Local 26 beats takeaways at Thrifty Drug

LOS ANGELES—After extremely difficult bargaining, the over 500 members of warehouse Local 26 employed at Thrifty Drug Company warehouses in Los Angeles and Anaheim have negotiated and ratified a new three-year agreement which contains no takeaways and provides significant economic and other improvements.

A raft of takeover proposals kept bargaining on dead center until well after the old agreement expired June 30. In nearly 20 sessions, there had been no progress on company demands to eliminate ILWU jurisdiction in new facilities, to create a part-time and seasonal workforce, to take away a holiday and, most important, to eliminate maintenance of health and welfare benefits for all active and retirees.

UNION’S BOTTOM LINE

Local 26 had its own bottom line. Maintenance of benefits, no part-time workers and preservation of Local 26’s jurisdiction were strike issues, as were wage and pension improvements, and definite but unspecified language on plant closing. “The main issue was no takeaways,” said ILWU Larry Jefferson. “There was no way we were going to permit the destruction of our jurisdiction, or allow the bargaining unit to be undermined by the creation of a seasonal or part-time workforce.”

There was very little movement until the contract expired, “other than moving a sentence or two from here to there,” recalls Local 26 President Luisa Gratz. “They had raised some demands the membership. They assumed we’d sell out our benefits and the integrity of the bargaining unit for a few economic gains.”

Sugar workers set defense fund

HONOLULU—ILWU Local 142 sugar workers are setting up a Sugar Defense Fund to support their lobbying for adequate sugar price supports in the 1985 Farm Bill before Congress.

The Fund will be used to mobilize rank and file and community support for the sugar industry and sugar workers. A mass letter writing campaign by sugar workers to selected Congressmen and a media program to educate a national audience on sugar and its special relationship to Hawaii were two of the campaigns being planned.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The entire International ILWU as well as Local 142 are doing everything possible to support sugar. Up and down the west coast ILWU District Councils are meeting with members of Congress to get their support. The International Office is preparing a sugar lobbying brochure to distribute to Congressmen and in planning to send a delegation to Washington, DC.

The Fund will be established through a one-time $5 per member contribution to be paid out of unit funds. Only units directly tied to the sugar industry such as sugar clericals, HSPA, C&H, sugar truckers, bulk sugar, and the plantations will be involved. Members who belong to a sugar unit but who do not work in the industry such as macadamia nuts and dairy workers will not be included in the count.

After tragic death on LA waterfront, ILWU wins new container safety rules

LOS ANGELES—Shocked and angered by the fifth job-related death of one of their members in just over a year, three LA Harbor area longshore division locals put on a solid show of strength to win a new set of container safety rules and procedures which will, hopefully, go a long way toward preserving life and limb on the docks.

Local 13 “B” member Steve Suryan, was killed on June 22. “The accident clearly demonstrated the need for new rules specifically geared around container operations,” said Local President David Arlan. “Before the ship docked the crew had removed the lashings, and left them lying around on the deck. They weren’t cleaned up when we started moving containers. Steve had ridden the spreader beam down with the crane operators warned PMA that no container operations would be worked in the Port of LA or Long Beach as of Monday, July 1, without an agreement on container safety. Individual employers who agreed to the local’s rule changes would be exempted.

Negotiations resumed, however, on Saturday, June 29. At this meeting PMA agreed to virtually all of the ILWU’s proposed rule changes.

“The Coast, Committee will be monitoring the program to assess its impact on health and safety, and to determine whether it can be extended to other areas,” said Arlan. “We request that each local union, especially those in the container ports, review the program and advise us as to its applicability in its port.” Robert Olvera and Randy Vekich, of the Coast Labor Relations Committee, said in a letter to all locals.
ILWU victories

A series of dramatic ILWU victories in the last few weeks have firmly answered any questions about the continued ability of this union to defend itself and the conditions it has created over the last four years. ILWU members and local leaders on the Columbia River, on the Oregon Coast and in the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach have demonstrated extraordinary courage and resourcefulness and creativity. They have been disciplined and responsible. They deserve the respect of this union.

We hope that these incidents, separately and together, will encourage employers to think twice about attempting to exploit the existing economic conditions and political climate to take us on.

POWERFUL DISPLAYS

In Vancouver, Wash., for example, members of all of the Columbia River longshore, clerk and walking boss locals, together with the IBU, staged a powerful display of solidarity to forestall the plans of a consultant to abandon efforts to hire non-ILWU labor to a cargo of lumber bound for Hawaii. The critical moment occurred when hundreds of ILWU members descended on the industry when the cargo in question was being stored and, in 15 minutes, the deal to abandon efforts was impossible.

