Sugar Pact Hikes Wage And Pension

HONOLULU — “All of our major demands have been won” union spokesman Jack Hall said, as the 95 percent “yes” vote of the membership to accept a new three-year industry agreement brought the five - week strike by 9,100 ILWU sugar workers on 22 plantations to an end March 21.

In plantation unit meetings between March 18 and 21, the membership voted 6,909 to accept, 340 to reject.

Governor John A. Burns announced the settlement, but not its terms, March 17, after Federal Mediator Reynold Hagist and State Attorney General Bert Kobayashi reported unanimous approval by the union’s full sugar negotiating committee — enlarged by officers of striking units.

The strike, which began February 16, continued until meetings were complete on all plantations. Irrigators were allowed to return to work March 17, to prevent further damage to cane. They did this as strike duty, and paid 25 percent of earnings to the strike fund.

Most units continued soup kitchen operation for a week after the strike ended.

The union negotiating committee, chaired by John Ah Ho Lee, declared that the gains made in the 1969 negotiations—which yielded a $29,283...

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Negotiating Committee Reconvened

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal District Court Judge Robert Peckham on March 31 ordered ILWU to comply with the award of Coast Arbitrator Sam Kagel and resume loading containers and vans in West Coast ports.

The ILWU Coast Committee responded by calling the full Longshore Negotiating Committee to meet at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 6 at the International Hotel in Los Angeles, the day before the 18th Biennial Convention opens.

The Kagel award, issued March 19, ordered all “longshoremen and clerks to work on container ships and ships hauling vans as directed by the employer.”

The arbitration was conducted without the presence of the union. It was instituted when the ILWU longshore division implemented the caucus plan of action stopping work on all “container ships and ships hauling vans” throughout the coast. The order was handed down after several days of hearings.

At its Los Angeles meeting the Longshore Negotiating Committee will consider the court’s order and any damage suits or fines that might be used to force compliance with the order.

EAST COAST

Coincidentally, in the recent dispute between the New York Shipping... —Continued on Back Page

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The 18th Biennial Convention Los Angeles, April 7-11

The largest ILWU convention ever will bring more than 400 delegates to Los Angeles from Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Oregon and California. This is the first to be held when California since the 1955 Long Beach convention. A planning committee, representing twelve southern locals, pensioners and auxiliaries, working closely with the international office, has done a yeoman job in arranging accommodations, transportation, entertainment and much more into launching an international convention.

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A Union Brother... A Man with a Dream!

"When I go, don't bother to mention I have a Nobel Peace Prize for that doesn't matter—don't bother to say I have three or four hundred other awards, for they don't matter either. Just say I tried to love somebody; say I tried to feed the hungry, I tried to love and serve humanity. Just say I was a drum major for justice; a drum major for peace who tried to make of this old world a New World."

ONE YEAR AGO this day, on April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King was slain by an assassin's bullet. He was engaged in the noble task of leading support for working men seeking union recognition. Killed while marching for union rights was a man who had helped inspire the words above. At the age of 39, one of the most sensitive human beings, the man who had helped inspire "a drum major for peace," a Nobel prize winner, a non-violent fighting man, wasbaraerously cut down, as he came to Memphis to help striking garbage men win a right that Mrs. Rosa Parks refused them by the local city government. It is the elementary right to union recognition. The right to be recognized as union men has died. The Reverend King was in fact a union man from the very beginning. He had not been named an honorary member of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union at 150 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94102. Second-Class Postage Paid at San Francisco, Calif. 94102.

What We May at Times Forget is That Dr. King's Life was a Struggle, and his Path from Montgomery to Memphis was Walking with People. Was this the result of an ex- struc- tion of effective Black Power than the order forbidding Jim Crow seating in Ala- "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." Or, "I was triggered a bus boycott, a on his mind, and to bring people with him, a bus because she was tired, and soon, under ofMrs. Rosa Parks who sat down in st in the local government. The time is too short to condone hear racist expressions and keep still? W When the chips were down at Little Rock, Ark., Ike had the guts to call out the troops to enforce school de- men... we ourselves had a finger on that trigger! The fingers on the trigger are those of racism, of greed, of the two men-by-man—these are things we know. But aren't they also found where polite people hear racist expressions and keep still? Where nice people put a nickel's worth of sweet charity in the collection cup, but won't give a man a job because he is a man against discrimination, but somehow can't find a home or a school for a man and his The finger is to this we must each man can find where the trigger finger is, and if the glove fits..."

