SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our members and readers everywhere

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Photo by Otto Hagel from "Men and Machines"
The spirit of this season we hear sung
from all loudspeakers is “Peace on Earth . . . Goodwill Toward Men.” But men
children are being caught in the crossfires
speak is almost unbearable. But that's
that our men are dying in a war which is as
dramatic announcement that he would not
useless as it is deadly.

Another significant voice was that of US
Senator George McGovern who referred to Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky as a “little
thimble dictator.” McGovern said “obviously
General Ky and our other so-called allies
in South Vietnam are trying to stall the
Vietnamese work out their own problems as best
they can. More Americans say they don't
fighting could open the path for a political
settlement.

Another significant voice is Henry A. Kiss-
ginger, who will be Richard Nixon’s chief
White House advisor on foreign policy. He
just published an article which calls for putting a top priority to troop withdrawal
American men dying “to prop up (Ky's)
corrupt regime back home. Haven’t we had
enough of this little thimble dictator who wastes American tax funds in Paris and
American blood in Vietnam?” And Mc-
Govern ended by saying, “Let us, in the
name of humanity and common sense, stop
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The so-called rank and file revolt is being led by a man who, believe it or not, is a horny-handed steel worker, 
swearing brow. Not at all. He happens to be a 52-year-old union staff lawyer.

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**ILWU Asks Higher Beet Field Wage**

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU and the California Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, urged a wage of at least $1.50 per hour for workers in the sugar beet fields of this state at a hearing recently held in San Francisco. The hearing was held December 16-17 before the US Department of Agriculture.

Under the Sugar Act of 1948, producers and processors are guaranteed a market and receive subsidy payments—both under control of the Agriculture department. A hearing was held in December in San Francisco to consider the establishment of a minimum wage for field workers in the industry. In 1968 the rate was raised to $1.50 per hour.

Evidence was presented that the wages set by this department have been unfair and unreasonable. It was pointed out that the current beet wage set by the department is 27c an hour below what the federal government calls a poverty rate. He asked the hearing examiners, "Is this the view of the department that destitution is 'fair and reasonable'?'"

Goldblatt criticized the department for its failure to keep the field workers from poverty, "in an industry that is rich—and rich by virtue of government control."

The beet growers begged the department not to raise the minimum, because they said they could not afford another increase.

The ILWU statement pointed out that the California Federation of Labor and the California Beet Grower's Association had already announced a record crop for 1968.

WORKERS TESTIFY

Several beet workers appeared to testify. Three from the Fresno area told of abuse by labor contractors in that area. They were receiving only $1.25 an hour, and sometimes less, from the labor contractors, they stated. Evidence was presented that a worker could not secure work on his own from the grower, but had to be hired through a labor contractor.

The hearing examiners resorted to old bureaucratic dodge: "We have the regulations to correct these things. All you need to do is bring us more evidence.

The letter follows, in part:

**ILWU Board Meets in BC**

VANCOUVER, BC — The ILWU International Executive Board held its last meeting of the year in this major Canadian port city.

The meeting, December 16-17, handled routine union business, financial matters, reports by the titled officers on developments since the last Executive Board in September, and items of special relevance to the union that called for Board action.

The 15-man Executive Board conducts the union’s business and formulates and implements policy between conventions.

The Board also hears requests and appeals by various locals.

On the question of restructuring the leadership of the International Union, Teamsters and ILWU, the ILWU’s 142’s Executive Board, it was agreed that another Board meeting would be called early in 1969, before the next International Convention, to concentrate on this question of leadership structure.

