Several Strikes

Local 26 Beats Back Takeaways

LOS ANGELES — ILWU Warehouse Local 26 has negotiated a number of first-rate contracts this summer, despite a climate of resistance which has produced a number of strikes. In several cases, employer efforts to take back conditions and improvements won at great cost over the years had to be turned around before an acceptable contract could be reached.

One major victory came at Wilshire Independent Trading, where Local 26 negotiated a new contract that will expire in July 2023. The company, which makes metal cabinets and fireplace screens, agreed to pay raises totaling $1.10 an hour in guaranteed wage adjustments, vacations, holidays, and pension plans. Employees also received $100,000 in health and welfare benefits.

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**Progressive Alliance Unites Labor Allies In Struggle for Social Justice**

Following is an abridged version of a statement of principles adopted by the Progressive Alliance, with which the ILWU is now affiliated, by action of the International Executive Board.

We have joined together to form a Progressive Alliance that seeks to develop and implement new programs for achieving social, political and economic justice in America.

Citizens must have a real voice in determining their common destiny. They must have the right to determine and require rights and power in their neighborhoods, communities and nation.

As America approaches the decade of the 1980's, there is a growing danger that its potential wealth is at risk by new problems. We, representatives of over 100 national organizations, trade unions and citizen groups encompassing more than 30 million Americans and their families, seek to create an alliance to deal with the situation in which our country appears headed.

While we can bring our own separate concerns to this alliance, we share a common belief that our individual problems can be solved only if the collective action aimed at creating a society committed to humane, progressive policies. It is in our interest to look beyond the walls of our own people, minorities, women, the middle class, family farmers, environmentalists, senior citizens, the poor, the handicapped, educators, students, clergy and lay activists, and all those committed to human dignity, economic justice, and peace.

**COMMON BELIEFS**

The complexity of this task and the very diversity of our strength may prevent unanimous agreement on every aspect of a new progressive agenda—but we share not only a core of belief in common, but also a perspective and conviction that American society is our strength in people. We demand a healthy environment. We seek ways of delivering health care to all as a basic right. We hope for opportunities for spiritual, artistic and creative development now denied too many in America. We seek wide access to the tools of communication and new forms of inquiry in our system of taxation that places the burden on the middle class and working poor rather than the wealthy. We believe in the principle of government as the trust through which the collective will of the people can be channeled to do what we, as a society, wish to do. We understand that many human needs can be met only by public and social services, and we want a policy that responds to those human needs, even when society suffers from less rapid growth and economic setbacks.

**THE POLITICS OF MEANNESS**

We are this Progressive Alliance have great confidence we can succeed in replacing the politics of meanness dominated by Exxon with a politics of hope. Our optimism wells from the fact that we are the majority. The key to opening the door to a just society is our strength in people.

There are more of us than there are of them. More workers. More women. More minorities. More young and old. More working farmers. More middle income people who are tired of being told by the corporate elite that less really is more.

Today, sadly, both major political parties have ceased to be effective vehicles of the spirit of the new realism is for Exxon. What best-fettightening has occurred among the majority of the American people is our unchained creativity.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

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We seek to protect the right of working people to organize and struggle as unions to win security, dignity, and their fair share of the wealth their labor creates. We now with the unemployed, and others discriminated against in society, to win that same dignity, sig-

nificance and personal well being. We advocate an end to the corporate domination that has created the massive inequity in dis-

tribution of income and wealth.

**MILITARY BUDGET**

We hope for policies that promote world peace and support a rational defense policy and the absence of excessive military spending. We urge an energy policy that will break the stranglehold energy con-

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tate extremists argue. We can't afford to run muscle in response to unhealthy work places now, they say. Energy costs must skyrocket; tax increases must skyrocket; tax increases must skyrocket.

MECHANISMS

Our Progressive Alliance shall pursue these and similar goals through a variety of mechanisms. We will organize inside and outside the political parties, hold citi-

zen hearings, sponsor demonstrations, un-

derwrite independent research and publica-

tion, communicate through the media and work with all who seek to apply democrat-

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nomic and political life.

These are times of crisis—and times of opportunity. We have joined together in unalliance, because now is not a time to be divided. In the days to come, our efforts may not come as a world we would like it, but still it will be a far better world than if we do nothing.
Major Pacts Set By Local 26
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Local 13 Picnic Draws 4,000

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Two pensioners, Claudia Statts and Elmer Neveryt, were honored.

The distinguished guests who appeared were Congressman Cesar Chavez, President of UFW; David Villa-
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RIGHT TO REFUSE

Unsafe Work Upheld

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Some time ago, two Whirpools Corporation employees told their bosses they wouldn't step out onto a protective screen and work beneath an overhead conveyor. They argued that one worker had already fallen to his death and that several others had close calls when the screening gave way.

The boss fired the workers, and an ap-
pellate court upheld the discharge.