When King was killed, the ILWU spoke up. We pledged to try to heal the sick- ness in our society. We said, "Because the trigger is not pulled by the citizen-All the world divided by violence, we found this to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Fume came quickly to this man. By the end of his 35th birthday, he was already Time magazine's "Man of the Year" and in 1964, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize—"for having brought hope to those suffering at the time summit meeting with the Russians in 1955—to try to get us stuck in the mire of a land war in Asia. And he didn't. It wasn't until Kennedy came along that we really got to us up to our neck. Ike may have been a poor politician but when it came to making decisions, his choices made history. Let's look at some of them: He chose former California Governor Earl Warren to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court amid the morns and cries of anguish by the liberals. What happened? Only a few years later, he was the most dramatic advances ever made in advancing civil rights and protecting civil liberties, plus some outstanding decisions in labor law. Eisenhower's war of labor, John Mitchell was one of the best. During the "right-to-work" campaign in California, he opposed this anti-labor legislation. The Landrum-Griffin law couldn't gain its 25 votes mostly because of his neck trying to enforce it. That didn't happen until Kennedy came on the scene. In fact, the ILWU and all of labor was almost free of government attack and intervention during Ike's administration.

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ILWU Urges Insurance Firms to Avoid Paying Sales Tax

SALEM—"Battle lines now forming all over the place, and the sales tax is here to stay," Ernest Baker said in his March 31 "Report from Salem." The bombarding will be verbal, in the form of newspaper and television broadsides, so "check your registration, so you will be in a position to vote NO on the sales tax," June 3.

Last day for voter registration in the special election is May 3.
The Oregon Supreme Court this week came up with a new title for the sales tax, "Property tax relief and sales tax." The one tied on by the legislature was confusing enough, but this one is even worse," Baker said glumly.

In other developments on the tax front, two bills aimed at securing some true property tax relief for senior citizens living in their own homes have been tabled by the House taxation committee.

A recent report exposed the use of several means by Oregon-based insurance firms to avoid paying state income taxes. Current state law only requires these companies to pay 1 percent to Oregon taxpayers already have their guns on them.

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This tax dodge is permitted in only four states in the nation. It is one of the insurance companies' own a building in downtown Portland in which 30 percent of the space is leased to other tenants. The company will concern its tax savings at the people's expense, if the sales tax (with its property tax provision) becomes law.

Today, the council asked the state to enact a suitable oil severance tax and asked the federal government to end the depletion allowance, which exempts the first 27 percent of the oil company's profits from taxation.

A resolution was adopted recommending a boycott against Chevron Chemical products at the request of Local 1-561 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union at Richmond.

A resolution from the recently elected Labor Council commending ILWU Regional Director Bill Chester, Bob Hinkley and the Teamsters of Oregon and California by Howard Bellard, AFL-CIO council president, for their help in settling the teachers' strike in San Francisco State College, was approved.

The council adopted a resolution from Local 142 in Hawaii for the San Francisco division. He is chairman of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

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BEST CONTRACT in the hotel industry was celebrated by Naniloa tour drivers of Kauai, Hawaii, at party pictured above. In addition to entertainment, members heard a message of congratulations on their contract gains from Hawaii division director George Martin. Inter-island tourist trade agreement brought best wages and conditions.

WASHINGTON — Price rise in the lumber industry brought strong demands for a total embargo on exports of lumber, including logs, plywood and other wood products. A cabinet-level task force, in an effort to increase supply and lower prices, has recommended steps to increase the yield from federally-owned forests, and to examining long-term "solutions" to the price and supply problem.

