Bills Chester shared a few moments before the festivities with his parents, Virgil and Beaulah Lyday.

ILWU Vice-President Honored

Bill Chester—Never Forgot Where He Came From

SAN FRANCISCO — Some 1300 guests attended the 50th anniversary of the ILWU and other unions, political leaders, and representatives of all segments of the many communities which he has served over the years came to the Hotel Fairmont's Grand Ballroom, Friday, January 7 to pay tribute to ILWU Vice-President Bill Chester.

The huge birthday party testimonial was sponsored by a broad committee of labor and community representatives and coordinated by Northern California Regional Director LeRoy King. ILWU Local 34 President Jim Herman served as master of ceremonies, while Tommy Harris—of Tommy's Joy — coordinated the entertainment. Headline attraction was Jon Hendrix, star of "Evolution of the Blues," along with the Vernon Alley Trio and Sam Stern's strolling violinist.

"HE CAME FROM RANKS"

The keynote of the evening was struck presto by ILWU President Harry Bridges when he said that "Bill Chester's input toward advancing the social, economic and political welfare of our city's people is surely the equal of any of our city's leaders."

"As a good tough, militant union man, Bill always understood who we were, where we are and where we wanted to go. He came from the rank and file of the San Francisco dock workers and never forgot where he came from, where his roots and strength were.

"After introducing the members of his family—his parents, Virgil and Beaulah Lyday, his wife Mrs. Elva Chester and children Bill and Kathy—Chester got down to his main point:

"This is not just a testimonial dinner for a man named Bill Chester. This is a testimonial dinner to so many of you who are here tonight—for the many good things you have done for the people you represent and for your communities, your country and your fellow men and women."

"And above all, I must thank my union, the ILWU and all it has done to make possible the life and opportunities more livable, to influence the community, to fight against racism, ignorance and war, to fight for equality in education and for world peace. . . . My union taught me what it means when men and women join together to bring their total strength together to make life better for all of us."

Three guests were sorely missed. San Francisco's former Mayor Joe Alioto was fogged in at the Chicago airport; Joe Louis was struggling with the flu, and Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons was also unavoidably detained.

But those who came to honor Bill Chester easily made up the difference: San Francisco Mayor George Christopher, former Mayor George Christopher, and Senator Miller Marks were all proud to stand up and praise Bill Chester's contributions to the city's life.

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The Arms Race Begins Again

T H E L A T E S T N A T O decision rejecting the Warsaw Pact's offer of a treaty pledging never to be the first to use nuclear weapons is probably a manifestation of the so-called "Soviet-bloc" threat and their schemes to divert taxpayers' dollars for spending in the military-technology race.

President-elect Carter's promises of a bolstered economy may well turn out to take the form of an increase in spending for the Defense Department.

NATO insidiously is condoning the arms build-up of those sympathetic to the ex-colonial regimes who tremble at the ever-increasing third-world populaces and third-world acceptance of USSR's extension of technical knowledge. Hark back to the iron curtain days after WW II, the NATO clique prescribes nuclear warfare as an alternative to detente. Rejecting testers of brotherhood and peace and preferring the outmoded iron-curtain days when it was fashionable to be anti-Soviet, NATO claims the offer is a bluff and a propaganda ploy.

The Warsaw pledge of a nuclear attack ban was a decent offer made in good faith.

W H Y N O T C A L L T H I S S O-CALLED "BLUFF" of the Warsaw Pact and renounce the first use of nuclear weapons?

The arms race is on. The Pentagon claims that strategically the Russians and Americans are equally armed. But NATO'sasia forces are not. As the Manhattan Project's statement said: "The so-called nuclear explosion would be catastrophic to the United States, and our government..."

If so, we see no legitimate reason for NATO to accept the pledge not to strike the first blow. The world is in a state of arms and mankind is in the midst of it all.

Brown, the former nuclear physicist, who ambitious Senate Committee heads now in deference call "Mr. Secretary," admits a protracted nuclear exchange would be costly and states further the controversy over strategic nuclear weapons is diverting attention from conventional weapons.

