No Strike Set
BC Dockers Resume Pact Talks

VANCOUVER, BC—Following unanimous rank and file rejection of a conciliation board's award, ILWU longshore negotiators in British Columbia are continuing direct discussions with employers to try to hammer out a collective bargaining agreement.

No strike date has been fixed and negotiations are expected to continue, according to ILWU Canadian area president Andy Kotowich. The current pact expires July 31.

This decision by the union policy committee came after the government-appointed conciliation board virtually granted employers everything they asked for, while granting the union almost nothing. As was expected, the employer accepted the board's award.

The conciliation board's recommendations are not binding on either party, and strike action can be taken seven days after the board makes its report.

STOPWORK MEETS

The union policy committee, meeting in Vancouver July 31, recommended membership rejection of the conciliation board's award.

Special stop-work membership meetings held on Vancouver Island July 22 and in Vancouver on July 23, with 1400 members attending, rejected the award unanimously.

In a summary of the conciliation board report the union policy committee said:

"This does not offer a settlement of the dispute between the ILWU and the British Columbia Maritime Employers' Association."

The lengthy report, the union said, includes 13-page academic discussion on the problems of the industry and the board's approach to them, including sympathy expressed for the objectives of the union before the question of cost arises.

However, said the union, "when we come to the much more important recommendation section it is quite evident that Mr. Gallagher approaches the problems of BC longshoremen with a wide-eyed amazement at the level of wages and benefits obtained in Vancouver."

The reference is to Roy Gallagher, chairman of the conciliation board, set up in the dispute between the ILWU and BCLFEA. The employer's nominee to the board was Boyd Ferri, and the union nominee was William Stewart. Stewart opposed the board's recommendation.

The union summary of the award noted further that "the board has granted the employers virtually everything they asked for in the way of reduced or relaxed working rules and control of hours, dispatching, overtime and clock operation, etc."

"On the other hand it has granted the unions the going rate of wage increases and the one-cent increase in welfare contributions which the BCMEA had already agreed to."

It is noted further that the board had not fixed any union concessions the employers had also agreed to.

All issues in the contract are on the table as the union announced both sides are back in negotiations.

ILWU Areas Talk Organizing

WILMINGTON—The last of four West Coast area conferences to prepare the way for new organizational programs took place here on Monday, July 28, with International officials and leaders of nine Southern California locals discussing perspectives for organizing the unorganized.

Other area conferences have already been held between local leadership in the Washington, Columbia River and Oregon Coast, and Northern California areas and recently-elected international vice presidents Jack Hall and William Chester.

The four titled officers of the ILWU, who now constitute the National Organizing Committee as a result of convention action last April, recommended these informal area conferences in order to acquaint the new officers with the problems and aims of each area, and set up organizational guidelines and targets.

In each area attendance was reportedly excellent, with many people, including a number of unpaid officials, giving up weekdays in order to talk up organization.

According to the international vice presidents, there were expressions in each area that much can be accomplished especially in those places where there is rank-and-file enthusiasm for bringing in new membership. Hall is Director of Organization and Chester is Assistant to the President.

The first order of business, now that all four areas have met, will be for the National Organizing Committee to continue back page

Open Invitation to Pensioners' Parley

The Pacific Coast Pensioners Association will hold its Second Annual Convention starting September 15 at the Shasta County Fairgrounds in Anderson, Calif., near Redding.

Bill Lawrence, PCPA president, has issued an open invitation to all regional directors, International representatives, local officers and members of ILWU to attend. Direct invitations are being sent to the International national officers and executive board members.

Any member of an ILWU pensioners club in good standing is eligible to attend the convention as a delegate. It is a "boho" convention, with delegates attending at their own expense.

