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An Editorial

A Phony 'Picket Line'

A group of Communists, flanked by some fellow-travelers and a sprinkling of would-be liberals of the "Soviets-can-do-no-wrong" variety, threw a picket line around the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on March 11 when the City, honoring Winston Churchill with a dinner as a symbol of the uncompromising resistance to Nazism-Fascism which he so brilliantly demonstrated during the fateful years of the war.

A great many of New York's leading citizens and community groups came to the Churchill dinner, among them the ILGWU, represented by President Dubinsky and several members of the General Executive Board. Together with the other guests, they took the Communist "picket line" for what it was—a Moscow-tagged incitement against Great Britain, against Winston Churchill and, incidentally, also against the British Labor Government—and passed right through it.

Stung by this contemptuous disregard of their abortive heckling of New York's official guest of honor, the Communists have tried a new trick. In the hope that some well-meaning folks may not catch on to the difference between a labor picket line and a political "picket line," they are now shedding lurid threats and pressure letters to President Dubinsky and other ILGWU leaders having committed the sin of by-passing that obnoxious Communist anti-Churchill exhibition.

One such misguided innocent, whose political lack of clarity is not entirely clear from his letter, has written to President Dubinsky, pleading for enlightenment on this so-called "picket line" violation. We reprint President Dubinsky's reply to that letter in full:

"All decent human beings should respect an economic picket line. The same cannot, however, be said about a political "picket line." Picketing is the traditional economic weapon used by trade unions for the attainment of economic goals, and to use it for political purposes is to pervert its true function. You may recall that two years ago the Chartist Frontiers threw a "picket line" around the studies of the National Broadcasting Company. I cannot imagine that any upright American would be expected to respect such a "picket line" as a purely political in character; yet these people had a right to "picket."

"You probably are aware that I will not allow Communists to influence or determine policies for me. The "picket line" around the Waldorf-Astoria last week was sponsored by the Communists, acting through the New York CIO and other groups. It was unmistakably a political "picket line." Therefore, trade unions should refuse to be guided by them.

"During my lifetime, I have passed through two "picket lines." The first time was when the Communists picketed the White House in 1941 and called President Franklin D. Roosevelt a warmeronger. I was delighted to pass through that picket line and enter the White House to keep my appointment. Again last Friday night, I was delighted to pass through a picket line sponsored by the Communists, this time to hear Winston Churchill, whom I came to honor for his Fulton, Mo., speech, but because I was Churchill and Great Britain who alone held the fort against Nazism and Fascism in 1940 and 1941, the dark years when the fate of democracy and world freedom hung in the balance, while Molotov, speaking for Russia, proclaimed that Nazism and Fascism were a "matter of taste."

"The only thing that needs to be added to this reply is to point out that the American Communists and their ideological hangers-on, who become so agitated when American trade unions pay no attention to their political vagaries, indoor or outdoor, would have the rest of humanity forget completely that within their own model fathometless—Soviet Russia—picketing of any kind is strictly verboten and is rewarded by either a hard-labor camp or a firing squad.
Latin American Immigrant Tide Seen
Bringing New Totalitarian Germs

BY SERAFINO ROMUALDI

The persistence of Nazi-Fascist centers of infection in Latin America, repeatedly depicted in the past few months by Spiegel, Branden, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Latin-American affairs, and by other prominent officials of the United States government, brings to the fore an aspect of this danger which has so far received scant attention, in the press. In order to fully appreciate the gravity of totalitarianism in Central and South America of Italian Fascists, French Vichyists, Nazi collaborators from other European countries, and mass organizations of Italian Fascists and other Latin-American anti-American forces, it is necessary to understand the present situation.

The general agreement of the officials of the State Department, the military, and the State Department, that the situation is serious, is no great imagination to foresee that if this present threat is left unheeded, more serious harm will be done. This danger will arise to threaten the democracy of Latin America and the development of its political and social life.

The leaders of Latin-American totalitarianism, aware of the strength of the United States, are determined to bring about a declaration of the United States in favor of the Fascists in the future as a decisive role in bringing about the downfall of the Axis. They will be ready to help any group, regardless of motives, engaged in undermining the prestige and influence of our country. And they will not be alone. There are already large groups of German, Spanish, Italian and other European anti-American immigrants in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Peru and elsewhere, who are too anxious to ensure their own future and the future of their leaders.

The only solution for the situation, the officials of the State Department have decided, is to demand the departure of all anti-American Fascists from the United States, and to implement this decision by force of arms if necessary.
Montreal Report
Stuart Co. Strike Conquers Old Anti-Union Stronghold

The battle to organize the Stuart Drug Co., Montreal, Canada, an anti-union stronghold since 1937, ended last month with a victory for the ILGWU. It came after a three-week strike which forced the firm to accept union conditions and benefits. The Stuart workers whose previous efforts to unionize had been forestalled five times and again by management-strikers, according to General Organizer Louis Dubinsky.

Early this year, the union again was able to make organizational inroads among the Stuart workers, signing up an impressive number. But not until the union was called upon to negotiate a contract, the company began bargaining with workers who had played leading roles in the organizational drive. Thereupon the entire staff of workers walked out.

The strike ended on March 4, with the company signing a union contract and paying $1,000 as security for its promise to join the union. An unconditional offer was put into effect at that time so 11 per cent wage increase for all union employees.

Press Pact Climaxes

The show-down phase of the union drive to introduce additional gains and improvements into new contract governing the Montreal drug industry is fact approaching. More than 1,900 dressmakers are included in the agreement, which was signed March 4 on a contract that is the culmination of the efforts of the company and the union.

The agreement for the unification of four contracting shops is now in negotiation in the small firm. According to General Organizer Louis Dubinsky, a total of 1,500 workers is involved in the agreement which now is in its final stages and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The agreement includes standard and minimum wages, hours, vacation benefits, and workmen's compensation, as well as a provision for 11 per cent wage increase for all union employees.

ILGWU Boosts Charities

In response to an appeal by Monsignor Albert Valois asking the Montreal dressmakers to cooperate in the fund-raising drive of the French Canadian Charities, ILGWU members in that city have donated $1,000.

Formerly, representatives of the charities group were present to accept the new sum given by the dressmakers. The money will be used to support the charities that serve the community, and the sum raised will help the charities continue their work.

Heather Victory Stirs Joy in ILGWU

Silent before a news flash from Atlantic City, N.J., confirmed the report that Walter P. Hofmann was named president of the United Automobile Workers, replacing H. J. Thomas, President Dubinsky said he was pleased to allow the shop stewards to make the decision, with the result that a record man was raised.

Toronto ILGWU Report

Cloak Industry's Second Fund Swells Roll to 300%

Substantial advances in union organization and workers benefits continue to be made by the garment workers of Toronto. It is reported by H. D. Langer, manager of the ILGWU in that city.

There has been a 200 per cent increase in the reserves of the cloak and dress industry in the past year, according to the Toronto cloak industry, according to Manager Langer, which is the first time in the history of the cloak industry.

The increase is due to the efforts of the union, which has been working to improve the welfare of workers and to increase their wages.

