ILA man killed
US ports shut down in protest

SAN FRANCISCO — For half an hour on Saturday morning, October 12, no cargo moved through any US port as ILA and ILWU members on both coasts, in Alaska, and Hawaii joined in a stunning and unprecedented demonstration of solidarity, provoked by the police killing of an ILA picket in Baltimore on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Between 10 and 10:30 a.m., all US longshoremen, clerks and bosses gathered in a silent vigil at piers all over the country. The vigil was carried off without incident.

The longshoreman, Jackson H. Taylor, 58, was a member of ILA Local 333, in Baltimore. He was killed when a police car driven by officer Brian Schwaab drove through the picket line which the ILA had put up in front of a Cypriot freighter being loaded by a non-union workforce hired by Baltimore Launch and Marine Services. Taylor's death was the latest in a series of tragic fatalities in the Port of LA/Long Beach — most of them on container operations — a special ILWU longshore safety committee met in San Francisco September 12 to prepare for talks with PMA on the establishment of coastwise safety standards for containers.

Every port in the US shut down for thirty minutes on the morning of Saturday, October 12, in memory of ILA longshoreman Jackson Taylor, killed earlier in the week by Baltimore police while picketing a non-union operation. Here, Local 10 members join in a moment of silence. All ILWU longshore division locals participated.

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House vote
Grass roots lobby wins sugar aid

WASHINGTON, DC—Prodded by a strong ILWU grass roots lobbying campaign, the House of Representatives has voted by a solid majority last week to extend the US sugar program in the 1985 Farm Bill. Assuming passage by the Senate, and presidential approval, the sugar program will save the jobs of thousands of ILWU members in Hawaii and California.

The vote, 263 to 142, came on an amendment sponsored by Reps. Tom Downey (D-NY) and Willis Gradison (R-Ohio) that would have drastically lowered the program's support levels. Only four years ago, the House voted by a majority of 23 to delete the sugar program entirely.

The House victory was crucial to the survival of the Hawaii sugar industry, and to the jobs of 6,700 ILWU sugar members in Hawaii and California. As many as 250,000 jobs directly and indirectly tied to the sweetener industry across the country were also at stake.

The contest now shifts to the Senate, where Senators Bill Bradley (D-NJ) and Slade Gorton (R-Wa) intend to offer an amendment similar to Downey-Gradison. Traditionally, sugar and other agriculture programs have had stronger support in the Senate than in the House.

VETO DANGER

However, there is a possibility that President Reagan will veto the entire farm bill for reasons unrelated to sugar, after the House and Senate finally agree on a measure. In that event, sugar supporters may again have to lobby to make sure sugar is properly included in the new bill.

In a new development, the Reagan Administration has also announced that it will deliberately allow more sugar to be imported from abroad over the next year than is needed for domestic consumption. This could result in a serious lowering of sugar prices. It could also cause many loan forfeitures under the sugar program.

ILWU CRUCIAL

ILWU lobbying was a vital factor in the House vote. As the only union that made the sugar issue its top legislative priority in this Congress, ILWU not only influenced many legislators directly but helped other concerned unions to do the same. These included the Seafarers International Union, the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union, the Wine and Distillery Workers, the American Federation of Grain Millers, the International Association of Machinists, and the National Farmers Union. Each of these unions carried weight with House members outside ILWU's own jurisdiction.

SUGAR AID

Grass roots lobbying means the jobs of thousands of US sugar workers will be preserved under the 1985 sugar program. The sugar program will provide for sugar to be purchased by ILWU members on the mainland. The union also published an information kit to convince legislators directly but helped others interested in the sugar issue.

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Saving sugar

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destroy the US sugar industry—along with the 250,000 jobs it generates nationwide.