The whole maneuver was accomplished with precision and discipline. "They just moved in, did their thing and moved out," a local police officer said. The cargo was reassembled by a committee of unionists once the beef was settled, and the cargo was loaded legally and competently. The point was made.

This demonstration of how seriously we take this issue paid off in other places as well. Oregon, members of Local 50 organized a fleet of picket boats and bribed a revered and unprotected at- torney, "Jimmie," to shut down the entire Mack Line and water carrier operations, in an effort to maintain their jurisdiction of work involved in handling cargoes at the Columbia River. Longshore division locals came together in an impressive show of solidarity. Once again, many members placed themselves at risk, while many non-unionists in Vancouver had a tremendous impact here—there's no question but that the enterprise has been backed off rather than us making a present to the ILWU.

In a similar action in Coos Bay last month, members of Local 26 also mounted a waterfront picket line to assert their right to load cargo related to the shipment of modules to Alaska. Here, too, the unionists were able to contribute to the possibility of democracy and peace, according to the report.

NO PATTERN OF KILLINGS

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As for internal politics, "there is no pattern of killings," the report observes. "The Contras claimed, and Nicaragua's government promised, to account for all workers who disappeared. Most of the disappeared have since turned up, alive and well."

The report states that if the Contras do not succeed in their mission, the government will be strengthened, not weakened, in Nicaragua.

Delegation's 2nd visit

Death in El Salvador, dissent in Nicaragua

NEW YORK—The second trip to Central America in two years by a fact-finding delegation of national labor unions discovered that in El Salvador "everyday activities of trade unions in the United States—pressing grievances, running strikes, pressuring management, lobbying—are experienced by trade unionists in peril." These unionists opposed to the Sandinista government "have faced periodic harassment, but "most significantly, there have been instances in which their opposition without fear of extinction," the report said. "They have faced periodic harassment, but "most significantly, there have been instances in which their opposition without fear of extinction," the report said. The delegation was struck by the relative calm in Nicaragua before the Reagan embargo, and talked with a wide range of citizens. Even opposition unions condemn Reagan's support for the Contras based in Honduras and Costa Rica, the report said.

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Coast Guard attack can't destroy ILWU jurisdiction

ASTORIA, Ore.—Despite an unpro- voked and extremely dangerous attack by the US Coast Guard on their picket boats, ILWU members in this port at the mouth of the Columbia River won an agreement last month on a contract that did not involve the use of longshore labor for a portion of the work involved in loading oil field modules and other cargo on barges destined for Alaska's North Slope.

The one-time only agreement, reached at 10 p.m. Sunday night, June 23, ended 10 hours of hand and waterboat picketing by members of longshore Local 50, clerks Local 40 and foremen's Local 92, which had been staged in a prearranged confrontation with the coast guard.

The one-time only agreement involved the load- ing of oil rig modules and related cargo for an RCOO's Lusiboue field project on Prince dying. The modules were built by Astoria Oil Services, and were to be loaded at Pier 3, which is under a ten-year lease to the company. But a conflict with the ILWU arose when AOS also proposed to load general cargo, using its own employees at Pier 3.

"We had supported the AOS construc- tion lease for betterment of the commu- nity," said Local 50 LRC chairman, Ed Cor- der. "We were promised by the port that we would unload all of the cargo. Now, after the fact, we have received no traditional long- shore work at Pier 3 from Astoria Oil Ser- vices," Corder said.

PICKET SCHEDULE
So when representatives of the ILWU, the Port, Astoria Oil Services and other unions were unable to reach agreement beyond the term of the lease of the North Slope seafall barges, members of the ast, and ILWU locals prepared to picket. At 4:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, a fleet of ten local boats, manned by ILWU mem- bers, deployed themselves around the Pier 3 barge slip.

"Our approach was to establish an area standards picket line in a peaceful manner, protecting substantial wages, hours and working conditions," said Corder.

Local 10 aids pursers in US Lines picket
SAN FRANCISCO—Members of Local 10 played an important role last month in helping fellow members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union's San Francisco Chapter, who have been picketing for five months against US Lines, to reach an agreement. Local 10's Shop Stewards, officers and active members had participated in the sessions with manage- ment: Steven Manaday, Lee Saulibio, John Bukoskey assisted. "We had tremen- dous support from the Day Labor Council, who supported our picketing on the waterfront, and from the AFL-CIO Cen- tral Labor Council of Los Angeles South Coast Counties."