In broad outline, the International Executive Board here dealt with the following subjects:

- Agreed to find property for International union building at least possible cost, and speed arrangements for architects, plans, etc.
- Oversee the increased representation of workers in the ILWU, Local 34, and in the newly established ILWU, Local 34-A.
- Congratulate the ILWU Board of Directors for the work of the Board and the Executive Board in the past year.
- Support was voted for the Local 26 program concerning wholesale sale drug negotiations.
- Support the National Labor Relations Board decision in the Los Chochos case, it was agreed to withhold approval statements until the next Board meeting.
- A conference of legislative representatives from all ILWU areas on the West Coast and Hawaii is planned for January in San Francisco. They will be joined by ILWU Washington rep, Al Lannon, Jr.
- Support was voted for the Local 26 program concerning wholesale sale drug negotiations.
- Support is given to the ILWU delegation to be picked for the next Board meeting. The ILWU Board of Directors will be directed to go to that country and come back with an up-to-date-picture of the situation.
- Overseas delegations will soon be picked by the Board. Questions regarding methods of selection were discussed. Locals will soon be informed of future developments in this area.

**Story of What ILWU Help Meant to Striker’s Family**

SAN FRANCISCO—A warm letter of thanks has come to President Harry Bridges from the wife of a striker who was helped by the ILWU during the last year’s long strike of TV and radio workers.

The letter was written by President Bridges on container casket and on current negotiations with PMA concerning container freight rates.

Concerning the Alliance for Labor Action, organized earlier in the year by the Teamsters and ILWU, a subcommittee was selected, consisting of the titled officers and members Parks, Loveridge and Fujisaki, to study the ALA program and report back at the next meeting.

On Caldera Health Plan, California Council for Health Plan Alternatives, Goldblatt, a founder of that council, reported on plans for investigating and reviewing the California Council for Health Plan Alternatives.

**Hawaii Tour Drivers Win Major Gains**

HONOLULU — A new collective bargaining agreement signed with MacKenzie Big Island Tours, Inc. was announced this month by George Martin, ILWU Hawaii Division director, after ratification at a general membership meeting.

The pact provides substantial wage increases, new benefits and improvements on established benefits.

Wage increases will range from $2.25 to $7.50 per hour during the first year. On March 1, 1970 and March 1, 1971, there will be additional increases.

**WAGE GUARANTEE**

There is a wage guarantee of 2,000 hours per year (for regulars), meals paid for by the company when employees are away from home base, overtime pay after 5 hours, if opportunity to have meal is not made available, 24 months of attendance benefit with part- time and part-time, 3 weeks vacation after 10 years, 2 additional paid holidays besides Thanksgiving and Christmas, a new health plan situation, including medical care at low cost, which was not available, 24 months of absence benefit for regulars, holidays for the first time.

There is free dental care for dependents of children under age 16.

Martin was spokesman for the union, assisted by Lloyd Akiona, Washington rep, John Fontes and Clarence Branco.

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Canadian Students Get ILWU Support

VANCOUVER, BC—The Canadian Area Board of the ILWU, after hearing representatives of the Student Council, has decided to give its full backing to student demands at Simon Fraser University. Demands of the Student Council are:

1. Freedom of transfer and automatic acceptance of credits within the British Columbia public education system.
2. An elected parity student-faculty admissions board.
3. Opening of all administration files to a duly constituted student body.
4. More money for education as a whole and equitable financing within post-secondary education, including an immediate end to the current provincial government freeze on school construction.

The decision to back the students was made after hearing a plea from a council delegation that addressed the board. The student leaders charged that students from Vancouver City College and Selkirk College are not granted credits to transfer to Simon Fraser University, while those with two years at the University of BC have to start afresh if they transfer to SFU.

They also charged that those in privileged positions have obtained special assistance in getting into SFU and that political discrimination is practiced with the help of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

ASK AMNESTY

The Canadian Area ILWU Board also decided to appeal for amnesty for the 114 students facing criminal charges for a sit-in at SFU. Maximum sentence under the charge is 14 years. The sit-in developed when students were unable to get any government action on their demands. Two hundred RCMP were quickly mobilized to eject and arrest those who refused to abandon the sit-in.

