The Challenge of Technological Change

Locals 6 and 17:

Warehouse Demands Go To Members

SAN FRANCISCO — At a special contract convention held on Saturday, April 25, warehouse delegates from ILWU Locals 6 and 17 approved a list of bargaining demands submitted by the Joint Northern California Warehouse Council. The Council consists of the two ILWU locals and representatives from eleven Teamster locals.

As we go to press, membership meetings were being held to discuss and vote on the proposed demands, as approved by the convention. The key demands are as follows:

1. A wage increase of $2 an hour over three years, with a cost of living clause and improved shift differentials.
2. Higher pensions and improved sick leave benefits.
3. Liberalized provisions for funeral leave, severance pay, jury duty and military service.
4. Increased health and welfare benefits.
5. Additional paid holiday and improved vacation plans.
6. An eight-hour guarantee for all workers.
7. Double time for all hours after overtime.
8. Liberalized seniority and discharge provisions.

Joint Cal. Councils: Approve Unruh and Brown

LOS ANGELES — Assemblyman Jess Unruh received approval in his race for the governor's chair from a joint meeting of the Northern and Southern California District Councils here Saturday, May 2.

Primary elections will be held June 4. Unruh was chosen after he made a personal appearance before the delegates.

Assemblyman George Brown got the nod for US Senator.

Also endorsed for statewide offices were Alfred E. Abern, lieutenant governor; Edmund Brown, Jr., secretary of state; Herman Bilas, controller; Milton Gordon, treasurer.

Seek Shorter Work Week

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Problems arising from new union work rules to meet technological change, and an equitable distribution of work opportunity were uppermost in the minds of delegates at the 11th convention of the Canadian Area ILWU, held here, April 27 to May 1.

In attendance were 63 delegates from 8 locals representing 3300 members as well as six delegates from four ladies auxiliaries and three delegates from the pensioners. A new feature was the large number of younger delegates.

CHESTER KEYNOTE

In his keynote address at the opening of the convention, ILWU vice president, William H. Chester, brought greetings and best wishes from the entire International Union and officers.

Recalling the International Convention held here in 1965, he said, "We will never forget your hospitality, your kindness and cooperation—and above all, your friendship.

"As all of you probably know," Chester added, "I am no stranger here. I spent a few hours recently with your negotiating committee...when you bedded down one of the best contracts the ILWU ever had.

"That was when I became even better acquainted with many of you, when I learned that, in addition to hospitality and friendship, you are a rugged, tough, and militant union. No matter what differences there may have been, when all the chips were down you taught us all a lesson in the meaning of solidarity and unity.

"Resolutions dealing with limitations on the hours of work in a specific period produced a long and heated debate as delegates grappled with the problem of applying labor's objective of a shorter work week to an industry where work opportunity is not steady.

"Delegates finally called on international president Harry Bridges for advice.

"We made a world survey looking for a suitable solution to the problem of hours of work in the longshore industry," said Bridges, adding that none was found. It remains a problem, he said, in socialist and under-developed countries as well as in countries like ours.
Seldom before has this country experienced a greater consensus than in the opposition to the Nixon-Pentagon's misadventure in Cambodia.

Americans in all walks of life are angered, shocked and bewildered. The invasion was done in such a fashion that even some members of the President's cabinet, as well as high-ranking members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, were left unaware. As New York Times correspondent James Reston puts it, "Now there is a bitter and ugly spirit" in the nation's capital.

The most generous thing that can be said about the Vietnam adventure is that it is a tragic mistake. The ILWU said this in three Statements of Policy in three conventions since 1965. If the Vietnam war was a mistake the Cambodian invasion is a calamity.

Many Americans, including our own members, were honestly encouraged by the President's steps in promising withdrawal of our forces, although they could see no reason for the further loss of a single American life in Vietnam.

On April 20, he announced a schedule of withdrawals amounting to 150,000 during the following year. It was too slow, many said, but it was a chance to save lives and that's what counted.

Then, in a most unbelievable reversal the President, without consultation, without bringing his case to the people, without warning our friends in the rest of the world, announced as an accomplished fact the invasion of Cambodia.

