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Justice was the official publication of the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union ILGWU from 1919 to 1995. Editions of Justice were published in English, Italian, Spanish, and Yiddish. When compared side by side, the content of some of these different editions of Justice shows significant differences. This is the English-language edition of Justice.
GEB Resolution Urges
Higher Pay Minimums
In U. S. Wage-Hr. Law

Despite general increases in earnings, due chiefly
to wartime factors, it is an incontestable fact that we
still have in the national industrial set-up millions of
wage-earners whose basic pay is limited to the rates
fixed by the Fair Labor Standards Act and whose
purchasing power is correspondingly low.

When the war is over, it may generally
be expected that the “take home” pay of
labor, even in the higher-wage brackets,
will shrink as overtime and special incen-
tive earnings disappear. The impact of the
transition period on the low-paid workers,
most of whom are not protected by trade
union affiliation, is bound to be even more
severe. This clearly presents a serious threat
to the entire post-war economy as it is ap-
parent that adequate mass purchasing
power will be essential in the post-war
period in order to maintain full employment
and a sound economy.

That the present minimum of 40 cents an
hour under the Wage and Hour Law does not afford such
safeguards is quite evident. The action of the War
Labor Board in raising the wage rates for these un-
derpaid workers to 55 cents an hour is an admis-
sion of a surely felt need, which the labor move-
ment has repeatedly emphasized. It is our firm conviction,
nevertheless, that this wage raise by the WLB, which
is effective for the duration only, is insufficient to
furnish the barest necessities of a livelihood for the
masses of our people, or to sustain mass purchasing
power in peacetime.

We therefore recommend that the Fair
Labor Standards Act be amended to raise
the minimum per hour rate to 70 cents at
once, with a stipulated increase of the min-
um to $1 per hour within a prescribed
period. Industry committees functioning
under the Act, moreover, should be given
the right to advance the minimum during
the period at their discretion, at intervals
desirable within their judgment. We urge
the American Federation of Labor to spon-
sor and to exert its full influence for the
amendment of the Fair Labor Standards
Act to that effect.

W.Va. Reliance Goes ILG
By 2 to 1 After 10 Years

The huge Sterling-Reliance plant in Huntington, W. Va.,
has finally been organized after a campaign lasting nearly
a decade. Word of the smashing victory scored by the
Maryland-Virginia District in a National Labor Relations
Board election was received as “Justice went to press.”

In a three-way contest held on April 27, the ILOWE
rolled up 285 votes against 81 cast for the United Construc-
tion Workers’ Union which had entered the contest a few
weeks before the election. The challenged votes numbered
16, while 128 workers voted for neither union; no votes
were void. The ILOWE then received one vote more than
the other three tallies combined.

The Sterling-Reliance campaign was directed by Vice
Pres. Charles Kreidler and was supervised by District
Manager Angelo Righia. Indications of the possibility
of victory first became apparent when ILGWU Organizer
Erwin Leff arrived in Huntington several weeks ago and
with the aid of AFL Organizer Joseph F. Leeds and a
committee of 40 workers in the plant, began the final
campaign which has now resulted in an outstanding ILGWU
triumph despite powerful opposition.

The “Mighty 7th” War Loan Is On—Buy Bonds
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The meeting was adjourned.

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The order was the result of a strike that occurred in the industry, when the workers went on strike to protest against the low wages and difficult working conditions.

The strike lasted for three days, during which time the workers were offered higher wages and better working conditions, but the workers refused to return to work until their demands were met.

The strike was a major victory for the workers, who were able to improve their working conditions and wages.

**Support for Italy Asked**

We express deep regret that Italy was not invited to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco. We had hoped that such participation would give the representative assembly of peace-loving nations committed to the maintenance of peace and security the strength necessary to reach the goals of that conference.

We further express the hope that the San Francisco Conference will be a step toward the achievement of the objects we have set before us and that it will lay the groundwork for the admission of Italy to future conferences with all freedom-loving nations.

Simultaneously, we hold that the territorial integrity of Italy will be preserved in the peace conference to come, even though Italy may have to be in some way restored to the community of free nations.

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Members Day Wage Donations Given to Major Causes

Red Cross $300,000...USO, Russia, Italy $75,000 Each

$1,000,000 Allocated

A high moment at the IGFW meet

was reached on Thursday af

renounced collections of the ILGWU

which came in an end last month.

As an expression of recognition of

the efforts of all the New York local

managers and members of the joint

boards in raising the big relief

fund, President Doherty invited

the present and past presidents

to present the check at the an-

nounced anniversary of the

IGFW.

The total raised, President

Doherty declared, has reached

$1,000,000, the largest amount

ever achieved by any organiza-

tion. It is a record the IGFW is

justly proud of.

We are now asking you to do your

part in this nation-wide collection

for Relief. We need your help.

