Death of an Artist —
Rockwell Kent's Story

SF Locals Defend Jurisdiction

WASHINGTON — A proposed Defense Department plan to close down the Naval Supply Base waterfront facilities and consolidate them in one area where ILWU has traditionally held jurisdiction.

Responding to the threat, Locals 10, 34 and 75 began a telegram and petition campaign opposing the consolidation, sustained by ILWU President Robert Rohatch last week went to Washington, DC, to reinforce the union’s determination to save the several hundred jobs.

Along with ILWU Washington Representative Al Lannon, Rohatch met with Senators Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii), Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) and aides to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Senator Sam Nunn (D-Ga.). They also met with a number of Congressmen, including Bay Area representatives Phillip Burton, William Mailliard, Jerome Waldie, Ron Dellums and others.

Senator Fong also arranged for Rohatch and Lannon to meet with him and four representatives of the military commission. General Clarence Lang, commander of the Army’s MTMTS, which is pursuing the consolidation, said that the proposal is an attempt to fulfill President Nixon’s promise that no recruiting of re-employment personnel was contemplated.

The Army promised that no recruiting of replacement personnel would be retained with civil service placement personnel was contemplated.

However, that if work opportunities dropped drastically, it would create a problem. Civil service workers cannot be fired, and have a 40 hour week.

San Francisco — The ILWU Executive Board held its final meeting here prior to the next biennial convention, due to open in Honolulu April 19. That convention, in addition to all other union business and policy making, will also nominate titles officers and a new executive board to be elected during the summer.

The Executive Board, which is the major policy making and implementing body between conventions, unanimously voted to appoint former Hawaii division director George Martin as interim vice president and director of organization to fill the unexpired term of the late Jack Hall.

The Board approved an International union budget and a number of constitutional amendments to be referred to the convention, discussed several internal union jurisdictional disputes, endorsed a broad labor petition drive calling for President Nixon to pardon Teamster president James Hoffa, and reaffirmed ILWU support for the right of farm workers to organize.

Considerable discussion was held concerning continuation of the organizational drives that have been highly successful in several ILWU areas in the last two years, particularly in Hawaii and California!

A convoy from the Board also voted to continue affiliation with the California Council for Health Plan Alternatives. This is considered especially important now that the labor movement is united around the Kennedy bill for national health insurance and against the Nixon plan which was characterized as a "windfall for insurance companies."

ILWU secretary-treasurer Louis Goldblatt is also secretary-treasurer of the CCHPA.

LONGSHORE TALKS

President Bridges gave a short report on current longshore negotiations — after stating that there’s an agreement with the employers not to issue public statements or press releases about the day-to-day issues discussed at the bargaining table.

He noted that the stickiest issue is negotiating a work opportunity guarantee — work or pay — covering all members of the longshore work force, “A” and “B”. Negotiations, after being broken off for some weeks, have been going ahead on key industry-wide issues — jurisdiction, wages, hours, working conditions, grievance machinery, pensions and welfare and several more.

Bridges noted that: “We are trying to negotiate a contract without a tie-up; but, if it becomes necessary, that will be it.” He also noted that as things now stand the contract with the PMA must include Hawaii longshoremen.

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Local 26 Overwhelms Boss’s Campaign Against Unionism

LOS ANGELES — Workers at Silkauf Mfg. Co., in Paramount are jubilant over their 119 to 10 victory vote for ILWU Local 26 in a Labor Board election held March 5. Silkauf, a well-known manufacturer of plastic and plastic-coated closed dress sets, has been operating under seriously substandard rates and conditions.

The election climaxed a four-month campaign headed by International national representative Chet Meske, aided by organizer Earlie Barnett and Local 26 vice president Frank Lopes. Lopes will handle contract negotiations with the Company.

The campaign was described by ILWU regional director Bill Piercy as one of the toughest he had ever experienced.

The victory adds approximately 160 new members to the ranks of Local 26 — the majority of them Spanish speaking. Many were some-

times under threat of deportation but courageously supported the union.

CONSULTANTS

The union win has special significance because it was a major setback to a union-busting campaign encountered in several previous organizing efforts. In the Silkauf case, two sets of highly paid industrial relations consultants were involved.

Silkauf was supplied a complete series of at least 20 slick, lengthy letters which it sent to employees at home, purporting to tell the “truth” about ILWU and Local 26 in particular. The workers, however, saw through the lies and half-truths about “excessive dues, fines, initiation fees and assessments.” And the workers knew they were not joining the union just to strike as the company letters repeatedly stated.
Rockwell Kent Is Dead
—Honorary ILWU Man

A world-famed artist — whose greatest point of pride was his honorary membership in the ILWU — died last week at the age of 88.

