Local 6 contract

Big pension gains at C&H sugar

CROCKETT — ILWU Local 6 members employed at the C&H Sugar plant ratified a three-year agreement July 9 providing increased wages, major pension improvements and other important gains.

"I'd never seen a negotiations like this before," said Local 6 Business Agent Gerald Hemenez. "Nobody was willing to agree on any items until we got the pension package. The bargaining was tied to that."

The pension improvements provide for 50% increase in past service credits, amounting to $18 per year of service up to June 1, of this year, and $21 per year through May of '84. Afterwards, all past service credits will be increased 5%, with hikes every year until 1989.

C & H also agreed to discuss improving pensions for current pensioners should there be any increases for salaried retirees over the life of the contract.

"Here is where we think the committee did an outstanding job," said ILWU International Secretary-Treasurer Curtis Mc-Clain, who served as negotiating spokes-

man. "This pension takes care of persons going out immediately. It takes care of persons going out in the near future, and takes care of younger members going out down the road."

He calculated that employees retiring this year will net $850 per month. Wages were increased 40c this year.

Solid pact won at Heublein Co.

MENLO PARK, Ca. — Some 235 mem-
bers of ILWU warehouse Local 6, em-
ployed by the Heublein Wine and Spirits Co., voted by a 2 to 1 margin July 30 to ratify a solid new three-year agreement.

The contract provides an immediate across-the-board wage increase of 25c per hour and an additional 25c per hour on December 1, 1983. Additional first year ad-

justments were won in two classifications. Second and third year wage increases in-
clude 40c per hour each year and a cost-
of-living allowance with a 10c cap each year.

Martin Luther King's Birthday will be
added as a paid holiday effective in the second year. For every month of perfect attendance each employee can receive ½
day off with pay "Earned Time" up to five paid days off per year.

Commitments to a Safety Program with

teeth in it and a Training Program for new machines and technology, as well as a
restricted duty program for workers with job injuries or medical restrictions were also secured.

"We have had incredible problems at Heublein," says RA Ben Madrid. "Among them were job injuries, a company disre-
garded for Heublein and the grievance pro-

cedure, absenteeism and a strongly per-
ceived discrimination in promotion prac-
tices."

"Dump the BC budget"

VANCOUVER, BC—An angry and
widespread protest movement, unprece-
dented in size and scope, is sweeping Brit-

ish Columbia in the wake of the most
anti-labor and anti-civil rights legislation introduced in the BC legislature in the past

half century.

"Solidarity Day III"

Labor Day activities scheduled

SAN FRANCISCO—The AFL-CIO "Soli-
darity Day III" will concentrate on rais-
ing the ranks of Labor Day observances in communities throughout the country.

"Solidarity Day III" observances are scheduled in over 130 locations across the

nation. The theme of this year's "Solidar-

ity Day" programs will be "We will be heard!" They will tie into a 1984 political

action program with emphasis on fund-

raising, voter registration, candidate fo-

rums, education on issues and getting out

the vote.

"Solidarity Day III" in Los Angeles will
be a jointly sponsored event, in conjunction
with the Los Angeles County Federation of La-

bor, the Orange County Central Labor Council, the San Bernardino Counties Central Labor Council and the

Tri-Counties Central Labor Council.

CANDIDATES

Announced candidates for the Demo-

cratic presidential nomination in 1984 are

being invited to the Alameda County Labor Day picnic. These include California US Senator Alan Cranston, former Vice Presi-
dent Walter Mondale, Ohio US Senator

John Glenn and the Reverend Jesse Jack-

son. Also scheduled to attend the picnic
in William Winpisinger, president of the

International Association of Machinists.

The San Francisco Labor Council will

sponsor a Labor Day breakfast and morn-

ing, according to Jack Crowley, head of

the San Francisco council.

The religious service will be at St.

Mary's Cathedral, Gough and Geary Streets, in San Francisco, beginning at 8 a.m. Breakfast follows at 9 o'clock. The cost is $15 a person and reservations may be made or questions answered by calling (415) 883-7011.

DC, SF marches set for Aug. 27

WASHINGTON, DC—Well over

125,000 people are expected to arrive in the na-
tion's capital August 27 for the Twen-

tieth Anniversary Mobilization for Jobs,

Peace, and Freedom.

The march, inspired by the history-mak-
ing demonstration led by Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr., in 1963, is being sponsored by prominent individuals, including Coret-
ta Scott King, and by civil rights organ-

izations, peace groups, the AFL-CIO, and

many unions, including the ILWU. Local 6 is sending two delegates.

While the 1963 march focused on segre-
gation and the burning of racial discrimi-

nation, this one will address the eco-

nomic, military, and foreign policy issues

that affect the lives of the people.

