ILWU Borax Strike Victory

2-Year Pact Ratified
By Members

LOS ANGELES — A fifty-six day strike by two ILWU locals against US Borax Corporation was brought to a successful conclusion with the signing and ratification of a new two-year contract highlighted by significant economic gains and fringe benefits.

Negotiators representing the company and ILWU Local 30, Boron, and Local 20A, Wilmington, held day and night marathon sessions starting June 18 and concluding late Sunday, June 23.

ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt reported that the negotiations during this period to aid Southern California regional director Bill Pierce and regional and locality representative Don Wright.

Goldblatt also called on International Executive Board member L.L. (Chick) Loveridge and Local 13 president Curt Johnston to sit in and advise on negotiations.

REFERENDUM

After tentative agreement was reached, the members of Local 20A and 30 met in their respective communities Tuesday, June 25 and Wednesday, June 26, and voted overwhelmingly to ratify the agreement. The vote at Boron was 366 to 36; at Wilmington, 185 to 44.

Highlights of the two year contract include:

- **Wage Increases**
  - 13 cents per hour increase first year; 11 cents the second year.
  - Pension improvements
  - Increased company contribution to $65.50 a year for every year of service. This increased the contribution from $5.50 to $6.50 at Wilmington and from $4.40 to $5.50 at Boron. After ten years service the company will go back and pick up one or two years waiting period previously lost as non-pensionable service. All members will receive full vesting rights after 10 years service, regardless of age.

- **Health and Welfare**
  - Hospital daily room and board increased from $17 to $35; hospital extras increased from $340 to $680; major medical plan of $10,000. This is in addition to $10,000 life insurance policy. This is in addition to $10,000 life insurance policy.
  - Life Insurance
  - On July 1, 1969 employees with 10 or more years of service will get life insurance increase from $10,000 to $10,000 plus an accidental death or dismemberment plan of $10,000. This is in addition to the $10,000 life insurance policy.
  - Boron also picked up the long term disability plan which has been in effect in Wilmington since Local 20A’s last contract. This pays 60 percent of

- **Where is ILWU Going?** Bull Session

LOS ANGELES — About fifty ILWU members in Southern California put their stamp of approval on the second ILWU weekend workshop and decided that these bull sessions are here to stay.

"One of the best things that’s happened to the ILWU in a long time," was one participant’s comment when the two-day meeting at the UCLA campus concluded. "The next question is when will we have another one?"

What began in Berkeley on May 23-26 as an experiment in communication was deemed to have left the experimental stage. At UCLA, June 29-30, there was a unanimous vote at the close saying they wanted to meet again as soon as possible to listen, and the two International Longshoremen’s and Warehousemen’s Union (ILA) executive board members.

Labor Unity

The three titled ILWU officers were there, the regional director and other ILWU staff people who came to listen, and the two international executive board members.

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The subject that led off the bull session was the ILWU’s relationship with the rest of the labor movement. While it was agreed by most that the ILWU was best off maintaining its independence, it was also agreed that we can go nowhere without the help of other unions. And in a showdown with the bosses we’re always on the side of any union in a fight.

Most of the discussion concentrated on the nature of the Southern California labor movement, in view of the ability of the Hearst-Herald Examiner to continue publishing with all skilled seaplain labor.

This is something the entire labor movement here must face, and the ILWU will face it with them, and join them in any action that has the backing of the rank and file.

One speaker said: "The entire ILWU should be considered a standing committee in search of labor unity."

Leadership

It was the development of new leadership in the union that brought the most enthusiastic and broad discussion.

The subject, as might be expected, also generated more heat than most because, as one said, "most members don’t want to take time off from fat jobs to serve the membership without pay as stewards and committeemen."

And as another said, "too many of the younger men and ID’s don’t really have much of an idea what the hell the ILWU or the trade union is all about."

Next Dispatcher

Deadline—July 19

There will be more than the usual two weeks between this issue of The Dispatcher and the next one. Our printer is moving his presses. Deadline for news stories and pictures for the next issue will be July 19.
... and Throw Away the Key!

GENERATION has come of age since the nuclear arms race began. For the first time there may be a glimmer of hope after all that the great powers will not blow each other to hell.