Rockwell Kent's paintings hang in major American and European museums. But there were other lively places which were also galleries for his work. Those were dock and warehouse bulletin boards along the Pacific Coast, and sugar and pineapple plantations in Hawaii, and union halls and the membership books of tens of thousands of ILWU members. Union brothers and sisters will long remember his dramatic, vividly colored poster, which was also made into small stamps, to mark contributions to the Bridges - Robertson - Schmidt Defense Fund.

That was the poster "Save This Right Hand" that he painted as his contribution to the fight against that 1949-50 frame-up trial. At that time he wrote the then US Attorney General that the continuous harassment of Bridges "seriously threatened to undermine belief that we practice fair play under law."

Rockwell Kent and famed actor-singer Paul Robeson were the first men to be named honorary lifetime members of the ILWU. It happened November 12, 1943, at a banquet in New York City where 50 leaders in the field of labor and art applauded these men for "their steadfast devotion and service to the cause of democracy and the economic and cultural advancement of all peoples."

"I accept this as the greatest honor an artist can achieve, I consider the labor movement the finest school for education in real democracy," responded Kent.

He is known for many art works, such as his rugged portrayal of man and his environment in Rockwell Kent's Greenland Journal—a book of paintings, philosophy, anthropology and a tender love for the Eskimo people with whom he lived. Scholars know his dramatic illustrations in Doubleday's Complete Works of Shakespeare.

ILWU members know his work too on the cover of the first edition of The ILWU Story and many illustrations inside the book drawn specially for this union. This includes the powerful figure (see below) calling on his fellow members to protect their democracy and join the fight against fascism—"Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty."

His interest in the ILWU was unflagging almost to the day he died. In union files there is continuous correspondence between him and the officers and the then Dispatcher editor, Morris Watson, in which he showed deep concern over every conflict, and great joy at every victory.

In the same spirit he joined in every fight against the establishment when he felt that injustice was being done. He spoke out for peace continuously, and was for years chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

For his courage in speaking up for what he believed, he was denied a passport to travel in the fifties—he had refused to sign a non-Communist oath, an act he found repugnant. He successfully fought for his right to travel, right on through the US Supreme Court.

Rockwell Kent had strength, a fierce belief in freedom, a love for people—and pride in his union.

While we mourn his death, his fellow union members are glad we had the rare opportunity to call him "brother."
Local 26 Sets Max Factor Negotiations

LOS ANGELES — Close to two hundred ILWU members of Max Factor unit of Local 26's Cosmetic Division devoted the full agenda of the February 21 meeting to ratification of election of ten members to their negotiating committee.

The union and management agreed that the new contract would be signed at the March 27th member meeting or their local post office; they must then submit Application Form No. SF-171 to their local BLS office, or to the Personnel Office, U.S. Safety Officer Announcement No. 775-0533. Second-Class Postage paid at San Francisco, Calif. and additional mailing post office, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210. Attention: OSH.

Applications must be clearly marked "Occupational Safety & Health Application" in the appropriate place; those interested in strictly a longshore/self-employment, for those able, will lead negotiations for the union.

Union to Sue Nixon; Charges Economic Game Plan 'Illegal'

NEW YORK — In a dramatic move, the National Council of Distributive Workers of America, District 65, is preparing to take the Nixon Administration to court, demanding it live up to its responsibilities in providing full employment.

The suit, to be presented in federal court, charges the federal government with violations of the 1964 Employment Act. The Act, signed by President Harry Truman, states that it is the responsibility of the federal government to use all means “to coordinate and utilize all plans, functions and resources for the purpose of creating and maintaining conditions under which full employment prevails.”

NATIONAL TRAGEDY

According to District 65 president David Livingston: “The current situation is far beyond the recession stage; it is a national tragedy and disgrace. We argue that in reality much more than six percent of the working population is currently out of work. Even that figure is cataclysmic but it does not take into consideration the hundreds of thousands who have not applied for relief payments, those working two jobs who have lost one, or those self-employed who have financially destroyed during the Nixon depression.”

The action will be brought in federal court against Attorney General John Mitchell, Secretary of Labor James Hodgson and President Nixon.

INJUNCTION

The union is demanding a mandatory injunction requiring the three defendants to carry out their responsibilities. The suit will also charge a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1971 which prohibits persons acting under color of law to deprive citizens of any rights secured by the constitution or the laws of the United States.