The Reagan Administrations recent

step-up of military activity in and around

Central America is also likely to become

a major issue at the event.

The march will also call for the speedy

enactment of pending legislation to make

Dr. King's birthday a national holiday.

A demonstration has been scheduled the

same day in San Francisco. Participants are asked to gather in the Golden Gate Park panhandle at 10 am for a 11 am march and rally at the Civic Center.

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More poverty

The nation's poverty rate reached 15% in 1982 — the highest level since 1965, a year after President Lyndon B. Johnson called for a "war on poverty" — as the ranks of poor Americans grew, by 1.8 million persons, to 36.5 million by 1982, the government reported Tuesday.

The total number of Americans below the poverty line was 34.4 million last year, an increase of 8.1% from 1981, when the poverty level was 31.6 million, the government said.

"The administration is celebrating what

it calls a "sparkling" recovery. But many economists point out with equal confidence that the recovery is faltering. In fact, this is the weakest recovery in the post-war period.

An upward trend is inevitable and overdue. Why is this one disappointing? Real growth failed to kick into high gear by roughly 8.5 percent since 1981.

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DISCOURAGING PROSPECTS

The prospects for coming years are equally gloomy. The bleak hopes for the unemployed are well known. While the post-recession unemployment rate of 1982, 7.7%, dropped slowly this year, to 7.7% in August, the top three US states, New Hampshire, Maine and North Dakota, have unemployment rates higher than 13%.

Union fashions

Designer jeans, union-style, soon will be produced by "Solidarity Workers Wear," a North Platte, Neb, company, for less than a few cent a pair. One back pocket will say "Solidarity USA," the other, "Union Made." The concern, owned mostly by union members who work there, says it hopes to produce 1,000 units a week, hoping to save the company from the plant's strike earlier this year.

Local 26 T-shirts available

Local 26 "T" Shirts are now available in sizes: Sm (34-36); Med (38-40); LG (42-44); XLG (46-48). Colors available: Blue, Yellow, Dark Blue, with the ILWU logo still screen on the front. These "T" Shirts are good quality "Haynes" "T-Shirts" are good quality "Hanes" "T-Shirts" are good quality "Hanes""

Portland's unfair list

The Multnomah County Labor Council has put the following employers on the Unfair List because of disputes with local unions:

Columbia Empire Maas Company, 3104 SE Division St., Portland, who has not come to the table after the bargaining deadline.

Victory in Vacaville

VACAVILLE, CA — United Electrical Workers Local 4113 and the Plant Closures Project reached a precedent-setting agreement with the City of Vacaville July 13 concerning the use of tax abatements for job development projects.

The city's new rules provide that any company that receives tax-exempt financing to move into its large redevelopment area must comply with affirmative action and hiring requirements, recognize a union that represents workers at the company's other plant, and give at least one year's notice of a shutdown of operations.

The City Council also agreed to provide financial assistance to workers seeking to transfer to a job that is not being moved from another California community.

Furthermore, it announced that it would put the tax-exempt financing in a trust to entice a company to uproot itself from another California city, a move it had been using to lure a Redwood City chimney pipe maker to move there.

"We're strengthening our position to extend covered to every city in the state," said Joe Regach, staff member of the Oakland-based Plant Closures Project.

The dispatches after the Vacaville Redevelopment Agency offered in January to provide $2.5 million in tax-exempt financing to Simpson Dura-Vent to ease the company's move to this city of 60,000 miles north of Redwood City.

The UE and the Plant Closures Project said the city, alleging that it offer to the company violated state laws designed to prevent the use of tax money to lure firms from another community to another.

The union asserts that the company is attempting to flee its union contract and has failed to bargain in good faith over the impact of the shutdown on the company's Latina workers, 100 permanent employees and 110 seasonals.

Olympus-Dura-Vent management had offered $225 to each worker for each year of service, less than the customary one week's wages for each year of employment. In exchange, management demanded the union agree that workers in Redwood City would forego transfer rights to Vacaville, existing wages, benefits and seniority rights, and all representation.

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UE pulls in runway away

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New International Executive Board takes office

SAN FRANCISCO — In a two-day session held here July 12-13, members of the newly elected ILWU International Executive Board heard a series of reports on ILWU activities and adopted a statement of policy supporting the labor movement in Chile. The statement of policy in Chile was adopted in support of a series of demonstrations called by the trade union movement to protest the economic failures of the current military government, and to demand a return to democracy. The statement reads as follows:

A GREAT TRAGEDY

The destruction of all democratic institutions in Chile over the last ten years is one of the great tragedies of our time. Trade union and other opposition leaders have routinely been "disappeared," tortured, exiled and murdered. Political parties which spoke for workers have been crushed and driven underground. The standard of living — once among the highest in Latin America — has been relentlessly and deliberately ground down.