In a world where violence becomes increasingly a way of life and in which peace has always been an uneasy step away from the brink there is cheerful news that the United States and the Soviet Union are seriously prepared to talk about limiting and reducing both offensive nuclear weapons and defensive anti-missile systems.

What’s more, appeals are being made to deal with the entire question of armaments. And wouldn’t that be the best news this generation could receive—a generation born during war and raised in a world that has never been for a single moment without men killing each other in anger.

The time is certainly long overdue to start talking about. The 1957 convention called for policies which “lead to mutual disarmament and the banning of all A and H bomb tests and production.” Last year, the 1967 convention called for “world-wide disarmament!” and for “implementation of the nuclear test ban treaty and prevention of the proliferation or at least the use of nuclear weapons in war.

DISPITE DIFFERENCES with President Johnson on matters of war and peace, we are not so near-sighted that we won’t praise where praise is due. The President obviously did a man-sized job of quiet and conservative preparations with a young Alameda County District Attorney on the make to take on the world and its friends. Others in the Maritime Federation of the Pacific were in a slugging struggle against shipping operators and big business organizations such as the Associated Farmers, the NAM, the Chamber of Commerce. It was a no-holds-barred period and labor strikes and planting agents in unions were common. Warren, as a prosecutor, deemed it his job to go all-out to get convictions. We recall King-Ramsey-Granada, a notorious labor case in which Warren was directly involved as DA.

ONE OF HIS first acts after President Eisenhowe appointed him brought about some of the most important changes ever made in race relations. One of the most dramatic was the 1957 Watkins decision. For example, there’s the Archie Brown case. Brown, a Communist, had been elected by Local 10’s rank and file to be a member of the 35-man local executive board. Under Section 504 of the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law this was illegal. The union challenged the law, and the Supreme Court reversed the decision away from their original purpose and try to undo the progress that flowed from the Warren Court. Certain conservatives. Neither did his upholding of the Fifth Amendment cases, civil rights, and censorship — the coercion of people in custody, saying that they must be fully warned of their rights. That certainly did a man-sized job of quiet and defensive anti-missile systems.

A SIDE FROM THIS stupidity and unbearable tensions of this generation’s life under arms—with the consequent violence that keeps boiling up out of the entrails of our great cities—there is something else working people should consider: The cost of each step in this generation’s prolife progress toward self-destruction is taken from the workers’ pockets; just as it is the worker who does most of the fighting and dying in all wars.

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Strike Support is Major Topic at SCDC Meeting

LOS ANGELES—Support for three hard-fought strikes occupied most of the attention of the Southern California District Council in June. The meeting was held at the San Francisco Fishermen's Union hall, where the strike was settled late in June. See story, page 1.

The other two were the seven-month strike of eleven AFL-CIO unions against the Hearst's herald-examiner and the eleven-month strike of ILWU Ship Scalers and Painters Local 56 at San Pedro.

The Council heard a report on the Hearst strike by Charles Curtis, a striker, who pointed out the damage being done to the Newspaper Guild. In this area by the continued scab operation of a major metropolitan newspaper, he appealed for help from those who “look upon their union cards as more than a job, but our conscience as well.”

“Hearst is hanging tough for an open shop while the unions are

flooded with injunctions,” Curtis said. He listed a variety of legal gimmicks being used against the unions, such as a Mexican-American and against defenders of civil rights.

ASRS DRASTIC ACTION

“We must take drastic action to survive. Boycott activity is impor-
tant, but a strike is won or lost, nine times out of ten, on the picket line.”

Leon Lewin, a striking printer, pointed out that this is the first newspaper strike in Los Angeles in which the various unions have stuck together. Lewin said, and “if we don’t educate our rank and file in solidarity, our unions will be run over.” He urged a program of mass picketing.

Curtis told the Council that the printing unions here are setting up a Martin Luther King memorial apprenticeship program to make sure that Negroes and members of other minorities will have opportunity to get jobs and training.

The council moved to work toward a joint action program by all unions in this area in support of the Hearst strike.

International executive board member Paul Perlin discussed the California-Locals primary elections showing that “the combined votes of Sen-
tors McCarthy and Kennedy were 88 percent of the total Democratic vote cast, while the Johnson-Humphrey-Lynch slate received only 12 percent.”