Though all under the Defense Department, it appears that divisions—T he Navy, the Air Force, etc., are now voicing for priority programs in the budget while soon to be Defense Secretary Harold Brown protests that the US concentrate on maintaining its ability to "inflict intolerable destruction against the Soviet Union, rather than on the more costly and complex strategic option of being able to use a protracted nuclear exchange with the Soviets."

We assume Mr. Secretary is aware of his choice of military language and his background as a nuclear physicist adds more import.

N A T O, T H E A L I C T H A N C I A L Alliance, created after WW II, on April 4, 1949, was mainly to re-arm and re-build Europe. The Warsaw Treaty Organization (Warsaw Pact), was created May, 1955, consisting of the so-called Soviet-threat-nations of Eastern Europe. Two generations have been brought up to comprehend the Atlantic Alliance as the maintenance of peace and security and the Warsaw Treaty Organization and Helsinki as the Spy capitals of the world, to be rejected accordingly and their proposals for lasting peace rebuffed.

Rejection by NATO on the nuclear attack ban makes peace seem remote and is contrary to the Helsinki decisions binding the US to work for peace.

Whoever violates the pledge offer and opts into the first act in the nuclear theater will be forever the enemy of all mankind.

The song and dance has already begun. Pentagon sources are beginning to put the pressure on the administration and public opinion to outright a "so-called" nuclear attack ban. Every year of the post-war era, during the 1990 campaign when John Kennedy dreamed up the "missile gap," and over the last few years when the anti-debt forces in this government have sought to renew the arms race.

American citizens have been lied to before often enough in the past few years to have become a little more sophisticated. We hope the lessons have taken hold.

On the Beam

B UT G O I N G I N T O T H I S convention brings the union face to face with other things, impalpable matters that could bear heavily on the future of the union for the next few years. A new team of top officers is coming in, at least for two of the posts, namely President and Secretary-Treasurer.

At the last International Executive Board meeting in Vancouver, BC, early in November, the board decided to hold a conference of all international officers concerning the prospects of the proaching AFL-CIO President, George Meany, as a group to discuss re-organization. A board of the officers of the Warsaw Pact's offer of a treaty pledging non-aggression against any layoffs during the contract period of three years.

The Canadian Area has last negotiated another agreement with substantial improvements that sets that group up for another year.

Looking ahead now, the next big contract hurdle is our Hawaiian sugar division. Sugar contracts end February 1.

The Board may decide that now is not a good time for the changes to be made as it might make the arm of great and grow and create dissension, so much so that it may be better to just let things roll on as they are, and have been, for the past few years.

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Minor Changes In Dock Pension Plan Prepared

SAN FRANCISCO—The Coast Committee announced December 30 that the ILWU and PMA are nearing final agreement on language of the Seventeenth Amendment to the ILWU-PMA Pension Plan, made necessary by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The new Amendment is expected to be executed by the parties shortly after the first of the year, and many provisions of the Plan will be retroactively effective as of July 17.

Generally, men will be able to retire at the same time and at the same rate as under current Plan provisions, notwithstanding the Amendment. Brochures describing changes in the Plan are being prepared and will be distributed to participants as soon as they become available.

DETAILS FOLLOW

In addition, detailed memoranda will be distributed as soon as possible. Copies of Plan amendments will be sent to each local, and will be available for inspection at the Fund office.

The Trustees request the report that all questions about pension benefits and eligibility be submitted to the Benefit Fund office in writing, and that men and dependents rely only upon written answers from the Benefit Fund office. Do not rely upon oral answers to any of their questions.

High Court Closes Door on ILA's Container Rules

WASHINGTON, DC — The US Supreme Court has upheld a lower court ruling invalidating the container handling rules negotiated by the International Longshoremen's Association (AFL-CIO) and its New York-based employer.

The Court's action, which marked the end of the road for a series of ILA appeals, will have a dramatic effect on shipping patterns from Maine to Texas.

