Delegates to the 19th Biennial Convention of the ILWU Canadian Area took a large step forward into the political arena March 19-25 with a solid endorsement of the New Democratic Party's attempt to unseat the current Social Credit government in British Columbia. Above, Bob Skelly, leader of the BC New Democratic Party addresses the convention. Also at the head table are convention secretary Irene Reid, Secretary-Treasurer Dan Cole, First Vice-President John Cordecodo, President Dave Lomax and third vice-president Willard Gallic.

Nineteenth Biennial Convention

Canada ILWU hits corporate 'conspiracy' to destroy unions, prepares for BC ballot

NEW WESTMINSTER, BC—For five days last month sixty-two delegates representing eleven ILWU Canadian Area locals met in this river-port city to determine policies that will govern the union over the next two years.

Delegates confronted a wide variety of issues through reports and resolutions and opened the Convention with speeches included International President Jim Herman, Secretary-Treasurer Curt Martin, and Local 142 Vice-President Fred Paulino.

Also speaking was Bob Skelly, leader of the opposition New Democratic Party; Miles Richardson, chief of the Haida Nation, the native group on the Queen Charlotte Islands who recently blockaded logging operations there in order to get their land claims settled; and Cliff Anstein, secretary-treasurer of BC Federation of Labor, who stressed the necessity of all unions supporting each other in their individual struggles.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

On the first day of the Convention, delegates were presented a comprehensive 62-page officers' report which dealt with the social and economic issues now facing the membership. Here are a few excerpts from the report:

Peace movement growing. "In Vancouver last April over 80,000 people walked for peace. The Vancouver City Council has declared Vancouver a Nuclear Free Zone. Campaigns are now underway in BC for an end to the Star Wars program as well as Canadian withdrawal from NLF. The ILWU has a large delegation and members to give these campaigns their full support."

Central America. "At our last convention we drew attention to the US threat to invade and overthrow the government of Nicaragua. That threat continues, aggravated by a US trained, equipped and financed army of mercenaries, the contras. Canadians support the right of the people of Nicaragua to develop their country as they see fit, free of foreign domination or interference."

"Members of the ILWU have been active in their support of Nicaragua and have donated a great deal of volunteer time, leading ships and donating supplies to their cause."

South Africa. The Canadian trade union movement and many other groups, such as churches, have come out solidly in support of the movement to end apartheid. We support full sanctions against South Africa; a boycott of all South African goods and support for the harpooning of any goods to South Africa; full support to South African trade unions and other democratic organizations fighting to abolish apartheid; the release of Nelson Mandela.

ISSUE DRAMATIZED

During the convention, a South African ship, the Nedlloyd Kembia, arrived in Vancouver with a cargo of stainless steel, automobile windshield, canned fruit, and wines and spirits. Longshoremen honored picket lines set up by South African solidarity groups. Finally after a BC Supreme Court injunction had been issued, and after a delay of four days, the pickets were removed.

In a broad ranging speech Herman emphasized the themes of the office report, charging employers in both of our countries and a calculated campaign of goading and putting everything we have done to create a good, and decent life, and destroying it."

While the ILWU remains solid "he warned that attacks on other unions will sooner or later come our way."

He pledged full international support in the continuing, and extremely difficult, negotiations for a new British Columbia longshore agreement.

During the remainder of the convention week, this report, along with the resolutions submitted by the locals were reviewed, amended and discussed by the delegates who divided themselves into four working committees.

SF unions join Jobs and Justice demo April 19

The ILWU is joining scores of others in the office report, charging employers in both of our countries and a calculated campaign of goading and putting everything we have done to create a good, and decent life, and destroying it."

"Our intention is to secure implementation of the NLRB decision in an amicable manner, without disruption to commerce permitting employers and shippers the necessary time to make the changeover to the new arrangement," said ILWU International President Jim Herman and PMA President William Cody. "We have made every effort to allow for any adjustments which may be made after it takes effect."

TRANSITION PERIOD

The implementation agreement took effect March 16, 1986 with a six-month transition period. The ILWU and PMA will meet on July 7, 1986 to determine whether the agreement is to be extended in any way modified. All grievances under the agreement shall be handled under the existing coast grievance machinery.