In the second annual dinner at the Hotel Statler, Toronto, held to celebrate the cloak and dress industry's anniversary last month, the local ILGWU received a monetary gift of $1,000, donated by the local Dressmakers' Association.

In behalf of the membership, Ida Cohen, local chairman, thanked them for their support of the local.

Operation Crossroads" for a Veteran

Bob Cosley, former radio operator in U.S. Army, is now learning to be garment operator under training plan sponsored by Veterans Administration in cooperation with the Pacific Coast Dress Makers' Co., where he is employed. Member of Local 178, Castro, Cosley was overseas two years, received leg wounds in Ardennes campaign and won Silver Star for gallantry in N. Russia. Originally from Trotwood, Ill., he married a girl from Mastin, Mass., who helps to explain his new career.

The Los Angeles garment workers' challenge to their union members is a challenge to our city. With Enman later, we shall say to be united — and the sooner the better.

In this tense statement, Louis Shulberg, ILGWU assistant executive secretary, whose recent inspection tour of the West Coast included a survey of market conditions as well as union organizing prospects, summed up the results of his trips.

Shulberg was sent on this mission by Dubinsky at the request of Vice Pres. Louis Levy. ILGWU leaders plan to meet at the last quarterly meeting of the union's General Executive Board.

"But we should admit that neither the union managers nor the growth of the sweatshop market in Los Angeles. That's what I mean by saying the situation is not done well in the cloak and dress industry. We have only just started the process in the swatshwear division of the apparel trade, which employs about 130,000 production workers and is still growing.

"Our survey of the area indicated that the workers are not knowledgeable about their rights and the state laws that protect them. We are going to organize and to educate the workers to their legal rights and entitlements and to make them aware of the union benefits available to them.

"The Los Angeles garment workers are far ahead of the other garment centers in terms of organizing and collective bargaining. But there is a long way to go before the situation reaches the level of the other centers.

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Chicago joint, wins 10% boost for silk dress workers

All work-weeks in the silk dress industry of Cleveland, Ohio, have received a 10 per cent wage increase retroactive to Jan. 1. It is announced by Machinist Solomon, secretary of the Cleveland Joint Board. The union is now holding conferences with the cloak employers over the wage increase under the "cost of living" provisions of the agreement. Principal workers will then be sought for workrooms, cutters and finishing classes.

Sick benefits near $5,000

Between July and December, 1944, to date, Local 18 has paid out sick benefits in excess of $5,000. The benefits are paid to eligible members whose weekly wage, when combined with other benefits, will be sufficient to cover their rental, food, and clothing expenses.

$6,200 for GM strikers

Cleveland garment workers exceeded the traditional ILGWU generosity in the appeal for aid to the striking General Motors workers. The ILGWU has established a fund to meet the needs of the striking workers, the funds from which have been allocated to the GM strikers through the ILGWU.

George Snyder announced to the chairladies that the local has arranged with the United Healtchare to conduct a mass eye examination in all shops. Examination equipment will be set up in the shops and all workers will be notified of the examination. It was explained that those members who are found to need further treatment for glasses will receive these services free of charge, with the expense being met by the local's health fund.

It was also announced at the meeting that Local 18 has been engaged to serve Local 30 as organizer and educational director.

191 rest home open to all ILGWU locals

Local 81, Children's Dreemakers, has established a "191 Rest Center" at Cretin-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The "191 Rest Center," located 75 miles from New York City, is a huge 300-bed hospital for convalescent and vacation patients, situated on a height overlooking the Hudson River.

A separate building has been set up to provide the necessary comfort and services for members of the union seeking health treatment or vacation.

In a letter addressed to other locals, Manager Harry Greenberg states:

"The executive board of Local 81 extends to the locals of our International an invitation to visit the accommodations of our Rest Center, located at Cretin-on-Hudson."

Our executive board further authorized that if any member of your unit is convalescing in the Rest Center, you may make arrangements for your members of the same organization to visit the offices of the Union Health Care. The charge for this will be $5 per week. Your representatives are cordially invited to visit.

In addition to its rest center, Local 81 has acquired a 500-bed building on the premises into an all-year vacation spot, with social and recreational facilities, swimming pools, an indoor pool, and a swimming pool. A similar facility is to be opened in the other locals. Manager Greenberg stated that "members of the International will be welcome to make their reservations for such vacation at the office of Local 81, who will be happy to extend them all the advantages of such vacation facilities.

Serafin Romualdi named as delegate to ILO Conference

Serafin Romualdi, member of the executive staff of the ILGWU, in Mexico City, where he is serving as assistant to George E. Haas, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor and the United States workers' delegate to the regional meeting of the international labor organization, as both delegates, was named to the Mexican delegation scheduled to be held in the Mexican capital. The Mexican delegation will be comprised of delegates from countries in the Western Hemisphere. It has been announced that the Mexican delegation will be comprised of Robert W. Kettl, labor and international representative of the ILGWU and the government of the ILO.

Deadline April 15 for For Clark Pension

The time limit for filing applications for Retirement Pension has been extended from March 30 to April 15 for all eligible claimants who are within 60 years of age on June 30, 1944. Applications must be filed with the local union to which the member is affiliated or with the national office of the ILGWU in New York City.
The issue of the New York Dress Joint Board was given a further boost this month when the April issue of the “Reader’s Digest,” probably the most widely read publication in the country, featured a four-page article describing the union as one whose goal is the strengthening of the worker-employer working partnership between organized labor and organized management.

Declaring that New York City is becoming “the fashion mecca of the world,” the article emphasizes that the union is of the interest of all the employees and members of the dressmakers’ union. It points out that “American women owe their thanks to the union for making them the best dressed women in the world.” The “Reader’s Digest” also has a long history of supporting workers’ rights and improving labor conditions.

Local 22 Receives Award for Full Safety

A local union of the membership of Local 22 Dressmakers, located at 160 West 42nd Street, has been awarded the Award for Full Safety for the year 1945. The award was presented by the National Safety Council at its annual meeting in Chicago.

Vacation Benefits Will Be Paid to Members of Locals 89, 22 and 60

The New York Dress Joint Board, under the leadership of Vice Pres. Julius Hochman, has announced that vacation benefits will be paid to members of Locals 89, 22 and 60.

Welfare Benefits Amounts Increased All Along Line

The New York Dress Joint Board has announced that welfare benefits amounts have been increased across the board for all members.

To Be Eligible for Health Benefits

You Must:
1. Be a member of Local 22, 89, 22 or 60, currently employed in a shop controlled by the Dress Joint Board.
2. Be in good standing in your local for at least 6 months when applying for health benefits.
3. Be paid in dues in arrears for at least 3 months.
4. Be paid with a current payment at least one week before applying for benefits.

Any member who has been in arrears in dues for 6 months or more is not eligible to apply.

If you are sick and unable to work or are taken to a hospital, contact your local office by mail or messenger immediately. Turn in your membership book.

Benefits start from day of application.

"1. We care for sick industries."