By any standards, this is an act of war in violation of the United States Constitution. Little wonder that even so faithful a Republican as Senator Aiken of Vermont, denounced it as an unbelievable breach of faith. Little wonder that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee expressed itself powerfully against any further movement in Cambodia.

The President has created a credibility gap of incredible proportions.

Let's look at the tally sheet:

This is the President whose plan to get us out of Vietnam has embroiled us deeper than ever, without even the excuse of an appeal or request by the country invaded — namely Cambodia.

This is the same President who promised to "bring us together"—and has divided this country as never before.


We called upon the President and our congressmen "to stop the killing in Vietnam." That was the key. That has been the key to all ILWU Statements of Policy on Vietnam.

We said then, as we still say: "Let the Vietnamese people decide. They have suffered war and foreign intervention too long already." We believed then, and still believe, there must be:

1. A cease-fire.
2. Withdrawal of all American forces.
4. Settlement and peace.

That was said five years ago. Then we were shocked by the fact that several thousand Americans had been killed, that many more thousands had been wounded.

Now, five years later, we are 40,000 American lives later; We are 300,000 American wounded later; We have left destruction and massive suffering on a scale never before experienced by such small countries.

And now, the same tragedy starts all over again—in Cambodia! Where next?

Five years later we say again—and have not changed—that our policy must be to get out of Vietnam—and Cambodia!

We can justly say we're as proud of our country as President Nixon or his administration or supporters or the Pentagon. And we don't like the idea of Nixon holding a first mortgage on our patriotism.

Pride in our country also means admitting a mistake once it has been made. Pride in our country means moving away from war and turning to peace.

Only this can reunite our country, can insure domestic tranquility, can safeguard the livelihood of our members—and the lives of our sons!
In Trona:

Still No End in Sight: Desert Local Is Firm

As we go to press, representatives of the ILWU, the machinists and the electricians (IBEW) are meeting with company representatives to try and settle their seven-week-old strike against American Potash Company. But there is little hope that an agreement will be reached as soon as the present ministrations of some 35 strikers, most of whom are under 30, have failed to get the company's attention. In a letter to the company's president, the ILWU members have called attention to the situation in which the courts and law enforcement agencies have been used to break the strike and harass union members.—Editor's note.

TRONA — The strike began at 12:01 a.m., March 18, 1970, when over 500 members of ILWU Local 35—plus electrical workers and machinists—working at the plant to protect their own and their brothers' benefits and working conditions.

BREAK THE UNION

From the first moments of the strike it looked as though the company was intending to break the union. The ILWU had its impounded armed goons in town before the strike began and supervisors were locked in the plant. There are about 350 people inside the plant, including a security guard organization, a security guard, local Los Angeles County. The plant is not operating normally but the equipment is running.

The company has injunctions in effect against the union but they are restricted to three pickets for approximately 150 yards in front of the plant. The pickets are three driveways and two sidewalk entrances. The pickets at other gates are limited to two.

The picket signs, distances between pickets, and all actions of the picketers and other persons are restricted. To top all this off there is a 100 yard "no-mans land" zone around any picket station. There are also other restrictions included in the injunctions, such as "trespassing on company property," which we are finding to be the entire valley.

On March 24, a union newspaper was shot at by company guards. A ladies auxiliary was formed, consisting of women from the ILWU, and other unions to be one of the most valuable assets of the union in the union hall kitchen, etc., and to the picketing.

There have now been 54 persons cited for contempt of court on one count or more. Of course, the injunctions were so severe that it is impossible to obey them completely.

WIVES THREATENED

From the first week of the strike union members' wives have received threatening phone calls, anonymous letters, and have been followed home by the company's fearsome Wackenhut guards. The company has attempted to circulate rumors, scare people, and in general try to break down morale. There have been instances of women and men struck by vehicles while walking picket and men armed with guns and pistols by the Wackenhut guards.

On April 4, at about 2:15 a.m., a union member's wife was shot in the leg by a guard in her driveway. She was able to return fire, even though the wounded man was unarmed.

The company's political muscle in San Bernardino county is fantastic. The judge issuing the injunctions could do no more harm to the union members if he were a company attorney. The San Bernardino county sheriff's office could do no more for the company if they were on their payroll.

