent that could slap us the next time around.

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In return for this largesse, they give the public you-go-to-hell service, dirty commuter coaches, dirty schedules and constantly strive to knock off their passenger trains so that better-paying freight will have the right of way.

S O REAGAN turns out to be a kind of Hubert Humphrey of the right, and for the same familiar reasons. . . . Reagan is campaigning for the presidency, as anyone can see, and he is mending all the fences in sight. After a bad start, he is now campaigning the presidential strategy . . . . It will be a tough contest, but if worse comes to worst, Reagan will accept the vice presidential nomination . . . .

"Of course," one legislator said not long ago, "I'm for Reagan for vice president. We all are. Anything to get him out of California."
First Watchmen Retire on Pensions

SAN FRANCISCO — First waterfront watchmen and gatemen to receive pensions were 20 members of Local 75 here, who retired July 1.

The pensions are provided under terms of a bill signed Oct. 21, 1966, retroactive to July 1, 1966, for members of the Northwest and Pacific Maritime Association. The interval between signing of the agreement and amount of the pensions was necessary to accumulate funds from employer contributions per man-hour of work.

Maximum pension for watchmen is $165 a month at age 65 with 25 years’ service. There is a prorata provision of $6.00 per month per year of service at age 65 to men with less than 25 years.

A man may stay on the job to age 68 in order to make either 13 or 25 years.

While watchmen here have their own Local 75, in Los Angeles they form a unit of Warehouse Local 26. At a brief ceremony marking the retirement, Local 75 president Denver Davis said that “This pension was in good part the work of ILWU Director Bill Chester, with the support of the whole ILWU.”

In negotiations last year, the union committee was chaired by Chester and included Davis, Local 75 secretary and Local 26 business agent Joe Ibarra. Assistants were regional director William Chester and watchmen’s teamster Frank W. Brown.

“This is security for life — and a considerable reduction in cost to the longshoremen. As a matter of fact, it was the watchmen who asked that the following be included in the contract: ‘The pension committee was appointed by the executive committee of this union to study the pension system of the ILWU and make recommendations of a pension plan for watchmen. The executive committee has accepted the recommendations of the pension committee and hereby requests the national union to assist in procuring a pension for watchmen.’”

The ILWU pension committee, including Local 75 business agent Joe Ibarra and secretary-treasurer William Chester, worked with the committee.

“This is security for life — and good pension for watchmen,” said the retiring watchman.

SCDC Backs

Long Beach

Police Probe

LOS ANGELES — Support for a thorough investigation into alleged beatings of two citizens by Long Beach police was voted July 14 by the ILWU Southern California District Council.

Under a special order of business the council heard Professor Henry Cohen of the University of Southern California, who heads the criminal division of Long Beach State College relate the dramatic testimony of his hearing of Connor Everts, an artist and visiting faculty member, by two policemen.

The council also heard the case of Bud McCabe, a member of ILWU Local 13, who said he was similarly beaten for inexplicable reasons by four policemen in the Long Beach area.

Both men suffered heavy body injuries and in one case permanent damage.

Professor Cohen told the council that Everts, who was being arrested for alleged sidewalk trespassing and gathering information on these and other cases.

Both Everts and McCabe have instituted civil action.
St. Francis’ People Throw a Picnic

On July 9, the people of St. Francis Square in San Francisco enjoyed their third annual community day picnic. Hundreds of friends joined them for the occasion.

St. Francis Square, built and sponsored jointly by ILWU and PMA, is world famous for its design and its successful integration of 300 families of many religions, colors and backgrounds.

On an average of three or four times a month, delegations from around the world tour this project. Each group comments on the participation of the residents in keeping the area clean and the apartments in good shape.

The entertainment, provided by the residents, included two rock bands, Polynesian dancers, the Performing Arts Workshop and classical Japanese dancers.

Kids had their own kind of fun at picnic.

As soon as the thousands of guests had left, residents of St. Francis Square Apartments started, without leadership or pressure, to clear the grounds. In less than an hour, the area was spotless.
Waterfront Death Toll
U.S. Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Standards

NAME \tJOB \tDATE \tPORT

John Schippers \tLongshoreman \tJanuary 13 \tLong Beach
Died as the result of injuries when he was knocked overboard by a load, striking head on stringpiece.

