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Cotton Dress Leader Signs Contract With Chicago Joint Board

Blais, Plotkin Report Agreement Reached With Korach Bros.

A telegram from Chicago, dated March 25, from Vice-President Morris Blais, manager of the Chicago Joint Board, and Abraham Plotkin, ILGWU General Organizer, reports signing of an agreement with the firm of Korach Bros., one of the leading cotton garment firms in the city. Mr. Korach is the president of the Chicago Cotton Garment Manufacturers' Association.

While the Korach firm came to terms with the Union in behalf of its own factory only, the settlement is regarded of particular significance in view of the fact the Chicago Cotton Garment Association bought the Union two years ago when a general strike was declared in the industry. The contract with the Korach firm will

Cleveland Union Stirred By Attack On Katovsky

Will Bend Every Effort to Bring Criminals to Justice

In a letter to Justice, dated March 28, Nathan Solomons, Business Agent of the Cleveland ILGWU Joint Board, writes as follows: "We have all known for a long time that Brother Katovsky is liked in wide circles in this city, but never before did we realize what a place he holds among the workers as we did when he was suddenly attacked by enemies of

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Rice-Stix Ready To Confer With Union In St. Louis

3 Cotton Dress Shops with 800 Involved

The first indication of a possibility that the Southwestern Office of the ILGWU may come to terms with the Bonwit Teller concern with out resorting to a strike came on Monday night, when the firm, one of the prominent retail houses in the Southwest, replied to a letter from Meyer Perlstein, through its attorney, that it is "willing to take up the matter for discussion."

The St. Louis Joint Board, how-ever, is ready for more than a discussion should a strike fail in bringing results. Perlstein writes that cotton dress shops, employing from 726 to 60 workers, are

Letters to a number at smaller cotton dress shops were also distributed calling for contract conferences.

ILGWU Locals in Randall's Island Stadium on May

Union Chorus, Orchestra and Opera Singers Features of Labor Holiday

Members of all ILGWU Locals in Greater New York will celebrate the First of May, International Holiday of Labor, at a huge meeting and concert at Randall's Island Stadium this morning.

This decision was reached at a meeting of all local managers on March 11. A committee was elected to take charge of arrangements which would include a program of speech-making, a pageant, song and music. Randall's Stadium, semi-privately owned, is usually located and can take is 30,000 people. It has a fine platform; speakers will carry the voices to every corner of the great area. Additional information concerning this event will be announced in the April 15 issue of Justice.

Tallest Dallas Cops Attempt To Awe Girl Pickets

Sheba-Ann Fails to Get Scabs — Court Rejects Raging

The strike on the Sheba-Ann Dress Co., where the workers have been on strike for a month, is still on in full force.

The firm is supported in its fight against the Union by the Dallas Dress Mfr.'s group, leaders in the "open shop" employers' section of that city. The tallest policemen in town are stationed at the door around the shop to oversee the strikers.

The Sheba-Ann, however, has failed to lure any of the strikers back to work. The firm is now attempting to obtain an injunction as a "surety" method for breaking the strike. A hearing is to be held on March 24.

The trend in favor of unionism, unlike two years ago, however, has now definitely set in in Dallas. Last week, the Pottery Garment Co. signed with the Dallas ILGWU local. It is also a matter of time before the Sheba-Ann will have to fall in line, cops and injunctions notwithstanding. John G. Hattan, Dallas local manager, is in charge of the strike.
Ten ILGWU Locals To Install Officers at Mecca Temple

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135. The job event was decided on as a matter of economy in time, and energy. The big plan to form in Mecca Temple can hold comfortably several hundred persons at a time. The arrangements are as follows: The entire personnel of the executive and the ten local unions will take part. Tickets for the gathering will be on hand for distribution at all the local unions participating in the joint ceremonial.

