East Bay Strike Wins
Area Pact

SAN LEANDRO—"Warehouse Year—1967" is still rolling along—and paying off.

ILWU's first pact with Golden Grain Macaroni Company here was signed August 23, ending a 31-day strike. The strikers, members of Local 6, voted in secret ballot to accept contract terms based on this year's area warehouse settlement.

Total hourly benefits for the three-year contract term were estimated by union negotiators at 85 cents—65 cents in wages and 20 cents in fringe benefits.

An increase of 26 cents an hour was effective upon return to work August 24, of which 10 cents was retroactive to January 1, 1967. A 25-cent increase will take effect on September 1, 1968, and another 20-cent raise on the same date in 1969. There were additional classification increases for maintenance mechanics and working foremen.

The agreement covers 170 workers, about half of whom are women.

The area medical plan was written into the contract, effective this year. The area dental plan will be effective September 1, 1968; the area pension plan, January 1, 1970. An additional paid holiday will be effective next year for a total of nine.

The vacation schedule will be one week after one year of service, two weeks after two years, three weeks after five years and four weeks after 20 years. Starting in 1969, there will be three weeks' vacation after 15 years.

Shift differentials will be raised to 12 cents for swing and 17 cents for graveyard, effective January 1, 1969.

There is an eight-hour daily guarantee of work or pay and time and one-half for Saturday as such double time for the seventh day of work.

This company will now be under other longshore contracts in those places.

There was a unanimous recommendation of acceptance by the strike committee.

TEAMOS THANKED

At the conclusion of the strike, the committee used the Teamster locals of the Bay Area for their support. The committee noted also that Teamsters at Seattle and Los Angeles plants of the Golden Grain Company had pledged to respect pickets if the ILWU had found it necessary to send pickets to this plant.

In addition to macaroni, the Golden Grain firm makes various pasta products, including spaghetti, Rice-A-Roni and Beef-A-Roni.

The negotiating committee: Gerald Lindbloom, chief steward and strike chairman; Steve Hendrix, La-

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Looking For Answers

TEAMS OF ILWU overseas delegates are at this very moment in far off parts of the earth to see for themselves how workers live to make people-to-people contact with laboring men and women, to seek answers to many questions. This is the fourth time since the 13th Biennial Convention in 1959 took an unprecedented step and recommended that the union send rank-and-file delegations to talk to trade unionists, to workers in factories and fields, to visit homes and shops.

The idea of union delegations visiting other countries is not unique. Where the ILWU made history was in sending working rank-and-file delegates—not just officials—to visit abroad. Equally important, the delegates are pledged to report to the rank and file exactly what they observed, what they experienced, and what they think about it, with no holds barred.

By this device, the union not only achieves a better understanding of a world that is surrounded by curtains of prejudice, propaganda and ignorance—but also creates friends for our union in every country our delegates touch. Little wonder that in the Third Overseas Report a group of Panamanian unionists titled our overseas delegates “worker ambassadors.”

WHY DO WE NEED such delegations, when so much valid information can be gained through other sources—from the scores of trade union journals we receive from all over the world, from special reports, from reliable contacts, from our union’s first-rate research and library resources?

The answer is that there never has been a substitute for a variety of personal on-the-spot impressions. And it is this very variety, as experienced by working ILWU members, that provides a rich harvest of information.

This year’s overseas journeys present some spectacular challenges. For example there are two delegations to the Middle East—two to Israel, the other to Egypt. A serious conflict remains unsettled in the mid-East. Despite all the information that has been gathered about that portion of the world, we will achieve far clearer understanding when our own delegates bring back the results of their conversations and observations.

Other delegates are already in the Soviet Union, Hong Kong, and other countries to be visited include Romania, Syria, Bulgaria, Chile, United Kingdom and Scandinavia. In each of these countries there are problems of special interest to our members, and answers that may provide guidance in our thinking.

There’s only one really significant blank spot in our overseas plans. That’s to answer the question, what’s going on in China?