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more than any other organization

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At the Warsaw Ghetto Exhibit

German Workers Share
Guilt in Nazi Massacres

The second anniversary of the heroic uprising of the Jews of Warsaw against the Nazis was commemorated on April 19 with the opening of a pictorial exhibition at the Vanderbilt Baltin, 215 West 57th St. Presented by the Jewish Labor Committee, the opening was attended by many political and labor dignitaries. Among those present were: Governor Frank O. Ackerman, who is a treasurers of the Jewish Labor Committee and a speaker at the opening. His address on the occasion was as fol-

5,000,000 Martyrs

"The Nazi barbarians have de-

strated—within 300 days—5,000,000

murdered and defrocked persons,

and in old men and young girls in their

term, the blind, the helpless—had been

killed, we could not imagine that even the soldiers were cap-

able of fighting our enemies. Today we know only too well.

That the winning of the war will mean that the martyred people in

the ghettos and in the concentration camp

will live again, that the nations will

move forward, is not a matter for our

generation, it is a matter for the future,

and it is a matter for the coming genera-

tions, to which we must pass the baton.

While we fight, they will fight,

while we build, they will build.

Victory is ours!

The exhibition will remain until

May 19. It is open to the public

seven days a week from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.

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Wounded Vets Enjoy Gifts of Local 155; Vacation Plans Due

When a committee from Local

155, Knowledge Workers, recently

visited the France, a wounded

veteran, at the Veterans Hospital,

along with their sweaters for all

services. The committee was comprised of several leaders, signed by all

men in Ward C, stated: "We want to thank you for the sweaters you

have given us. It is wonderful comfort on your part and greatly appre-

ciated by all of us.

Vacation Report

A report on vacation payments and

tourist exchanges for the entire membership will be made by the

Travel Department of the union. Workers in the New York City

trip will meet on May 15 in the

intersection at 42nd Street and

Pennsylvania Avenue. The Brooklyn

group will meet on May 17, at the

Union Club, 103 West 57th St., with

Lucy Whitty Arey.

DeLuca Honored

Don DeLuca, a member of the

Caldwell, New Jersey, branch of

the American Legion, was honored for

his loyalty and devotion to the

interests of the union.

Sweep prizes presented to the

armed forces urgently need it. Save

years. Keep it clean.

Huge Rally Adopts

Important Goals in New Local 32 Pact

A record-breaking number of Lo-

cal 32 members turned out at the rally held on April 13 to hear Manager Abraham Livengood speak. The rally was the cul-

minating point of the unification of the union's new agreement with the con-

crete and bricklayers Industry. Meet-

ing at Local 32 headquarters, the members of Local 32 voted to re-

sign their old contracts and sign a new one, which brings many new gains in such areas as wages, hours, fringe benefits and ban-

ners. The new agreement is said to have been ratified without a vote.

Among the various advantages in the new agreement is the provision that all members of Local 32 who have been in the

trade for 30 years or more shall receive a $500.00 bonus. A bonus of $25.00 will be paid to all members of Local 32 who have

been in the trade for 20 years or more. A bonus of $10.00 will be paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for

10 years or more. A bonus of $5.00 will be paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 5 years or more.

A bonus of $2.50 will be paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 2 years or more. A bonus of $1.00 will be

paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 1 year or more.

A bonus of $0.50 will be paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 6 months or more. A bonus of $0.25 will be

paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 3 months or more. A bonus of $0.10 will be paid to all members of

Local 32 who have been in the trade for 1 month or more.

A bonus of $0.05 will be paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 1 week or more. A bonus of $0.02 will be

paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 1 day or more.

A bonus of $0.01 will be paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 1 hour or more. A bonus of $0.001 will be

paid to all members of Local 32 who have been in the trade for 1 minute or more.

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Paving the Way to Peace—with Bonds

Hyman Guller, chairman of the David Eilen show, shows Business Agent Fennie Jokel, left, bottom, $10,000 worth of Seventh War Loan bonds pledged by businessmen as letter of bank.

Jr. Bd. Speeding Action for Vacation Payments in June

A special staff of 15 clerks has been set to work to prepare vacation checks for 60,000 New York employees in time to begin disbursement on June 1, announced by Nathan M. Minkoff, secretary-treasurer of the New York Joint Board.

Those clerks make out the checks on the basis of the vacation allotments now coming in from the shops.

According to the rules of the Boston Plant operating under the collective agreement now in force in the metropolitan dress industry, all dress workers except cutters, seamstresses, and others, are entitled to receive a sum of money covering one week's vacation every June. This sum varies according to years of service and ranges from $22 for plotters to $60 for pressers. In addition to these payments, the union provides a vacation fund from which money can be drawn for medical expenses, including hospitalization. All of these benefits are covered by employees in proportion to their payrolls.

