Ballot Count In Progress

SAN FRANCISCO—As we go to press, the ILWU International Ballot Count In Progress is in the process of tabulating and finalizing the vote for new International Titled Officers, members of the International Executive Board, and members of the longshore division's Coast Labor Relations Committee.

Because of the importance of the election, the Ballot Count In Progress is taking special care to ensure that all procedures are in order, before releasing final results.

The vote also includes a longshore division ballot measure to increase the Fitting Fund assessment from $2 to $3.

Observers attending the official count include: Dave Arian, Gene Bandley, Chuck Brady, Rene Herrera, Ray Ortiz, Local 13; Dave Miller, Local 63; Tom Lupher, Romiero Hernandez, Bill Watkins, Larry Wing, Local 10.

Watch for the September issue of The Dispatcher for developments.
Labor Day:
In the beginning
On May 18, 1882, Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and the San Francisco Regional Council of the New York Central Labor Union and proposed that a day be set aside annually to honor labor.
He suggested that the day "should be celebrated by a street parade, where it would publicly show the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations."
The Central Labor Union enthusiastically took up the idea and sponsored the first Labor Day parade the following September.
After years of lobbying by McGuire and other labor leaders, Rep. Amos J. Cummins (D-N.Y.), a member of Typographical Union No. 61, introduced a bill calling for a national Labor Day on the first Monday in September. The bill passed Congress and was signed into law by President Grover Cleveland on June 28, 1894.
The event kicked off at 10 a.m. with the playing of the traditional wreath at the corner of Stewart and Mission streets, where in 1934 strikers Nicholas Bordone and Howard Sperry were gunned down by police.
Some features of the celebration were a special waterfront video and an exhibition by waterfront artists. From noon to 2 p.m., as a festive lunch was served, Eddie Alley and His Gentlemen of Rhythm performed.
The remainder of the afternoon was spent on the bay in a ferry boat hosted by the Red & White Fleet and manned by members of the Longshoremen's Union.
In Puget Sound
SEATTLE—Over 100 active members, pensioners, widows, wives and families of Seattle ILWU locals attended the annual Bloody Thursday commemoration and picnic, held here at Woodlawn Park.
Pioneer pension club President Martin Jugum spoke of the sacrifices of Shelvy Jugum and others who fought in the ILWU's epic July 1934 battle for recognition. Negotiating members and their families for their participation in the event, Jugum urged continued support for funding the Harry Bridges Chair at the University of Washington.
Vice-President Bob Lindsay spoke to the assembly of the high-tech committee and computers at terminals, reminding them that this was the 57th anniversary of the 1934 West Coast longshore strike.
Pensioner's club member Thelma Mackey prepared a wealth of delicious food for the picnickers, and Brother Bill Unrueh kept the kids busy with games for all ages. All the kids participating received a prize.

In the Bay Area
SAN FRANCISCO—A joint effort by Bay Area longshore division locals, the Bay Area Longshore & Iron Workers Memorial Association (BALMA), ILWU Pension Clubs, and the San Francisco Regions of the Longshoremen's Union/ILWU resulted in another successful Bloody Thursday celebration.
Over 200 ILWU members, pensioners, widows, wives and families of San Francisco ILWU locals attended the annual Bloody Thursday commemoration and picnic, held for the most part, at ILWU longshore Local 10.
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BLOODY THURSDAY LABOR DAY MEMORIAL A-F-G BRIDGE AND COLUMBIA ST.

New book celebrates life and times of Elaine Black Yoneda
SAN FRANCISCO—Over 200 ILWU members and friends celebrated publication of The Red Angel—the life and times of Elaine Black Yoneda, 1906-1988, with a special waterfront video and an exhibition by waterfront artists. From noon to 2 p.m., as a festive lunch was served, Eddie Alley and His Gentlemen of Rhythm performed.