"We wish the US Lines negotiators in good faith. In the future, we will continue to do so. If the negotiations are not in good faith and are expected to fail, we will then remain out until we successfully negotiate a new contract. We shall always feel deeply grateful for your magnificent support at this critical period," said the Coast Guard commander tell his men that they could run our boats and that they had permission to sink the ILWU picket boats. "They had orders to arrest the boat captains," Corder said. In the confu-

ILWU demands Coast Guard inquiry
SAN FRANCISCO — The Coast Guard, in response to demands by the ILWU and the intervention of Rep. Lee Ar Conte (D-OR), is conducting a full in- quiry into the attack against ILWU members in the Port of Astoria on the morning of June 23.

In telegrams to Congressional Representatives and Senators from Oregon, Washington, California and Hawaii, ILWU international officers and members of the Columbia River locals charged that the attacks were "com- unently called for. The Coast Guard's action perpetrated on our members with- out any prior warning or notification in- flicted property damage and injury and placed the lives of our members in ex- treme danger."

A full investigation, the ILWU of- ficers said, will show that the "US Coast Guard must be severely censured, that the officers responsible for issuing the orders must be disciplined, and that steps must be taken to ensure that such an incident is never repeated."

Local 26 beats Thrifty takeaways
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Local 26's effort to beat Thrifty

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The first sign of movement came on Mon- day when a Super Thrifty membership had voted overwhelmingly to extend the contract on a daily basis and to give the committee authority to call a strike. It also helped that strike sanction had been ob- tained from Teamsters Joint Council 42, from IBEW Local 489 and 992, from Retail Clerks Local 770, from the LA Food and Drug Council, and from the AFL-CIO Cen- tral Labor Councils of Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Although a few takeaways had been removed from the table, things still went slowly in the days before the July 4 break. A last and final offer with a small wage in- crease, no maintenance of benefits and several other takeaways was unanimously rejected by the committee as late as July 9. Only then were all takeaways removed from the table, and the rest of the agreement fell into place quickly.

FInal Pact
The final agreement, ratified overwhelm- ingly gives wage increases of 40c-25c-25c with an improved cost of living formula

kicking in during the last two years. Health and welfare benefits will be maintained through the life of the agreement for both active and retirees. The employer agreed to loan in pension in separation pay ben- efits, as well as to improvements in transfer rights, cash out of unused sick leave and other benefits.

"Both the committee and the member- ship showed exceptional perseverance and unity," said International Secretary- Treasurer Curtis McClain, who assisted in bargaining. "The company conceded them. This contract speaks well for the future of Local 26.

Committee members included Pearson Cherry, J.J. Johnson, Bob Food, Rudy Dominguez, Rick Sikora, Randy Fandy, along with Gratz, Jefferson and McClain.

Big Tuna Packers layoff
HONOLULU—Over 400 workers at Ha- waii Tuna Packers—ILWU Unit 4401—located at Kewalo Basin, have been laid off. Castle & Cooke's canner has been closed for over six months. The announcement was made on May 2.

Local 142 wins 3-year pact at Wilcox

LIHUE—About 148 workers at GN Wilcox Hospital and Care Center, who joined ILWU Local 142 in May 1984, are expected to vote on a new con- tract, running from February 22, 1985 to February 21, 1988.

International Representative Tony Ka- rawabwala, who was chief spokesman, says the settlement terms include a 15% wage increase, to be paid out in three increments of 3%, 5% and 7%, respectively. The pay boosts will run from 28 to 384 per hour.

Lump Sum
Protracted negotiations resulted in one- shot cash lump sum payments of $2,000, in lieu of retroactive wage outlays, to regular fulltime employees, and $100 to part- timers, in the first year of the contract. Under the medical plan, management will pay 100% of the premiums for single employees and 75% for those married with dependents. Premiums for the dental plan will be assumed 100% for single persons and 50% for married.

Kauai Division Representative Tommy Manady, representing the following negotiating committee members participated in the sessions with manage- ment: Steven Manady, Lee Saulibio, Esther Azarond, and Gloria Madrid.