On May 11 and again on June 14, the Chilean unions led hundreds of thousands of people from all classes into the streets in National Days of Protest, demanding a return to democracy. When the military government of General Augusto Pinochet Ugarte responded, predictably, by jailing a score of union leaders, copper workers shut down most of the country's mines in a series of 24-hour strikes, and they were soon joined by a truckers' strike.

"As this is written, Rodolfo Seguel, president of the Chilean Dockers Union, remains in jail, and ten other leaders — including several who were tortured — have been sentenced to a bitter internal exile.

Local 200 beats takeaway drive

JUNEAU — Members of Local 200, Unit 41, voted overwhelmingly July 18 to ratify a new one-year agreement with Juneau Cold Storage. The contract was approved by an 85 percent margin. Although wages were frozen for the duration of the contract and other improvements were minimal, the union did hold the line in all areas despite repeated employer efforts to win concessions.

"The primary thrust of the Union in these negotiations was not on wage increases or other improvements, but on generating increased opportunity for the Union members to express a dissatisfied and democratic of Latin American nations, Chile is today an economic and political basket case. The economy is virtually paralyzed, and the official unemployment figures average 30 percent, and with another 20 percent on "leap-frogging" jobs which pay them $30 per month. Chile has one of the highest per capita foreign debts in the world, and its creditors are demanding that even further hard ships be imposed.

CONTINUED US SUPPORT

"Still, despite its bloody history and its incompetence, the Chilean junta continues to enjoy the strong support of the Beagin Administration which recently extended nearly $200 million in loans in an effort to shore up the entire ruling structure. Now the Administration will have to decide whether to support the generals until the bitter end, or to allow them to suffer the consequences of their own policies. Ten years ago, Washington helped create the Pinochet regime. Today, the extraordinary courage of Chileans will force us to examine once again our country's role in this tragedy. The ILWU demands is a complete end to US assistance to the military government of Chile."

No concessions, big gains won at Bird & Sons

WILMINGTON—Local 26 members employed at Bird & Sons have overwhelming ratified a three-year agreement which provides substantial improvements in wages, benefits and conditions. "Although the negotiating sessions were at times strained and tough," according to Local 26 Business Rep. Luisa Gratz, "the parties worked hard to achieve the final package which some describe as the best contract in years. There were no concessions or takeaways adopted."

The agreement provides for wage increases of 6c in each year, maintenance of health and welfare benefits plus 25% in pension increases. In lieu of vacation and holiday changes, the company agreed to allow the members to take off the entire week of July 4 off with pay.

The contract also provides important language changes as requested by the membership, including improvements in the seniority section which now clearly replace department seniority with plant seniority; limited opportunities for downward and shift trading in a classification; equalization of overtime, special protective equipment, and maintenance training with tuition provided by the company. The negotiating committee consisted of Gratz, Bryan C. Prater, Local 26 Business Negotiating Committee member Hector Cepeda, and Ron Delgaro, Labor Relations Committee member for the ILWU.

The Port also plans to send 4 million feet of lumber a month by barge to San Francisco, beginning August 5, and then begin receiving cargo July 21 for the Sause Bros. barge operation. The Port also plans to send 4 million feet of lumber for the Toledo mill workers hung on its outcome. Atkinson said, investing both "money and time" in the election.

"It's anticipated that revenue from ship and barge calls will enable the Port to own the whole facility by the end of this year. Some of the bond issue money will be used to resurface a storage area, but the most important item will be to create year-round employment opportunities."

New International Executive Board takes office

Atting July 12-13 International Executive Board meeting in San Francisco were, clockwise, from left, Bill Ward, Local 40, Portland; Fred Galdones, Patricia Debra, Fred Paulino (vice-president); Eddie Lapa (president); Newton Miyagi (secretary-treasurer) and Patrick Deponte, all Local 142, Hawaii; Peter Leblanc, Local 53; All Langan, Local 6, San Francisco; Don Liddle, Inlandboatmen's Union, ILWU Marine Division; Willie Zenn, Local 10, San Francisco; retiring International Vice-President George Martin; Secretary-Treasurer Curt McClain; President Jim Herman and Vice-President Rudy Rubic. Other members of the board on hand were Randy Vekich, Local 24, Aberdeen; Don Garcia, Can- dian Area; and George Ginnis, Local 23, Tacoma.

New International Executive Board takes office

NEWPORT — Cargo will soon be moving again off Yaqiama Terminals, and a bright future is predicted for this port, once viewed as a ghost port.