Vice Pres. Julius Hochman
Courtney “Reader’s Digest”

Other articles mention the increasing importance of women's roles in the workforce and the role of labor unions in improving workers' rights. The text also highlights the importance of safety and health in the workplace, with a focus on the New York Dress Joint Board's role in implementing these changes.

The text concludes with a call to action, urging readers to support local unions and the rights of workers everywhere.

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The text is a mix of news reports, articles, and advertisements, reflecting the rapidly changing landscape of labor relations and worker rights. The focus on safety, health, and benefits highlights the evolution of the labor movement, particularly in the garment industry, where worker conditions were historically poor.

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Overall, the text provides a snapshot of the mid-20th century labor landscape, with particular emphasis on the efforts of local unions to improve the lives of their members. The emphasis on health benefits and safety reflects the broader trend of worker empowerment and the recognition of the value of organized labor in securing better working conditions.

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The text is a testament to the enduring struggle for workers' rights and the ongoing need for solidarity in the face of corporate power. It serves as a reminder of the importance of collective action in securing a fairer and more just society for all workers.
In answer to a telegram from the Italian-American Labor Council that the Allied Commission extend its investigation to Italy, the Department of State has sent the following message through M. Freminqon, Minister of the Department of Justice:

"It is the understanding of the Ministry of the Department of Justice that the Commission which is being sent to Venice, Italy, intends to study conditions and that it will be sent to Venice, Italy, in order to study conditions and will be sent to Venice, Italy, in order to study conditions."

As is well known, in Venice, Italy, all the people are under the influence of a Zone A occupied by the Americans and Zone B occupied by the Allies. This situation has continued for some time.

At first, this strongly opposed any plans for a Zone C, but later it was decided to include Zone B. But this is not expected to be, and London would favor it.

'89 Pressers Set Big Fete For Veterans

The pressers' branch of Local 89, Italian-American Labor Union, who were just a few days ago, announced at a membership meeting of the branch on March 23, De- laware Avenue, a bazaar to be held in the near future, according to Market and flavor.

A report by Julo at this meeting revealed that in the last months the branch had furnished its unemployed members with 1,113 days of work by arranging more than 400 sales.

For workers. During the same period, the number of sales was distributed among members.

The main point of the meeting was First Vice Pres. Luigi Anton- nini, who gave a detailed report of the work that has been done, which preceded the recent week's vacation, and which had been arranged by the Branch.

A check for $100,000 was turned over last month to the Italian-American Labor Union Relief Fund, with $10,000 from the Labor Union Relief Fund, of Italy, Local 89, Italian American Labor Union.

In the foreground, some representative figures of the union were presented by First Vice Pres. Luigi Antonini, as seen in a picture, and with the virus of the strike, the checks which are to be made out to the order of the Italian American Labor Union.

The support being given by both the Italian-American Labor Union and the Italian American Labor Union, which crosses the line of the strike, is considered an impressive example of the solidarity of the workers in the dress trades, as well as among their families and friends. Members of Local 89 are contributing a day's pay to this drive, which is authorized by the National War Fund.

The drive is continuing until May 30, and the Italian-American Labor Union Relief Fund is working with the Italian American Labor Union, Local 89, in the distribution of aid to the Italian-American workers.

ILG to Erect 'FDR School' For Italian War Orphans

necessary arrangements have been completed for the erection of a labor school in Italy, definitely identified as a contribution by the ILGWU, that will be used to teach useful crafts to war orphans who are children of Italian labor union members, whose children will be maintained and trained by the institution, it is announced.

In a communication to all union officials, President Dedrick points out that the ILGWU's demonstration of solidarity with the working people of the world will be called the "Franklin D. Roosevelt School." The ILGWU will contribute $250,000 toward the project, with the American Federation of Labor, it is further announced, making the contribution in the National War Fund Drive of 1940-1941, accounting for an additional $100,000.

The contribution by the union will be made in the following manner: $175,000 will be allocated for the project from the ILGWU War Relief Fund, which was accumulated last year; an additional sum of $50,000 will come from ILGWU members; a further annual contribution of $25,000 for a period of four years will be made by the ILGWU and/or the Italian American Labor Union, for the maintenance and support of the children in the school.

It is indicated that the Italian government will most likely continue the efforts of the Italian labor unions in Italy, as the institution will be housed.

"THE VOICE OF LOCAL 89" The Most Popular ITALIAN RADIO HOUR Symphony Orchestra and Opera Singers International Fama Luigi Antonini First Vice Pres., ILGWU, New York, N. Y., has been designated as the chairman of this program, in which he is to present "The Voice of Local 89," every Saturday morning from 10 to 11, on Eastern hookup.

THE VOICE OF LOCAL 89

(Eastern Time)

Echo (1320 K.) New York WHOO (1300 K.) Philadelphia
Newark Cleaners Cheer Wage Award

Over 1,500 members of ILGWU, Newark, N. J., achieved a record turnout at Continental Ballroom on March 12 to express satisfaction with arbitrator’s ruling—granting increases and vacation benefits. (See George Rubin’s column.)

Kingston Mayor Endorses ILG On EOT Unitingizeing Broadcast

Taking to the air in its all-out drive to organize the women’s garment workers employed in the Kingston area of upstate New York, the Eastern Out-of-Town Department on March 12 sponsored the first of a series of broadcasts over Station WKNY.

The series was broadcast every Tuesday at 7:15 P.M., featuring noted community and labor leaders.

The series was opened with talks by W. P. Edelman, mayor of Kingston, and Vice President. Harry Vander, EOT director.

Mayor Edelman stated that “experience has taught us in that particular industry that unionism has improved the working conditions of all our laborers and, that in this respect, it is a firm pillar in the democratic way of life.”

The Mayor said he was happy to announce the endorsement of his City as “a great organization which has made extraordinary contributions to the civil rights movement.”

Mayor Edelman pointed out that the goal of this union was to bring together all garment workers wherever they may be found into an ever-growing body dedicated to the betterment of the industry.

“People of Kingston, we believe in peaceful organization, and will encourage its growth, and now we have seen it working with management in a way that all of our employees feel that it is important to organize and management and labor to come together in the interest of all workers.”

Praising the progress of the ILGWU, Mayor Edelman said it had consistently guided its members to understand the world, nation and city.

In his broadcast address, Vice President Vander said the fact that the well-being of workers should be the concern of all citizens in this community. “During the past several weeks,” he continued, “we have shown the way to better working conditions to ladies’ garment workers and many parts of the Hudson Valley.”

“Every morning we are leading our efforts to organize peaceful institutions to bring about a new order for everyone who works,” said Vander. “In this work we believe in collective bargaining, and the power of the ballot to resolve problems in a more prosperous world.”

“The workers of Kingston want a union and want to work under union contracts and conditions,” said Vander. “Here in the Central District, the union is accepted as a way of life and a better way to do business.”

Following the broadcast, the union held a reception at the Governor Clinton Hotel for an informal discussion of industry problems. Among those present were Mayor Edelman, Vice President Vander, EOT staff members and leaders.