POLICE HARASSMENT

The company has pushed pickets, escorted trucks and people through the picket lines, searched homes without warrants, and vehicles without reason, thrown roadblocks up with phony excuses, and harassed union members and nonmembers to the point of complete disgust for the police.

Between April 8 and 26, there have been 15 arrests on charges that are completely fraudulent.

Persons who have been transported to Barstow—90 miles away—complain that their lives have been endangered by the excesses of the police. The police drive up to the plant with which the deputies drive all. The report speeds in excess of 100 mph while they are handcuffed in a back seat cage.

One of the persons arrested was a woman who was a mother of four. Her car was handcuffed and placed in a sheriff's car in full view of her children.

The sad part of this is that the common everyday working people and their families are being treated as though they are criminals. There was probably less crime in Trona than anywhere in San Bernardino county, until the sheriff's office and American Potash decided it should be different.

After six weeks on strike, the morale of the people in Trona is still as good as it was the first week. They are convinced that the company will not defeat the union and that Trona will not be a company town as it was 15 years ago.

We are asking for support of our cause by any means possible—financial or otherwise, political pressure, food donations, etc., will be deeply appreciated by the people. This will aid them in their fight against the Oklahoma plant that is attempting to destroy what they have fought for for so many years.

Oppose Douglas

Impeachment

SAN FRANCISCO — In a letter to all congressmen from ILWU area, the ILWU Northern California District Council requested their opposition to the proposed impeachment of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

The message said: "Justice Douglas has been an outstanding member of the Supreme Court for over thirty years, and during this period has been the voice of the many in which decades to come will be considered milestones in the Court's history.

"He is considered by his fellow justices and by his constituents to be a just and evenhanded judge who has contributed so much to our country's growth.

"Even to consider impeaching one man who has contributed so much to our country's growth is a travesty of justice, and we ask you to please secure everything you can do to prevent the threatened action."

The letter was signed by Keith Rickman, council president and Robert Rohatchey, secretary.

Local 8 members demonstrated Monday, April 27, in front of Commission of Public Docks offices on Portland waterfront. Demonstrators also appeared at all Dock Commission's facilities at Terminals I, II and IV.

Dock Commission's 'Bad Faith'

PORTLAND—Longshoremen spent several hours Monday, April 27, demonstrating at all terminals leading into facilities operated by the Commission of Public Docks, including Terminals I, II and IV, as well as in front of Commission offices at 3070 W. Front Ave., which are located on the waterfront.

The demonstration was over the Commission's bad faith during negotiations with Local 8 last January in leasing Commission property to the Portland longshoremen. The demonstration was also support for the leasing of Commission property to outside firms for performance of what Local 8 considers longshore work and questions surrounding the movement of foreign automobiles into the port.

The result, Huntsinger said, was a "unanimous decision to do everything possible to maintain longshore jurisdiction and continue our support of the International's policy of captur- ing and re-capturing longshore work.

"We have asked the locals in the Columbia river and Oregon area to concur in our actions and have been assured of full cooperation."

Southern Cal Council Heirs From Trona

LOS ANGELES—After warmly greeting a delegation of strikers from desert Local 35, members of the Southern California District Council urged all locals to give full support—financial and otherwise—to the seven-week-old strike against American Potash Company in Trona.

The action consisted of Local 35 secretary Dale Moses, Bob Hedland, Richard Stahlhimer and Rex Duffel. Also present was ILWU International representative Roy Ortega.

Moses spoke of the tremendous dedication and solidarity expressed by the strikers, and by their families, and thanked the many southern Californians who had gone out of their way to go to Trona to help Local 35 in whatever way they could.

There were also many thanks for the various ILWU locals which had made generous contributions to the strike—especially money, time, and food.

The Council delegates also voted opposition to Gov. Reagan's attempt to cut staff from the state industrial relations department (see story on page 7) and voted full support to striking members of the American Federation of Teachers in Los Angeles.

Finally, the delegates called attention to the Los Angeles Harbor Commission to the "disgraceful" state of sanitary facilities on the waterfront.

