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It Was "Nite O'Fun" in Newark

Locals 220 and 140 in the New Jersey metropolitan staged a military dance, March 17th, and made the affair live up to its title. Forty of the boys and Collins were part of the program. Sale of tickets was in the air.

Sgt. Bago, Pen Argyl Mills Chairman, Wounded in Italy

Tech. Sgt. Ernest E. Bago, who was chairman of the Buffalo Belt Buckle Mills, Pen Argyl, Pa., at the time he entered the armed forces in September, 1942, has been officially reported wounded in Italy according to word received by Easton District Manager George Mack of from Mrs. Bago.

Bago is now in a hospital in Africa recovering from a wound in the upper part of the leg. He served as gunner on a Liberator bomber and holds the Purple Heart and the Air Medal. The group was recently credited with making the most bombing missions in February.

Brother Bago has been overseas since November, 1942. He has three brothers in the armed forces.

Boston Singers Sings Hunstley Labor Songs in Harvard's Hall

A group of 29 ILGWU members from the Boston and vicinity educational council recently contributed to the education of the trade union fellows and the business relations trainees at Harvard University when, under the direction of Rev. Lasson, educational director, they visited the historic Harvard Museum.

After being reunited around the university grounds and through the museum by the ILGWU's own Ken Osage, among others, the group put on its own entertainment program in the university's month hall.

The out, with stands of one of America's oldest schools of learning, related to the latest singing of union favorites as 'On the Picket Line.'

DUBINSKY JOINS LIBERAL FORCES LEAVING THE ALP

In a strong personal statement that gave added weight to the withdrawal of liberal and labor organizations from the major left-wing party, the ILGWU joined the Independent Party, one of the new left-wing movements in the country, and put its name toward the white-collar political Esther. In denouncing the ALP, the ILGWU took up the cause of the Independent.

"It is the duty of the ALP to recognize the fact that it has lost its way," the ILGWU said. "It is the duty of the ALP to recognize the fact that it is not working in the interests of the people of this country."

85,000 in N.Y. Dress Shops Gain Vacation Health-Care Benefits

The new three-year collective agreement to cover 85,000 employees worked in the metropolitan dress market was signed Saturday, March 25, by the New York Dress Joint Board and the five employers' associations in the industry. The agreement provided for a health-fund provision, higher guaranteed minimum wage and hours, and a life-insurance benefit for the union's demand for an increase in wages in the War Labor Board as soon as the government's current wage-firing policy is modified to permit further increases. The chief provisions of the new contract are described by Vice President Julius Hochman, general manager of the New York Joint Board, elsewhere in this issue. Formal signing of the pact was

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ILGWU Credit Unions

Active at Conventions

Lolo Howard, president, Los Angeles, Calif., and Valma McGowry, financial secretary, have been elected to represent the Dallas ILGWU Credit Union at the Regional Convention of credit unions to be held in Houston, Texas.

Josephine Kneen, secretary of the St. Louis Credit Union will attend the convention of Missouri Credit Unions in Jefferson City.

The quickest, surest way YOU can help this war effort is to buy war bonds and stamps every week.

WLW OKAYS 5-MOS. BACK PAY AND WAGE GAINS AT TUF-NUT

Substantial pay increases, one week paid vacations with the employer on five years of employment and five months' back pay were unanimously approved by the Kansas City Regional War Labor Board, March 11, in its long awaited decision on the Tuf-Nut Manufacturing Company case.

Brother Rapoport of Midland who had bitterly opposed the union proposals is now more than ever fighting the plan. He feels that the fact that the ILGWU is fighting the affairs of the union and is now fighting the union. He feels that the fact that the board has made the decision to give over $12,000,000 in wages and working conditions.

The decree increases minimum wage.

"In This Corner..."
Dobinsky Joins Liberal Forces Leaving the ALP

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The loss of the legal status of their party in the 1938 and 1942 elections, it required but a minor voting contribution. - (continued)

Dress Board Backs Appropriation for Strong FPEC Work

An appeal to President Roosevelt and to Congressmen Clarence Hoffman and John Tallon of the House Appropriations Committee to speed adequate appropriations for the Fair Employment Practices Commission. (Continued)

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A Field Hospital Unit Got Under Way Here

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IGLWU and the Borer


The workers from within who have worked as hard to capture American labor unions are having a good time. The International Ladies' Garment Workers, in the current union, which has just had an election, the Communist-supported candidates got 20 per cent of the votes cast in 1939 but only 15 per cent of those cast this year. In the whole series of elections this year, covering a membership of 100,000, 2,000 or 1,000, it is no longer the party of the Communists. Mr. Dobinsky, "was elected in every office whatever."

The story shows that American workers can distinguish between cooperation with the little man who has been in business so long and is likely to want to keep on in business and that they want to keep on in business. It is likely to be as long as the Garment Workers, with the Commi

OPPOSITION SNOWED UNDER IN LOCAL 20

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COMMUNISTS ROUTED BY CORSET WORKERS IN LANDSLIDE VOTE

Following the pattern set throughout the IGLWU in key elections, Corset Brassiere Workers' Local 32 returned in its administration in a landslide vote of confidence. (Continued)

Justice Photog Shot by Cupid

Seaports: Harry Rubinstein, "Justice" staff photographer, was married March 16, at Berkeley Field, L.A., where he is stationed, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, and Mrs. Albert H. Peterson of New York. The wedding was performed by Rev. L. B. Pope, "the bride is known to all her friends, who

New Budget Plans. Put in Force For N. Y. Health Center

Revised plans for meeting budget obligations of the United Health Center were pre-

DOUBINSKY, Julius. President, IGLWU

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NITE KRAFT, ORANGE, EMPLOYEES GET WLB NOD ON RAISE, BACKPAY

Increases for about 300 workers at the large Nite Kraft shop in Orange, N.J., have been approved by the War Labor Board, according to the Eastern Out-of-Town Department and amounts of back pay involved are now being computed.

Two requests for increases for running room workers have been approved. One, retroactive to September 16, 1944, provides $2 increase for makers, cutters and spreaders. The other adds a further increase of $2 for makers and cutters and $1 for spreaders as of December 4.

Examiners and pressers, according to Morty Extract, RDL representative at the Orange shop, will receive a wage boost as of September 15, 1943 with the agreement containing the 3-cents per hour increase awarded to operators.