All disputes under the agreement shall be referred to the coast grievance machinery. After the transition period, a fine of $8,000 will be assessed on every container owned or leased by PMA members which are hand loaded by longshore workers. The principle will violate the rules agreed to. A $2,000 fine will be assessed if a deliberate violation can be proven. The agreement is subject to reopening at any time during its term should the NLWU and PMA agree to present a new ILWU-PMA appeal, extending its determination to containers owned or leased by all vessel operating carriers, whether or not they are members of PMA.

Negotiating the CFS—implementation agreement for the ILWU were International President Jim Herman, Vice President Rudy Rubio, Coast Committee members Robert Olvera and Randy Velick; Wayne Robbins, Local 11; Larry Wing, Local 10; Russ Alexander, Local 19; Tom Warren, Local 63; Larry Clark, Local 40, and Joe Amyes, Local 91.

Oregon primary
By Jim Herman
ILWU INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

By the time you read this, the US House of Representatives will have voted again on President Reagan's request for another $100 million for the Nicaraguan contras. It will certainly be close—the President lost a similar vote in the House last month by a mere seven votes. With the Senate behind him, he may very well have the votes to send the US on an extraordinarily perilous journey toward direct intervention.

Considering the appalling poverty of so much of the region, our willingness to spend even one more nickel on a mercenary army which routinely commits acts of terrible violence upon the people of Nicaragua seems nothing short of obscene. Considering the eloquent and passionate appeals for a negotiated settlement by a new generation of democratic leaders in Central and South America for a negotiated settlement, and their fear that the future stability of Latin America is endangered by the inevitable escalation of the US-Nicaraguan conflict, the President's policies appear profoundly ill-advised.

The contra leadership were recruited from among the National Guard officers under the late, unlaunted dictator, Anastasio Somoza. Over the last 4 years they have been recruited, organized, advised, uniformed, provisioned and instructed by the CIA, at no small cost. On their behalf, we have mined the harbors of Nicaragua, imposed an embargo, and held massive military maneuvers in neighboring Honduras.

NO POPULAR RESPONSE

It hasn't taken. The contras have not set off the slightest ripple of popular response. They have not been able to hold a single province, a single town, a single square inch of Nicaraguan territory. They have succeeded only in killing some 14,000 people and in blowing up a large number of schools, medical clinics, power stations and coffee warehouses. Their policy, admits former contra leader Edgar Chamorro, is "to terrorize civilian non-combatants to prevent them from cooperating with the government. Hundreds of civilian murders, mutilations, tortures and rapes were committed in pursuit of this policy."

As to their ultimate aims, Chamorro, now a defector from the contra cause, remembers that the contras—who the President has called "the moral equivalent" of the US founding fathers—"talked mostly of recovering their lost wealth and privileged status." Continued US assistance will at least be of some help here—the contra leaders are paid $84,000 US per year, tax free, and a congressional auditor recently reported that some $7.1 million of last year's $27 million aid package has mysteriously disappeared.

Still, Secretary of State George Schultz describes the contras as "the good guys" in Nicaragua, and the administration is pushing hard for its $100 million, calling in every chit and twisting every arm it can grab.

Distortions, exaggerations and a continued play to the 6 o'clock news are key weapons in the President's effort to position the House of Representatives. New fictions are floated as fast as the old ones are exposed. This week, for example, the President accuses the Nicaraguan government of fostering guerrilla warfare in other Latin countries, ignoring the denials of the leaders of those countries. Page one accusations that the Sandinistas are involved in drug smuggling are denied, two days later, on page 7, by the US Drug Enforcement Administration. But the damage is done.

Last month, for example, the President turned a routine case of "hot pursuit" by Honduran-based contras—one of 300 in the last year—into a massive "invasion." Even the normally compliant President of Honduras had to be pressured into "asking" for US assistance—in fact, he had to be brought back from his vacation at the beach. This exercise in media manipulation won the President his $100 million. Who knows what entertainment he has cooked up for the House of Representatives this month?