This photo, courtesy of the Daily Astorian, shows US Coast Guard boats attacking picket boats manned by members of ILWU Local 50 on the morning of June 23. An in- vestigation into the incident, described below, is underway.
The IBU convention delegates chart future direction

SEATTLE—Delegates to the Inland boatmen’s Union’s 11th Convention were charting a new course for their union’s future in the face of union-bracketed layoffs. The 42 delegates, reviewing five years of affiliation with the ILWU, met at the Vance Airport Inn here to devise an “assault, the likes of which this union has never seen,” according to president Jim Herman, to assure the IBU’s growth and survival.

Determine Direction:

“We have established a pension plan that serves as an incentive to other workers who may choose to be represented by the IBU. We have provided for a series of public works projects, including start-up money for the much-needed lock at Bonneville on the Columbia River system.”

HATFIELD COMPROMISE

Sen. Mark Hatfield, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, said that the water projects package back into the Senate’s Commerce Committee, and the current agreement included a provision for a lock at Ogden. The two “Smith Brothers”, Danny and Bob, voted for the lock, and the vote was made known before the lock was included in the lock.

Reps. Les AuCoin and Ron Wyden opposed the lock.

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The company argued that such language had essentially established two classes of employees in the plant: those who were “permanent” and those who were “temporary.” However, the arbitrator ruled for the company, and the agreement was overruled.

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100 port jobs threatened by privatization

WASHINGTON, DC—The jobs of up to 100 IBU members Local 517, currently employed by the Vancouver Port Corporation, are in jeopardy because of plans to “privatize” some port operations.

At risk are board of office staff, pier billing staff, corporate planning, crane maintenance workers and dock maintenance workers.

NO GUARANTEES

The Vancouver Port Corporation claims that there is no guarantee that all the affected employees will be hired by the private employer. According to the agreement, the company is required to hire the senior employees, and not to permit them during any layoff period. However, the arbitrator ruled for the company, and the agreement was overruled.

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Local 5 victory

Seniority beef won at Boise-Cascade

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Local 28 signs guards contract

PORTLAND—Waterfront Guards Local 28 has negotiated a 3-year agreement with the Teamsters for its members effective June 6, reports president Henry M. Gibson.

The guards will receive a 24-hourly wage increase, plus 464 percent in lieu of sick leave and improved medical benefits. These increases provide a significant boost in the Teamsters' disabled benefits.

The collective bargaining agreement was negotiated by the waterfront committee consisting of Gibson, Walter Goulert, David Kidd and Julie Lee. The talks began February 14.
This month's "Coming of the Union" feature observes the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of ILWU warehouse Local 17, chartered as ILA Local 38-118 in July of 1935. Local 38-118 was formed as a direct result of the 1934 maritime strike, as organizers from the newly revived International Longshoremen's Association began moving "uptown" from their strongholds on the docks. The first organizer was Warren Denton, who was sent to Sacramento, Stockton and Petaluma in the spring of 1934 by ILA Local 38-44—the ancestor of today's ILWU Local 6—to make contact with warehouse workers.

The new union had its first success at Haslett Warehouse, Tyndall Mound Warehouse, the 16th Street Warehouse and ROGERS Seed Company. Many of the general warehouses in the Sacramento area were soon organized. The rice mills were organized in 1935, and a large group of wholesale grocery workers came in in 1936.

By 1937 the local had 300 members. In November, 1943 it reported some 400-600 members—85% of all warehouse workers in the Sacramento area.

The union is closely associated with the memory of Frank Thompson, a large, colorful ex-Wobbly who served as secretary-treasurer and business agent until he suffered a stroke in November, 1970—except for 1943-44 when he served as an organizer for the International in Hawaii.

Frank died in 1979, but is remembered today as the founding father of the local, a symbol of courage and integrity, combining the vision of the Industrial Workers of the World with the practical common sense of a modern trade union leader.

The following article features the recollections of warehouse workers—Ben Davis, the former president who holds Book #1 in the local; Basil Crutcher; Frank West, the first recording secretary, and Claude Thompson. They were interviewed recently by Harvey Schwartz for the ILWU-University of California Oral History Project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

CRUTCHER—I joined the union on July 13, 1935. There were 35 charter members, mainly warehousemen and clerical workers. I was working at the River Farms up near Knights' Landing. We joined the union at that time because they were running us. I mean running! With hand trucks there were six houses in a row. Houses were about 300 feet long, and we would be running from one end to the other all day, getting boxes on the conveyer, 10 hours a day.

That's what started it. We had a meeting in Sacramento in the Labor Temple and we joined the union that very day.

And from then on it was one hassle after another, fighting the employer every time you turn around. They all tried to take stuff away from us, and that's what caused us to go on strike. It was the only weapon we ever had to help us get things straightened out.