The following paperback books are now available from the ILWU Library at substantial savings to members and friends of the ILWU:
The Big Strike by Mike Quin: a new edition of the classic account of the 1934 strike. Price: $5.50 (at the Library).
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Northwest longshore history profiled in two new releases
Longshore Locals 19 (Seattle) and 23 (Tacoma) have announced the publication of two books detailing the history of longshore unionism in the Northwest.
Both books "had the maximum support from the two locals and the community," said Ron Maylone, ILWU pensioner and member of the Northwest Longshoreers Local 19 (Seattle) and 23 (Tacoma).
A History of Seattle Waterfront Workers recounts how Seattle longshoremen persevered for control of the docks through eight major strikes, three long-term economic depressions, and fourteen years of employer " Eins " halls. The book, which contains sixty illustrations and two poems by longshore poet Al Valenzuela, can be purchased for $18 plus $2 shipping and handling. To order, send check or money order only—payable to "ILWU Local 19 Centennial" to David Vigil, Sr, ILWU Local 19, 3440 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA 98134.
Tacoma's book, The Working Longshoreman, depicts the 105-year history of the West Coast's oldest longshore union, with particular emphasis on how 26th century Tacoma waterfront workers have adapted to the internationalization of labor-moving industries.
This book costs $10 per copy, plus $2 shipping and handling. Send check or money order only—payable to "ILWU Book Fund"—to John Cooke, ILWU Local 23, 1710 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402.

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Solidarity Day:
Get ready Washington!
Thousands of unionists will converge on Washington, D.C.'s Mall August 31 for Solidarity Day '91—a massive rally straining the labor movements unity and resolve in advancing the interests of workers.
With the theme "Solidarity Works," the event is aimed at drawing the attention of the public and political leaders to such vital issues as health care reform, "permanent unemployment" of workers, and freedom of association at home and abroad.
Sponsored by the AFL-CIO, Solidarity Day has received widespread national support by more than 100 labor and other organizations, including groups representing women, senior citizens, civil rights, youth and churches.
To promote the event, the AFL-CIO has produced a video, a 30-second public service announcement, two radio commercials, 40,000 bumper stickers and 90,000 posters.

A C k n o w l e d g e m e n t

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WILMINGTON — The Southern California Region of the International Longshoremen’s Association, which handles a majority of the port’s work, has faced a number of challenges in recent months.

On August 7, the NLRB upheld IBU charges that Links engaged in illegal conduct prior to and during a hotly contested union representation election in April — which the IBU lost by just one vote.

In what, at best, is a "split decision," the Board also ruled that the company, through harassment and/or coercion in workers' rights to organize — done with the help of about $500,000 to $750,000 each, Sundet also added three of three blocs, impounded as a result of union and employer challenges, would be opened and contested. If the findings of the NLRB were to certify the union, a new election will go forward.

"Realistically, we're looking at another election," said IBU Regional Director Allan Heenweiler. "Two of the major links we've been fighting on is breaking it ever since.

LOW PAY, LONG HOURS

Links is owned by Ocean Cargo Services Corp., which has been in Southern California in "business" since 1989 and started up its "bunkering" service in 1990. It specializes in fueling up at anchorage instead, whereupon the "picket signs came down. Our beef is union/worker relations, and that the added emotions of many Newport residents. "I think they're talking about is building a lot of people.'"

NATURALLY, we were interested in organizing Links to prevent undercutting of area standards," said Forster. At first, management said they were willing to work with us; in fact, they even invited us to come in and talk to their workers. But, by the time the meeting occurred — several months later — the workers were scared to death.

Forster learned that Links management — specifically former maritime lawyer Allen Sundet, who was later convicted of embezzling union funds — were more interested in the minds of the workers against the union. The company fired two workers, who said they might get shot, it was one horror story after another.

Knowing what the union was about to confront, IBU National President Burrill Hille adopted a "guerilla labor relations" strategy. Forster also had a "guerilla" strategy up his sleeve, which included extra help from the ranks to get the organizing drive moving: Southern California chairman/patrolman Jerry Millican and organizer David Day continue to share one full-time salaried man. The rest are part time.

Informal discussions with workers — away from the ever-watchful eyes of Mudgett — yielded enough union authorization cards for the IBU to file for an election. That's what Mudgett really started playing games," said Forster.

"The board of the most local union supporters were denied quarterly bonuses. Others were targeted for surveillance. One pro-union worker was relieved of duties following his return from vacation. They kept their pay, but didn't do work. We let him go for about 3 weeks to a month. They put the word out that he was damaging equipment," Forster said. "They played with his mind."

PROMISES, PROMISES

Deckhand Frank Moucheron, who testified at the NLRB hearing, said Mudgett also promised people things before the election in an attempt to buy votes.

"He told me that, if the company won the election, a couple of tankermen would probably quit and I'd be moved up. He said that to at least two other people.

Pay is the major beef among workers at Links. Prior to the union’s campaign, tankermen and deckhands worked anywhere from 12 to 20 hours a day "on salary," with no overtime. This makes for a wage disparity of more than $10 an hour for the deckhands who don’t work overtime. Mudgett changed the policy, putting workers on hourly pay. The problem, however, was that the rate of pay was so low that it took getting enough hours to make a decent living."

