Big New Coast Dock Pact

Hard Cash

Straight-time base rate up by 85c in each year of three-year pact... skill rates increased by up to 25c... PGP funding strengthened to avoid shortfalls... guarantee increased to level of 24 hours per week for "B" men.

Pensions

Benefits for new and present pensioners increased substantially... early retirement facilitated... single normal retirement age set at age 62... survivor benefits improved... Social Security Supplement.

Welfare and Other Fringes

Big improvement in dental coverage will decrease out-of-pocket expense... new hearing care benefit... major medical benefit for insured plan participants in choice ports... life insurance improved... two new holidays... six weeks vacation after 25 years... vacation qualifying hours modified.

Contract Language

Breakthrough in union's efforts to relieve long-standing grievances on employment, utilization of steady men... jurisdiction over new operations solidified... voluntary travel program... help on dispatch hall costs.

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Ranks Will Vote

Caucus Approves Dock Pact

SAN FRANCISCO — New three year longshore and clerks agreements—featuring unprecedented economic gains and major breakthroughs on job security—have been sent out to the membership after a seven-day longshore caucus overwhelmingly recommended a yes vote.

The caucus, which convened Monday, July 10 and adjourned Sunday afternoon, July 16, recommended ratification by a 2-1 margin.

The new agreement "is a strong, well-balanced package which speaks to a wide diversity of needs and interests within the longshore division," said International President Jim Herman in a report prepared for this issue of The Dispatcher. "It contains solid economic gains, and breaks new ground on some of the thorny issues relating to job security and jurisdiction which have troubled our union for years."

Voting will take place in all locals July 21-26. Ballots are to be counted not before July 27 with results to be sent to the International by 5 p.m. July 28. Results will be announced in the next issue of The Dispatcher.

Signing the tentative agreement — PMA President Ed Flynn and ILWU International President Jim Herman.

ILWU Fishermen Win Their Strike

SAN DIEGO — After five weeks on the bricks, 250 members of ILWU Fishermen and Allied Workers' Local 33 have ratified an excellent package which will raise their take from the present level of $100 per ton to $130 by January 1, 1979.

The increase is in two stages—$20 per ton immediately, another $10 on the first of the new year.

The strike affected 30 local boats which fish for mackerel, anchovies, local bluefin and bonita. The Local 33 tuna fleet was not involved.

Local 33 BA Frank Bencina emphasized that assistance rendered by longshore Local 13 in making extra work available "was of tremendous importance in winning the strike and we are extremely grateful."
Getting from Here to There

The cost of owning and operating cars and trucks in the United States has soared 81% since 1972—nearly twice the rate of inflation. Now the second year of a five-year survey showed recently. American motorists spent a record $2,615 per vehicle in 1977, $249 or 10.5% more than the 1976 figure. That amounted to 27.1 cents per mile, compared with 20.2 cents per mile in 1976.

Steve Adore Returns
Steve Adore has joined the staff of the Local 40 RECAP as an "occasional columnist." He will specialize in pertinent and/or impertinent remarks on doings in the world of labor.

His first contribution, appearing in the June 30 issue, notes that "When more than one-half of the labor force is women, they mean work. But when the press and politicians talk about it, they mean organization.

"For more than a century the catchword for the efforts of women in the law—have been to beat up union men and women. That's what July 1 is supposed to mean. But you cannot beat the labor records high and low and you'll never find a single instance of a cop beating hell out of an employer."

A sketch of Adore, wearing his BSA cap, a pair of glasses, and a beard drawn by Local 8's famed cartoonist Bob Nixon, topped the column.

Inflation's Real Victims
Economist Gary Alperowitz claims to have uncovered the truth behind inflation so obvious and fundamental that it has escaped the government's attention. It is that for most people inflation is worse than the government thinks. The problem, according to Alperowitz, is that people spend 70% of their money on things that escalate faster than prices overall.