At Globe Mills where I worked later we had two job stewards and three committeemen. If we wanted to talk to the boss, we walked into his office. If he said, I ain't going to talk to you, we just made a circle and came back next. Everyone went back to their own department and pulled the lunch. We went up on the mezzanine and sat down and said, By God, we'll set here until he gets ready to talk to us. Wain finally, after being sent word to tell us he would talk. If they ever did anything to us that we decided was going to hurt us, we just shut her down!

But at Globe Mills we had a practice there at first of letting the employer decide who the foreman would be. And we also had a practice that when a job opened up we'd have a bidding process. So we went into the em-

players one day and we told them that we wanted to change that practice, so that when the job of foreman came up, that the man would be selected on the basis of seniority.

We won that. That was the only place in town where we had that, and it worked out satisfactorily because if we had any arguments with the foreman, we could take it up as a union problem. And we used to have meetings on the job at noon and discuss with our foreman what we wanted him to do, and how to work. It was the only place in town like that.

WEST—Our union was so young it was like a little baby. At that time, everything was voluntary. There was no pressure for doing union work. And anybody who wanted to do anything, who could read and write, there was something to do for the union. That was the main thing, to get the thing on the road. It was just like a little baby—you had to bring it up.

It was awful hard to organize people. People were scared they were going to lose their job. And where could you go another?

DAVIS—When I came here from San Francisco they told me if I wanted to organize to go see Frank. Frank got together with me and with Norris Hall and Walter Eckland and Phil Finkner and we set up an organizing committee. He was the man with transportation, the only one of us. He had a red car, a Buick convertible. It was known all over town. We couldn't go anywhere we wanted to organize unless we stuck it.

He was quite an organizer. Everyone knew him, he was the leader of our group, and he took us in him in that red Buick of his.

And so we went visiting. We went to Tyndall Mound, in Knights' Landing. He would make the contact. Then after he got some names, we'd go visit them and so forth. Whatever way we were trying to organize, we'd find out the one who was the leader of the group, speak to him and get him to tell us what's going on.

CRUTCHER—Frank loved organizing. he ate it and slept it. He had a great sense of people. He could look at a guy and tel all kinds of things about him. And if you met him today, and didn't see him for two years, he'd remember everything about you next time he saw you. He was a half of a guy.
Newton Miyagi retires after 33 years as secretary-treasurer of Local 142

HONOLULU—Newton Miyagi, ILWU Local 142 Secretary-Treasurer for 33 years, has retired because of health and personal reasons as of June 30, 1985. Guy Fujimura has been appointed Acting Executive Committee to serve the uncompleted term as Secretary-Treasurer which runs until December 31, 1985.

Miyagi has been his leadership in guiding Local 142’s senior executive officer you have, over these many years, helped promote and develop the Local Convention, the Local 142 President Eddie Lapa.

Miyagi tended a luncheon in the Grille Room at the Astoria pensioners dinner, guests included a number of the finest unions in the country. "You leave behind a monument of fiscal integrity and sound management," ILWU president Everett Richardson, Local 12, Coos Bay, said of Newton Miyagi. "As a key player in the affairs of the community, you have left your mark on all of us. And as Local 142’s senior executive officer you have, over these many years, helped promote and develop the Local 142’s political Action Committee coordinator since his appointment to the position in 1956. Miyagi has retired because of health and personal reasons as of June 30, 1985. Guy Fujimura has been appointed Acting Executive Committee to serve the uncompleted term as Secretary-Treasurer which runs until December 31, 1985.

Newton Miyagi represented the ILWU on the State’s 75th Anniversary Commission commemorating the arrival of the Filipinos to Hawaii, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, the State Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross.

Miyagi served as a member of the International Executive Board and a participant in the overseas delegate program where he joined ILWU delegations to both Cuba and the Soviet Union.

Miyagi suffered from a stroke in October 1984. While he is slowly recovering Miyagi felt it in the best interest of the Union and for his own health that he step down as Local Secretary-Treasurer and retire. He is 60 years old and lives with his wife Barbara Kinikio Miyagi.

Dagmar Lannge, 82

NAPA, Calif.—Dagmar Lannge, wife of Newton Miyagi, retires after 33 years as secretary-treasurer of Local 142. She has served as Local 142’s Political Action Committee coordinator since his appointment to the position in 1956. Miyagi has retired because of health and personal reasons as of June 30, 1985. Guy Fujimura has been appointed Acting Executive Committee to serve the uncompleted term as Secretary-Treasurer which runs until December 31, 1985.