"I haven't had a full paycheck in three months," said Ted Pierce, who also testified before the NLRB. "Mudgett works the people to the point that the anti-union guys do the most, the anti-union guys do the most, and that we all get just a fraction of what we've been making."

For the harbor's busiest bunkerer, it would seem impractical to work short. How does Links do it? 'They've been making all the salaried people—captains, engineers, supervisors, etc.—do deckhand work,' Pierce said.

THREATS AND BULLIES

Pierce also said that Mudgett was known for "threatening jobs by saying that union guys would be the last hired, last paid, and that if we involved the union, it would get worse." Nevertheless, Pierce — who has 2 years of law school under his belt and recently passed the county sheriff's exam — said he thought of quitting. "I don't talk to Jeff Mudgett the next day, and 'jump on the company bus,'" said Pierce.

The persistent pair made the difference. "Pierce also said that Mudgett was known for "threatening jobs by saying that union guys would be the last hired, last paid, and that if we involved the union, it would get worse."

"We heard other charges against Links pivoting around harassment of pro-union employees and or coercion in workers' right to organize—the most explicit language about port operations ever since. The company parking lot just outside of the office where the bargaining was being conducted. "I was nowhere near the place—and rightfully so," said Forster, referring to the links. The IBU—by providing management and union officials from the election site. "But we got these reports that Mudgett and Brown—if they wanted to—could have broken the union. When they counted the ballots at 11 o'clock, Jeff Mudgett lost his temper.

Not content to rely solely on the NLRB, the IBU has been chasing Links around the harbor area with "unfair labor practice" picket lines. The first pickets appeared on July 30 in front of Chima's offices. The second and third, at Los Angeles Harbor and Long Beach Harbor, were held.

A similar incident occurred Sunday, August 4, in San Pedro. After receiving a tip from "the harbor pipeline," David Day, Jerry Hille's wife, Linda, grabbed their picket signs and practically flew over to the berth where an Evergreen cargo ship was about to take on fuel from a fully-laden bunkering ship. Two of the three men—men who had come through again—with the same sort of "guerilla" tactics in hand.

Since picking began, Mudgett — a bad actor from the Ronald Reagan Theatre of Events—had been hell-bent on extraction by laying off several union members. In at least one instance, the members were told at least one worker. "Well, I guess you don't have to go to court. I'll fill you up. Go talk to your lawyer," said Mudgett. "I can't even pay their rent and have been forced to move.

But they're still sticking with the IBU. And we're sticking with them. Mudgett hasn't won anything. In fact, the only thing he's accomplished is showing people why they need a union in the first place."

Yuppy housing development worries Local 53

NEWPORT — Or, -ILWU longshore local 53 wired the Port of Newport informing an upscale residential development perched on the hill overlooking the harbor.

"What you're talking about is building second homes for rich Californians," said Local 53 business agent Leland Sundet, who represents the ILWU before a recent meeting of the Newport City Council. "We're concerned that these people—with lots of money and resources and political clout at their disposal—will eventually take steps to curtail our activity on the docks."

Sundet's concerns were echoed by Port general manager John Mohr, who also appeared before the planning commission. He said the port already received comments from an upscale housing group and that the added comments from residents of the new development could endanger the port's ability to conduct business as usual.

The proposed development contains 26 large family homes and 46 condominiums or townhouses on a 21.86-acre parcel, all boasting luxury amenities, private streets, and security guards. At a price tag of about $500,000 to $570,000 each, Sundet said, "those homes will be out of the reach of the people who live here. We can't afford that."

DISCLOSURE REQUIRED

Although the commission unanimously approved the development, with certain conditions relating to sewer, water, easements, and other issues, the decision, so far, is not being viewed as a defeat for the union or the port.

The commission has required the various parties to go to the bargaining table to work out terms of the disclosure statement to which the buyer must agree as part of the purchase. The statement would include details of all past activity.

"We're still negotiating," said Sundet. "The people who own the property want as little in there as possible, and we want explicit language about port operations and how they will be affected by the development."

Planning commission member Rich Bollini pretty much summed up the mixed emotions of many Newport residents— "leap toward sustainable development, as long as it's done well, but I'd hate to see the port sold down because of a development that brings in a lot of people."

IBU pickets seek justice at Links Marine.