In short, since it began in 1981, the contra aid program has produced nothing but cruelty, corruption, lies and fraud. Without a full commitment of more money, more equipment and, in the end, American lives, the contras are incapable of bringing down a government whatever its problems, has vastly improved the quality of life for the average Nicaraguan and appears to enjoy solid majority support. Last month our helicopters ferried Honduran troops to the Nicaraguan border. Next month, or next year, if the President has his way, they will be crossing that border.

DIPLOMATIC ALTERNATIVES

There are other ways to go. Where permitted, as on their border with Costa Rica, the Nicaraguans have worked out stable relations with their neighbors. They have agreed to the treaty proposals of the "Contadora" nations which would involve nonintervention, and the removal of all foreign troops and advisors (including Soviets and Cubans). But the recent collapse of the Contadora talks was inevitable given the inability of the Latin American nations to guarantee the end of US sponsorship of the contras. By continuing to refuse to take the process seriously, the US ultimately dooms the people of Central America—struggling to establish democratic institutions, and to end the cycle of poverty, malnutrition, illiteracy and despair—to a future of bloody, miserable turmoil...Such an alternative is unacceptable.
STOCKTON—The ILWU made a few friends in this central valley farming community last week when longshore clerks and foremen refused to cross a farmers' picket line protesting the import of a shipment of barley.

"We are definitely not going through the farmers' picket line protesting the import of longshore Local 54. And if we don't unload friends in this central valley farming community, we also respected by members of clerks Local 34 and foremen's Local 91."

Arbitrator Gerald Stillit ruled that afternoon that crossing the farmers' picket line...
New Hobbs Act' threatens strikers' rights.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The latest union-busting threat to the movement for a fairer world order with the heavy penalties of federal extortion law may hit the Senate floor this month.

The bill, S 1774, is co-sponsored by Sena- tores James Montford (R-Fla.) and Rep. William Natcher (D-Ky.). Other anti-labor Senators on behalf of the so- called "anti-labor coalition" are expected to support the bill. It defines "extortion" so loosely that even angry words thrown at a picket line could be covered.

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Safety last
Cost cutting takes toll as on the job injury and illness rate moves upward

Safety and health conditions in the nation's workplaces have improved and will continue to do so unless there are regulatory cuts, advocates say.

After declining for four straight years, the rate of on-the-job injuries and fatalities has been rising in the first half of 1986, the Building and Construction Trades Department said.

"A return to the trend line of the early 1980s would have put a greater stress on competitiveness, often at the expense of safety," said a statement Monday from the National Safety Council, which predicted the death toll at about 13,000 for the year.

"If things go on as they have been going," said a statement from the National Safety Council, "there could have been much worse with possible serious injuries or deaths.

"But we're not going to allow ourselves to be involved in a race to the bottom," said the council.
Local 9 members plan to join 'forklift rodeo'

SEATTLE—To help kick off National Maritime Week (NMW) in May, ILWU Workers’ Committee plans a Forklift Rodeo from May 12-20. NMW is from May 17-23. Entry applications with a $5 fee are being accepted from skilled forklift drivers, "young, old, active and retired," local secretary John McRae told The Dispatcher. Plans are still developing. McRae said, but some details are set. One prize, probably Pier 28, said, will be set aside as a qualification course.

Criteria are still being set, as are the activities, but some ideas have included cargo board stunts; a skill course, and "some kind of speed race where you carry a bucket of water on a board, then weigh the bucket at the end to see how much water you’ve spilled," McRae said.

The winner’s name will go on a trophy, and will be champion for a year, until the next rodeo. We’ll also have t-shirt prizes, McRae said. "Hopefully somebody from the ILWU will win. But we can’t guarantee it. Nobody will win."

McRae said the competition is "open up everybody, everybody from out of town if they’re willing to come up."

Local 34 golf tournament

The ship clerks of the San Francisco Bay Area invite you to their annual invitational golf tournament and awards dinner on Saturday, July 5—a no work holiday—at Franklin Canyon Golf Club in Santa Monica. Entry fee is $10.00, and a cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. The tournament begins at 6:00 p.m.

Beer donated honored

SAN FRANCISCO—A Local 14-governor has had a new life. Bill Ba Donovan has been named to host Carear’s Restaurant at Bay and Powell. San Francisco on Tuesday, July 12, at noon. Cocktails will be served beginning at 12 noon, with a cocktail hour and entertainment.