CHANGE

“This is both an overwhelming re-
pudiation of the present administra-
tion and a final decision for progressive change,” Perlin stated. He said that while Senator Thomas Kuchel’s de-
feat by ultra-right-winger Max Raff-
terty was a major setback, the Demo-
cratic nomination had been won by Alan Cranston, a liberal, who re-
ceived several hundred thousand votes more than those nominating Rafferty on the Republican ticket.

“Cranston can be elected in No-
bruary,” Perlin declared.

Joe Ibarra of Local 26 reported on the long, difficult strike of Ship Scalers and Painters Local 56. He pointed out that strikes are becom-
ing longer and tougher with the pres-
ent right-wing trend in California politics. The council voted continued support of Local 56 in its strike.

Chico Nut Company Evades Bargaining

CHICO, Calif. — Continental Nut Company on June 20 executed the latest of a series of legal maneuvers by which it has avoided negotiating with ILWU Warehouse Local 17 since October 28, 1966. On that date a ma-

jority of the company’s employees voted for Local 17 in a NLRB repre-
sentation election.

During the fall of 1966, the NLRB cerrified Local 17 as bargaining agent at the Continental Nut plant here, the company filed objections to the conduct of the election, the NLRB regional director who conducted the elections and again certified the local, and the company said it still was not “satisfied” and would not negotiate.

On January 9, 1967, the union filed a charge of refusal to bargain. After many legal maneuvers over a period of months, the case went to the na-
tional NLRB in Washington, DC, and then to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

On May 23, 1968, the court upheld the union’s charge and ordered the company to bargain. The company was allowed 30 days to decide wheth-

ter to appeal. On the 29th day, June 20, Continental Nut filed an appeal.

Andy Kotowich Elected Canadian Area President

SAN FRANCISCO—A disagree-
ment between Longshore Local 10 and the PMA was resolved June 25 when a stop-work membership meet-
ing of the local voted overwhelming approval of a proposal from the Labor Relations Committee.

The LRC agreement provides that:

● . . . all Class B men registered in 1965 and determined to be eligible by the Joint LRC will be granted Class A registration effective June 26, 1968 and shall be accorded Class A dis-
patch privileges.

● . . . applications for Class A reg-
istration will be made available to all Class B men registered in 1965 as promptly as possible. Upon receipt of applications and eligibility determi-
nation by the Joint LRC, the parties will advance to Class A registration, 25 men on the first of each month commencing on July 1, 1968 and con-

tinuing thereafter until all eligible 1965 registered Class B men are pro-
moted to Class A. Until such promo-
tions are made, all 1965 registered B men shall be dispatched as Class B men effective June 26, 1968.”

In December, 1967, Local 10 had taken all 1963 and 1965 B men into full membership as A men despite an objection from the PMA, based on the allegation that the union had failed to supply steady men. Subse-

quently, Arbitrator Lincoln Fairley ruled in two separate decisions that the 1963 and 1965 B men were being dispatched illegally from the A board. On June 18, PMA filed an ac-

tion in superior court in support of this position. In the LRC agreement of June 25, PMA agreed to withdraw its court action “based on implemen-
tation of the above understandings.”

Dried Fruit Basket Issues to Arbitration

SAN JOSE — An unresolved issue concerning wage brackets in three dried fruit packing plants will go to arbitration. This was decided by the Basket Advisory Committee of Warehouse Local 11 on June 13.

When higher wage rates went into effect on April 15 of this year, ques-
tions concerning adjustment of in-

equities were still in dispute. It was 

agreed that negotiations would con-
tinue, with any changes retroactive to April 15.

Andy Kotowich was re-elected as the head of the Central Area ILWU as a result of referendum elections just completed. Andy Kotowich defeated incumbent Roy C. Smith by a vote of 88 percent of the total Democratic vote cast, while the Johnson-Humphreys-Lynch slate received only 12 percent.

Andy Kotowich was elected Canadian Area Executive Board member. The new 3rd vice president is L. Copan, who defeated R. Fleming, 1360 to 1150. Kennedy replaces Tom-

my Mayes who died on the eve of the recently held Canadian Area conven-
tion. He has been a member of local 560, Vancouver for 17 years and offices held include vice presi-
dent of local 560, president of local 560 and Canadian Area Executive Board member.

By decision of the last convention the officers were elected for a term of two years, instead of annually as has been the practice until now.