Said Livingston, “We believe that every American has the legal, constitutional right to a job. In private industry if it can and will provide them, in jobs provided by the government if private industry cannot provide them.

“The is the law of the land; it was embodied in the Full Employment Act of 1946. A grateful government and people, after victory in World War II, promised no more depressions. It put that promise into law. District 65ers are determined to see that law enforced.

Some one will, where's the money to come from. District 65ers answer — End the War! Stop the Killing! End the Waste and Destruction! Put America Back to Work!”

Distributive Workers

Blast Nixon On Economy, Vietnam War

SAN FRANCISCO — President Nixon’s attacks on the wage scales of construction workers—by rescinding the 1961 Davis-Bacon Act—also impose union wage scales in federal assisted construction contracts. Shelling bolder men and women labor. It came as no surprise to the editor of Organized Workers News. The council's publication of the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Francisco.

The President's order, he wrote, "is part of a personal vendetta against the United Labor Lobby, the Council voted to contribute $400 to the United Labor Lobby in the state legislature." the of the United Labor Lobby, the Council Names Bausch, Costa, Palmer for '71

United Foam Strike Enters Ninth Week

OAKLAND — The joint strike by 81 members of Local 6 and seven Teamster Local 70 truck drivers is entering its ninth week with no sign of progress.

The Los Angeles-based firm is still pursuing its leisurely schedule of flying up for negotiations once a week. There is no production going on in the plant, despite a restraining order which limits picketing to six at a gate.

The strike, which broke out January 28, has received the warm endorsement and support of virtually all East Bay unions and the Alameda County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Local 21 Wins Industrial Dock

LONGVIEW — Longshore Local 21 last week won a Declaration of Rights suit in the US district court in Portland, nailing down its right to unload aluminum at the Reynolds Metal aluminum ship dock here.

The company had claimed that the agreement on unloading Reynolds vessels at Longview did not include work on the company-owned docks.

Original signs made for their picket line told the story of the strike at Emerson Flag Manufacturing Company in San Francisco. These Warehouse Union Local 6 members, 12 women and two men, unanimously voted to hit the bricks after negoti-ations since January 12. After two days on the line they won a settlement.

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TUNA PICKET — About 200 pickets, members of ILWU Local 33, the Tuna Boat Association, longshore workers and other unions — plus dogs and children — closed down operations on the SS Aldenburg, March 15-16 in Long Beach. The ship, loaded with Ecuadorian bananas — was picketed in protest of seizures of American tuna boats off the coast of Ecuador. About 150 longshore Local 13 members had reported for work, but refused to cross the picket line, and were upheld by assistant arbitrator Bill Marlowe. When the picket line came down at 7:30 p.m., March 16 — after an undisputed agreement was reached between the unions and banana companies — longshoremen and Teamsters received full standby pay.

Attacks on Tuna Boats Told Southern Cal Council Meet

WILMINGTON—The March meet- ing of the ILWU Southern California District Council, held here at Local 13’s Halesopping, fixed first-hand about harassment of American tuna boats by Ecuadorian naval vessels.

Reporting were secretary-treasurer John Royal, both of ILWU Fishermen’s Union Local 33, who described events leading to firing on vessels, arrests and fines against tuna boat fishermen, many of them members of the ILWU.

As background, Monti noted that seven years ago, Ecuador, Chile and Peru set a 200-mile limit from their coasts as their territorial waters. Most countries maintain a 12-mile limit.

Royal spoke of the number of occasions when unions fishermen have been in actual danger, such as the instance in which a Peruvian plane shot up one of our tuna vessels, and several other cases in which fishermen have been wounded.

Local 33, he added, that US federal legislation requires boat owners to be reimbursed, but it is a long drawn-out process for both the boat owners and the fishermen, and the fines run up hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Royal explained how planes and warships surround tuna boats and armed men board the ships, seal the radio, confiscate the ship’s records, and then take the ships into port. He added that there is usually large-scale theft of both personal property and ship’s equipment. He also said that about 70 percent of the fines from the fines, paid by the US taxpayer, are used to build up the Ecuadorian navy.

Royal accused the federal government of following a policy of appeasement of the leaders of those nations, even though present legislation — including the protective legislation rather than punishment and moral sanctions.

CROSSFIRE

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ILWU Demands Congress Act On Fishing Boat Seizures

WASHINGTON — White implemen- tation of an ILWU Convention resolution on fishing boat seizures was without active consideration on the West Coast, the ILWU was telling Congress in Washington that “our members are demanding a fair and simple protection of their livelihood and of their lives, both in the absence of such protection from our government... our mem- bers are on the verge of taking things into their own hands.”