Among the "solutions" being seriously considered are further restrictions on exports, including restrictions on lumber, shavings and tree-entially owned forests. Exports of federally-owned logs were restricted last year under an amendment to the foreign aid bill.

ILWU TESTIMONY
ILWU Washington representative Al Lannon, Jr., appeared before the House Banking and Currency Committee this week to oppose further restrictions on export of lumber.

Leading the fight to ban all wood exports is the National Association of Home Builders, with support from the Associated General Contractors, Sierra Club members of the lumber industry itself, and many legislators.

Patman, chairman of the House Committee, appearing before a Senate Housing Subcommittee headed by John Sparkman (D-Ala.) took a middle-road position, complaining about the alleged effects of exports but adding that the Morse Amendment could be eased or eliminated before too long.

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ILWU Testimony on Rate Hike

Lannon told the committee.

As perhaps never in recent history, the whole country is watching" the hearings and debates on tax reform, Lannon told the committee.

His appearance followed hundreds of hours of testimony from corporations and individuals seeking to preserve their multi-billion dollar tax loopholes.

The price-tax squeeze on workers, Lannon stated, "has virtually destroyed many of the wage increases won through hard bargaining.""Real wages," he continued, "rose only six-tenths of one percent during 1968, even though take-home pay increased almost five percent."

Lannon cited statistics showing that lower income families pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes than do the wealthy, some of whom avoid paying any federal income tax at all.

TAX REVOLT
The "time has come," he declared, "to call a halt to increasingly regressive taxation on poor and working people and to confront those who escape paying their fair share. The time has come to face this issue squarely, without fear or favor, before the "tax revolt" breaks out into a full scale tax strike with devastating consequences to our communities, our educational system and our economy.

To provide immediate tax relief, he proposed, abolishing the ten percent surtax; increasing personal exemptions and standard deductions. Above all else, there must be a closing of the loopholes, including those which allow many millionaires to pay no taxes at all.

While the senators hurried past the question of price-fixing and monopoly, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, Wright Patman (D-Texas), demanded an investigation of "exclusive bidding and anti-trust violations." Citing "monopolistic influences in the industry," Patman urged the Justice Department to move into the situation.

CONTRADICTIONS
Several contradictions turned up during the sessions; the home builders complained of a labor shortage in the saw mills, while last year, when lobbying for the Morse amendment, they told of mills closing by the dozens with hundreds of workers being thrown out by "short supply" areas.

While they claimed that excessive demand had driven prices up, there was no comment on the fact that Southern lumber interests, where demand is not anywhere near what it is in the Pacific Northwest, take their prices right along with the "short supply" areas.

Another factor in the House hearings was Rep. Patman's attack on rising interest rates as the prime source of inflation. Patman, who drew disclaimers from several colleagues, warned that the "proved ways to stop inflation, but raising interest rates is like fighting fire with gasoline."

Kaiser Plan Challenged On Rate Hike

The California Council for Health Plan Alternatives called union officials and welfare plan trustees to two special meetings last week to talk about the 18 percent rate increase announced by the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan to take effect April 1.

One meeting was held in San Francisco and another in Los Angeles.

CCHPA, representing the principal unions in California is asking Kaiser for a full explanation of the cost factors involved in the rate increase.

Among complaints presented to Kaiser at both meetings was the quality of care being given union members and others who fall under the Kaiser Health Plan coverage; (3) the increasingly arbitrary "take it or leave it" attitude of Kaiser in its relations with the Trust Funds; (4) the growing frustration among union members over Kaiser's refusal to establish meaningful grievance or complaint procedures for members, union officials and plan beneficiaries.

TELEGRAM ASKS DELAY
CCHPA asked a telegram to Kaiser Health Plan asking for a delay in making the rate increase effective "as a matter of interest rates and time to determine the effect of the rate increase on their health programs and take steps to deal with the problem."

The were informed by the foundation's president, Dr. Clifford Keene, that no delay was possible.

George Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, then proposed that an immediate meeting be arranged with Edgar Kaiser, director and board chairman of the Kaiser foundation. This was approved unanimously, and a call was made to arrange an appointment.

Doctors Continue Study Of Longshoremen's Health

SAN FRANCISCO — Following a conference with Local 10 vice president Bill Bailey, two physicians of the state Department of Public Health are preparing to continue long-term studies of the health of longshoremen.

They are Drs. Ralph Paffenbarger and Harvey Van. They have been involved in an 18-year study which began with multi-Phasic tests of a group of longshoremen in 1951 and has been followed up periodically since that time. They hope to learn the effects of various kinds of work on the incidence of heart disease and stroke.

The doctors visited some piers with Bailey on March 10 and expect to continue their work over a period of several months.
Hawaii ILWU Helps with Grape Boycott

HONOLULU—ILWU warmly supports the work of the Hawaii Table Grape Boycott Committee formed here last month to help California grape workers win union recognition and a collective bargaining agreement.

The committee is asking the legislature to pass legislation supporting the boycott, requesting public institutions to refrain from buying California grapes and encouraging all citizens to “join this nation-wide consumer boycott to help restore human dignity to California farm workers.”

The committee has the support of a number of community organizations, and urges organizations of all sorts to adopt statements of support and to publicize the cause.

Local 142 president Carl Damaso is a vice-chairman of the committee, which is headed by Mr. M. T. Ise, executive secretary of the AFL-GIO COPE Committee (Committee on Political Education).

The resolution, which passed the State Senate March 28, makes these points, among others:

- Grape workers have had to resort to the grape boycott because they are disadvantaged by lack of legal protections enjoyed by other workers.
- Farm workers are not covered by the National Labor Relations Act.
- Grape growers have refused to recognize the union, and have been replacing strikers by alien scabs and strikebreakers whom U.S. immigration law allows to come in from Mexico.
- California courts have sided with the growers, for example a Superior Court injunction limits picketing to one yard per gate on various upland ranches, the largest of which covers 12,000 acres.

PUBLIC INTEREST
- It is in the public interest to protect the right of agricultural workers to organize and to bargain collectively. The State of Hawaii Employment Act of 1946 gives such rights.
- Shipments of California table grapes to Hawaii in 1968 totalled 1,175,542 cartons. An agricultural grape boycott here would have real impact.

Hawaii Legislature Backs Grape Boycott

HONOLULU — Hawaii’s state legislature, which adjourned March 28 in support of the United Farm Workers’ boycott of California table grapes, is considering a resolution to back the grape boycott. Local 142 headquarters was decorated with a bouquet of flowers March 27 in support of the grape boycott.

The resolution requests “all public institutions of the state of Hawaii to refrain from purchasing California table grapes” until the growers recognize the UFW as bargaining agent for the grape workers.

The resolution noted that “Hawaii’s agricultural employers and employees, through cooperative bargaining, have established good wages and benefits for local, ‘pension and other benefits, to the advantage of the entire community and economy of the islands. Hawaii’s economy is adversely affected by the unfair competition of California’s table grape growers. . . . Workers here receive very little of the value received and the effort being put forth to improve the lives of workers.”

Calling All Pensioners

By Bill Lawrence and Lee Miller

Most ILWU pensioners’ groups are as old or nearly as old as our pension system. Originally these groups were formed as get-together organizations for strictly fraternal and social purposes and to visit the sick as well as to pay their respects to their deceased brothers.

These social and fraternal functions are still a major part of group activity, but during the last few years the pension groups have realized that they need to expand and be as active as possible to protect their pension posture at all levels: national, state, local and ILWU/PMA.

Most of the pension groups are made up of ILWU/PMA retirees from longshore, clerical and warehouse locals in port areas. Most groups allow widows of pensioners to have membership without dues.

We think any port area that has 25 or more pensioners should form a group and should apply for membership in the Pacific Area Pensioners Association. The dues in the first year is a mere $5.00 per person. This is a very small sum to pay for the value received and the effort being made to improve the lives of pensioners.