Getting a delegation into China, naturally creating friends for our union in every country. If we could achieve that, it would be a substitute for a variety of personal on-the-spot impressions. VW say they want to pay according to weight. There have been serious of court battles over this and VW owed well over $500,000 to the M&M Fund in the case. Now it’s up in the courts.

The union doesn’t intend to sit by and watch the employers play legal games between themselves while permitting the M&M Fund to take a hammering. The M&M Fund is a vital part of our union. It is our business to know what rate to charge non-PMA companies and to see that this rate is enforced.

Let’s understand what we’re talking about. Perish the thought that we’re trying to change the rules of free enterprise, free and fair competition. The win fire all union officers and negotiating committees and turn them all homewards over the longshoremen in this case. We want respect for our courts and our laws. But we don’t concede the right to set aside any part of our contract to award any deals to Volkswagen, especially at our expense. We’d sooner not handle any VW’s at all, until they pay the price for cars as any other company, American, British, French, Italian or Japanese. And if that’s not free enterprise and capitalist competition, then we’ve lost our marbles.

This is not just idle talk. Our contract has provisions—and there’s not a single industry that has the right to cancel the contract if any agency, including the courts, interferes with the proper application or enforcement of the contract. We have the right to cancel the contract under such circumstances and to take any action deemed necessary—including strike action to protect our interests.

It’s always been a cardinal principle of this union—and I’ve personally fought for it against at least two Supreme Courts that it’s a big mistake for workers or unions to rely on courts or legal procedures to produce or protect economic gains. That’s exactly what unions are for, and nobody can do the job better.

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Urban League Links Riots To Vietnam

PORTLAND — The National Urban League, most conservative of Negro rights organizations, has warned that “If our national commitment is to remain in the swamps and rice paddies of Vietnam, we must realize our urban insurrections will continue.”

The League’s national convention in session here adopted a resolution stating that the war in Vietnam and “the wars in the streets of Newark, Detroit and a score of other cities...are intimately related.”

“There is a cruel immorality,” the statement continues, “in seeing dis-proportionate numbers of black soldiers die in Vietnam, while others of our number are dying in the streets of America’s cities...”

“This convention must make it known that if a truly meaningful Marshall plan for American cities is to become a reality, the madness in Vietnam must be resolved.”

“Unless America begins to retreat from its insane policy in Southeast Asia and gets on with important business at home, the repercussions from these two explosions can have a magnitude beyond most of our comprehensions.”

Kauai Stores Workers Gain In New Pact

HONOLULU — Workers at Kauai Stores won wage increases ranging from 41 to 59 cents an hour in a new two-year contract.

A 21-cent general wage increase was effective July 1. Wages will go up again on February 1 and July 1, 1968. Take-home pay will increase by 3 percent on February 1, 1968, when employee contributions to the pension plan will stop.

The new agreement is designed to meet problems arising out of the transfer of part of the operation to Foodland. Seniority language is improved. An additional one month of severance pay is provided for those laid off within one year after transfer of part of the operation to Foodland. Seniority language is improved.

A key issue which the union won was continuation of coverage under the prior medical plan.

Other gains include:

- Night differential of 10c per hour
- 8-hour day, 5-day week; two consecutive days of rest
- Vacations — 3 weeks after 10 years
- Maternity leave, with reinstatement to old job
- Full pay for duty on jury, public board or commission
- Supervisors not to perform bargaining unit work

Church Council Backs Labor’s Right to Strike

NEW YORK CITY — The National Council of Churches, in its annual pre-Labor Day Sunday message for use in churches across the nation, strongly supports the right to strike.

“The right to strike is vital to organized workers...No man, no group of men, can be compelled to work without loss of freedom. The strike is the last resort of free workers in self-defense against what they believe to be unjust oppression.”

To Soviet Union

The largest overseas delegation is already in the USSR. They will concentrate on visiting sea and river ports. Seen here discussing their plans with Barry Silverman of the Research Department, left, are Tommy Freeman, Local 26, Los Angeles, Edward Pilfield, Local 505, Prince Rupert, B.C., John Al Ho Lee, Local 142, Hawaii and Ralph Abel, Local 30, Boron, California.