Preliminary estimates set back wages at about $60,000 with individual amounts of back pay ranging from $50 to $150 and individual increases going as high as $40 a week.

High praise for the union's efforts by members of which existing standards have been almost doubled at this plant in the last two years were enthusiastically expressed by the workers at a shop meeting on Friday in which Extract announced the terms of the approval, expected to affect about 300 employees.

EARLY SPRING WAGE ADDITIONS COME TO NEW JERSEY IGLES

Wage increases for more than 300 workers at New Jersey shops, has been approved by the War Labor Board according to a report by Majerly Herman Vindell, executive secretary of the Eastern Out-of- Town Department. Approximately $5,500 in back pay will be distributed according to preliminary estimates.

The 369 workers at the Kay & Doblhoff shop in Long Branch, N.J., have been awarded a 3 per cent increase retroactive to August 1, 1944. Back pay is estimated to be about $5,300.

The 72 tailors and cloth work- ers at the Shownvile Clothing Company, Somerville, N.J., have been given a 1 per cent increase effective to October 1, 1943 and are expected to result in approximately $460 in back wages.

Both approved past values contain provisions that not one cent of the increase is to be paid to any worker who sat out the past six months. Employer's representatives have been appointed to represent the union in all future negotiations.

Close to 150 workers at the J. & S. Miller shop in East Newark, N.J., have received on award providing an increase of 1 per cent but not less than a minimum of $4.50 per month. The supplementing past grants one week vacation to those employed a year and preserved vacation for those employed for shorter periods. The union will appeal.

The wage was fixed at $1,750 a week for each 20 workers.

Nite Kraft Workers Hear ABL About WLB Approval of Raise

The War Labor Board has approved further increases for the 45 workers of the Brookmeade Sportswear shop in Bladensburg, Conn., the EOT Department announces.

The agreements provide back wages recently granted by the WLB which the union had found unenforceable.
DRESSMAKERS GAVE
$8,000 TO WAR AID,
RED CROSS IN MARCH

Dressmakers in shops controlled by Local 22 contributed around $8,000 to the Red Cross and Allied War Relief during March. The shops and contributions fol-

Home After Plenty of Action

HAVE IT!

HEALTH-CARE, VACATION FUND
WON FOR 85,000 DRESSMAKERS

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Six of the five associations—the
Affiliated Dress Manufacturers, the National Dress Manufacturers' As-
sociation, The United Popular Dress
Manufacturers' Association, and the
United Besler Dress Manufacturers'
Association—take place at the Inter-
national offices on Wednesday,
March 22, 1944. The fifth associ-

 WHAT THE NEW PACTS SPECIFY

spent days, weeks and sometimes months discussing and bargaining. Each situation presented its own

By JULIUS HOCHMAN
General Manager, New York
Dress Joint Board

In the past ten years—that is
since the great strike of August 1933—the collective agree-
ment in the metropolitan dress in-
dustry has been renegotiated and
renewed four times: in 1939, in 1940,
1941 and now just recently in March 1944. On each occasion we

URGES SHOPS TO BID FOR
U.S. DRESSES

Urges New Officials Sworn In
as Dress Pact Parsleys End

The newly elected administration of Dressmakers' Local 22,
headed by Vice President Zimmermann as manager, was installed
in office on Thursday, March 23, 1944 at an impressive meeting
at Manhattan Center attended by 2,500 union members. Presi-
dent David Dubinsky carried

"22" NEW OFFICIALS SWORN IN
AS DRESS PACT PARSLEYS END

The meeting was opened by Min-
ute Bouldinger, outgoing chairman of the local. As part of the prelimi-
naries nearly $8,000 was collected
for the Red Cross in contributions from shops. These contributions re-
present the lavish presentations of flowers usual at installations. Mrs.
David Chinawer, representative of the Red Cross present at the meet-
ing, expressed her warm thanks; de-

leaders of the union and employer associations gathered in President Dubinsky's office for the cere-
mony of signing of the new dress agreements. March 22, President Dubinsky, (center) is putting down his John Hanlon as Vice President Julius Hochman, Dress Joint Board general manager, who negotiated the agreements, seals for the pen on his left.
CLOAKMAKERS PLAN TO RAISE NEW FUND FOR LABOR CAUSES

Six hundred shop chairmen and active workers, at Manhattan Center Wednesday, March 22, unequivocally announced a decision of the Cloak Joint Board calling upon the workers in the industry to give two hours' wages to various international labor causes.

The special fund, which is expected to reach $100,000, will be distributed to the Jewish Labor Committee, the Ukrainian campaign for a Kirev hospital and the Italian-American Labor Relief.

The call for the meeting, issued by General Manager Peterich and the officers of the Cloak Board, emphasized the desperate need of the anti-fascist fighters throughout Europe, and made a strong plea for generous support of these appeals.

And he said: "Wherever there is a spark of the fighting spirit, the cry for help are reaching us. The cloakmakers have always responded to the call of the hour and responded. The need now is more urgent than ever. We cannot remain indifferent! We dare not forgo any opportunity to help.

"Representing the various organizations conducting the drives addressed to the public, we call upon the cloakmakers, on behalf of the Jewish Labor Committee, to sign their names to the inscription of the inspiring battle of the whole world against the "Hitler Hanseatic.""

Mr. Schertzer emphasized the appeal, "From the executive council of organizations for the participation of the cloakmakers in the campaign to build a hospital in Kievy.

Vice President Louis Antonini reported on the work of the local, American Labor Council. He warned the meeting that the struggle of the Italian people against fascism had not ended.

"The fight of a free and democratic Italy," he said, "is still to be won. We need, more than ever, the same support of all friends of peace that, when we expelled 11,000 Sic's last summer, we had from the workers."

The widespread strikes which recently swept the northern cities are an indication of the ability of the workers to stand up to the employers. In the past, we in America have not been able to fight as we do in the south, but the time has come when we must fight as they do."

The meeting adjourned.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES MARK CLOAK LOCAL INSTALLATIONS

The closing weeks of March witnessed a series of impressive installation proceedings for the officers of the cloak locals. Leading members of the International and various locals participated in the ceremonies which officially initiated the functioning of the new administrations recently elected.