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$50,000.00 Sent by Labor Red Cross for Hospital in Spain

Treasurer Dubinsky Sends “Million Francs” for Medical Unit

Fifty thousand dollars were forwarded by Labor’s Red Cross for Spain, through its treasurer, David Dubinsky, during the past four weeks, Walter Reuther, general secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, with headquarters in Paris, was authorized to establish a hospital for sick refugees and wounded men in a large territory in Spain.

The money was sent in two ten thousand dollar checks in February and in one thousand dollar check for one thousand dollars. The need for the immediate construction of a hospital was emphasized in a letter from Mr. Schenck from President Dubinsky, dated March 12.

A, in which the estimate of two million French francs is given for building costs.

“The Labor’s Red Cross for Spain,” President Dubinsky has just announced, “has responded to our urgent request for a hospital to be established in Spain, by forwarding a sum of money from members of the executive committee to us. This was a most timely and appropriate move. With the assistance of the American outraged workers, who have been so readily joined in the call for help of their Spanish brothers, we hope to be able to send over the money needed for the erection of this hospital in Spain.”

ILGWU Sends $500 To 10 Cincy Members — Flood Victims

Money sent to Local 10

President Dubinsky announced that the General Office forwarded $500 for distribution in equal sums of $50 to ten members of Cincinnati Local 10 who suffered losses during the recent floods. This amount is in addition to the $5,000 sent in February to the American Red Cross for the relief of the victims of the disastrous flood in the Middle West.

Cleveland Union Stirred by Attack On Bro. Katovsky

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Our Union a couple of weeks ago made one of the most important gestures in the history of the organization, by voluntarily sending to our friends in the Soviet Union everything we had. This gesture was followed up by the establishment of a joint working committee of the Cleveland Union. We are now working hand in hand with the ILGWU and other unions to send aid to the workers of the world. We are doing this to demonstrate our solidarity with the working men of all countries.

Herbert Morrison, British Labor Leader, Fills Brief Lecture Tour

Herbert Morrison, member of the British Parliament and leader of the Labour Party in Parliament, visited this country last week. He was in New York on Monday morning and spoke at the Hotel Astor. He gave a brief outline of the British labor movement and its relation to the rest of the world.

The British labor movement has been moving ahead with great rapidity during the past year. The government has been working hard to bring about better conditions for the workers. The Workers’ Councils have been formed in many places and the workers are fighting for better working conditions.

The British labor movement is an example to other countries and we can learn much from it. We must work harder to bring about better conditions for our workers. We must also support the workers in their struggle for better working conditions.

Jim Morrison, brother of the late Jim Morrison, is making this trip on a speaking tour. He is a great speaker and we can all learn a lot from him. We must support the workers in their struggle for better working conditions.

LAUNCH LABOR SPORTS FEDERATION

Athletes on a large scale as an interest, an ambitious program is being sponsored by labor leaders representing more than 10 million workers. The program will be presented at a special conference of delegates at a National Committee to be held later this year.

The Federation is expected to be held later this year.

Former N.Y. Undies Firm Comes To Terms In Running Boston Rainwear Local Asks for Increase in Pay

Local 71 of the ILGWU asked, March 18, the New England Rainwear Manufacturers Association to refer the matter of increased wages to an impartial chairman. The labor organization has been attacked for an increase of 10 per cent in view of the fact that throughout the country various employers have voluntarily increased wages of workers.

Whitman Parker, Business Manager of the ILGWU, stated, March 18, that he had already received the recommendations of the association and was willing to negotiate with the employers.

Charles Kreindler Re-elected Blouse Workers’ Manager

Local 25 Sweeps in All Present Officers

The election in Local 25, Blouse and Waist Makers, on March 10, resulted in the election of all the present officers. The following were elected: President, William J. T. Folland; Vice President, John A. J. Finnegan; Secretary-Treasurer, John A. J. Finnegan; Recording Secretary, John A. J. Finnegan; Corresponding Secretary, John A. J. Finnegan; and Shop Stewards, John A. J. Finnegan, John A. J. Finnegan, John A. J. Finnegan, John A. J. Finnegan, John A. J. Finnegan, John A. J. Finnegan, John A. J. Finnegan, John A. J. Finnegan.
Chicago Joint Board Makes Big Headway