Testifying March 11 before a sub- committee of the House Committee on Marine & Fisheries Committee looking into the seizures and fining of US fishing boats by Ecuador for the last two months, ILWU Washing- ton Representative Al Lannon warned that ILWU fisherman "proclaimed their determina- tion to picketing this subcommit- tee's hearings last month. They have threatened to arm themselves and shoot at ships when attacked. They are seriously considering a boycott of Ecuadorian fish products, including the possible tying up of Ecuadorian ships entering US ports.

Also, we believe a negotiated settlement to be the best solution," Lannon stated, "unless the US govern- ment moves decisively to protect American fishermen, the Interna- tional union will be hard-put to con- vinced not to take such inde- pendent action as they may deem necessary for their own protection.

While Lannon was appearing before the subcommittee along with an industry representative from the Fishermen’s Local 33 secretary-treasurer John Royal, in San Pedro, the committee also heard from national officers on ways to turn aside the latest threat. Under active consideration was a possible picketing of Ecuadorian ships.

The union and industry repre- sentatives expressed sorrow and anger over previous testimony from Assistant Secretary of State Swiss Crimmins, who promised little more than to take the issues up at a 1973 United Nations Law of the Sea Confer- rence. As for the perilous situation now, Crimmins advanced no solu- tion, other than urging the government to implementing present- law effectively.

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Lannon expressed regret that “we have to follow the fish,” but the council did not respect international programs of fish conservation.

The council voted full support to Local 33 and other fish and cannery workers. In other actions, the Council voted:

- To join a statewide caravan for food and funds for farm workers at Delano. This will take place March 27.

- To take action to aid union members fired for alcoholism, to make sure their families can receive benefits. Council members recalled a number of past actions in recogniz- ing alcoholism as a disease and calling for a constructive program of treatment and protective legislation rather than punishment and moral sanctions.

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**Sen. Kennedy Blasts ‘Healer-Dealers’, Nixon Health Plan**

SAN FRANCISCO — "If President Nixon expects to cure inflation, why doesn’t he look to the cost abuses in the health care industry, instead of going out to the construction worker as his special scapegoat for two years of inadequate White House economic policy?"

That was just one of a number of points made by U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), featured speaker at the two-day Educational Conference on National Health Insurance sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, at the Del Monte Townse House in San Francisco last week, to highlight the need for enactment of a National Health Insurance program now.

Senator Kennedy, who addressed a dinner session of the conference told a standing room only audience of more than 550 conference participants that, as chairman of the Health Subcommittee of the United States Senate, he would do everything in his power to help win enactment of a comprehensive national health insurance program “before Congress adjourns for the 1972 elections” and called on all trade unionists to help in “this great crusade for reform.”

“All your lives,” Kennedy observed, “you have had to content with a segregated health system in a first-rate nation. For too long, we have accommodated the vested interests in the health care industry — the special pleaders, the healer-dealers, and the health imperialists.

“Then we had more time for generations to develop the health system for their own private benefit, to the detriment of the public interest.

**DISMAL RECORD**

"After 40 years, the providers and the insurance companies in America have established a dismal record of performance — a record characterized by inefficiency, ineffectiveness, inflation, and worst of all, by inhumanity," Kennedy declared.

In detailing the nation’s current health crisis, Kennedy said five features are evident:

- The poor care of health cost.
- The acute and worsening shortage of health personnel, especially doctors.
- The deteriorating condition of the health care system itself, its chaotic and inadequate methods of providing health care for the citizenry.
- The crisis in the quality of health care.
- And the absence of any effective role for the citizens participation.

In connection with the last point, the Senator said:

“For too long, the health care system has been allowed to operate solely for the benefit of those who provide the services — the doctors, the hospitals, and their agents, the insurance companies — rather than for the benefit of those who receive the services, the people of America.”

To prevent a “national health disaster in the 70’s or 80’s,” Kennedy said that the nation must fashion a new health system and said that while President Nixon’s recent health messages contained a number of wondrous proposals, he strongly opposed some of the basic features of the Nixon program. (See Dispatcher, March 5, 1971).

**‘SWISS CHEESE’**

In particular, he cited the “Swiss cheese” nature of the health benefits offered by the President’s proposals and objected to the “increased fragmentation of the system that the President’s recommendations would encourage.

In detailing some of the specific differences between the Nixon proposal and the labor-backed Health Security Act of 1971 (S. 3) which Kennedy introduced last January, the Senator pointed out that the labor-backed legislation would provide benefits for every individual residing in the country and would provide health services for the prevention and early detection of disease, the care and treatment of illness, and medical rehabilitation.