To Israel

Overseas delegations to one of the world’s hot spots, seen at ILWU headquarters in San Francisco before they took off. From left, Bruno Duca, Local 6, Crockett, John Roymaker, Local 34, San Francisco and Jean Sampayo, Local 142, Hawaii. The trio will also visit Rumania. Another team will soon depart for Egypt and Syria, to get the other side of the Mid-East story.

To Japan

Receiving information from experts in Honolulu are the two overseas delegations on route to Japan. Above, left to right, ILWU Local 142 Education Director Dave Thompson and Vice President Constantine Samson meet with delegates Edward Merz, Local 23, Tacoma, and Haruo Taguchi, Local 142, Maui, Hawaii.

1967 Amended Constitution Is Now Ready

SAN FRANCISCO — The ILWU Constitution & Bylaws have been reprinted in accordance with changes voted by the 17th Biennial Convention. Members can obtain a copy of “As amended to April 7, 1967” from their local secretaries.

Amendments adopted this year:

- Article VI, Section 11, dealing with procedure in sending referendum ballots and reports to the International office is changed in accordance with recommendations of the 1965 Balloting Committee. It now provides that “Within sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the convention, the ballots and a tabulated count shall be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer and a tabulated count, certified by the local balloting committees shall be sent to the International Balloting Committee...”

The same section is amended to provide for the use of the Overseas Fund to invite union delegations from abroad as well as for sending rank and file ILWU delegations abroad.

- Article XI, Section 13 changes the renumeration of International officers and committees. Salary of the International President is set at $18,500 a year, those of the other two top officers at $17,500. The wage schedule for board members is increased from $35 a day to $50. The out-of-town per diem allowance is increased from $25 a day to $50.

- Article XIX, Section 1 (a) increases the monthly per capita paid by locals to the International Union from $1.50 to $1.75. The following sentence is added: “25 cents of this amount shall be earmarked for purposes of both expanding international headquarters and shall be discontinued at such time as the new international headquarters has been paid for.”

Eleven other changes were made for the purpose of updating the constitution. For example, in the section on jurisdiction the words “including North America, the USSR” were added.

Union Members Hear Morse at Bonneville

PORTLAND—ILWU and Auxiliary members were present for the 30th anniversary celebration of Bonneville dam, with Senator Wayne Morse as the principal speaker.

Labor and farm groups supported the public power concept and construction of Bonneville dam, but many other interests — including Collier’s magazine, which referred to the project as a giant boondoggle and the “Dam of Doubt” — did not, Morse said.

But history has been kinder to Bonneville than to Collier’s which folded some years back), the senator recalled with zest. Today there are 21 federal, multi-purpose dams in the Columbia basin, bringing the benefits of cheap power, flood control, irrigation and recreation to a vast area; and the sentiment of 30 years ago have been proved right.
ILWU Plans Mass Drive
To Re-elect Mayor Shelley

OAKLAND — The ILWU and the entire labor movement in Northern California must re-double its political action efforts to insure the re-election of San Francisco's Mayor John F. Shelley — the only labor mayor in America. A stepped-up campaign is particularly urgent now in view of the fact that John Burton, a labor-supported San Francisco Democrat, in a town with a 40-60 Democratic Party registration, was recently defeated by Republican Judge Milton Shelley has a reputation as a winner, and the ILWU regional director William Chester is a vice-chairman of the committee. The labor movement appears to be solidly behind Shelley, but there is a growing attack by his opponent, Harold Dobbs, whose main approach seems to be to turn the city back to the coppers as a means of solving the serious social and economic problems.

Shelley has a reputation as a winner, he has never been defeated, he is a good campaigner and labor has good reason to stand behind him as the best friend labor has had in the City Hall in many years and the only labor mayor of a major American city.