March in Canada

ILWU Canadian Area Local 500 joined 5,000 demonstrators at the recent "Walk for Peace and Planetary Survival" in Vancouver, B.C. Pictured above, with the ILWU banner, are Local 500 business agent Leland Jantzen, pensioner Malcolm Campbell, and secretary-treasurer James McKinley.
Immigration Law

State Department gets flak from ILWU, ILA

(A document prepared by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the International Longshoremen's Association that notes that Great Britain would have been listed, but for the abolition of the "Dock Labour Scheme"—a law protecting British longshoremen from foreign competition and Nationalization Act, the end-product of the 1940s, and the ILA, along with several members of the final rule effective in December, King, the ILU and the ILA, along with several members of the Department's list is Japan, even though workers on the job.

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Workers, especially those in labor and the ILA, along with several members of the DCIO News, the official publication of the California Labor Federation, the ILWU International Rep Abba Ramos in San Francisco, and chemical workers local 20-A President Mike Diller in Southern California.

The combined statewide response from labor prompted two days of intense bargaining in the Capitol among representatives of the California Labor Federation, the Wilson administration and employers. Appearing for the federation were Executive Secretary-Treasurer Jack Henning, Research Director Tom Rankin and General Counsel Charles Scully, who went head-to-head with Governor Wilson, Industrial Relations Director Lloyd Aubrey, and Wilson's legislative assistant, Allen Stannard. The umbrella of big guns was California Chamber of Commerce President David S. Kirk, Executive Director Mark Fong and Assemblymember Jack Wyatt in Sacramento, the ILU, ILA, along with several members of the Department's list is Japan, even though workers on the job.

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The central office's hand, however, has been considerably strengthened by their affiliation with the IFF, giving the union a powerful weapon to help in settling disputes, having problems with "flag of convenience" employers in foreign ports. The union has also recently negotiated a series of agreements with six Scandinavian shipping companies which ensures a secure monopoly in this area. Progress toward a nationwide longshore agreement, however, has been slow.

The delegation's travel arrangements were coordinated by Jim Forbes, Local 4; Bob Vaux, Local 52; and International Information Director Danny Beagle. They were assisted, in the various ports, by Gene Bankoff, Board of Directors, Local 13; Michael Zuliani, Local 63; Ron Costa and Rudy Rodriguez, Local 94; Tom Castro, Local 56; Richard Dyer and Richard Rancore, Local 4; Dave Vugli, Jr., and Bill Lausier, Local 28; Max Vekash, Local 24; Mike Forbes, Local 50; Andrew Delaney, Local 10; Barry Blanks, Barrett Hicken, Jim Clark, Scott Prager and Terry Mast, IBU; Doug Johnson, Phil Johnson, John Engholm, John Ueber, and Phil Lelli, Local 23.

As this issue of The Dispatcher goes to press, conversations of labor unions and government groups is trying to unite under the banner of the "coastal knot" that threatens commercial navigation on San Francisco Bay and with it, the property of the state.

It's about dredging. Every year, 10 million tons of-sediment from the San Joaquin River ran aground off Telegraph Hill in 22 million worth of containerized cargo. As short as possible. It's about dredging. Every year, 10 million tons of sediment from the San Joaquin River ran aground off Telegraph Hill in 22 million worth of containerized cargo. As short as possible. It's about dredging. Every year, 10 million tons of sediment from the San Joaquin River ran aground off Telegraph Hill in 22 million worth of containerized cargo. As short as possible.

In 1972 the Port of Oakland applied for authorization to dredge the "outer harbor" channel from 35 to 42 feet. In November, 1986 Congress authorized and appropriated funds for the project, which was also included in the dredging of the Inner Harbor.

NOT IN MY BACK YARD

The Port of Oakland took its best shot. They filed the right Environmental Impact Reports. They talked with fishing groups, environmentalists, and with all of the agencies with some interest in where some seven million tons of dredged material was going to be dropped.

But six years and many millions of dollars worth of paper, research, and report writing later, there is still no place, either in the bay or in the ocean, to put the stuff. There was always someone willing to say, "Not in my back yard, you don't!" and able to find an agency, or a court, to back them up.

Even maintenance dredging has been stopped in the Port of San Francisco, and the Port of Oakland's claim to the number one permit is not real likely to be renewed when it runs out in a few months.

TURF WAR

Dredging, in other words, has become a bureaucratic football of an object of paralyzing turf war between state and federal agencies, and misguided by some envi-

How to break through this situation once tension appears to be between deep-sea, who claim shipping a priority," worries Owen Mannion, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council. "That's what we have to cut through.