For information, write to Leo Miller, PCPA coordinator, PO Box 74, Oak Run, Calif. 96069.
HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS around the globe watched in awe and wonder as two men walked on the face of the moon recently. The plaque the Americans left behind said: "We came in peace for all mankind..." and that spirit along with their courage and ideas about conditions on earth, about people throughout the entire country. Their eyes were so long glued to the TV screen that any moment we expected an announcer to say, "Meanwhile back on the old planet Earth things are really in a mess..." We keep recalling that every astronaut—American and Russian alike—has remarked on the breathtaking beauty of the human race and the waste in the machinery of the union:... We keep recalling that every astronaut—American and Russian alike—has remarked on the breathtaking beauty of the human race and the waste in the machinery of the union:...
**Southern Cal Council Aided Nurse Strike**

**Los Angeles** — Representatives of state and local members of the Leb- anon hospital spoke to the Southern Cal Council (an affiliate of the ILWU) at its July meeting. The Council adopted a motion recommending that all affiliated locals invite spokesmen for the nurses to appear at meetings to explain the strike issues and appeal for the nurses to return to work.

The motion was adopted.

Paul Perlin, secretary and legisla- tive representative of the council, discussed the current legal situation facing California unions. "Between Reagan as governor and Yorty as mayor of Los Angeles, we hope to work our court out for us," he said.

"The nurses have made the unfavorable odds against labor. Paul Rea, president of the Safety Bill (S.302), had been passed by the legislature before the governor. Rea wanted to have his picture taken with ILWU represent- atives during the signing, Perlin said, but "We were not available."

International Executive Board member L. L. (Chick) Loveridge reported on the status of negotiations with PMA on manning of container freight stations and parity for per- sonnel. He followed this with a statement thanking all other locals in Los Angeles for the "signal support."

Loveridge and Perlin agreed that relations among the ILWU locals are more harmonious than ever. "We enj- oy a more cooperative spirit among locals 15 and 26 in the entire history of the ILWU," Perlin said.

A two-year contract with Westoil provides for a wage increase of 22 cents an hour the first time, a borrower can shop for a loan, and one of the new provisions the trade union leaders are making to get around the laws.

Concerning the income tax surtax, the officers said: "We are opposed to the continuation of the surtax and we are opposed to any gimmicks which call for the continuation of the surtax as 'tax reform' is de- bated later."

On ABM, the officers wrote: "An appeal to support the National Leadership Council for Peace in the 20th Century was made at the International office.)

The three-year agreement pro- vides benefits totaling about 70 cents an hour: 20 cents retroactive to July 1, another 11 1/2 cents start- ing July 1, 1970; 8 cents on January 1, 1971; and 10 cents on July 1, 1971. A tenth paid holiday, Good Friday, will take effect during the first con- tract year.

Pension contributions were raised from 10 cents to 15 cents an hour. An additional increase of 8 cents will begin January 1, 1972.

Negotiating committee members were vice president Joe Ibarra, busi- ness agent Hy Orkin, Antonio Rojas, Louis Santa Cruz and Jess Sanches. A two-year contract with Westost Terminals provides for a wage in- crease of 22 cents an hour the first year. Increases the second year. Shift differentials go from 8 to 12 cents for swing and from 16 to 25 cents for graveyard.

Negotiators were Hy Orkin, Joe Bruce and Tom Woolley.
Black Women Win Long Hospital Strike in South

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Some 500 hospital workers, most of them women and 99 percent black, have won an historic 34-month strike in this Deep South city.

At the Medical College of South Carolina Hospital, workers won de facto union recognition, a wage increase of 30 cents an hour (bringing the hourly pay to $2.15 a day), and hiring of all strikers, including 12 women, who first walked on March 17 touched off the strike.

The terms include a grievance procedure that allows an employee to bring his complaint to the hospital with all stages of the procedure. This means de facto recognition of the union.

The strike of 65 workers against Charleston General Hospital lasted three weeks longer. Settlement terms were the same, except that the rehiring issue was compromised. Forty-two were reinstated to their jobs immediately; the others were to be taken back within three months if this could be done without "over-staffing.

850 ARRESTED

The strike attracted national support when police tried to break it with 850 arrests, along with beating and shooting the National Guardsmen who came in with tanks and bayonets.

More than 12,000 persons passed the struck hospitals on May 11 in a "Mother's Day" show of support, led by Dr. Martin Luther King.

One of those arrested was Dr. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who went on a hunger strike in jail on May 10 after being sentenced. Another was Leon Davis, president of the parent union, Hospital Workers of America, headquarters in New York.