A block settler, lift driver and checker began receiving cargo July 21 for the Asia No. 14, due here Aug. 23 to load one million board feet of lumber for the South Pacific.

The loading operation will employ all three of Local 58's gangs and furnish three days' work, Port manager Jack Palmer told The Dispatcher.

A second ship is scheduled to arrive from "down under" under 45 days later and a Publishers' Paper spokesman said other ships would follow.

The Port also plans to send four million feet of lumber a month by barge to San Diego.

"It's the most optimistic picture we've seen in 36 years," said Local 53 President Lyle Atkinson, who has heard that lumber also will be going to islands in the South Pacific.

Sause Bros. is moving its barge operation over from Toledo, he stated.

"We are focusing on timber products," Palmer said. "We are also going to islands in the South Pacific."

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More than the fate of longshoremen and Tonemio rest against the outcome of a September 15th public election

The last ship to call Newport was the Sho Ho Maru in April, which took on logs for China in 1979. Another ship took on logs for China in 1979.
Local 6 wins solid contract at Heublein Co.

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Securing Martin Luther King's birthday as a holiday has great symbolic as well as practical importance. It means a very meaningful gesture which we hope will help produce a much-improved labor relations climate there.

The safety and Health Restricted Duty Programs, increase in Earned Time and more improvement in the grievance procedure are included in the agreement. The company agreed to develop a grievance procedure which will help address some of our other problems.

"We're very pleased at the successful outcome of these negotiations," said Business Agent John Lutz.

"The overall settlement is very solid," says Chief Steward Nata Wells. "It was tough. It took too 100 hours at the bargaining table of which 80 were devoted three hours by the BA and committee members. Conversations included communication with Local 6 Treasur- er John Zingarelli, Legal Director Roy King and Research Director Barry Silverman gave us the confidence to nego- tiate successfully." Other members of the negotiating commit- tee were: Local 15 President Bob Briscoe, Ardis Sims, Bloddie Bruce, Donna Curiel and Gene Ratzer.

Dock comp pending

The House Labor Standards Subcommittee will take action on the Senate bill to amend the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act sometime after Congress returns from its August recess.

The Subcommittee, chaired by George Miller (D-Cal.), will make many changes in the bill which are intended to make it more workable in labor and management rights.

It is scheduled to reconvene on September 12.

Local 15 members shifted to 'classic' runaway shop

BELLINGHAM — "It's a classic case of runaway shop," said Local 15 Business Agent John Lutz.

"We're very pleased at the successful outcome of these negotiations."

The committee unanimously rejected the local's story in terms of personal suffering to those involved. The arbitrator did not support the charge on these items are still pond- ered, the employer (even after the Arbi- trator's ruling) will have the right to continue while talks were underway. The rati- fication vote was 65 to 21.

Local 9 signs Fisher Mills, other pacts

SEATTLE — ILWU Warehouse Local 9 reports five recent contract settlements.

Fisher Mills agreed to a three-year con- tract which raises wages 25c per hour the first year; 4c, the second, and 5c the third. Negotiating for the union were Har- gis, Fred Timm, Earl Bouchard, and Gor- don Casonia.

Seattle University inked a one-year pact with the local which provides a wage in- crease, an additional holiday (day before Christmas), and higher overtime pay. The negotiating committee included Hargis, Jay Heineman and Henry Mullian.

Murray Pacific Steel also signed a three- year pact with its ILWU employees. It calls for double time for Sundays and holidays, five days sick leave per year, accumulated to 40 days; three days funeral leave; and an average wage increase of 50c per hour in each year of the contract.

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The local union is still struggling to collect, Bukoskey said.

LNRB, all of which the board had refused to consider.

The local union has filed another charge accusing the employer of failure to safeguard the effects of his closing the op- eration. He refuses to talk about pension moneys sitting in an escrow account in the Port of Bellingham.

Finally, Pacific Western Lines agreed to a three-year accord providing a 7c per hour wage hike in 1983, 56c in '84, and 50c in '85. The bargaining team included Har- gis, Steve Brothers and John McIsaac.

"Lost homes, lost jobs"

Local 15 LRC member Marline Briscoe recounted the local's story in terms of personal suffering to those involved.

"One family lost their home and moved to Wyoming. One worker was fortunate enough to land a job in a loca- l paper mill. The rest are on unem- ployment compensation. But this is a deepened area, when it gives out, some will be on welfare." Her own husband, Bob Briscoe, who spent 30 years in the plant, went back to commercial fishing.

She had some harsh words to say about Chuck Hollibaugh, the employer, who used threats and violence to keep employees from making any attempt to improve their working conditions.