The invalidated rules, provided that shipping lines had to use 50-mile containers collectively and the killing of Norman Ray Lewis "as posing danger of a re-run of pictures, at right, are Local 6 business agents George Lucero (left) and Roland Corley (right), going over logistics with Santa Clara unionists leading pickets, in checked jacket, is AFL-CIO representative Sal Lopez, who, along with Street, coordinated the picket activity.

Portland Dems Blast Handyman's Policies

PORTLAND — On December 9 the Democratic Central Committee of Multnomah County passed a resolution supporting the Handyman boycott. (See Dispatcher December 17.)

The letter urged Handyman to come into modern times in the "matter of labor relations, to quit trying to break Completely."

The letter also stated that Handyman policies in Tracy were "a threat to working men and women who are attempting to organize and bargain collectively" and the killing of Norman Ray Lewis "as posing danger of a return to the methods used against labor by industrial tycoons in the early part of the century."

Copies of the letter were sent to all Handyman outlets in the Portland-Beaverton-Milwaukie area.

Handyman Benefit Dance

Set for January 29

OAKLAND, Ca. — The Handyman strikers should benefit from the Local 6 sponsored Benefit Dance to be held at the East Bay Local 6 Hall, 99 Hegenberger Road, Oakland, from 8 p.m. through 1 a.m., Saturday, January 29.

Tickets costing $2 may be purchased at any Local 6 hiring hall. There will be disco music and reasonably priced drinks for all.

'Angry' Santa Clara Unionists Join ILWU Handyman Boycott Campaign

SAN JOSE — More than 100 trade unionists called out by the Santa Clara County Labor Council, AFL-CIO, joined ILWU Local 6's picket line at the Stevens Creek Boulevard Handyman outlet Wednesday, December 22.

The spirited picket line, walked by members of many AFL-CIO unions in the South Bay, was a demonstration of labor support for the ILWU consumer boycott against Handyman. The boycott began after Local 6 picket Norman Ray Lewis, 33, was run over and killed by a 7-foot truck driven deliberately through the picket line by a company supervisor at Handyman's warehouse at Tracy, California.

"UPSET, ANGRY"

"Our people were very angry about what happened in Tracy," said Labor Council business representative Emerson Street. "We can't let employers start settling negotiations by killing people," he said.

"We have pacts with identical language, while language in several southern and western ports from Boston to Norfolk, Va., necessitate a complete re-writing of the longshore contract."

BERTH AGENTS PITCH IN—ILWU Berth Agents (a unit of clerks Local 40, Portland), picketed the Handyman store at Milwaukie, December 11. Picture shows Klaus Siemens giving the leaflet to prospective customer. Others on line, from left to right, Dan Pyle, Judy Thompson and Ken Parks. On December 18 the grain workers' unit of Local 40 went on the line at the Milwaukie store, in picture, are left to right, Walt Werner, Mark Kominskidke and Dick Armstrong. Picketing, but not in picture, Morie Dement and Steve Killian.
US Cotton Dust Standards Finally Proposed

SAN FRANCISCO — The US Labor Department has finally come through with new regulations to protect workers from exposure to cotton dust—but the Department for some reason did not insist that the industry be given seven years to install the necessary controls.

The new standards, according to the Washington Post, will join the yarn industry almost $1 billion in new capital equipment and another $1.7 billion for the ginning, weaving and cotton-waste-processing industries.

The SERIOUS LUNG DISEASE

The standards seek to lower worker exposure to cotton dust which can cause a serious respiratory disease known as byssinosis. By affecting the respiratory passages, cotton dust can cause coughing, wheezing, severe disability and even death.

Although textile workers have long been subject to respiratory disease, the federal government began regulating cotton-dust exposure only in 1968. The existing standards limit exposure of workers to 1,000 micrograms of cotton dust per cubic meter of air.

The new standards, however, set the amount allowed by the proposed new regulations.

Public hearings on the new standards will begin here April 5, with strong industry opposition expected.