Most groups also have some social activity, such as annual dinners, Christmas parties, bus trips, etc. All groups have monthly meetings, which are conducted at the homes of the various ILWU locals. They are organized pretty much the same way as a president, vice-president, secretary and executive board.

If your health permits, by all means attend your group meetings because here is the place to air your grievances and express your ideas as to the solution of your problems. Remember we are all dedicated to the principle of “helping a brother in distress.” And this applies to our active working brothers as well as our brother pensioners.

We have under consideration a plan for members-at-large. This would be for the benefit of those persons living far away from port areas that are large enough to form groups. This is on the agenda for the next convention meeting; you will be informed of their actions and recommendations.

Portland Auxiliary 5 Helps Save Landmarks

PORTLAND — Efforts of the late Francis J. Marnane to save Portland’s historical landmarks were eulogized at a meeting in the Old Church March 26.

Auxiliary 5, a contributor to the fund to save the pioneer edifice, also came out for public preservation in the newest of the auxiliary’s, headed by President Verna Phillips, were present in a body at the meeting and the pipe organ recital which followed.

At a brief business session earlier in the Longshore Hall, the auxiliaries voted to support HB 12445, a bill which would make the “philosophy of preservation an integral part of the organization’s program.” A required subject in Oregon schools.

Los Angeles Local 26 Improves Dental Plans

LOS ANGELES — The California district service plan of warehouse Local 26 has increased its remuneration of charges on April 1, from 75 to 80 percent of the total bill.

For members covered by the Dr. Schoen plan, surcharges for children were reduced in amounts ranging from 35 to 60 percent.

There was no increase in the cost of dental care to the employees or to members of Local 26.

When the Indian Band at Port Simpson, BC arranged to export logs from the reserve and a new port was opened for this purpose, ILWU took the stand that local native Indians should be trained for the jobs and no labor brought in from outside. The Local there is composed entirely of native Indian members. Some are seen in these pictures, on a log-loading operation.

ILWU in Canada has about 550 Indian members employed on every type of skilled job in the industry. Indian members served on local union executive boards and as union presidents; Indian longshoremen have become foremen in the industry.

Canada ILWU Calls for Indian, Eskimo Equality

VANCOUVER, B.C. — The executive board of the Canadian Area ILWU endorsed the solidarity statement from the Indians of Canada in a fight for the following seven point program to achieve equality for native people.

1. Open job opportunities for native people in our north country by requiring mining, oil and other corporations to give them priority in jobs as a condition for permits to exploit natural resources.

2. Government assistance to established industries on or near Indian reserves to create jobs.

3. Special vocational and trade training to bring native people’s skills up to those of other Canadians so they may have equal ability to compete for jobs.

SELF-GOVERNMENT

4. Self-government for the reserves. Let Indian bands handle their own affairs.

5. Legislation to outlaw discrimination in all its forms against the native people of Canada.

6. A large scale program of modern public housing on reserves. Special assistance to off-reserve Indians to secure decent housing at rents that correspond to their incomes.

7. Settle land claims by appointing a commission with Indian and labor representation. Strong observance of all treaty rights held by Indians.

DESPERATE PLIGHT

The ILWU statement drew public attention to the desperate plight of the majority of Canada’s half million native peoples by citing the following facts:

- Over 40 percent of Canada’s original citizens are living on relief and the situation is getting worse year by year.
- About 47 percent of Indian families earn less than $1000 a year and 75 percent earn less than $2000.
- Infant mortality is twice the national average.
- The life expectancy of a Canadian Eskimo is 21 years and a native Indian 34 years, while the national life expectancy is 62 years.
- Fifty-seven percent of Indian families live in houses of three rooms or less, only 12 percent have indoor toilets and 44 percent have electricity.
- Many Eskimos are still living in snow houses, tents, or shacks made of crates or scraps of lumber.
- Fifty percent of Indian students do not go beyond Grade 6, 61 percent fail to reach Grade 8 and 91 percent fail to reach Grade 12. 25 percent of Eskimo children do not go to school.
- One third of the inmates of reformatory institutions are people of native ancestry. The great majority of offenses are minor — vagrancy and liquor violations.