The prices of food, fuel, medical care, and housing in 1978, he says, are climbing at a rate of nearly 13%, almost three times the rate of inflation. People spend 70% of their money on food, fuel, and housing, he concludes. "The prices of necessities—what 80% of the people spend 70% of their money on—are climbing faster than prices overall."

PROBLEMS OF CONTAINERIZATION
In the 1960s we gave ground on the introduction and use of new cargo-handling technology, with the understanding that whatever work remained on the docks would be ours. Increased competition, the growth of the container industry, and the introduction of these agreements, however, created some extremely serious problems for us, particularly around the issues of job security and jurisdiction.

The negotiating committee put an enormous amount of time and energy into resolving these issues—particularly the problem of the abuse of the steady man provisions in the contract, and the erosion of ILWU jurisdiction. The caucus had demanded that steady men be kept as employees and the committee fought hard for this during the first several weeks of intense bargaining, the committee determined that it couldn't make the demand stick, at least without one of a brawl, coastwise...
Local 142 Wins Big Settlement
At Granny Goose

HONOLULU — ILWU Local 142 production and maintenance workers at Granny Goose Foods ratified a new three-year agreement, which gives them gains for which Frigo Lay workers had to strike last year.

Granny Goose is a Del Monte subsidiary.

The settlement, reached without a strike, was effective April 1, 1978. It includes:

* Wage increases ranging from $1.00 to $1.10. They will bring the lowest starting rate up to $3.47.

* Sick leave waiting period is reduced from 60 days to 30 days.

* Medical plan coverage of major expense increased to $250,000.

* Drug & Vision care for employees and dependents, at company expense.

* The company plan coverage increased from $300 to $600.

* Employees can participate in Del Monte savings and investment plan.

* Letters of reprimand will be voided after one year.

* Paid funeral leave of one day if grandparent dies. (Agreement allows three days if spouse, child or parent dies.)

Local 8 Vigilant Against Loadout

PORTLAND—June 21 was a long day for Willamette River Agent of Local 8, and for two members of the local’s LRC, Henry Lunde and Jerry Bitt. But when it was over, the trio slept soundly.

Butler was called at the old coal loadout on Terminal 4, in use for 27 years. The cement on the structure started to deteriorate and falling from the reinforcing iron.

“I closed the job down until it could be inspected by the Port Engineer. My question to him was: At what point in the deterioration did the coal softness begin?”

Brady withdrew from having the arbitration and sent the men home.

Tolan listed one factor through rates in-creased by $2.28; another by $1.75 in six months and from then on, it was totally up to the employer,” she says.

“Everyone was very enthusiastic. We had only two dissenting votes. There was no doubt that we needed a union,” according to Wilfred Macarach, also a steward.

The new three-year agreement provides a 10.5% across-the-board wage increase, a cost-of-living clause and improvements in holidays, vacations, the company’s medical plan, and other fringe benefits. Solid basic contract language provides for a union shop, a grievance procedure and similar benefits.

Business Agent Abba Ramos worked with the two stewards to work out the agreement.

New Local 6 House

‘No Doubt That We Needed a Union’

OAKLAND—The nearly thirty new mem-

bers of ILWU warehouse Local 6 employed at Marcel Schurman Co.—a greeting card distributor—are extremely pleased with their first union contract, signed May 1.

They joined the union last spring, ac-

cording to steward Isabell LaWig, largely because they were fed up with extremely low wages and the employer’s discrimination. “You came in at $2.50, went up to $2.75 in six months and from then on, it was totally up to the employer,” she says.

‘It Pays to See the Union’

HONOLULU—Local 142 sugar workers Zacarias Bermudez, Pepto Arquillos and Felimon Ayap have learned that it pays to see the Union when you think you aren’t being treated right on the job.

Their jobs as cleaning plant utility men, grade 4, were eliminated after the 1977 off-season, but they were selected for three newly created grade 5 factory shop utility man jobs in the cleaning plant.

They started as Learner A, with pay one grade below the full job rate until they are fully qualified. Since they were familiar with the job it wasn’t long before they were fully qualified. They then asked the supervisor why they weren’t getting the grade 5 rate, but he told them they were getting the full rate already, and nothing was done.