But there is some light at the end of the tunnel. The Port of Los Angeles and the local unions are trying to give the Council and its affiliates, including the ILWU, Rep. Ron Dellums has put together the Army Corps of Engineers, which says it can't begin new dredging of any sort until 1994.

The state legislature has asked Con-

trolled by the Army Corps of Engineers, and re-organized and set up to form a democratic trade union capable of engaging in true collective bar-

The situation is even more urgent now because new ships, twice as big as the old ones, are coming in. The old ones can't be reached. They are about to come online. Even now, some of the larger ships can only enter or leave one or two Northwest ports at a time off cargo—President American Lines lost 10 million worth of cargo last year.

On May 31, 1991, the cargo ship MS Thorogood ran aground off peer 48, San Francisco. And on June 13 the MS Golden River ran aground off Telegraph Hill 42 feet of water.

The Sierras tend to be snow-covered year-round. But Bay Area ports generate, directly or indirectly, a total of $5 billion of economic activity annually is directly dependent on deep and shallow draft navigation in the San Francisco Bay and Delta.
Longview, Wash. — If success is measured one step at a time, Local 21’s scholarship program, in cooperation with Stevedoring Services of America, is moving in the right direction.

Over the years, it has given that added boost to dozens of college-bound children and stepchildren of Local members, helping them fulfill their destinies. Jerry Rea, son of Local 21 member Loyed Rea, is an outstanding example.

In 1983, Jerry came to Parsons State Hospital and Teaching Center as a public school consultant for the Bureau of Child Research. Today, he holds the position of program director at the center, overseeing a variety of treatment programs which aim to bring some measure of independence to up to 270 people suffering from mental disabilities.

PSHTC is one of the top facilities in the nation and boasts an on-site “satellite” research lab dedicated to children of Kansas. Part of Jerry’s duties include working with the hospital staff to develop state-of-the-art treatment and training programs, which have been hailed as significant contributions to the field.

To some, this may seem a contradiction—a message backed up with commitment and pride. But they’re off to a good start—with a little help from their friends.

The honorary membership was first distributed and approved by the Local’s executive board and then voted on by the rank-and-file in May. Other recipients of honorary membership are Dr. Martin King Jr., attorney Vincent Ballman, Terrance Farland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Vrana, Alternates are Joanna Farland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Farland, and Laura Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moore.

What they achieve the success enjoyed by Jerry Rea remains to be seen. But they’re off to a good start—with a little help from their friends.

Local 4 scholarships

Kevin S. Warner, who is attending Clark College this fall, is one of the recipients.

Neil Anderson, who was recently at 68. Beginning work on the Sydney waterfront in 1950, Docker rose quickly to become a top wharfie leader. He was elected General Secretary in 1983. Ten years later. Previous to that he had been head of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department. Prior to his service with the AFL-CIO he was a prominent Ohio Democrat, state legislator and consumer advocate.

Norm Dock, wharfe leader

STONEY, Australia—Norm Dock, former labor secretary of the International Longshore and Warehouse Workers Federation of Australia died recently at 68. Beginning work on the Sydney waterfront in 1950, Dock rose quickly through the unions' leadership ranks, and was elected General Secretary in 1983. "He was a good trade unionist, and a very good friend of the ILWU," said International President Jim Herman. "I know that the wharfies in Australia have suffered a tremendous loss, as have all of us."

\[**ILWU archivist made honorary Local 10 member**\]

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU International Librarian Archivist Gene Vrana was recently bestowed honorary membership in longshore Local 10—the sixth person in the local’s history to receive such honor.

In a joint letter from Local 10 President Larry Wing and Secretary-Treasurer Bill Watkins, Vrana was advised that, pursuant to a vote of the Local 10 membership at a regular meeting, honorary membership was granted in recognition of Vrana’s “service to our membership in your capacity as the Librarian at the International.”

Vrana initially joined Local 10 in 1969, but left the industry in 1986 in anticipation of a move from the west coast. “Then this job opened up and I applied for and got it,” Vrana told The Dispatcher. “I’ve been working here since that day. The other six also have been here since that day. I have been here 27 years and have been the archivist for 27 years."

ILWU pensioners plan convention

ILWU pensioners, spouses, widows and friends plan the invitational meeting of the Annual ILWU Pacific Coast Pensioners Association (PCPA) convention, starting Monday, September 9.

The convention will feature up-to-date reports from the ILWU-PMA Benefits Funds offices, from Coast Labor Relations Committee members, and from the ILWU officers. Pensioner delegates will elect three officers, handle other important business, and adopt policies and programs to defend and advance the union and the pension system.