Vice President Felnberg
Delegate to Convention

At its last meeting on Thursday, March 21, the Cloak Joint Board unanimously elected Israel Felnberg as delegate to the coming convention of the International. It was also decided to permit him to purchase, without the approval of the local, any professional and social literature.

The Joint Board will be represented at the testimonial dinner to Judge Jacob Panken sponsored by the "Recreation of Old Times" and will be invited to the dinner to be held on Tuesday, April 5, at the Hotel Commodore.

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Health-Vacation Fund Marks New Buttonhole Pact

M. Schiffman, manager of Local 66, announced last week that a 2-year contract has been signed, to go into effect as of March 15, between the National Buttonhole Manufacturing Association and the union. The agreement affects 66 workers in buttonhole contracting shops who were organized several years ago.

A distinctive feature of the new contract is the provision for contributions by the employers equal to 7½ per cent of the payrolls for health, old age and vacation benefits. No payments are to be made by the workers, and the determination of the proportionate amount to be allocated for the various purposes is to be left to the union.

Pension Chief

Herbert Zearle, director of the Cloak Retirement Fund

The union took an active part in the war effort. Apart from the pay raises that have benefited the members, the new contract provides for the payment of the union's insurance on the members of the trade.

The union has an active labor and social service workers' group. In the last year, the union has provided a substantial amount of money to aid the members and their families. The union has also been active in the local community, providing assistance to those in need.

Leaders of Finishes Start Work Immediately

A meeting of shop leaders of the Cloak Joint Board was held yesterday in the union hall with the installation of officers for the coming year. The new officers were chosen by ballot, and the union is now ready to carry on its activities for the coming year.

Finishes Mourns Henry David, Long Union Staff War

Henry David, recently elected member of the union staff, has passed away. An active leader, his death will be sorely felt in the union today.

Brother David had been a member of the staff for more than a quarter of a century. Originally affiliated to Local 3, he joined Local 9 in 1922. In his interest in the labor movement, originated under the leadership of T. I. I. C. I. G. and the strike called for the termination of the union's contract with the Federal of Tailors in New York. He was elected to the union's executive board in 1934.

At various times he was a member of the local's executive board, the Grievance Committee, and a delegate to the Joint Board. At his death, the local's Finishes' Branch 500 of the Work, who worked with him, had a celebration in his honor. The local's fighting spirit will be honored.

A widow, six sons and daughters survive the deceased. His friends among the union will miss him.

B'klyn Chairmen
Map Program to Tighten Control

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—After more than a year of struggle, the issue of the Little Steel formula finally is moving toward a showdown here, illustrating that there is a difference between 1944 and 1943. This may be regarded as a point for those who wish to see the government in the current year prod democracy into fruition.

As organized labor and Big Business hover over a new steel formula, there is evidence here in Washington—and this is interesting—Big Business is not necessarily acting solely on the defensive. This is a big change, that most defending against a new union with vigorously on the offensive and in violation of Big Business can get. Organized labor, on the other hand, until steel wages appear to be fighting a hopeless and hopeless rear-guard action. Now there is a change in the making.

Earlier this week, Eric Johnston, the very able president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, stated a number of reasons why legislation should be passed before the Senate Banking Committee. He pointed out that Steel legislation to continue economic stabilization controls beyond a certain date. He said, he said, to avoid a hold-up, there being a possibility that that would be changed.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Johnston, is a non-partisan organiza-

Many people said they were very glad to hear that. Yet, the Steel Act was passed when a government was satisfied with prices. It was a sort of a let to labor.

And, then, before he left Mr. Johnston, the Senate Banking Com-

Organized labor, by its proven defenses of Big Business, threatens to destroy the stabilization program. It organized labor's surplus, inflation will be unnecessary for labor will be the principle suffered.

And that is the case in the great section.

With Big Business profits soaring higher, wages probably will rise more than 1,000 per cent above pre-

The Senate U.S. Chamber of Commerce doesn't want any increase in prices, Mr. Johnston said why?

Because Mr. Johnston knows that two separate lines of action are un-

One line of action got under way this week when Philip Murray, president of the United Steel Works, began pressing the case of the steel industry to those made by Big Business.

And Mr. Johnston is well aware that P. Murray is also president of the

The second line of attacks got under way. A section of the full panel of the War Labor Board began meeting earlier this week by the American Federation of Labor in their conference on the previous Little Steel formula.

Of the two courses of action, the reception of the Little Steel formula was that the War Labor Board would ask the President and obtain authority to change the Little Steel formula. For without that authority, all talk of tracking the Little Steel formula will now amount to nothing more.

The steel strike is that—Even if it

We have already seen how the Washington

Manny, APL, secretary-treasurer, and R. J. Thomas, United Auto Workers' president—so to the extent of having risen 22 per cent or 43 per cent. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said 25 per cent. The labor spokesmen said 23 per cent.

In the heat of that argument, which got pretty acrimonious for a while and unfortunately will come into play in the battle to overhaul the important point. But that either way out of Big Business figures tops the 15 per cent of the Little Steel formula.

Organized labor got mad about the argument. But Big Business got a hell of a shake out of it. The kind of subject they liked to get into is an election year. Because, political, being what are, it is meant that labor now stands a fair chance to get a minimum of 8 per cent above the Little Steel formula and somewhat less chance of getting even more.

The Big Business war profits have been mounting in their steep even nicer.

The Senate Military Affairs Com-

A number of witnesses appeared before the Senate panel where a small army takes over or waste of manpower.

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Pawl and is an asphalt that also-weary work does itself, and less to keep the heaven and the

SINCE ON HARVEST MOON at the Strand, New York, has a new star at the helm of our nation, William Lammur, as the wife, is victorious, charming and effectively beautiful. James Craig is the husband so it is the supposed party to enjoy the party. He was this couple that made the song famous—and it is the supposed story of this form of state song that now is being put on the screen. It is to be a musical, gay that serves a purpose. With Dennis Quaid and Donna Martin to have - then, fun stories like that.

"I'M IN THE SPRING, A Young Man's Fancy..."
MARKET

War Orders—Lowliest Bidder

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2,100 IN ST. LOUIS WIN WAGE GAINS IN ARBITRATION AWARD

Substantial wage increases subject to WLB approval were awarded 2,100 St. Louis workers in a Board of Arbitration award handed down March 11.

