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International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union

JUNE, 1971

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
(Vote for One)

□ BRIDGES, H. R. (Local 10, San Francisco)
(Running unopposed; 19th Biennial Convention offered no additional candidates)

□ MARTIN, GEORGE (Local 12, Hawaii)
(Running unopposed; 19th Biennial Convention offered no additional candidates)

□ CHESTER, WILLIAM (BILL) (Local 9, San Francisco)
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□ BORDERS, H. R. (Local 10, San Francisco)

□ MARTIN, GEORGE (Local 12, Hawaii)

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DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION

SECRETARY-TREASURER

PRESIDENT, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
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Return to Balloting Committee

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Local Talks

Longshore Parleys

In Recess

SAN FRANCISCO—Longshore and clerk negotiations with the Pacific Maritime Association have been re- cessed. Members of the ILWU negotiating committee have returned to their home ports, to bring rank-and-file members up to date, and to conduct negotiations on local issues.

The negotiating committee will be summoned back and negotiations resumed only if the PMA indicates such a resumption is meaningful and worth pursuing.

Under any circumstances, the full negotiating committee will be called back no later than May 31.

Meanwhile, a subcommittee, made up of the four titled officers and the two members of the Coast Labor Relations Committee, is standing by to determine if the PMA presents an offer that is acceptable and worth recommending to the union rank and file.

STRIKE VOTE?

If this cannot be achieved, the negotiating committee is expected to order a strike vote of all longshore and clerks-warehousemen working in the three western states and Hawaii.

ILWU President, Harry Bridges, who is chairman of the negotiating committee, stated:

"Our program is to avoid a strike. We have been driving consistently for a negotiated settlement."

As noted in the recent five-day Longshore, Clerk and Walking Bosses' Caucus, held in San Francisco April 27-May 1, the ILWU's traditional program is that no strike action is taken unless there is 85 percent rank-and-file approval.

Bridges, in his "On the Beam" column (see Page 2), pointed out that the "union's program is one of making every effort to get a new two-year agreement by negotiation and to embark on a strike program only as a last resort when all else fails."

LOCAL NEGOTIATIONS

Meanwhile, wherever feasible, longshore and clerk locals along the coast are driving through on certain items referred to local negotiations.

These include working and dispatching rules, miscellaneous and local port agreements, travel time, certain manning scales, etc.

The locals or areas must conclude satisfactory local negotiations before an overall coast agreement can be concluded.

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SAN LEANDRO—After extended negotiations, a three-year contract between ILWU Warehouse Union Local 6 and Continental Can Company was ratified May 12 at an East Bay stopwork meeting. The pact covers approximately 350 men and women.

Gains were chauked up in wages and classification adjustments, in medical, dental, and pension improvements, in supplemental unemployment benefits, and several other fringe issues.

The general wage increase over the three-year period totals $1 across-the-board, with another 10 cents gained to improve classification rates of pay.

The wage increase this year is 50 cents, retroactive to April 16, 1971, the anniversary date of the contract. Wage increases in 1972 and 1973 are 25 cents across-the-board, with another 10 cents for those with the company for more than 10 years.

Pension credits went from $6.50 to $8.50, which means that the top pension will be increased from $195 to $245 per month.

The medical plan was bettered by the addition of a major medical provision. There were improvements as well in hospital and prescription drug provisions and a continuation of the warehouse area dental plan, with the company committed to keep up with any increased costs.

In addition, a clause was added to protect wages against further increases in the cost of living.

Other improvements were made on several local issues and in contract language.

Negotiations, which began February 16 of this year, were conducted by the following committee:

George Garibaldi, chief steward; John Watson, assistant chief steward; Al Corley, Burt Brown, Herschel Watson, Oscar Jones, John Thomas, Robert Wolfe, and William Young. They were assisted by East Bay business agents Bill Burke and Art Vigil.

Each ILWU area will vote on the four titled officers, plus executive board members. Clerks and longshoremen will also vote for members of the Coast Labor Relations Committee.

Thus, a total of ten versions of the ballot have been sent out: one to Canada, one to Hawaii; and one each to the longshore and other divisions of the union in Northern and Southern California, Oregon-Columbia River, and Puget Sound-Alaska.