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VANCOUVER, BC—The Canadian Area ILWU has a new president as a result of referendum elections just completed. Andy Kotowich defeated incumbent Roy C. Smith by a vote of 1167 to 1150. Kennedy replaces Tom-m
Unions Spur Search for Better, Less Costly Health Care

LOS ANGELES — How can working people in California use their voice and collective strength to cut the rising costs of medical care and improve the quality of the care dispensed by hospitals and doctors?

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The move's all about. And a lot of the older men and officers don't seem very interested in communicating with the younger guys."

One set of demands was for more active stewards' classes, more education, more attempts to enlighten the membership about the nature and breadth of the union.

Others felt that "education" was a kind of dirty word and that the most important "school" was in organizing, in more active steward work on the job itself, in helping fellow workers on the job.

Still others were frankly sceptical and questioned whether officers had shown any interest in developing young people for leadership roles.

MEETINGS

The test of rank and file interest may be a universal lack of interest in attending membership meetings, it was pointed out, and that may be another important area for further discussions. How can meetings be made more interesting? What needs to be done to bring out a major section of the membership?

Some speakers even suggested there was a need for a little more "heresy" — a little more rubbing of opposing ideas.

It was pointed out that is exactly what these bull sessions are all about. And out of these workshops maybe the idea of kicking around new ideas will spread to the membership and attract more attendance.

One young man suggested that there was no sense in trying to build up a generational conflict. However, he said, the union should start structuring itself to the large number of young people entering the ranks, not trying to eliminate the older people.

Pointing to Bridges, Robertson and Goldblatt, he wound up, "After all, you cats made this union!"

The discussion of leadership went into the second day, clearly the most appealing issue—and the most controversial.

It was noted by Goldblatt that labor leadership historically develops out of struggle. But struggle for working people in an affluent society takes on new meaning and new directions, including the need to identify with other peoples' struggles, such as the black or minority communities, the problems of poverty at home, housing, taxes, war and peace.

(Editor's note: In order not to prejudice the workshops that will be scheduled soon in other ILWU areas this report will deal only with the surface of the last workshop. The Dispatcher will study the bull sessions in depth for a future report after all the workshops have been held.)

ORGANIZING

The third item chosen for the agenda was organizing the unorganized. This too, it was felt, should be opened to ambitious young unionists, with special reference to ethnic minorities.

It was also noted that the ILWU was probably the very first union to bring minorities into leadership, and to pioneer in the desegregation process.

As far as organizing in Southern California is concerned, the first big job is to take on the widespread threats against union labor, the use of strikebreakers — "look for the right time and right spot for the whole labor movement to take the fight on." The Herald - Examiner strike may be the spot sooner or later.

In winding up the two-day workshop it was agreed by all who spoke:

"This is a great idea." "We want another one soon." "I've learned more in these two days than in years... because I did some listening." "Let's make sure the next bull session has even more workers right off the job, and some more shop stewards." "And let's make sure there are more women here next time."
Boron, Wilmington

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employee's basic earnings for life if he has been injured on the job. The company also agreed to pick up medical and life insurance premiums for the month that the injury occurred. This amounts to $70 per member.

The company also agreed to pay Boron members $50,000 to settle some sub-contracting grievances.

DROP ACTIONS

All legal actions over which either the company or union had control will be dropped.

Considered one of the vital issues in the strike was the union demand that 12 employees at Boron be reinstated after being terminated for all of 13 months. It was agreed to arbitrate the issue.

On Sunday, June 23, Dr. Lincoln Pogue, a strike lawyer from Northern California area arbitrator, flew to Los Angeles, heard the arguments of both sides, and ordered all 12 men reinstated to their jobs.

Contract language items were proven issues in the strike. Improvements negotiated included language on job consolidation, scheduling, health and safety, vacation and arbitration procedures, red circle ratings, job evaluation, seniority, sick leave and many more. Altogether both locals made between 45 and 50 small language changes.

TOUGH, UNIFIED

Officials of both locals proudly pointed to the solid cooperation that marked the settlement of the strike in Boron. "We stood by the clock in both communities as well as the close and friendly relationships that were established. Out of more than 800 members in both locals not a single man or woman broke ranks.