Vacation payments will be allotted for the first time June, the Joint Board's vacation payment program. The members of the Joint Board, who agree to plant and operate the plant, will receive checks in the amounts and address of all union workers, except cutters, their crafts, and their employers, not during their vacations. To date, over 1,500 chairmen have already sent in the registration forms for their shops, Minkoff stated.

Census Care Urged

By the way, Minkoff said, those who should be good about this, are those who have been good about it, but in some cases there have been mistakes and omissions which require a great deal of time and trouble on the part of the office staff to correct and discover. Shop chairmen have therefore been urged to take special pains in filling out the registration forms so as to avoid any delay in the distribution of checks to the workers of their shops. Shop chairmen are to draw on these forms the names and addresses of all union workers, except cutters, their crafts, and their employers, not during vacations. To date, over 1,500 chairmen have already sent in the registration forms for their shops, Minkoff stated.

Nina Workers Give Chairman War Bond

When Max Ratner, shop chairman of the Nina Dress Co., 1001 Ave., became a grandfather last month, the 30 workers in the shop presented him with a war bond. The workers then staged a holiday for the shop who, in the presence of Jack Chasen, assistant manager, of the Waldorf-Astoria, and Business Agent Sol Liposc, they and their employers, Matlue Apresian, pledged to purchase $1,000 worth of bonds in the Seventh War Loan drive.

Pledge of Dressmakers To Pres. Harry Truman

Piling up is the test of the telegram sent to President Harry S. Truman by the 2,000 New York dress shop chairmen at their meeting April 17.

The shop chairmen of the New York dress industry, representing 5,000 workers organized in the New York Joint Board of the International Garment Workers Union, met at a meeting in New York, April 17. It gave millions throughout the world in the meeting of the most important event held by the Dress Board, was peremptorily by a direct line of sight over the vast area of President Roosevelt and an overwhelming spirit of renewed dedication to the task of completing the work left unfinished.

The meeting opened with a eulogy of the late President delivered by General Manager Jonathan Hochberg. The moment of silence in memory of the President, whose efforts had identified him closely with the ideals of the American nation, was broken only by the quiet singing of men's voices in the audience.

But then, when the order guard had marched to the drum beat of the band, the 2,000 chairmen turned their attention to the tasks that still remain to be done.

Relief Record

Calling President Dobinsky to the front of the stage, Solomon L. Seeley, who has been a national leader in the ILCGU 1945 War Relief Fund, in his presentation to President Dobinsky, the National Chairman, emphasized the fact that it was the largest donation of its kind ever received.

"I hold in my hand a symbol of American spirit—"$5.000,000,000" which cannot be measured by money or other material standards.

Let's All Support "THE MIGHTY 7TH" War Loan Drive

Buy Bonds—Big

$500,000 Click for Relief—and History

NOW OPEN
Union Health Center Annex
146 WEST 25TH ST.
(look for the green doors)

Dr. Dept., Optician Dept., Hay Fever Dept.
Report first to main Union Health Center, 275 7th Ave.

General Manager, Julius Hochberg turns check for $500,000 over to President Dobinsky. The check (shown below) is New York dressmakers' contribution to the ILCGU 1945 War Relief Fund.
From the words spoken by Marshal Tito a few days ago in Moscow, it is clear why so many powers want to see Tito and Irania from Italy.

The day after our discussions last week with Secretary of State, the day after the very important visit to Washington, we made it definitely understood that we are not going to sit down with any other group whatsoever. We were referring to the utilization of the two countries' banchonches. The previous day the Senate had met under the arm of the美德 to our own communism, the interests of these people, to the civilization of this country under the war.

Good Case
This is a golden opportunity, for Foreign Minister Gomolov to speak in Moscow, to outline the vast responsibilities which the peace of the world carries for the United States on the world stage.

But we know the Communists will do nothing of the sort. Therefore, we Italian-Americans must rely on our own powers. We must rely upon our love and charity friends. We must rely upon and have faith in America.

Roosevelt Eulogy Heard
By 2000 Shop Chairmen

Excerpts from the eulogy of President Roosevelt delivered by Vice President John H揄r with at the meeting of the 2000 New York Shop chairmen at Manhattan at the 1947 Convention.

"So vital was President Roosevelt the man, so dynamic his leadership, so completely was he identified with the America he had led through 12 of the most critical years of our history that we cannot imagine that one single day could go by him in his place. In the world, we can only pay our homage to the man who, more than any other in our time, himself initiated and gave living expression to the idealistic goals of American democracy.

Historic Heights
"His achievements in social justice and economic security are already history. He won a war nearly defeated by the enemies of the people in his time. We more than ever today believe in the New Deal and his leadership because of his poten- tial leadership, he transformed the face of America, doing work of decades of reform in the space of a few years. He made the American people feel the imagination of the nation and of the world. Before the end of the century, we had already had to come to millions of the people of the world. The second term was over and Roosevelt showed his sur- passing leadership in another form that of international relations. Quick to discern and take things to come, quick to sense the full extent of each situation, P. W. Watson, F. Saffer, Medioli, Society, and Councilman Sam Di Falco.