A wire was sent by Andy Kotowich, ILWU area president, to Leslie R. Petersen, minister of labor and attorney general in the provincial government, asking him to intercede to have the charges dropped against the 114 students.

The Board also voted a $100 contribution to the Simon Fraser Student Society Defense Fund.

In a letter to Donald L. Brothers, provincial minister of education, the ILWU Board also asked that labor be given appropriate representation on the boards of governors of all universities in the province.

SFU student leaders pointed out that the 10-man board of governors of SFU includes only lawyers and businessmen who hold a total of 11 corporate positions, while labor and community groups have not a single representative.

“We feel we have some rights to be concerned,” the ILWU letter to Brothers said, “having always taken an active interest in our universities and educational institutions and having contributed for a number of years $3,000 annually for scholarships for our sons and daughters, including summer work by agreed arrangement with our employers of the BC waterfront area, helping students to fulfill their academic inclinations.”

Record Shrimp Catch

COOS BAY, Ore.—Oregon shrimp boats landed a record catch of more than 11 million pounds during the 1968 shrimping season—focusing attention on ILWU organizing efforts among fish processing workers in this area. Coos Bay was the center for landings, with some 4 million pounds of the cocktail sized shrimp.
VANCOUVER, BC — “All the bloody books you could write or read couldn’t make up for this workshop.”

That comment was made by one of the youngest men present at the remarkably handsome Simon Fraser University campus, at the conclusion of the ILWU Weekend Workshop held here Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15.

At the Canadian Area bull session, more than fifty men were on hand from locals in Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria, Port Alberni, Chemainus, men from all the various trades that work on the British Columbia waterfronts and belong to the ILWU.

The enthusiasm reflected by that young man was also expressed in a variety of ways by almost everyone else.

TRY IT AGAIN

At the windup session they not only rehashed the method and manner of conducting the workshop, but recommended this system be established for local and area workshops in order to deal-in-depth with local problems and issues.

The workshop followed the formula successfully developed by the International officers and staff in the four previous experiences in California, Oregon and Washington.

Aside from a brief explanation of the bull session’s background and purpose, moderator Louis Goldblatt, ILWU secretary-treasurer, left the process open-ended.

The agenda was formulated by the participants. They adopted the points and priorities of greatest interest to them, concentrating on relations with the rest of the labor movement, with the economic outlook and contract bargaining, with leadership, communications and organization.

While there were a number of items that are uniquely Canadian, the overall quality and response to the weekend reflected very much the same spirit that was found in previous bull sessions in the USA.

There was no doubt about the loyalty to the union, and no question about their interest in sharp and constructive criticism.

For many it was the first meeting with the top officials, but after the tentative period of getting acquainted, they became very frank and let loose. They enjoyed the “no-holds-barred” formula developed since these bull sessions began.

BREAK THE ICE

The ice was broken by each man introducing himself. In addition to the three titled officers, Research Director Barry Silverman, and Dispatcher Editor Sidney Roger was present. Other visitors from the USA included Cleophas Williams, Local 10 president from San Francisco; Saburo Fujisaki, Local 142, Hawaii and O. Johnny Parks, Local 6, Portland, International Executive Board members.

Canadian Area Regional Director Craig Pritchett was responsible for most of the preparations for this successful session. He was joined by several Canadian Area officers: President Andy Kotowich, Secretary Frank Kennedy, Vice President Ben DuBnyck, Executive Board member Bob Peebles, Local 500 President Lou Dunphy, Executive Board member Bill Kemp and several others.

(Editors note: Following past custom this report in The Dispatcher will not deal in depth with the discussions or conclusions reached at this workshop. In this way future workshops will not be prejudiced.

Two more are scheduled in Hawaii in January. A full report at the conclusion of all the workshops will be made for The Dispatcher and for the next International Convention.