REGISTRATION
The San Francisco Legislative Committee reported that the first task to be undertaken by the labor movement is to make sure that every person in every working class community is registered and able to vote.

Regional director William Chester, commenting on the situation, spoke of the need of "getting back the spirit of the days when workers participated in political action because they wanted to, because it meant something to them. We as a union are opposed to their feeling it's just part of their daily lives to be involved. We must let the young people especially know that we as a union are opposing to their having to go overseas to fight and die in a colonial war. We must make them realize that we believe it is impossible to spend billions for the war in Vietnam and also relieve the problems of America.''

Reagan Tax Will Soak The Poor

BACRAMENTO — Governor Reagan's first budget, highest ever adopted by any state and embodying an increase in state personal income tax liability. They assume that the taxpayer itemizes deductions on both the federal and state returns.

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*Includes 3c tax for local governments. Some 38 charter cities now levy cigarette taxes varying from 3c to 4c per pack.

Teamster Board, Parley
Vote Confidence in Hoffa

Two recent gatherings of Teamster Union members and leaders have voted unanimous confidence in the General President, James R. Hoffa, and "support in all his endeavors."

One unanimous vote was by the International executive board of the IFT, the other by a conference of the Teamster National Warehouse Division.

The board adopted the following resolution:

Whereas this Executive Board desires to express utmost faith, confidence, and support in our General President, James R. Hoffa, who diligently and with great intelligence has led the movement standing as the largest, most prosperous and most effective labor union in the world, and

Whereas President Hoffa has devoted his entire life to serving Teamster members, and under his unerring and dynamic leadership Teamsters have attained unprecedented solidarity, and unity, grown and prospered greatly, to the benefit of all members, and

Whereas his determination and inspiration in bargaining has resulted in improved economic standards, security, and conditions of all members of the IFT, and

Whereas our General President Hoffa is presently appealing Chat-
tauqua and Chicago cases, and

Whereas the US Supreme Court on May 30, 1967, in the case of certiorari, vacated judgment of the 7th Circuit of Appeals, and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings, and

Whereas General President Hoffa has invited the support of all members of this Executive Board.

Be it resolved that we, members of the General Executive Board, record our support of President Hoffa in all his endeavors, and express continued confidence in him as an individual member and General President of the Teamsters.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
The Teamsters' National Warehouse Division is desirous of expressing its utmost faith and confidence, and its support in our General President, James R. Hoffa, who has diligently and with great intelligence led the Teamster National Warehouse Division to be the largest, most prosperous, and most effective labor union in the world, and we, in the pursuit of his duties, have proven himself to be the most able President Hoffa ever had.

Whereas President Hoffa's far-sightedness and personal sacrifices have brought to the Teamsters' National Warehouse Division and its Board of Directors unparalleled wage and benefit increases, improved working conditions, health, welfare, and liberal pension plans.

Whereas President Hoffa's steadfast devotion and personal sacrifices have been for the welfare of each and every member of this union.

Whereas despite all of this harassment, General President Hoffa's concern for the welfare of each and every member of this union has won for him the affection and esteem of all of our rank and file and officers.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Teamster National Warehouse Division pledges its 100 percent support to all the endeavors of our General President, James R. Hoffa.
In Cuba, 90 miles off our shore. Socialist or nationalist — springing revolution — whether communist, every ocean, a revolution takes place. We see every rebellion as the result of a deep plot out of Moscow or Beijing. This does not explain the South Vietnamese unification. They are fighting solely by communist intervention. Roosevelt and Truman, delivered of Mr. Eccles' talk on August II, 1945.