Mrs. Mary Moultrie, president of the striking local, 1199, and her friend, Doris Turner, vice president, made a trip to New York, where they addressed a meeting at which were given strike fund contributions.

According to RWDSU Record, published by the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, to which Local 1199 is affiliated, intervention by a white Hilfe Laketa, who favored a shut down of the port of Charleston by 600 members of the International Longshoremen's Association, "in support of the hospital strikers.

1199 Drug & Hospital News reported "a rock-like unity ... so com-

Warehousemen—File Your Benefit Claims on Time

SAN FRANCISCO — Many warehousemen of Locals 6 and 17 who have health coverage through the insured plan, Pacific National, are losing benefits because they file their claims late, according to Jeanette Siegel, Welfare administrator for these locals.

If benefits payments are made, claims must be filed within 90 days of the date claimants first receive notice of any claim. If filed later than that, claims can be denied and the warehousemen lose their benefits.

To avoid this loss, Miss Harris suggests, "It's a good idea to take a course in the insurance office on the first visit. Tell the secretary about the time limit when you give her your claim. Be sure to fill in the date on the bottom of the claim.

"In illnesses requiring continued treatment, itemized bills should be mailed to Pacific National as re-

A Letter from Blissful Region, Nowhere, No Time

SAN FRANCISCO — Retirement under the terms of the ILWU-PMA agreement is a "blissful region, nowhere, no time, lease from labor for pay," says Raymond Stewart of shipper's Local 38, based in Oakland.

"Leaving from "Blissful Region, Nowhere" at "No Time," Stewart re-
called starting work at 17 with "no insurance, no security, no vacation, no wage, no blood bond, no union insurance, no dental care, no safety enforcing policy, no death benefit, no mechanism fund, and, of course, no retirement. "A long time ago, these days of no hope, no future ... was the fact, the condition and the prospect."

To a letter to the officers and office staff of Local 34, Stewart said he was "a relative 'wealthy' man, especially since the relative freedom and security of having union conditions for 25 years have never exhausted me mentally, physically or spiritually but have left me in a state of eagerness and interest in the period ahead."

He had been a member of seven other unions before ILWU, Stewart wrote, but "To me, ILWU, despite its faults, is the greatest, the finest labor organization I have been belonged to."

"It seems to me," he added, "that a new crusading zeal is needed not only for force containment into other areas of industry, but also to confront in a positive way the dehumanizing effects of a whole host of other gigantic social problems such as Vietnam, pollution, disintegration of cities, racial dis-
tinctions, health, stereotyped thinking, spoliation of natural resources and natural beauty, unemployment, the sea-
soning in education, encroachment of the military-industrial complex on human freedom, and hosts of others."

Chamber of Commerce In Union-Busting Drive

WASHINGTON — The US Cham-

ber of Commerce has launched a nation wide campaign to defeat the National Labor Relations Board into a repressive, union-busting force.

"There is taking two directions. One is "labor law reform"— re-

write the law to "protect the right of management to manage free of un-
due interference from union bosses."

The other is a backstop in case the first doesn't work. It is called the "NLRB plan."

In a pamphlet un-

der that title, the Chamber suggests that the "least disruptive and most gradual approach would be for the President to appoint people to the labor board who would bring about the changes that we are desiring for the Chamber of Commerce favors."

The pamphlet continues: The "businessman has great influence. He sometimes may have the con-

fidence of key figures in the admin-
istration, which today may afford the most immediate reform of the NLRB."

State and local Chambers of Com-

merce are being brought into the "labor law reform" movement. They are being conducted in cities all across the country, complete with literature and ad copy to influence the public, as well as guides for busi-

nessmen on how to lobby, how to run a propaganda campaign, how to promote letter writing to newspa-

pers and legislators.

As an example of how to operate, NLRB Reform boasts that the Cham-

ber's "massive promotional cam-
paign" has "inspired" numerous ar-
ticles in the press.

UNION-BUSTING GOALS

By one means or the other, the Chamber aims to accomplish 21 primary goals, including:

• Eliminating the card check as a method of organizing workers.
• Allowing new and wider grounds for the National Labor Relations Board to issue unfair labor practice cases. Most of these cases are brought to the NLRB by the union, and are entitled to the bargaining rights, without arbitra-

tion procedure and without the abil-

ity of the employer to bargain with management for any agreement.

