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285,000 ILGWU Members Pledge All-Out Aid As United Nation Fights

GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTES ‘UNLIMITED SUPPORT’

Immediately following the declaration of war by Congress, President David Dubinsky telegraphed the following message to President Roosevelt:

GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD, ILGWU, IN SPECIAL SESSION TODAY REAFFIRMED LONG-STANDING DEVOTION OF ORGANIZATION TO YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PLEDGED UNLIMITED SUPPORT OF 285,000 MEMBERS TO ALL MEASURES MADE NECESSARY BY WAR EMERGENCY AND ARMED THREAT TO COUNTRY'S SECURITY. WE SALUTE YOU AS THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF OUR UNITED COUNTRY AND AS A CRUSADER FOR LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Workers Answer Union’s Call, Rush Red Cross Enlistments, Join Civilian Defense Units

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MCKETTRICK-WILLIAMS CONTRACT COVERS 800 IN 8 DRESS PLANTS

A union contract covering all plants of McKettrick-Williams Inc., one of the outstanding dress firms in the nation, was signed December 6. The agreement will go into effect January 1, for about 800 employees in the eight dress plants in Easton, Conshohocken, Pa., and Easton, Pa.

Details of the signed contract, in an additional clause, also include a 26-month strike reduction in which McKettrick-Williams gives up the contract and agrees to the settlement.

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JAGS BROS. BAGS DOWN ON ORAL FACT; NLRB CASE STILL ON

In an answer filed December 8 with the Federal Trade Commission, the National Coat and Suit Industry Recovery Board, under the leadership of Wendell L. Willkie, replies to the allegations made against it by the Commission against the Recoverer in the case which is now pending in the Circuit Court of Appeals of New York.

WILKIE REFUTES REA "CHARGE IN COAT BOARD REPLY"

ILOWU Asks Help From Australia Union

Upon being informed that the Gossard Corset Company, whose plant at Loganport, Ind., has been on strike since December 2, was having serious labor troubles in Melbourne, Australia, President Dudley called labor leaders in that city to discuss the situation with them. A meeting was held in Melbourne on December 7, attended by representatives of the ILOdWU and is in charge of the plant and supervises the work of the employees.

The company seeks an impartial arbitration to determine the dispute and has been futile. A final offer on the part of the company has been made to the employees which was rejected by them.

The company has refused to make any changes in the contract and is preparing to take further action to compel the employees to return to work. The employees have refused to return to work and are prepared to continue the strike until a fair and just settlement is reached.

The employees are demanding a new contract which includes recognition of their union, a higher wage scale, and shorter working hours. The company is refusing to recognize the employees' demands and is prepared to carry on the strike until a settlement is reached.

The employees' demand for recognition of the union is being met by the company by the refusal to recognize the employees and to negotiate with them. The company is also refusing to make any changes in the contract, which was signed without the union's consent.

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REACH COMPROMISE ON JERSEY LAWS TO PERMIT NIGHTWOKR

Although no final decision had yet been reached, it was understood that a compromise had been reached on a proposed law to allow nightwork in Jersey's garment factories. The compromise, worked out in conferences between trade labor groups and legislators after consultation with War Department officials, would suspend the present ban on nightwork for a period of 60 days. The War Department certifies that nightwork is deemed necessary.

The ILGWU and the other New Jersey labor groups had vigorously opposed a black-out restriction that had darkened the war crisis to depress labor sentiment and to gain time.

In the proposed compromise, labor groups recognize the priority of defense needs over labor rights, despite the risks.

The ILGWU was represented by Morris Levine, his New Jersey union editor, and the Non-Partisan League of New Jersey was represented by the leader of the fight against blanket suspension.

S2 WAGE INCREASE, $900 IN BACK PAY FOR HARTFORD SHOP

A $2 wage increase was won and $900 in back pay collected last month for workers of the Louis Coraci dress shop, Hartford, Conn., according to a report from Morton Goodman, director of the shop there.

Goodman also reported that the ILGWU was "well under way in an organized campaign against all Hartford open shops.

The wage increase was negotiated in May between Louis Coraci and Joseph Shapiro, a Dress Joint Board representative.

Hartford has been the scene of concerted ILGWU activity for over a year. Goodman was transferred to Hartford from New Jersey.

WORKERS IN 2 SHOPS GET 10% WAGE RAISE

About 100 workers in two shops, one in Stanford, Conn., and the other in Palsades Park, N. J., received 10 per cent wage increase because of their cooperation in an Eastern Out-Of-Town Department Store.

The shops are Brookesnade Sportswear, at 167 Main Street, and Economic Underwear, in Palsades Park.

The Sidamon increase was obtained, the workers reported, as part of an old collective agreement. The increase had been amended and was granted as a result of rising living costs and the workers' request for an old agreement that had not yet expired.

ELECTION "THE EASY WAY"

If all paragraphs were given by pretty girls, we'd have time for nothing but education. Edna Rosell of Victor Underwear and Angela Mazza of Kay Dwyer, both in the city Park, N. J., boost the education the easy way.

JAPAN'S ATTACKS ON UNITED STATES BROUGHT IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM EASTERN OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS IN ALL LOCALS.

Local offices received numerous phone calls from union members who wanted to know "how we stand.

Many groups and individuals came directly under office to make their inquiries.

Local officers, in accordance with instructions sent out by ILGWU President David Dubinsky, referred the callers to the Red Cross and other community relief and defense agencies. However, there was no opportunity for contact in some cases.

In all of the unions, the efforts of the ILGWU were directed toward the same goal: to increase awareness and knowledge of defense work and to broaden the scope of defense activities.