Voting will take place on June 7 through June 11, 1971. The International office must be notified of the results by June 22, 1971.
WILL THE ILWU longshore division embracing West Coast and Hawaii ports go on strike July 1 of this year for a new longshore and clerks contract? As president of the International longshore and chairman of the longshore negotiating committee, I am constantly being asked this question from all quarters—by our members within the union, by newspapers in all walks of life outside the union.

My answer is and has to be the same to all such queries by all hands, and that is that a West Coast longshore strike is fairly certain if negotiations fail to produce an agreement that the negotiating committee can accept across the bargaining table and unanimously agree to recommend to the union's rank and file.

The union's negotiating committee is now in recess, waiting to be summoned back to the bargaining table and the National Labor Relations Board when such negotiations are thought to be worthwhile. In any event, the committee must go into session in San Francisco no later than May 31.

SHORTLY after that date, if negotiations are resumed and still are not successful, the committee will order a strike vote of all longshore and clerks locals—West Coast and Hawaii. If such a vote is taken, it will not be made effective until July 1 and then, only with the recommendation of a national bargaining committee which will be printed in The Dispatcher, that every voter can judge what can be gained through negotiations, and along with that, the urgency of the need for action—just that the demands are that the union hopes to win by striking.

The union's demands are substantial. The recent longshore caucus gave the negotiating committee's attempts to scale down the union's demands (reported to the caucus as a strike settlement proposal of April 5th) somewhat of a lukewarm reception. The committee has been unable to do anything constructive in their attempts to meet the demands that the longshore caucus put to the union's negotiating committee.

Meanwhile, be warned. The big guns of public relations are getting ready to do a job on your mind, to move you away from the kind of health care you can have, the health care that is your right.

Don't let them do it.

A UNIQUE aspect of the whole situation is that under the terms of the Pacific Coast Container Freight Station Agreement of April 5th, all local registered longshore workforce shall not be accepted and loaded aboard ships. Manufacturers' loads and door-to-door pickup loads will be exceptions. There is no 50-mile limit here. The CPB agreement provides for such action no later than 10:01 a.m., June 30, although the contract a supplement of CPB runs out midnight June 30.

As an important part of our overall program, all locals must get on a strike vote of all longshore and clerks in local negotiations. If such negotiations are thought to be worthwhile. In any event, the committee must go into session in San Francisco no later than May 31.

All we say is that "American medicine as we know it" is not the kind of medicine we want to perpetuate. Though we are the richest nation in the world, one-fifth of our people get no health care at all.

Yet, the AMA—opposing the National Health Security Act—which would provide comprehensive care for all residents of the United States, regardless of age or income—pleads that we continue the so-called voluntary system that we've had all the time. Senator Kennedy had an answer: Why should we rely "on the same institutions that brought us to this crisis—the insurance industry and the attitudes of organized medicine—-to bail us out?"

There are now shelling out around $70 billion a year in public relations campaigns, while the quality of health care goes downhill, and less people have access to medical services.

The ILWU HAS JOINED the entire labor movement in endorsing the prompt passage of the National Health Security Act. As delegates to the Nineteenth Biennial Convention put it. "Everyone should get the care he needs, when he needs it, for as long as he needs it, and without regard to his ability to pay."

Just as we have accepted the idea that public schooling is a right that is due every American child, without regard to anyone making a profit, we insist that health care is an absolute right.

Whether that spells an "end of American medicine as we know it" is beside the point. We believe that what matters is good health as we know it can be. Meanwhile, be warned. The big guns of the American health industry are getting ready to do a job on your mind. We can move you away from the kind of health care you can have, the health care that is your right.

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THERE'S LOTS OF GOLD to be found in the healing arts and guess who is getting ready to shell out one and one-half million dollars? Little wonder you're convocted for being a little bit sick is not at all bad as long as it's under "free enterprise."

Northern California recently called the labor-supported Health Security Act "a multi-billion dollar blue-print for the end of American medicine as we know it."

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ILWU Testimony Supports National Health Insurance

LOS ANGELES — A strong statement in favor of national health insurance was made by ILWU Southern California regional director William C. Dowd, at the hearing on Health of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, May 18.