So. River ILG Rips Plans For Workers Health Center

The possibility of setting up a Union Health Center in the South River, N. J., area in the near future was described by Admiral Redd, director of the ILGWU Welfare and Health Benefits Department, at a special meeting of the executive committee of Locals 15 and 157 held at that city on March 7.

Redd said of ever-increasing spread of health hazards that “the workers have no insurance to cover their medical needs. They have to pay for medical care out of their own pockets.”

The plan is to establish a health center in the city to be responsible for periodic health check-ups, preventive health measures in the shops and general health educational programs for each group of workers.

The designation of a local committee to consider ways leading to the opening of a health center in South River should be the first step in a long-range health program, said Redd. He added that with the winning of health benefits for the cleaners, there are now enough ILGWU members in the area who are covered by health provisions in union contracts to make the establishment of a center feasible.

Unionism Welcomed in Upstate New York

Drive to organize all garment workers at Kingston, N. Y., features regular radio broadcasts, according to Mr. W. E. Beekman, and Mayor William F. Edelman, who praised ILGWU’s industrial and civic contributions. (See story.)

EOT Gears to Spread Reconversion Gains

Calling in all its local managers and organizers, the Eastern Out-of-Town Department on March 22 held a one-day conference to review recent improvements in health and vacation benefits, the enforcement of improved health and safety programs of organizational drive.

The staff met in the council chambers of the New York headquarters, in New York, with Vice President, Harry Vander, and Manager, William Scullen, the EOT, presiding over the meeting.

Piece by piece the various organizational gains were detailed. During the meeting, the establishment of an increasing number of garment-producing plants in New Jersey, Westchester, Connecticut and Long Island were reported.

As the report was being presented at the EOT staff conference was being held in the council chambers of the Hudson Valley district of New York made by Manager Beekman and Manager Louis Schaffer, who were the representatives made to announce the news that the remaining union shop in the area had been brought under union control.

For Long Island and Staten Island reported that since the beginning of the year, five shops have been brought under union control, expressing the hope that they will be brought under union control in the near future.

Formerly referred to Manager Louis Schaffer, according to Manager Louis Schaffer, the organization of these new members in the union is making progress, and the fact that most of the new shops are in the hands of the long-time employers, hidden way in the center of some homes, is giving the local the advantage of having a score of new homes.

Assistant Manager Israel Harnis described in detail the improvement in recent weeks in the various branches of the garment industry.

An increase in health and vacation benefits were the subject of the final report presented by Vice President Vander.

Local 143 Members Win $2-$4 Increase

Incomes ranging from $2 to $4 a week, have been won by about 30 workers employed in seven of the plants in the North Kent, according to Manager H. E. Beekman, manager of Local 143.

In that time the workers employed by the Atlantic Dry Goods Co., the American Dry Goods Co., and the Western Dry Goods Co., have received a $2 and $3 wage increases.

At the Danvers Dress Co. and the Lenox Dress Co. in Yonkers, according to Manager H. E. Beekman, received a $2 increase.

In a report presented to the local for a group of workers employed by the Central Dress Co., Pearl River,
WASHINGTON, D.C.—There is something so peculiar in the current battle over extension of the OPA that it calls for a full report.

On the surface, it looks like a battle between the profiteers trying to graft onto their profits and the stabilization chief, Chester Bowles and Price Administrator Paul Porter, who warn that the OPA and "hold the lines" on prices. But if you peek behind the facade, you find the facts and figures:

The OPA has announced price decreases on two items in the past five weeks. In the same time it has never increased its allowable price ceiling. Also, it has announced that prices would be maintained at existing levels. In the meantime, the American public by the millions is being fed by the American people by the millions, and the public is not being deceived.

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Justice

The Searcher

BY MAX PRESS

What thing can blossom the most of all?

I wander the earth's streets at night

The lamps begin to dim and many a song is sung,

Where is the one I seek? The cold comes near,

The bay time at the side, the bright moon up.

Who will restore the broken faith, bring back the vanished dawn?

What face will wait and turn to meet me in this land of fortune?

Who will bring me back to me this love, this beauty, that you can give?

The night is stern and the rising sun ruin the face. In high, long, long, how long must I pursue the dawn?

Where is my flying, unknown love? I wander the dark streets, looking for the one who dwells in the green meadows of the sea.

The OPA right along. What they want is to wipe out price control entirely. Chester Bowles and Paul Porter are not doing— and not trying to do— a "job of the holding line." In fact, such language merely deludes and gulls the average citizen into thinking that they and the OPA are in there doing a job for the American people. The facts and statistics clearly show as I collected them over five weeks, show they are doing nothing of the sort, they are merely making it an inflation smash instead of an inflation race.

Unification House Space Almost Grabbed Up

"Only a few accommodations remain available at Unification House during the 1946 season, in addition to the D.U.T.O., 1119 Broadway, New York, N.Y. The only accommodations open for members are for Aug. 15 and later.

Couples may still make reservations for accommodations for the period beginning Aug. 28. Reservations should be made at the Unification House office at once.

"Don't Fence Me In!"
SUSAN WHITE

Whatever has become of the Russian woman? There was a time when she was everywhere in America. She appeared on every gathering, in every photo, every article, every radio program, every news item. However, if you were to ask if a week or so ago, when you were to look for her, you would find her, you would find her, you would find her. She was a woman who seemed to be everywhere in America, but today she is nowhere to be found. She has vanished from the public eye. She is not seen on television, not heard on the radio, not read about in the newspapers.

The reason for this is not clear. Perhaps she has been absorbed into the general population, perhaps she has simply faded into the background. But one thing is certain: she is no longer a presence in American life. She is not a part of the American scene anymore. She is a memory of the past, a relic of a time that is gone.

This is a sad state of affairs. The Russian woman was a symbol of strength, a symbol of beauty, a symbol of intelligence. She was a woman who could hold her own in any situation, who could stand up to any challenge. She was a woman who was respected and admired, a woman who was a force for good in the world.

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St. Louis Sp'tw'r Pact Nearing
Seven Firms Increase All Wages, Join Dress Industry Health Fund

Already drafted and now being readied for the affixing of signatures is a new agreement with seven sportswear manufacturers, members of the Associated Garment Industries of St. Louis, that provides a 10 per cent wage increase for cutters and seamstresses.

The settlement reached on March 15 was endorsed in principle by the union for a tentative contract for the following dress establishments, after which the members would vote on the proposed agreement: Ralco, Inc., Baskin-Neuwirth Co., F. M. M. Garment Co., Janet M. Garment Co., and a local of the ILGWU.

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All ’SWest Locals
Aided GM Strikers
$1,000 by St. Louis

Throughout the Southwestern District of ILGWU local leaders have shown their support of striking General Motors workers at the time the union organized a settlement with the giant firm. The two St. Louis Joint Boards had sent $1,000 in the General Office for a contribution to the striking GM workers. The Kansas City locals had donated more than $500 for the strikers. The Dallas locals had sent $25. Smaller locals in the district were also contributing to the cause. The ILGWU is working on the basis of $1,000 for the purchase of a bus for the local organizers.