JOBS DENIED

The ILWU charged that discrimination against native Indians takes many forms:

- "Most employers refuse to hire Indians even when they have the necessary skills, just because they are Indians. Many Indians are denied the opportunity of education and training to acquire skills which will enable them to compete for jobs on an equal basis with other Canadians."
- "It’s almost impossible for Indians to rent decent accommodations in our cities due to prejudice against them; the result is they end up in the slum areas. Their whole condition of poverty, ill health, and malnutrition is the result of discrimination against them by the federal government."
The Word from a Guy Who Knows -- Play It Safe

Reprinted from The Hook

Robert Hargrove sits in the middle of the hospital bed at Harbor View where he lies nearly six months which "seems like a helluva long time" to me with one hand clasping the overhead bar and the other lying loosely over the stump of his leg.

When he sees you come in his face lights up in that familiar old smile but there are gaping empty spaces where strong white teeth used to be and you note his hair has a dusting of gray that wasn't there before.

"Good to see you, man! You'd be surprised how few guys come to vis-

It's kind of you for a while about how the fork lift hit the divider curb and went thru the rail and off the dock into the jagged rocks below where later they found his split hard hat.

"One minute I'm laughing!"

"It can happen so suddenly," he exclaims, "one minute I'm laughing and scratching and the world is beautiful and the next second . . . he doesn't have a hand to shake with his hand, shudders, and says with deep feeling, "God! I hope I never have to live like this again."

Bob was unconscious most of the first month "kind of slipping in and out," he says, "and when they went through a series of corrective surgery. Two weeks ago he had the last of it, and then the thing that remains are the new teeth and the new leg and he can go home "maybe" in March or April.

Right now (February) he is getting six or seven hours a day rehabilitation exer-

izes "and they really drive you hard" and practicing walking on a dummy leg. "Boy!" he laughs. "The Doctors here say they still can't see how I lived."

69 PINES BLOOD

Bob Hargrove's gallant fight for life would never have succeeded had it not been for another thing, one vital item . . . over sixty pints of blood! The one thing that bugs him the most right now is the fact that he still owes for 23 pints. "At $35 a pint, that comes to a lot especially when I'm not working.

Seattle Auxiliary in Membership Drive

SEATTLE — Auxiliary 3, with the need for an intensified program of political and social welfare action, has laminated membership cards for its members. Wives, sisters and daughters, not only of Longshore Local 19 but from all other ILWU locals, are given a special invitation to visit, join, make new friends and help carry out our ILWU.

ILWU women interested in joining are invited to an open house at the Auxiliary's new headquarters, 69 Pines Blvd, Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m. to p.m. Questions will be answered by the membership committee headed by Esther Molino, AT 3- 8003; Thelma Fairbanks, LA 3-9997; Nettie Jeter, AT 1681.

ELECT OFFICERS

Officers of Auxiliary 3 for 1969 are Clara Gould, president; Vernice Stowers, vice-president; Mary Donway, secretary-treasurer; Yvonne Soden, recording secretary; Eloise Johnson, corresponding secretary; Lee Christensen, treasurer; Laura Yearka, chaplain; Mabel Stenseng, secretary-treasurer; Ernie Lewis, Recording secretary; Garnet McEvoy, membership chairman; Chester Young, store chairman; Rachel Young, membership chairman; Vergene Stenseng, membership chairman; and Robert T. Moe, Recording secretary.

Executive Board members are Florence Moineon, Mary Molino, Donway, Vivian George, Mae Holt, Esther Molino. The officers were installed by Tom Richardson.

The Sickingers Fete 50th Anniversary

PORTLAND—More than 100 per-

sons—most of them ILWU members—helped Mike and Mabel Sickinger celebrate their 50th Wedding An-

niversary March 22.