Cotton, Dress, Underwear Drive Wins Many Facts, Bails Wires

A reinforced campaign to "mop up" every non-union driven and cotton garment factory in the Chicago district of the ILGWU, which includes Indiana and Wisconsin cities as well, has brought about some results in the past few weeks. Vice-President Bails notified the General Office in a series of telegrams. On March 15, Kedzie & Trowbridge's workroom firm employing 61 workers, signed a closed shop agreement. This was followed by June cabinet, cotton dress firm with 12 signs, which signed a two-year contract granting wage increases ranging from 75 cents to $1.50 per week.

On March 16, M. H. M. Co., a shoe making firm, came to terms with the Union, simultaneously with another home shop, 6 A. & 2 J. Factory. A. & 2 J. were arrested by Attorney Powell and Bemoyer, an underwriting employer, employing 46 people, was unanim--

The Joint Board, Vice-President Bails writes, is also negotiating for terms with the Chie Dress House of Chicago and Juliana Bros. and Krast. In Gary, Ind., International Racine

The union scored heavily when it appeared in court to support the La Mode firm of Gary, Ind. This firm formerly located in Chicago and later moved to Gary. The firm employs 330 at present and intends to enlarge its plant.

The Lakeville Underwear firm, employing 150 people, signed a closed shop agreement on March 17. This agreement resulted, besides, in substantial wage increases, were carried on by Ben Einbinder, manager of Local 158, Lakeville. Einbinder negotiated for the union, where the workers employed in the Chicago Waterfront Garment Co., amounting to 4,750 per cent.

The 80 workers of the E. R. Grumman firm, making underwear, went out on a walkout strike on March 14. The President Bails stresses the point that due credit for all the workers, both member of the Union and non-Union, who put the cotton content drive should be given to Organizations Finkin, Rufer and Dollick.

STRIKE AGAINST THE BOSS'S IDEAS
Join Your Classes

Boston Dressmakers Plan Big Affair

February 14, 1931

Dear Editor:

Please allow me some space in the "Justice" to express my appreciation to the educational and social activities in other localities of the International, for the help you have given us. Your office is one of the most active and useful in the Union. Since last Fall our membership meetings have been held regularly and at every last meeting of the month we manage to have a short business meeting and a social get-together.

Our first lecture was given by George F. Russell on the "Spanish Situation." The second lecture was given by an intellectual laborite, Dr. J. F. H. Jencks, on "A Presentation of "A Socialist Party," which has a very healthy upturn in the working class. The third lecture was on "Social Security," which was also a very timely lecture.

We were very much interested to have regular classes at our union headquarters but every time we proposed classes such as public speaking and English, a class in interpretive dancing for fashions, the members were shouting "Out!" We went to work, we wanted to know about conditions in order to improve them and we should begin to improve our own conditions.

Besides classes and lectures we also want to bring the membership closer together, through social activities such as a dance or dinner party.

Our next big undertaking is a Social Union and Joint Contract to be given on April 18, 1932, at the Loyola Auditorium, 4100 West memorial. Trum mont St., Boston, Mass.

Frenetically yours,

R. CHAVET, Chairman

HILLMAN LEADS

Textile Campaign

A drive to unionize the southern textile workers under the personal supervision of Miss Hall, joint president of the Amalgamated Pipers &5 Printers of America and John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, with one of the most capable committees in the coal industry are completed.

Roseman, Chicago Cotton Dress, Strikers In a Happy Mood Now

They Won Their Fight for Union Terms and Recognition the Other Week — Now Full-Retired

Lillian Wald, Pioneer Social Worker, Is 70

Lillian Wald is known as a leader who has taken a keen interest in the welfare work which the International has sponsored for a generation. In 1913, Miss Wald was a member, together with Dr. Henry Moskowitz and William J. Schermerhorn, of the first board of the Charity Organization Society, organized under the "Protocol of Powers." In 1930, she took part in a conference called by our Union Health Center on the subject of "Labor Health."