Finally, a year later, they asked their stews, Remigio Demanto and Amadeo Baradomes, about their problem. But Chairman Alfredo Alario and the stewards checked the brothers’ pay vouchers and found they were indeed still getting grade four pay! The company admitted it was wrong and agreed to give the brothers the grade five rate, retroactive to the time in 1977 when they were fully qualified.

This goes to show that the union is dependable and there is help whenever you need help. So don’t hold back, see your union steward or officer whenever you have a problem pertaining to the job or otherwise.

LA Alcoholism Seminars Set

LOS ANGELES — Twelve one-day semi-

nars are being presented in the Los Ange-

les area for union members interested in learning how to make professional referrals for workers and their families who have problems with alcohol, drugs, and other addic-

tions.

The program, known as the California Labor Management Plan, has been work-

ing with the State of California during the past four years. It has arranged to cover all costs, including the cost of the seminars.

Although Governor Brown had raised the state alcoholism budget from $15 million to $40 million in 1977, the problem at the work place has not been given enough at-

tention, said Machinist district director Bill Combs, who is co-ordinating the pro-

gram.

These seminars will provide an unusual learning experience in problems encount-

ered on a day-to-day basis, and with this knowledge, you will be better able to per-

form your job, he pointed out.

“We have been fortunate in obtaining consultants who have a national reputation for their expertise in these seminars and the instruction of others in identification of these problems,” said Combs.

“Normally, these programs have been too expensive for our union members to attend, but due to the excellent cooperation of Caremanor and the California La-

bor Management Plan, we have been able to make these seminars for presentation to you.

They are now being scheduled on Sat-

urdays, so that our members can attend with-

out loss of time from work, he added.

Assisting in arranging the seminars, oc-

cupational alcoholism seminars are Doug Maguire, and John Sweeny of the IAM, and Paul Peltt, Secretary-Treasurer, ILWU, Southern California District Council.

Trade unionists who would like to sched-

ule training seminars should call (213) 322-2675 or, in Northern Cali-

fornia (415) 442-104.

Local 142 Members OK 1-Year C&H Pact

AIEA, HI—Some 57 members of ILWU Local 142 employed at the C&H sugar re-

finery located in Hilo, have just signed a one-year contract which assures them of wage parity with the company’s California refinery.

The agreement provides a 10.5% across-

the-board wage increase, classification ad-

justments and a basic pension benefit of $8.50 per month per year of service.

Italian Dockers

Buycott Chile Ships

ROME—Italian dockworkers announced an indefinite boycott of ships flying the Chilean flag, June 22, as a protest against what they called the “fascist regime” in Santiago.

Save a Lightship

PORTLAND—Captain G. W. Spiesel of Masters, Mates & Pilots Local 17 is asking local unions to help save the historic lightship Sutro as a memorial to the role of organized labor in the growth of Portland as a major world shipping cen-

ter.

He suggests the craft, built by labor un-

ion in 1929, be located at the Portland seawall as a floating maritime museum.

The idea has been endorsed by the Mult-

nomah Labor Council.

Berth Agents’ Pact

PORTLAND—The ILWU Berth Agents, a unit of Local 46, have just inked a 3-

year contract with the employers effective July 1.

It calls for a 66-cent hourly wage in-

crease during the first year of the agree-

ment, with a 75-cent hourly increase for each of the following two years of substan-

tial gains in health and welfare, Local 40 President Phil Pilcher reports.

Deonna Nourthi served as chairperson of the negotiating committee. Others were Kim Stone and Pitzer.
Marriott Chain Moves to Bust Unions in Major Chicago Hotels

CHICAGO — "We have rather boldly opened a new hotel on North Michigan Avenue without capitulating to the unions," James J. Burke, vice-president for human resources at Marriott Corp., "It's quite a gamble." But the unions are fighting back--in a struggle that has become an extremely sensitive issue for both the hotel and Marriott, which on May 15 opened what is now the only nonunion hotel in downtown Chi-

The dispute has already cost the company both prestige and money. Each day since the $60 million, 45-story hotel and shopping complex opened, "magnificent mile," members of Local 299 of the International Union of Operating Engineers have picketed the hotel, protesting alleged unfair labor practices.