The ILWU has been in the forefront of the battle for a National Health Security Act (S. and H.R. 22) which will provide comprehensive care for all residents of the United States, regardless of age. It will offer a wider range of services than the President's program, and at less than out-of-pocket expenses to the consumer. It will offer strong financial inducements for reforming the present ways in which medical care services are provided and paid for,” said Dowd.

BLASTS NIXON'S BILL

The ILWU attacked President Nixon’s counterproposal, the so-called National Health Insurance Partnership, agreeing with the AFL-CIO executive council that it was both “paltry and inadequate.”

The statement, delivered by Piercy concluded:

• Everyone should get the care he needs, when he needs it, without regard to his ability to pay.

• The rural areas, ghettos and inner city areas are confronting with without sending their consumer involvement and direction, the insurance companies, preoccupied with profit-making, have merely lined up behind the so-called “usual and customary” fees, have narrowly fanned the fires of conflict.

• There is absolutely no reason to believe that doctors, hospitals and insurance companies can be relied on to create, develop and administer a national health care system which serves the best interests of the American people. Their record in the past and the present is one of failure to deliver the system.

• The ILWU statement praised the present fee-for-service system, places a premium on sickness and health which enables all the market can bear.

• The rural areas, ghettos and inner city areas, with the help of the ILWU, have been in the forefront of the battle for a National Health Security Act (see story, this page).

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.) attacked Nixon administration labor law proposals aimed at the transportation industry, declaring that they seem to be designed “to help these proposals to cripple transport unions come at a time when the ILWU is in negotiations.”

Dellums took on the “Emergency Labor Protection Act,” posed by the administration to impose compulsory settlements, and also the renewed push for waterfront screening under the guise of “anti-subversion” and “combating unions.”

In the openhouse, congressman from Berkeley, who won election with Bay Area ILWU support, made his statement in the Congressional Record a February 19 Discussion editorial titled “The Right To Work” and an analysis of the anti-labor legislation by ILWU Washington Representative Al Landy, titled “Drive To Destroy Transport Unions—Compulsory Arbitration Threatens.”

CCHPA Parley on Health Insurance

SAN DIEGO — The semi-annual meeting of the California Council for Health Plan Alternatives, with which the ILWU is affiliated, will be held Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18 at the Hotel Del Coronado here.

The Council, representing all major unions in California, has made it a point to file on behalf of the National Health Security Act (see story, this page).

In addition to the speaker at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, will be Congressman James Corman (D—Calif.), who is the chairperson of the Health Act.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Thursday, June 17. Phone: (714) 435-3161.

Agreement affects plants employing up to 300 people in Ketchikan, Pelican, Kake, Angoon on the Alaska cold storage industry agreement, establishing a new basic scale of $4.80 plus 3 cents more for fringes. Next year’s increases will be 25 cents on wages, with an additional 3 cents for fringes. Contract will be open the third year for wage negotiations only.

Wage boost is retroactive to April 1.
Oregon Ponders Bill to Keep Men Out of War

SALEM — Hundreds of people poured into the State Capitol Building April 28 for the hearing on a bill (SB 285) to keep Oregon boys from being sent to undeclared wars.

The vast crowd jammed the hearing room and overflowed into the corridor, including a delegation from ILWU Auxiliary 5, Portland. Some 35 witnesses supported the bill. A brief by ILWU lobbyist, pro tem, Ernest Baker filed with the state and federal committee, said in part:

"Let's educate our kids in the field of reading, writing and arithmetic instead of war. This goal is not impossible. SB 285 is a step toward it."

Governor Evans Wires Chou

OLYMPIA—Washington Governor Dan Evans plans to lead a good will and trade mission to China later this year.

He has wired Premier Chou En-lai expressing a desire to "establish liaison with either official groups of the People's Republic, or on a people-to-people basis, or both."

The mission would be composed of representatives of various manufacturing and trade organizations who "would hopefully open exploratory talks of significance."

The governor at the same time issued an invitation for the Chinese to send an industrial goods exhibit to a Seattle Trade Fair, slated to be held in August, 1972.