Mt. Vernon Has Annual Farewell; More Scheduled

Mount Vernon Estate #142 staged its annual affair in honor of shop chairladies last week at the Mount Vernon Estates, in nearby Tuckahoe. More than 100 shop chairladies, executive board members and guests were present. Eastern Vice-President George W. Moller, chairman of the event committee, presided.

There was dancing to the music of the Bodeker's orchestra, and entertainment was provided by the Eastern Out-Of-Town Board of Directors.

Jingle Bell Aircraft's new Chili Starter was chosen for "Best Chili." The Chili Starter was introduced by Mrs. William G. Moller.

Numerous other affairs in honor of chairladies of Eastern Out-Of-Town locals were planned during the next two weeks. Long Island's Joint Board held an affair Friday, December 12, at Quen Williams, Woodbury, L. I., and the affair in honor of Connecticut chairladies will take place Friday, December 12, at seven Oakes Inn, Milford, Conn.

Dresses and prices of other affairs are not available as "Justice" goes to press.

Pledge Aid to Local 91 Fight

By SAMUEL OTTO, U. F., Manager, Filipino, Dress Joint Board

Three thousand members and friends enjoyed the elaborate show and dance given by Local 91 last Friday night, November 28.

The show, which opened with the play "Amerika," was arranged and presented with exceptional effectiveness. The play reviewed the career and character of President Roosevelt, and the conclusion of the show was the presentation of a check for $1,000 to the chairman, Mrs. Benko Perera.

Pledge to aid in the fight against the "25-mile" clause.

ILGWU Gives $3,000 TO ITALIAN WELFARE APPEAL

Replying to an "emergency" appeal made by the Italian Welfare League, an organization maintaining the need of immigrant Italian workers, the ILGWU last month forwarded a check for $1,000 to the chairman, Mrs. Leonela Peroza.

"Profound gratitude for this demonstration of generosity and willingness to support our institution," was expressed by Mrs. Peroza in a letter to President Dubinsky dated December 2.

OUR RESPONSE

Eastern Out-Of-Town Members Flood to Local Offices to Find Out How They Can Help

In Crisis—Some Suggestions

By HARRY WANDER, U. F.

General Manager, Out-of-Town Department

For the moment it appears rather trivial to discuss the local and trade matters to which this column is usually devoted. Japan's treacherous attack on our country and the consequences of the attack overshadow everything.

The impact of the bomb bursts upon House, Senate, White House, and Congress, will affect all of us. Our leaders, our workers, our clerks, and our foremen. Our brothers and sisters in the United States, and the ILGWU Members in Canada, will soon be in, are naturally curious about the effects of the offense.

The excitement and anxiety from the first shock have not yet passed, and it is apparent that this excitement will grow as public gatherings and affairs now being planned. However, shock has by no means caused paralysis. It has sent legions of easterners to join civil defense groups in their localities. And, we must believe, we are sending our local union membership and our various union groups to aid in the immediate civil defense and relief work.

There is no reason why we should not create many more of these numerous necessary tasks, cannot list here, which must be done and which needn't be created by the crisis.

These are, of course, tentative steps. When the crisis is over, and the situation of our civilian population will be secure, we will have more control over the work that is to be done. As we begin to think in these terms,of the immediate need, we will see that there will be more importance.

As far as the ILGWU is concerned, we urge every天然联合 recommend that all of our members, in their communities in which they are located, take an active and prominent part in the work of the community. It is the work of a good union to be an active and prominent part of the community. It is done by an individual who gives the best that he or she can give to the community.

Our organizations places our experience and initiative at the service of the community. Our members are asked to perform the following: They must take the lead in a community-wide mobilization of the best of their ability and ideas. They must take the leadership in the development of the best of their ability and ideas. They must take the leadership in the development of the best of their ability and ideas.

Our officers will receive definite instructions on what we expect of our members, and we will let them know tonight.

Before the tide, that is, suddenly come upon us, I hope that you will be prepared for a good holiday, and we can all join in the hope that this long day of work that we are working will carry a greater prestige than the one immediately before us.

N. J. LNPL TO HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Non-Partisan League of New Jersey held its annual conference, Saturday night, at the New Jersey ILGWU local hall, affiliated with the union in its steady growth during the past several years. Some time in 1932 it is expected that the Illinois labor and defense will occupy much of the agenda.

The meeting was held in Jersey City on November 25, where a large number of delegates from various parts of the state met to discuss the problem of labor and defense.

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The campaign waged against the dress industry's promotion efforts was said to have involved wide-spread distribution of leaflets promoting dress design among officers of the Joint Board. The leaflets were designed to encourage the union members to support the campaign. The campaign was said to have been successful, with many union members joining the campaign and the union's promotion efforts were said to have been thwarted.

As a result, the union's promotion efforts were said to have been halted, and the dress industry's efforts to promote dress design were said to have been successful in promoting the union's interests.

Local 22 Relief: Open to Members Who Are Jobless

As customary at the time of the year, Local 22 will try to make the holiday season a little happier for its unemployed and needy members. Members of the union who have no jobs and feel that they need help may come in to register for an appearance before the executive board's special Unemployment Relief Committee on Monday and Tuesday, December 18 and 19, between 10 A.M. and 12 Noon, and between 2 and 4 P.M. The Unemployment Relief Committee will receive and hear each applicant separately and will try to extend as much help as possible.

The committee will begin to function on the first day of the new year. The present distribution of funds was from the regular unemployment relief fund recently created. That fund will be used first to help those who have already applied for help. The Jewish Labor Committee in Los Angeles had already received applications from 200 Jewish trade unions, which will be used to help the members of these organizations.

**Tickets Reduced for "The Corn is Green"**

The Local 22 Theatre Bureau announced specially reduced tickets for "The Corn is Green," the Philip Williams play starring Robert Redford.

For the performance on Friday evening, January 19, $2.20 seats have been reduced to $1.20.