With many social events planned—a cocktail party, a banquet, and a cruise on Lake Shasta among them—the convention is a great place for catching up and swapping lies with old friends.

The session will take place at the Days Inn Hotel, 2190 Hilltop Drive, Redding, California. The phone number is (916) 221-8500.

The convention will run about two and a half days. On Sunday, September 9, the PCPA Executive Board will meet at 9 a.m. in the convention hotel. Monday’s session will run a half-day, with committee meetings planned for the afternoon.

The Days Inn Hotel allows a $12.00 per night rate, up to $60 per night for those in travelers’ suites.

\[**Death of Local 6 pensioner prompts quake law**\]

SAN FRANCISCO—In the wake of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, one bereaved family member has done something to make sure that no one injured in such a natural disaster will ever go without proper assistance.

Joe Stevenson, a Local 6 pensioner, suffered a head injury in his San Francisco apartment in the October 17, 1989 earthquake. Unable to move, or to get help—he and his wife were in Europe—Stevenson was found near death seven days later on a friend’s couch.

As a result of the lobbying efforts of his daughter, Candace Stevenson, Joe is now included in the recently passed Amendment to the 1977 Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act which establishes programs and appropriate funds to increase earthquake awareness, develop inter-agency plans for high-risk areas, insure the availability of adequate emergency resources, and provide search and rescue personnel.

Mr. Stevenson developed this legislation systematically, lobbying the entire California legislature and other delegations to Congress, making sure that the story of his father’s tragic death was understood as widely as possible.

The bill was introduced and carried by Robert K. Roe in memory of his brother, "It seemed the least we could do," said Ms. Stevenson, a wondrous woman who loved the union and cared very deeply about his fellow workers. This is what he would have wanted us to do."
50 Years of Women for Peace, Union & Unity

ILWU Auxiliaries hold convention in Seattle

By KATIE QUADRES

SEATTLE—With the theme, "50 Years of Women for Peace, Union & Unity," the 25th Biennial Convention of the ILWU Federated Auxiliaries was called to order June 17 at the Mayflower Hotel, kicking off three days of productive discussion on the future of not only the auxiliaries, but the ILWU as a whole.

Auxiliary 3 President Laura Butler opened the first session, turning over the chair to Federated Auxiliaries President Clara Fambro. Following the invocation by Father Jean Hildebrand, ILWU longshore Local 19 President Pat Vukich welcomed delegates to Seattle and reported on the recent ILWU Convention and Longshore Canusus.

ILWU International Vice President Randy Vukich updated the 27 delegates and 5 officers on the International Transport Federation (ITF) and the proposed ILWU education fund. The auxiliaries, he promised, will continue to receive his full support.

HARRY REMEMBERED

Delegates also heard from Carolyn Canax, US Vice President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, who outlined the goals of the organization. Later, the contributions of the late ILWU President Emeritus Harry Bridges were recalled as his 1941 address to the first Federated Auxiliaries Convention was read into the record.

Reports by each of the 12 auxiliaries, representing California, Oregon, Washington and California ports, emphasized the tough times labor is facing and stressed what the auxiliaries can do to support the ILWU, increase membership, educate the public on the roles of labor, and enhance political activities.

Canadian representatives discussed attacks on labor, and cutbacks in education and health care in Vancouver and Vancouver Island. They are actively supporting pro-labor candidates vying for office in the Fall elections.

RE-ACTIVATED

Auxiliary 1, re-activated in 1990 with the support of longshore Local 12 in North Bend, Oregon, reported a very busy first year, meeting the Bloody Thursday picnic, and organizing a successful Christmas party for longshoremen, pensioners, families and friends—the first in many years. Auxiliary 1 also donates $25 monthly to local charities, and is becoming well known in the community.

Auxiliary 41, Boren, Ca., also plays an active part in its small community, through its craft shows, Christmas bazaar for senior citizens, contributions to the blood bank and other events.

Nearly all auxiliaries have held ceremonies honoring 25-year members, and are continuing to grow in membership. And all auxiliaries pledged continued commitment to funding scholarships, assisting worthy causes, maintaining craft programs, and hosting pension club luncheons and dinners and other social events.

On the recommendation of Federated Auxiliary President Clara Fambro, who reported on the "main convention," delegates adopted all of the resolutions and statements of policy approved by the 28th ILWU International Convention held in June.