The wire and letter followed meetings with industry representatives eager to trade with the Chinese. According to an Associated Press story, the meetings were with "the financially pressed Boeing Co., and the timber industry."
Convention Nominees for ILWU Executive Board

Southern California ................................. 2 to be elected
L. L. (Chick) Loveridge, Local 13
Al Perisho, Local 63
Paul Perlin, Local 26

Northern California ................................. 3 to be elected
James Herman, Local 34
David Littleton, Local 10
Curtis McClain, Local 6

Puget Sound-Alaska ................................. 2 to be elected
Ed Anderson, Local 19
Donald D. Gilchrest, Local 32
George Ginnis, Local 23
Terrence Sweeney, Local 52

Hawaii, Local 142 ................................. 3 to be Elected
One in each division
Pedro de la Cruz
Pineapple Division

Canadian Area ................................. 1 to be elected
Bernabe Quitevis
Longshore Division

Ore. & Col. River ................................. 1 to be elected
Elmer Lau
Tourism

Canadian Area ................................. 1 to be elected
Frederick D. Mahoney,
Local 517

Don Ronne, Local 8
Richard C. Wise, Local 8
Robert Peebles, Local 500
Lelan Nishek
Tourism
PLAQUE in honor of the late Sara Rosen, for many years bookkeeper of Local 13, is held here by Local 13 secretary-treasurer Rudy Rubis and administrative assistant Dorothy Conley. The plaque, which will be hung in the local's bookkeeping office, reads: "In memory of many valuable services rendered ILWU Local 13 by Sara Rosen, bookkeeper, from August 1964 to March 1971. Deceased, March 1, 1971."

Dues Increase for Local 11
SAN JOSE—Warehouse Union Local 11, at a recent general membership meeting, voted 204-106 for a dues increase of 81 cents per month. Local officers are George Lucero, president and Oscar Hart, secretary-treasurer.

Dockers, Widows On Pension List
SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the list of widows of deceased ILWU-PMA pensioners who were retired under various ILWU-PMA plans:


Local 54: Marcus Romero, Ted Sanderson; Local 94: Harvey E. Myer; Local 60: Doe White; Local 94: Ernest O. Munoz; Local 96: Kenneth Berglund.

*The widows are: Muriel Cheatham, (John); Reena Work, (John).'

War on Poverty
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Tight economic policies, the continuation of the war in southeast Asia, inflation and employment, all these have combined to push more and more Americans below the poverty line.

According to a report just released by the Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce, the steady progress made during the sixties in reducing the number of the poor was reversed during the past year.

The number of people living in poverty increased by 1.2 million in 1970 to a total of 35.5 million. This means that 13 percent of Americans live in households below the government established poverty line—$3968 for an urban family of four.

Breaking down along ethnic lines, it means that one out of ten whites makes less than this amount, and one out of three blacks.

In the same period, the nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed from 3.4 percent to 6.1 percent.

IILWU Auxiliaries Pledge

To Work Towards a Better World

HONOLULU—"We want you to know that the wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters of ILWU members take the union program seriously." This was Valerie Taylor, president of the ILWU Federated Auxiliaries, speaking to the 19th Biennial Convention held here April 19-23.

"We know the kind of world we'd like to live in, the kind of world our children have a right to inherit," Mrs. Taylor continued. The ILWU shows us the way of working toward a better world—so this is our commitment!

"Your program is big enough for all kinds of action that involves all our members. We are extremely proud to be a part of the most socially-conscious trade union in the country."

The ILWU Federated Auxiliaries' president sent an appeal to convention delegates to aid in the growth of the auxiliaries, that would increase the contribution of the union in the political arena, in public relations, in participation in community services.

Pointing out Vietnam war spending as the major inflation at home and the rise in unemployment, Mrs. Taylor spoke of the "cut-backs for the needs of a society short of the funds for decent medical and social security improvements for the aged — all whittled away in the name of defense."

The buying power of their husbands' paychecks doesn't meet the soaring pressures on living costs, Mrs. Taylor added. "Auxiliary women are not fooled into believing excessive wage demands are responsible for the rise in the cost of living."