Jack Melon \tCarpenter \tJanuary 27 \tStockton
Died as the result of injuries when he fell to lower hold from main deck while walking next to hatch opening.

Roger Dominique \tLongshoreman \tFebruary 20 \tEureka
Herniated result of injuries when he was crushed between load lumber and hoisting clamp.

Lawrence T. Simpson \tGang Boss \tFebruary 22 \tAlameda
Killed when fork lift machine he was driving broke through wooden hatch covers in tween deck and fell to lower hold crushing Simpson under machine.

Rico Luchessi \tLongshoreman \tFebruary 23 \tStockton
Killed while uncovering main deck hatch covers, stepped on short hatch cover and fell 38' to lower hold.

Frank L. Reed \tLongshoreman \tFebruary 28 \nCrushed to death when a log being pulled into position in the hatch turned and landed on the upper part of his body.

V. T. Hoffner \tLife Driver \tMarch 10 \nLong Beach
Killed when unitized load fell on him from a fork lift machine without an overhead guard.

Raymond H. Mendez \tLongshoreman \tMarch 26 \nPort Hueneeme
Fell to his death when hatchboards gave way as the result of a beam being pulled from its socket. Mendez fell from the upper tween deck to the lower tween deck.

Allen Lonie \tLongshoreman \tJuly 1 \nPortland
Crushed to death when a log rolled on top of him.

Henry Kelly \tLongshoreman \tJuly 6 \nAnnette Island \nAlaska
Died when he was struck by a swinging sling load of logs being loaded into the hatch.

Paul Tipich \tLongshoreman \tJuly 11 \nLong Beach
Fell to his death in lower tween deck when he stepped into open space created by missing hatch covers.

Paul M. Tartoff \tLongshoreman \tJuly 11 \nLong Beach
Died when he struck his head on the corner of empty pallet board while pulling hides from cargo board.


Longshore Safety
Rule Strengthened
SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Research Director Lincoln Fahrley on June 30 forwarded to the unions, shipclerk and walking boss locals a recent interpretation of Section 104.73 (1) of the safety and health regulations for longshoring.

The interpretation, made by the US Bureau of Labor Standards, reads:

"Whenever rider operated lift trucks or vehicles of equal or greater weight are used over wooden hatch covers, the provisions of 104.73 (1) will be considered to apply to the use of such trucks as follows:

- Car plates, plywood, walkboards, or adequate safe covering as means to distribute the weight of the machine."

Fahrley said several serious accidents have resulted recently from fork lifts breaking through hatch covers.

All direct employers have been supplied with copies of the interpretation.

Elec Murnane Secretary
Of Planning Commission
PORTLAND—Elec J. Murnane of Local 8 has been elected secretary of the Multnomah County Planning Commission. He is the only labor member on the board, to which he was appointed some time ago.

Longshore Heroes
Earl Sample and Thorman Moen were given a standing ovation at the June stop-work meeting of Local 19 after a ceremony honoring their heroism in saving the life of veteran longshoreman Gale Groves. The three were working in a gang longloading lumber from a barge to the Villas during the night of June 4 when Groves went into the water between the ship and barge. Sample, the winch driver, slung a load of lumber between the ship and barge, then he and Moen dived in and attempted to rescue him, injured in the fall, for 15 minutes until a Coast Guard boat picked them up.

Fred Smith, president of Seattle Stevedoring Co., presented plaques and engraved watches in behalf of the PNA-ILWU Safety Committee.

From left: Ray Reinhardt, Local 19 Safety Committee chairman; Jack Hogan, Seattle Stevedoring Co. director of safety; Moen; Smith; Sample; Ed Haft, Seattle Stevedoring Co. director of Navy operations; Norm Ward, Local 19 Safety Committee member.
Here Are ILWU Members’ Ideas
On a Fairer System of Taxation

By Lincoln Fairley
ILWU Research Director

Response to the tax questionnaire in the June 9 issue of The Dispatcher has been above our expectations. Interest in taxes is strong when nearly 150 members take the trouble to fill out a form and mail it in.

This high level of interest was demonstrated, in the discussion of tax resolutions at the International convention in April. The idea for the tax questionnaire came from the ILWU Membership Attitude Survey of last February. A big majority of those who replied thought that the union should work for a “fairer tax system.” This led naturally to the question, “What do the members think a fairer tax system should be?”