They Do Believe Him

Don't Believe Him when the boss says he will help you to save union which will cost you nothing in dues and will not be run by "czechs and scabbers." The sham and fraud of the company unions are very costly as a gift. There are no "out-" workers among your fellow members of the working class. It is just a dog listening to his master's voice and led by the nose, to the collar of company union.

Join Your Classes

Two Thousand View Exhibit Held in Utah Center Under Auspices of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Social Activities Club in Los Angeles

By Nancy Garb, Secretary

A group of young members of the Los Angeles club and dressmakers' locals, composed of all nationalities, has organized a "Social Activities Club" which includes sports, entertainment, labor, dramatic and other educational subjects.

Our committee is very ambitious and is doing its utmost to get every young member of our Union interested in our program. We are sure that our aim as members is the success of the unity is increasing daily.

A Committee is now working on a Hall Dance which from all indications will be a success. Excellent entertainment has been arranged, which will be performed by our own members. We will have songs, dances, acrobats and acrobatic acts and the Dramatic group is working on two pages, "History," and others. We are taking our task very seriously and are confident that it will succeed. Brother Harwood Smith of Local No. 85 is the director of the event. The gymnasium is crowded with fellows and girls every evening. Work is being going on and some meals are included in the program. Preparations are now in progress for a big order which we hope to sell.

On Tuesday, March 24, Local 27 will conduct its general election for officers, members of the executive board, and delegates to the International convention in May. The balloting will go on from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium, 804 East 16th St.

Great interest is being shown in the election since through this is the first time a complete set of officers and directors has been chosen by the membership as a whole, the local having been only a little more than a year and a half old at the last elections in 1930. The present candidates were nominated at the general meeting held on March 11, when an Election and Objection Committee of six was elected from the floor to pass on the eligibility of all nominees and to supervise the election.

Abraham Snyder, manager of Local 27 since it was first chartered in 1931, will be the sole nominee for the office of manager, and Alfred Beal, the union's business agent, stands as the only candidate for that office.

Members of Local 52 are urged to do their voting early on Tuesday, March 20, to avoid a last minute rush, and the board is requested to cooperate in instructing the workers in their shops both as to procedure and as to the importance of turning out to vote to make their wishes known by ballot.
In the “Little International”

By Harry Wender, V.P.
General Manager, Eastern Out-of-Town Department

Dull in Cheap Unions

The pre-Easter rush we all expect in the dress industry has not materialized. In fact, for the past two weeks, work has slowed down considerably in the “out-of-town” shops. This is especially true of the shops making lower-priced garments. The shops in the suburbs feel the pinch of florists and this handicap is going to affect work in the wholesale trade. One of the consequences of this slow-down is that the union members are finding it harder than usual to find work. The majority of them work on the cheaper trade garments, which explains why our shops are not as busy as they are in the old days. Some of them, however, feel that work will pick up after the Easter holidays. For the sake of our workers, we hope that this prediction comes true.

Stikes on Hand

In addition to the two strikes reported in the last issue of “Justice,” we have now called two more.

The Robert Dress Co. has been declared on strike by the Dress Joint Board because it has been sending work to non-union dress contractors. One of these non-union contractors is the Joseph H. N. Nike shop in Albany, N. Y., and the task of organizing this shop was assigned to Local 31.

Last week, a strike was called in the I. G. Goldberg Underwear, Inc. shop in Brooklyn. Although Local 31 has only 36 workers involved in this strike, the shop is a key one and, however effective our campaigns are, the organizers have no alternative but to strike. The losses are going to be considerable. The shop had been operating on a four-day week and the piece prices were increased at the rate of 20 cents to 30 cents per hour.

Strike Settlements

The Audley Lingerie Co., employing about 126 workers, which was reported on strike two weeks ago, signed an agreement with the union, providing for a $1.00 raise the week and an additional dollar for overtime. The shop was closed down and the piece prices were increased at the rate of 20 cents to 30 cents per hour. The workers accepted the settlement, with joy. This strike was conducted by Organizer Stites.