Unlike the Nixon Administration’s proposal, there are no cut-off dates, no co-insurance, no deductibles and no waiting period in S. 3, he explained.

Under the Nixon bill, the costs of the program would be paid partly out of general federal funds and partly out of a payroll tax of 3.5 percent on employers and 1.0 percent on employees.

This means that for the average U.S. worker making $7,000 a year, the cost of the program would be $70, exactly what he is paying today for Medicare when he reaches 65.

In contrast, Kennedy said that the Nixon Administration’s health insurance proposals “are shot through” with exemptions, exclusions, deductible waiting periods, and means tests, and other regressive features.

As an example, he said, under the Nixon program, a worker with a $5,000 hospital expense would be obliged to pay about $1,800 out of salary for the entire year instead of just the $70 that would be required under S. 3.

He also pointed out that millions of Americans would not be covered by any part of the Nixon program.

In the course of his nearly hour-long address, Kennedy disclosed that his subcommittee plans to begin field hearings on the nation’s health care system within the next few weeks and that some of the hearings will be held in California early this spring.

He urged California trade unionists to help carry “this great crusade for reform to people in every corner of the land.”

The drive for a National Health Program in California kicked off last week in California at a two-day conference of the labor backed California Council for Health Plan Alternatives — with which the ILWU is affiliated.

The drive was continued in Massachusetts where the Senator pointed out that the ILWU has pledged to $70,000 to the National Health Program committee.

Long after the sound and fury of Mississippi’s 1964 “Freedom summer” has died down, the Delta Ministry, an organization sponsored by the National Council of Churches, has remained to carry on its mission among the poor people of this state.

To aid them, the ILWU Federated Auxiliary has pledged to raise $1,000 to help this work — by raffling off a lithograph of Harriet Tubman, the well-known artist Victor Aronautoff.

Miss Tubman, born a slave in 1820, escaped to become a Union spy and a slave-catcher, leader of the underground railroad and Civil War guerrilla fighter.

**FREEDOM CITY**

The funds raised through the raffle will go to Freedom City, a pilot project through which the Delta Ministry hopes to give employment opportunity to those blacks automáticamente out of their jobs on the huge delta cotton plantations.

The Freedom City project features small industry, vegetable farms, stores, schools and a service station.

Ten houses have been built at last report. Aside from Freedom City, the Delta Ministry, over the last six years, has been directly involved in:

- helping more than 200,000 people get surplus commodities and food stamps in counties which had denied them;
- registration of over 250,000 new black voters, with a resulting new show of concern on the part of incumbent officials;
- the training of most of the 92 black public officials now in office in the state.

**FUND RAISING**

The idea of raising funds for the Mississippi poor came to Tim Kelly, retired Local 34 member who recently lived in Freedom City where he taught music to the children. When Kelly suggested the fund raising idea to the International officers, they asked the Federated Auxiliaries to take over the job.

The auxiliaries have pledged to raise $1,000. The drawing for the lithograph will be held at the Federated Auxiliaries June convention.

**Drive Set for Mississippi Delta Ministry**

**Painting to Aid Alcatraz Indians**

SAN FRANCISCO — Joe (Indian Joe) Morris, a member of Local 10 of the ILWU, has been extremely active for the last year and a half in supporting the work of the Indians who seized Alcatraz Island in the middle of San Francisco Bay.

A member of the Blackfoot tribe, he has served as a liaison man on the mainland, trying to raise money and get labor unions involved in supporting and assisting the Indians.

His latest effort is a painting of “The Rock” as seen from the bay. The writing on the painting says that the 14 eagle feathers represent 14 braves that defied the United States armed forces on November 14, 1969, in order to turn it into a Native American Cultural Center and University.

**Local 10 Member**

- Joe (Indian Joe) Morris has his painting of Alcatraz, which commemorates the 14 Indians who seized the island November 14, 1969, in order to turn it into a Native American Cultural Center and University.

- They are Richard Oakes, Joe Bill, LaRanda Means, David Leach, Fred Shelton, John White Fox, James Vaughan, Linda Arrawuyo, Ross Harmon, Burnell Blindman, Kay Many Horse, John Martell, Rick Evening and John Virgil.

- Joe had never painted before, said, “I had this burning feeling which just had to get off my chest. I was tremendously inspired by the spirit of the people who took this island.” He hopes to auction off the painting to benefit the occupying force.