Primary areas of interest in the Canadian Area bull session included some of the following:

—Affiliation with major labor bodies in the USA or Canada (Canada’s ILWU is already affiliated with the Canadian Labor Congress) might be useful, but we should never lose our independence which is the ILWU’s main source of strength.

Some kind of transportation workers’ federation makes sense.

—We’re not anti-American, as some of you Yankees seem to think. We just like full emphasis on the Canadian point of view, and we like our independence.

—Discussion of purchasing power and the relation of wages and prices—and why profit-seeking, non-wage increases cause prices to rise was thoroughly talked out. It was agreed that members needed more information and education on that subject—and that some were brain-washed by the anti-labor press.

—Leadership was a long and complicated subject. There was lots of dissatisfaction with the relationship of leaders and the ranks. The feeling that independence was being sacrificed was repeatedly stated. But, there was also the agreement that no other union had done as much to encourage independent action and development as the ILWU.

Much talk was made about this, and the session ended with the feeling that much more would be said, and some members would start working to develop new and effective leadership.

—On communication, much was said about the need to improve the dialogue between members and leaders. It was also agreed that information would be much improved if the members remembered that it is a two-way street and news about the union must also flow to the leadership.

—On the workshop itself, there was universal agreement that it was bringing something new into two-way communications, that it must be continued on local and area and international levels—and that, as one participant said, “it gives me renewed enthusiasm for the union.”

Photos on this page were taken by The Dispatcher during the two-day Canadian bull session on the Simon Fraser University campus.

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Odell Franklin Wins Runoff
At Local 10

SAN FRANCISCO — Odell Franklin has been elected secretary-treasurer of Longshore Local 10 in a runoff election December 5-7. The vote was very close, with Franklin receiving 1148 votes to 1140 for Glenn Ackerman.

Three business agents were elected: Larry Wing, George Kaye and Joe Perez. Dispatchers are Joe Moseley, Emilie Powells, Jr., Charlie Wells, Vince Perez, Mike Samadoff, Jack Osborn, J. Gomez, Howard Livingston and David Tucker.


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Vancouver, Wash. Local Choses Ronald Vail

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Ronald Vail has been elected president of Longshore Local 4 for 1969. Others chosen were Don Hammill, vice president; Ronald Fuller, financial secretary; Gene Westling, recording secretary; L. Combs and R. Yettick, labor relations committee members; Bill Yocum and Don Poppo, dispatchers. Fifteen were elected to the executive board.

NW Council Backs Morse To the End

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Ernest E. Baker, the local union's representative to the Columbia River District Council's Oregon locals, has been re-elected to that post, it was announced at the December council session here.

The vote on the cliff-hanger race between Senator Wayne Morse and management attorney Bob Paul for the fund drive to cover recount costs.

One of the meeting's highlights was a report from Dick Jones of the United Farm Workers' migrant minority group on the consumer boycott against California table grapes.

He described the boycott as very effective in the East, less so in the West, "although it has spread to Canada and even London."

Ten adults and 16 children recently were arrested for distributing grape worker material outside a market. They were released on their own recognizance when they threatened a hunger strike in jail.

GREETING TO HOFFA

In other actions, the delegates:
- Sent Christmas greetings to imprisoned Teamster president John Hoffa.
- Voted to send a representative to a hearing in Olympia, December 18, on an insurance company's request for approval of automobile insurance rates up to 16.9 per cent, and was shown at container exhibition in Baltimore. At top is view showing container suspended from overhead rails which carry it from truck to train. As the train approached the transfer point, pickup devices on top of container engaged the overhead rail and lifted it from the track. Thrust plate on side of flatcar pushed container along until powered mechanism in overhead rails took over and moved it to position shown in photo bottom. Thrust tracks incline downward. Then thrust plate at rear of truck will push container forward so that it will be lowered onto truck. Lower photo shows turntable used to route containers to storage, trans-shipping rail or waiting truck.