**72,000 CANS OF CONCENTRATED MILK SENT TO RUSSIAN PEOPLE BY LOCAL 22**

Making another allotment of funds collected in the British-Russian Medical Aid drive, Dresdencans: Local 22 last week contributed $3,000 to purchase 37,200 cans of concentrated milk to be sent immediately to Russia.

This contribution comes on top of an additional $20,000 donated by the Jewish Labor Committee through the cooperation of Ambrose Anderson, vice-president of the United Fraternal Milk Fund, both active in the Los Angeles Jewish Labor Committee and in the Unemployment Relief Committee. The milk will be sent in cans of 24 bottles each, 660 cans in all, and will be distributed among the Russian people through the Jewish Labor Committee.

Brother Zilbergreen expressed himself as immensely gratified at the success of the arrangements.

The British Russian Medical Aid drive, Zilbergreen stressed, will go on as far as it is possible for the Jewish Labor Committee in New York to carry it on. The committee is prepared to supply canned food to the Russian people. The Jewish Labor Committee in New York immediately got in touch with Local 22 and was at last time in Los Angeles agreed that they should handle the matter directly. The executive board of Local 22 met and appropriated $3,000 for the purpose.

Brother Zilbergreen conferred with the Russian consul in Los Angeles and with Lord Rothschild and charged per cent of the payment.
Dress Highlights

Japan tipped its hat several days before December 7 by announcing the closing of the New York offices of the government-sponsored New 89 Bureau at 201 Fifth Avenue.

Consumers on Seventh Avenue is that the industry will suffer a ten per

weather disaster because buyers will be unable of consumer cus-

tion. Once the wartime psychology is stabilized, however, the dress indus-

try will probably be subjected to fewer restrictions than during pre-

war days.

The New York market is strategi-

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"22" Art Workshop

Exhibition to Open

On December 20

Three famous American painters, Jon Corbin, Adolph Dehn and Eugene Higgins, will judge the sec-

ond Annual Exhibition of the New 22 Art Work-

shop. A judging will be held at 2 P.M. on December 20, and will con-

serve of all works will be accepted. There is a $25.00 cash prize for the best work and a $10.00 cash prize for the best student work. All entries are due on December 20.

The exhibition will be held at the Kline Building, 218 West 46th Street, next fall. It will continue until January 1.

Initiatives have been set up to more than a thousand labor leaders, active and retired, at which a 13,000-profiled in the field of labor by workers.

In 1949, at the first exhibiting by the New York Edi-

tional Department, artists, William Zorach, Ernest Neil and Alexander Byer were among the leading dress-

maker-artists for excellent work.

Three members of the same group recently won cash prizes for de-

fense patrons exhibited in a co-

petition sponsored by the New York State Committee for the sale of De-

fense Bonds.

Three Minds—Single Inspiration

Here's part of the staff which keeps Local 89, largest single local, functioning on a daily basis. Left to right: Annette, Paul, David and Helen. They are all local union members and are dedicated to their work.

"Tuberculosis on the Increase"

An article which appeared in The New York Times recently should receive the serious consideration of the leaders of Local 89. It was based on a report of a survey made by the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association. The survey, conducted by two tuberculosis experts, showed that the number of cases of tuberculosis in the city has increased by 200 per cent in the past year. The increase is attributed to the war and the conditions under which workers are employed.

The survey revealed that the majority of cases are among the city's poor and working-class people. The report states that the disease is on the increase in the city's poorest neighborhoods and that the increase is due to the poor living conditions and the lack of proper medical care.

The survey recommends that the city take steps to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, including the provision of better housing and medical care for the poor.

The survey also notes that the city's tuberculosis epidemic is one of the worst in the country and that the city's health department is doing everything it can to control the disease.
Enforcement of the contract restriction barring production of cloaks in manning suit shops is already industry-wide, it was made known at the New York Cloak Joint Board last week, following a special staff meeting called by General Manager Israel Perlberg.

Instructions issued to the officers at this meeting, held November 30, stipped in a summary to some employees to send regular weekly reports to manning suit contractors on the present that the merchanisde belonged within their industry.

Brother Perlberg’s instructions to the staff were explicit. "1. Cloaks belong to cloak shops. 2. These garments are clearly cloaks and shall not be produced in any but the regular designated cloak shops. 3. The settlement of price disputes between the union and contractors is under discussion throughout the year and a fixed rate has been arrived at. 4. Meeting December 15 at the Fain school, the cloakmakers were notified of the new agreement which prices had been settled. Being declared that the union would hold the prices established last summer and that any increase in such prices would be settled generally at an 8 per cent to 10 per cent increase."

The above announcement that a date would be set shortly on which the members of Local 23 will work two hours for British and Russian aid.

"35' MEMBERS JOIN CIVILIAN DEFENSE TRAINING CORPS"

The cloak makers of Local 35, more than 1,200 strong, rallied to civilian defense Saturday at Tottenville Hotel.

On the morning of the day before the Japanese attack upon United States forces in the Pacific, the Local 35 members gathered to listen to civilian defense training program. Upon the platform were General Manager Israel Perlberg, Esquire Beilin, Louis Langer, and Harry Blumberg.

"We expect an early season," said a local price party, rapidly, according to the Better Business Bureau reports, these meetings are being held in increasing numbers at which industry leaders are present. After the meetings are held, the results are issued. A discussion, chairman, President of the New York educational committee, announced that an elaborate meet-

 **FINISHERS EXPECT EARLY SEASON; RUSH PRICE SETTLEMENTS**

"Struggles continue to forge ahead in wage increases, hours enforcement and union regulations," reported to the Board of Directors by President Anthony Cottone, Brooklyn manager to the Board of Directors.

Since April wage increases ranging from $2 to $4 for workmen and pay increases of from 10 cents to 15 cents per garment, in the piecework shops were gained throughout Brooklyn.