The occupying Indians want to turn the abandoned federal prison into a Native American University and Cultural Center.
John E. Walker
Of Local 10 Dies

SAN FRANCISCO — Another vet-
ern activist active in ILWU has died. John E. Walker, always known as "Johnny" to his friends succumbed to cancer Monday in San Fran-
cisco General Hospital. He retired last year on a disability pension.

"He was a great fighter," said vice president William Chester, "we’ll really miss that man."

Walker, a longshoreman for 38 years, worked for three years during World War II from the Gulf, where he was a shipyard worker and a member of the US Navy. He joined the ILWU in 1946 and immediately became active in the union. He was chairman of the East Bay Strike committee, during the 1948 strike, and first elected convention dele-
gate in 1951. At that time he was crowned by the convention as "Mayor T-Bone Walk-
er of Honolulu." He attended all ILWU conventions since he was 23 in San Francisco, usually to groups that they donate $50 per member to a strike fund if the longshore division holds the brinks this summer. The board also heard from Toby Jones, assistant administrator of the PMA Benefit Funds office, who reviewed the pension provision of the present contract. The board also concurred in a statement of policy blocking the Nixon Administration's economic policies, and blaming the 91st Congress for its failure to enact meaningful legislation for working people. We sponsor a workshop on this question arises as to the benefit to the individual worker who finds such an explanation to be unsatisfactory may take the case to the union leadership for a new inspection by these enforcement officers to exert full effort to secure a safety and health violation. The low level of federal funding for job safety and health was noted by Victor Johnson, Coos Bay; Roy Brasted, Wilmington; and James Shuffler, Stockton.

Local 10 Report

Cal Governors Conference
Stresses Safety Enforcement

This was the twenty-first of the yearly statewide meetings of this con-
ference. Throughout these twenty-
one years, the ILWU and this local have been active and important par-
ticipants. The co-chairman of the conference section on "safety en-
tertainment" was Local 10’s Welfare Officer, Julius Stern.

The following session of the conference was devoted to a lengthy con-
tentation of the ILWU-Benefit Funds office, who answered many questions on the pen-

SALEM, Ore.—The House appro-
ved a longshore local in In-
strument, emergency funds are available.

UAW Wants Teeth
In Job Safety Bill

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers has asked two Nixon cab-
inet officers to exert full effort toward "full and fair implementa-
tion" of the new job safety and health law which officially goes into effect on April 28.

In letters to the Secretary of Labor and to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, UAW Presi-
dent Leonard Woodcock said the goal of the new law must be "full-
safe, pollution-free work environ-
ments.

"It is a great tragedy," the UAW leader said, "that so many millions of workers are consigned to work in unsafe and unhealthy workplaces and that so little has been done by the federal government to encourage high standards."

The low level of federal funding for job safety and health was noted with a pledge from Woodcock that the UAW would work for adequate funding to carry out the Labor Depart-
ment’s "mandate" under the new law.

The success of the law’s success depends on worker understanding of safety and health rights under the law. Woodcock called for both Labor and HEW to offer training courses for union leaders.

Astoria Port Endangered by Silt Problem

ASTORIA — The backbone of As-
toria’s economy—waterborne com-
merce—may soon be in jeopardy from a severe silting problem which devel-
oped here after river dredging on the 40-foot channel ended last Octo-
ber.

At that time there was a depth of 38 feet at the piers; this has been reduced to 30 feet, according to Port Commission chairman John V. Wagoner. He is a member of ILWU Local 92.

He said efforts were made to secure federal funding on an emergency basis for dredging, or at least a temporary permit to extend the 40-foot channel, but to no avail. "So we can take care of the problem ourselves, until some-thing can be worked out.

"It’s our responsibility to keep this port running. We owe it to the peo-
ple of the area and to Astoria, and the payrolls dependent on shipping."

The port had a direct pay of $1 1/ 2 million annually, and an indi-
rect payroll of $4 million, Rissman stated.

The Port Commission asked the Corps of Engineers to extend a 40-
foot channel to the piers, since it is believed that the change in the nat-
ural flow of the river as a result of the channel dredging caused the silt-
problem.

A spokesman for the engineers said they had authority to proceed with a preliminary engineering study, but no money to make the report. "Water will still be available into the other ILWU funds which are dependent upon Congressional approval.

The angered commissioners voted unanimously to activate the port’s Strike Committee to take direct action into the engineer’s 40-foot channel if help in solving the problem is not received by May 1st.

In the meantime they have ap-
pealed to Rep. Wendell Williams and Sen. Robert Packwood, who said at a press conference here in February that even if all funding, emergency funds are available.

None have been received as yet, "but we’re still working on it and still hoping," Rissman declared.