There was nothing for us on this one. The collapse of US sugar

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sugar producers and most of the Unemployment in Hawaii would have doubled. US consumers would have been forced to pay more for the sugar that Hawaii sugar produc-

HUGE SURPLUS, UNFAIR TRADE

The basic problem stems from the fact that the world sugar market is choking on huge surplus. Much of that surplus—pro-
duced overseas by highly subsidized growers—ends up being

sharply under-priced in the US, forcing prices well below the cost of production.

Hawaii’s sugar growers are competitive. With the help of the ILWU they have become the most efficient and productive pro-
ducers in the world. But they are being caught up in an unfair fight. Their survival in the short run, therefore depends on Congressional renewal of the short-term loan program, con-
tained in the 1985 Farm Bill, which has kept them afloat since 1985.

It was all uphill in the House. The Reagan administration—
seeing agriculture as just another sector of its gargantuan budget deficit—had its people working hard to cut the sugar support program out of the 1985

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A reminder why labor still boycotts Coors

By JIM NORTH, Portland Dispatcher

The ILWU case was presented by Local 26 President Luisa Gratz and Chief Steward Leslie Evans, and Local 63 President Tommy Warren, with Joni Young, daughter of Coors employee Shelly Young.

Local 26 guards win manning beef

Large Los Angeles men's waterfront union 

port union

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Canadian dockers set strong bargaining program

Presiding over Canadian area longshore caucus were, from left, Third Vice-President Steve Bushnell; Second Vice-President John Cordocono; President Dave Lomas and Secretary-Trustee Dan Cole.

substantial part of their local membership; and Jim Bloom, Coordinator of the joint union-employer Waterfront Industry Employee Assistance Program, who informed the delegates of the wide scope of services available—from help dealing with an alcohol or drug problem to counselling in the fields of law, finance, marriage problems and more.

BARGAINING DEMANDS SET

The main task of the four day Caucus was to reach agreement on which of the eighty-nine resolutions adopted by the Canadian Area Longshore locals and forwarded to the Union were to be the union's bargaining demands. After two days of committee work followed by two days of floor debate the demands were formulated. Here are some of the highlights:

- Major increase in the basic pension and the Frigide benefit paid between age 62 and 65.
- M & M Supplementary pension to cover all members under a new formula.
- Improvements to Welfare plan with the major emphasis on increasing sick benefit payments.
- An interchange of Union members between various areas of the provinces.

was the union continues in good health.

HONOLULU—Over 600 delegates and observers met in Honolulu from September 23 to September 27 as the highest decison-making body of ILWU Local 142. The 17th ILWU Biennial Convention convened at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel to hear reports on the union’s work, make recommendations and adopt policies for the next three years until the 1st Triennial Convention in 1989.

The Convention adopted sixteen Constitutional amendments which will streamline and strengthen the union as well as improve service to the members. A three-year budget was approved which continues to provide all existing membership services with no increase in the 1.3% dues system.

Twenty reports, resolutions and statements were discussed, debated and adopted covering positions on agriculture, sugar, tourism, labor unity, and the issues of the day. A number of resolutions recognized the contributions of Newton Miyagi, Saburo Fujisaki, Peptio Ragasa, and Toyomasa Oshiro who have retired or will retire this year.

NOMINATIONS

President Eddie Lapa and Vice-President Fred Paulino were nominated, unopposed, to serve as top officers of the Local for another term which runs from 1986 to 1988. Guy Fujimura and Howard Tanaka were nominated to stand for the office of Local Secretary-Treasurer. Fumiyama was appointed by the Local Executive Board in August to replace Secretary-Treasurer Newton Miyagi who unexpectedly retired on July 1, 1985.

Unfair contract, scab call by Tree Top juicer

YAKIMA—Tree Top’s largest producer of apple juice in the nation, after negotiations with the ILWU Local 142 which began last April, implemented an unfair labor contract September 8. The strike lasted for seven days. For scabs, Ray Dieta, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 760 told The Dispatcher.

Tree Top has been given the dubious honor of concentrating from South Africa, among other foreign suppressors, although more apples are grown in Washington than any other state, we charge.