The proceedings were conducted under the provisions of the collective agreement between theil Co., manufacturers, and the Co., local of the United Federation of Meat Market Employees, under the chairmanship of Dr. Todd R. Chambers, District Judge.

A flat increase of $0.10 a week to all employees and $1.83 a week to all other workers. Members of Local 196 and 17.

An increase of $2.10 per hour from 11 a.m. to the hour rate for setting piece prices for operators, members of Local 196.

An increase to $1 an hour in the basic rate for setting piece prices.

In reference to the union proposal for cash payments in the dress industry, the Board stated that Annuall paid vacations for St. Louis employees who served the entire year in the dress industry and over a hundred years of workers to the cincinnati.

VANDALIA CULTURAL PROGRAM GETS HIGH COMMUNITY PRAISE

A physical education class has been organized in Vandalia, Ohio, with the cooperation of the local school superintendents. The class will be held at the high school gymnasium.

The class is under the direction of Mrs. Mary S. Miller, who will teach the classes.

The Vandalia High School PTA has been formed.

THE SOUTHWEST

KANSAS CITY MARKS HISTORIC STRIKE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By M. F.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, was a special morning in the history of the Kansas City ILGWU. It was on that date in 1887 that the workers at Gordon Brothers and Missouri Dress, faced with unbearable exploitation, walked out on strike.

Groups of workers in those two shops decided that they would strike for any additional hardships and grievances to improve conditions and wages to even the bare minimum.

Privacy was no novelty to them. Since 1912 they had spent much time on the picket lines. In 1932 the NRA brought improvement.

The $1 wage might not have been a living wage but after the NRA disappeared even that rate was cut.

By 1937 their hunger income could not be stretched even for two meals a day. They would no longer afford the luxury of coffee and had to walk to work and work.

Thus began the movement that would lead to the establishment of the ILGWU.

This group of girls, eager to improve their lot, went to work on March 17, 1937. They blazed the trail for the flourishing labor union we have now in Kansas City.

HOUSTON INSTALLATION

A ceremonial installation for the newly elected officers of Local 277 was staged in Houston, Tex., March 26. Cleo Wadsworth, manager of the Dallas locals, represented the Regional Office.

Buy bonds till it hurts— the enemy.

WA LB OKS 5-MOS. BACK PAY AND WAGE GAINS AT TUF-NUT

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The wages to 50 cents an hour for workers with six months' experience and calls for a 10 cent increase in piece rates and a 75 cent an hour increase for time workers.

Once again the firm trod out the ancient union-hating trick of threatening to close its plant. But this time it failed as the sellout to the ILGWU.

A few days after the ILGWU handed down its decision, the plant manager addressed the workers and told them that the plant was closed in its plant within 30 days. Similar statements were made in the newspapers.

The union membership took the statement in its stride and reported at the thought that the ILGWU, a United States Government agency, could be intimidated.

Rosa McCarthy Studies

Rosa McCarthy, financial secretary, Local 277, spent a recent weekend in St. Louis studying educational activities as an inspiration for creating a program in Harrisburg, Ill.

ST. LOUIS BOARDS STAGE ONE INSTALLATION, MARCH 21

A ceremonial installation of the two St. Louis Boards was staged March 21.

In the presence of the Board, the Executives of the Board of the affiliated councils, and the two managers took the oath of allegiance. Community songing and patriotic songs featured the program.

The St. Louis ILGWU Board of Directors was installed in the presence of the Mayor of St. Louis, the Board of Directors and the officers of the ILGWU.

VEYNA McGWIER STUDIES

Veña McGwier, financial secretary of the St. Louis Board, attended the installation meeting in St. Louis.

BETTY MAID IN NEW PACT AT HARRISBURG

An agreement providing a 50% wage increase and a 10 cent per hour increase to the earnings of the piece workers was signed on March 13, with the Harrisburg, Ill., plant of Betty Maid Products.

The agreement becomes effective April 1, 1944. Wage and rate increases are subject to WLB approval.

Troy Installation Inspires Members

An inspection was held on April 17, 1944, in Troy, N.Y., to mark the installation of newly elected officers.

The new installation was marked by an increased interest in the activities of the local.

The local of the former St. Galles, a speaker, praised the accomplishments of the local.

The installation was marked by an increased interest in the activities of the local.
The most striking impression that remains with me after attending district council meetings in Adjellton, Fall River, Hazleton and Boston is a shift of interest from the peace-time problems of "conditions" to greater concern with the difficulties peculiar to war-time.

In most sections of the territory the war has worked toward stabilizing wage and employment. Wage adjustments are now subject to a shorter delay and limited by a ceiling. To one section of the department, where wage adjustments have been obtained for only one-third of the workers, "conditions" have been reported by a previously unreported extent. Sharp seasonal fluctuations in employment have been experienced by workers alternating periods of slack and rush have been considerably flattened out to make for more regular employment.

In another district, employers, with blackouts of orders and shortening of weeks, have shown willingness to present union demands for increases within existing limits. Nevertheless, union members have demonstrated extreme dissatisfaction at their council meeting with the delays experienced before government boards in obtaining approvals of these increases.

At one of the New England council meetings all interest on work in textile workers' attitudes was apparent. I heard one of the membership state that her weekly earnings averaged about $50. Yet she was seriously considering leaving her job. And the reason given was the unsatisfactory behavior of her employers and the factory management of the shop, the ease of ornamental embroidery and kinds of work in war plants. Other workers, expressing similar sentiments, were pointed to me that in this area, unions, who only a short time ago, through those impossible conditions, were able to hold business wages, have arrived at that point and can no longer hold on. In one case, which they are demanding the dignified respect that has always been due them.

Reports at another New England meeting where employer representatives from textile districts recently undertaken agreements for the members of this section of the membership have here shown that they understood that one cooperation under the system would mean that a properly organized shop in an area there newly union security in all nearby organized factories.

It is clear from the reports I hear that these conditions are such that our people realize that "economic problems concerning these times have not been permanently solved. They know that peace is a step, and that the election of right-minded people will have to mean with times of unemployment job security and economic peace.

The next part of the story will be the results of the election.