Local 24 Credit Union Wins Thrift Award

AUBURNDALE, Wash.—The ILWU Local 24 Federal Credit Union has earned a 1977 Thrift Honor Award for its success in stimulating savings among small savers.

The credit union reported a monthly growth rate of 3.14 percent in accounts under $50,000. This rate-of-growth was well above the average for Federal credit unions of similar size.

On August 31, 1976, the credit union had 345 active members with deposits of $907,000.

Chartered in 1968, the Credit Union serves members of longshore Local 24 employed by the Pacific Maritime Association and Aberdeen or Raymond or Aberdeen, Washington, employees of the local, locals of the ILWU, and their immediate families.

Mrs. Dorothy Vekich is president of the ILWU credit union and Scott N. Godfrey is treasurer.

The National Credit Union Administration charters, supervises, and insures over 3,000 Federal credit unions in the United States. It conducts the Thrift Honor Award program to provide an incentive for Federal credit union officials to encourage members with small accounts to include regular savings as a part of their family financial management plans.

Canadians Spending Less
With National Health Plan

A comparison of the cost of delivering health care shows that Canada is able to provide its citizens with quality care for far less than the United States.

In Canada, where a national medical insurance plan was introduced in 1968, health expenditures constitute 7 percent of the nation's gross national product. This compares with about 4.3 percent in the United States.

Even more significant, however, is the low cost of administering health care in Canada. In an exchange of correspondence with Dr. R. A. Armstrong, Director of Health and Welfare Department, the US Department of Social Security learned that the cost of administration in Canada was only 6 percent of the total benefit as against 12.8 percent under the largely private US system.

The lower administrative costs are attributed to the reduction or elimination of many of the red-tape measures associated with private insurance, such as processing claims with deductable and coinsurance provisions, income or means tests, and premium collection.

National Health Would Mean No Extra Costs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—National health insurance will not put the American people one penny beyond what they are now paying for health care, the Committee for National Health declared in a statement.

At the request of members of National Health, Woodcock, who is chairman of the CNHI, said in issuing the statement that "one of the first benefits of this century has been the contention that national health insurance would cost upwards of $50 billion.

"Such statements are 100 percent bunk," he said.

He noted that the Congressional Budget Office has prepared a cost- financed plan such as the Kennedy-Corman Health Security proposal, with strong built-in cost controls, could save the American people over $20 billion a year while providing access to care for all citizens.

The CNHI said that the essence of the Health Security program is simply a rearrangement of how health costs are paid for. Instead of an individual family being responsible for health and medical costs, the costs will be shared by all citizens in a sustainable, equitable basis, the statement pointed out.

Deadline January 21

"Necessarily higher tax costs will be offset by the seldom mentioned fact that individuals will have to pay less for doctors, charges to hospitals, and premiums to insurance companies," CNHI observed.

The money will save by not making payments to doctors or insurance companies will equal, or more, the higher taxes required for national health insurance.

CNHI stressed that health care is one of the most important issues facing the new 98th Congress.


CNHI reaffirmed its support of this approach to national health insurance and urged its adoption.

Pacific Container Fact

SAN FRANCISCO—Local 6 has successfully negotiated a contract with the Pacific Container Company for a three-year period with wage increases of 70 cents each year.

The members also won the area health and welfare and pension improvement plans, five-week vacations after 30 years and a national holiday for 1977, 45 working days for seniority, plus severance payment for any one year worked for four months of health and welfare coverage.

Canadian Sugar Negotiations Begin in Hawaii

In a report to the membership the union's subcommittee pointed out that any member negotiations would assure that there would be no interruption of operation. "It provides machinery to settle the very few basic demands by negotiating for seniority, plus severance payment for any one year worked for four months of health and welfare coverage."

The negotiators are: Joe Robinson and Joe Figueiredo, BA.