Bob Donovan honored

Local 9 retirees’ party

SEATTLE—ILWU Warehouse Local 9’s third annual Retirees’ Party has been set for Friday, June 13 and will feature a dance to light, slow, and easy music. Swinging and "lady babies and handsome gentlemen."

Seattle pensioners observe anniversary

The Seattle Pensioners Club will have its semi-annual luncheon at the Swedish Club, June 12, at 11:30 a.m., which coincides with the first charter issued to the Longshoremen’s and Riggers Union by the Knights of Labor. The relationship between the two groups was a short one, but there has been a continuous local in Seattle from that date till now. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with a cocktail hour and lasts till 5 p.m.

Alcohol Problems?

If you are a longshoreman, clerk or boss with an alcohol problem, or know one, contact the ILWU's Alcoholism Program representative in your area. They are trained to offer personal and family counseling, referral and other services—all on a confidential basis.

Southern California
Ed Torres, Local 13
11186 Norma Street
Wilmington, CA 90744
Phone: (213) 524-4690

Northern California
George Cohles, Local 10
400 Ocean Street
San Francisco, CA 94113
Phone: (415) 776-9863

Columbia River/Oregon Coast Area
Jim Cope, Local 8
5603 East North Gilman, Suite #2
Kirkland, WA 98034
Phone: (206) 231-8812

Puget Sound/Washington Area
Frank Deary, Local 11
25 Smith Tower Building
Room 2121
500 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104
Phone: (206) 621-7326

Northern California Warehouse
Gary Atkinson
255 North Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448
Phone: (707) 433-7989

British Columbia/Canadian Area
Bill Bluer
474 Dock Drive, Office Suite 205
Vancouver, B.C. V7L 3J1
Phone: (604) 254-7191

Don Wyatt, 54, Local 12 activist

NORTH BEND—Don Wyatt, a 44-year member of Local 12, died suddenly at his home March 16. He was the son of the late Donald Wyatt, also a longshoreman and the nephew of Valerie Taylor, a former president of the Puget Sound Association.

Wyatt had served on his local’s executive board and as a delegate to the Columbia River District Council and to International Conventions.

Wyatt was equally involved as a lifetime resident of the Coos Bay area, in community affairs as well. He was a long-time volunteer with the North Bend Fire department and was a member of Ducks Unlimited, the North Coast Steelheaders and the Coos Bay Elk Club. He was also a veteran of the Korean War.

The broad range of his activities and interests was attested to in the size of the turnout at his funeral—one of the largest ever held here. Among those present were the Mayor of North Bend, members of the City Council, Fire Department personnel, ILWU members and pensioners.

Two ships in the harbor stopped working for the funeral and longshoremen on the other ships took time off to pay their respects.

A tribute written by a friend and fellow unionist expressed how people felt about him. It said in part: "Don is proud of all he did from building his home to setting the hook in a fish run...truly a man’s man...he hunted, hiked, fished and tipped a few with him. I shall never forget those times.

Survivors include his wife, Elva, three sons, his aunt Valerie Taylor; his mother, Norma Wyatt Kula, and relatives.

Gail Printz, Local 8, killed on log ship

PORTLAND—Flags at half-mast on the waterfront for Local 8 member Gail Printz, 62, who was killed on May 22. She had served on the executive board, the LRC and as dispatcher. This year he was relief busi-

and was baking bread the day she was killed on log ship.

Ina Beck, widow of Local 40 founder Earl Beck.

PORTLAND—Ina Josephine Beck, widow of Local 40 founder Earl Beck, died on May 22. She was a member of Local 40 for 33 years that she has served as a legislator, and there has been a tremendous change in legis-

lation for the working man.

With the prediction of problems not get-

ting any better in the near future, it is even more important than ever that we use our voices, as well as management. If legislation is not changed, we will be able to protect the benefits for ILWU labor that we have won in the past, the time is NOW to get your people involved. And get-

ting involved means being registered to vote and encouraging candidates that will help management and members.