"He had a very hard time saying, 'I'm not going to work there anymore.'"

The labor board ordered the plant to pay back $340,000 to the local union members that were laid off.

"He's the kind of guy who's not going to talk or say anything about the operation. Actually only one striker was hired."

"Two guys worked for the month of July."

On May 13 the 15 scabs were laid off. On May 15 the employer had to confess the strike was a success. The operation was closed. The employer fired all the scabs.

"The company agreed to develop a grievance procedure which will help address some of our other problems.

Also secured were improved sick leave and personal leave; and an average wage increase of 50c per hour in each year of the contract.

The governor reduced the DIR's budget for the 1983-84 fiscal year. The governor had promised, over the legislature's strong objections, a cut of only $1.1 billion from the state budget; and he kept his promise.

In a letter to constituents, Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown, Jr. pointed out what the state budget means to working people. Here is his breakdown:

- Department of Industrial Relations: The governor reduced the DIR's budget by $6.5 million, from $77.4 million to $68.9 million. This includes cuts from the Division of Labor Standards En- forcement; and $1700,000 from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards.
- Agricultural Labor Relations Board:
- Support for the ALRB, Governor Deukmejian reduced the budget by $2.6 million, from $19.6 million to $17 million. These cuts include $1 million trimmed from the Board of Equalization, and $600,000 from the General Counsel Administration.

"I look to the governor," says Brown, "the governor proposes to implement these reductions in the wake of his recent decision to call a special session of the Legislature and refused to cut the state budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year.

NOME expands port

NOME, Alaska — City officials are promot- ing a new $33.5 million port project in order to reduce the cost of shipping freight from Southeast to Northwest Waterways. Newsletter "Nordic News" for August 6, 1983.

A steel strike in Seattle is following the same pattern, and the steel employer is being sued by the National Labor Relations Board.
Health care for jobless stalled

by Mike Lewis
ILWU Washington Representative

WASHINGTON, DC—With well over 10 million jobless Americans, the health care of the unemployed is a major issue in the Senate. But in view of the health and safety measures presently enforced against the unemployed, it will be difficult to pass legislation to improve the situation.

Most of the restistance to the proposal is coming from the Senate Finance Committee. The committee is controlled by conservatives, and it will run the gauntlet of the Senate's Cold War policies. In both of the chambers, the unemployed are being pushed into the wall, and the unemployed are being denied the right to organize.

The Administration has designed to approve a new health plan targeted at the unemployed, but only if Congress enacted it.

The administration's own preferences are for raising the national debt limit. The administration's own preferences are for raising the national debt limit.

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Tidewater charges $5.17 a ton to haul grain from Lewiston, Idaho, the farthest point upriver.

Safety workshops held by Local 412

What are workers' rights under OSHA? What are employers' rights under OSHA? How do workers' rights and employers' rights compare? What are the differences between the two?

SAFETY PICTURE—Members of Oshu division of Local 412 recently joined other local unions in mass picketing Honolulu Safeway stores in support of a walkout by retail clerks which began June 4. The United Food and Commercial Workers note that Safeway has refused to bargain in good faith for over one year, and instituted various union-busting moves within the workplace.

Lumber unions forced to strike to beat back L-P's union-busting effort

PORTLAND—Louisiana-Pacific did not participate in the timber industry negoti-ations last spring (see Dispatcher, July 8) between the forest products unions and the Big Seven.

Instead, the giant company embarked on a campaign to roll back wages in the industry. The company has lost some of its market share to other companies, and has been forced to reduce its production. The L-P union-busting efforts have led to a series of strikes in the industry, including the one at Tidewater Barge Lines.

The company has also followed the suit of unemployment. Efforts by liberal senators to fund the extended health coverage simply to sustain the livelihood of 300 members of the Inlandboatmen's Union have failed. The company is out to destroy the type of bargaining to which we have been accustomed for many years.

STRIKE LINES

Bledsoe left July 24 on a tour of the four striking lines in four states.

Red Russell, President of the IWA's Region 3, reports that 60 members of his union are on strike against a single company, the Alaska Pacific operation in Princeville, Ore., and 250 on strike against LP in Ketchikan and Thorne Bay, Alaska.

Russell praised the "strong support" his union is receiving from the Northwest. "The AWPPF and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the APWA, the AFL-CIO, and the New York Times "The APW workers will not be taken advantage of," Russell said.

Local 24's Irwin running for mayor

ABERDEEN, WA — ILWU Local 24 activist George Irwin likes politics because he feels the "satisfaction of accomplish-

ment" when good things happen.