Pensioners Aid Local 35

SAN FRANCISCO — After reading a letter from the Pacific Coast Pensioners' Association—ILWU on the Trona strike, the Bay Area Pensioners' Executive Board last month voted to donate $50 per month for the duration to embattled desert Local 35.

The board also went on record to support the lowering of the voting age to 18.

Also, the pensioners voted to oppose granting an increase in rates requested by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., and requested that the International prepare a statement on the matter expressing opposition to the proposed rate increase.
He pointed out that what the union is up against is that ships must be loaded when in port and members want to take advantage of all work opportunities to meet the rising cost of living.

In the USA, said Bridges, the low-man-out honor system prevails in the ILWU, based on many years of trial and error experience.

"Three resolutions were debated at length, including:
(a) a maximum of 78 shifts in a 13 week period;
(b) no one will be dispatched for more than six consecutive shifts, and
(c) a maximum of 624 straight time hours in a 13 week period.

The convention agreed to accept the principle embodied in the three resolutions and referred its implementation to the Canadian Area Board in conjunction with local officers.

Reviewing the course of the 1969-70 negotiations which included two strikes, three membership rejections of proposed contracts and the election of a new union leadership, the officers report summarized the main features of the new contract:

- A wage increase of $1.15 (29 percent) over a three year period on a base rate of $3.88;
- An increase from $7200 to $13,000 in automation protection benefits from "the present complete devaluation of our natural resources," and action to end "speculation, roll back prizes and institute rent controls.

Delegates condemned the "uncontrolled exploitation of our natural resources," and called for the establishment of a Canadian merchant marine which would provide "jobs for Canadian shipyard workers and Canadian seamen.

While noting an economic slowdown in the country, the officers report also drew attention to the impressive expansion of port facilities in BC (such as the new bulk loading port of Roberts Bank) which will increase export of natural resources (potash, lumber, iron ore, copper concentrates, sulphur, pulp, coal, etc.) to foreign countries.

Social legislation advocated by the convention included removal of abortions from the criminal code and the establishment of abortion clinics "available to any woman on request"; the establishment of a guaranteed annual income for all Canadians; removal of the cost of education from the homeowner, and strong measures to deal with pollution-producing industries.

Also noted was the growing employer offensive against labor expressed in the formation of Employers Council of BC and numerous lock-outs and anti-labor legislation.

ILWU officers called for the unity of "all labor under one roof" and decried "the mess it has caused; it must also turn it over to the Provinces; it accused the Nixon administration of following policy "to keep on with the war while going through hypocrisies designed to mislead public opinion."

At the same time, it criticized Canadian complicity expressed in the continued production and shipment of arms to the US for use in Vietnam.

The report also noted the increased involvement of Canadian labor in the movement to end the war.

By resolution, the delegates called attention to the Vietnam conflict spreading to Laos and Cambodia, reaffirmed the "place curbs on those who use all foreign troops from Vietnam and urged union members to support peace demonstrations endorsed by the Labor Councils and the BC Federation of Labor."

In a resolution titled "Canada and World Peace" delegates called on the Canadian government to withdraw from Vietnam.

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**Pollution and Profits**

Pollution is the product of our profit-oriented society of pollution-producing industries, whose owners are too busy counting profits to count lives.

Industry should pay to clean up the mess it has caused; it must also install and pay for all necessary pollution-control equipment to prevent further pollution.

This is the stand of the Canadian Area ILWU convention held in Vancouver, April 27-May 1.

At the same time, the union adopted a program for pollution control which includes the following:

- Pollution should be made a criminal offense.
- A ban on the manufacture and sale of harmful pesticides, such as D.D.T. and phosphorous de- tergents, as well as harmful additives to food and drink.
- Ban drilling for oil in coastal waters.
- Tertiary treatment for domestic sewage.

The convention urged union support for anti-pollution groups and conservationists. All members were urged "to take an active and strong position in their communities against pollution."

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**Equality, Justice for Indian People**

“Our organization is proud of its record in fighting for equality for the Indian people, both within and without our organization,” declared the report. "The report adopted at the 11th Convention of the Canadian Area ILWU.