Sugar Negotiations

Deadline — January 21

Laying the cornerstone for Local 1's Hall in better times.
Bill Chester's Night

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Senator Marks presented a special Resolution from the California State Senate in honor of Chester, and a similar Resolution from the State Assembly was presented by Rep. Leo McCarthy.

Other presentations and brief speeches were made by John Bowers, vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Association, and Shanko, who presented the National Maritime Union, who spoke of Chester's commitment to the creation of a united labor movement.

TrIBUTES also came from John Henning, Secretary of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, and Rabbi Alvin I. Fine who recalled Bill's days on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

Cleophas Williams, President of longshore Local 10 brought heartfelt greetings from a group of Local 10 veterans: George Smalleg, Joe Mosley, Henry Conley, Bennie Hunter, Joe Johnson, Morel Marshall, Carl J. Smith, A. C. Young, Tommy Silas, Frank Jefferson and Sam Washington. "Our only regret," Williams concluded, "is that the boys who knew you when could not be here. Johnny Walker, Leon Barlew, Joe White and others. Wherever they are, they too are proud of you because you have not let us down!"

PLATFORM GUESTS
Platform guests, introduced by MC Jim Herman, were Chester's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lyday; LeRoy King, ILWU Northern California Regional Director and Mrs. Judy King; ILWU President Harry Bridges and Mrs. Niki Bridges; ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt and Mrs. Terri Goldblatt; Vice-President George Marzanne and Mrs. Dorothy Marzanne; Ron DeLaur and Mrs. Judy DeLaur, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Mrs. Jean McCarthy; ILA Secretary-Treasurer Terri Goldblatt and Mrs. Joy Hamilton; NMU President Shannon Wall and Mrs. Lucy Wall; John F. Henning and Mrs. Betty Henning; ILA Vice-President John Bowers.

Also on the dias were Roy Booker T. Anderson of Jones Methodist Church and Rev. Mark Hurley, Bishop of Santa Rosa; civic leader Cyril Maginn; John Allard, President of Pacific Par East Lines; Ms. Margaret Cruz of La Raza; former Mayor George Christopher and Mrs. Thelma Shelley; widow of the late Mayor Jack Shelley; Jon Leo McCarthy of the National Maritime; State Senator Milton Marks and Mrs. Carelene Marks.

Also, Local 10 President Cleophas Williams and Mrs. Sadie Williams; Local 142 President Curtis McClain and Ms. Mary Alice Benjamin; San Francisco Teamster Leader Jack Goldman; Major General H.R. Del Mar; General Orlando Gonzales of the Western Military Command; PMA President Ed Flynn and Mrs. Flynn; Charles Hiltzheimer of Seattle; Father John P. Kavanaugh of St. Flinn Barr's Church and San Francisco civic leader and hotel owner Ben Swig.

Prominent guests in the audience were Juan Cayetano Melche and Mrs. Melche representing the Vera Cruz Longshoremen; USSR Congressman Priuts; Alex Main, former longshoreman and now a successful San Francisco businessman; Hon. Quentin Kopp of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Joe Mazula of the Plumbers Union; labor attorney Marvin Lewis.

John Crowley, secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council; Ed Turner, secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Cooks and Stewards Assemblyman Willie Brown; James McKinley, regional representative of the National Maritime Union; retired Hawaiian ILWU Local 142 vice president Constantine Samson and wife Delita; Eddie Lapa, and Local 141's secretary-treasurer Newton Miyagi and wife Barbara were present.

Max Vekich, long-time secretary-treasurer of ILWU longshore Local 24, Aberdeen, Washington, also came down for the festivities, along with his wife Dorothy Vekich and daughter Linda. Also on hand were William Reedy and George and Nellie Walsh.

Warm greetings were received from many sources. Space doesn't permit the listing of all of them, but they included words from Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, Senators Hubert Humphrey, Alan Cranston, Daniel Inouye, John Tunney and California Attorney General Evelle Younger. Also, Congressman Spark Matsunaga, Ron DeLaur and the World Federation of Trade Unions, the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions; the Australia Waterside Workers Federation and the New Zealand Waterside Workers and the All-Japan Dockworkers' Union, as well as longshore locals in Ensenada, Puerto Vallarta, La Paz and Vera Cruz, Mexico and ILA President Grenon.