MOBILIZE

In view of the fact that the Labor Department decides it takes over $12,000 a year for a family of four to maintain a modern living standard, Mrs. Taylor spoke of the importance of a successful 1971 longshore and maritime contract and the democratic role the ILWU has played in opposition to the ABM, SST, nuclear power plants and other such dangers to the environment. They called on their elected officials to conduct more studies on the dangers of nuclear wastes and of threats to human health by radioactivity in our atmosphere.

They went out in support of the farm workers.

They circulated the McGovern-Hatfield-Cranston-Gravel - Inouye petition that would have ordered withdrawal of all U.S. forces in Vietnam by June of this year;

They called on the U.S. Congress to ratify the Geneva Vias Protocol of 1952, and the Declaration of Human Rights;

They successfully lobbied against the sales tax in the State of Oregon;

They have written continuously to congressmen opposing the compulsory arbitration bill aimed at transportation unions;

They campaigned for peace and pro-labor candidates;

They have worked in every campaign for equality for blacks, Chicanos and Indian-Americans, and against race discrimination in every form and signed petitions asking for a fair trial in the Angela Davis case;

They supported the freedom marches in Mississippi and are currently aiding "Freedom City," a village for displaced black farm workers in the Mississippi Delta.

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YOUTH

Mrs. Taylor pointed out that the auxiliaries are particularly concerned these days with the problem of young people, especially those in minority groups, who are forced to drop out of school, and who in many cases, have never been able to find a job.

"Some of them are the sons and grandsons of neighbors, others live in the core area of our cities—a few are our own sons and grandchildren.

By keeping the lines of communication open with oppressed groups, including the youth, the auxiliaries have found a unique position to be of service to the ILWU in this year of struggle against forces determined to crush labor and relegate unions to a subservient role in the American economic and political systems.

Mrs. Taylor brought fraternal greetings from all the auxiliaries, the women of maritime workers, and here we can be most helpful.

Valerie Taylor

Her statement was met with roaring applause.

Mrs. Taylor also pointed out the broad range of activities by ILWU women:

• They secured hundreds of names to petitions that led to the halting of nerve gas shipments by the army through Washington ports for storage in Oregon;

• They circulated numerous petitions in opposition to the ABM, SST, nuclear power plants and other such dangers to the environment. They called on their elected officials to conduct more studies on the dangers of nuclear wastes and of threats to human health by radioactivity in our atmosphere;

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Auxiliary Delegates

Following are the auxiliary delegates who attended the Nineteenth Biennial Convention in Honolulu:


Aux. 1, North Bend, Oregon: Judy Erickson, Jeanne Hunt, Dalpha Johnson, Chlo Simpson (Jill)


Aux. 3, Lodi, California: Irene Osvain, Nodyne Quinby, Hermon Shafter.

Aux. 4, Wilmington, California: Gertrude Brauer, Dorothy Conley, Doris Accord, Howard, Helen Koushie.

Aux. 5, Los Angeles, California: Anna Buate, Malcolm Bogue, Esther Brown, Anna Krut, Virginia Lewis, Little Shome, Soden Williams, Eiloa Teneda.

Aux. 6, Oakland, California: Wesomen Dras, June Monday, Virgin Lagon, Helen Swag.

Aux. 30, Vancouver, BC: Faye Kemp.

Aux. 39, Champlin, NC: Lorna Nicholls.

Auxiliary women serve coffee at last longshore caucus.

May 21, 1971
Local 6 Throws Great Party

It revealed the range and breadth of his activities and the part he played in labor movement history.

LONG HISTORY

Way back in 1925 Paul joined a caddy's union and struck the Mt. Diablo Country Club. Later he went to sea, working in the engine room, and was elected ship's delegate. In 1934 he was involved in the West Coast maritime strike. By the end of that year he joined Warehouse Union, Local 28-44, ILA, which later became Warehouse Union, Local 6, ILWU.

He attended the first ILWU convention in Aberdeen, Washington, 1938 (see photograph, right). In 1938 he was also organizing for the ILWU in New Orleans. By 1939 he was back in Oakland as a union business agent.

Later he was one of the organizers of the United Labor Committee, that longshoremen's London-Paris campaign, and a longtime adversary of the American labor movement.