The ideas have come to me that action should be pushed from the International level to the state and local levels for a drive to get all members registered to vote. It is imperative that everyone do their part.

I have to emphasize again that there has been a tremendous change in the past 31 years and that the workforce needs to get registered and involved, if we want to protect the rights and freedoms of our citizens.

Paul Conner Local 27
Port Angeles

(434) 257-1111

Alcoholism tragedy

I am addressing this letter to all ILWU members and their families. As some of you may know, Paul Mahoney died on February 18, 1986 after a four-month bout with liver

Alienism and its effects on my own family.

Alcoholism affects every man, woman, or family. I couldn't help Paul when he was alive because he wouldn't accept the fact that he had a problem. And now he's gone! What a waste. I loved him and life won't be the same without him.

Mrs. Lynn Mahoney

Chairman Shell boycott

I am glad to see you taking action against Shell Oil. What is done to one group of workers is done halfway around the world, affec-

s all of us.

I do not want to patronize a company that sells products to people, and I do not want to support a company that uses our resources.

I have read the MEPA report at work. It contains a column or section of products

and the companies that need boycotting. Maybe our paper should have considering a similar section in our editions. We need to be informed of who the rat-finks are in this country and the dollar is in your pocket. We cast our vote every time we buy a good.

Betty L. Leblanc, ILIU
ILWU voting recommendations for Oregon primary

Following are the recommendations of the ILWU Columbia River District Council for the May 20 Oregon primary election.

National offices

US Senate

Jim WEATHER (D)

US House of Representatives

Les AU COIN (D)

NO REELECTION

Ron WYDEN (D)

Margie HENDRICKSEN (D)

Barbara ROSS (D)

State officers

Governor

Edward FADELEY (D)

Secretary-Treasurer/BA

Mary ROBERTS (D)

State Treasurer

Nancy RYLES (R)

Secretary

Gary Hauptli; sergeant-at-arms, Bob Boyer of the IBU; acting secretary, Gary Hauptli; vice-president, Charles Mease; recording secretary, Jerry Miskey; executive officers Al Lannon and Leon Harris of the ILWU Northern California Regional Office; treasurer, Bob Boyer; executive board secretary, Gary Hauptli; board of directors, Al Lannon, Leon Harris, and ILWU Northern California Regional Office; executive board, Al Lannon, Leon Harris, and ILWU Northern California Regional Office.

Oregon House of Representatives

District 1

Steve STARKOVICH (D)

District 10

Jim MILL (D)

District 16

L. B. DAY (R)

District 18

C. TROW (D)

District 19

Max YIH (D)

District 20

Grattan KERANS (D)

District 21

Larry HILL (D)

District 22

Bill FRYE (D)

District 26

Lenn HANR (D)

17th Biennial in Oakland

Auxiliary Convention delegates pledge to recruit members, resist Reagan, register voters

OAKLAND—Delegates to the California ILWU Federated Auxiliaries’ 17th Biennial Convention, which began on March 19, dedicated themselves to recruiting new members, protecting Reagan’s drive for aid to the contras and pledged all out support for the ILWU’s voter registration drive.

Northern California Vice President Clydenia Austin chaired the convention, which met under the theme, “Women of the ‘80s: United in Struggle for Peace, Jobs and Justice.” Clara Bamford, Federated President, and a member of a Portland Auxiliary, shared the podium. Oakland Auxiliary President Bert Miller welcomed 29 delegates and guests.

Among the speakers were Local 6 executive officers Al Lannon and Leon Harris and the ILWU Northern California Regional Director Leloy King, who also is a liaison officer for the Auxiliaries.

A 10-member executive board was also elected.

Federated Auxiliaries President Clara Fambro and California Vice-President Clydenia Austin presided at meeting, held at Local 6 East Bay headquaters.

Delegates to the ILWU’s voter registration drive got the ILWU involved in the campaign.

and from the floor, urged the delegates to actively support this year’s stepped-up ILWU voter campaign by helping to register ILWU members, shut-downs and those unable to vote. “If the votes are lost we shall lose this battle,” she said. "We shall never lose the war."
The ILGWU commemorated the 75th anniversary of the fire on March 25, 1911 at the Asch Building in New York City. The Triangle Shirtwaist fire led to the passage of occupational safety and health laws designed to protect workers in all industries cultivating in the New Deal in the 1930s. Among the reformers whose views were shaped during the investigation of the fire were Alfred E. Smith, later Governor of New York; Franklin Roosevelt’s Secretary of Labor; and Senator Robert F. Wagner, a co-sponsor of the National Labor Relations Act of 1935.