“We’re asking Congressmen how can this company take advantage of all the tax breaks they get as a farm cooperative when the biggest majority of their product is coming from South Africa and other foreign countries,” Dietz said.

Local 142 Convention draws 600 delegates

Gov. George Ariyoshi got a warm welcome from Local 142 convention delegates.

Delegates reviewed and adopted reports on all areas of the union’s work. These reports included the Officers Report, Finances, Contract Administration, Membership Services and Sports, Publicity and Promotion, and Legal Affairs. The reports were accepted with minor changes and new leaders demonstrated their abilities in running the Convention workshops and in their presentations.

NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN

The current Canadian Area Collective Agreement expires on December 31, 1985 and negotiations started last month. The current contract, originally signed in 1982 as a three-year agreement, had been extended for one additional year. This tactic paid off, according to the Executive Board report presented to the Caucus:

“Negotiations for the last Collective Agreement year to give the Union some stability during the volatile economic period and to avoid the appetite of the employers to take a run at some of the major clauses in our agreement has been successful in shaking down and clarifying the employers’ position. It has lasted over two years. The economic situation also has stabilized to the degree that the inflation rate has remained fairly constant between 3 and 4%.

Although upcoming negotiations are by no means expected to be easy it was the clear expectation of the delegates that the bargaining climate is now such that some progress can be made in improving the agreement.

The Caucus delegates finished their work by electing a negotiating committee as well as one Welfare and Pension Trustees. (Don Garcia was elected to replace the Trustee who is currently serving in Secretary-Treasurer of the Vancouver and District Labour Council.)

The Caucus will be reconvened for a contract ratification vote at the call of the negotiating committee once a proposed agreement has been hammered out with the employers.

Geography and political groups have joined the leadership and the active desire for the existence of immigrant and refugee communities.

The day will be commemorated by forums, candlelight vigils, pickets at NBS and Border Patrol offices and marches and rallies in cities around the country, including Boston, New York, Miami, Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and those in the Northwest.

The commendation will draw attention to immigrants’ contributions to the US economy, the increase in public and governmental attacks on immigrants and the efforts by the Reagan administration to silence refugees from Central America and the Church Sanctuary movement publicizing their plight.

The National Day grew from the National Consultation for Immigrants and Refugees Rights last April in Los Angeles, which was held to encourage discussion of the entire array of immigrant and refugee issues.

For more information on the October 19 events, contact Cindy Forster, (415) 621-2494 (days) or (415) 392-5362 (even).
PCPA convention in Anderson

Pensioners honor Oregon tax fighters, press strong legislative program

ANDERSON — On the first day of the Pacific Coast Pensioners Association (PCPA) convention here September 23-25, the close to 300 delegates made a special point to honor their friends from Oregon. Lots Stranahan, Oregon vice president of the federated Auxiliaries, was given permission to call to the podium the members of the Oregon delegation who spearheaded the effort to defeat a potential sales tax.

The pensioners, who'd passed out leaflets, made countless telephone calls and walked the streets wearing sandwich boards, stood in front of their applauding colleagues and unfurled their banner proudly.

It was one of many highlights at the annual convocation that saw 13 resolutions from the Oregon delegates "send their greetings and best wishes to their brothers and sisters.

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LOS ANGELES—During the successful one-day strike held last month at the Kerr Steamship, Larry Moore wrote songs to answer the company’s claims that workers were doing fine without ILWU. But he figured things were pretty hot, so he didn’t write the songs he thought he’d type out. “I made em up. Some of them were pretty bad, and the rest were good,” Moore said to The Dispatcher.

On one song, he was Barley Rebel. Another time, he remembered the “first thing they teach you” in Spanish textbooks—How, Que tal?

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Larry Moore, on alto sax, and ILWU at- torney Rob Remar entertain at Kerr Steamship victory party.

(1985) revivalist thing.” The band decided that surf boards and inscription didn’t mix either, and refused to use the songs. The flagman election victory in 1980 spurned him to continue writing. Heaven, in fact, has “been one of the biggest inspirations for topical songs because of the balloon- ish things he says,” Moore said.