Victor Lorenzana, Local 46

PORT HURBNE — Victor Loren-
za, 61, a 30-year veteran of ILWU Local 46 here, and a staunch sup-
porter of his union, died in a Ven-
tura hospital after a long illness. He was recently retired on a total disa-
rance pension of the ILWU recently.

He joined the longshore local in 1942, and before his retirement had been a fore-
man for two dec-
ares. He was an avid fisherman and deer hunter and very well known as such in his community.

Victor Lorenzana was a lifelong friend, Tony Garcia, currently a member of the Coast Longshore Ne-
gotiating Committee, points out, that it was customary of his time to serve on various union com-
mittees. He enjoyed fishing with his brother's and their families. He was a very well liked and respected member of the local. He left behind his wife Eva, his mother, four sons and four daugh-
ters, and 21 grandchildren. The fam-
ily suggests that memorial dona-
tions be made to the Ventura County Cancer Society.
Oakland Auxiliary

OAKLAND — Officers for 1971 and 1972 have been elected by Auxiliary #17, Oakland, as follows: president, Margaret Fye; vice-president, Lieve Card; secretary, Ernestine Brandon; treasurer, Ida Lam. Illis Ann Genistra was appointed corresponding secretary, Wenonah Drasnin; executive board Edna Crockerham, Mary Huls and Leslie McDowell.

Demands were addressed to Congress in support of public service employment to create jobs for the unemployed (HR 17); in support of HR 32 for a National Health Insurance Program; support was asked for HR 100 for public works funds for high unemployment areas. The Auxiliary members renewed their position on repeal of the Concentrated Ammunition and Light Traficial Security Act (HR 234) and demanded the abolishment of the House Internal Security Committee.

The hearings made clear that “adequate planning and enforcement is needed to resolve the conflict of these separate interests,” Olson said in a report to the locals.

UP IN ARMS

On a recent trip to Coos Bay he found ILWU members up in arms over the dumping of millions of gallons of effluent from a paper mill into the bay when a storage lagoon wall of the lagoon gave way.

Royal Named Advisor To US Fishing Body

SAN PEDRO — John J. Royal, secretary-treasurer of Fishermen’s Local 33, ILWU, was appointed last week to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee of the US Department of commerce.

Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans will receive the committee’s advice to determine whether marine fisheries policies and programs are consistent with the needs of commercial, sport, scientific and other national interests.

It is made up of well known persons in commercial and sport fishing activities and the academic community. Among them are Carl Williams of baseball’s Hall of Fame.

Royal has represented the United States as an adviser on several occasions at international fisheries meetings.

CIRDC Lobbyist Demands End To Estuary Pollution

SALEM — CIRDC lobbyist John Olson has called attention to legislation introduced here for the protection of Oregon’s estuaries.

Recent hearings on the bills (SB 296, 295 and 69) were held with spokesmen for the ecology groups, fishermen and others in attendance.

Testimony brought out that the commercial fish catch gets its start in the estuary, which also serves as a production area for clams, crabs and oysters, and as one of the links in the salmon life cycle; while the mud flats, water and vegetation of the estuaries provide feeding stations for migratory birds, Olson said.

The coastal port authorities joined the Associated Oregon Industries in opposing the bills, since the estuaries provide waterways for forest, industrial and lumber shipping use.

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We’ve said it once and we’ll say it again: “Fishing is the Sport of Kings.” For everyone, out fishing, it’s a “kink,” it be man or woman, prince or pauper, youngster or senior citizen.

One ILWU member who dearly loves and appreciates the sport of fishing is James Miles of Clackamas, Oregon, a member of Local 8 in Portland. He has passed all this on to his youngsters, Steve, age 11 and Dan and Mrs. Miles, also a devotee of the gentle pastime, persuaded the lads to pose for the following snapshot of which Jim writes about:

The second photograph is graphic proof of why they are relaxing. Among the “tarps” in the background are two chunky bucks, antlers rising above. In the foreground of the second photograph is their camp buddy, a wonderful bird dog, “Dixie.”

Don included other interesting photos depicting past hunts by himself and other ILWU members which will be dealt with in future columns and give fellow members some idea of the varied hunting bounties in the Beaver State.

Would you like to have a shiny new fishing lure in your tackle box for the opening of the fishing season? I’d be most happy to trade you one for a snapshot of a fishing, hunting, camping, or any-type-of-wildlife, photo—and a few words as to what the photograph is about.

Send it to: Fred Goetz, Dept. TD
2833 S.E. 33rd Place
Portland, Oregon 97202.
Hey, That's My Name There!