It was a very happy party here on the night of May 14. It was Paul Heide's retirement dinner, and no one seemed happier than Paul himself.

It was a sentimental party, and the close to 300 people there may have felt at times that it was an end of an era. But for Paul Heide, after a lifetime spent as a vigorous union pioneer and labor leader, it seemed to be just a transition.

"I'll still be around any time you need me; you can depend on that," he told his friends.

Guests themselves were a cross section of generations of union activity. Dinner chairman, Local 6 president Curtis McClain, said it was "like a rerun of an old movie," with all the cast of characters over several generations coming together again to pay tribute to a friend.

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War Policies
Debate Begins
In U. S. Senate
from the ILWU Washington Office

WASHINGTON — ILWU members have an early opportunity to put the policies voted by the Convention to work. A major debate is shaping up in the Senate over military policies, arms spending, and the war, and is expected to dominate Senate activity for the next couple of months.

The actual legislation on the floor is a House-passed extension of the draft, but fights are due on amendments and language that could reduce overseas troop levels, and cut back the military budget to free much-needed money for homestfront priorities.

There will be other amendments as well, insisting on key Labor Committee members as official deck, the draft extension itself faces a filibuster aimed at forcing the Select Senate to expire at the end of June.

In line with Convention actions calling for forceful intervention in homestfront priorities and ending the war, members are urged to write or wire their senators expressing their views.

• To support the Hatfield-McGov ern amendment to end the war and withdrawing all US troops from Indo china by the end of 1971;
• To support efforts by Senator Mooney, Pudvelling and Mathias to clamp a reduced ceiling on the military budget which can free money for use at home to create jobs, housing, and the vast stockpiling of unneeded social needs.

Local 12 Hits Polyethylene
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — A number of resolutions and statements of policies of the ILWU's nineteenth Biennial Convention have been brought to the attention of Congress and is currently debating some of these issues. These include:

• Convention actions on National Health Insurance—supporting the Kennedy-Keating Health Act were submitted to hearings before the Senate Finance Committee;
• Both the House and Senate Commerce Committees are currently meeting on auto insurance reform and ILWU statements urging enactment of the Hart-McGovern “no-fault” proposals will add muscle to the record there.

The policy statement on Tuna Boat Surcharges was added to earlier ILWU testimony before the House Merchant Marine & Fishery Committee, while the statement on Occupational Safety and Health was circulated to United States Executive Members as added pressure for early consideration of benefit increases.

• Congress' Joint Economic Committee will have ILWU resolutions on increasing benefit priorities, and opposing wage-price controls up for consideration during its current deliberations.

Mailing and Delivery

INTERNATIONAL BALLOTING committee makes final check on tabulation sheets for election of national officers, executive board and Coast Labor Relations Committee before they are mailed to the locals. From left to right are Ben Davis, Local 17; Cleophas Williams, Local 10, chairman; Dan Haleamau, Local 18; Joe Campion, Local 34; and Ray Morales, Local 6.

Voting Set for June 7-11

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counting ballots is spelled out in the International constitution, as amended in 1961 (Article VI, Section 12).

“Within fifty (50) days after the adjournment of the convention, balloting committees designated by each local union shall conduct secret elections. Such elections shall be held on any day or days during a span of five consecutive calendar days, such days to be designated by the titled officers, all locals to be notified accordingly. The ballot shall be counted in the local unions, such count commencing no earlier than the first day immediately following the five days designated for balloting.

“Within sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the convention, the ballots and a tabulated count shall be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer, and a tabulated count, certified by the local balloting committee, shall be sent to the International balloting committee who shall total the tabulations received from the locals; and seventy (70) days after the convention shall report the results, tabulating the local union ballots on the reports.”

In any instance where the foregoing procedure is not followed, locals will not be officially recognized as having conducted the election.

George Hardy to Head Service Employee Union

SAN FRANCISCO—George Hardy, and old friend of the ILWU, who built the service employees' unions in the bay area and California from the ground up, has been named president of the Building Service Employees International Union.

Hardy led the first organizing drive of the BSEIU in San Francisco in 1936 — his union, janitors Local 97, fought a number of tough strikes for recognition and agreement during those early years.