The Chicago chapter of the National As-
sociation for the Advancement of Colored People, Chicago Mayor Michael A. Bilan-
dic, and Illinois Governor James R. Thompson all are staying away from the hotel to avoid crossing the picket line. The hotel concedes that the first week of pick-

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The stores also proposed to knock out the union's charges.

thinks at bay. Only one of its 41 hotels -- the Essex House in New York City -- is organized, and that contract was in place when Marriott bought the hotel in 1972. Of some 820 other Marriott proper-
bodies seamen from $804.45 to $864.78.

The agreements, negotiated with the ILA, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the new agreement, PGP funding is strength-
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Pay Guarantee Plan

Since 1972, the Pay Guarantee Plan (PGP) has been the cornerstone of the ILWU's job security program, insuring the workforce against loss of earnings due to reduced work opportunity. Under the new agreement, PGP funding is strength-
ated separately.

Summary of ILWU

The following summary of the Memorandum of Under-
standing is for the general information of ILWU members.

Wages

An effort to improve the standard of living of ILWU longshore members--and to protect such improve-merit against erosion caused by chronic infla-
tion--lies behind the largest wage increase ever negotiated in this industry.

The new three-year longshore and clerks' contract increases the straight time base rate by 85c per hour in each year, for a total increase of $2.55. Effective July 1, 1978, the base rate goes to $9.22; on July 1, 1979 it goes to $10.07; on July 1, 1980, to $10.92. Clerks and CFS employees will receive comparable ad-
justments.

Additional skill rates increases of up to 25c per hour go into effect on July 1, 1978. One-half or more of all hours worked are apply to skill rates to which these increases apply.

Pensions

The new contract raises benefits for new and present pensioners significantly and facilitates earlier retirement for men who are able to leave the industry. Present pensioners will also benefit from health and welfare improvements, listed sepa-
rately.

• For all men retiring on and after July 1, 1978, the rate of pension accrual is increased from 6% per month per qualifying year to 3% to $21 a year later, and to $22 effective July 1, 1980. This will bring the maximum pension benefit for men re-
tiring at age 62 with 25 years on or after July 1, 1978 up to $536 per month as of July 1, 1980.

• Benefits for present pensioners will also be increased, effective July 1, 1978, by $2 per month per qualifying year to a max-
imum of $90 for men with 25 years. Widows will receive one-half of this increase.

• The settlement establishes a single normal retirement age of 62 for all par-
ticipants. The effect of this is to permit men with less than 25 years of service to retire at 62 with no reduction in their ac-
quired pension benefit.

• In order to assist men who are able to and want to retire early, the early re-
tirement reduction benefit reduction fac-
tor for men age 55 or over, with less than 15, or more, is liberalized substantially to a 6% reduction for each year by which a man's age at retirement is less than 62. This increases benefits for early retirees by a significant amount. For example, a man who retires at age 55 with 25 years as of July 1, 1978 would have received $500 minus $149.50, or a pension of $350.50.
WU-PMA Dock Agreement

under the old reduction formula. Under the new, more liberal arrangement, the same man will get $300 minus $715, or $325 monthly.

- The settlement eliminates the complicated pre-retirement survivors benefit under the old agreement whereby a participant who chose such coverage in effect paid for it himself by receiving reduced benefits at normal retirement. Now the benefit applies automatically to all plan participants, and there will be no reduction in normal retirement benefits to pay for such coverage.

- Surviving spouses of participants who retired but who continued to work shall receive, in the event of the man's death prior to normal retirement, a benefit equal to one-half the pension benefit the participant himself would have received had he retired immediately prior to his death. Existing survivors benefits for participants 59 years of age or older, with 25 qualifying years, continue.

Social Security Supplement

Because PGP payments are not taxed for Social Security purposes, some retirees, upon reaching the age of 65, have received reduced Social Security benefits. The new contract corrects this situation for future retirees.