Delegates noted that when we helped the Indian band at Port Simpson establish its own ILWU local to "shut out loggers.”

The union joined with Indian groups across the country in rejecting the Federal government’s new Indian policy, which was described as “designed to force them off their reserves, force them into the slums of the cities, and destroy their identity as a distinct people.”

The ILWU program includes:
- Full support to the Indian people in their demand that the Federal Government should retain responsibility for Indian Affairs and not turn it over to the Provinces; as “settlement of Indian claims and strict observance of Indian Treaty rights;”
- Settlement of the Indian people to control over the education of their people;
- The right of the Indian people to full self government on the reserves;
- Financial assistance to develop the reserves; and
- Priority for Indians in job opportunities in Canada’s north country.

Expressing that it is not the white man in general who is responsible for injustices against the Indian people, but the big corporations that dominate our country, the convention called for Indian-labor unity and the CLC executive that the UFAWU must first merge with the Canadian Food Workers and Allied Workers Union.

NIXON ACCUSED

The report noted that since the Canadian Area’s last convention "the movement of the American..."
draw from all military alliances and to support the United Nations.
Delegates also gave unanimous support to the position of the Canadian government and the Canadian Labor Congress that Canada immediately establish its full and complete sovereignty over the land and water areas of the Canadian Arctic against US encroachment.
In other actions, the convention called for:
• A campaign to organize the 59 percent of BC workers who are still not in unions.
• The trade union movement to champion the needs of the poor, including those on welfare and fixed low incomes, such as old age pensioners.
• Vigorous action to combat pollution.
• A government operated non-profit car insurance program to replace the present "car insurance racket."

STRUCTURE
Delegates also approved a report of the Convention's Constitution Committee, proposing the establishment of a committee by the Canadian Area Executive Board to examine the structure of the ILWU Canadian Area.
Guidelines set up for the committee include methods to provide information to the rank and file, extending the jurisdiction of the union, and working relationships between the Canadian Area and the International union.
After ratification by the Canadian Area Executive Board, the findings of the committee will be submitted to the next biennial convention of the Canadian Area or the International convention.

Canadian Area Nominations
VANCOUVER, B.C.—Primary elections at the Canadian Area ILWU Convention held here, April 27-May 1, resulted in the following nominations:
President:
Bob Peebles, Local 500, Vancouver.
Don Garcia, Local 502, New Westminster.
1st Vice President:
V. Goodfellow, Local 500.
V. McLean, Local 500.
2nd Vice President:
K. Gregory, Local 508, Chemainus.
3rd Vice President:
L. Copan, Local 500.
D. Lomas, Local 500.
Secretary-Treasurer:
F. Kennedy, Local 500.
L. Stapleton, Local 500.
Trustees:
4 Year Term:
C. Ferguson, Local 502.
J. McLean, Local 500.
2 Year Term:
J. Boles, Local 500.
J. Tully, Local 500.
The nominations to be submitted to a membership referendum.

Above is an exact replica of the newly-printed Canadian edition of the Steward's Manual. The recent Canadian Area convention passed several resolutions demanding a revitalization of the steward's system in Canadian ports. The new edition follows the same format as the US edition, except that it contains essential information on Canadian federal and BC provincial labor laws. (A second printing of the original US edition and a special Hawaii edition of the manual are now on the press.)
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Haymarket Anniversary,
Fight for 8-Hour Day

CHICAGO — On the evening of May 4, 1886—exactly 84 years ago — thousands of Chicago workers in the midst of a struggle against McCormack Harvester Co. for an eight-hour day, gathered in the Haymarket Square to protest the murder of six strikers by police the day before.

Things were peaceful. Despite rumors of armed “anarchists” and “communists,” many families were there with small children, and even Mayor Carter Harrison was there.

At about 11 p.m. Mary Harrer stopped by the police station to say that things looked OK, that policemen in emergency stand-by could go home.

POLICE CHIEF MOVES
But the police chief felt differently. He sent 180 men to break up the rally. As the chief ordered the crowd—now down to about 200—to disperse, three bombs went off. The police started shooting, and when the police stopped by the police station to say that things looked OK, that policemen in emergency stand-by could go home.