In February of this year, however, the US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the lower court's decision and affirmed the use of OSHA's 11(c) anti-discrimination

The decision, which applies only in states within the court's jurisdiction—
Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee, means that OSHA can require employers who are disciplined for refusing unsafe work.

The ruling flatly contradicts the other circuit court's decision.

The precedent is open in other parts of the country, and the issue is likely to reach the Supreme Court.

PROTECTION

The 11(c) clause was included in the OSHA legislation to protect workers from any discharge, discipline, harassment or other "discrimination" for exercising their legal rights under OSHA.

But OSHA's newsletter warns that "there are no clear-cut protections for a worker who has refused to perform unsafe work. Obviously, it is better to be fired than killed, but no one should refuse work with the illusion there is a sure legal pro-
tection. Refusal to do unsafe work is a judgment each individual must make."

A worker's case will be stranger, says OSHA, if:

• The worker believed in good faith that performing the work would subject him or her to imminent physical danger. (Arbitration can be used in which the job was actually found to be safe, but the worker believed in good faith that the job was imminently dangerous.)

• The worker immediately sought to obtain correction of the hazard through the employer.

• There was no time to remedy the problem through normal OSHA or con-
tractual procedures.

• The job was not actually refused, but was "accepted conditionally" by the worker. "I will do the work if it is safe," it is better than a flat refusal, "I will not do that work."

• The union representative was imme-
diately contacted for the spot observa-
tions and to collect facts and evidence for a possible grievance.

CPR Training

Pays Off

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Local 7's security officer Robert Carhart and James Williams recently saved the life of Local 10 linesman Ray Castro, who was stricken with a heart attack as he was leaving the Matson information at Pier 80.

Both Carhart and Williams had taken previous CPR training. They were highly praised by medical center personnel who said that their prompt and effective use of the emergency procedures had saved Castro's life.

"We are extremely proud of these broth-
ers," said Local 75 Secretary-Treasurer Roy Erb. "This is a real example of how effective our CPR training is, and it's a true test of the skill of the members of this local."

Local 9 Member

Dies in Tragic Fall

SEATTLE — James L. McGuire, 34, a member of ILWU warehouse Local 9, died of head injuries when he fell 12 feet down a cargo hatch June 8. He was working on the Dov Owe, at Fairlie Mills.
Labor Wins a Few in Just-Completed Session of Oregon Legislature

SALEM — CRDC lobbyist John Olson reports that tax relief was the big issue at the Oregon Legislature, when it adjourned in the waning hours of July 4, after the second longest session in history. Oregon voters in November, 1978, voted down a measure similar to California’s Proposition 13.

In both parties seemed to realize the meat ax approach used in California was bad. It took them six months to come up with something.

The $705 million tax relief package they came up with “wasn’t too bad” in the opinion of Oregon senators and House members.

It provides both income tax relief and property tax relief, and was designed to be “administered to the voters in July 1979 to see if they want it continued. The budget which passed into law this month, as signed by the Governor’s signature, “did not make Big Business the winner and the people the loser,” as did Proposition 13 in the Golden State, and HAA.RP (Homeowners and Renter’s Relief Program) fared well,” Olson said.

COMPENSATION

A bill to revamp workers’ compensation, sponsored by the House Labor Committee headed by Jim Chrest of Local 40 (Portland) CRDC) came to a dead end in the session for passage, according to the Oregon Labor Press.

Legislation was passed providing for benefit increases in disabilities involving a loss of 50% or more of earnings (such as a hand, foot, eye) with the increase going from $85 to $100 per degree of injury.

A complaint for the Assn. of Oregon Industries was quoted as saying “the badgering of the session was its failure to make substantial reductions in state worker’s compensation.”

The session’s major accomplishment, according to the Labor Press was “defeat of a many-faceted attempt to repeal the state prevailing wage law” (little Davis-Bacon), echoing a drive by right wing reactionaries against the federal law.

The labor sheet credited Chrest, “who understands the importance of protecting Oregon and consumers and workers from carpet bag contractors” with helping to stop these bills.

Nellie Fox, political director for the state AFL-CIO, charged that public officials paid by tax dollars lobbied for the session’s major accomplishment, according to the Labor Press.

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Each year the three Southern California dock locals offer two separate scholarships of $300 to low-income students entering Los Angeles Harbor College and Long Beach City College.

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SF Labor, Community Groups Ask Recognition, Aid for Nicaragua

SAN FRANCISCO—The day before Anasazi, the self-proclaimed president of Nicaragua, addressed his ad hoc committee of Nicaraguans in the Bay Area and concerned community leaders held a press conference at the ILWU's International Headquarters to ask for support for the reconstruction of that war-ravaged nation and encourage US diplomatic relations with the provisional junta named by the Sandinistas in Managua.