Retirees, age 59 or older, who come up short in their Social Security benefit will receive a lump sum payment equal in value to the reduction in monthly Social Security payments caused solely by the fact that PGP benefits are not included in one's wage base for calculating the primary old age benefit.

Health and Welfare

The ILWU longshore division has, in years past, negotiated some of the best health and welfare coverage available, including group service and insured hospital-medical plans, dental care, vision care, prescription drug coverage, life insurance and weekly indemnity benefits. The settlement does two things: it updates those parts of the benefit package which have been hard hit by inflation, and it provides certain new benefits to plug holes in the previous scope of benefits.

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From then on, reimbursement to our members will be tied to the usual and customary fees that dentists charge rather than the fixed table of allowances. Members will be reimbursed at the rate of 80% of those usual and customary fees, and will continue to get back 90% of the charges, even as those charges go up over the term of the agreement.

- In addition, Portland members will be offered participation in the new Kaiser dental plan in that city as an alternative to the insured dental plan.
- Effective July 1, 1979, a new hearing care benefit, for active members, pensioners and dependents, will pay 90% of the expense incurred for a hearing examination and the purchase of a hearing aid, up to a maximum of $30. The allowance for contact lenses is increased up to $80, and prescription drug coverage is expanded to cover all inpatient services.
- The new agreement also provides, for the first time, a major medical benefit for the insured plan participants in choice ports. This will substantially reduce out-of-pocket costs for medical care. With minor modifications, the benefit will be available for those under age 65, with an additional benefit for those over age 65. The agreement calls for a $700 benefit level for the first year, with the allowance for major medical expenses after the benefit has been used up.
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Holidays & Vacations

The new agreement provides two additional paid holidays—Christmas Eve Day, effective this year, and New Year's Eve Day, effective in the third year, December 31, 1980. This brings the number of paid holidays to 11. Thanksgiving Day is established in the first year as a third no-work holiday.

Vacation benefits are improved to provide a sixth week after 25 years. The number of hours needed to qualify for vacation and paid holidays is adjusted downward for all ports where the average years fall below 1900. This assures that vacation benefits to men in ports which suffer a decline in work opportunity.

Steady Men

The new agreement marks the first breakthrough in the ILWU's efforts to reduce a number of longstanding grievances regarding the employment and utilization of steady men. The program is tailored to meet the specific and varying needs of those usual and customary fees, and to arrive at the $35,000 level of reimbursement up to $23,500 in medical expenses. The present equalization formula between steady crane operators and hale crane operators continues in effect.

- No steady crane operator shall be permitted to work more than a total of six shifts out of any dispatch hall in any month.

Jurisdiction

Section 1 of the longshore and clerks' contract documents has been entirely revised to provide broader jurisdiction over new operations, including maintenance and repair of containers, chassis, and stevedore handling equipment.

While the ILWU has not concluded return work which has already slipped out of ILWU jurisdiction, it marks a significant step in the direction of stopping further erosion of the longshore division's work.

Dispatch Hall Costs

To relieve local's of an increasingly heavy financial burden, the negotiating committee won agreement for PMA to pick up 75% of the cost of running the dispatch halls. It is understood that this agreement in no way changes the basic principles and practices of joint control and operation of the halls. Any local may choose to maintain the present arrangement under which the costs are apportioned on a 50-50 basis.

Safety

The existing Pacific Coast Maritime Safety Code will be re-written by a joint committee within six months of the ratification of the agreement.

Grievance Procedure

In order to speed up the processing of grievances at a coast level all referrals to the coast arbitrate must be submitted and heard no later than six months following the date of disagreement at the Coast LCIR level.

Union Security

A tight union security clause is included in the agreement for the first time, providing for union membership for all fully registered members of the workforce.
**Paul Conner Is Seriously Hurt**

PORT ANGELES—State Senator Paul Conner, 51, a member of Local 27 for more than 20 years suffered a critical head injury June 28 when he was working on the log ship Frontier, secretary-dispatcher.