Urge Rights for Free Italy

Part of the delegation of the Joint Committee on Italian Affairs which recently called on Secretary of State Cordell Hull to ask that Italy should be given a full democratic role in the building of an international peace structure. Left to right: Senator Victor E. LeBlanc, New Jersey's Italian-American Democratic and New Jersey's Italian-American Republican Senator of Italy; Giovanni Pano, Cilurso, Citizen Committee, Senator Charles Faucher, Evanston, Illinois.

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**Unionize New Shops**

EOT Organizers Sign Up 2 More

Two new shops whose owners have joined their organization are announced by the EOT office.

The third is the Toner's Photo Shop, Mount Vernon, N. Y., which has joined the Local Photographic Industry.

Capt. Kenneth's letter to EOT members:

"Climbing is vital to the soldier's health. This active and athletic sport is not only excellent for your physical health, but assists in building the strength which is necessary for your work and the demands of service."

**WLB Okay Goes to Prosperity Clock**

Back pay of $500 is being paid to workers at the Prosperity Clock shop, Mount Vernon, N. Y. According to the agreement reached, the shop is to be operated by a committee consisting of the owners and a representative from the EOT. The shop was closed due to a strike.

**Miami Local Plans to Expand Despite Shop Fabric Planch**

Confidence is expressed in the Miami Local plans to expand despite the recent strike.

**Newark Red Cross Gets $3,000**

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By MIHAIM YANE

Quaid Effurher with some view: "in the function of the little Naole to die, but not in bed, or with a pistol to the head."

Na Na has taken himself for a naval officer or commits suicide, to do so is impossible.

fairest of suicides. He must not: be banish to a naval heaven or hell, because it's just like being ancient.

Hart-Kari for the Jews may be hardened, put them in the sunshine and glory, but a naval never takes a powder when the battle goes from head to bound. He may have been born free, but Hitler says he dies only by decree.

In the Army and Navy do and think, special interest is attached to the expression: "What's Your Problem?" and "Mail Call," two standard "Kraft" features in which servicemen air all their questions and their numerous gripes.

Americans will find anger, ingratitude, determination, humor, pain, death and life in these pages. They will find simple statements of fact from which they can take heart. In these reports, persons, portraits, photographs and cartoons, one can get an essential idea of the little, but fine, Barrett McGwire group. Most American soldiers after all are just civilians in uniform, who carry over to the battlefields of their peace-time habits and points of view. The result is a strange mixture of the grim and the unconsciously comic.

The American serviceman has learned the value of teamwork. He hasn't forgotten how to laugh. His patriotic pride is the gibe. Bringing barracks habits with him into civilian life, he can help form an army of the most cunning and expert of his comrades fell at his side. And he will be a man of a stronger type to those at home who read this important book.

President's wife. Her voice must not be heard in national affairs. Set against the background of this tradition, Eleanor Roosevelt is seen in her true stature. As First Lady for more than 12 years, she has succeeded, without ever profounding violence to this national institution, in weakening it enough to make herself an independent force in the nation's politics. And nearly once could she be accused of having run around the President or of reproaching him politically.

This is no small achievement. With all the speeches she made, the columns she wrote, the pictures she sold and the press conferences she held, the slightest indication of a mark could have involved the President in serious political difficulties. Her opportunities to commit error were endless. Her fact been her, her husband, in full public gaze, might have had to choose between loyalty to his wife and the political necessity of repudiating her. Only a woman, with complete command of tongue and pen could have run from this danger without resulting in complete an

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ILG Bids Sen. Donnell Name Arbitrator for Weil-Kalter

U. S. Senator Forrest C. Donnell, former governor of Missouri, has been asked by the ILGWU to name an arbitrator in the dispute that has arisen between the union and the Weil-Kalter Milling Company.

The company and the union have agreed to submit the dispute to three-man arbitration tribunal. The union is to have three votes, the company two.

The present agreement provides for Sen. Donnell to designate an arbitrator to case the union and the firm are unable to agree on the selection of such a person. The firm has rejected all persons proposed by the union.

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Hazleton District's Parley Shows Organizing Strides

Approval of a 10 per cent increase for the 150 workers at the M. Janowich and Soos shop in Hazleton, Pa., has been recommended by District Manager Harry Schindler reports. The offer is retroactive to Jan. 29, 1945.

The meeting of the Hazleton Di-

rectional Board last week was attended by the company's Vice President, Richard W. Haskin, who arrived in the city for the purpose of discussing the latest developments of the strike situation.

The highlight of the meeting was the ILG Asks Agencies To Aid in Settling Scranton Lock-Out

The Co-Ordination Department has asked the U.S. Cerebral Stand and the regional agencies to aid in settling the dispute which caused more than 100 employees of the United Manufacturers' Board, Scranton, to go on strike last week.