The Triangle Shirtwaist fire highlighted the idea that “the government has a responsibility, that there are things the boss and the union can’t do,” said Leon Stein, longtime editor of Justice, published by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU).

Victims Honored

The ILGWU celebrated the 75th anniversary of the fire on March 25, 1911 at the Asch Building, which is now called the Brown Building and a part of New York University. The service was attended by more than 1,000 people, including Pauline Coo Pepe, a 94-year-old woman who survived the fire when she was 18.

During the ceremony, firemen raised a ladder to the sixth floor of the building—which was as far as the ladders could reach in 1911—and rang a fire bell once for each victim.

The party jammed the huge gymnasium at Bellannine Preparatory School, which was festooned with union and shipping company banners, historic slogans and fascinating old photos of water front and labor history.

While the evening served as a tribute to the union’s tenacity, courage and sense of community, the nearly 1500 members and friends of Local 23, the ILGWU’s local in the garment district, were especially proud to carry on the “courageous union” heritage of the ILGWU in New York City, said “was not built only by economic action. It was, one guest said, “as if all those nameless hard-nosed guys who put this world” because of the activities of the ILGWU’s founders in 1864.

But these standards must be regained by every generation. Especially in the current climate. “Herman warned, “young people today, wherever they are and in whatever union they’re in, are guaranteed a tough struggle as a condition to holding on to what previous generations have passed on.”

The current strength of the ILGWU, he said, “was not built only by economic action. This is not a union that only fights for itself, that only takes care of its own membership. We are strong at least in part because of our concern for the community in which we live, and the support of that community.”

BREAKING THE COLOR LINE

International President Emeritus Harry Bridges drew particular attention to Local 23’s history of opposing racism, noting that the Local’s willingness to break the color bar in 1933-34 “had really set an example for other locals when we were trying to build an integrated union.”

The memory of one of the earliest black members of Local 23, Ernie Tanner—a delegate to the first coast-wide convention in 1933—was invoked by his son, Hon. Jack Tanner, himself a member of Local 23 for 14 years before becoming an attorney, and, subsequently, a federal judge—in a tribute to his family’s relationship to “this great and courageous union.”

Speaking for the Local 23 “class of 1986,” nominee-to-be Ed McGrath expressed his “pride in becoming part of a union that remembers hard times of others, that plays such an important role in helping the community,” Bill Roberts, a longtime member of the local, addressed the question of the pride of the current members in the growth and strength of their union.

Close Relations with Port

The close working relationship between Local 23 and the Port of Tacoma was highlighted, including Richard Dale Smith, former port executive director, who described how the longshoremen and the inventiveness of union members had been “instrumental in attracting new clients to the Port.” Lawrence M. Kihon, current executive director also took the mike to introduce the current Port commissioners—Robert G. Earley, Jack A. Fabulich, Joe Filer (member of Local 23), John McCarthy, and Patrick O’Malley.

Gov. Booth Gardner in a letter to the celebration, also noted that the local’s “cooperation is one of the many reasons why the Port of Tacoma is the fastest growing and most productive port in the nation.”

For the Whole Community

And pensioner T.A. “Tiny” Thronson gave particular credit to retired Port executive director Bill Perry, who, in 1966 instigated closer contacts between the port, the employers and the unions—enabling “new things for the whole community.”

The close relations between the local and the other Pierce County unions was discussed by Charles Jenkins, president, Firefighters Local 31.

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Bill Hirschel. After an elaborate dinner, the guests were also treated to an extensive program of entertainment—live music by Vance Leil, and a floor show by the Green River Music Co., followed by dancing.

The entire evening was coordinated by the Local 23 Centennial Committee, including Maria L. Cokern, Nick Engels, Jr., Daryl Hedman, Charles Jenkins, president, Firefighters Local 31.

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