Hit in Action

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT MEETING IS WORRIED ABOUT WB DELAYS

Disappointment with the extended delays experienced in gaining approval for wage increases from the War Labor Board was expressed by many of the shop delegates at the Alleton District Council meeting held on March 15. The board of the council members and shop representatives were present the morning and afternoon sessions.

Addressed by Barbara Brader, president of the Council; Edith Key, secretary, and Elmer Hensley, treasurer. The Council is comprised of all the local councils in the district.

At its meeting, a special IUWO convention (the council elected Dr. Elmer Hensley chairman of the convention in the general meeting) of the district was held. The evening of the convention Shop reports delivered at the morning meeting were reviewed before the IUWO. The delegates noted that employment remained at a high level and that prices have been kept in about the usual level. Employers have increased their wage scale by 25 cents a hour for the war bond and stampсы every week.

EASTERN ELECTED

State of Officers

Results of elections held recently both in the Eastern District are reported in a series of officers elected by the district.

In Local 524, Lyle Truog has been elected president and Regina Lewis, secretary. Lyle Bush has been elected president and Leon Miller secretary in Local 374. The membership of the district have been designated as delegates to the meeting, the district council meeting.

Martha Purdy, chaldey of the Daily News Co. Trenton, N. J., has been elected to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mrs. Purdy. She is a member of the board of directors of the board of directors.

That the increase in numbers recently reported by the IUWO is a matter of great concern to the shop floor workers, who have always been anxious to obtain better wages and working conditions.

Local 225, Hazleton, Pa., Executive Board

This group of high powered activist met at the Alleton Hotel in Hazleton recently to discuss problems created by the war.

Hub Blouse Firm

Given 7% Increase

A 7 per cent wage increase was negotiated in August 1949 for about 3 per cent vacation fund to be administered by the union has been approved for the workers of the Boston Blouse Co. by the War Labor Board, a report from the North East England Supervision Jack Halpern to Director Gingrich, states.

About 100 workers employed by this firm will benefit from the new terms and will receive approximately $10,000 back pay.

The organization committee of the workers was guided by organizers Mary Levin and Ralph Roberts.

Higher Health Fund Tax

A 5-7/8 per cent increase and a 4 per cent pay rollover contributions by the employers in the health and welfare fund covering about 175 workers at the Whistler Company, a garment shop in Hazleton, has been received from the company firm, according to William Roos, South East England supervisor.

The part has been sent to the War Labor Board for approval.

NORTH NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL TAKES STOCK OF LARGE AREA

The progress of organization drives undertaken in the past half-year featured the report of Northern New England Supervisor Jack Halpern to the East-West Massachusetts District Council which met at the Hotel Bradford in Boston, Mass., on March 18. Attendance at the council meeting was held to a maximum of 70 members because of transportation difficulties throughout the large area under ill jurisdiction.

James White, Council president, was present, along with the long afternoo when many shop reports were given. These indicated that union standards of wages and minimums were not being maintained but also improved within the bounds of wartime regulations.

Supervisor Halpern, elected delegate to the coming IUWO convention, reported that in the Boston district there were 200 federals of the AFL, joining members in the ranks of the whole Cotton Organization department and described the effort of national front on the garment industries.

Among the North New England shop delegates were Mary Levin, Nynthia Bixler, Henry Bixler and Robert, Max Chancy was unable to attend. Because of illness the London council reported on educational activities.

Flying Presser
The agreement with the Chicago Manufacturers’ Association and the Joint Board, which expired February 28, was extended to April 15. Two bread conferences have been held on the major union proposals which include increases in minimum wages and a vacation. The Joint Board and association representatives with company officials are combining in the form of a presentation to the larger groups.

Cloak Industry

Ladies under way with the Clock Manufacturers’ Association. The union has been formed for the protection of young women who work for higher minimum scales and for a vacation and health fund.

Red Cross

Miss Margaret B. M. Goldge- and the writer acting for the Chicago Board turned over to Mr. Michael M. Kennedy, chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross, a check for $5,000 as the membership contribution. This money was raised in two weeks when our membership contributed $5,000 as a mark of our General War Relief Fund. The $10,000 plus $13,315.15 with which we were able to extend our help to our international, being our American Red Cross to $13,315.15. Besides members and non-members through letters to the shop chairmen that these of our kind, we are not only making additional contributions and money but also giving help in the form of goods. As far as I am informed by Brothers J. Ploch, W. T. Taylor, and J. H. Smith, our Indiana members are working on this to raise funds for the Red Cross is now in full swing in the interbranch.

Elections

Locals 54, 76, 201, 372 and 381 are thrown with elections for officers and convention delegates. There will be a total of 21 officers and 29 delegates. In all cases the members of the form- er administration who ran for office were defeated.

Tabin-Picker

Judge Michael Feinberg of the Circuit Court ruled March 30 that the former Tabin-Picker & Co. strike was a bona fide mili- tary organization, and that the membership contribution for time lost during their strike last year. Judge Feinberg upheld the ruling of the Director of the State Department of Labor. The Tabin-Picker & Co. should receive membership for the striking period of approximately $14,266. The strike was provoked by the company, and was called on December 22, 1943.

Fort Wayne

Local 308, Fort Wayne, Ind., has installed its officers with Brother David Wiseman as the new Vice President of the local. The new officers are: President, Albert H. Snell; Vice President, Charles M. Rose; Secretary, Robert T. Enslow; and Treasurer, Magnus A. Aynsley.

Carret

Local 351, Carret, Ill., has re- signed its charter, and the International Joint Court Company for two years. WPIL members are to up to the WLB for approval.

Shelbyville

The Shelbyville Manufacturing Company at Shelbyville, Ind., has re- stored the membership of the company, and announced that. This company is in the making of padded original estimates. Because under some forms of cost-plus contracts if the final cost of the job turn out to be less than the original estimate the war contractor’s profit is increased by a bonus.

In addition, the estimate of a war contractor’s next job is based in large part on the estimate of the job he is now doing. If he leads the buyer to think that his contract is going to pay a bonus for the sake of future war jobs. And it also enables him to bid a larger labor force than he actually needs in the expectation that the next job will be a bigger one and might need more men. In the meantime, the race and labor force, key manager’s authoritative explanation of the problem was not included in the management.