The June questionnaire offered an opportunity for readers of The Dispatcher in both US and Canada to express their opinions. Members represent ILWU locals far have been from California but there are enough from the more distant areas so that there are no special bias in reporting a preliminary tally of the results. Every mail is bringing additional returns.

PROPERTY TAXES

The returns are summarized in the accompanying tabular summary of the results of this question. The largest majority, 88 percent, think that property taxes should be repealed or reduced.

This is perhaps a commentary on the political astuteness of Ronald Reagan’s campaign in California where he stressed the need to reduce property taxes. It certainly reflects the fact that ILWU members are now substantial, home-owning citizens.

An almost equally large majority favor a lottery as a means of raising money — presumably so that property taxes can be reduced. There has been relatively little experience with state lotteries in this country, but in New York the first batch of tickets is already now being sold.

Some of the survey results run directly counter to what the labor movement has always fought for. If these returns are to be trusted — and we believe they reflect membership thinking — the members’ ideas about what is a “fair” tax system are not wholly in accord with all the provisions of the tax programs which our union, and unions generally, support.

Most surprising is the big majority that think the income tax should be reduced or repealed. Equally unexpected are the big majorities favoring increases in excise taxes on luxury items, in the tobacco and cigarette tax and in the liquor tax. Even the general sales tax is supposed by 29 percent of those who replied.

SALES TAXES

Labor’s traditional position on taxes has been all-out opposition to any form of sales tax on the ground that it is “progressive,” meaning that it hits hardest those with low incomes.

It will-to-do don’t have to spend all their income. Some of it is saved and invested. Consequently, even though they buy more things, the proportion of their income that is siphoned off for the sales tax is less than that for workers and their families.

Tobacco and liquor taxes have always been opposed for the added reason that these have been considered among the few luxuries workers could afford. Let the taxes be on the mint costs, but not on cigarettes.

The income tax, on the other hand, has been supported because those with any other tax burden should be “progressive.” If properly constructed, the tax rate on higher incomes is greater than on lower incomes.

But there, and large, the federal income tax is progressive up to $30,000 or so, though there are so many loopholes that it has lost much of its originally progressive character. State income tax laws vary widely in the degree to which they are progressive.

LOOPOHLES

Labor’s customary position on income taxes is to seek to eliminate the loopholes through which the larger incomes escape their fair share of taxation and, at the same time, to reduce the incidence of the tax on those with smaller incomes and, if possible, to fix it so that no tax is paid by people below a certain income level.

One way to accomplish this latter objective is to increase the amount of the exemptions.

It is difficult to interpret the members’ expressed preference for certain sales taxes and their wish to reduce or eliminate the income tax. Is it because some members now have incomes large enough to bring them into the higher income tax brackets? Or, is it that the state income taxes have to be paid in a lump sum and therefore are more substantial than some sales taxes which are paid in such small amounts as not to be felt?

But if this latter were the reason, one would expect a substantial majority to favor withholding. Actually, the returns show a majority opposed to withholding. This, too, is counter to the policy ILWU has been following in its lobbying activities.

NEGATIVE

One thing which does not show up in the tabular summary of the returns is the fact that quite a number who sent back questionnaires checked off all the boxes in the “Should be Repealed or Reduced” column.

This sort of negative reaction to all taxes does not get us anywhere. There have to be taxes, to support education and public health activities, to mention only the most obvious. The problem for the union is to devise a tax program that will be most beneficial to the members. To do this, we need the constructive suggestions of the membership.

The Research Department will welcome correspondence on the issue of taxation and we shall report further in The Dispatcher about membership attitudes.

SF Shipclerks Hold Golf Tournament

SAN FRANCISCO—The fifteenth annual Shipclerks’ Maritime Invitational Golf Tournament drew 187 contestants to Bonoma Golf and Country Club on July 5. For the awards dinner after the meet, 285 were present. The tournament is sponsored by Shipclerks Local 34.

Fraternal greetings from Hawaiian ILWU members were symbolized in the two top awards of the day, both donated by Local 142 of Hawaii and a Hawaiian entertainment group, flown from the Islands by Pan American Airways.

A low gross score of 71 was made by Mel Booth, longshoreman from Stockton. His award was a perpetual Tiki trophy, a statuette representing the Polynesian god of good fortune.