The President believes that aggressive mortal groups are marching in to destroy South Vietnam. Under the Truman Doctrine of Containment, communism has continued to spread. It has advanced through revolutions rather than by military aggression. But we must not ignore the fact that communism is not a monolithic world power. Russia has its differences with the Chinese and Russians have conflicts of national interests — none of which concern to us at this time is China's picture of aggressive communism is unreal. She is appropos of the United States to achieve a stable government, to have the future of South Vietnam she has supplied fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns. She is reporting to supply 75% of all military supplies and has said she will continue to furnish all military equipment. The Chinese are furnishing part of the small arms, clothing and food. They will supply North Vietnam with troops whenever requested to do so. Both countries have a view of a foreign military victory over the communists and to establish a powerful military base on the mainland of Asia. If Russia were conducting daily bombing raids against an American ally, as we are doing against a Russian ally, it is inconceivable that we would limit ourselves to providing only military equipment, as they are doing. 

SERIOUS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

What is the effect of our policy on the nation? The Vietnam War is responsible for the most serious economic, financial and political problems in this country.

The real tragedy is not financial, it is the useless suffering of the millions of people whose hands and brothers are drawn into this useless conflict unwillingly and maltreated in defense of their country — but because of our incompetent and ill-informed leadership. I believe Russia is glad to see us bogged down in Vietnam, diverting multi-billions of our resources and millions of our manpower, while she is rapidly gaining in the nuclear arms race. Of even greater concern to us at this time is China's rapid growth in the development of nuclear weapons.

OUR EXPLODING CITIES

While we've been spending tens of billions abroad, our cities are experiencing problems of prostitution, the wage demands of our injustice, and neglect, and failure to meet unfulfilled promises of the Great Society. The inhumane, embittered and impoverished Vietnam and foreign aid budget this year is $30 billion; whereas, the Great Society is approximately 40% of that amount, or $12.5 billion, which is half of what we spend in Vietnam alone.

Senator Percy says: "If we continue to spend $69 million a day trying to save the 16 million people of Vietnam, by the time we have lifted 20 million, urban poor in our own country unresolved — then 10 years we have priorities terribly confused."

Public and Congressional reaction relative to same downward trend, especially in Vietnam, is forcing the Administration to reconsider its role as world policeman.

The horrible Vietnam debacle, tragic as it is, may yet be a blessing in disguise if it forces us to recognize our staggering failures at home. Runaway crime, delinquency, the riots in our cities, loss of respect for law and order, and the rebellion of frustrated youth all spring in part from this . . . It is tragic that the most powerful country in the world, with 6% of its population and producing 40% of its wealth, should have lost the respect of most of mankind, the world, with few exceptions, would like us to leave Vietnam.

MADNESS VS. SANITY

With these disastrous consequences on the nation to continue our ruthless pursuit in Vietnam is madness. We have 500,000 young men in the military, and 1.2 million young men out of the military service. The conse-quences of withdrawing cannot possibly be as disastrous for this nation as pursuing our present course. The greatest service we could render the Vietnamese is to withdraw from their country, leaving them to make the decisions of the world. It is the useless suffering of the millions of people whose hands and brothers are drawn into this useless conflict unwillingly and maltreated, that is killing, wounded or burned more than one million children, as well as countless parents, brothers, husbands and sons. The family has been uprooted. In only one group have the terrible long-range social effects that will result from our actions. No one is aware of the great minority of people who do not consider us their savior; but let us want to get out of their country.

Despite this, the United States military has increasingly taken over the Vietnam problem. Under the McNamara administration it is apparent we are making little progress after three years.uguftight and cannot win decisive victory.

During the past two years Russia has built the enemy arsenal in South Vietnam rockets, artillery, heavy mortars, automatic weapons. They are now in South Vietnam. In north Vietnam she has supplied fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns. She is reporting to supply 75% of all military supplies and has said she will continue to furnish all military equipment. The Chinese are furnishing part of the small arms, clothing and food. They will supply North Vietnam with troops whenever requested to do so. Both countries have a view of a foreign military victory over the communists and to establish a powerful military base on the mainland of Asia.

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"What can we expect from the stricken Vietnamese nation but hatred, deep and abiding?"