"The US, even at this late stage, has an opportunity to face and to move to a positive direction," said Roberto Vargas of the National Liberation Front, "to go ahead and start diplomatic relations with Nicaragua, to start with the massive aid for reconstruction and to leave us with our own internal politics." Somosa's resignation July 17 marked the end of a representative 46-year family dynasty that was installed and sustained by the United States.

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PRIORITY

In its first proclamation, the new government's six-phrase program says, "The strengthening of our self-determination, the economic recovery of the nation, and organization of a truly democratic system in Nicaragua.

The junta will share legislative functions with a 36-member government council representing the Sandinista front, a wide range of political parties, private business, and labor. Junta members, which include a lawyer, soldier, professor, journalist, and a businessman, have repeatedly stated they intend to serve as the executive branch of the government for two or three years, "only until the country is stable enough economically and politically to conduct fair presidential elections.

Nicaraguan leaders also have placed unemployment and illiteracy high on its list of national problems. But first, they envision an emergency program to provide food, shelter and medical care for six months to a year. It would depend heavily on foreign assistance.

"It's going to be the workers, particularly in San Francisco, the Bay Area and the United States who are going to help us put the idea of the reconstruction effort," said Vargas.

HOW TO HELP

He mentioned that Nicaraguans are in dire need of all medical supplies, including bandages, painkillers, syringes and anti-biotics. Donations of these supplies can bring them to 2940 16th St., Room 306, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Those wishing to contribute to the Nicaraguan Medical Project should send contributions to The Chartered Bank of London, CSAM, $200 million program to help the Nicaraguan Media and Medical Project should be in San Francisco newspapers. The ads will run for ILWU pensioners to start thinking about getting to Anderson, California, for the 12th annual State ILWU Golf tournament and a busy Labor Day holiday weekend is in store for participants in the 36th renewal of the 36-hole affair.

It will be played on September 12-18 holes per day. In San Francisco the championship, Kalua Koi Course, whose maintenance is that governmental response to the energy crunch has failed.

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ILA Guarantee
Not Taxed for Social Security

WASHINGTON, DC—The Internal Revenue Service has issued a "technical advice memorandum," to the effect that pay guarantee benefits received by East and Gulf Coast longshoremen are not considered wages for the purpose of social security or unemployment insurance taxation.

The IRS said that Guaranteed Annual Income (GAI) payments to members of the International Longshoremen's Association were to be considered as supplemental unemployment benefits which are not subject to such taxation. This results in lowered social security benefits for plan participants.

A similar ruling was made by the IRS regarding the ILWU Pay Guarantee Plan (PGP) in 1972. The ILWU responded to this situation, in 1978 longshore negotiations, by writing into the Pacific Maritime Association that retirees who come up short in their social security benefit will receive a lump sum payment to compensate for the reduction in monthly social security payments caused by the omission of PGP benefits in calculating the basic old age benefit.

The 1978-81 longshore Pacific Coast Longshore Agreement also provides a supplementally taxable benefit to members of the Pacific Maritime Association who retire, but do not have enough credits to be covered by the Social Security Administration.

Local 6 Welcomes New Members

SAN FRANCISCO—Thanks to the initial leads and follow-up assistance of ILWU Wharf Leaders, the Northern California Regional Office last month added three organizing victories to its recently string of successues in the Bay Area.

Through the combined efforts of individual members, Local 6 Business Agents and International Representatives, the ILWU gained 59 new members from three local houses.

Fifty workers at American Darvin in Oakland, makers of office equipment, ratified their first union contract July 25, culminating a tough two-year organizing drive. An unsuccessful July 1978 election, which was marred by company threats, firings and other discriminatory actions, delayed the victory. But the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) eventually overturned the election results. The workforce rallied May 21, voting 26-11 to join the ILWU.

Local 6 Business Agent Albo Ramos and Roberto Fiolte assisted Faqueline Brown, Herman Hurtado and John Dalyrmply in reaching an agreement.

A quicker, two-month organizing campaign paid off June 22 in an election at Libby Labs in Berkeley. The employees, who make soaps, lotions and cosmetics, voted 8-to-0 to go union. Business Agent Leon Harris will begin negotiations shortly.

Another victory came June 29 when workers at Compac, a distributor of telephone systems, voted 5-6 to become ILWU members. An employee was fired during the organizing drive, but the NLRB is now seeking a back-pay award. BA Pat Heide negotiated the contract.

The ILWU won two other Northern California representation elections in July, but the results are currently tied up in NLRB red tape.

Longshore Wages, Pensioners Increase

SAN FRANCISCO—Under the terms of the 1979-81 ILWU PMA West Coast longshore contract, straight-time longshore wages went up by 8.5 per hour effective July 1, 1979, bringing the base rate up to $10.95.

In addition, for those retirees July 1, 1978 or after, the pension benefit is increased, effective July 1, 1978, by $1 per month per year of service, bringing the total benefit to $355 per month for 25-year men.