Greetings were also received from Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons, Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock and other internationals, as well as numerous ILWU locals and pension groups.

Benediction was by Father John P. Kavanaugh, Pastor, St. Flinn Barr's Church. Arrangements were by George Kellner of Broughton Enterprises.

Clockwise from upper left, photos show Bill Chester with Local 10 President Cleophas Williams; a shot of the crowd; MC Jim Herman; entertainer Jon Hendrix; Major General H.R. Del Mar; Rev. Wilbur Hamilton; Hawaiian delegates; ILA Vice-President John Bowers; Local 46 President Tony Garcia with Juan Cayetano Melche of the Mexican longshore unions; State Senator Milton Marks; San Francisco Mayor George Moscone; and a proud Mrs. Ethel Chester.

—photos by Luis Carbaliar and Linda Vokic
Local Union Elections

Local 6, East Bay

The results of the business agents' run-off election held December 16 are: Out of 3,359 votes cast, 703 votes were cast for the three West Bay BA's are Don Ruth, Henry McKnew and Al Lannon. Joe Figuereido was re-elected BA in the November 18 primary.

Local 8, Portland

Dick Wise will head local 8 this year, having defeated outgoing secretary, Jim Foster in a close race for the top post.

Local 9, Seattle

Brother Earl George installed in coming union at the January 11 membership meeting.

Elected as president is Lenard Bendard: vice president, Ralph Funkhouser; recording secretary, George Ellenberger; sergeant-at-arms, Art Mosher; and union trustees Gary Haspel and Ed Shaffer. A 18-month executive board was also elected.

Local 10, San Francisco

Here are the results of the primary election held by ILWU Local 90 on January 14, President, Cleophus Williams (elected); Vice-President, Willie Zemm, Reg Theriault (run-off); Secretary, Art Mosher; and Trustee, Joe Lynch, Louise Dalton, Angelo Tomasello, Alpha Baker Hunter and Rene Mowry.

Local 14, West Sacramento

Out of 831 votes cast the three West Sacramento BA's are: Joe Figueiredo, Louise Dalton, Angelo Tomasello. Members may vote at the local union hall, 400 North Point.

Local 18, West Sacramento

Newly-elected officials for Local 18 for 1977 were: president, George Lynch, also trustee; recording secretary and grievance committee member, Ray van Zaver; business agents, Herb Mills, George Kekai, William Watkins, and Lawrence Thibeaux (run-off for two positions); convention delegate, Artалиев; secretary and treasurer, Joe Lynch, Louise Dalton, Angelo Tomasello, Alpha Baker Hunter and Rene Mowry.

Local 23, Tacoma

Local 23 members voted in the following officials for 1977: president, Larry Johnson; vice president, Wardell Campbell; secretary, Robert Braden; treasurer, and business agent, and BA, George Ginnis. The three elected to the LRC are: George Ginnis, Larry N. Garrett and Jim Norton. The dispatchers are Fred A. Miller and Larry W. Paul. Jerry Tomal is the new radio dispatcher. The ILWU-PMA Joint Accident Prevention Committee is Ray Scott, Al Holland, Henry Boschee and Dale Rees.

Local 24, Aberdeen

Reelected for 1977 are president, George F. Irwin and vice president, Walter Jewell. Local 24 members also voted for: secretary, Gerald S. Fink; also voted in as dispatcher, Fuget Sound Council delegate and trustee; marshal, Walter Heikilla; sergeant-at-arms: Richard Wiswell, marshal; Bob Cranston, Carl Meuler, Don Ronne and Mike Fisch, James Vanderwerf, and Karl Minich, trustees.