Forty-three hundred and sixty-five dollars were received by the Brooklyn Cottone list of some 30 shops that had been working in the period and 200 shop meetings were held.

The panel met Wednesday night, August 12, to discuss the condition of the cloakworkers union. For the Cottone list some 30 shops that had been unemployed during the time. Indicative of the close supervision of the shops is the reported sale of approximately 30,000 garments from the piecework shops to the national defense plant in Brooklyn.

COTTON LISTS MANY GAINS IN BROOKLYN CLOAK SHOPS

At the press of the button, 35' members, with the joint management of the Brooklyn Cloak Joint Board, were called toaction in every union member. The collection of funds has gone over its origin-

"The fight for freedom will continue and by virtue of the support of such unions as Local 35 freedom will triumph over tyranny," Matthew Wolf, chairman of the committee to Aid British Labor, told a gathering of unionists at the presentation of a despot-absent committee for the British Army in the New York East.

The ceremony, presided over by Vice President Joseph Brodsky, manager of Local 35, and President of the ILGWU Auditorium, November 30, consisted of a presentation of a letter to the General Manager, interests, Perlberg, President of the Brodsky which also delivered addresses. The audience, fully equipped and valued at $1,500, was purchased by the Cloak Premiers Union with voluntary donations made by the members. A second, ambitious, a- tion to be purchased, will be turned over to Russian medical aid. In localizing Local 35, which has also purchased $40,000 in government Defense Bonds and contributed $20,000 to the ILGWU War Victims Fund, Broker Wolf declared that it illustrated the tremendous contributions that organized labor is making to national defense. He asserted the move for anti-silk legislation, which, he declared, is not justified by the few silk oligarchs that have occurred in the defense plants.

President DiBartolomeo, Elling Brodsky, and the other members of the committee, declared that the ILGWU War Victims Fund has gone over its original goal, and that the money is now being used for the purchase of American and British uniforms.

WILLIE DENIES RESTRAINT CHARGE IN GRB ANSWER

"(Continued from Page 2)

The charge of the FICU that the system of "limitation of hours in the industry is a fraud and a restraint, the union asserts that the procedure which requires employers to employ only those cloaks who have served at the organization's time, has been necessary for the stabilization of labor standards in the industry. Uncontrolled employment of contractors had, for years, multiplied efforts to establish and maintain worthwhile working conditions. It is pointed out by the union in the answer.

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Former Mayor James J. Walker, imperial chairman of the coat union, speaking at the rally, said in addressing the picketing strikers at the United States Cotton Company, "If the strikers are not satisfied with the present situation, they are in the right in demanding better conditions."
There are many indications that the war into which the nation has been plunged will alter the course and life of politics and women in the ordinary way of life. These changes will affect the future of both men and women in ways that have not been anticipated. This prediction is based on the measured view of thoughtful government leaders who see the signs of a new phase of its national existence. It is clear that only the United States has been griped in the disaster, but it is equally clear that it is a test of our ability to cope with the situation. Our only hope is to prepare ourselves for the challenge and to do so in the way of life that we have always lived. The dangers of the situation are not to be underestimated. It is necessary that we recognize it and deal with it properly.

The obvious issues are vast. This is a time to prepare ourselves for the future. There is no simple solution to the problems we face. The situation is complex and requires a thoughtful approach. It is necessary to prepare ourselves for the challenges that lie ahead. The key to success is to be prepared and to be adaptable. It is necessary to be ready to make changes and to be able to adapt to the new circumstances.

NEEDLES & PINS

by Yoven

Says she's studying Japanese so she can be a spy.
January 15, 1941

**CHRISTMAS STORY**

Nothing Comes "As a Gift" in Trade Unionism; But Dallas Is Discovering That Santa Claus Can Remember Loyalty and Devotion

By METER PELLITTNER, V. P.

Southwest Regional Director

Dallas has been a tough spot for our organization. We've been battling the same battles for a long time, but the workers seem to be finally wavering. They've been working overtime for several weeks, and the wage increases we negotiated are not enough. The workers are still striking, and they're determined not to accept any changes. We've had several meetings with the company, and they're still refusing to bargain in good faith.

**Well-Keller Strike**

Now in Full Swing

The strike at the Well-Keller plants in St. Louis and Midland, Tex., is in full swing. Several conferences held with the company attorney failed to result in anything tangible. Arrangements are being made to extend the picket line to the TIvyr, Mo. plant.

**BETTY MAID PARLEYS OPEN FOR TWO SHOPS**

The first negotiation conference for an increase in wages and paid vacations for the workers in the Midland and St. Louis Betty Maid Dress plants was held in St. Louis on December 2. Following the opening meeting, arrangements were made to meet with the negotiating committee that the workers will elect at special meetings called for that purpose.

**Campaigning for "Queen"**

Of Auxiliaries Ball

Local 382, St. Louis, is determined to elect Ruth Rehock of "Queen" of the Missouri Women's Auxiliaries.

MacPherson, one of the most outstanding women supporters of the organized labor movement in the state, donated much of her energy in financing homes for working girls. These homes are guided by the Council which is now campaigning for funds for these homes.

A number of ILGWU locals, interested in the welfare of the homes, have decided to participate in the annual ball arranged by the Council.

**Lowses HURL BUSINESS SUCCESS**

The Mid-West Cost & Cloth Company, St. Louis, Kansas City, announced last week that it was obtaining solid business. The company said that they are now working full time and that they expect the business to continue.

**Consider Amenamation**

At recent meetings of the executive board of Local 380, consisting of the workers of the Lowman Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Mo., the advisability of an amalgamation was discussed.

A large number of members in both locals feel that it would be advantageous to the membership to have one local instead of two in the same industry.