Women's Auxiliary No. 41 at Boron maintained a strike kitchen 24 hours a day throughout the strike. "There were no tidbit only kept in pockets, ice tea, cookies, pies, cakes and sandwiches, but even pockets when called upon. "The spirit of the woman is something the Boron fellows won't forget," one union man said.

Many of the merchants in Boron helped support the strikers from the start, with donations, food and extended credit.

69 of both locals 20A and 30A expressed deepest thanks to Longshore Local 13 and Clerks Local 63 in Wilmington for helping with extra strikers. In addition, Bill Schultz, Ernie Lopez, Willard Hampton, Bill Day, Chuck Williams, Curtis Petrie, LaVerne Cummins and John Fellows were thanked.

Graduating class of Local 40 "A" men at Portland clerk's school.

Group Is Busy Defending Your Right to Freeload

There is an active national organization which is very much concerned about your right to be a fink if you wish.

Naturally, this outfit doesn't describe itself in those terms. It wouldn't sound good to call itself the National Right to Freeload Committee. So the official name is National Right to Work Committee.

It is composed mostly of businessmen. For window dressing, there is a board of directors which includes, along with a lot of business executives, six union members, (out of some 15,577 million in the US) two former union members, a housewife, some lawyers and ministers.

But when it comes to the nitty-gritty, the matter of money, the appeal is to business. Two letters were sent to big mailing lists during June. Many of them were addressed not to individuals, but just to "So-and-so Company—Gentlemen."

The printed Pledge of Support asked the donor to "Check One: Small Business ($25 to $50), Average Business ($50 to $100), Large Business ($100 or more)."

There is no place on the form for listings such as "Union Member," "Worker" or "Preacher."

LAWSUITS

The committee thinks that two lawsuits by union members, Pague's letter states that "All of this work as well as an enforcement program to protect the 19 state Right to Work laws and Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act is being spearheaded by the National Right to Work Committee."

THE BITE

Then follows the bite: "Last week Mr. Cudwillard, president of the National Right to Work Committee, wrote you concerning the work of that organization. If you have not already responded to Mr. Cudwillard's request for support, I hope you will do so immediately and as generously as possible. The need is great."

The Pledge of Support ends with an interesting footnote: "The National Right to Work Committee is a tax exempt organization under section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code. While this does not, in itself, make your contribution to the Committee tax deductible, it may be claimed as a necessary business expense if it has a business related purpose.

And that "business related purpose" be to save money on wages after the union shop is busted (they hate it!).

What else?

Local 8 Runoff Poll

PORTLAND—Longshore Local 8, in its run-off election in June, chose Bud Condart as mid-term dispatcher.

The June balloting also confirmed results of the May primary: Wes Johnson, president; Harry Lane, member of Labor Relations Committee; Russell Roberts, assistant business agent; Frank Hedlund, relief dispatcher.

PENSIONERS MEET in San Francisco international headquarters to talk to union pension trustees about a possible raise from the $145 which was frozen before the last contract in 1968. Here ILWU president Bridges explains that the negotiations which have been going on for some 18 months have reached a dead end. Increases can be negotiated only by mutual agreement with the PMA.

Job Training in Portland For 'A' Clerks

PORTLAND — The first training school for A-registered clerks ever held on the Pacific coast has just concluded a successful session here.

The classes, which began June 4 and ended June 25, stressed "the importance of work to his basic employment," according to Tony Brott, business agent-secretary of the Portland Clerks.

The pilot program was jointly sponsored by the local and the Pacific Maritime Association.

Six three-day classes were held during the period, with between 12 and 15 men in each class. A total of 82 "A" men participated at the program. Enrollees were paid on the basis of eight hours straight time at the longshore wage.

The curriculum included such subjects as stewarding, receiving and delivering and clerks' logs. Training films in documentation and ship's nomenclature were shown, and classes were conducted in these categories as well.

INSTRUCTORS

Instructors on the labor aide included Bill Harold and Leo Benedict, both supercargoes, with Gary Larsen subbing. The latter was injured in an accident on the Marquam Street bridge.

A third instructor was president of Trans-Pacific, lectured to the students, with Cal Bourke and Don Beal of PMA and Ford's Bailey-Hamilton discussing the PMA and stevedore contracts.

Enrollment in the school was voluntary, according to Brott, who credited the program with giving those involved a "new view of the basic checking picture."