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Eight Chicago “anarchists” were tried on the most evidence—in the midst of a hysteria whipped up by the press. Four were hung, one committed suicide in jail. The remain ing three were pardoned some years later by the reforming Gov. John Alge d after a thorough investigation of the evidence.

This marked the beginning a period of repression for the American labor movement, as organizations like the Knights of Labor were crushed. But before he was hung, convicted anarchist August Spies told his tormentors:

“If you think by hanging us you can stamp out the labor movement . . . if this is your opinion, then hang us! Here you will tread upon a spark, you cannot put it out.”

Chicago area trade unionists, historians and other citizens concerned

Bridge Visits Chicago
Container Expo

CHICAGO—ILWU President Harry Bridges attended the Fifth International Container Service and Equipment Exhibition here April 14-17.

About 200 union, government and company officials from 22 Coast Guard and 1000 other international and national Maritime Service, the Master Mates and Pilots, and other unions attended seminars on the future of containerization.

The exposition was addressed by Labor Secretary George Schulz who warned employers not to count on the use of Taft-Hartley injunctions to solve labor disputes in the maritime trade.

Also attending, from labor's side, were representatives of the ILA, the Machinists, the railway unions, the National Maritime Union, the Master Mates and Pilots, and other unions affected by containerization.

Correction!

The last issue of The Dispatcher said that the Columbia River Docks had “approved the so-called ‘white foreigner’ clause of the Oregon Constitution.” The word “re peal” got left out accidentally so the sentence should read, “The CRDC approved a resolution calling for repeal of the so-called ‘white foreigner’ clause.”

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with commemorating the Haymar ket martyrs gathered last Sunday at the historic location to honor the memory of the eight-hour strikers. Highlight of the brief services was the unveiling of a plaque marking the site of the tragedy.

ILWU Rep Says:
Coast Guard
Noises Hurt
US-Russ Trade

PORTLAND — The heavy-handed rhetoric of Coast Guard brass in connection with the recent visit to the Columbia of two Russian freighters will do little to promote good trade relations between this country and the USSR, in the opinion of International representative James S. Fantz.

He cited the remarks of the top ranking Coast Guard officer in this area, Cmdr. Richard F. Malm, at a Council of the Navy League luncheon held the day of the arrival last week of the Ola, second Russian vessel to visit the Columbia in many years.

Malm said 50 Coast Guardmen would be involved in water and shore side surveillance, and FBI and customs people also would go aboard and “inspect her from stem to stern.”

When the Anton Chekhov came to Portland in February, “we trailed her all the way up river,” Malm was quoted as saying.

His swashbuckling remarks were widely quoted in the press.

GOOD EXAMPLE

“This is a good example of how the Establishment develops an attitude on the part of the American people that Russia is out to do us harm,” Fantz said.

The US has also endorsed the Soviet ships which worked here during World War II, and those visiting our ports since have the best record of any country in respecting our rules.”

The Ola unloaded manufactured steel parts from Japan before going to Vancouver to take on pulp, paper, lumber and raw log.

The trip up the Columbia reportedly was a testing operation to determine whether visits to Portland and other river ports would be “frequent.”
Stronger Health and Safety
Bill Before House Committee

A tough Occupational Health & Safety bill, H.R. 16785, has been approved by the House Select Subcommittee on Labor and is now before the full Education and Labor Committee. A strong version, which would cover virtually all working Americans, advanced despite a subcommittee's weak amendment by Republicans who favor a weaker version.

H.R. 16785 provides that each and every employer shall furnish a place of employment which is safe and healthful and shall "comply with occupational safety and health standards..." Use of "consensus standards" for job safety is tightened in this bill to guarantee that "persons interested and affected by the publishing of results, safety training programs, establishment of industry standards have reached substantial agreement on its adoption;" ILWU had pointed out in hearings that "consensus standards" are usually weak, with unions heavily outvoted by employer representatives.

The Secretary of Labor, if this bill survives, could issue citations for health and safety violations, assessed fines up to $10,000 a violation, and higher for interfering with federal safety inspectors. Localities where an "imminent danger" exists to workers can be shut down by order of the Secretary for days, and those orders can be kept closed by court order.