For this situation, it appears, the Army and Navy are largely responsi- ble. Also, the handling of the situation has been greatly complicated by the situation of the case. The situation is complicated by the fact that the situation of the case. The situation is complicated by the fact that the situation of the case. The situation is complicated by the fact that the situation of the case. The situation is complicated by the situation of the case.

And that’s the real story behind the investigations of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Helen Gahan Aggan Adds New Note to ILGWU Installation

The famous movie actress (center) was a featured speaker at the local 316 installation. (Left to right) Illini: Jack, secretary; Sarah Danner, vice president; Frances B. Bungay, business agent; George W. Ross, manager; Miss Gahan, Seegi Radomsky, singer; Bertha Koppell, president; Anne Miller, outgoing secretary.

Leaving no doubt as to their determination to participate fully in home and fighting front activities, members of Los Angeles Sportsmen and Cotton Workers’ Local 266 voted at a special meeting March 21 to raise a support fund.

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Inside Washington

George Paul, manager, Local 212, embroilerers, stitchers and pleat- ers, Chicago, spends three days a week as a bureau chief and local leader for the Employment Guide. The ILGWU Boston Convention, provides for the reappearance of the banished Ribbetts’ Pen- dleton Company against the regional WLB division. The only problem concerns cases pending before the War Labor Board including those fixing conditions at the Buhl Garment Company, the Belin Garment Company, the Kenton Division of the Holabird Plant and others. They have been pending for some time.

PROGRESSIVE SLATE WINS IN ALL FRISCO LOCALLS LEY WIRES

Elections last week in the San Francisco locals returned admin- istration candidates to office with decisive majorities over the communist-led opposition can- didates.

Louis Levy, Pacific Coast director, was unanimously re-elected by Local 266 and 366 and Jeanne Matias was elected by acclamation by Local 21.

Minute Carson was defeated by a five-house majority for administra- tion candidate Paul Greenberg. Other administration candidates who defeated their communist oppo- nents with resounding majorities include: Silver, as convention dele- gate, Local 8, and Rose Allepiani, Local 18.

In harmony with ILGWU elec- tions throughout the coun- try, San Francisco’s membership confidence is now to be led by a new state executive, "Liv"). L. Smith, has transferred to the state trade union, leaders who had proved their actions in effect that they be- lieved in and practiced progressive trade union policy.

Giannini Sings Again

Dionisio Giannini’s highly successful appearance in the New York City Opera Company’s production of "Carmen" last fall, her acclaim from critics and public alike, will again open the City Opera Company’s spring season of two weeks on Monday evening, May 1, singing "Carmen" many times in Europe and Latin America, but never in this City. Miss Giannini will be seen in five days in this sec- ond season, repeating her original "Toka" scene. "Carmen" three times, and once as Donizetti’s "Donna Bethancourt."

"Boy binds till it hurts—the enemy."

JUSTICE

Sea-Going Leader

April 1, 1944

WEST COAST

LOCAL 266 VOTES HALF DAY’S PAY FOR WAR AID, HOME FRONT

V-Mail

By ANNA EASTER

V-mail. Exclusively for members of the armed forces, the V-mail permits the writer to code his message in code, the code reader to decipher it, and the message to be sent back to the writer in code form. V-mail is currently used by members of the armed forces. V-mail is currently used by members of the armed forces. V-mail is currently used by members of the armed forces.

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JOIN YOUR COURSES
SPPRING PROGRAM
AT WEST CENTER

"Learning, playing, action," is not merely a slogan in our Centers, we are turning it into a reality. The discussion door in between doors of expert teachers who analyze, with our group, the importation happenings of the day. The discussion method has another value in that the students are gaining new and different ways of thinking.

In the gymnasium our members spend a healthy, joyful evening. There is instruction in basketball, badminton, playing ping pong, that causes other sports and dancing, all kinds. Also instruction in swimming and diving.

Members can gain three advantages by joining the West Manhattan Center, Tenney Hall, New York City. It meets on Thursday at 7 P.M.

WARR DEPARTMENT
FIIM ON BRIGADE
MEETING AGENDA

The Women’s Service Brigade is showing the following picture: "The Plough"
April 3, at 7 P.M., at 3710 Broadway.
Stella A. the newly-released navy "Wearl" Department Worker. According to Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of Defense, for the first time in history, the War Department has requested the Department to give a report on the military situation directly to the war workers of America. This is a top secret. A request by a report by General Staff.

This meeting will also make arrangements for the exchange of pictures, which now had previously been used by the Federal League.

Local 372
Mt. Vernon, Ill.
L. M. Vernall is proposing putting in the slogan "All For One, One For All, Or Else None." The name of the slogan has been adopted by the usual program reported in its lively weekly "Journal." "St. Phish"

Our members visited the 20 Union office and the Council. They served chicken dinner to the soldiers.

We are getting a change in the shop paper called "The Big End." February was the first year, the second year, and the third year. New members classes are in session every week now and the working group is still furnishing God's children dried bean.

We are still working on the Union.

Local 91
Thanks for Blood
Franklin Service of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service writes: "I would like to thank you and the Women’s Service Brigade for your splendid cooperation in helping us to obtain blood donors. Blanche aan

and the others of the Brigade who staffed the building and shops for us, have been very cooperative and we are sure you are aware the Red Cross Blood Donor Service in most appreciated.

Swell Job
Our thanks to Washington, with Manager A. Rose in charge, is doing a swell cooperation job by way

Morris Will Speak at '83 Forum; Umhey, Greenberg to Follow

"Pattern of Democratic Self-Organization" is the subject of three Tuesday-volunteer-talk forums arranged by the educational office of Local 91, for April 4, 11 and 18.

Morris Ward, president of the New York City Council, will tell us a great American story by New York in being governor of the state. Mr. Umhey, ULLOW executive secretary, will be discussing the meaning of a great trade union. Vice President Harry Greenberg, manager of Local 91, will tell of the interesting story of his own local union formed some 30 years ago. These forums last hour, from 7 to 8 P.M., and are taking part at Local 91's new home, 101 Paul Street, New York City.

Columbia Deals Talk "Reconversion"

Dr. Henry Carnam, the famous educator, was one of the leading members of the Educational Department panel which discussed the problems of reconversion to a peace-time economy at the ULLOW building recently.