Low gross score for a member of Shipclerks Local 34 was achieved by Andy McKeel. The prize was $50. Net handicap club winner was John Delgado, who received a trophy from Hawaii. Second was Dave Pacar.

A set of Tony Lema golf clubs, donated by Local 6 president Charles (Chili) Duarte, was won by Pete Keenan of Matson Navigation Company.

Also participating in the tournament were ILWU secretary-treasurer Leonard Goldblatt, Local 34 president James Herman, PMA area director Ralph Holtgrave and former US amateur champion golfer Harvey Ward.

Chairman of the event was Ray Seeterlin and co-chairman was Bud Grundel.

Mel Booth, Stockton longshoreman, had low score of 71 at fifteenth annual Shipclerks’ Invitational Golf Tournament. He is holding “Perpetual Tiki” award, donated by ILWU Local 142, Hawaii. Tournament chairman Ray Seeterlin is at left, co-chairman Bud Grundel at right.

Buffet dinner at the golf tournament was followed by Hawaiian entertainment.

By Lincoln Fairley
ILWU Research Director

Should be Adopted
Should be Repealed

Percent

Property Tax 7 88
Sales Tax 29 61
Personal Income Tax 39 71
Excise Tax on Luxury Items 68 32
Tobacco and Cigarette Tax 36
Liquor Tax 72 22
Corporate Income Tax 76 17
Gasoline Tax 28 59

Would you favor withholding of the State, or Province, Income Tax?
Yes: 43 No: 54
Would you favor a state or provincial lottery?
Yes: 78 No: 22
**New Containers**

Special "flat rack" containers for plywood were seen for the first time at Portland when a cargo of Oregon fir plywood arrived at Terminal 4 from Georgia-Pacific plant at Coos Bay on 85-foot container flat cars. This was Matson cargo for Hawaii.

**To your health**

Editor's note: Responses to the ILWU attitude survey questionnaire showed that more than 83 percent of tired workers acknowledged that they would have a different attitude if they were not so tired. "The Dispatcher" will print an occasional "To Your Health" column of interest to members and their families.

**Camping This Summer? Great—but Take Care**

The family which chooses a camping expedition for its summer vacation should reread its informal living, and may be much less inclined than usual to be squeamish about personal cleanliness or cautious about personal safety. Yet there are some health and safety hazards associated with camping which ought not to be ignored.

Many of these potentially dangerous situations can be avoided if you are aware of them, and some of the health threats which may develop can, if treated properly, be kept from becoming serious.

Among the things every camper should know:

Tetanus shots: Anyone who is active in the outdoors and comes in direct contact with soil runs the risk of a tetanus shot unless he has been vaccinated. Since this is the time of year when exposure to tetanus is most likely, it is urged that all those who have not had their complete series of tetanus shots, set out for the wilderness. If you have never had the series, be sure to get a booster shot if one is due. Boosters should be obtained every three to five years.

**Test Water for Depth, Hidden Logs**

Swimming safety: Because you will be swimming in sites which are unfamiliar to you, you may run risks that would not threaten you on your favorite beach. Before diving in a new place, test the water for depth and for hidden logs or rocks. If you get caught in a strong current, don't try to fight it. Swim along with it, and, cutting diagonally across the current, head for the shore. Don't forget the safeguards which you observe while swimming at home: don't swim in cold water and don't swim immediately after a meal.

**Sleeping bags:** If your sleeping bag was cleaned at the end of last season and then stored, air it thoroughly before you use it. The solvent which is used in the commercial cleaning of this equipment clings to it for a long time, particularly if the bag is rolled up and stored. It can do damage both in direct contact with the skin and through inhalation. This chemical can readily be displaced by airing.

**Drinking Water:** If you camp where piped water is not available, stream or lake water should be boiled or treated with purification pills before it is used for cooking, of course. This problem resolves itself.

**Suntan Pills Can Cause Trouble**

Called suntan, pills can cause trouble and often do! Chemical tanning products appear to be harmless but more tests must be conducted before these can be considered helpful. With some of the products tested, individual variation was great—the tanners did not always achieve the natural, bronze-looking color they wanted. Some people noted the products did not tan scar tissue, others said the products accentuated acne. Still others complained that repeated applications caused some dryness and scaling of the skin. Talk to your doctor before you experiment with these products.