2 of 5 Dress Firms in K.C. Up Rate 10%

The time-workers employed by the Marcus Dress Co. and the Lee Dress Co. (Kan, City, Mo., gained 10 per cent increases through the expiration of their contracts concluded by union representatives with the respective firms on March 15.

Other provinces of the new pact are:

- The workers will have full holidays at pay scale, the establishment of health benefits and other improvements, and the fixing of the 1954 average hourly earnings as the minimum for 1955. These are $1.86 an hour as March 15.

- The Kansas City, Kan., Garment Manufacturers’ Association, through its attorney, Howard E. Small, nixed the union last month that it was prepared to undertake negotiations for a new agreement.

In its reply, the union proposed that the agreement be extended to include wage increases for both time-workers and piece-workers, one of the features of the agreement, which was agreed at the time of the signing of the pact.

- The signing of the pact last month, Myrtle M. Blase, member of Local 498, attended the recent national convention of the ILGWU.

Union Demands Arbitrators at Weil-Kalser, Holmes Blouse

U. S. Senator Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri has been asked by the ILGWU to name an arbitrator to rule in the dispute between the union and the Weil-Kalser Manufacturing Co. The firm operates plants in Millstadt, III., and Philadelphia, Louisville and St. Louis, Ill.

The union refused its request, In a letter to Senator Donnell on March 14, after the Weil Labor Board was asked to act as a similar application, which was pending at the time of the signing of the pact.

As soon as the union made this request for the designation of an arbitrator, the matter was referred to Senator Donnell that it does not have a board for the arbitration of disputes that have arisen between the union and the Weil-Kalser Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, Ill.

With the demand, the Weil-Kalser, Holmes Blouse Case

U. S. Secretary of Labor Louis B. Schweiker has been requested by the union to appoint an arbitrator to decide a number of disputes that have arisen between the union and the Weil-Kalser Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, Ill.

Executive Board of Local 128 Cotton Dressmakers, St. Louis

Rice-Sta Gives $2 Raise To Workers at St. James

A $2 increase for time-workers and proportionate increases for piece-workers, effective March 15, has been won for the workers of the Rice-Sta Dry Goods Co. plant at St. James, Mo., after 11 months of negotiations, which expired on May 31. It is announced that the agreement has been signed promptly.


Justice
Allentown Campaign Wins New Gains at 7 More Shops

Foraging steadily on an effort to raise wages and improve standards in garment shops in the Allentown, Pa., district, the drive being sparked by District Supervisor Sol Greene has reached important advances during the past three weeks which brought

Christmas time, all those employed at least six months with receive 
A second week of paid vacation.

At the Roodertown Dress Co., Spring
town, the 85 workers have won an average increase of 10 per cent, higher minimums and six holidays with pay.

Hazelton ILG Power Drive Topping 3 Key Mill Mills

A high-power drive to organize three key knitting mills in the Hazleton, Pa., district which have thus far resisted organization was launched last week. The targets, it is announced by District Manager Harry Schindler, are the Geisler, the Rider and the Mount Hazelton Mills.

With the full support of the Central Labor Union of Hazleton, the drive has met with the undertaking of a campaign of home visits, leaflet distribution and radio programs aimed at the workers in these shops. The results of the campaign have proved so effective, according to Schindler, that all three firms are already consented to have preliminary conferences with the union.

Noteworthy especially have been the radio broadcasts over WSLL WILS. On the first program, Anna F. Cagan, chairlady of the Madison dress shop, told of the difference in working conditions between union and non-union shops. The second broadcast featured an explanation, given by four members of the ILGWU, of workers' rights under the law.

The drive has received strong assistance from Charles Cartwright of the union's team; Observer.

At Least They Don't Have to Worry About KP!

Group of ex-service men learning to be garment operators at Taunton Dress Co., Taunton, Mass., in rehabilitation plan sponsored by Veterans Administration under union and management

500 Make Gains Upstate N.Y.

Out for 7 Weeks, 200 Win 10% Rise At Dolores Gress

The seven-week strike conducted by Local 211 against the Dolores Gress Co.,ers, N.Y., was terminated by a settlement reached on March 15, it is reported by Upstate New York Industry. W. H. Weiss, of David G Ginsburg-appointed in the matter.

The wage increase has been incorporated into the agreement reached last January at which time the union was able to win health and other improvements for the Utica workers. At that time, however, market and price conditions, together with price competition, had so affected the firm's business that it was agreed to keep the matter of wages open until the last date of the contract was reached.

David Spilman's Renewal

The agreement with the Matchwear Co., Herkimer, N.Y., was reached on March 16 and 15 wage increases for the time being were adopted. The pay increases now in effect were raised 10 per cent, which, added to previous increases, have increased the rate of pay of 525 workers to a total of 25 cents.

500 workers are employed by this firm.

Both the Utica and Derby settlement was made with the assistance of Judge Alpert of the Upstate New York Industry. It was reached last month by Director

FALL RIVER RENEWAL Sought In Advanto

Anticipating the expiration of the agreement with the Needleman Company, Fall River, Mass., the Cotton Garment Association, which employs the majority of the city's men and women, has been in contact with the Fall River City Council and the employer group of its readymade garments. Settlement negotiations for renewal at once are expected to present the chances and improvements the union will seek.

The re-negotiating, which is scheduled to expire on July 1, covers the regular 10 per cents which have been paid to employees which have included in the past the raising of the rate of pay at the union's request. The question of the raising of the rate of pay at the union's request.

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Poletti Is Named As Cloak Arbiter

Former Governor Charles Poletti of New York, was inducted as an impartial chairman of the New York garment industry on March 26. He succeeds the late Harry L. Hopkins who held the post at the time of his death last Jan. 29.

Mr. Poletti, who resigned from the Supreme Court bench in 1938 to become President of the New York University, was succeeded by Herbert Lehman who became head of U.N.I.C. After serving as special assistant at the Department of Justice, he entered the Army in 1945. During part of his service he headed the American Military Government in Berlin, and served as a member of the United States. "Before accepting the appointment, Mr. Poletti stressed the 'impartiality of the professional man,' and said, "The impartiality of the professional man is made possible by his ability to achieve and maintain industrial peace."" "I am sure that the success of the new chairman will be determined by the way he handles his responsibilities," was the conclusion of the New York Daily News editorial.

117'' Marking 60th Year by April 6 Affair

An anniversary concert, marking the 60th year of the founding of Lincoln and the 50th year of the merger of Locals 1 and 117, will be held on April 6 at the Manhattan Center. Both U.S. Cloak Joint Board and Local 117 will commemorate the organizational milestones. The program of music and entertainment that has been arranged will include the Workmen's Circle Chorus, vocal selections by Bedia Melarsky and violin solo by Rabinovits. There will also be a showing of the film of the Cloak Joint Board's 50th anniversary jubilee celebration, at Madison Square Garden last year.

An unusual well-attended general membership meeting on March 23 at the Manhattan Center heartened the administration of Arthur H. Meyers, FCP's president, who reported that the funds of the cloak and coat trade were in good condition, and that the situation was not as bad as had been anticipated.

The district office of the American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association, was opened in this city a year ago, with the mission of furnishing information to the trade and to the public concerning the cloak and coat industry. The office is under the direction of Mr. Meyers.