In resolutions initiated by the auxiliaries, delegates also:

- Memorialized Harry Bridges for his "long and dedicated leadership while maintaining a completely unselfish program of strict rank-and-file control" of the union.
- Urged the US government to reinstate the Civilian Conservation Corps program at living wages to put people back to work rebuilding America; funding to come from the bloated military budget.
- Increased the auxiliaries per capita to 35 cents per month.
- Opposed any additional cuts or taxes on Social Security or medical benefits.
- Recommended that the ILWU widow's pension be increased to the level received by their spouses.
- Encouraged the Canadian government to provide adequate funding for hospitals.
- Considered for auxiliary membership qualified longshore women expressing an interest in joining.

Federated Auxiliaries Officers elected for 1991-1993 are: Clara Fambro, President; Jean Ordano, Vice President; Katie Quadres, Secretary; and Pat Dunlap, Treasurer. Area Vice Presidents are: Shirley Gray, Southern California; Clydesia Austin, Northern California; Carolyn Williams, Oregon; Claudia Rade, Washington; and Pat LeFleur, Canada.

Local 29, San Diego

Elected officers and representatives of Local 29 are: President, Abraham Rodriguez; vice-president, Robert Rolata; secretary-treasurer/dispatcher, J. R. "Chay" Colmenero; welfare officer, Edward Esquivel. Business agents are David Peet, Paul Barstey and Carlos Fernandez. Jerry Bix is representative for the foremen's unit. John Hernandez is the assistant dispatcher. The sergeants-at-arms are Louis Cruz and Eugene Gonzalez. Trustees consist of John Campos, Carlos Fernandez and Edward Esquivel. Joseph H. Vansle represents the clerks' unit. A 7-member executive board was also selected.

Important notice on ILWU Political Action Fund

Delegates to the 26th Biennial Convention of the ILWU, meeting in San Francisco, California, April 15-19, 1985, amended Article X of the International Constitution to read as follows:

"SECTION 2: The International shall establish a Political Action Fund which shall consist exclusively of voluntary contributions. The union will not favor or disadvantage any member because of the amount of his/her contribution or the decision not to contribute. In no case will a member be required to pay more than his/her pro-rata share of the union's collective bargaining expenses. Reports on the status of the fund and the uses to which the voluntary contributions are put will be made to the International Executive Board.

The voluntary contributions to the Political Action Fund shall be collected as follows:

"$1.20 of each September's per capita payment to the International Union shall be diverted to the Political Action Fund where it will be used in connection with Federal, state and local elections. This $1.20 deduction is a suggestion only, and individual members are free to contribute more or less than that guideline suggests. The diverted funds will be contributed only on behalf of these members who voluntarily permit that portion of their per capita payment to be used for that purpose.

"Each June, July and August, each dues paying member of the union shall be advised of his/her right to withhold the $1.20 payment or any portion thereof otherwise made in September. Those members expressing such a desire, on a form provided by the International Union, shall be sent a check in the amount of $1.20 or less if they so desire, in advance of the member making his/her dues payment to the local union for the month of September.

"Those members who do not wish to have any portion of their per capita payment diverted to the Political Action Fund, but who wish to make political action contributions directly to either the Political Action Fund or to their local union, may do so in any amounts whenever they wish."

Members of the ILWU who wish to contribute more than $1.20 may do so by sending a check in the desired amount, made out to the ILWU Political Action Fund, directly to the International Union.

Less than $1.20

I do not wish to contribute the entire $1.20 to the ILWU Political Action Fund. I will contribute:

Signature

Name

Address

Local #

return to:

ILWU

1998 Franklin Street

San Francisco, CA 94109

More than $1.20

I wish to contribute more than the minimum voluntary contribution of $1.20 to the ILWU Political Action Fund. Enclosed please find my check for $

Signature

Name

Address

Local #

return to:

ILWU

1998 Franklin Street

San Francisco, CA 94109

NOTE: CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

No contribution

I do not wish to contribute to the ILWU Political Action Fund. In order to ensure that no portion of my dues payment is allocated to the Fund, and recognizing that I have no obligation whatsoever to make such a contribution, the International will send me a check in the amount of $1.20 prior to September 1, 1991.
Log exports under attack—again

ABERDEEN, Wash. — An aide to Senator Brock Adams got an earful here August 1 in a "town hall" meeting held at ILWU Longshore Local 24.

The subject was Adams' new bill granting states the right to restrict—or ban altogether—log exports from privately-held lands. A brewing storm of protest from longshoremen, loggers and other parties lands. A brewing storm of protest from longshoremen, loggers and other parties prompted Adams to call the meeting, but, just 24 hours before show time—"he reneged," said Local 24 president Glen Ramiskey. "He sent somebody else."