**America's answer to the dictator is a declaration of national emergency. Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps to build our defense.**

New Officers, Local 399, Evansville, Ind.

Holding the charter are Ruth Dull, president of the local; and Frank Rother, manager, Cotton Dress Joint Board, St. Louis, a visitor at the installation ceremonies.
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IN EASTERG COTTON GARMENT AREA

BLOSSOM GIVE US KNIT STRIKERS WIN INCREASES

The 18-day strike of more than 600 knit underwear workers at the E.Z. Knitting Mills, Bennington, Vt., was settled Friday, December 12, with complete victory for the union. The final settlement provided for union recognition, wage raises for the strikers and reinstatement of workers discharged for union activity. The settlement is subject to negotiation.

The agreement was arranged at a meeting between President David Dobson and Vice President Mike Zimmerman and company officials. The firm, one of the largest in the industry, was one of the last holdouts in the once-open shop Allenstown market. The day after war was declared, the strikers demonstrated unanimously by marching in a body to civilian defense headquarters in Allenstown, N.H. An attempt by the firm to backdate the union label, under the lobbies of "jurisdictional workers" was stalled by a telegram from Bill F. P. Fadden, director of the organization for the American Federation of Labor, to whom the firm had appealed, to Vice President Elias Bloomer of the ILGWU, to the Cotton Garment Department.

"I have advised the company officials the President Dobson declared, "that they should sit down with the ILGWU, they are the people out on strike."

"The strike was called November 5, when the last group of members passed through the halls of the firm and were directed to report their names to the office. It was directed by Pennsylvania Judge Frank McDaniel, and was conducted by District Manager Leo Berezin and Organizing Director Frank Fein. The strike committee was formed by Edna Dunn and Leo Ehrlin.

TUNE IN: Mutual (WOR) Network Sun., Jan., 11, 8 to 9 P.M. EST.

SCRANTON TO DEFENSE CONTRACTS AFTER LABOR SPURS BUSINESS EFFORTS

Scranton, Pa., will do its part in the national defense effort — with no thanks to the employers represented in the Chamber of Commerce. The thousands of Scranton workers who will find employment in machine shops or the other defense industries in this region can thank this presentation, which protected the job as well as on an organized labor.

Reported by the executive board of the president of the Chamber of Commerce that Scranton "stands ready war any war-planning," labor leaders led by J. Paulh Leete of the Building Trades Council, and J. Zimmerman, ILGWU district manager, helped organize a pool of unemployed to bring defense work to plain-unemployment cities.

Both labor officials are leaders in the Scranton Labor Reemployment Program Committee.

After a visit to Washington where they conferred with labor and defense officials, representatives of the Lackawanna Valley Industry, as the small manufacturers' pool is called, and Dovens and Zimmerman announced that U.S. officials would continue the drive defense contacts to Scranton.

In a public statement, Zimmerman, who is secretary of the reemployment committee, rapped the Chamber of Commerce for the lack of enterprise and refusal to coop

ILGWU TAKES OVER STRIKE OF 400 IN BENNINGTON MILLS

More than 400 striking knit underwear workers in the E.Z. Knitting Mills, Bennington, Vt., turned to the ILGWU last week as the International undertook responsibility for their two-week-old strike. The strikers have complete sympathy with the ILGWU, and only about 30 people are inside the plant.

The history of the strike is an odd one. The workers seeking the protec tion of collective bargaining, turned to the ILGWU's President, Elias Bloomer, and under the labor committee, won an ILGWU election. The firm, how ever, refused to accept the workers' rightful demands and a strike was forced.

These people Bill Hoffman, president of the Upholsterers' Union, asked Vice President Elias Bloomer, director of the Cotton Garment Department, to take over responsibility for the strike since the manufacturers' unionateurs and illegally under ILGWU jurisdiction.

The workers welcomed the entrance, of the ILGWU, worker, regional director in upstate New York, is in charge of the ILGWU's New York, is in charge of the ILGWU.

At conferences with the firm arranged by Anna Weisbach, national director, and in which Attorney General, to which Vice President Zimmerman and Max Weiss as well as the strike committee present, the firm agreed to break off the strike and, in exchange for its re- tended to accept a union shop. The workers were unanimous in their rejection of this unionizing proposal. "Even if you offered us 100 per cent, we would not accept," a member declared. "We will not return without the union shop."

Happy Leaders at Belle Knit Dance

New state offices in Hazelton, Pa., will also serve Local 225 district

New state headquarters of the Cotton Garment Department for Pennsylvania were opened recently at the Hotel National Bank Building, Hazelton, Pa. The offices will also serve as headquarters for the Pennsylvania offices. The Pennsylvania office, which began office service in 1910, will now have a more efficient one and a larger office staff.

Flowers were presented to the Pennsylvania office by the headquarters office.

Reisberg Pledges Aid in "41" Fight

A pledge to the Children's Dramatic Union, Local, that Cotton Garment Department bosses in the United States industries would support the fight for elimination of the "41-minute limit" in the children's dress industry was made by Vice President Elias Bloomer of the ILGWU at the December 6 meeting.

FILE COMPLAINT AT QUAKER MAID IN HARRISBURG

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District Manager Michael Johnson, who is vice president of the Central Labor Union, took the lead in presenting a series of affidavits of open-shop, railroad and independent unions in support of labor's efforts for a civilian defense.

Favorably, union activities at the chitectural Blending Manufacturing Company, which the workers, took an unexpected blow last week. The company employed 15 workers who were fined $5 per week and were dismissed from the shop. This has been in effect since the Elliott-Miller open-shop drive at the Harrisburg Childress Company, third week.

FILE COMPLAINTS AT QUAKER MAID IN HARRISBURG

Dissatisfied with the economic conditions, the board of directors of the East Coast Milk Co., which owns the Quaker Maid line, dismissed the plant manager and several employees who had formed a union.