In a joint statement, the leaders of the National Clothing, Inc., and the American Clothing, Inc., expressed confidence in the leadership of Mr. Meyers, and the association's continued efforts to improve the trade.
ILGWU Women’s Service Brigade heard first-hand reports on West’s work—past, present and future—at a meeting on March 13. Speaker was Mrs. Oswald R. Lord, chairman of National Civic Ad Hoc Committee on WAC Center, with [left to right] Berlin- witz, Local 105, Blanche Tobbin, Local 66, and [right] Helen Levinson, Brigade secretary, Rose Stain, Brigade chairman.

ILGWU Education Widens as Winter Season Winds Up

As the winter season draws to a close and the new programs of the ILGWU locals are mapped out, the Educational Department reports the following round-up of recent educational and recreational activities in various districts. These programs are described as typical of those in numerous other locals.

Milwaukee, Wis.

The Milwaukee Joint Board is using the theme “You and Your Union,” based on the Pictorial Union Delinquent as well as the old-time movie, “Marching On,” as a basis for planning new programs and meetings to the members. Special classes have also been set up to train union officers and stewards. The class in scientific pattern-making and designing of women’s wear has been underway and has proved to be of great assistance to the members in their daily work. The ILGWU volley ball team has been finished first in the MWAADA and also won the city championship. The basketball team was third place finisher and the bowling team finished second among ten teams. Catherine Thompson participated in a forum on the curriculum of high schools at the request of George Haberman, president of the Wisconsin High Federation of Labor.

Houston, Tex.

“Our educational work here is coming along very well,” said Harvey Silver, a member of the ILGWU, “we held a teacher at the helm for the week. We opened two new classes at the beginning of this month, ‘Standard,’” seems to be the leading favorite just now with about 35 people attending and more interested ones entering to begin. Members will soon be sending, another statistic about the number of people who have been interested in the classes. These have been organized in a variety of ways, but now are being held on a regular basis.

Our discussion and problem course, being conducted by Juanita Komlos, is appealing to the young and more advanced members alike. Not only is this course designed to create more interest in the ILGWU, but the teaching of the fundamentals of good health and good living as well. Classes have only been held twice, but interest is running high and we believe will bring new vitality and life into the union here.”

—Leatrice Mulkey

Boston, Mass.

The Boston Educational Council held its dance and meeting last month at the Hotel Bristol. The Boston ILGWU Chorus gave a program of songs. Many of the girls in the chorus and in the Educational Council have been helping in the dance to organize the alteration women in the large department stores. Fifteen girls from the chorus volunteered to distribute tickets and the students also participated in a mass pucker demonstration in front of the post office.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Florence, Ala., banquet was a swell success and I think it put new life in the committee so that they have not had any educational activity in over a year. There are now new members in the council and the colored group has a good constructive program going in public speaking, parlimentary law and local politics. Knoxville also has a good program underway, as at a white, the intersectional program.

—Edna R. Wilson

Labor Economics Is Becoming Popular Course

Two ILGWU to Get 6-Week Courses in ‘Democratic Action’

Two ILGWU members will be given scholarships for a six-week course at the “Democratic Action School,” which is described as a “workshop for democratic action.”

The course will run from July 10 to Aug. 30 and will be located at 1710 Broadway, New York City. About 250 young men and women from all parts of the country will be attending. They will discuss their military experiences in various aspects and, according to Alphone Black, director of the program, how the labor movement looks to form upon their return to the home front.

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The public relations activities of the ILGWU Educational Department have continued through the early months of 1946 as their usual pace and scope. Among the campaigns which have been advanced by Educational Department representatives are the following:

Middlesex County, N.J., Bowling Tourney

Two ILGWU Bowling teams will compete in the Middlesex County, N.J., Bowling Tourney May 4. The tourney, which will be held at the Middlesex County, N.J., Bowling Lanes, will be under the sponsorship of the Brick Lake Joint Board, and will be open to the men’s and women’s divisions. All teams will be at the same according to the following schedule: teams in New York and the Eastern states will start bowling at 4 p.m., those in Chicago and the Midwest at 1 p.m. Teams in the mountain time zone will start bowling at 1 p.m. and the West Coast teams will begin at 5 p.m.

Each team will have five games and then send its best bowler to the national competition in the Arcade Recreation, Los Angeles, where the winners will be determined by the best games. The winners will receive the Most Improved trophy and the best bowler will receive the champion trophy.

The rules and details of the contest have been mailed to all ILGWU locals and the local meetings will be scheduled by the ILGWU board of directors. The contest will be conducted by Bob Burnside, the national bowling director of the ILGWU.

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ILGWU CULTURAL DIVISION

Central Needle Trades High School
225 W. 24th St., New York City
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 8:30 P.M.

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CHORUS
Dean Dixon, Conductor
MANDOLIN
PHILADELPHIA SOLOISTS
Teresa Steen, Flute
Edward Brown, Harp
Soprano R. E. Tucker
Songs from "Romeo and Juliet"

Program will be broadcast over station WHV-F and WNYC-F from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Tickets $1.20, 95 cents and 70 cents
For sale at local offices and Educational Department, 1710 Broadway, New York City.

Planning to strike, the following: the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 33; the United Electrical Workers of America, Local 250; the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local 100; the ironworkers, Local 14; and the National Association of Steel Workers in America, Local 999 all of which are members of the United Steelworkers of America.
Crying for Mammy (second in a series)

By DOROTHY LIEBMAN

Crying for Mammy

Soon after he was born, an infant discovers that crying brings results. It is a talcum powder colic, a talent which makes things come his way. The pajama button, the bottle of water, the binky in the cradle are all things he can have. He learns pretty well, according to the adage, to have something he wants until his mother gives it to him.

But so appealing is an infant in his subject helplessness that parents, grandmothers, and others compete to satisfy the little baby. He has the power of a tyrant; he rules the universe. The world is his playpen. He looks upon the garden, the house, the baby carriage as a magic key to comfort, as a buffer against unwanted sensations.

"Crying for mammy" is a useful technique. Parents who are trying to do their normal parental care, common to all higher animals.

Some Adults "Infantile"

Unfortunately for some individual, the infantile technique carried over into the period of infancy far beyond its natural limits—and with very real results.

Psychologists believe that the child who cries habitually, that same person, if left to adjust well to his life situations—shalt to get along with other people—will probably come from a personality defect known as "infantile regression," probably emotionally. They cannot adjust to the psychic situation because they still "act like babies.

A not uncommon example is the "mammy's boy" type—male or female. It is peculiarly "hand and foot," who wants something.

Cage Prices Lower If Weight Is Less

In Famine Program

Bakers have been ordered to lower their retail prices on such products as egg cakes, doughnuts, muffins, and other little cakes by 50 cents per pound. The order, Price Administration, was made to avert possible inflation.

For each cent saved in material used in baking, it is estimated that it would cost about 20 cents in reduced prices. The objective is to pass on to the consumer any reduction in the cost of production. A reduction of one cent per unit, no price restriction is required, says the GPA.