Local 26, Everett

The 1977 slate for Local 26 is: president, John Wadell; vice president, Burton Linker and secretary/Ba, Bob Miller. The three LRC members are: George Angela, William Shepherd and John Wadell. Elected to the ILWU-PMA Joint Accident Prevention Committee are Jim Berco, Pete O'Nin, Jim Jeschke and Joe McCrnick. An eight-man executive board was also selected.

Local 33, San Pedro

Local 33 ILWU, San Pedro, California, will hold its regular election from January through March 31, 1977, to fill the offices of president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, San Pedro BA, chief barge dispatcher and four audit trustees. Also up for election are two convention delegates and eight executive board members.

Local 35, Trona

The election the polls will be open every day except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The election will be held by secret ballot by manually depositing official ballots in sealed ballot boxes placed at the respective Union offices in San Pedro at 806 South Palos Verdes Street and in San Diego at 505 North Harbor Drive, Suite J.

Other officers of the unit who are in good standing are eligible to vote and must have their union books when they come in to vote.

Local 37, Trona

ILWU Chemical processors members voted in their officials for the coming year. President, Glenn (Pappy) Denning (reelected); vice president, George Avila, also trustee; recording secretary, Robert Caretti; and sergent-at-arms, George Cast and Jerry Carter. Tom Ginn is financial secretary and grievance committee member and Joe McCorrnick is regional delegate.

The trustees are Larry Haney, Dale Sample, David Rhodes, Lester Martin, George Ogawa and James Williams as well as the above-mentioned vice president.

Members also voted in an 11-man executive board.

Local 40, Portland

Phil Fitzler will head Clerks Local 40 again this year, having defeated outgoing secretary, John Johnson; Vice president Wardell Campbell; secretary, Robert Braden; and BA, George Ginnis. The three elected to the LRC are: George Ginnis, Larry N. Garrett and Jim Norton. The dispatchers are Fred A. Miller and Larry W. Paul. Jerry Tomal is the new radio dispatcher. The ILWU-PMA Joint Accident Prevention Committee is Ray Scott, Al Holland, Henry Boschee and Dale Rees.

Local 42, Everett

Retired ILWU member Osmund "E" Jansen receives Xmas basket from Bud Hyden while Mrs. Emma Hyden (left) and Mrs. Jansen look on.

Columbia River Pensioners

Visit Shut-Ins for Christmas

PORTLAND — Christmas came early for pensioners in the Portland area, with banquets on the River and CRPMA's traditional distribution of baskets to members confined by illness or disability in convalescent establishments or their own homes.

"We do this every year," said CRPMA's Charley Carver, Fred Brown. "The visit does more for them than the box of goodies, and we enjoy it, too."

CRPMA's Christmas visitors' committee includes Dick Dickson, Charles Carver, Charles Cuculich, Jack Schmidt, Don Erd, Joe Schweb, and Lee Hawton, as well as Frank Jaworski, Jr.

The boxes of goodies included fruit, candy and homemade cookies, baked by a committee consisting of Marie Helt, Emma Hyden and Ruth Howton.
Local 6 retiree Frank "Duke" Livingston demonstrates acupuncture techniques in his colleague, Roxanne Breazell.

Warehouseman Finds Career in Acupuncture
SAN MATEO, Ca. — Frank “Duke” Livingston, a retired member of ILWU Local 6, has embarked on a career in acupuncture. After his retirement, he undertook a course in acupuncture at the Acupuncture Institute of California. He now provides acupuncture services to his colleagues and friends. Livingston says, "For Duke to simply mind his own store, we needed a new bill to require the issuance of acupuncturist licenses in the State of California."

The new group lobbied successfully for a new bill to require the issuance of acupuncturist licenses in California, which was recently passed. Livingston is now working to educate the public about the benefits of acupuncture.

Local 24 Mourns Tragic Death of Bertram J. Damm
ABERDEEN, Wash. — Bertram J. Damm, a 28-year member of ILWU Local 24, died early on December 17 from injuries sustained while working on the waterfront. Damm was a longshoreman and was a member of the $5 a Month Club of ILWU members. The accident occurred during an incident involving a ship's cargo net for the children to play on. Helpful was California Steve Ramsey's lures were smacked and he soon eased to boat for netting, a shiny, 10-pound steelhead, blue of back and white of belly. He has always been available to help the Wilson River of Oregon."