An agreement was also signed, through negotiations by Brother Jack Greenspan, manager of the Long Island Joint, with the Fish & Game shop of Jamaica, L. I., employing about 70 workers. In the last issue of “Justice,” we reported that an organization committee was formed consisting of members of Local No. 145 and Local No. 1412, to assist in the campaign to organize a shop in Elizabeth, N. J. This committee has made no time nor energy to perform the work they have undertaken.

Newark Girls Win Union Shop

Audrey Lingerie Employees Rally Contract Terms After Union Shop Is Amended

A strike was called in the electric garments shop of Mr. Cohn, 182nd Street and 18th Avenue, Newark. The picket line around the shop was very effective until the first decided that they would break the strike by an injunction. This injunction recreated the union from exercising any of its constitutional rights and, thus, the workers in the shop were unable to continue the strike. A stoppage was called in the Holton Co., a manufacturer of Glen doll, N.Y. This stoppage was called because the firm initial of payment at prices at which the workers could not earn as much as 30 cents per hour. After a conference with Mr. Holton, at which Vice-President Kreidinger, manager of Local No. 125, and the writer were present, we agreed that a private settlement was in order, Local No. 125, together with Mr. Holton and the local Garment Workers’ Agitation Committee, settled the strike. Mr. Holton agreed to go to the shop and establish a system by which the prices would be raised or on any order and be made more attractive to the union. The shop was then opened to the workers.

Runners-Up In N. J. State ILGWU Girls’ Basketball Race

Stalwart Young Group of Local 220, Newark Garment Workers, Kept Up Hot Seat Season

Local 31 Begins Drive To Enroll All Patternmakers

Canvas of Buildings Started

Daniel Ninocoff, recently appointed manager of the Dress Patternmakers’ Local 31, announced that the long delayed campaign to enroll all the craftsmen in the New York Trade of the ILGWU has now begun in earnest. The patternmakers, who did not come in under the settlement of the last general dress strike, are subjected to worse work conditions than the other crafts. Ninocoff declared that the need for a unionism “in this craft is therefore apparent.

The organizing activity, which is beginning to show results already, is laid out on the building and order for which all the committees are assigned. Local 31 has been allotted all the buildings and the campaign of the Dress Joint Board for the approaching factories. Especially active work are being done by the members and officers of the patternmakers’ organization, Local 16, for assistance.

Agreements in the patternmaking branch are to be closed in June.

BUTTON, NOVELTY MEMBERS ELEC

Balloting in Local 312, ILLGWU, Basin of the West Trade section on March 18, resulted in the following list of members elected for 1951:

Manager, Secretary, Martin Feldman; Business Agent, Harry Berg; Business Managers, William Williams, William Bergin; Convention Director, Albert Bokal.

Nine members of the Executive Board were elected: "Sam" Nester, Louis Lerman, Ralph Weisberg, Harry Wintersky, James Schelfau, Samuel Weiss and Samuel Greenspan.

Manager Feldman was also elected as second convention delegate to a meeting on February 18, which prevailed throughout the entire season. All who attended the dinner were given an enjoyable time. The altars for the coming season to be the topic of the day in the “Out-of-Town” branch. Some of the locals have had their elections already and the lucky ones who were elected as delegates are proof of the discrimination. Nevertheless, those who were not elected are a credit to the good work done by the locals in this election campaign, theyFOX LICK, NY. — The 220, Newark Garment Workers, Kept up Hot Seat Season.
"22" Officers Sweep Election

Two Out of 17,324

"22" Classes Open April 5, Beat Previous Records
Advance Registration At New High As Members Flock to Courses

With an advance registration for various courses and cultural groups that beats all previous marks, classes in Local 22's Educational Department program will open April 5.

Will Herberg, educational director, explained that the late opening of the classes was due to the fact that local elections had taken up much of the time of the membership. He explained that classes would begin these classes this year so that actual study time would be used.