SACRAMENTO — With army snipers collecting wholesale data on people who are peculiar— or even popular — causes, we have no way of knowing who knows what about us, if they are going to do the same.

Recently, California State Senator James Mills (Dem.-San Diego), was angered to find that his own name and those of other state legislators were in the files of the California Senate Subcommittee on Un-American Activities.

The committee, formerly chaired by Edward Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.), which Mills was keeping an eye on Senator Mills because some years back he had attempted to keep such a committee in Sacramento sponsored by the ILWU.

Mills formally accepted invitations from labor organizations and from other organizations when they meet in Sacramento to send representatives to members of the legislature. I have attended legislative conferences in Sacramento of labor organizations, veterans organizations or other legitimate organizations, whenever it was possible for me to do so.

"As far as I know the ILWU is not a subversive organization, and if they were to meet in Sacramento under similar circumstances I would certainly attend and represent a lot of members in my district."

The committee snipers were also keeping an eye on the Senate president because in 1961 somebody sent him a copy of "The People's World," the ILWU's newspaper, which apparently had gotten into the subscription list of the newspaper — a permanent notation on Mills' "record."

Outraged, Mills has called for the abolition of the committee. "The Senate had said that he had personally gone through the committee's files compiled over the last 30 years, finding 20,000 dossiers on Californians."

"I had been in favor of continuing the committee, although with the change in its name and with a limitation of its responsibilities... how- ever, I changed my mind today," he said. "I was more than a little ir- rational, and I was myself the sub- ject of a file."

Seven other members of the Senate are on the files of the Un-American Activities Committee for having attended the same ILWU meeting that Mills attended.

"Other members of the legislature were in the Un-American Activities subversive files because they voted against bills which the committee chairman or staff approved. Members listed for voting the last appropriations for the Un-American Committee in the Senate. There were even arrest records of members of the legislature who were not otherwise listed."

The committee is now dormant and hopefully will go out of business by action of the rules committee next week. Three of its five members left the Senate last year. Two other Senators, one of them the John Birch Society, are technically still on the committee. But it has no chairman, no staff and no funds.

Putting the old smear on the head of the Senate may have put the last nail in the snooping committee's coffin. The 1970 report of the committee, written by committee chairman Hugh Burns and staff investi- gator Richard Combs, included sweeping generalizations which had the Communist party influencing almost everything, controlling just about everything.

ILWU Executive Board Meets

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In his report on organization, vice president William Chester, who also served as director of organization after Hall's death, noted that there had been some unusually successful organizing activities recently which will be fully reported to the Con- vention. He added that the state of the country and its operation and had an opportunity to meet with rank-and-file members.

The Executive Board adopted the following motions:

• To go on record supporting longshore Local 19, clerks Local 34 and walking bosses Local 91 in the San Francisco Bay Area, taking excep- tion to the action by the military threatening to change operations at the Army and Navy bases in October.

• To continue action in cooperation with ILWU fish locals in protesting the Ecuadorian seizure of four Union fishing boats.

• To recommend that the title officers draft a comprehensive pro- gram on the serious increase in unemployment. This alarming situa- tion affects many ILWU members as well as workers throughout the country and, substituting a large number of civil service longshoremen for ILWU members, who traditionally have had jurisdiction. The Board voted to communicate with all con- gressmen and senators from ILWU areas, advising them of the union's protest.

• To inform the State Department and the Soviet Embassy in Wash- ington that the ILWU supports the United Nations Charter concerning the right of people everywhere to travel freely. This includes the right of the people of the Soviet Union and other Communist countries to have their people to leave if they wish to.

• To protest sharply to President Nixon and appropriate US Senators the Administration's proposed with- drawing wages in government con- tracts, which are a part of govern- ment. President Nixon recently suspended the 1931 Davis-Bacon Act, which re- quires contractors to pay union wages rates to workers on federally assisted projects. This is considered a clear attack on the union movement.

• To sharply protest the Adminis- tration's "Emergency Public Inter- est Protection Act," which aims at hamstringing transportation union and is characterized by the labor movement as a drive toward com- passionality and forcing workers to work on terms imposed by the government rather than free collective bargaining.

• On the National Peace Action Coalition, which is preparing for a nationwide demonstration April 24, the Board voted to refer any action to various locals and district councils to take any position they choose.

Local 17, Broderick

BRODERICK, Calif. — Local 17 is having an election for delegates March 25, 1971, to the International Convention. The election booths will be open at 7 a.m. and will close at 7:30 a.m. The voting will take place at the union headquarters at 600-45th St. in Broderick.