He’s been a band of “skeptics,” which has played at peace and anti - war rallies, at the Women’s Center in Portland, at the Women’s Center in Portland, and at the Women’s Center in Portland.

Larry Moore adds that the stevedore companies contributed wire cutters, flash lights and other equipment to the worried docker could find out his job was safe. Whether his parents survived the quake. His fellow workers gave him more than that. “I’m keeping my job at the Westin-Benson where ILWU Federated CWA—seven members and 11 members of welfare and pension trustee. The award, established in memory of the people he knows, but Moore does make tunes of his music to send to “community sponsored radio stations and college sta- tions.” He’s heard one of his songs played on the Pacifica station in Los Angeles, but of making money out of it there’s not much Kerr.”

Some 25,000 people live in Corinto, of whom 2,500 work as longshoremen. Due to the tremendous inflation caused by the US trade embargo, they earn only about $300 a month. Their main harbor was mined a year ago by the CIA. However, in spite of the em- pire’s efforts, 1,200,000 tons of cargo moved over the Corinto docks last year.

During Tapia Mata’s week-long visit to the United States, he addressed the Portland Peace Club, met with Portland Mayor Bud Clark, attended receptions held for him by City Commissioners and the Urban League, met with Hispanic and church officials in Wood-burn and spoke at a fund-raising dinner at the Wessin-Benson where ILUWU Federated Auxiliaries President Clara Farnbro was among the guests.

Kerr steamship minstrel fuels Local 63 organizing drive

Receiving plaque honoring ILWU-PMUA Alcohol and Drug Abuse program are, from left, PMUA President Bill Coday, former PMUA President Ed Flynn, former ILWU coast committee member Bill Ward and current coast committee member Randy Vekich. Seated in foreground, Dr. Joseph Purtsch.
Attention Puget Sound Voters

Following are the endorsements adopted by the delegates to the ILWU Puget Sound District Council for the November 5 election for municipal office and on various statewide initiatives.

SEATTLE

Mayor
Charles ROYER

Post Commission
Position No. 4
Pat DAVIS

Position No. 5
Henry TSONOW

Position No. 37
Jack BLOCK

Emergency Medical Service Bill (MEDIC ONE)
YES

EVERETT

Mayor
Pete KINCH

STATEWIDE ISSUES

1. H. J. 22 — Lowering voting numbers for elections
YES

2. H. J. 23 — Improvement funds for Cities
YES

3. Three-way workers compensation
NO

 Filipino trade unionist urges ILWU help

SEATTLE—A Filipino trade union leader encouraged support for his fellow workers in the Philippines before the Puget Sound District Council (PSDC) meeting last month as part of his North American tour to highlight conditions under the Marcos government.

Manuel Palarca, a leader in the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) and Secretary of the Congress of Nationalist Trade Unions of the Philippines, along with the ILWU and other unions in the United States, gathered at the PSAC to heighten awareness of the plight of workers in the Philippines.

"We have already seen on a few occasions that the workers in the Philippines are fighting not only against the Marcos regime, but also the foreign capitalists which are imposing their policies on our workers," Palarca said.

"Our workers are in a difficult situation. They are not only fighting against the Marcos regime but also against unfair foreign competition from the big American and European companies," Palarca added.

Palarca said that the workers were struggling to maintain their jobs and that they were being forced to work in hazardous conditions. He also noted that the workers were not being paid fairly for their labor.

"Our workers are not only fighting against the Marcos regime, but also against unfair foreign competition from the big American and European companies," Palarca added. "The workers are not being paid fairly for their labor and they are working in hazardous conditions."
Solution sought for delays in disability

SAN FRANCISCO—International President Jim Herman has urged the US Labor Department to develop a "comprehensive and equitable solution" to the problems caused by long backlogs of workers and coal miners who have to wait for their disability benefits.