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ILGWU Ratifies Wage Agreement

The ILGWU has ratified a wage agreement with the Manufacturers Group, effective February 1, 1945.

The agreement provides for a $1 increase in the minimum wage to $1.00 per hour, and a $2 increase in the minimum wage for the workers in the tailoring industry.

The agreement also provides for additional benefits to the workers, such as health and vacation.

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Union Party Draws Johnstown Workers

More than 500 garment workers of the ILGWU Labor Board in Johnstown, Pa., have endorsed the ILGWU party for the April 20 election at the Hotel Senator in that city.

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A Union Grows In Brooklyn

Local 35 Urges Support For Clothing Campaign

Strong support of the United National Clothing Collection has been pledged by Local 35. Cook Supervisors, 117, the largest and most influential unit of the union, is addressed to all members by Managers Harry Ernst, Assistant Manager, and Chairman Max Cooperman.

"Our union joins the entire nation in appealing to you to con- tribute useful clothing NOW for children in the war-devastated countries.

"How about you? You will be surprised at the number of articles you seldom wear—but they will help to keep warm your forgotten sights, shoes and brothers in other lands.

"Help them to start, living again! Bring your contribution to your political club, neighborhood club, school, church, factories, police stations—or the nearest office at 90 West 42nd St.

"What can you spare that they can wear?"

Local 35 Celebrates Annual Memorial

Memorial services for President Roosevelt were held at the annual memorial meeting of Local 3, Cloak Finishing, held on April 19 at the Hotel Commodore. In describing the leadership President Roosevelt gave to the nation and the world, Manager Louis Hyman, told the members that the "greatest tribute we can pay to his spirit is to press forward for the achievement of the ideals which he championed during his life."

A resolution pleading full support have been forwarded to President Harry S. Truman, urging him to declare Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birthday a legal holiday.

Roosevelt Mourned

Local 35 Declares FDR 'Best Friend'

Members of the executive board of Local 35, Cloak Producers, present in reverent silence in memory of President Roosevelt at their meeting in April, as Manager Jacob Biskoff delivered a heartfelt eulogy of "the best friend of mankind ever had."

At the presence of local officials and business agents, Manager Biskoff recited the names, honored by organized labor, of those to whom Roosevelt's tenure at eulogy various legislative machinations must have become "part of the American tradition."

Max Cooperman, chairman of Local 3, led other officials in paying a series of tributes to the late President. The executive board as per the announcement of the special study of M-388 and its amendment.

A decision that no work permit for the tailors' local and all requests for permission to work overtime are to be carefully examined.

An announcement that Local 3 would start its part of the Seventh War Loan drive by purchasing $15,000 worth of bonds.

Operators Tighten Rules on Overtime

Sharp restrictions on Saturday and overtime work, including the banning of sick work in shops, which have idle machines, were issued by the membership of Local 117, Cloak Operators, at a meeting held on April 18. As a result, it is announced that the local will not permit for Saturday work and that all applications for permission to work overtime will be subjected to careful examination.

Manager Benjamin Kaplan called upon the members to lend their full cooperation in the Seventh War Loan drive and address the supported union to the United National Clothing Collection.

Protocol that the members included the appointment of a committee to improve the functioning of the sick committee and to immediately merge the recommendation of the executive board, an appeal to the membership of Local 117 to Liberal Party district clubs, and that a resolution of a statement over the death of the President.

Cloaks will now live. Gift giving for orphans was raised. United National Clothing Collection.

CLOAK MAKERS

"Trade Restraint" Hearings

Consumer Tag Unfurled, Recovery Board Declares

Allegation that the National Coat and Suit Industry Recovery Board utilized pressure, including work stoppages by the I.L.G.W.U. for its purpose was nullified by the Consumers' protection label were denominated by F. Nathan Wolf, its executive secretary, last week at proceedings being held by the Pe- riodical Eye of a "price fixing and monopolistic" campaign by the Recovery Board. The I.L.G.W.U. and 14 industry groups in a collective effort in restraint of trade.

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SKIRTMAKERS PLAN STREAMLINED DUES

The new plan, recommended by the executive board of Local 31, Skirtmakers, whereby operators will pay dues of 6 cents a week and finishers 5 cents, thus eliminating separate payments for sick fund, organization work, local dues, assessments and international institu- tional work, was adopted by the members of the local at its regular meeting.

The new plan is to become effective on July 1, 1942. All separate payments, with the exception of the $1 yearly fee for death benefit, will then be merged. The result will be a considerable saving in the total annual amount paid by members.

The membership likewise approved an amendment to the Health Fund rules increasing the $1 a year hospitalization benefit from $21 to $115. A special study committee also announced that starting June 4, vacation allotments will be paid out.