Convention Resolutions Have Impact in Washington

WASHINGTON — A number of resolutions and statements of policies of the ILWU's nineteenth Biennial Convention have been brought to the attention of Congress and is currently debating some of these issues. These include:

• Convention actions on National Health Insurance—supporting the Kennedy-Keating Health Act were submitted to hearings before the Senate Finance Committee;
• Both the House and Senate Commerce Committees are currently meeting on auto insurance reform and ILWU statements urging enactment of the Hart-McGovern “no-fault” proposals will add muscle to the record there.

The policy statement on Tuna Boat Surcharges was added to earlier ILWU testimony before the House Merchant Marine & Fishery Committee, while the statement on Occupational Safety and Health was circulated to United States Executive Members as added pressure for early consideration of benefit increases.

• Congress' Joint Economic Committee will have ILWU resolutions on increasing benefit priorities, and opposing wage-price controls up for consideration during its current deliberations.

LEGALIZING SCREENING

United labor pressure last year—from ILWU, ILA, Teamsters and the AFL-CIO Maritime Committee forced delay of proposed Customs Bureau regulations requiring licensing and identification for transport workers handling Customs cargo.

Now the Treasury Department has gone to Congress to get even stricter regulations that will enable legislation which would, among other things, provide for licensing businesses in a "freight-risk area" and require ID cards for employees of "good moral character . . . subject to the approval of the Bureau of Customs.

Washington policy procedures have been added, so have criminal penalties for fraud or misuse of a card or license.

The "Customs—Port Security Act of 1971" was introduced in the Senate as S.1654, and was referred to the conservative Finance Committee.

FINAL NOTICE—June 1 Is M & M Vesting Benefit Deadline

You have until June 1 to go to your Local to file for the M & M vesting benefit.

Qualifications for Class A men who are between 62 and 68 years of age by July 1, 1971 include 25 qualifying years of service at pay rates or Class A registration for the 8 years preceding retirement.

If you are qualified and intend to retire at age 62, your M & M vesting payments start July 1.

But remember that your ILWU-PSA pension payments will not start until the first of the month following your 63rd birthday.

MAILING DEADLINE

The deregistration statement must have a postmarked date prior to June 1, 1971, or the M & M benefit will be forfeited.

CONTAINERS

ILWU Ties Down Two Operations

SAN FRANCISCO—Two container operators have been brought into the ILWU fold as a result of recent agreements negotiated by the Coast Committee and officers of Bay Area locals.

In Oakland, rail car transfers to containerists in the Island and Hawaii and Guam service will be performed by members of the registered workforce under the terms of the Pacific Coast Longshore Agreement.

On Tuesday, May 11, a committee certified the signing of Ber t Rohach, Coast Committee members William Forresler and William Ward, Local 34 president James Herman, Local 10 business agent George Ke kai, assisted by Charles Velson, administrative assistant to the National officers, met with Bestrall on.

It was agreed that containers previously transferred from freight cars by non-Longshoremen will be reloaded. Thus, on the night of May 11, ten longshoremen, five drivers, the two coast committee members, also with the assistance of Rohach, Herman, Velson and Chester Nelson, the president of Walking Bosses' Local 91.

NEW OPERATION

Also, the ILWU, through a new operation in San Francisco, has agreed to work under the Pacific Coast M & M benefit. This work also involves rail transfer on Pier 38 and container stuffing at the company's yard. The company also will handle all cargo pool transfers for the Port of San Francisco.

The ILWU's coast committee, composed of Rohach, Herman, Nelson, Denbor Davis of Watchmen's Local 76 and International vice-president William Chester.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES

Asbestos has come under a new attack as a potential killer. Researchers at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York state that one out of five insulation workers will die of lung cancer after years of breathing asbestos dust on the job. Like coal miners' black lung, textile workers' brown lung, enzyme poisoning, etc., asbestos pollution of the air in a plant is definitely hazardous.

You have a right, under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, to contact your local Bureau of Labor Standards or the area Director of Occupational Safety and Health, or your organization or any union, to act on possibly toxic substances you are forced to work with. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union, ILGWU, has constructed its members not to work with asbestos, which is used in the manufacture of many winter coats.