LABOR SHOULDN’T FORESTALL HOSTILE LAWS, SAYS DR. HAYS

"Labor should now direct its attention to obtaining, through legislation, more social welfare, job security, unemployment compensation, and such like," declared Professor Paul R. Hays, in the first of two interesting lectures delivered before the New York City Labor College.

The lecture was delivered before the Labor College yesterday by the ILLOW Officers’ Institute. "Unemployment," continued Professor Hays, "is a disease prevalent not only in the United States, but it is increasing in the unions to consider minimum requirements for the defense of their country as well as for the defense of the labor movement. The unions placed above mention in their financial dealings. Now that unemployment is no longer voluntary associations, their rights must carry a different status. The departments of government, in the labor movement, are at their disposal to escape controls and supervision as part of its new legal status.

TWIN CITIES NEW MEMBERS’ COURSES

Twin Cities reports an interesting program provided for its regular members by a workshop on the Twin Cities New Members’ Course for six sessions with 29 members successfully completing the course.

Harry Seavy, an active member of the Central Labor Union, directed the first Twin Cities New Members’ Course on local labor movement in the Twin Cities last week.

The course consisted of some lecture on the structure and functions of the ILLOW, in addition to a study of a Parliamentary Law by Marvin Vasel.

The story of the ILLOW was told. In the fourth session, Harry Seavy gave an explanation of how dues were collected and for what they were spent. The next session turned toward a regular meeting to exercise its privileges under the rules of the regular organization.

Twin Cities radio station, WLCG, gives the Central Labor Union 15 minutes twice a month, to broadcast the contents of the program on April 1 with Ernie Selznick, member of the Twin Cities Union for Workers as a guest speaker.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON CURRENT BOOKS

For 35 years the Book Division of the Educational Department, has been helping the ILLOW to choose good books and to choose good books currently published. To help you in the matter of the asking. Write or visit the Book Division of the ILLOW Educational Department, 350, 4th Avenue, New York, for advice on current books, for information about selecting books, for help in making your selections.

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EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

LOCAL 91
200 purchased 1,905 copies of the Union’s "World’s Work" for distribution. The bookie has 43 illustrated definitions which are ideal for helping the new Union member to understand the nuts and bolts of the union movement. The booklet is not intended for the ship organizer who can utilize the "World’s Work" for the benefit of the Union, which is based upon this text.

Local 91 desires praise for handling the forums its services for the distribution of the good and lively pamphlets. They have distributed The "Red Neck Knife," the "Union Horse," and "The Beat the Blues." Other local please copy.

Among the many comments received in the periphery, "Labor’s Record Spoke," was that of Pvt. "Frank Roosevelt, Local 15.

I have received the booklets entitled "Labor’s Record Spoke" and I really enjoyed every page of the booklets. I have passed them along to many of my buddies and they really enjoyed reading it.

Say It in Pictures
Our 12,000 copies of "They Got the Blues!" the colored publication, received from "True Comics" exposing the trade union theory, have been distributed. A new edition with a message from prominent AFL leaders, leaders of the ILLOW, has been distributed. These things to distribute at membership meetings, new members meet, and also to be carried along into the homes of old members. They do.
OUR ECONOMIC SETUP ON TRIAL
AS RECONVERSION APPROACHES

By DR. JEROME S. BRUNER
Department of Psychology, Princeton University

[Contribution to Panel Discussion on "Conversion of War to Peace Economy," held recently at LGWU Buildings, under auspices of LGWU Educational Department.]

One thing is certain about American public opinion. The man in the street knows that there is a tremendous job to be done in converting from war-time to peace-time production. Because he knows that there are many problems that government, business, labor, and the whole society must plan to meet the problems which will arise. The public does not want to see America still in the same position as we find it now, with the popular stereotype of our daily life, no. Our planning after the war is not the same as in America. They also know that there will be a period of unemployment in the goods for overseas reconstruction. Because they know that the conditions for prosperity must be laid at first by believing a belief in the country's future, the public will not fail to realize prosperity.

In the end, one result of the American economic system is on trial. Workmen and employers are eating the first. Too often the facts are that the first recovery is one of the most important of the whole body of the people. The trend is to a new and better reaching the nation and the world. The solution of the problem, however, is a first problem of the country, a question of the public opinion.

1. Importance of the profit system versus the introduction of public ownership. The idea of public ownership is the very life of the government. The government is the public interest. On the contrary, the street corner would have public ownership if one person had all of the public interest. The idea of public ownership is the very life of the government. The government is the public interest. On the contrary, the street corner would have public ownership if one person had all of the public interest.

2. Social and economic planning. Mentioned above that the American public is the first to be interested in the social and economic planning. They want more than that. The country wants a social security system serving the needs of a large group. They want better community serv- ices. They want public ownership of the transportation. The country wants a new system of providing its needs. And they want to be served by the state and not by the private ownership.

3. Elimination of goods and services to be supplied.
The members of Local 10 returned the present administration to office with an overwhelming vote of confidence at the election on March 30. The community opposition was completely snowed under by an avalanche of votes supporting those who have successfully managed the affairs of the local during the past five years.

Two of the members spoke their wishes in no uncertain terms. The result left no room for doubt as to their sentiments. A few figures will show the decisiveness of the administration's victory.

President Harry Slapton defeated the communist-supported candidate, Charles Steln, by a vote of 4,209 to 818. In other words the administration had been defeated of 88 per cent of the votes cast as against only 12 per cent for his opponent.

Assistant Manager Louis Stulberg defeated the communist-supported candidate, Charles Berneroff by an even greater margin. Stulberg received 4,033 votes, or 85 per cent of the total, as against 656, or 15 per cent for his opponent.

No comparison can be made with regard to the offices of manager and secretary to the executive board because these were not contested.

The vote for officers of the Miscellane-ous Union was as decisive as the vote for the executive board. Joe Palmisano was re-elected general business agent by a vote of 385 votes or 88 per cent of the total cast by the members of the union. His companion, supported opponent, Murray Schreiber, received only 126.

A Clean Sweep

The communists failed to elect a single candidate in the election for 14 members, 178 votes against 7 delegates on the executive board and 11 delegates to the national convention of the ILGWU scheduled to be held in New York.

Significantly, the vote registered that the overwhelming majority of the membership is influenced by the local. Their candidate for president received 13 per cent of the total votes cast, whereas it was concluded as against 26 per cent obtained in the last annual convention in 1942 and 20 per cent in 1939.