35th Jubilee NEW YORK CLOAK JOINT BOARD Sept. 4, 1945 Madison Square Garden

Production Line Meets Battle Line

Workers at the H.P. Shapiro shop sign "War Worker's Pledge" to stay on the job until final victory in the presence of three-decade of members who are described as the 'engineers' who describe the role played by materials on the battle front. For the past 40 years, the Shapiro workers have been producing field equipment for the armed forces.

"JUSTICE" PUZZLE ANSWER

(Please on page 16)
DUAL UNIONISM AND THE WAR

The following article is a digest of a lecture recently delivered by David J. Sapos before the ILGWU Officers’ Initiative at the 1935 session. Mr. Sapos, an acknowledged authority on American labor history, is chief economic adviser in the Office of Labor Production of the WPB.

No one can exist on dual or rival unionism. Nevertheless it is true that the competition between the AFL and the CIO has affected the life of American labor since 1935 and has now harmed labor in many instances. The competition must be severely attacked and corrected immediately.

Workers Unite—Mind and Body

The tremendous growth in war production which has occurred during the last three or four years is proof that dual unionism has not contributed to the well-being of American industry. The competition has been completely neutralized for war production purposes.

400% Growth

The figures on production and employment tell a striking story. Manufacturing was virtually stagnant in January 1942, and employment averaged 1,250,000. By December 1944, employment had increased to 5,000,000. In a year, production increased by 400%.

Workers Union-Minded

The additional salary made reveals how truly the American worker union-minded. He contributes to his union and supports organized labor. According to an independent survey which was conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the request of the National War Labor Board, union membership has increased by 750,000. This is an increase of 3.5 million, or about one half of 1 per cent, according to the 1930 census. The 750,000 increase in union membership of about 750,000. Only 355 of these 750,000, or about one half of 1 per cent, re- signed during the escape period.

New Distributors

The new distributors are individuals or organizations that have been successful in organizing the mass of workers and in winning their support.

"Labor in America" on the Air

Hailed by educators and labor leaders as the finest work of its kind, "Labor in America" is being used by many schools and union centers. The program has been a great help to the WPB and the NWLB.

The ninth annual report of the National Labor Relations Board to Congress showed that "unorganized workers are continuing to vote for unions at a record-breaking rate." According to Harry A. Mills, chairman of the NLRB, the number of companies whose workers voted in the NLRB election was over three million. Only 12 per cent of the ballots cast were not valid—far greater than participation than is common in political elections. Most significant of all, despite widespread attacks upon labor and fierce opposition from many employers, union won victories in 845 of the 900 elections. In the past year, 1934-1945, workers voted in the NLRB elections—an average of 3,600 every day. Only 12 per cent of the ballots cast involved conflicts within the AFL and the CIO.

ILGWU 11th CONCERT CLIMAX OF SEASON

Before a gala audience of union members, officers and friends, the ILGWU Central Division staged its 11th annual concert on April 7 with a program enlisting the help of many famous personalities of the time of the ILGWU Chorus and Orchestra.

The program, arranged by Louis Helfand, director of the Cultural Department, was presented in the 1st Auditorium.

Among the guest soloists were Betty Barnes, burlesque, who has been heard in broadcasts with the NBC Orchestra under the direction of Arturo Toscanini; Elvira Heil, soprano of the Chicago Opera and Robert Klein, who has been violinist with many of the nation’s outstanding orchestras.

The ILGWU Chorus was conducted by the noted young Negro musician, Dean Dixon, in a program that included selections from "Over the Rainbow," "Folks songs," and "Popular ballads.

Under the direction of its leg- endary director, William Willcox, the NWLB Chorus, directed by Fred Stull, revealed the wide range of color music of the chorus to the delight of the audience, as the mainstay, Carlito de Palipito, concertmaster, engendered appreciative applause with a nice performance.
Huge Coffee Outpouring Stills Any U. S. Snoring

More coffee than ever before has reached the American consumer by both the armed forces and civilians. So says a spokesman of the United States Army Canteen Coffee Bureau, an agency which operates a chain of 2,000 canteen-coffee-producing countries located in the United States.

According to OPA figures, civilians and the armed forces together consumed over 2,000,000 more bags of coffee in the six months ending March 31, 1945, than the previous high of consumption occurred in the 1939-41 period.

In our social environment, social changes have been exceedingly slow; nevertheless, some progresses can be traced in almost all forms of human culture and existence.

It is not human nature that needs to be changed so that man may live in peace. It is the lack of approval on society's patterns of behavior that needs to be altered.

The Dumbarton Oaks proposal to the U.N. is a logical first step in altering the techniques of living. But any attempt to form a world organization to abolish war will be strongly resisted, as long as human nature has not been altered; and the change will have to be of a nature that will need to be improved. But, eventually, these people and their social inheritance of mankind.

Fruit Grows Easy In Victory Plots

Victory gardeners should grow fruits as well as vegetables, says Sherman H. Poole, a member of the staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. According to him, everyone should plant a few fruit trees for the future.