Research programs—including testing of new chemicals and publication of results, safety training programs, establishment of industry standards, and approval of state plans—are included in the proposal.

Bill Before House Committee

WASHINGTON

1970 Medical Plan Choice
May 1 to May 31

If you plan to change Health Plans or
If you Are Choosing a Health Plan for the First Time

The medical plan you select will cover you and your eligible dependents for the full contract year starting July 1, provided you remain eligible for Welfare benefits. Eligible widows have the same choice.

Choice is between the Insured Plan in each choice port area, and the following group service plan:
1. Kaiser Foundation Health Plans in San Francisco Bay, Sacramento, Los Angeles Harbor, San Diego and Portland - Vancouver areas; Group Health Cooperative or Community Medical Services in Seattle; Western Clinic in Tacoma.

The Insured Plan provides money toward payment of doctor and hospital bills. The group service plans provide hospital - medical - surgical services. 1970 Choice Bulletins are at the Locals.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL

Plan Choice

In San Francisco Bay and Los Angeles Harbor, H.R. 16785, to go your local before May 31 if you wish to transfer your children's dental coverage.

Joint Cal Councils

Wisconsin, California, and Oregon, to go your local before May 31 if you wish to transfer your children's dental coverage.

Textbooks—Yes.

Proposition 7—to provide that 50 per cent of all local educational expenditures be paid by the state—Yes.

Proposition 8—to other actions, the joint councils voted opposition to the new water-front screening bill, and re-affirmed support for Senate Spotlight: Senator Arnold's Examiner printers, and for the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee—Yes.

Ruminations, the councils also moved to support Assemblyman Vincent Chomel's resolution asking Gov. Reagan to appoint a commission to investigate the high cost of running for elected offices in the states, cities and counties.

CRIC Voting Recommendations for Oregon May 26 Primary

US Congress

1st District

Wendell Wyatt (D)

2nd & 3rd District... No Recommendation

4th District... (To be decided by Local 12)

State Offices

Governor—Art Pearl (D)

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Dale Parnell

Labor Commissioner—Norman O. Nissen

Supreme Court

Position No. 3—Gordon Sloan

Position No. 7—Ralph Holman

Court of Appeals

Position No. 1—Virgil Langtry

Position No. 5—Ed Branchfield

State Senate

Douglas

4th District—Jason Boe (D)

Washington & Yamhill

8th District—Lyle Gardner (D)

Clackamas

14th District—Richard Groener (D)

Position No. 1—Richard Groener (D)

Position No. 2—George Elvers (R)

Multnomah

12th District—Bill Bridger (D)

Position No. 6—Bill Bridger (D)

Position No. 7—Frank Manthey (D)

Position No. 8—John Johnson (D)

Clatsop-Columbia

Position No. 1—William Holmstrom

State House of Representatives

CLATSOP

1st District

George Cole (D)

2nd District—Wayne Turner (D)

Washington

4th District—Whitney Bates (D)

State Ballot Propositions

No. 1. Capitol construction bonds. A constitutional amendment authorizing general obligation bonds, not to exceed $294,000,000, 1.4 of 1 percent of true cash value of all taxable property, revenue to be used for building and other public projects.

No. 2. Repeal so-called "white foreigner" section of state constitution (Section 31, Article 11)

No. 3. Revision of Oregon Constitution. Would eliminate multi-antiquated and superfluous language, but also make offices of state superintendent of public instruction, labor commissioner, and state treasurer, which now are elective, appointive.

No. 4. Pollution control bonds. Would authorize the State House of and itself up to 1 percent of the true cash value of all taxable property, revenue to municipal corporations, cities and counties for control of pollution on land, sea and air. Would force the people instead of the polluters to pay cleanup costs.

No. 5. Lowers voting age, A constitutional amendment lowering the voting age from 21 to 19

No. 6. Local school property tax equalization. Another constitutional amendment, providing an exemption to the 6 percent Oregon property tax; would allow the legislature to increase the base for taxing units. Requires the higher tax to be levied on personal property to reduce tax levies made by the school districts.

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