• Repeal of the NLRB from unfair labor practice cases. Most of such cases are brought to the NLRB by the employer, with no real hope of winning the bargain.

• Low income families and small children depend on hot dogs for pro-

tein nutrition," said Sylvia Siegel, executive director of ACC. "Our so-
called consumer counsel fails com-
pletely to represent the consumers' interests, matters of great import-
ance, which is what she is being paid for."

The subject came up at a US De-

partment of Agriculture hearing on the hot dog industry. For the past 40 years, fat content has increased and protein decreased. But, of course, prices haven't gone down.
**High Interest Rates Mean Lost Jobs** Says AFL-CIO

WASHINGTON — The AFL-CIO has condemned the latest increase in interest rates by the nation’s biggest banks as a "public-be-damned" move.

"High interest rates mean lost jobs," a federation spokesman told the House Banking Committee. "They hit construction first and hardest, but the effects spread."

When the major banks increased their prime rate to 8 1/2 percent from 7 1/2 percent, it was the third boost this year, and the first since April 1946 that the rate had gone up a full percentage point in one move. It meant a 31 percent rise in the cost of money in less than a year.

The prime rate is the lowest rate charged to business borrowers who are the best credit risks.

The Wall Street Journal reported that "Other interest rates in the short-term money market bounded sharply upward, triggered by the prime-rate move."

During the 1929 crash, the AFL-CIO reminded the committee, "upward hikes in the prime rate were eventually followed by a recession . . . with untold losses in economic growth and human losses in terms of jobs and incomes."

**CONSUMERS PAY MORE**

All other interest rates follow the lead of the prime rate. Consumers have to pay more for credit buying of a washing machine or a new home. Business firms pay higher rates on money they borrow from banks; this higher cost of doing business is, naturally, passed on to consumers.

Instead of combatting inflation, the higher interest rate adds to it. Only much later, after a major re-

cession has resulted, might inflation be curbed.

The Nixon administration was reported by The Wall Street Journal to be "fuming" over the interest hike, with one official accusing the banks of "fuming" over the interest rate increase. The interest rate hike adds to inflation, which the Nixon administration has said is "terrible, unfair and ought to be reversed."

**MORE TO COME?**

Shortly after the rate increase, top US commercial bankers attended an annual International Monetary Conference of the American Bankers Association in Copenhagen, Denmark, where several of them were quoted as saying another increase might prove "necessary."

Too many business firms, the bankers said, were able to keep their volume up despite increased retail prices resulting from higher interest rates. Their attitude was that interest had to be boosted to the point where real business slowdown was produced.

An unnamed New York banker told a Wall Street Journal reporter: "Maybe 0.5 percent or even 10 percent would be enough, but I'm not even sure about that now."

A major west coast banker was quoted: "I don't know where this is headed. Probably a 15 percent prime rate would do it."

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The vote on these missile systems is expected momentarily. The final decision rests with a handful of uncommitted senators.

This anti-ABM coalition was estimated to represent organizations, unions, religious and reform groups with a combined membership of some 24 million Americans!

Among organizations joining the effort were:

ILWU, Teamsters, United Auto Workers, National Farmers Union, National Council of Churches, Federation of American Scientists, Federation of Priests' Councils (Catholic), American Baptist, United Union of Hebrew Congregations, United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian Church, Americans for Democratic Action, World Federalists, Church of the Brethren, the Republican Ripon Society, Friends Committee on National Legislation, SANE, Women Strike for Peace, and others.

Several AFL-CIO unions also participated in the lobbying. This was all the more significant because the AFL-CIO Executive Council voted recently to endorse ABM and for the first time the AFL-CIO announced that there were five dissenting votes—a most unusual situation in their executive council.

Senators reported mail still running very heavy against ABM, despite a well-organized, right-wing-financed "American Security Council" postcard campaign questioning the patriotism of all opponents of ABM.

ILWU states were split down the middle, with one senator in each favoring ABM, and the other committed or leaning against.