The somebody else in question is Michael Weiland, Adams legislative assistant. Weiland, in the Senator's stead, faced the ire of some 60 longshoremen, tree farmers, millworkers, log industry representatives and area residents who complained bitterly about the proposed legislation.

"We felt betrayed," Ramiskey said, referring to Adams' introduction of the bill without consulting the ILWU, long a political ally. "Even though we might have had a difference of opinion, the very least we could have expected is some up front dialog on an issue of such vital interest to every logging port here."

For Aberdeen's port of Grays Harbor, the effects of the bill could be devastating. It's the No. 1 log export port in the nation. The legislation commences less than a year after Congress approved a permanent ban on raw exports from federal lands and additional restrictions on exports from state-owned lands.

Ironically, Adams has claimed that his bill would actually increase jobs at home by providing more incentives to process logs in domestic mills. He also asserts that a provision in the bill allowing states to levy taxes on private log exports could ease the economic hardships befalling workers who lose their jobs. According to Ramiskey, however, that just doesn't cut the mustard.

"His approach addresses the concerns of the environmental community and leaves the timber-dependent community high and dry. The only financial assistance to a displaced worker, for example, would be $800 for job search and $800 for relocation. No one can find a job or pay for a move for that kind of money."

IGHTIME

The Agricultural Export Alliance has blasted the legislation as a "nightmare" which allows each state "to develop its own trade policy. It gives blanket authority to impose any level or type of ban, tax, or quota on log exports from private lands."

"For example, Adams' bill could result in a 100 percent ban on exports from Oregon, a 50 percent tax on exports from Washington, and export quota shares that must be purchased in California. The resulting patchwork of unique state export laws would wreak havoc in the international agricultural marketplace."

Meanwhile, a number of other related bills are in the Congressional hopper "ranging from absolutely no-cut-to-cut-it-all-and-damn-the-ew," Ramiskey said. "The Family Farm and Forestry Act is one of the bills we're looking at—it's supported by a labor/industry coalition—but it has its shortcomings."

DEAD ON ARRIVAL?

Both Ramiskey and the Alliance have predicted that, with so many competing bills, Adams' legislation may wither on the vine. It's been referred to the Senate Finance Committee "where it is not likely to receive a favorable audience," according to the Alliance.

Further, forest industry professionals at the offices of the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service are raising questions as to whether the bill is even workable. The legislation is also drawing heat from several organizations in the farming, logging and commodities industries, which claim that the statistics used to justify the measures are inaccurate.

"I hope to God this thing is dead on arrival," said Ramiskey. "We think it is, but our response must be strong enough to discourage others fromforegrounding private log exports at a time when that's all that's left in these communities."

"It's the wrong bill at the wrong time."

Come in from the cold

If you or a family member has a drug or alcohol problem, please contact one of the following ILWU-sponsored recovery program representatives. They are trained to offer referrals for substance abuse, personal and family counseling, and other services—all on a confidential basis.

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Rich get 122% income rise, everyone else gets shaft

According to a recent study by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, the top 1 percent of Americans enjoyed a mind-boggling 122 percent increase in after-tax income between 1977 and 1998.

During that same period, income for the middle 20 percent climbed up a measly 4 percent. Hard hit were the poor: the bottom 20 percent saw their incomes take a nosedive by a hefty 15 percent.

The Center, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., blames these disparity in income cuts for the wealthy, combined with policies that boosted earnings from financial transactions (like leveraged buyouts), while real wages stagnated.

LA Labor Studies

A new Labor Studies semester at Los Angeles Community College's Labor Center begins on September 9. Known as one of the best labor studies programs in the country, the program provides courses in labor law, history, bargaining, economics, grievance handling, and other subjects.

Enroll by mail or during the first two weeks of class. For other information call the Labor Center at (213) 746-0470.

East Bay Labor Studies

OAKLAND—After a fifty percent growth in enrollments last spring, the Laney College Labor Studies program is cranking up for the fall '91 semester with an even larger variety of courses geared to the practical needs of active trade unionists.

Classes begin on August 26. Fees are $5 per unit ($50 maximum) plus a $2 student center fee. Classes include health and safety, labor history, grievance handling and arbitration, organizing, collective bargaining, and a new East Bay labor history research project. Special classes on such subjects as basic accounting and keeping records for union financial officers, and steward training.

The program offers an AA degree in labor studies. For further information, call Laney College Labor Studies office under direction Al Lannon at (415) 464-3210. 