Local 98 Lands Services of ILC Cultural Division

Thanks have been expressed to the chairman and local member of the American Federation of Labor, Robert K. Sharp, for his services in aiding the local in a recent national convention.

Manager Krafarsky wrote: "I thank you and the Mandolin Re-union and the Mandolin provided for the performance. The music was enjoyed by all as the selections played were well received for the occasion."

Red Apples of All Types Goal in U.S. Experiments

More apples for consumers may be the result of tests being made this fall by the Plant Industry Station of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, as part of a $15,000 research section of the orchard here has included in the fall crop and has increased the yield of the experimental corns and small strains of all kinds of apples possibly being worked out.

U. S. Surgeon Gen'l Offers Scheme on Scarce Physicians

Doctors and dentists are having as much difficulty finding offices as the apartment-hunter seeking a nest to live in. The result is that many communities, badly in need of medical and dental personnel are being deprived of such care. Dr. Thomas B. Parran, surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service, has introduced a scheme in an effort to get more hospitals, suggesting that hospitals and health centers provide office space for those doctors and dentists who have just been released from military service.

To back his proposal, Dr. Parran is urging that Congress write into law a law providing that federal and state health facilities provide a stipulated amount of temporary federal funds. He would only if they space for physicians and dentists is denied, wherever possible. The bill also would allow centers built under this legislation.

But doctors, while the proposal is good for doctors and dentists, it remains to be seen whether the big wave of the "surgeon general" is the intended, as the proposed measure.

Coffee Subsidy to Halt Rerating—at Present

The 1-cent-per-pound subsidy on green coffee has extended through June 30, due to a new agreement between the U.S. and Canada. It is known as the "ratifying of rationing vs. coffee plan."

At the present rate of consumption, the green-coffee subsidy per pound is only a three-month supply of coffee in the U.S. Red Stales.

Butter Stock Seen Spreading But Thin

The butter shortage is easing off, according to the F. B. A. Department of Agriculture, butter production has shown a rise for six consecutive weeks but last week's output was still 21 per cent lower than that of a year ago.

Butter production was 27,000,000 pounds for the week ended March 14, was 20,000,000 pounds more than output for the previous week, but has been compared with the 35,000,000 pounds produced during the same week in 1941. In the midst of the outlook was good for the season, but in the past, manufacturers had the space and prospects were rated lower because of the lack of demand.

Your Feet Are Not Petits—As If You Didn’t Know

In case you don’t know, your feet are larger now than before the war. That is what a recent survey by the shoe industry reveals. War work and military service are said to be the main reason for this. Feet have grown larger, woman, while men can blame the increase on their feet for open-toe models.

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Red Cross Being Reshuffled To Give Labor Policy Voice

With all labor unions working actively in the current Red Cross fund-raising drive, a complete review is being made of the antiquated structure of the organization by a 27-member committee. The committee is under the chairmanship of Chairman O’Connor, national chairman of the Red Cross. This examination has been conducted in response to frequent complaints that the Red Cross is unresponsive and outmoded in many respects.

William Green, president of the A.F. of L., who is a member of the committee, has been asked by the CIO, are on the committee. Professor F. B. A. Redman is chairman of this group.

It is said that the committee is looking into the structure of the Red Cross which is to report to the Red Cross convention in April. It was set up by the Social Security Act to provide for relief in the public interest.

The Red Cross was chartered by Congress 40 years ago. It is pointed out, there were no chapels in the Red Cross when it was established. There are now almost 4,000 branches and over 3,300 branches of the Red Cross in the nation, serving 50,000,000 members. Chairman O’Connor, and Red Cross leadership, are subject to the control of the Red Cross. There is no clear definition of the place of these units in the national organization structure of the American Medical Association. Such a condition cannot be permitted.

By BETTA BYER

"Of all the consequences of war, except human suffering, inflation is the most destructive." So said Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas recently and the statement is more timely than ever. The problem of inflation is mounting at an alarming pace. It has reached the stage of crisis, for the business groups are now feeling the pressure for the complete abdication of price controls.

The government agencies are receiving thousands of complaints, and are feeling the excuse that the people are not organized strongly enough to back up their demands for price control. As a result, the pressure of the people is forcing the agencies to make their determination to put an all-out defense of the Economic Stabilization Act, the price controls. Through the "Anti-Inflation Week," the government leaders have been allowed to make their stands on the inflation question, which means one thing—total withdrawal of the controls in the absence of any means of replacing the price controls. Each week brings more pressure from the people, who demand a return to the full employment, personal debt, social security, and many other things.

Retail prices by high limits by pricing buying to essential needs, by mak- ing price controls a kind of currency, repairing and reconverting as many of the war materials as possible.

Stay away from the black market. By purchasing these expensive commodities, you are helping to maintain the price levels and to continue the inflation. Shop for the best comparative price and buy the best quality goods are offered at high prices. Many merchants use the excuse that you don’t care what they pay as long as they get goods.

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derstood bloc that the average consumer can and should demand. The light is one. The war inflation laid the groundwork for the most rightful war the world has ever known. Inflation is such a catastrophe could predictabil-ly lead to the destruction of the civilized world."

The battle is to keep the stake in the struggle against inflation. Each one must carry a full share of the bur- den in that cause."
The membership meeting of Local 10, Cutters, on March 25, packed Manhattan Center to the rafters and constituted an object lesson in how experienced, seasoned union members deal with matters involving the operation of their organization. They had a chance to answer to an impor-
tant constitutional question — the matter of loans, which had unanimously been recommended by the executive board of Local 10. It was specifically declared as a "delinquent" question because it is a business matter and in that sense should be settled elsewhere, whether it be taxes, union dues or anything else. And the members were unanimous in their proposal providing for the inevitable little circle of dues offenders seeking any opportunity to make political cap-
tal. By a roll call vote, the cutters were mature unionists, fully conscious of the obligations of union citizenship, wererowed in that it was merely necessary to place these delinquents on probation and that they would work out their offense. A subsequent vote received complete vindication by the overwhelming adoption of the proposal to increase weekly dues from 30 to 40 cents. (An additional 15 cents was added to the list of specified funds like old age, inter-
feron insurance, ILGWU causes, death bene-
fit, etc., etc.)

Only 17 Against — As Usual

A total of 1,363 votes was counted in the meeting, with 1,283 in favor of the proposal for a 17 per cent increase in dues. It was hardly a true total as some members were absent, numbering about 13 individuals, who apparently feel that the principle of dues is not worth the paper it is written on, to oppose everything ad-
ministered by the administration, in-
cluding the increase in dues, and so the dues increase. Many are firmly convinced that the admin-
istration offered a resolution, supporting
the Ten Commandments, this increase.

Manager Nagler expressed grati-
tude for the vote of confidence. He said the increase in dues was necessary, emphasizing that the union is an organization that offers more than the usual benefits. The dues increase is a legitimate requirement for the union to function effectively.

Proper Financing Essential

"Naturally, a dues increase might seem like a hardship to some people," said Nagler. "But it is necessary for the survival of the union. We must keep up with the times and cover our expenses. This increase will help us provide better services to our members."