Will weekend sunbathing cause skin cancer? Not likely. It takes years of exposure, the type of constant exposure, cowboys, sailors, and athletes get.

**Remember these tips:** During hot weather:

- Don't overexpose yourself to the sun.
- Don't wear heavy or tight clothing.
- Don't overeat or overindulge in alcohol.
- Use salt tablets as a preventative.
- Wear a hat when you are out in the sun.
- Take a cool shower once or twice a day.
- If you are inside; keep the air circulating to help the evaporation of perspiration.

And—common sense about exercising yourself.

Mrs. J. Labuzan of Berkeley, Calif., brings us up to date on recent angling activities of three ILWU members: Joe Rozario, "Chick" Reel and Mello and her husband, James Labuzan, all members of Local 10, San Francisco.

Here's graphic proof of their angling ability, the three fishermen, each with a sturgeon they took out of Point San Pablo, off Bob O'Brien's party boat. Last we heard this trip had accounted for 12 keepers so far this season, largest of which was a 90-pounder, caught by Brother Labuzan.

Glen L. Cook of Portland, a member of Local 8, is an angler who likes to take things light and easy. He hopped a pair of rainbow trout from the North Fork Reservoir above Eszecada, Oregon, on light spin gear—a 10- and 15-pounder—topped off with 4- and 6-test line.

Mrs. Ernest Wood of Oregon City dipped down into the deer freeze and pulled out what she considered was a choice morsel for the pander—deer heart.

While slicing it she encountered something hard and metallic inside—a .35 caliber bullet, encased in an outer shell of muscle and gristle.

**Coos Bay angler Gene Kaigler hopped the 53-lb. sturgeon from the Umpque on Oregon's central coast.**

**BIG SHOTS AND LITTLE FISHES**

BY FRED GOETZ

Back casts and pot shots:

... John Morgan of Victoria, B.C., a member of Local 504, dearly loves the Bella Coola country and is known to have many a chunky Chinook from the fish-rich waters therewithout but none approaching the mouse-of-salmon that steppen Ken Stranang ran took from the Attnar River—an 84-pounder on a Gibbs No. 5, golf tee спиннер.

... George Clarino of Remote, Ore., found a novel way of inflating his rubber life raft. He brings it into use the reverse end of his vacuum cleaner—a quick, sure-fire method, he says, which beats the pump on time and labor.

Allan Youngmayr of Coos Bay, a member of Local 12, offers the following fling-cleaning tip: "For those tough, heavy-scaled fish, get a thin wire brush and use it under running water as you scale it. It works slick as a whistle."

ILWU members—in good standing can earn a pair of the illustrated KOCHODIL fishing lures. All that's required is 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 and zip code. Of course, all members of the family and retired members are eligible.

**Dockers Widows On Pension List**

SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the July, 1967 list of dockworkers retired under various ILWU-PMA plans:


Retired under ILWU-Alaska Benefit Funds: Local 60: Jack F. Shibu.

The widows are: Leola Alisy, Julia Pearl Callahan, Billie Fitzpatrick, Josephine H. Goretti, Mary E. Graham, Virginia Haight, Hazel P. Harvey, Genny Heilstrom, Julia Hill, Marie A. Kidow, Linda Mollan, Lula Rappe, Opal M. Shult, Valerie M. Souden.
Union Now Is in Good Shape for
Next Step—an Organizing Drive

WITH TWO MAJOR contracts
signed in California, the union is now in excellent shape for
moving out in many directions in the next most important series of
actions—organizing the unorganized.

In Northern California the warehouse contract—after a magnifi-
cently unified, joint three-week strike—has been signed, sealed and
delivered. It is the best in the history of the warehousemen in Northern California.

In Southern California, after a much tougher strike that went on for
more than five weeks, Local 26 members at Thrifty Drug, with full
support of the entire ILWU, and signif-
icant Teamster cooperation, finally
won an excellent new contract, and in both Northern and Southern
California warehouse members are back on the job.

Now, with these strikes under their belts, with these experiences as our
best teachers, we can start moving in new directions.

The highest priority should be
given, and the greatest amount of attention paid, to a joint ILWU-
Teamster organizing effort.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA is the
most logical immediate area for
such a joint undertaking, because
both the ILWU and the Teamsters
have worked together in the closest
harmony, marched together on the
picket line, negotiated together for
a single contract, and achieved vic-
tory as a team.