As revealed in the news account of the strike, the employer has offered substantial wage concessions if the union will withdraw its demand for a union shop. This is in itself a victory and the disheartening wage proposal is a weapon of protection for the workers— for it means more to the employer who is fighting to make a weapon of protection for the workers. The spirit which has made the ILGWU a powerful force in labor has not been extinguished by the present strike. The spirit which has made the ILGWU a powerful force in labor has not been extinguished by the present strike.

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LOCAL 102 DEFEATS ALL-STARS IN OVERTIME BENEFIT CONTEST

In an overtime contest which had a capacity audience on edge from the starting whistle, Local 102 eeked out a 23-21 victory over the All-Stars in a benefit game December 6 at the Central Needle Trades High School gym.

The game brought forth an overflow crowd to the memory of Abe Rothman, a-psyched player and member of Local 102. Throughout the game the lads seceded from side to side with both teams tied at the end of the first quarter at 7 and at the end of the normal period. In the three-minute overtime period, however, Captain Roy Blumenfield of Local 102 received the winning basket with seconds to play and completed a story-book finish to an astonishing game which climaxed a season-high turnout on the basketball court.

The All-Stars, which is a gathering for the first reunion of the season, the Local 112, Elizabeth, girls' (1941-42) champions and Local 62 (1942-43) champions, in a nip-and-tuck battle from the very beginning with both teams eventually matching each other in the final count of 11 of the points noted by each scorekeeper against the local 102 in 15-4. A

Local 62 DEFEATS
Harlem Center

On Saturday, November 29, a large crowd turned out to see the girls' tournament with Local 200 and Harlem Center at the Central Needle Trades High School, which resulted in a 40-26 victory for Local 62 (milliners). In the final game of the tournament, Harlem Center brought to an end its four-game winning streak. Local 102 (milliners) won the first game of the tournament using excellent defense.

Two girls who are very anxious to see their opponents and teammates are the New York Times who appear to be in a state of excitement.

AL. B. Benigni, captain and official of Local 446, decided to enter the tournament. In the final game of the tournament, Local 102 won by a narrow margin over Harlem Center in the third period, with the final score of 37-35. A

L. A. Educational Program Gets Under Way

Under the leadership of the educational director, Alexander Winding, Jr., the educational program in Los Angeles is now in full swing. The first chapter of the program, which was held last week at the new sportswear headquarters.

A Close Game for a Good Cause

The center's reach in All Stars vs. Local 102 in a benefit game for a memorial to Abe Rothman, former star on the truckers. That's Paul Weismann (Local 102) and Sol Kopiloff, former City College ace, stretching. The truckers nosed out the opposition by 33 to 31.

SPORTS SHOTS

By PHIL FOX

Private Sammy Cohen, member of Local 102 and first to play, was in top form on Saturday night. He had a field day behind the goal of Ft. Bragg.

Private Isadore Frasher, member of Local 103 and one-time basketball player, is now exhibiting his court tactics with the Camp Davis guards in N. C.

The girls of the Handcrafter, Shop members of Local 8, are the most consistent and regular attenders at the Fashion Bowling Alley on Wednesday nights.

Evie Guarino, captain of the Harlem Center girls' team, is acknowledged by all as the finest and most versatile of the IGWU "ten" players.

Local 108, Maiden Purin, has organized a girls' and boys' basketball team and is seeking reinstatement in IGWU competition.

Two people who are very anxious to see their opponents and teammates are the New York Times who appear to be in a state of excitement.

J. R. Jack Silverman, popular and very competent referee in IGWU basketball, received his assignment in the Eastern Inter-collegiate Association.

L. S. , NLRB, ILGWU

JOIN LEGAL FIGHT AGAINST L. A. FIRM

Lettie Lee, Inc., one of the hundred largest sportswear firms, is in court against the L. A. firm accused of selling outside labor force from three directions, the federal authority, the NLRB and the unions.

The legal battle was continued and won by the San Francisco Joint Board.

BUY Defense Bonds-Stamps

Sports Label To Be Promoted By Los Angeles

Plans for a nationwide promotion of a new "Sports Label" to appeal to sportsman, similar to the "Merchandise Label", are beginning to take shape.

Members of the California Sportswear Manufacturers Association, a recent meeting in Los Angeles approved use of a new "Sports Label" to identify sportsman and manufacturers, California under present conditions. The label has not yet been developed.

The idea of the campaign was conceived by Vice President Mrs. Grim, chairman of the label. Mrs. Grim has presented the plan to the manufacturer.

Vice President Jernaw pointed out that "We want to be 'natural,' for California's time is a seasonable time and the label of quality goods an added attribute to produce products in this state. He also pointed out that California manufacturers are closest to the largest sportswear promoting center in the world.

Cloak Label Sales Near Million Mark On Pacific Coast

Breaking all-time records, sales of the National Coat and Suit Industry, 1942, the season, Los Angeles will total between $60,000 and $100,000. According to the Pacific Coast Retail Association, a composite of the major manufacturers, the L. A. and M. M. & S. to split adding labor to the market. The complete L. A. firm had, especially in view of the legal demand. In the past the M. M. & S. has furnished high-priced twine to defend its members.

WANTED

New members for IGWU Local 102 are wanted. The Local is on the lookout for the best and brightest in Los Angeles. O'BURKE is attending the national convention of the Recovery of Employment in December 15 in Atlantic City.
The Dewey Yearbook

WORKERS' EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Yearbook of the John Dewey Society, Theories and Tests, etc.

According to the section this yearbook dealing with the administration and finance of workers' education, the ILGWU accounts for almost 60 per cent of the total annual expenditures of labor unions and organizations of similar purpose or scope elsewhere. But this figure is considerably lower in countries where unions are not quite as strong and where efforts are being made to extend the workers' education by other agencies also.