In deeper water we switched to drift-fishing. Steeple, the steelhead had broken a 25-year jinx on the Wilson River of Oregon."

Local 24 Leader Plans Retirement
ABERDEEN, Wash.— After 24 years of continual service to ILWU Local 24, Max M. Vekich Secretary/Chief Dispatcher, has decided to step down and return to the front for the next year, until he retires to his Clatsop River Retirement.

Max began his duties of Secretary/Treasurer Dispatcher in 1953 when Aberdeen had 18 gangs and was mainly a lumber port. Today, with his much-appreciated help, Local 24 has grown to 18 gangs, has a division of Boise Cascade workers and has absorbed Local 1, Raymond, for a combined jurisdiction of both Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor.

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Local 23 Xmas Party
TACOMA—All children and families of ILWU Local 23 attended the big annual Christmas Party at the Union Hall on December 10, 1976, at 7 p.m. JP Patches and Gertrude, of ‘CIRCO, 33rd Place, Portland, Ore, 97202.

Before pulling anchor around dusk, fortune smiled upon me once again when another steelhead, a 14-pounder, took my lure and ran. As I stepped from the boat, I mused: “I’ve finally hooked the big one!” I was soon to learn that I had come up with a limit of winter steelhead; how lucky can a fisherman get?"

This writer would like to trade a BOLO fishing lure for a clear snapshot of a fishing or hunting scene and a few words as to what the snapshot is about. The offer is open to all ILWU members, members of the family and, of course, retired members. Please mention your local number, and write to: Fred Goetz, Dept. TDI, 3333 S. E. 33rd Place, Portland, Ore. 97202.

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New ILWU Booklet Ready

The ILWU Organizing Department has just published an attractive 16-page booklet — entitled “Getting It Together” which does a good job of explaining why working people need to get it together in unions like the ILWU.

“We think that this booklet will be of interest both to current members as well as to workers who are thinking about joining,” said Vice-President George Martin in a letter to all locals.

The booklet contains separate sections on the structure, history, finances and everyday operations of the ILWU. Other sections describe the benefits of joining, the qualities which have made this union special in the history of the US labor movement, as well as some tips on beginning to organize a plant.

Amply illustrated with photos of ILWU members at work, and with personal histories of members describing how the union plays a role in their lives, “this booklet will be a really useful tool in organizing new members,” Martin said.

We’re proud of what we’ve built

Gentry Akens, warehouseman, Local 26, Los Angeles:

My kids had to have serious surgery recently, and I couldn’t have paid for it myself. Also, with these benefits you can relax a little and pursue other interests. I’ve gotten my AA degree and will have a BA next year. My family is taken care of. I know that without the union I’d be out on the street. It’s my responsibility to be active in this union, to protect it on the job.

Carl Meuler, longshoreman, Local 8, Portland:

I like the people. At first it was just that good money. But then I started to meetings and it got to me — you might call it brotherhood. As the leadership started retiring I decided to get in there and get involved. I was elected to the executive board and then business agent — I was defeated times before I got elected. It’s a lot of ground to cover, but I’m enjoying doing my best.

Your rights

You have the right to have the ILWU represent you in negotiations with your employer!

Dues & Finances

In the ILWU, union finances — both dues income and expenses — are firmly controlled by the rank-and-file members.

The Locals’ Dues

Under the ILWU Constitution, the members of each local decide on the amount of dues they will pay. Only the membership, by majority vote, can change the dues.

Josephine Suzuki Estabilio, waitress, Local 142, Kawaihae, Hawaii:

In my seven years at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel the most important benefit of being in the union has been the job security and the respect we get from our employers. That’s true in the hotels and also in the sugar industry, where my husband used to work. That’s why both of us feel that ILWU dues are the best investments we’ve ever made.