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Canadian Locals
Elect Officials

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Canadian ILWU locals have now completed their elections with the following results:

Local 500, Vancouver, the largest Canadian local, elected L. Kaufman president; W. Foster vice president, W. Jones secretary-treasurer, and R. Peebles, B. and D. Kannville as business agents.

In Local 502, New Westminster, the president is R. Crane, vice president M. L'Heureux, and secretary-treasurer O. Maaren.

In Local 503, Port Alberni, the officers are president L. Galloux; vice president B. Hemmington, and secretary-treasurer D. Beaumont.

Local 504, Victoria, members elected R. Seymour president, C. Richards vice president, and G. Snelling secretary-treasurer.

Elected in Local 505, Prince Rupert, were E. Piffield president, R. Olsson vice president, and M. Contini secretary-treasurer.

Local 506, Vancouver Checkers elected W. Laurillard president.

Cheminus Local 508 elected W. Foulds president, A. Lowe first vice president, A. Tomczuk second vice president, and H. E. Irving secretary-treasurer.

ILWU foremen, Local 514, elected M. Hurren president, G. Fullerton vice president, and A. Bang secretary-treasurer.

Members of Local 517, National Harbours Board, last April elected F. Mahoney president, J. Coughlan first vice president, M. Middleton second vice president, and M. Skuizanski secretary-treasurer.

Marine Clerks of
Wilmingot Elect

WILMINGTON — James A. Jackson, a baker at the end of Local 1, Raymond Washington, has been re-elected president of Marine Clerks' Local 63. Also elected for 1969 were Robert Schreiber, vice president; Joe Argento, dispatcher; William Lamont, alternate dispatcher; Rich Stampler, sergeant-at-arms; Nick K. Oreb, Tommy Huntla and Tony Zuanich, trustees; James Jackson, Al Perisho, Jim Bowin and Harold Sicco, caucus delegates.

Local 1 Elects


NW Pensioners Elect Sickinger, Anderson

PORTLAND — Carl H. (Andy) Anderson, who retired during the year age December 1, while he was a delegate to the Coast Caucus in San Francisco, was elected secretary of the Columbia River District council as the retirement Association at their December meeting. Mike Sickinger was re-elected president at the district council.

Anderson is a veteran member and officer of Longshore Local 5, and other Columbia locals. Sickinger was elected by the district council.

The pensioners passed the hat for the fund drive to cover recounting costs for recounting ballots in the Morse-Packard senatorial race, collecting "so many pennies they applied over."

A charity donation was made to the same cause.

Longshoreman Becomes Involuntary Stowaway

A Tunisian longshoreman, Abdel- salaries, was found by the Customs in the hold of a ship without food or water, according to a New York Times story from Izmir, Turkey. While loading an American ship in his home port of Tunis, the Times said, he fell asleep during a slack period. The hatch was closed before he awakened and no longer made any shouts until the ship docked in Turkey.
Nixon Cabinet Selection Is Contrary to Promises

By Albert Lannon, Jr.
Washington Representative

WASHINGTON — The Nixon cabinet has been unswapped via TV spectacular, and the campaign promises "of the new administration. Republicans, Democrats and independents" have been dealt with by the swag of wigs. If there's one "extra dimension" common to all of the appointees, it is their loyalty to Richard Nixon.

Expectations of posts for a woman and a Negro were dashed, and unity promises were forsaken. Republican and rival Republicans like Lindsey or Rockefeller apparently will be confined "a la lower level appointments."

The names of most of the cabinet are fairly unfamiliar, and the President-elect has ordered silence from them on policies until after the inauguration. It is expected that the cabinet, termed "secrets" by one observer, will not be innovative, and will instead respond solely to carrying out Nixon's presently ambiguous policies.

One choice about which much is known is Wisconsin Rep. Melvin Laird, who was named Secretary of Defense by the President-elect, to head the industrial complex, Laird is given zero ratings by the AFL-CIO and the ADL.

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**A Swinging Dance**

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