According to a story in the Seattle Times, Conner fell from a log 30 to 30 feet into the freighter's hold. He was treated at Olympic Memorial Hospital here and was Chairman of the new downtown waterfront park, July 8, to urge extension of the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

He was in the US Maritime Service during World War II, according to his foster sister. Lorine Farrell of Portland. Conner served ten sessions in the Legislature at Olympia and was Chairman of the political committee is Charlie Leyba Jr.

**ERASA Supported**

PORTLAND—Hundreds of supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment gathered in the new downtown waterfront park, July 3, to urge extension of the ratification drive for ERA.

More than 30 groups participated in the demonstration, including the local chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW), the Democratic Central Committee of Multnomah County, and ILWU Auxiliary 5.

The amendment, which was endorsed at the 1977 Women's Convention here in June, 1977, and at the Convention of the American Maritime Association (PCPA) will be seated as Fraternal Delegates.

During World War II, the Navy tested 6640 shipyard workers for at least 17 years from exposure to asbestos from shipyard. Felton said Navy officials were reluctant to say that the workers with abnormal X-rays actually had asbestosis.

The official report says the workers had "abnormal findings consistent with inhalation of asbestos fibers."

"It's a question of semantics," Felton said. "In my mind a asbestos means for at least 20 to 30 years after exposure to asbestos.

More than 5000 of these workers, however, had been employed less than 12 years, and the percentage of abnormal X-rays was two or three times the percentage of employment. For example, 239 of the 797 current employees had worked at the shipyard at least 17 years had abnormal X-rays, the study said.

Felton also said Naval safety procedures were reluctant to say that the workers with abnormal X-rays actually had asbestosis.

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Wall Street Sees Recession Threat by 1979

NEW YORK - A growing minority of business economists — especially those close to the financial and investment areas — anticipate the beginning of a recession sometime before the middle of next year.

Earlier this year, economists at the investment house of Merrill Lynch figured that it was a toss-up whether there would be merely slower economic growth of an actual recession within the next year, but the firm said last week "a recession now carries a higher possibility for somewhere around the first quarter of 1979."

Sam I. Nakagama, chief economist for Kidder, Peabody & Co., recently predicted "an inflationary recession to develop sometime between now and November."

In general, these economists anticipate higher inflation creating a situation in which demand slackens off, bringing recession and unemployment in its wake.

A recent survey listing Wall Street economists said there was a 26% chance of 36 changes in 1978 of a serious recession developing by the second quarter of 1979 — a comparable prediction was made shortly after the 1974 recession ended.

"Temporary" Jobless Drop

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The unemployment rate fell sharply in June to 4.7% of the work force, its lowest level in nearly four years, the Labor Department reported last week.

But a top Administration economist said the decline was likely to end and a new upswing in unemployment begin if, as he predicted, the nation's economic growth slowed.

The June rate was a substantial fourth of a percentage point below the May figure of 6.1% and reflected, government officials said, an increase in the nation's production of goods and services in the second quarter of 1979.

"Not Good News"

PORTLAND, Ore. — The consumer Price Index climbed by ninth of 1% in May as food and housing costs again rose sharply. The bristk rate of inflation in the White House admitted, was "not good news."

SF Labor Studies

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Community College's Labor Studies Program is offering a broad range of classes this fall.

Classes begin Wednesday, September 6, 1978. All persons eighteen years of age and older are eligible for admission, tuition free.

Over two thousand trade unionists have now participated in this unique educational program. Here the interested union officer, steward and member can receive instruction in a range of classes designed to meet the needs of organized labor. The program was founded by trade unionists and continues to be closely guided by a chaired committee elected labor leadership representing the range of San Francisco unions.

Courses include labor history, grievance and arbitration procedures, collective bargaining, and safety at the work place, collective bargaining, women in the work force, labor law and labor economics. These courses can be taken for academic credit leading to a Certificate in Labor Studies and/or an Associate of Arts Degree.