Delays averaging 15 to 24 months for claims under the Longshoremen's and Harbors Workers' Compensation Act—equally long under the Black Lung program—"unfairly and cruelly penalize workers in the country's two most hazardous industries," Herman said in a letter to new Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole.

Herman urged Brock to streamline the claims and appeals procedures handled by Labor's Office of Administrative Judges, but cautioned him not to provide "temporary relief to one group of workers at the expense of another."

Herman sent a copy of his letter to UMWA president Richard Trumka, and asked for UMWA support in "the trap of competing with the UMW over a fixed and inadequate pool of resources at the Department."

The plan to have the Office of Administrative Law Judges "serve all of its resources for at least the first six months of fiscal year 1986 solely to black lung cases would merely relieve only one part of the case backlog while aggravating the other part, and is clearly unacceptable," Herman said.

The second plan, to raise the employment status of ALJs who have black lung cases from GS 13 to GS 15, is obviously a Civil Service matter, Herman conceded.

"But even such a change would have the effect of shifting ALJs from longshore to black lung cases, we can hardly ever do more comprehensive efforts to improve the entire system, for delivering benefits," Herman said.

To effectively reform the claim and appeals process, "we require a greater number of ALJs across the board, and a simplification of the procedures," he said.

"We urge the development of a comprehensive solution which would include the appointment of greater number of ALJs, the bargaining for a comprehensive solution, Herman said. "It is our desire to expedite the processing of cases to benefit all concerned.

Dried fruit workers cut losses, score on pensions

Local 6 faces hard bargaining in troubled industry

SAN JOSE—"We are convinced that we got the best available agreement. We cut our losses. We saved jobs. We'll live to fight another day."

That's how Local 6 RA Bob Moreno described the new three-year agreement covering some 800 workers at peak season in the state, Their victory, dried fruit and walnut processing industries. The agreement was ratified September 14 by a vote of 157-79.

Nobody is thrilled, Moreno said. "But we have the satisfaction of knowing that the employers didn't get all they wanted, that we came out ahead of other contracts in the same industry, and that we made some gains, particularly in pensions for active and retired workers."

WEAK INDUSTRY

Bargaining was unusually difficult from the beginning, President Moreno said, the industry being a "hodgepodge of businesses."

The two employers in question, Mayfair and Del Monte, "are having trouble competing in the market, the bottom line is their problem, and that we made some gains in favorable terms."

The Local 6 negotiating committee consists of Silverman, Moreno, Local 6 organizer Abba Ramos and Northern California Regional Director Felix Rivera.


New Local 6 members defeat stall, win solid first union contract

OAKLAND—After almost a year and a half of fighting a union-busting law firm, drawn-out NLRB procedures and tough negotiations, the 11 warehouse workers at Gold Mountain Holding Ltd. signed their first ILWU contract in September.

The employees voted 6-3, with two contested votes, back in May 1984 to join ILWU Local 6. The company counterattacked immediately, hiring the notorious anti-union firm of Littler, Mendelson, Fasch and Tichy to mastermind its campaign to undermine the union. Its objection to the election were turned down twice—first by the regional NLRB, and then, on appeal, by the Washington office.

Gold Mountain also sought to muzzle free speech by charging that ILWU organizers made prejudicial and inflammatory comments during meetings in the company lunchroom.

Local 6 countered by accusing Gold Mountain of refusing to bargain in good faith. The union also alleged other coffee companies in the Bay Area— who hire immigrants from Gold Mountain—that it felt forced to consider job action to pressure the company.

The company's last gambit was to use Local 6's letter to companies such as Hills Brothers and Folgers as an excuse to lay off four employees, charging that Local 6's action caused a slow-down in business.

The four men were notified when the contract was signed September 5.

$25,000 WASTED

"They told us it would take three years for them to get the union out of the plant," said the company's workman's foreman. "They took it as far back as Washington and lost."