Mr. G. W. Parks, the executive secretary of the John Dewey Society, has been most active in securing new subscriptions to the yearbook. The number of subscribers has increased by about 50 per cent since last year.

The John Dewey Society was the only organization to have undertaken such a task. It is the result of progressive education in all forms and conditions of life, and it is in the interest of education in all its branches.

The yearbook is a valuable resource for all those interested in the development of workers' education. It provides a comprehensive overview of the field and includes detailed information on the work of various organizations. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the subject.

In Windy City

Saturday Visits to Points of Interest

DEP. 28-2. P.M.-AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, Broadway and 15th Street. See the coins and medals of all countries and periods. Take Broadway to 7th Avenue to 15th Street station and walk to 15th Street.


America faces an emergency! Everyone is urged to act at the utmost of their ability to support the defense effort. Free tickets to many concerts at Carnegie Hall and Town Halls by applying to the Cultural Division at 24th Street, 23rd Street.

Baltimore Covers

Defense Problems in Two-Day Forum

Baltimore dressmakers and dressmakers' assistants met at the University of Maryland, College Park, to discuss the problems facing the labor unions. Robert J. Watt, the chief of the labor unions, emphasized the importance of unity and the need for a strong and effective labor movement.

Most memorable in the minds of the participants was the speech delivered by Brother Dunlop, the head of the American Federation of Labor. He spoke at length about the necessity of organizing labor on the governmental level. Brother Watt was critical of the government's efforts to control the unions and declared that the labor movement must be able to represent the interests of its members.

On the final day of the conference, Brother Dunlop delivered a fiery speech attacking the government's efforts to control the unions. He declared that the labor movement must be able to represent the interests of its members.

In conclusion, the conference was a success. The participants gained a deeper understanding of the problems facing the labor movement and the need for unity and cooperation.

Free Concert Tickets

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The Educational Front

Things happen so fast in our nation-wide educational activity that there is only a short time to record the high spots. To open its fall program, Twin Cities are to have a conference attended by teachers and students to examine the details of their projects. Current plans include an historic Christmas party with the members and their children present gifts to be given to each one another. Atlantic World has made arrangements with a special table for Christmas music and carols from many lands.

The library leaders in organizing campaigns, programs, and projects are sent out in the regular service of letter and mail to all places where books and notice are sent out for that purpose.

Libraries

Milwaukee writer develops interest in the latest addition to its library in the monthly journal. Other clubs take up the literary colored book jackets to make attractive posters to gain new users for their book collections. Among the books recently sent from the head office to our libraries are "Economic Consequences of the Second World War" by Louis L. Lewin, and "Workers' Education in the United States," edited by Theodor Brandt. Our libraries find that a book about a popular movie is usually greatly in demand. In New York City, the public libraries are going to repeat special exhibits. Other titles please copy.

BOOK CLUB

Important books dealing with social, economic, and political problems of national and international significance appear daily. The following novels are also listed. The Book Division can help you select books you know, "On It."

Joint Panel, February 11

Members and staff of the Special Libraries Association, during the season they only meet once a month to discuss a common interest.

Last season's topic was "Wholesale and Retail." And another important and interesting program is arranged for this year. Watch for details.

Defence

The triple Defense Bill has been signed by the President and several local units are receiving a Defense Order. Such an order may be the first step in the direction of a national defense plan. This order will be in effect for the next 90 days and is expected to become permanent in the next session of Congress.

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D A T E S

To Remember

FEBRUARY 12

Editorial Conference, Cultural Division, Cultural Hall, 21 E. 42d Street.

FEBRUARY 13

Student Fellowship Luncheon.
The Tokyo dress union has prepared demands for wage increases and as a result negotiations with the manufacturers’ Association as talks get under way for re- newal of the agreement which expired on Nov. 30. With the increasing number of non-union manufacturers in the industry, the rise in prices, and the growth of the union movement, it is expected that the new agreement will be more favorable to the workers.

Local 255 to Vote
On Voluntary Tax For Russian Aid

At a special meeting held at New York Labor Bureau and Cooper Union Auditorium, Local 255’s executive board presented its report on industrial and union problems. Manager Louis Nischel pointed out that the strike made by the knifegoods workers at the Broadway Knife Company has now been settled. The workers will return to work on Monday, and the strike is over.

The source of wages in the clock industry followed a similar satisfactory path. A total of 15% per cent increase in wages was granted to the workers. The average wage for a skilled worker now stands at $25 per week.

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The employment insurance program has had the benefit of a widely publicized success in reducing the cost of unemployment insurance. The program is a cooperative one, involving employers, employees, and government. Its purpose is to provide economic stability for workers during periods of unemployment. The program is funded by contributions from employers and employees, and state and federal governments.

Outlook for the Season

The outlook for the season is generally optimistic, with a strong demand for ready-to-wear clothing. However, some uncertainty remains due to the recent developments in the Middle East. The situation in the Middle East could have a significant impact on the global economy, including the fashion industry. It is important to monitor the situation closely and be prepared to adapt to any changes in consumer behavior and market conditions.

At Local 10 Lecture

Professor William H. Kilpatrick, one of the outstanding educators in the world and now professor emeritus of Columbia University, discussing questions of street cars in a formal session before his lecture began. He spoke on "Labor and Education."
**EDITORIAL NOTES**

**UNITY—Keystone of Our Defense**

War, real grim war, war on two fronts is here. Once again within the lifespan of our generation the normalities of life are retreating before the ancient scourge of mankind—war. Once again we are forced to abandon the peaceways of our existence for the bomber, the man-of-war, the tank and the flame-thrower.