For further information, contact the Labor Studies Program, San Francisco Community College District, 35 Gough Street, San Francisco, 94102, or call (415) 220-3000.

How Military Spending Costs Jobs


Whenever the military budget goes up, employment goes down in the 26 states from Oregon to Maine, where 60% of the US population lives.

To many Americans, that face will come as a surprise. For years, economic interest has had the myth that defense spending creates lots of jobs.

"Grows jobs, does. But not nearly as many as would be created if the tax dollar that go for military spending were instead spent in the civilian sector."

"That's because production of military goods is "capital intensive" — more is spent in production on raw materials and high-tech tools than on hiring workers. In the civilian sector, it's just the opposite. For every billion dollars spent in the military sector, only 45,000 industrial and 58,000 government jobs are created. But put the billions dollars into the civilian sector, and they create 51,000 industrial jobs and 58,000 state and local government jobs. That's a net gain of 4,000 jobs."

Price of Basic Necessities Rises Fastest

The cost of four basic consumer necessities — food, energy, medical care, and shelter — rose to 13.6% in the three months ended on April 30. During the same period, the general rate of inflation, as measured by the overall inflation rate, a new study confirms.

Prices of these basic needs, the National Center for Economic Alternatives reports, rose at a comparable annual rate of 12.8% in the three months ended on April 30. During the same period, the general rate of inflation, as measured by the federal government's consumer price index, was 9.1%.

The four necessities account for nearly 70% of all consumption expenditures for 80% of the population, the Washington-based center estimates.

Gar Alperovitz and Jeff Faux, co-directors of the center, said that food costs between February 1 and April 30 rose at a projected annual rate of 12.7%; energy, at a 7.8% annual rate; medical care, 8.4%, and shelter, 11%. Non-necessities defined as all other goods and services combined —rose over the same period at a 3.9% annual rate.

Contrary to widespread opinion, Alperovitz and Faux said, the primary sources of inflation in the basic necessities of life have been factors other than wage increases.

In housing, for example, construction labor costs have actually declined as a proportion of housing construction costs from 17.3% in 1970 to 16% in 1977 — while land and monthly financing rose.

"Ironically, the latter is significantly related to the Federal Reserve Board's strategy of restricting interest rates in the hope that this might slow general inflation, for the center's data, which shows the inflation rates for housing, shelter and medical insurance services which have also contributed to the housing rise.

"Rents have been due to the reduced supply stage of the beef cycle, bad weather, and the excessive world demand for wheat. The energy crisis, the primary cause of inflation has been the power of the international oil cartel to set import prices, the study observes.

The last decade has seen prices pushed upward by 11% in agricultural and structural factors, Alperovitz and Faux point out. In most areas, they said, wages have not adjusted to catch up with prices. In recent years, they added, the major labor agreements had been "decelerating."

"Most experts agree that current inflation has little to do with the current labor agreement. And therefore should not prevent efforts to achieve full employment."
Longshore Local 13’s annual Bloody Thursday Picnic is an occasion to memorialize the martyrs of 1934, and an opportunity for union members, family and friends to enjoy each other’s company. Kids get into the act, above, with a tug-of-war contest.

Local 13 Picnic Draws 2,000—‘Best We’ve Had’

SAN PEDRO—Some 2,000 members of Southern California waterfront Local 13 turned up to enjoy themselves at longshore Local 13’s annual Bloody Thursday bash, held this year on Tuesday July 5 at Peck Park. Hundreds of kids were there to participate in the games and other amusements, organized and unorganized, which created a highly successful affair.

Guest speaker was L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley, with other guests representing various area ILWU locals. Pensioners Al Angley and Joe Behner, veterans of the 1934 strike, received service awards from the local. Taps was played by Alex Duthie, the color guard was supplied by Amvets Post 32.

BELLY DANCER

The picnic was organized by a committee of representatives from the harbor locals, auxiliaries and pension groups. “It was one of the best picnics we’ve had. Everyone enjoyed themselves,” said Lou Lovender, president of Local 13. “We even had a belly dancer!”