Not only has this joint ILWU-
Teamster team demonstrated clearly
what it is capable of doing for
members already in our two unions, but throughout Northern California
this demonstration was viewed with
tremendous admiration, and consid-
erable fear by unorganized workers
in many communities—including
some of the major metropolitan areas.

The first step must be—through
study, investigation, research, and
considerable people-to-people con-
tact—to agree exactly what should
be organized. Once this agreement
is reached, the organizing effort
should get under way quickly, and
organizational teams from both unions
move into their difficult assignments—for
member, organizing at best is always
tough and tedious job—then newly
organized groups can be assigned to
the local union that is best able to
service these new members.

THE IMPORTANCE of making
these far-reaching plans at this
moment, instead of waiting for some
future date, is to remove the possi-

Local 8 and International Executive Board
members, puts on a show for the July 5 observance.

PENSIONERS

Portland Photos by Dick Phillips

Oldtimers of San Francisco Longshore Local 10, members of other Bay area
locals and Auxiliary 16 remembered the strikers who were killed on “Bloody
Thursday” with a quiet vigil and display of wreaths at Steuart and Mission,
where the shooting by police took place on July 5, 1934, during the great
waterfront strike of that year.

Business agent Keith Eckman (left) of Warehouse Local 6 and Internation-
al organizer Leroy King at July 5 rites.

Auxiliary 16 was represented at San Francisco “Bloody Thursday” com-
memoration. Left, rear, Rufus. Bacus, rear,瘦 and 64, rear, slim older man; in
to Mrs. Consuela Vargas.

PORTLAND—At the foot of Port-
land’s Stark Street, flags and union
banners fluttered in the brisk wind
off the Willamette as G. Johnny
Parks, president of Local 8 and new-
ly obligated International Executive
Board member, told union and aux-
iliary members and pensioners:

“We have assembled all these
years so the bosses and employers
will know we have not forgotten and
never will forget Bloody July 5.”

Guest speaker William Perrin,
chairman of 20,000 Western Pulp
and Paper Workers, recalled that
two built your union before the
Wagner Act.”

He had no idea, Perrin said, that
38 years to the day after West Coast
longshoremen won autonomy and
independence he himself would be
be deeply involved in the struggle to
“wrest control from the top, and
spike sweetheart deals with the
boss.”

‘NO LAST BEEF’

The same thought was sounded
in a special issue of The Hook, com-
plied for locals by Francis J. Mur-
nane for the July 5 observance.

The Hook quoted vice president
Robertson’s classic comment that
“there is no last best in this busi-
ness.”

The observance was underlined,
also, in the June 29 issue of Local
40’s 40-Reap.

Flowers were placed on grave of
Shelvy Daffron on July 5 by a commit-
tee of Seattle Longshore Local 19.
Daffron was a victim of “Bloody Thurs-
day” strikebreaking. A wreath was
dropped into the bay in memory of
others killed in 1934 strike.

Locals Commemorate
‘Bloody Thursday’

Members of Portland Longshore Local 8, other Northwest locals and auxili-
aries, ended their July 5 march at Battleship Oregon Park, where their guest
speaker was William Perrin, president of Pulp and Paper Workers Union.

G. Johnny Parks, president of Local
8 and International Executive Board
member, speaks during ceremonies
at Battleshop Oregon Park.

July 5 march moves through streets of
downtown Portland.

Traditional floral casket is borne by
Gary Vihol (left rear), a Local 8 per-
mits man; Robert Walsh of Checkers
Local 40 (right rear); Pete Flannery
and Felix Brown of Longshore Local 8.

Delegations from Newport, Eu-
reka, Coos Bay and Astoria partici-
pated in the rites, as well as mem-
bers of the four Portland locals, 40,
92, 8-A and sponsoring Local 8.

Mel Bannister, president of
Local 21, headed a 20-man delega-
tion from Longview, aided by Jack Rus-
sell, head of the Pensioners there.

PENSIONERS

Mike Stickinger, president of the
Columbia River Pensioners Memori-
al Association, lead the second larg-
est contingent. It included Emil
Peterson, 87, who started work on
the docks in 1910, trading his cargo
hook for retirement 15 years ago,
and J. A. de Lespinasse, a Local 8
member who retired July 1.