After 21½ years on the Aberdeen City Council's finance committee, helping guide the city through rocky economic shoals, Irwin is running for mayor.

The incumbent mayor announced recently he would not seek re-election this fall, and Irwin, 59, threw his hat into the ring. His campaign manager will be Ken Naran, a South Aberdeen resident, citizen activist, and his treasurer will be Dick Dixon, a former basketball coach at Aber-

deen High School.

"It will be clean but hard-fought," Irwin said.

So far, only a fellow councilman has said he is interested in running against Irwin.

UNION POLITICS

A longshoreman since 1965, Irwin has been active in union politics for years. He served as president of Local 34 three times, was a member of the executive board and vice president a number of times and also filled positions as Puget Sound local delegate and labor rela-

tions committeeman.

In December of 1980, he was appointed to the city council to fill a seat in the 2nd Ward. He served as vice chairman of the finance committee for a year, and ran unopposed for a four-year term. He moved up to finance chairman in 1982.

As a longshoreman, Irwin lobbied the Legislature. He kept it up, and now lob-

bies against state mandates — such as the requirement to buy recording devices for municipal courts — to save money for the city.

LIGALISURE

"The last Legislature was actually pretty g d," he said. It added no new and

earily required to city operations.

Irvin served with the Navy during the Korean War, working as a fire control technician on a heavy cruiser. He's been a longshoreman for 40 years, though he graduated from Ocosta High School in 1957.

Irwin and his wife Bertha have a daugh-

ter, Donna, 22, who graduated from col-

lege last year.

Eckman named to Exploratorium post

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Warehouse Local 6 President Emeritus Keith Eck-

man was named July 15 to the board of directors of the Exploratorium, San Fran-

cisco's unique science museum.

Eckman fills the seat left vacant with the death of ILWU International Secret-

ariat Treasurer Ernestou Lou Goldblatt in January. Goldblatt helped found the Ex-

ploratorium with Frank Oppenheimer in 1969.

Eckman's term of office is for three years.

Ed Baptistia, Local 18

SACRAMENTO — Ed Baptistia, 67, a member of ILWU longshore Local 18, Sac-

ramento, died July 22. He was a veteran of 40 years in the industry.

Baptista was a recent transfer from longshore Local 10, San Francisco, to Loc-

al 18. He had served as dispatcher for Local 10 for five years prior to the time of his death vice-president of Local 18.

"He was a real addition to this local," said Local 18 President Eddie Holland, who serves as president of ILWU longshore Local 18, Sacramento, and regional director LeRoy King tells a tale at party cele-

brating publication of his oral history.

"Henry's book," the product of near-

g 20 years of work by UC interview-

ers Miriam Stein (who began the proj-

ect), and Estev Ward (who compiled it), was presented to him by Wills Baum, director of the University's Re-

gional Oral History Office. It is a tre-

mendously valuable and personal ac-

count of his life as an immigrant, the 1934 strike and the early develop-

ment of the union, the Bridge depar-

tment cases and the early formation of the ILWU in Hawaii," she said.

Publication of the book was made possible by donations from Local 18, Local 6, Local 34, the San Francisco Bay Area Pensioners' Club and the Inte-

national, as well as a large number of individuals. Bound, indexed copies may be purchased at cost, for deposit in non-circulating libraries. It is avail-

able to researchers at the UC Berkeley Library, and at UCB's Archi-

department of Special Collections. For additional information, please write Regional Oral History Office, 486 Banc-

roft Library, University of California, Berkeley, Ca 94720 or call (415) 642-

2796.

Also on hand for the presentation, along with Henry's wife Faye, and his daugh-

ter Loretta, were his sons George and Miriam Kaye, Line and Ted Baker, George and Nita Ward, Bob Rohat, Tony Baker and Rachel Baker.

"There is no greater honor than to serve as an officer of this union," Martin told the several hundred guests in attendance, including the members of the newly-ins-


talled International Executive Board. "I have had the particularly good fortune to work closely with two sets of officers, and while there have been disagreements on certain issues, on strategy or tactics, we have never disagreed over our com-

mon determination to do the best job possible for the membership.

Of his years as head of the ILWU's organizing department Martin remarked that the union had done an excellent job in extremely difficult circumstances. "We have always had the best cooperation from local officials, from the member-

ship." "SMELL THE FLOWERS"

Martin, who received a set of golf clubs as a going away gift, said that he would "take some time out to smell the flowers," when he returns to his birth-

place in Hilo, Hawaii. "That's where Dorothy and I have our roots. While we to assist this union in any way possible, we are looking forward to enjoying re-


tirement with our friends and family.