In conclusion, Nagler encouraged members to be proactive in their union membership and to support its initiatives for a strong and effective organization.

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Winners of ILGWU honor award of $250 to brightest graduate of Central High School of Needle Trades, New York City, were Annacia and Josephine Anderson, now employed by Local 10, Kimco.

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They Couldn't Get Away With It...

The election of Walter P. Reuther as president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, is an important piece of labor history. It is perhaps a turning-point indicating the direction the American labor movement will henceforth take as it emerges from the widespread conflict for higher wages and strategic industrial positions during the first post-war period.

Beyond doubt, Reuther's election is a heavy blow to Communist political intrigue and demagogy in the labor movement. Every open and hidden pro-Communist not only in UAW but throughout the CIO was lined up against Reuther and gave all-out support to his rival, R. J. Thomas. The Communist element apparently deemed it vital to strengthen its grip on the automobile workers.

It was Communist technique that Thomas resorted to in trying to smear Reuther as a secret AFL agent who would, if elected, lead the UAW out of the CIO and into the AFL. It was Communist tactics that Thomas pursued in the attack, he launched against Reuther, distorting and malapropizing the strategy employed by the General Motors strike committee.

But the ominous warning which the UAW convention at Atlantic City has now administered to Thomas for leaning heavily on pro-Communist support is no less a warning to Philip Murray, CIO president, who, at that convention, practically endorsed Thomas for re-election. It was, indeed, a good day for the American labor movement when the convention delegates of the CIO's biggest union cast a vote which served notice on the CIO president that they were not ready to abide by advice that would tie their union solidly to the Communist political line.

We of the ILGWU have a special reason to applaud the UAW convention delegates for the way they voted at Atlantic City and for the sound slap they administered to both Thomas and Murray and concurrently to their Communist strategists and counsellors. Both Murray and Thomas had publicly attempted, without rhyme or reason, to drag the ILGWU and President David Dubinsky into a dust-mote pre-election plot to smear Thomas and elect Reuther in his place.

It will be recalled that about two weeks ago the press carried a statement that Philip Murray made at the CIO executive council meeting to the effect that "the moneymakers of John L. Lewis and of David Dubinsky are open to anybody who will help split the CIO," supplementing that remark with a threat that "their arms are too short" to hinder the progress of the CIO.

The meaning of that foggy statement became clearer, however, one week later, when R. J. Thomas, as president of the UAW, in his keynote speech at Atlantic City, launched a vicious attack against David Dubinsky and the ILGWU. Thomas charged that the AFL was "moving in" on the UAW and on the CIO and that Dubinsky was serving as the spearhead that would lead the UAW into the AFL. In this conspiracy, according to Thomas, Dubinsky was linked with Walter P. Reuther. The object of the conspiracy, Thomas explained, was the fact that the ILGWU had contributed some $90,000 to the General Motors strikers.

"There is a man in the AFL," Thomas thundered from the convention platform, "whose name ought to be named President Dubinsky and the ILGWU which has filled the columns of the Communist press ever since it was announced that the members of the ILGWU collected and forwarded a substantial sum for the relief of the GM strikers. For weeks prior to that the Communists had kept touting the classmovers and the dreammakers with merely, passing "conclusions" in favor of the GM strikers but doing nothing about helping fellow-workers out on strike in a concrete and material way. But when the announcement of the contribution of $90,000 snatched the Communists straight in the face, they decided to twist this act of fraternal aid to the GM strikers into an election issue in the race for president at the UAW convention."

Obviously lacking any other issue with which he might hope to defeat his opponent, R. J. Thomas acted on this Communist line and, with the blessings of Philip Murray, sailed forth to denounce the ILGWU and its president as arch-conspirators bent upon the seduction of the UAW into the AFL and the eventual dismemberment of the entire CIO.

For this reason the verdict which the UAW convention delivered in the Reuther-Thomas contest has a double significance for the ILGWU—first, because it lays bare the meanness of the Communist-inspired attack on our union and, second, because it attests to the sound trade union sense of the auto workers' delegates who refused to be trapped into believing that the ILGWU was interfering with the affairs of their union, even though this vicious campaign had the endorsement of Philip Murray and R. J. Thomas.

We do not know what lesson Murray will choose to draw from this ignominious defeat. We are inclined to believe, however, that those in the American labor movement who have suspected right along that Murray has been practically a prisoner in the hands of a willful pro-Communist minority in the top CIO councils will find their suspicions more and more verified. It becomes increasingly evident, furthermore, that those calling pro-Communist elements, whenever it suits their political purposes, are quite capable of casting Murray into a state of jitters in the course of which he says things that make him look ridiculous—or worse.

The Communists, who hate and fear John L. Lewis and who know that Murray is afraid of the shadow of his former boss, appear to have succeeded in inculcating an extra dose of panic into Murray—a fear that has now been accelerated by the return of the United Mine Workers to the AFL.

We should like to refresh Philip Murray's memory of other examples of ILGWU "moneymaking" instances of which he must have been fully aware in his Mine Workers' days and in the earlier years of the CIO—and of which we in the ILGWU are quite proud, indeed.

Back in 1919, when the ILGWU was relatively young and hardly overburdened with funds, it contributed $100,000 from its meager resources to the general strike fund of the steel workers.

In 1922, when the United Mine Workers were in dire financial straits, it was the ILGWU that placed its credit behind their efforts to get bank loans and thereby to help restore the UMW to financial health.

In 1936 and 1937, when the ILGWU was a member of the original Committee for Industrial Organization, it contributed no less than $250,000 toward the organizing drives in steel, auto, rubber and the other campaigns in the basic industries.

Other examples of ILGWU "moneymaking" on display before the American public have been the raising of about $7,000,000 in the past eight years through voluntary membership donations which were subsequently allocated to various welfare agencies here and abroad, charity, and community purposes and to deserving labor causes in general.

To sum up:

We are frankly and utterly happy at the election of Walter P. Reuther to the presidency of the United Automobile Workers. We are glad of it because of its wholesome, air-clearing implications and its inevitable constructive influence upon the progress of that union and of the general labor movement. We are confident that the overwhelming majority of organized labor in America shares this belief with us.

The members of the ILGWU who last month so generously responded to the appeal of the GM strikers acted in the highest spirit of labor solidarity. We, therefore, regard the UAW convention's rejection of R. J. Thomas as a vindication of the policy of true labor solidarity and a repudiation of the pitfalls and brickbats Thomas hurled at our union and at President Dubinsky for coming to the assistance of the UAW in its hour of need.

As to the lie that the ILGWU has taken part in any dark plot to unseat R. J. Thomas or to help bring the UAW out of the CIO—a lie that has now boomeranged with a bang against its author—the answer is simple: The ILGWU is firmly convinced that the internal affairs of any union—AFL or CIO—are the business strictly of its own members. The United Automobile Workers convention had before it the choice of re-electing R. J. Thomas or of electing a better president. It is our humble belief that the UAW delegates exercised the right sort of judgment in electing Walter P. Reuther. We extend to him our heartiest wishes for a successful administration.