Incoming registration was noted as the classes were conducted with current events in the labor movement and in the history of labor groups being up to the present era in the movement. The courses were offered in the morning and in the afternoon.

Education

Advice

The advice is to register for as many courses as possible and to be active in the membership of the organization in order to be active in the membership of the organization and in the meetings of the organization.

Local 22

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One of the most important aspects of the organization is the active participation of its membership in the labor movement.

EDITH—Business Agent

Jobber Pays $6,500 For Underpayments

J. Goldman Marked $4.75

Dresses $3.75; Strike Brings Settlement

Following a strike action taken because the firm's books were not kept in the New Haven shop of the Gold- man firm were not receiving the wages to which they were entitled. The firm refused to show its books and wages to which they were entitled. The firm refused to show its books and wages to which they were entitled. The firm refused to show its books and wages to which they were entitled.

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By the end of the year, 185 workers were employed by the firm in its New York and New Haven shops. All responded to the firm's work and discipline and that are characteristic of the union's work.

The firm has a history of demanding more than the current rate of pay.

Brookwood Grads Hear

Hochman in Message of Hope

A newly awakened labor movement has gathered in young men and women to strike for better working conditions. The message was delivered by Brother Hochman at the graduation ceremony of the Brookwood Union's Workers Organizing Committee.

Brookwood graduates who are members of the union have been notified by the union that they are entitled to the benefits of the union's organizing program. The message was delivered to all graduates of the union.

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Born in the United States of America in 1952, New York City, the Empire City of the Empire State, Edith Learned Early in Life That the Color of Her Skin Made Her a "Step-Citizen." Ten Years Ago She Joined the Dames' Union and Discovered That the President of Race, Color and Creed, So Often Invited to Divide the Working Class, Were Absent Under the Banners of Our International and Dress Joint Board. At the age of 22 Edith Averis Taylor, the daughter of the late Mrs. Averis Taylor, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Dress Joint Board. At the age of 22 Edith Averis Taylor, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Dress Joint Board.
Mammoth “Aida” at “89” Induction

Dubinsky To Install Officers—Antonini To Announce Union Policies—La Guardia To Be Guest—Tickets Ready for Local Membership.

At a spectacular feee worthy of the largest single trade union unit in the United States, Local 89 will install its new officers, and stage a gigantic entertainment before 25,000 Union members, Sunday, December 2nd and evening Monday, April 3, immediately after work. Mayor La Guardia will be among the honored guests.

Held in the great auditorium, which has never been used, as its “belle of the season,” the program will include the following events:

1. Vice-President Louisa Meade, reporting as chairman of the Elemon Committee, will preside.
2. John Golo, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, will deliver the opening address of welcome. President David Dubinsky, will announce the new administration of the local in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution.
3. Brother Ludzi Antonini, once again assuming the office of General Secretary of the local, will deliver a keynote address that will enter into the history of the local.
4. General Manager Julius Hochman will greet the new administration for the Joint Board.
5. Immediately after the set of the program, Verd’s Immortal “Alibi” will be presented on a mammoth scale never before seen at any indoor performance. There will be a double symphony orchestra, a large ballet, company of women in the main scenes, troops of horses and four elephants. Maestro Giuseppe Baccialicchio will conduct.
6. The event will be closed out with the performance of fine orchestras, including “Verdi’s Lovers.” Impromptu rhythm renditions, will provide dance music if the occasion takes place. There will be no dancing if Monday is the first of the month.

That’s as far as the arrangements committee has gone at this writing, but it is certain that the event will go down as a red-letter day in trade union history.

Local 89 may obtain free tickets by applying to their local officials, such as local branch or central offices. Members with new books will receive free tickets on the distribution of free tickets.

All tickets except for those designated to unit members are confined to local members. Those attending “The Garden” first will get the preference in seats.