The keen interest of the workers in the election is reflected in the high proportion of those who participated. A total of 3,377 voted or 81 per cent of those on the roll cast their votes. This was 83 per cent of the membership exclusive of those in the armed forces. In 1942 the percentage was 78 per cent. This year it was 75 per cent.

The election was conducted in full conformity with democratic procedure. The members were satisfied that the right to have watchers during the casting of the ballots. When the counting was completed the ballots were opened in the presence of all the candidates. Three republicans.

They Forgot This Photograph

Record of the Local 10

The Annual Meeting of the Unitec Health Center held last month was a splendid demonstration of the interest and esteem with which this institution is regarded by the leadership and by the rank and file of our International. The fine attendance included President Dubinsky, Secretary-Treasurer of the ILGWU, the president and the managers of most of the local unions in New York; officers in charge of the benefit funds; directors of the Educational, Research and Publication Department, and others.

President Dubinsky began his address by saying, "I am sure that all of you were as much impressed with the reports rendered by Dr. Leo Pajeh, director of the Union Health Center, and by Pauline Newman, as I was." He discussed plans by which the present services of the Institute will be increased and improved. He pointed to the trends within the International in all parts of the country toward establishing health services for the great majority of members and making it an integral part of union activity.

Dr. Price's report was as President Dubinsky said "impressive." He presented a vivid picture of what the research, health services mean to the men and women in our industry, the importance of preventing illness before it gets to the serious stage. "Our program," said Dr. Price, "also benefited the community in several ways. We did the community a service in combating infectious and contagious diseases through our 30-year-old tuberculosis program and our well staffed mental hygiene Clinic.

The writer spoke of the importance of health education as a prerequisite to health consciousness: "I am happy," I said, "to note that the question of health preservation is no longer a side issue among our members, but one that has become fixed and foreordained, on the agenda of our local everywhere. Our 20 years' effort has definitely taken root." Dr. Price concluded his remarks by congratulating the chairman Briskin, national guar- dian of the Union Health Center, on the meeting by pointing to the growth and influence of the Center.

25 Years of Service

To many of our members the name of Rose Kassell is well known. She came to the Union Health Center as a young girl and grew up with the institution. On February 14 of this year Rose completed 25 years of loyal and devoted service to this institution. Rose has never been a bookkeeper, more than just an employee; she has earned the confidence, respect and affection of all of us who have worked with her throughout these long years. Rose reluctantly decided to retire so that she could give proper attention to her young daughter and husband.

Health Center Gives Its Record

The health center has accomplished much in the way of positive achievement. Whether prevention or rehabilitation, the health center has been able to achieve its goals. The health center has expanded its services over the years to include physical therapy, dental care, and mental health services. Through the years, the health center has helped thousands of workers and their families in need. The center has also provided educational programs to help workers improve their health and well-being.

The health center's success is due to the dedication and hard work of its staff and volunteers. The staff includes medical professionals, social workers, and administrative personnel. The volunteers are also an integral part of the health center's success. They provide support and assistance to the center's clients.

The health center is committed to providing quality health care services to all workers and their families. The center is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of its clients through education, outreach, and direct care. The health center is proud of its history of service and looks forward to continuing its mission in the future.
The ALP as a liberal-labor factor in New York politics, nevertheless, poses a problem of first-rate magnitude to its original builders and activities. The new Labor Committee, they have vocally committed to the principles and ideals which Roosevelt and the New Deal symbolize in public life.

Their duty is clear: They must rally the hundreds of thousands of voters in New York who voted for the ALP in the past but who voted for the Communist, to the banner of President Roosevelt.

The formation, on the same day it was announced that the ALP has become a Communist chaff, of a new labor committee to "formulate plans for future political activity," adds weight to the belief that the fires of combat are still burning brightly in the hearts of thousands upon thousands of liberal and progressive New Yorkers. What form this activity will take — it is still too early to predict — it will afford this host of activists a broad opportunity, unimpaired and unhindered by Communist infiltration and treachery, to continue the good fight for true, militant liberalism in America.

The ALP's new leadership and its recent victories in the workers' movement, while they do not nullify all the efforts of the past, do not guarantee success in future activities. The ALP, however, has demonstrated its ability to adapt itself to changing circumstances, and it is likely that it will continue to play a significant role in the development of the labor movement in New York and elsewhere.

The essential feature of the dress agreement, however, is the establishment of a health fund for the 85,000 dressmakers in the metropolitan New York market. Beginning May 1, 1944, every manufacturer and jobber will pay to the Dress Joint Board a sum equal to three and a half per cent of the weekly wages of all the workers employed in his trade and contracting shops. The money will go into a fund to provide vacation payments to union members as well as a number of services and sick benefits. The Health Fund, it is stipulated, will be administered by the union.

The granting of the vacation and health fund to the New York dressmakers rounds out the country-wide effort undertaken by the International Union some ten years ago to introduce this welfare feature in our industry, making it a contractual obligation to be borne by the employers. In the New York cloth industry last year, in place of a vacation fund, an old-age pension fund was instituted to meet the special needs of the cloth workers. Other cloth markets in the country followed suit. In a dress and in the miscellaneous trades, however, the vacation-welfare benefits guaranteed by health-care provisions has been favored.

The addition of the 85,000 dressmakers to the 160,000 other ALGWU members who are benefiting from the various welfare provisions embodied in labor contracts, comes close to bringing the entire membership of the union under these health and vacation guarantees. It will truly be denied that the intrinsic value of these benefits is even greater than their dollar-a-cents value.

The Lag Must Be Rectified: The War Labor Board has finally agreed to hold hearings on the lag between wages and prices. This disparity between wages and prices must be rectified if they bear some relationship to each other. Let us not forget, as OPA Chief Bowles recently has testified, that not until 11 months ago were prices effectively frozen. That means that for the first eleven months that labor was under the "Little Steel" wage ceilings, prices kept going up.

The way to keep wages stable is to get them in step with prices once more, then link the two to each other. Otherwise the pressure to break the union-wage ceiling will eventually endanger the whole WLB. The WLB's pretended lack of power is unconvincing. Whenever any government, bureau, labor power to do the justice, it lacks power to do the job in a democracy.