"Members of the Martin family on hand were his daughter Shirley and her hus-

band, Dr. Dominic Colmet, his son Thomas and his fiancée, Chris Mocciol, his daughter Susan and her husband Bob Baker. Daughter Loretta Matsumoto and her family, residents of Hilo, were unable to attend.

"The MC for the dinner was International President Jim Herman. Secretary-Treas-

urer Curt McClain, Local 6 President Eddie Lapa and Northern California Re-

gional Director LeRoy King also made brief remarks, as well as Local 6 Presi-

dent Al Lannon, who presented the Mar-

chandise with a case of wine. A message from International President John Grant, who was unable to attend, was also read to the guests.

Local 6 retiree at

Prague peace meeting

SAN FRANCISCO — Retired Local 6 Business Agent Joe Figuereo was one of 2600 delegates from 33 nations attend-

ing the world Assembly for Life and Peace, Against Nuclear War, which took place in Prague, Czechoslovakia, June 21-

27.

Discussion at the conference, Figuere-

o said, focused primarily on various

aspects of the struggle for peace, ranging from nuclear disarmament to regional conflicts in the middle east, Latin America and elsewhere. The conference broke down into eleven separate workshops.

"I attended the workshop on trade unions," said Figuereo, "where we talked mostly about the economic conse-

quences of the arms race and the ways unions can be active for peace.

We were also particularly concerned with the US threat to deploy Pershing II and cruise missiles, in Western Europe this year, and what unions should do to counter it.

Members of the trade union workshop unanimously expressed their dismay over the waste of resources devoted for mili-

tary purposes, and concluded that the struggle for peace and the struggle for a higher standard of living were insepara-

ble.

"It was a really inspiring event," Figuereo said, "to see that many peo-

ple, so many countries and people, united in a single system, with one simple concern bringing

them together. Many of the discus-

sions were really eye-opening. People here get a very one sided picture of what's going on in this world.

Retired coast committeeman Henry Schmidt tells a tale at party cele-

brating publication of his oral history.

Duryl "Lefty" Vaughn

Los Angeles—Pacific Coast Pensioner

Local 10 and ILWU Walnut member Duryl "Lefty" Vaughn passed away May 23, 1983 at age 82.

Lefty belonged to a league champion team of longshoremen before and after the 1934 strike playing on the Blue Tide football team. In the early days of Local 13 Vaughn served two terms as dispatcher, becoming a ship going leader. He held this post for 30 years.

Lefty had a lung removed in 1959 after an eight major operations retired in 1960. In spite of intolerable pain he stud-

ied braille and became a certified braille transcriber working with the National Braille Association as an unpaid volun-

teer to type texts for various universities.

He contributed generously to the Southern California Pensioners Scholar-

ship fund. Doris, his widow, gratefully acknowledged the union's and locals' plan stating: "If it had not been for the union medical plan, I don't know what we would have done.

"He was one hell of a good man," stated Pacific Coast Pensioners Association President Gordon Giblin.
Local 17, Broderick
New officers for this warehouse local are: president, Raymond G. Kristoff; vice-president, Jack L. Wyant, Sr.; secretary-treasurer: BA, John C. Duhlig, Sr.; recording secretary, Frank C. Maguire; dispatcher, R. B. Snoeyen. John Bonilla is the assistant dispatcher and Angela Sanchez is the sergeant-at-arms.

NCDC delegates are Albert C. Bailey and Lindsey Houston. Jim Newton, Bailey and Larry Valentine are elected to the board of trustees. Nine members were elected to the local executive board.

Local 12, North Bend
Mid-year officials for this longshore local are: LRC, Lou Brock, and dispatcher, Albert Butler.

Local 29, San Diego
San Vargas was reelected Secretary-Treasurer of the Longshore Clerk and Foremen's union. Other new officials are listed in the July issue of The Dispatcher.

Dockers, Widows On Pension List
SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the July, 1983 listing of dockworkers retired under various ILWU-PMA plans:

Local 8, Portland: Patrick Cavanaugh, Clarence W. Grebe, Carl H. Rogers, John C., and Lindsey Houston. Jim Newton, Bailey and Larry Valentine are elected to the board of trustees. Nine members were elected to the local executive board.

Local 10, San Francisco: Jesse Colon, Roy M. Edmondson, Cleveland Greene, Charles Irwin, Milton Nealy, James S. Rodriguez, Crespo Ruiz, Tony A. Torres; Local 12, North Bend: Eino O. Koivuvesi, Joseph A. Ragusa; Local 13, Wilmington: James A. Adelman, Ramon S. Corona, John Palica; Local 19, Seattle: William Dow, Leslie M. Hennum; Local 27, Port Angeles: Fred O. Amundson; Local 50, Astoria: Albert Butner; Local 63, Wilmington: John Castelli; Local 91, San Francisco: Raymond A. Canessa.