One of six children, she left her native Sweden for the US with her parents shortly after World War I. When Nils Lannge retired in 1968 she joined him in a constant round of community activities, petticoat, rent control campaigns, etc. She participated in the Women’s Re-entry Program at Napa Community College. Aside from her husband, she is survived by three sisters who live in Europe.

A memorial program was held on Sunday, July 7 at an inn on Berkeley.

Tahoe pensioners

TACOMA—An excellent turnout of both members and shades ended the Local 22 Pension Club dinner on May 21, at the Everett Eagle’s Hall.

Out of town guests included Jim and Vicky Foster, Lloyd and Rachel Kennedy, from Lake Oswego; Robert Rohatch is president. Tillie Sylvia, working director is Bert Donlin.

Patty Nakamoto, Eddie Esquivel and Edward Davison are trustees. Esquivel is the welfare officer. Joe Vinole represents the workers’ unit. Carl and Janet Christenson.

Local 29, San Diego

Local officers of this long-standing local are: President, Anthony Castillo, vice-president, Betty Johnson, Local 29 Secretary-Treasurer, Pam "Sammy" Vargas. The business agents are Paul Bartley, Raul Fras and David Peer, sergeants-at-arms, Eugene Gonzales and Frank Hernandez. John Herman represents the workers’ unit. Patty Nakamoto, Eddie Esquivel and Edward Davison are trustees. Esquivel is the welfare officer. Joe Vinole represents the workers’ unit. Carl and Janet Christenson.

Local 12, North Bend

The results of the June midterm held last month gave the union a better share of health care costs.

Airline pilots have recognized this connection, Silverman said, noting the success of the Pacific Maritime Association-ILWU Substance Abuse Program and the National Federation of Teamsters, which make a program available to ILWU members.

But many other systems reportedly oppose all "union efforts to deal candidly and constructively with the problems," he charged.

Dockers, Widows on Pension List

SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the July 12, 1985 list of members retired under various ILWU-PMA plans:

Local 7, Bellingham: Lyre Wood; Local 10, Portland: John Belcher, John F. Davison, Alt McNeal, Raymond O’Hara, Glen A. Parks, Ronald Tense, Local 10, San Francisco: Daniel Galvez, Joseph Hurliman, Juan L. Hur Linda; K. C. Jackson; Local 10, North Bend; Don W. Flank; Local 13, Willingham; John Beene; Local 13, Vancouver: Frank Unzato.

Local 29: Roberta; D. Wood; Local 34, San Francisco: Edward J. Clark, Harold Ellingsen; Local 40, Portland: Philip Badalamenti; Local 43, Seattle: Donald M. Crowe, Warner; Momie; Local 47, Willingham; Leo Gutierrez; Local 52, Portland: Gerald V. Goodman; Local 59, Seattle: Stephen; Howard Vanlentine.

"The widows are: Jennifer Anthony (Gwen); Local 10; Therese Artigue (Betty); Local 10; Fern D. Donovan (Jenner); Local 10; B. Joyce (Mike); Local 13; Elvira Eros (Maurice); Local 13; Florence Freswel (Jan); Local 15; Alice A. G.; Local 19; Elaine G. (Lyle); Local 34; Frances Frelow (Jasper. Local 10; Dennis; Local 10; Leo Elise; Local 13; Dennis; Local 13; Elsie Johnson (James, Local 13); Vinka Yakan (Frank, Local 13).

*Names in brackets are those of deceased husbands.

Local 24 team wins ILWU bowling event

Aberdeen, Wash.—Twenty-three ILWU bowlers from Local 24, to Coos Bay, Oregon, participated in the 20th Annual ILWU-PMA bowling tournament held here last month.

The team, which was won by the Local 24 team with 2266 pins. Members of the team were Mike Osman, Linda Macnair, Harold Olson, and Larry West.

The doubles event was won by Mike Riva, Local 30; Jack D. and Pat Christensen, Local 30 with a score of 1328. Pat also went on to take the women's All-Events with a nine-game total of 1177. The men's all-events championship was won by Robert Ljungren, Local 12, Coos Bay, with a score of 1302.