The sworn enemies of our national life and of our civilization have unleashed their fury upon this continent—from the Pacific as well as the Atlantic. We are faced with a titanic struggle. We may suffer painful reverses before we hurl back the enemy and carry the fight into his own lair.

In heart and spirit—and by way of huge material contributions—it is true, we have been in this war for many, many months. We have poured without stint of our resources into the arsenals of the defenders of democracy for the past two years to stem the steamrollers of the modern-day barbarian. We have become the target for unmitigated • Nazi and Fascist hate because we have helped England and China and lately Russia to break up the victory timetables of the dictators; because these would-be world conquerors know too well that they cannot hope to realize their dreams of world domination before they have reduced America to valetsdom and subdued our Latin-American sister republics.

This is going to be a long and hard war, as our beloved leader President Roosevelt candidly told us. This war, unlike the last world war, will be not only a soldier's war but a people's war as well. The quicker we realize this and adapt our habits of life and thought to it, the greater will be our chances for an earlier victory. The tendency to the curtailing of civilian goods in the interest of national defense, to the discipline of old habits and routines and to the suppression of countless personal denials of comforts, big and little, necessary to wartime living.

There will be work, tasks for all, for millions of men in the defense industries and in every other field of our own union, who are not engaged in the production of war goods. Hundreds of thousands will be demanded by civilian defense needs, by war Cross work, by air-raid detection services. Innumerable other war relief agencies in every community will call for volunteers. The great labor reservoir of the defense industry will contribute men and women by the millions to these varied forms of civilian defense.

Above all, we must harden ourselves to the limitless demands which this colossal effort of defense is making on every one of us. We must cast aside illusions of safety. In the greatest country that we have fought the 165 years of our history. To fight successfully and to overcome the most ruthless, powerfully equipped band of brigands the world has ever seen; we must know to get tough and inured to hardships without end. We must match and overcome their equipment not only in terms of machinery but in mobilization of national spirit, a spirit of unquestioned, undivided unity and a readiness to give our all—individually and collectively. Let us remember—this is not a drama on a distant stage we are witnessing; it is the drama of our own lives, the mortal challenge to us all we hold dear and worthwhile living for.

America—our wonderland—is worth living for, fighting for, and paying the supreme price for, should that become necessary. The keystone of our powers of defense and offense, let us not forget for one moment, is unity—unity of thought and action. Without it our size and our natural resources mean little. With unity we cannot lose, we shall not lose.

**Conclave Postponed**

The members of the ILGWU last week voted to postpone their convention, due in May, 1943, for the war. The vote was tabulated on December 1. In view of the many changes that have crept upon the Axis—were the wisdom of this action is even more evident. Surely, under present circumstances a convention a few months from now would be unthinkable. The members of the ILGWU have work of a more compelling nature at the present moment.

Few union folks love conventions more than our people, and few stage them with better showmanship. A convention in the ILGWU is not merely a forum for democratic legislation; it is equally a holiday in which the entire union, directly or indirectly, takes part.

This, however, obviously is no time for holidays. So the members of the ILGWU have deemed it necessary to lay off conventions until the national horizon clears. By inference, it amounts to a vote of confidence in the leadership of the union and a mandate to continue steering its course in the meantime along the time-honored path of labor democracy.

**The Strike**

The strike of conset workers in the main plant of the Gossard Company in Logansport, Ind., merits more than passing mention.

The conset industry in the Midwest is still largely unorganized. It is one of the few remaining minor women's apparel trades which the ILGWU is now striving its efforts to unionize. In the Gossard plant, one of the largest and wealthiest in the industry, the union won an NLRB election last August, but the firm, all efforts by state and federal officials notwithstanding, refused to modify its anti-union stand. A strike therefore became unavoidable.

In Detroit, last winter, the union fought a long and stubborn battle with the American Lady Coat Company and won a standard work agreement. In the East, a number of important conset firms have been unionized, and made to conform to union labor terms during the past half year. The significance of the Gossard strike may be understood when it is revealed that this firm has been paying 16 cents an hour for a six-month period.

It might be well for the Gossard management to realize that the ILGWU will not back down in this effort to obtain fair conditions of work and a measure of security for all employees. Some sense and sound business acumen dictate an early settlement and equitable understanding.

(Author's Note)

**Cash Register Patriots**

The ink had hardy dried on the President's proclamation of war with the Axis powers when some of our dress industry stalwarts rushed forth to man the ramparts.

In a burst of selfish patriotism, Mr. Louis Rubin, director of the Popular Priced Group, Inc., suggested in a letter to the heads of the union that the industry forthwith raise up the "American flag" of the collective dress agreement by virtue of which the Dress Institute has been conducting for the past half year a national promotion campaign for the New York dress industry. Promotion, Mr. Rubin pointed out, marks, by the collective dress agreement by virtue of which the Dress Institute has been conducting for the past half year a national promotion campaign for the New York dress industry. Promotion, Mr. Rubin pointed out, marks, by the collective dress agreement by virtue of which the Dress Institute has been conducting for the past half year a national promotion campaign for the New York dress industry. Promotion, Mr. Rubin pointed out, marks, by the collective dress agreement by virtue of which the Dress Institute has been conducting for the past half year a national promotion campaign for the New York dress industry. Promotion, Mr. Rubin pointed out, marks, by the collective dress agreement by virtue of which the Dress Institute has been conducting for the past half year a national promotion campaign for the New York dress industry. Promotion, Mr. Rubin pointed out, marks the way to the "American flag" of the collective dress agreement. In fact, he says, "whether it will ever be successful is questionable." So why not get it a respectable burial right now?

Mr. Rubin and some of his associates in the Popular Priced Group have let the cat out of the bag.

The old urge for penny-wise economies is proving too much for these industrial statesmen. But why the threethread cloak 'o patriotism? This variety of love of country, indeed, has the definite and nauseating ring of the cash register.