**Auxiliary Urges Nixon: Bring Peace; 'Do What Ike Did'**

PORTLAND — ILWU Women's Auxiliary 5 recently questioned President Nixon concerning his promise to withdraw 50,000 troops from Vietnam which gave the impression to the public that "de-escalation had begun."

"If troops are being withdrawn, why are the draft quotas going up?" asked the letter, written by auxiliary president Yev Phillips, inquired. Oregon's quota for August has been set at 194; it was 109 a year ago.

The letter drew attention to fan-

fare surrounding the return of the Third Battalion to McChord Field. Under the headlines the story revealed only 118 of the enlisted men are to be released; the other 66 are being "reasigned."

**NOT ENOUGH**

Even if 25,000 boys are being brought home, Mrs. Phillips wrote, "It is not nearly enough!"

The longest conflict in American history has placed "more than 500,000 men in a country with which we are not legally at war and is costing billions of dollars a year . . . ."

"Just the listing of the names of the war dead in the Congressional Record cost $110 per page and came to $13,420 last March, at which time 56 American boys were being killed every 24 hours."

"These aren't just statistics to women who have sat in the green tent and heard taps played over all that was left of their sons."

The letter concluded with a refer-

cence to President Eisenhower and the Korean war. On July 27, 1953 just six months after he took office an Armistice was signed.

"Mr. President, you took office last January, and it's new July . . . why can't you do what President Eisen-

hower did?"
SAN PEDRO MEMORIAL for victims of “Bloody Thursday” was held at Cata- lateral Hall by members of longshore Local 13, as pictured above. Another memorial to those who died on July 5, 1934, took place aboard the SS Connelly at sea.

Photo by Pablo Hall

Doctors, Hospitals Cheat Medi-Cal of Millions

SACRAMENTO—Doctors, pharmacists, hospitals and nursing homes have been cheating Medi-Cal $6 million to $8 million a year, according to a state deputy attorney general, Herbert Davis. This is done through kickbacks, false billing and over-servicing of patients, he charged.

Medi-Cal is California’s version of a program called Medicaid elsewhere—a limited national health program little 19 of the social security act, which took effect January 1, 1966. It enables elderly indigent people to receive care from any doctor they chose and to have drugs as well as hospital or nursing home care when ordered by a physician.

Bills are submitted to Medi-Cal by the person or institution providing the drug or service.

In 1968, about two-thirds of the 4,175,662 eligible persons received treatment resulting in $26,688,672 claims totaling $766,181,764.

The Department of Health Care Services had only two investigators, one here and one based in Los Angeles. As a result of Davis’ charges, 12 more investigators have been employed—on a trial basis—of the number recommended.

OVER-BILLING

Under state law, anyone can be prosecuted for fraud if he submits a false bill, but there is no penalty for seeing a patient ten times for an examination that takes 20 minutes.

Several hearing-aids dealers have been charged for supplying of equipment while bills for medical for high-priced new equipment.

Many bills to Medi-Cal by individual doctors range from $40,000 to $100,000 a year. This income is in addition to earnings from private practice. A number submitted bills totaling more than $100,000; one was for $167,000.

Recommendations to curb the abuses include setting standards for normal treatment of all illnesses, de-emphasize claims approval of offices and elimination of Blue Cross and Blue Shield as fiscal intermediaries for Medi-Cal.

It’s Better To Be Right

From Local 11 Bulletin, San Jose

The wheels of justice grind slowly (so slowly that sometimes it seems they move not at all).

Sometimes when we speak out on some issue, months, even years go by before we are proven correct and thus vindicated.

A case in point is Adam Clayton Powell.

Way back in January of 1967, our local convention adopted a resolution protesting the singing out of the most powerful black congressman for expulsion from Congress. Our union said it was not only illegal but was an attack on labor because Powell had the best pro-labor record. It was not until 200 million black people in the USA.

Now, over two years later, comes the Supreme Court and orders the Congressman seated once again, declaring that the House of Representatives violated the constitution by unseating him.

It may not have been popular to say what we did in 1967—but it was sure right. And maybe it’s better to be right than popular.