*Names in brackets are those of deceased husbands.

The widows are: Viola Boknecht, (Joe, Local 19); Mary R. Carson, (Thomas, Local 34); Mary B. Cadillo, (Frank, Local 13); Leola Cook, (Glenn, Local 4); Bernice Duggan, (James, Local 9); Suzanne Ellsli, (Jim, Local 46); Francesc Fry, (Robert, Local 13); Mabel James, (Samuel, Local 10); Mildred Lewis, (Charles, Local 12); Bernice Maxson, (Hermon, Local 13); Louise Moore, (Leal, Local 13); Olivia Morrison, (Albert, Local 10); Franca Orellt, (Truman, Local 13); Mildred Robinson, (Kenneth, Local 24); Mary Rowell, (Newton, Local 13); Naomi Vanguest, (Carl, Local 19); Doris Vaughn, (Daryl, Local 13); Leona Walls, (Clyde, Local 34); Gracie Zambas, (Pete, Local 24).

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Local 10, San Francisco: Joseph J. Casteleti, Harry Evans, Joe E. Smith.

Local 12, North Bend: Delbert E. Hively; Local 12, Wilmington: Clifton Brownfield, Peter A. Brutti, Albert T. Denier, Carleton O. Dornett, Nick J. Fiatarich, Milpiedo M. Marevic, David E. Torres, Federico P. Urrea.


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Local 13 hall packed for Harry's birthday
WILMINGTON, CA — ILWU President Emeritus Harry Bridges turned 82 July 28 and nearly 1,000 well-wishers gathered in the Local 13 hall two days later to pay him tribute.

They enjoyed a good dinner — plus music ranging from oldtime fiddling, rock and roll and country and western—and listened attentively as Regional Director G. Johnny Parks described the history of the '34 strike, Local 12 President Danny Martin was MC. The picnic committee was co-chaired by Dick Johnson and Wally Robbins.

Mayor Tom Bradley presented plaque on behalf of the city.

Part of the crowd which filled Local 13 headquarters to celebrate Bridges' birthday.

Local 4 picnic a success
VANCOUVER — Local 4 Dispatcher Lance Lynch termed the July 4 picnic this year "a big success," except for the fact the "A" men were beaten by the "B" men at the baseball game.

The affair, held at Lewisville Park, north of Battleground, drew more than 300 active and retired members and their families. The local furnished pop, ice cream and coffee. There were no speeches, "we just had fun," and to give the "B" people credit, they were a lot of help.

Lynch said Bob Kado served as picnic committee chairman.

New Ro/Go dock
PORTLAND — A new Roll-on/Roll-off dock, designed to serve the largest ships in the trade, will be constructed at Terminal 4, Port of Portland spokesman, Darrell Butts, informs The Dispatcher.

About three RO-RO ships use the existing RO-RO facility at Terminal 2 every three months, but the new dock will handle larger vessels, including one scheduled to call Portland by Pacific-Australia Direct Line (PAD).

Longshoremen have been pushing for such a facility, according to NW Regional Director G. Johnny Parks. He praised the Port administration for "looking into the future and taking this progressive step to generate trade."

Parks is a port commissioner.
ILWU-PMA alcoholism reps under training

SAN FRANCISCO — The ILWU-PMA Alcoholism Recovery Program held its third annual alcoholism education and training session April 18-22, bringing together twelve volunteer coordinators from both the national and local levels.

The coordinators, who are primarily rank-and-file officers specializing in providing confidential referral services, were addressed by leading professionals in the field, including one of their points about prevention, counseling, role playing, family programs, after-care programs and stress management.

"The purpose of the training sessions," said program director George Bobbe, "is to help the coordinators keep abreast of what is happening in the alcoholism treatment and to develop continuity in our program."

The participants included Wayne Cabral, Henry Graham, Jim Derew, John Flemister and Ernie Gilbert of Local 10; Bob Smith and Greg Sinn of the Pacific Maritime Association; and Ken Cole and Frank Best of Local 33.

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Severance pay for Del Monte workers

HONOLULU — Severance pay benefits totaling $2 million will be paid to some 600 Del Monte Honolulu cannery and Mo- weka workers during the next two weeks. In accordance with contract provisions, qualified workers will receive nine days, one for each year of credited service.

Mayor Robert F. Heavenly, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Area ILWU, announced the severance pay benefits.

"If the federal cabinet says that the cruise is not going to take place in Canada, I will be the first to offer my resignation as president," said Heavenly, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Area ILWU.

Cruise missiles

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