A similar school was held in the Local 40 bail last year for "B" men.

Engineers See Big Shipping Changes


The report predicts that tonnage in the Portland, Vancouver, St. Helens, Kalama, Longview, St. Helens, and Longview areas, will zoom from 22,400,000 cargo tons in 1968 to 32,500,000 tons within the next half century.

"More interesting and sobering are the predictions and plans for the next ten years," the clerks' bulletin notes. "In the next two years, roll on, roll off; ocean-going barges should be available carrying 60 to 100 chassis each. The ships will be standard-sized containers which would be so automated that only one man would be required in the hold at a time."

"The Scott report figures these barges will play a major role in the container business. The market in the next ten years the Port of Kalama expects to have more new piers in operation, a revival is expected for St. Helens, and Longview looks forward to doubling its tonnage."

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Pensioner-Backed Team Leads League

PORTLAND — After ten straight wins the Babe Ruth team sponsored by the area ILWU pensioners has hatted its way to the Madison League championship without the necessity of playing in the final game scheduled for July 4.

It's predicted five and possibly six of the gifted young sluggers will make the All Stars slated for the district playoff.

Next come state and national playoffs. Pensioner-sponsored boys have "made it to Montana four times for the regional playoff," according to Mike Sickinger, pensioners' proxy and the spark plug behind the old-timers' sponsorship of youth baseball.

This year, as usual, the pensioners are sponsoring four teams — one Pinto or youth league team and two little league teams, in addition to the Babe Ruth winners pictured above.

Longview Local 21 Awards Scholarships

LONGVIEW — The annual scholarship awards of Longshore Local 21 have gone to Lois Elvira Haataia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Haataia of Kelso and Larry Mitchell Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Noble of Kalama.

Any graduating high school senior who is a dependent of an A registered longshoreman is eligible to apply for the scholarships of $250 each. Miss Haataia plans to attend the University of Washington.

Chester Named Trustee Of Health Planning Group

SAN FRANCISCO — William Chester, ILWU regional director for Northern California, has been appointed a trustee of the Bay Area Health Facilities Planning Association. This is a voluntary regional planning agency which provides consultation and evaluation of health facilities and services.

Puget Auxiliaries Blast Vietnam War

SEATTLE — The "little" war in Vietnam has turned into the longest war in American history, Federation Auxiliaries president Valerie Taylor told the Puget Sound District Council of Auxiliaries June 18.

She urged ILWU women to counter "this war of extermination," in which more than 300 of our young men are being killed each week, by demanding that the needs of the American poor be met and by insisting war toys be taken off the shelves and that kids cannot play "bang-bang, you're dead."

The one-day meeting, attended by delegates from Everett, Tacoma, and Olympia, as well as Seattle, also heard a report from area vice president Nettie Craycraft, who stressed the need for contributions to the Poor People's Campaign. Her own auxiliary sent $25 to the campaign in memory of Senator Kennedy and a similar amount to the Rev. Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Craycraft reminded the club that it's time to Do Something in Steel City is still making napalm, "Watch for do and not buy saran-wrap, handi-wrap, disposable plastic in clean, sight seers, DDT, insecticides and weed killers or any Pitman-Moore Pharmaceutical products.

In other actions, the women:

• Voted to renew council memberships in NAACP and ACLU and to join the crusade against HUAC.

• Sent a contribution to the Poor People's Campaign.

• Authorized Secretary Emma Phillips to query Senator Warren Magnuson on findings in his investigation of the increasing use of defoliants by U. S. armed forces in Vietnam.

• Council president Georgia Cad, Tacoma, presided over the session.

LONE SHOREMAN W. C. Voges of Portland, a member of Local 8, now receiving from the world a day world, rates the run of Chinook in Oregon's Willamette River this year as one of the best ever — and he sends in the following pic of himself, snapped just before he tossed his 25 pounder up the backyard steps. He hipped it on May 1st at 7 a.m.

Longshoreman Voges writes: "We had just run this spring of Chinook salmon in the Willamette River which runs right through the middle of the city of Portland, on up to the Oregon City, which was one of the first settlements in the Oregon territory. There is a dam at Oregon City and fish ladder (they are just installing new and larger fish-passage facilities here) and I fish downstream a short way, off the rocky banks where the Clackamas River comes into the Willamette.