Columbia Medical Offers Support for New Organizing

LONGVIEW—The Columbia River District Council at its July meeting in a move to keeping his efforts to organizing the unorganized in western Oregon and southwestern Washington.

The action, in the form of a letter to ILWU, vice-president Jack Hall, pledged the CRDC would work with the union’s new director of organizing and with area locals in encouraging organizational effort.

Fred Huntering, delegate from Longview said, “Maybe the time has come to reiterate what an oldtime labor chieftain said about labor’s task: ‘Organize, agitate and agitate.’”

The meeting commended Ed Marcol of Local 43 for his long years of service to our council, as president and delegate.

Maps, at the start of the session, he was stepping down as president since he was no longer a delegate from the panel workers. He turned the gavel over to vice-president Robert Lunde, a Portland longshoreman.

SCAB GRAPES

The Council sent a sharply worded letter to the US Department of Defense procurement division regarding the shipment of grapes sent to Vietnam.

“It would seem very poor public policy for a division of our government to help itself to and destroy the efforts of a group of American people to better their own and the suffering peoples of Vietnam to secure a more abundant future…”

This was written by CRDC secretary A. F. Stoneburg, the “question also arises as to just how Agriculture obtained permission to sell the procurement division.”

The Council also wired both senators of the Pentagone, Safeway chain is the biggest purchaser of the scab grapes. “J. G. Boswell, the large- scale importer in Agriculture, is a Safeway board. His land company, one of the largest cotton growers in California, received over $4 million last year in federal subsidies—for not growing cotton,” Nick Jones, council attorney, told the council.

“Who is your tax money.”

PLEDGES

Hundreds of pledges not to patronize Safeway were turned in by ILWU members in Oregon and Washington.

Columbia Council Blasts 10% War Surtax and ABM

PORTLAND—Columbia River District Council secretary Art E. Aukburg has asked US Senator Robert Packwood, a Portland Democrat, to change his mind on the anti-ballistic missile program.

Because of recent press reports and the closeness of the Vietnam vote predicted…we are hopeful you may have given even greater consideration, the wire said.

“We are convinced the people of the world are confronted with a clear destruction unless we divert our productive resources toward bringing an end of the war.”

The state’s senior senator, Mark Hatfield, who is opposed to ABM, also received a wire, urging him to relentsently continue his efforts to defeat it.

The council also wired both senators to vote against continuation or modification of the percent war surtax. The overall message of the sales tax “indicates the temper of Oregon voters on taxes,” the telegram pointed out.

Auxiliary Leaders Get War Story from Vietnam Women

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Netty Crawford of Seattle, Federated Auxiliaries vice president for Washington, was one of 135 persons who came from the United States to hear a trio of Vietnamese women tell all war has meant to their homeland.

The East-West meeting was part of a two-day conference sponsored by the AUW Women to discuss the war and the relationship of Canadian and sideside women to the end of the war. It was held at the University of British Columbia.

Mrs. Crawford was delegated to address the conference after the Federated Auxiliary conference, as was Alice Bousme, vice president for Canada.

The Asian visitors included Mme. Vo Th Tiu, professor of literature at the University of Hanoi; Mme. Lien Th Tiao, a teacher in South Vietnam, and Mme. Nguyen Dung, an assistant to Mme. Thi Nhung, former minister in the new Provisional Revolutionary government set up in South Vietnam, and presently sta- tioned in Paris for the peace talks.

The three women called the Saigon government a “puppet government.” It has no real support from the people, they said, except from the “black marketers who sell stolen US goods.”

ALLEY MESSAGET

Mrs. Crawford was introduced from the platform. Following the meeting presented a message to the Vietnamese women, which said in part:

“The AUW auxiliaries are pledged to peace, as is the labor union to which they are affiliated…”

The meeting was presented at a dinner August 23 in Seattle, at which time Local 8 secretary John Olson will present the resolution.

Note was taken of the absence of Local 40 delegate J. K. Brannahan. Stranaahan, a former state member of the council and chairman of the publicity committee which publishes the CRDC’s bulletin, OR-RECAP, is seriously injured on a ship lost month in Cook Bay.

New threats to labor shaping up on the political and economic horizon in Oregon were discussed by the CRDC’s legislative representative, Ernest R. Baker.