A number of striking unions which have benefited from picked up work on the waterfront extended went all out to show their appreciation to the local.

The following organizations and individuals deserve thanks and appreciation: Phil Ganams Market, Metropolitan Steamoring Company, ILWU Memorial Association, Department of Parks and Recreation, Steelworkers Local 7700, Utility Workers Local 246 and ILWU Local 46.

A special thanks also to the Honorable Vincent Thomas for presenting the California State Assembly Resolution honoring those who died during the 1934 strike.

A Well-Loved Local 8 Veteran Points Toward Tasks for the Present

PORTLAND—Veteran longshore leader Everett Ede got out of a sick bed to keynote Portland’s traditional rites for the memory of Bloody July 5.

For months with cancer of the bone marrow, he was helped up the four steps to the speakers’ podium by his son, Ollie. But his voice, as he addressed more than 1,000 ILWU members, their wives and children at Kelley Point Park, was clear and strong.

He was introduced to his union brothers—to whom he needed no introduction—by Local 8 President Don Rome as “a man I respect very much, who was on the picket line in ’34, ’36, ’46 and ’48 and who served as coordinator of all the strike committees in ’71.”

“It’s nothing new for me to lean on podiums,” said Ede, making light of the fact he can no longer stand without support. “I always leaned on podiums!”

SUPREME SACRIFICE

“Forty-four years is a long time, but as I look around—I know most of you, and you know me—it does not seem like such a long time, after all, since that day when five of our brothers made the supreme sacrifice to build this organization . . . ”

“But I do not want to dwell on ‘34, but on our rights and responsibilities now and in the future . . . some of our problems are still here, and probably will be, as long as trade unions endeavor to get a fair share of the wealth we produce . . .

Ede then delivered a wide-ranging talk touching on “unfinished business for you young folks to take care of”—emphasizing the need for labor law reform, stronger occupational health and safety regulations and labor unity.

Dean Lack of Local 8 cast the traditional wreath in memory of the dead into the river from a waiting launch. Taps was played by Victor Vance, also of Local 8.

FOOD, PRIZES

Then the fun part of the day began, as ILWU families lined up for free hot dogs, beer, coffee, pop and ice cream. Drawings were held for the dozens of prizes, including ten-speed bikes, fishing tackle, and trips to Hawaii, Reno and Key West; the fabulous desert resort on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation east of Mt. Hood.

Clancy Langman won the trip-for-two to Hawaii; Pete Flannery the trip-for-one to the islands; Billy Rhymes the trip to Reno; and Dick Celorie three days at Key West.

The plane trips were contributed by Dick Kimball of Kimberly Tours and Dick Hall of Nets Tours. Shipping and stevedore companies, grain elevators, taverns, bars, individuals and the Portland locals threw money into the kitty to make the picnic a success, Arkley said. He was unable to list all his committee helpers: “I had so many!”

Local 8 Vice-President Bill Lake trucked the prizes, tables and chairs to the park. An auxiliary committee, headed by President Clara Fambro, ran the bingo game. Jim Monahan was in charge of the kids’ games and races. Members of Local 1 and 40 dispensed the free food and drink.

Local 13 President Lou Loveridge, right, welcomes an honored guest, L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley, to picnic. —Local 13 photos by Phil Douglas

Bert and Pete Salas were part of the entertainment at Local 13 blast.

Local 1 Pensioners’ July 5 Potluck

RAYMOND, Wash.—The pensioners of Local 1 Raymond, held their annual potluck dinner to commemorate Bloody Thursday, on July 5, 1978 at the Longshore Hall. After a minute’s silence in memory of the brothers who lost their lives, Jack M. Spurrell, a long time member and officer of Local 1, gave a brief history of the 34 strike.

Even though, Local 1 is non-existent, the pensioners and Auxiliary #12 are active in the Willapa Harbor area, reports pensioners club president Norman Mattson. The Longshore Hall is maintained and operated by a building association for the benefit of ILWU members in the area. Other groups in the area also use the hall for various functions.

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