It is the 15th straight year the old timers have been fishing on a team — plus a whopping donation — into teen and pre-teen baseball.

Two years from pensioner-sponsored teams have made it to the Big Leagues. They are Rick Wise, pitcher, University of Pennsylvania, and Pete Ward with the Chicago White Sox.

Scores of other boys backed by ILWU have batted their way from the little league diamond to high school and college ball.

Local 8 member Fred Brown coached this year's winners, and a Pinto boys' man, John Kraliecki, son-in-law of long-time Local 8 member Carl "Andy" Anderson, is team manager.

shot of a fishing or hunting scene — and a few words as to what the photo is about. Send it to:

Fred Goetz, Dept. TD 951
Portland, Oregon 97207

Auxiliary Council Helps Peace Lobby

EUREKA — Northern California District Council of Auxiliaries at its June 21 meeting here gave its proxy vote of support to the "Mother's Lobby" (Women for Peace) to be held in Washington last October.

The Council will be represented in the visits to California senators and congressmen who oppose the extension of the life of the Subversive Activities Control Board.

A contribution went to ILWU Local 30 strikers at Beron, with a pledge not to buy Hearst publications. Contributions were made to Women for Peace and to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the Poor People's March.

A letter was addressed to the San Francisco Stockton local by the Women's Auxiliary, association with the Heasts SF Sunday-Examiner, pointing out the pledge of the Auxiliary members not to buy Hearst publications.

Bureux, Sacramento, Richmond, Oakland and SF auxiliaries under Council auspices will purchase two wreaths for the July 5th (Bloody Thursday) Memorial services in San Francisco. Stockton Auxiliary will join with the ILWU Stockton local.

A letter of condolence was sent to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy and the meeting was adjourned in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The Council meets three times a year, will hold its next meeting October 19 in Oakland.

SF Cargo Volume Up

SAN FRANCISCO — More than a half million tons of cargo crossed Port of San Francisco piers during the month of May, an increase of almost 13,000 tons over the previous month. Total cargo volume for the first five months of the year was 2,252,000 tons, approximately 250,000 tons higher than last year's five-month total.
THIS COLUMN IS BEING written in the middle of the second weekend workshop—or the better description I like is “bull session.” This was a different experience for me and fellow officers: there was a better turnout at the first meeting in Northern California, which took place on the University of California campus, and I was able to talk with many locals.

Out of the many things I learned through that initiating bull session was the importance of broad rank and file representation. At the very least, I can say that the success of such enterprises — and this was a new experience for me and the great many locals — depends on the participation of the rank and file from every local in the area if possible.

WHY IS THAT broad spectrum necessary? Why can’t it be just as successful with just a few locals represented? The reason has to do with the purpose of these workshops. The communication of ideas! Communication between the local leaders and with each other, or a group of warehousemen. It’s something quite new and exciting when the same longshoremen or warehousemen can trade ideas with women who work in some plants, or with miners, or cotton compress workers or with people in other crafts and skills whom they’ve never met.

SUCCESS OF BULL SESSIONS DEPENDS ON RANK AND FILE REPRESENTATION

The essential idea is to exchange opinions and thoughts and attitudes, to debate them, to challenge leadership when a challenge is neededand to come out of these bull sessions with something new.

That is why it is imperative that every member and officer do his utmost to see that there is proportionate representation from each local and craft. That means real democratic participation.

That meeting in Northern California was mighty interesting. And the meeting in Southern California could be expected to be equally interesting and at the same time reflect a very different approach — based on different membership interests.

And that is exactly what the officers of the ILWU look forward to — a variety of approaches and attitudes to the same subjects. Out of all this we hope to learn a great deal about the newer generation of ILWU members.

When this series of meetings is completed — covering, we hope, California, Oregon and the Columbia River, Puget Sound, and British Columbia, possibly Hawaii — we look forward to some mighty interesting results.

And this means that every local should work hard to make sure it is properly represented. These bull sessions, of course, are voluntary — meaning that those who are most interested are the ones who make the effort. And that’s all the more reason for local officials and stewards to make every effort to encourage men and women from the ranks. Soon every area will have its weekend workshop. It’s not too early to start encouraging people to get ready to participate.