Local 8 presented a gold cup to the pair, inscribed with the words: "Happy Golden Wedding Anniver-
sary to Mike and Mabel. In appre-

ciation of their many contributions to Local 8.

Sickinger is a charter member of the union, besides being president of the Columbia River Pensioners Memorial Association and a trustee of the Pacific Coast Pensioners' group.

He served Local 8 in many capac-

ities until his retirement nine years ago, and has been equally active in behalf of the area's retired men.

ILWU Spokesmen Protest House 'Security Committee

WASHINGTON, DC — Two ILWU spokes-

men took part in a protest against continuance of the Un-American Activities Internal Security Committee — the un-American committee with a new name was Washington Representative Al Lannon, Jr., and Juan C. Jetter, ILWU international representa-

tive, was chief spokesman. News-

papers, the Lithographers & Photoengrav-

ers, International Typographi-

cal Union, Printing Pressmen and the Little League Photographers. All organizations but the ILWU are affiliated with the AFL-CIO, and members of the ILWU are members in the ILWU Memorial Association head-

quarters.

This marks the third time in the last six years that trade union unity in the newspaper field has brought the combined strength of all the un-

ions to bear at the same negotiating table. This time the opposed ap-

proach paid off handsomely for all.

ILWU members will receive more than $4,000 in additional income under the terms of the new agree-

Next Dispatcher Deadline April 11

includes ILWU

Big Wage Win

By Honolulu

News Unions

HONOLULU—A $40 wage increase over the next three years was negoti-

ated last week by the ILWU's Ma-

chinsts, International Typographi-

cal Union, Printing Pressmen and the Little League Photographers.

The new agreement, reached after a strike deadline had been set, provides for annual weekly increases of $13, $12.50 and $14.50, retroactive to February 1.

Other benefits won by the more than 700 workers include improved pension plans, a new leave-of-absence plan, Saturday pay and one new holiday (the em-

ployee's birthday).

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Northern California Auxiliaries Install

SAN FRANCISCO — Officers for the Auxiliaries' Northern California District Council were elected March 15, for the two year 1969-70 term. Installed by Jeannette Whitney, Federated Auxiliaries Vice President for Northern California, were: Elaine Yoneda, president; Margaret Pryor, vice president; Dawn Fertig, recording secretary; Harriett Shuffler, treasurer; Barbara Ellis, legislative coordinator and historian; Wenonah Drasnin, corresponding secretary and publicity; and Mabel Baugh, assistant corresponding secretary.

Contingent support to the grape strikers was demonstrated by a contribution to "Citizens Don't Buy Grapes Committee" and by the distribution of the "Safeway Grape Boycott" petition to all northern California Auxiliaries. A $25 contribution was also presented to the ILWU Northern California District Council to assist in legislative work.

FAMILY-LIFE COURSES

A letter was addressed to State Senator Albert Rodda, Senate Education Committee, expressing shock at the rabid attacks on "Family Life Courses" in the public schools and commending those whose approach has been to encourage implementing such courses. The letter urged state-wide adoption of "Family Life" courses.

Letter of support went to Local 142 regarding the (recently won) sugar strike.

Continuations were sent to recently reactivated Auxiliary 28 as well as to Federated First Vice President Ruth Harris and Gertrude Brasted, Federated Vice President for Southern California, for their work in bringing about this movement. Among other actions a contribution was made to the National Jewish Hospital, Denver.

The meeting was attended in membership by "Bill" Durrie, late Local 6 President; Anne Rand, retired ILWU librarian; Richard Jones, slain Standard Oil picket; and Nola Ker mish, daughter of Wenonah Drasnin, Auxiliary 17.

Chemainus Auxiliary

Officers Elects

CHEMANUIS, BC — Lorna Nichols has been re-elected president of Auxiliary 31. Other officers are Mary Lavdusky, vice president; Doris Gallagher, secretary; Ruth Atkinson, treasurer; Maude Rae, marshal; Jean Wagner, membership chairman; Lil Murus, Marg Thomas and Pat LeFluer, trustees.