Strawberries are among the easiest fruits to grow, and easy to handle. He advises that plants be set out as soon as the danger of frost is past. In the northern states that produce perennials the time is between May 10 and June 1.

Government publications are available at local post offices.

DOCTORS URGE CARE ON PENICILLIN USE

Penicillin, the wonder-drug which has saved the lives of millions of men in the great public under commercial exchanges, has been found to be a valuable new drug in the treatment of certain infections. Medical authorities are warning against the indiscriminate use of the drug, which has been shown to be beneficial in the treatment of certain infections.

Fake Battery Peps May Damage Autos

Motorists are being warned against the use of imitation or仿制品 "battery accelerators" which are on sale in various parts of the country. These products, which are not approved by the United States Bureau of Standards, are hazardous to the health and safety of the user.

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The new agreement recently concluded by the union and the employers in the copper and brass industry will greatly benefit the workers in that field. The cutters will be the beneficiaries of a vacation, health, and welfare fund to be financed by the cutters' contribution in addition to that of the employers.

ATTENTION

Members
LOCAL 16

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 28
Right After Work
MANHATTAN
34th St. & 8th Ave.

Scene showing the Optical Department which, together with the Drug and Hay Fever Departments, is now located at the newly opened Union Health Center Annex, 146 West 25th St.

ACTING to relieve the pressure at its main quarters, the Union Health Center has opened an annex at 146 West 25th St. The following departments have been transferred to the annex:

The Drug Department
The Optical Department
The Yeoman Department

New patients will follow the customary procedure of coming first to the main Health Center on the 25th floor at 237 Seventh Ave. Then they will be referred to the annex if necessary.

Look for the Green Door

SOLDIERS Mourn FDR

A letter from Sgt. Marvin Blaco, of the 7th Infantry, who was formerly associated with Local 16 when the passing of the President which was felt by millions in our country and throughout the world.

Soldiers mourn FDR.

Still Ununsatisfactory

The unfairness of the situation is further underscored by the fact that the items of apparel which workers are entitled to purchase on a 40 per cent basis in the store where they are employed are not available in the store where they are employed. It is of course, difficult to maintain an equal store in the store where they are employed.

The newly issued MAP is designed to roll back the average retail price of the commodities purchased by the workers to that which prevailed in the summer of 1941. This will enable the one worker to purchase the same quantity of goods as he did before the war. Workers employed in smaller stores, are of course, directly concerned in this matter, for there are stores which may be discriminated against in the distribution of available supplies.

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M-388 Puts Waterproofer Out in Rain

The new M-388 and the tests of a Maximum Pressure Regulation MAP, by the OPA are now the subject of heated discussion in several states.

The new version of M-388 contains a tube with a manufacturer may produce women’s and men’s footwear and suits up to the specified price points to the extent of 35 per cent of his production in 1943 instead of only 20 per cent as required by the original order. Special latches are now included in Crescendo garments made from fabrics produced through pressure ratings. Inventories of piece goods may equal three times instead of two months requirements. The amended order also eliminates the unnecessary concern provision that garments made from rented fabrics must be completed within 130 days.

In the amendment providing for these improvements, the garment industry, particularly the dress and tail trade, faces a bleak and uncertain period. One important respect the new order is worse than before. This is because of the elimination of the "exclusive distribution," which required that all fabrics and converters to sell their products to their 1943 customers on a fair pro rate ba- sis. This will enable mills and con- verters to favor larger manufactur- ers at the expense of smaller ones. Workers employed in smaller stores, are of course, directly concerned in this matter, for there are stores which may be discriminated against in the distribution of available fabrics.

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THE NEW SKIPPER

America has taken kindly to its new President. Practically without a dissenting voice, and cutting across party lines and allegiances, the press of the country is heartily acclaiming President Truman's early steps to settle firmly in the driver's seat. Even casual reservations are made with good heart and intent as mere allowances against all-out commitment.

We are still, of course, in the midst of the Truman "honeymoon." Like flowers that bloom in the spring, honeymoon passes to give way to everyday chores and pressures. The anti-Roosevelt press and political of yesterday may turn anti-Truman as soon as the new President is forced to square off in defense of the liberal program to which he has committed himself. No one in his right senses, indeed, could be made to believe that the Southern Democratic bloc and their Congressional allies in the Republican ranks would undergo a permanent change of mentality and methods overnight.

That prospect, however, is by no means a menacing one facing the country at this juncture. Right now, in San Francisco, the United Nations are meeting in conference to forge a world organization for security and for a stable peace on the basis of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and the Britton Woods agreements. The giant influence of the New World, the Roosevelt bloc, will be strongly felt there. In addition, it is not altogether surprising to see that President Truman has pledged unqualified support to the American delegation at the conference toward the attainment of the maximum program sponsored by his predecessor. We have not the slightest doubt that President Truman is fully aware that the overwhelming majority of Americans are lined up behind him in this regard for international cooperation.