"The wages we will be paid in '87 should be paid now," he added, "if it hadn't taken so long to get the union in we would have negotiated high wages.

"They were paying that man (from Littler, Mendelson) sitting back with his monocled hands and $500 suits," added Charles Crawford, a working foreman. "I figured the quicker we signed this thing, the quicker we can stop paying this man."

The new contract, hammered out in 15 bargaining sessions, is effective between September 1, 1985 to May 31, 1988, the expiration date of the master warehouse contract.

Wages are increased about 4% for all categories in the first year. Wage increases in all categories increase about 4% the second year and between 3% and 3.5% during the final year.

Bral Crawford and Local 6 RA Victor Panimoyou made up the negotiating committee. They were assisted during the initial stages of organizing by International organizer Alfred Ramos and Northern California Regional Director Felix Rivera.

International ballot certified

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILWU International convention on October 23 certified the re-election of the three ILWU International officers—President Richard Trumka, Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Buck and Secretary-Treasurer Curt McCalister—by the required two-thirds super majority without opposition in a secret ballot conducted by Local 6.

Also certified as elected were the following members of the International Executive Board:

Hawaii: Tony Contrades, Shinichi Nakagawa, Fred Paulino, Jr., Lokonola, Southern California: Luis Granado, Los Angeles County; Mike Solis, Local 10, Wilmington; Northern California: Pete Fullen, Local 54, Stockton; Al Lannon, Local 6, San Francisco; Washington: Michael John, Local 10, San Francisco; Oregon—Columbia River: Bill Ward (Local 40, Portland); Washington: Alaska: George Ginnis (Local 23, Tacoma), Ron Thornberry (Local 33, Everett), and Paul Looman, Local 500, Vancouver, BC; Islandboatmen's Union: Joe Martz (Local 44, Corporate Divi- sion, Don Liddle.

COAST COMMITTEE

Elections to the Coast Relations Committee were Randy Vekich (Local 44, Alameda), and Robert Olliver (Local 14, Wilmington).

Delegates for early voting were Locals 51, 56, Local 200-unit 65, Local 503 and Local 519. No returns were submitted by Local 40.

Members of the International Balloting Committee are Tommy Lippert, Local 10, San Francisco chairman; Jim Santana, Local 34, Southern California; and Alvin Matzer, Local 6, San Francisco.

Port Authorities Meet in Portland

PORTLAND—The Port of Portland hosted the 7th annual convention of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) at the Hilton September 15 through 18.

The five-day sessions drew 1,000 persons from US states and Canadian provinces, including New York, California, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Maryland and Tennessee. Topics discussed included focused attention on the negative impact of trade legislation, the need to protect federal funding for waterway projects and the development of international ports, harbor development.

The panel on labor trends featured June Cowley of ILWU, Local 54, Portland; Dick Wise and Larry Clark, Secretary of Local 40, attended this session.

"We told them it wouldn't fly," Silverman said. "Our members had worked too hard and too long in this industry to give it all back. Bargaining prior to the July 31 expiration date produced only marginal improvements in the employer position.

DELAY

Rather than take the employers' "final" offer back to a bargaining meeting then set for August 16, a formal rejection and thus give the employers the opportunity to implement their package, the union committee took another tack. To the employers' surprise, they mailed the employers' "final" offer back to the company, asking them to start something to discuss the offer on September 14—some six weeks later. This allowed seasonal workers who had not been out long the opportunity to come back and work, and "essentially forced another round of bargaining," said Silverman.

Early in September, Silverman said, "At this time, a settlement of the first year is far superior to what had been proposed on July 31, and way ahead of our original offer.

The Local 6 negotiating committee consists of Silverman, Moreno, Local 6 Organizer Abba Ramos, Secretary-Treasurer Leon Harris, Interna- tional Organizing Welfare, Bill Ward, Local 40, Portland, and file members Pete Coronado, Antoinette LaBarbera, Ernesto Fuentes, Pat Gomez, Ralph Kinsey and Carlos Martinez.