Auxiliary 39 is affiliated with Longshore Local 508.

RUNNER-UP CHAMP for the city basketball league of San Francisco was the Local 10 team, after it had placed first in a 5-week adult league. Man with the ball is Ed Burkhart. To the left, behind the man guarding Burkhart, is Kenneth Hennes. Coaches are Bill Gerrick and Tony Winstead. Other team members are Guy Whitsel, Willis Freeman, Al Neely, Richard Oliver, Lamar Berry, Carl Zenon, Wilber Pinkston, Elmer Barrett and Jodie Taylor.

HENRIETTA FERTIG is Woman of the Year

NORTH BEND—Henrietta Fertig, a long time member of Auxiliary 1 and a tireless worker for many years in youth oriented community projects, received the Woman of the Year award at the Bay Area Jaycee Distinguished Services Awards dinner recently.

Active in work with retarded youth, John's Daughters, and the PTA besides opening her own home to children from broken homes, Mrs. Fertig found time also for political activity with the ILWU auxiliary delegation which lobbied in Salem against the sales tax.

She is the widow of Lawrence Fertig, formerly of Local 18, Astoria, and one time president of Columbia River District Council; and the mother of Dick Fertig of Local 12 and Emily Fertig, a physical education teacher in California.

Here's a photograph of Pat and son Rocky who scored by nailing a deer, and two elk. The bull elk was downed in Pacific county; the deer on the opening day of the season in Cow-Land.

We've been asked—from time to time—our sentiments on the advisability of "doe seasons." Briefly: this is where we stand:

Any given piece of land has a certain carrying capacity; can support just so many deer. Sometimes to have more deer, we must shoot more deer, for when an over-population of deer exists, the range is in danger of ruin, sometimes for all time.

When a farmer's field is ripe with produce, it must be marketed, not stored in a warehouse to rot. Likewise when there is a surplus of deer—bucks or does—they should be harvested or the surplus will die of starvation, without benefit to anyone.

We would most certainly like to hear from the membership on this controversial matter—pro and con.

Annual Bowling Tournament To Be Held at Victoria

VICTORIA, BC—The fourth Annual Invitational ILWU Bowling Tournament will be held here on May 17 and 18. The Brady-Hamilton Traveling Trophy, won last year by a team from Hoquiam, Wash., will again be awarded to the team rolling the highest handicapped mixed team series.

Individual trophies will be presented to the winners in all events. Entries forms have been mailed to secretaries of west coast locals. Further information may be obtained by writing Mrs. M. Hall, 546 Ralph St., Victoria, B.C., Canada.

Longview Basketball Champs

LONGVIEW — The Local 21 Longshore Basketball Team completed a very successful season, winning 16 games and losing only one, to win the Industrial League championship.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please let me know. I'm here to help!
On the MARCH
By J. R. (Bob) Robertson

Leadership Measured by Ability

The members of this particular local were predominantly black, though there were a number of caucasians there too. This happened in the deep south, 30 years ago, where integrated locals were unknown—except in the ILWU, which was the first union to integrate. This was the first such local in that area. This man was the elected leader, because he had leadership ability and everyone recognized it.

E T S LOOK at another example. In Chicago we had an interesting experience when we established a local in the mid-forties—typical of warehouse and distribution groups who are in the union today on the west coast. This one grew from one small plant to a local of about 2000 members in a number of plants. The leader, elected from the ranks, had worked 20 years in a drug warehouse. He showed leadership potential from the very first. Shortly after the local was chartered he was elected president.

That was in Chicago in the mid-forties where there were many so-called racial problems because of the enormous influx of workers from the deep south.

These facts are very important, because the total of four or 50 shippers was integrated—including black and white, Mexican-American, and other language and nationality groups. But President Bernard Lucas, a black man continued as president of the local for many years. Why? Because he had real leadership ability, and the ranks knew it.

Though they are no longer in the ILWU (they happened to finally go into the Packinghouse Workers)