No one seems to be able to show that liquidates a bad venture faster than political suicide. And we can humbly, with vigor, and never ceasing, do everything in the power of a rich and repentant nation to heal, and rebuild, and reassure. The Vietnamese will never forget us, and it is to be hoped that we will never forget Vietnam. Because it is this Vietnam tragedy which has caused so many other see us: a nation to be feared instead of loved, flushed with pride and arrogance, a great nation, not qualified to handle this problem wisely.

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SCDC Planning for 1969 Convention

WILMINGTON — The Southern California District Council, ILWU, at its regular monthly meeting decided that it is never too early to start planning ahead.

Under the chairmanship of Local 13 delegate L. L. (Chick) Loveridge, a member of the International executive board, the committee discussed the 1969 ILWU International convention, which is slated to be held in Los Angeles.

Loveridge outlined many problems and details that must be arranged far in advance, such as hotel accommodations, transportation, general meeting arrangements, committee meetings, and the types of events that will be held during the convention. He stressed the importance of early planning to ensure a smooth and successful event.

Women's Stake in Political Action

POMONA — In a letter to the CRDC legislative fund, Auxiliary 5 outlined the “strike the women have in what happens in Salem.”

The letter said in part: “It was apparent to those of us who followed the CRDC’s effort to defend the sales tax, as well as the log-ban bills, the anti-picketing measure, the ‘bumping relief’ act, the attempted dry sands steal, and the council’s continuing fight to help the longshoremen injured on the dockside, that we women have much at stake in what happens at Salem.”

“The safety of our men, our jobs, our homes, our lives, and the future of the country, are in the hands of those who control the government. As a woman, I want to be included in the fight for the future of the country.”

The letter ended with a plea for support and encouragement for the women’s fight for justice and equality.

Port Angeles Boom

More than 175 men were at work at Port Angeles, Wash., when this recent picture was made. At left is the Matu Maru being loaded from the barge Puget Logger. Largest ship ever to load at this port is the Stove Vulcan, tied to newly installed cranes at right is the SS Seamar. Port Angeles longshoremen unloaded a two-way express freight ship Pacific Envoy, which arrived just at time of Public Power Administration’s celebration of 30th anniversary of Bonneville dam—their destination. One of them is seen here, lifted by sheer-leg crane. Longshoremen said the vessel rose “a foot” on each of the pucks.

Unions Sponsor Job Program in East LA

LOUISIANA — The Labor Community Action Advisory Board of Southern California, under the chairmanship of the LCAC, announced the creation of a new program that will aid the youth of East Los Angeles. The program will provide job training and employment opportunities for young people in the area.

The conference discussed the need for job training programs that are tailored to the needs of the local community. They also discussed the importance of involving local youth in the decision-making process.

The conference was attended by representatives from various community organizations, including the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, the Los Angeles Community Action Agency, and the East Los Angeles Community Action Committee.

The conference ended with a call to action for all community organizations to work together to create a successful job training program for young people in the East Los Angeles area.
The Winners
First place in the Local 6 bowling tournament August 20 at Broadway Bowl in Oakland was captured by this team. Kneeling and accepting trophy from Ray Degler, sports committee chairman, is team captain Karl Johnson. On either side of Degler are Sue Flores (left) and Marilyn Mattos, league commissioners. Other team members (holding individual trophies) are Mary Wagner, Winnie Aldridge, Norma Aldridge and Willie Lewis.

Runners Up
Second place team receives trophy. From left: Tom Dixon, captain Marilyn Stubstad, Nita Norris, Fred Norris, Marilyn Mattos and Dick Wells, league commissioners, presented the trophy.

**Tournament Winds Up Local 6 Bowling Season**

OAKLAND — A "Grand Sweeper" bowling tournament on August 20 wound up a Local 6 competition which started in April. Winning teams and holders of individual trophies are pictured on this page.

The sports program inaugurated this year by the East Bay division of Warehouse Local 6 includes a softball team which won first place in the AA division of the Oakland Slow-Pitch Metro Tournament. The team then placed second in a regional tournament at Las Vegas, winning a trophy to be presented formally at a ceremony on September 21.