He warned against a move “by super fink Ross Hill to start a right-to-work petition drive.”
AWARD WINNERS in Local 34 golf tournament included the two pictured at left above. At top is Walt McConalogue of Local 34 with trophy for low net score. Below (right), is Swede Dawson, Local 34, receiving low gross score and organized Local 34 golf chairman. At upper right are 21 golfers from Locals 13 and 63, Wilmington, who took part. At right, below, Seeterlin, (right) greets Jim Bowen of Local 63. Others are Mrs. Bowen, Mel Booth of the Stockton division of Local 34, and (seated) Mrs. Bob Grundell.

204 Players in Shipclerk Golf Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO — Two hundred four golfers took part in the 16th annual golf tournament sponsored by Shipclerkers Local 34. It took place July 5 at the Del Monte golf course in Monterey.

In addition to members of Local 34, there were 21 golfers from ILWU locals of the Los Angeles area, 16 from Local 34 in Stockton, and two from Local 145, Hawaii.

The awards dinner at Mark Thomas Inn, Monterey, was attended by 362 golfers and guests, including international secretary-treasurer Louis Goldblatt and his wife and former International executive board member Saburo Fujisaki of Hawaii.

Low gross first place winner was Swede Dawson of Local 34. Runners-up, in order, were Andy McKelly, Tsuiku Wai and Hank Cirencione, all of Local 34. Low net winners were Walt McConalogue and Len Stahl.

Next year's tournament will be held at South Tahoe.

PG&E Asking Too Much, Says Union

SAN FRANCISCO — Pacific Gas and Electric Company should have less than a third of the rate increase it is demanding, says the state Public Utilities Commission.

The company wants $26,457,000 for the third Local 142 Convention, to be held August 18.

Local 142 Conference Plans Hotel Organizing

HONOLULU—Four of Oahu's six major cemeteries, in a joint agreement with ILWU Local 142, have signed three-year contracts with wage increases of 8 percent the first year, 9 percent the second year and 8 percent the third year.

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New Parks Bring Gifts to Hawaiian Cemetery Workers

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Local 142 Conference Plans Hotel Organizing

HONOLULU—A state-wide ILWU hotel conference here focused on how ILWU can most effectively organize the rapidly expanding tourist industry.

Delegates took note of the fact that the theme of the 9th Biennial Local 142 Convention, to be held here September 8-13, will be tourism and organizing.

Hawaiian Golf Tour To Start September 27

SAN FRANCISCO — The third ILWU goodwill golf tour of the Hawaiian Islands by golfers of Shipclerks Local 34 will leave here September 27 for a two-week trip, to include golfing on three islands.

Deadline for signing up is August 8. For information call 981-0728.

Arctic ice pack about 15 miles off Kotzebue Point, Siberia, on March 22, this year, five hours flight time out of Kotzebue, Alaska. The weather was clear but down to 40 degrees below zero. The polar's hide measurement was 16-ft. 6-in. and the skull 26-1/2-in., squared, should be in the record class.

"My guide was Ray McNutt of Sterling, Alaska, and, believe me, they don't come any better. This was my second bear hunt in as many years. Last May I took a 9-ft. Kodiak bear at the head of Utsai Bay, Kodiak Island with Park Munsey as guide."

"Next year I'm planning to hunt for the Glacier bear out of Yakut, Alaska, and the following year for Grizzly with Ray McNutt on the Kenai Peninsula. After these hunts I hope to make contact with someone from Siberia or Russia to arrange a hunt for the Siberian bear."

Also scoring on one of the larger members of the big game species in the west was Danny Martin of Local 12, North Bend, Oregon. That is the record of Don Brown of Gardiner, Oregon, who reports that Dan and three other hunters came out of the upper Coos River area with three elk this past season. Largest of the elk downed was the one pictured here with Danny. I would say that Danny didn't travel more than 30 miles from his kitchen door to nail this bruiser.

ILWU members can earn a pair of the illustrated KROCODILE fishing lures. All that's required is a clear snapshot of a fishing and hunting scene—and a few words as to what the photo is about. Send it to:

Fred Goetz, Dept. TD
2821 S.E. 33rd Place
Portland, Oregon 97202

Please mention your local number and name. Of course, retired members are eligible.