Next year's tournament will be held in Nanaimo, and Chemainus, BC.
Auxiliary convention adopts hard-hitting program

NORTH VANCOUVER, BC—Delegates from San Diego to British Columbia attended the 22nd Biennial Convention of the ILWU Federated Auxiliaries here June 3-6 and adopted a hard-hitting program on union, senior and community issues. Outgoing Federated President Joan Fox urged local members of 14 local auxiliaries to become more involved in membership drives, voter registration and lobbying projects as the best way to implement the convention theme of "Forward the Goals of Women's Auxiliaries." "Many issues hanging fire from our last convention—nuclear freeze, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, unemployment, and now the biggish Star Wars—reflect a continuing demand for survival in this country that's getting worse under this Administration," Fox said.

The convention was hosted by Vancouver Auxiliary #99. Dave Lomas, President of the Canadian Area ILWU, addressed the delegates on the convention's first day and drew a parallel between the anti-people movements of the 1930s and today's "new right" in the United States. He noted that the United National Independence party, a split-wing of the old American Nazi party, is pushing for a 16-hour workday in the United States and "to make our neighborhoods like Elgin Avenue in Chicago." "We can't do it. We've got to continue the struggle against the forces that are making life harder for working people in the United States," Lomas said.

The strong Policy Statements condemning the Reagan administration, and the Conservative and Socred administrations in Ottawa and British Columbia, made the convention a vehicle for the delegates' support of a broad range of progressive activities. The delegates made a number of resolutions opposing Reagan's Star Wars schemes to eliminate or cutback on the space-based missile defense system, and the South African government against its non-white majority, demanding that "the administration, and the Conservative and Socred administrations in Ottawa and British Columbia, make the convention a vehicle for the delegates' support of a broad range of progressive activities. The delegates made a number of resolutions opposing Reagan's Star Wars schemes to eliminate or cutback on the space-based missile defense system, and the South African government against its non-white majority, demanding that "the Congress, and support the United Farm Workers boycott of Bruce Church iceberg lettuce. 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CHICAGO, Ill.—Three managers of the defunct Film Recovery Systems, Inc. were found guilty on June 27 of failing to report in connection with the death of an employee, Steven Golab, who was killed in the plant.

This is the first time that company of- ficials have been convicted, of murder due to a work-related acci- dent.

The case is also significant because it ex- plores the powerlessness of the Occupa- tional Safety and Health Administration under the Reagan Administration. Effec- tive enforcement of safety and health regulations has been weakened under the Giuliani-era.

"TOTALLY UNSAFE"

Filmmaker Robert Stein, who was in the business of using cyanide to recover silver from used photographic film. The judge in the case, non-jury trial, Ronald Banks, described the conditions at the plant as "totallly un- safe." Workers at the trial pointed out the following.

• The company intentionally hired un- documented workers who could not read or speak English so they would not complain about workplace conditions due to the threat of being deported.

• Workers at the plant were instructed to cover up their nose and mouth with con- tainers of cyanide.

• The workers at the plant frequently complained of illnesses and requested safety equipment, but their pleas were ignored.

• Efforts to sell the company safely equipment failed with a total lack of success.

On the day of his death, Golab was pre- paring to clean out a 1,000-gallon vat con- taining a solution of cyanide. He began feel- ing ill and was told to go outside. Instead, he was led into the plant's truckroom where fellow workers testified, he began shaking, rolled his eyes backward and fell from his motorcycle. He then fell unconscious and died en route to the hospital.

The Cook County Medical Examiner declared Golab's death a "suffocation due to cyanide poisoning."

Local 13 members' CPR saves hatch boss

LONG BEACH — The life of hatch boss Danny Pastafogg was saved by two Local 13 mem- bers who were able to apply CPR. He was revived even before the _ambulance arrived. "These brothers knew what they were doing," said Local 13 President Dave Ariza.

GM picks Tacoma

TACOMA — The Port of Tacoma last month made a decision that will allow auto-importing port on Puget Sound with the announcement that General Motors will import as many as 50,000 Japanese cars a year through the Port beginning August 1.

The car models will be the Chevrolet Spectrum, built by Isuzu and the Chevrolet Sprint, built by Isuzu. Isuzu, Manda, Isuzu, Mit- subishi and Chrysler already import through the Port's 128-acre Pierce County Port facilities. The GM contract means another full-time longshore job, port officials said.

Robert Stein, testified that Golab died from "acute cyanide toxicity" that resulted from inhaling hydrogen cyanide gas. When the autopsy was performed, Stein stated that the small of litter alike — the odor of cyanide gas—spread throughout the exam- ining room. The company maintained that Golab died of a heart attack.