Local 6 also sponsors a golf tournament and a Little League baseball team which finished second in Berkeley this year.

Log, Lumber Exports Up
PORTLAND — Logs and lumber contributed to an upturn in export during the first six months of this year to send total tonnage for the period seven per cent above last year's figures, the Portland Dock Commission said.

From the memory bank: ILWU member Martin Slavich of San Pedro, California, a member of Local 35, also a member of the Isaka Walton League of America, dearly loves to fish. The following letter and pic from Jim Hubbard of Portland, a member of Local 8:

"Dear Fred:
'Never too old to hunt,' that is the motto of William Quiners, better known to his friends and hunting partners, Al Provolt and myself, as 'Unc,' short for Uncle—mine.

"Unc, a retired longshoreman, 71 years young, went opening day of the elk season and bagged a 450-pound spiked elk. It took him one well-placed shot and down it went.

"Unc is also cook on all of our hunting junkets—birds, elk, deer or fish. The first one to complain automatically inherits the job and takes over the camp cooking chores. So we continue to claim him as a perfect cook, even if the pancakes might be a little soggy or the bacon slightly crisp. Whatever the result, it's always fine.

"When asked the secret of his success in hunting, he said: 'A good cigar; patience, and lots of luck!'

"ILWU members in good standing—and the members of their family can earn a pair of the illustrated KROCODILE fishing lures. All that's needed is a clear snapshot of a fishing or hunting scene—and a few words as to what the snapshot is about. Send it to Fred Goetz, Dept. TD Box 668, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Please mention your Local number and zip code. Of course, retired members are eligible.

**Matson Asks Bids on Six Container Ships**

SAN FRANCISCO — Matson has invited bids from six US shipyards for construction of two 34,000-ton container ships to be put into service early in 1970.

The ships, already designed, are to carry 974 24-foot containers, 147 of them refrigerated. They are to be 725 feet long, with an unusually wide beam of 94 feet. Their 33,000-horsepower automated engines, controlled from the wheelhouse, will make 23 knots an hour.

Matson is moving into the Far East trade, in addition to its established Hawaii runs.
Employers Reject Gov't Report on BC Foremen

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Waterfront employers have rejected the report of the government commission of inquiry into the strike of dock foremen and lockout of longshoremen that tied up BC ports last November.

This was revealed in a public statement by ILWU Shipwreck of Foremen Local 514 last week. The statement noted that employers had refused to meet foremen to discuss grievances relating to pensions, welfare and job security.

The report of enquiry commissioner C. Rhodes Smith was adopted by foremen shortly after Smith's release by the federal minister of labor last March. It recommended a grievance procedure for a period of one year to settle urgent unresolved grievances.

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On the MARCH

By J. R. (Bob) Robertson

New Era for Agricultural Workers

A NEW ERA in the organization of agricultural workers may be in the making, and for us in the ILWU—who believe that the organization of all unorganized workers is always on the plus side—we're proud of any contribution we can make in aiding other unions in doing the job.

The most positive development in many a year came about recently within the Teamsters union working out an agreement with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (AFL-CIO), ending a considerable period in which there was rivalry and friction between the two groups.

This peace pact between two union organizations, both with some real interest in organizing farm workers, creates a basic understanding which can only work for the good of the long-exploited farm worker, and for the entire labor movement.

Within the last few weeks the Teamsters union joined the AFL-CIO farm workers in setting up joint informational picket lines to call attention to one major fruit grower who has been a holdout against farm worker organization in the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley.

Since July 21 of this year when the UFWOC and the Teamsters agreed on their separate jurisdictional units, and wherever possible, there has been a significant stepping up of farm worker organization.

The importance of this can be judged in some measure by the fact that about one-third of the workers in California are indirectly employed in agriculture and associated products and industries.

Making food grow, processing and distributing food, is still the most important industry in this state.

It indicates also what a mighty powerful weapon combines to exist in agriculture, and why it is that breaking through the long, harsh resistance to unionism on the land is now the most important goal of the trade union movement.