In the friendly chorus which greeted Mr. Truman's assumption of the presidency, the voice of organized labor has struck an outstanding note of warmth and conciliation. Labor's sympathies toward President Truman is based less on sentimental or intangible considerations than on his record. As United States Senator he displayed a keen and sound interest in the problems of the American workers. He worked and voted for the most of the key social and labor measures advanced by the Roosevelt Administration. His sponsorship in the last session of Congress, together with Senator Kilgore, of a bill to protect human needs in the recession period is an example of his humane approach to national economic problems, even though the measure was defeated. Perhaps Truman's strongest claim to labor's heart is his unswerving support of programs of re-conversion and recovery, programs which he made as chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee. In that capacity his report, made public a year ago, warmly praised labor's contribution to the war effort and silenced labor's critics with facts.

The full picture of Harry S. Truman as chief executive of the world's greatest democracy obviously is still in the process of emergence. From what we know of him—his legislative record, his personal humanity, his directness of approach to pressing contemporary problems—there is enough to inspire us with courage and hope. An "average American" in the unvarnished and best sense of the term, a Midwestern political liberal who, in his own words, "looks to the future" for his guidance and wants his countrymen to look and march in the same direction, President Truman enters upon an historic career with the assurance of united support from all average Americans—which means the majority of the people.

A Chance Labor Muffed

The prison term of eight and one-half to fifteen years imposed on Joseph Fay, of the stationary engineers' union, and James Bove, of the hod carrier's union, by New York Supreme Court Justice Munson, after a jury had convicted them of the extortion of large sums of money from construction concerns on the $300,000,000 Delaware aqueduct project, will bring no tears to the eyes of the hundreds of thousands of self-respecting and decent trade union men and women in the metropolis.

It is deplorable, however, in the fact that it took a judge and jury to rid the labor movement of Fay and Bove, a step which should have been the primary duty of the labor movement itself. The argument of trade-union autonomy and lack of power by the central trade union-organization to deal effectively with instances of racketeering sounds thin and hollow in the face of such predatory conduct as revealed in the Fay-Bove trial over a long period of years. Extortion and racketeering are acts which involve not only the unions and the individuals directly concerned with them. They bring shame and pillory to all of organized labor.

Franklin Roosevelt laughed well.

There was nothing sadistic, nothing anachronistic about the laughter of Franklin Roosevelt as he accepted the leadership of that vast, unbroken naturalism which seemed his reactions to the frustrations and futilities of the passing scene on which he had played one of the greatest roles of his generation. And he accepted his role with that same self-assurance, that same breadth, that same old-time readiness to do his best with what he had at his command. It is not true that the laughter of the man was any better than the late FDR himself.

It was his privilege, one cold February night in 1932, to watch President Roose- velt from close range and to witness one of the most moving and memorable records he made as chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee. In that capacity his report, made public a year ago, warmly praised labor's contribution to the war effort and silenced labor's critics with facts.

We, or I, shall persist in believing that FDR would have been, had his life been spared, no less a leader of the free world today than he was a leader of the free world yesterday. The world would not have been the same as it is now and graver and that a great many of us began to surrender to a hope of a new day, it may be, for this century, if gradual, the continuance of the post-scarse and hope- ful atmosphere of the moment in the newswires, be- ing prepared with "Franklin's middle" and "read" commerce; once again our favorite musical programs were being televised with exhilaration to fill our pipes with the "costly" tobacco that Prince Re- nato had been all too ready to offer.

What's the answer? Tell us what it is. It is a business in itself for their exclusive use. A man or two, or three, everyone one of them and possibly none. Why, if we cannot emulate the splendid example of the British Broadcasting System, which bans advertising from the air altogether, can we not at least minimize the advertising that is now blossoming into a paddling within the privacy of our homes?

With the years of the entire world now lined upon the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, the stipulation and misgivings that feed on reminders of the fact that only a half-dozen years ago are mitigated by the hazy atmos- phere of the American setting. For those who pretend not to expect much from this international parade are foolishly failing to see that the San Francisco conference will manage to handle the dangerous pre- liminary business and produce a world-wide world security organization.

Not a perfect job, not a fully satisfied, monthly program of the kind we are not from the start—that would be too much to expect, even if every man, woman, and child had an absolutely acceptable system, something that would be more a matter of exception than of universal adoption. We must have our "big" and "middle" and small alike—that it seems to be a question in its implementation, responsibility for the world's own generation, and for generations still un- seen. It is a question of the security for the world.

Shall, that is, the source of both Dumbarton Oaks and Britton Woods. Let us hope that those who expect less than that from the San Francisco meeting will be gratefully disappointed. Those who are eager for a little too much from the San Francisco Conference may be reminded that the San Francisco Conference will not be a peace party. It will not be the first step to set up a world circle of security resting on a foundation of common European judgment, mutual trust and equal confi- dence among the nations.