Convicted of murder were Steven O'Neil, former president of Film Recovery Sys- tems, Inc.; Charles Kirshbaum, the plant supervisor and Daniel Rodriguez, the plant foreman. They were also found guilty on 14 misdemeanor counts of reckless conduct related to endangering the other employees.

The three men were sentenced to 10 years in prison and fines of $10,000 each. Film Recovery and another company, Metallic Marketing, were also fined $1,000 for each violation of reckless conduct. An appeal is expected.

Charges are pending against Michael McKay, the owner and vice president of the Company. McKay's case has yet to go to trial because he lives in Utah and Governor Scott Matheson has twice refused Illinois' request for extradition.

OSHA'S FAILURE

Approximately six months before Golab's death, the plant had been inspected by OSHA and found to have violated the company's injury and illness records. Upon finding very little time lost due to oth- er injuries, the inspector was pres- ented from physically inspecting the plant and even reported to the Reagen Administration in October 1981.

In a report after Golab's death, OSHA issued two citations and proposed fines totaling $4,850. At a settlement conference, the ILA Area Director cut the fines in half.

This landmark case, by itself, may not have significant impact on the longshoremen's commitment toward safety. Film Recovery was an extreme example. Most employers do not view their operations in the same light as Film Recovery. However, if profes- sionals around the country start pursuing these types of cases, then company execu- tives will start to take notice and place health and safety considerations higher up on their agendas.

The effectiveness of OSHA under the Reagan Administration must be examined. Unions have often complained that many of the policies adopted by OSHA over the past few years, including the "records check" procedure, are aimed at letting employers off the hook. The first order of business for new President Bush, Secretary of Labor Bill Brock must be to revitalize OSHA into an effective agency once again.

ILWU: no trade favors for labor violators

WASHINGTON, DC — ILWU joined four other unions and the AFL-CIO in presenting hard-fighting testimony last month on legislation that consistently violate basic labor rights — and yet, are still special trade privileges with the United States.

The hearing was held by the US Trade Representative, who oversees the trade pro- gram called the General System of Prefer- ences (GSP). GSP allows certain developing countries to export products duty-free into this country. Congress amended the pro- gram last year to require all participating countries to "take steps" to protect "inter- national Labor Organization, the Interna- tional Labor Organization, the Interna-

The statement, which was delivered by Washington Representative Mike Lewis on behalf of ILWU President Jim Herman, emphasized that ILWU members in the sugar industry are directly affected by the favored treatment the Philippines receives for its sugar exports.

"Abundant evidence has been compiled that a wide range of industries in the Philip- pines fail to satisfy at least four of the five criteria by which they are measured under the, GSP law: the right of association; the right to organize and bargain collectively; a minimum wage for the employment of chil- dren; and acceptable conditions of work with respect to minimum wages."

ILA 50-mile rule upheld—ILWU and PMA ask quick action on CFS

WASHINGTON, DC — Two more and unions from the United States, Washington, DC 20515. Your Congressman can be reached at the US-House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 20515.

Local 30 Bulletin. "Special thanks and THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

As you read this, Congress is getting ready to discuss President Reagan's highly touted "tax simplification" plan. Hidden in the program is a proposal to force workers to pay taxes on employer-paid insurance premiums which purchase benefits such as medical, hospitalization, dental and vision care. Specifically, the first $10 worth of premiums every month for individuals and the first $25 every month for families would be counted as taxable income.

They also want to tax any income from workers covered by unemploy- ment insurance, and similar programs, including the Longshore and Har- bor Workers' Compensation Act.

Write to your Senators and to your Representative either in your own words, or using the sample letter below. Your Senator's address is US Senator, Washington, DC 20515. Your Congressman can be reached at the US-House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 20515.

Sample Letter

"Dear Senator..." Oppose any legislation that will tax the premiums on benefits that safeguard me and my family. My medical, hospital, dental, prescription drug and vision care benefits are my "safety net." Taxing them would mean reducing my take home pay, and would eventually reduce these benefits for me and my family.

Taxing unemployment and worker's compensation benefits is the crudest blow of all. I oppose solving the problems posed by the federal deficit at the expense of the unemployed, or those who have been injured on the job.

Sincerely,

(name, ILWU Local)

"You can fight it!"

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The "50-mile rule," the court said, does not constitute an illegal secondary boycott but does remain statutory. The court's decision had removed any obstacle to enforcing our West Coast Rules."

The final test for the ILA rules will be the decision of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, where they are being challenged on the basis that the "50-mile rule" violates the language of the West Coast Rules."