Portland Local 8 Elects

PORTLAND — Don Ronne was elected business agent and LRC member in the mid-term election of longshore Local 8. Chuck Moffit was elected mid-term dispatcher and Shadow Dulin, relief dispatcher.

Election Notice

Local 20A, Wilmington
Local 20A, ILWU, Wilmington, Calif., will hold its election October 9, 1969, to fill the offices of president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, junior trustee, sergeant-at-arms and guide. Nominations will be made at regular union meetings on August 14 and September 11, 1969, at Martine Clerks Hall, 707 West C St., Wilmington, Calif. Polling will be between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on October 9, 1969, at the Wilmington office of United B. B. Bonar and Chemical Company, 300 Falcon St., Wilmington, Calif.

July 30, 1969
Hawaii ILWU Wins Benefits For Disabled

HONOLULU — A bill providing temporary disability insurance, hatched by ILWU, was enacted last month. It is expected to pay benefits to some 80,000 workers next year.

The Star-Bulletin described it as "one of the most far-reaching pieces of social legislation in recent years," and said the "ILWU led the drive for a Hawaii TDI law." The Advertiser said "the ILWU alone was the major impetus in getting it through the legislature.

The law gives income protection for workers who cannot work because of sickness or injury not connected with the job. Up to now, such persons have had no source of income, because they cannot qualify for either Workmen's Compensation or unemployment benefits.

Beginning January 1, 1970, a disabled worker will receive 56% of his pay up to a maximum of $72 a week for up to 26 weeks.

Maximum weekly payments will be adjusted upward annually as average wages rise.

Dock Safety Bill Is Enacted in California

SACRAMENTO — A dock safety bill introduced at the initiative of ILWU has passed both houses of the legislature and has been signed by Governor Reagan.

It makes permanent the dock safety codes of 1963, which expired in 1967 and had been renewed yearly since that time. They would have expired at the end of 1969 without the recently-enacted bill.

This year's dock safety bill was authored by state Senator Lou Cusonovich (R. Van Nuys), chairman of the Senate committee on Labor and Welfare.

Frank Crosby Retires; Longtime Local 9 Leader

SEATTLE—Frank Crosby, a member and leader of warehouse Local 9 since it was organized in 1936, retired May 1 with the thanks and best wishes of membership.

Crosby had served the local in every office from trustee to president. Since March, he has been a health, welfare and pension trustee.

Crosby was employed for 40 years at Fisher Flouring Mills.

ILWU Group Likes Alioto for Governor

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU's San Francisco Joint Legislative Committee has asked Mayor Joseph Alioto to run for governor of this state in 1970.

At a recent meeting, the committee heard a report on his administration by the mayor, then adopted a motion urging him to seek the Democratic party's nomination to oppose Ronald Reagan next year.

The committee sent letters to the northern and southern California district councils of ILWU, recommending that they take the same action.

Alioto has also been urged to make the Northern California strike his top priority, including the Teamsters, Building Trades Council, Metal Trades Council, Plumbers, Painters, Electrical Workers, Seafarers International Union, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Culinary Workers, and Butchers.

Next Dispatcher Deadline August 5

Sweden's Sophisticated Containership

SEATTLE — Scheduled container-ship service between Puget Sound and Europe was inaugurated July 20 with arrival here of the Axel Johnson, first of six new Swedish ships to be used in this service.

Her owners call her "the world's newest, most sophisticated containership." She is 576 feet long, with capacity for 640 twenty-foot vans plus 15,000 cubic feet of refrigerated cargo space. Her rated speed is 23 knots.

The six ships will be operating by 1971. One will be designed to carry 2,000 automobiles from Europe and return with packaged timber.

The 14,000-ton Axel Johnson is equipped with two gantry cranes on rails, each of 35-ton capacity, to handle 25. The holds are divided into "cells" formed by vertical rails extending from the hull to the upper deck hatches. These will guide the containers as they are lowered into place and will hold them at sea.

The new ship worked in other ports from Vancouver, BC to California.