Now On Eastern Hook-Up

“The Voice of Local 89” The Most Popular Italian Radio Hour Symphony Orchestra and Opera Singers of International Fame

DRAMATIC SKETCHES

LUIGI ANTONINI First Vice-President, ILGWU, and General Secretary of Local 89 in his weekly comment on labor and political events.

Alex Otter, Speaker, of Timely Union Topics

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In the homes of over 200 building chairmen today hangs an engraved testimonial expressing for all time the gratitude of the Union to that devoted corps which guards the 35-hour week.

Signed by the officers of the Union and stamped in gold with its great seal, the testimonial was presented to the building chairmen tendered by the Joint Board on the Manhattan, March 17.

Included on the testimonial was this message written by General Manager Hochman in behalf of the entire Union:

“By day and by night you have freely given of your time, your energy and your spirit to safeguard the greatest gain, won through struggle and sacrifice, for the benefit of thousands of our sisters and brothers long, exploited, by the greed of those who count all values in terms of money. Through many dark days, marked by the golden sand of decades, the demonstration of your unflinching devotion to the welfare of all workers dependent for their bread on the making of dresses. All of us saw the 15-hour week become a reality. We lived together, counting years of toil and life, to the end of all workers to share it, to the end of all workers to see the bread industry a living reality. In recognition of your great service as Building Chairman, we present you with this testimonial so that in years to come all may know that you were a tireless and devoted servant to the Union, to Our Country, to our ideals.”

Decorations carrying through the Joint Board symbol of four interlaced rings and an 80-foot slogan reading “We Honor Our Union Defenders—The Building Chairmen” set the tone and spirit of the occasion. The good spirit as characteristic of our Union Affairs reached a high point when divers left their tables to make a speech through the hall in a hilarious picture. Mass singing from a specially prepared song sheet, was a frequent interlude in the service of the day.

The high point of the occasion came when the distribution of the testimonial to the building chairmen was known. Each holder was called up and when General Manager Hochman gave the signal to open them a pleased chorus of admiration mingled through the hall.

In his little talk Brother Hochman referred to the speeches—data were there to honor the guests of honor—of the building chairmen. He reread the history of the long effort of the Union to reclaim the struggle for the 35-hour week and expressed the thanks on behalf of the Union for the support of the building chairmen for their personal sacrifice in upholding this great claim. He then read the testimonial.

Chairman David Dubinsky paid a tribute to the spirit of the building chairmen by saying that it was just that spirit which enabled the ILGWU to play a leading role in the labor movement of the country.

Max Blumenthal, manager of the organization department and head of the building chairmen.

A Labor Committee on Immigration Formed

A number of labor leaders met in Boston, March 16, on the initiative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to form a labor committee on immigration. Among the leaders present were: Leila Appel, general manager of the ILGWU, who was appointed chairman of the committee; Arthur Goldberg, general counsel of the ILGWU; and a number of other labor leaders and experts on immigration matters.

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LOCAL 22 SPORT SQUADS

By Leo Cohen

Athletic Director

Local 22’s Yens Cape Artists Have Humbled All Competition in One Division of the ILGWU Baseball League. The Yen’s Speed Gobs Have beanballed the League’s Tallest Team, the Cleasers, in the Very Near Future, 22 and 91 Will Have It Out and They’re Going to Pay for Marbles for Fray.‘t’ll Be SOMA Game!

Local 40 Came to End of Race Route in Third Place Putting Up Valiant Battle While White Was On

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By Leo Cohen

Athletic Director

Local 22’s Yens Cape Artists Have Humbled All Competition in One Division of the ILGWU Baseball League. The Yen’s Speed Gobs Have beanballed the League’s Tallest Team, the Cleasers, in the Very Near Future, 22 and 91 Will Have It Out and They’re Going to Pay for Marbles for Fray.‘t’ll Be SOMA Game!

Local 40 Came to End of Race Route in Third Place Putting Up Valiant Battle While White Was On

Beltmakers’ First Division Ball Tossers

On the Youn front

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...Drive in Southwest Sweeps On...

By Meyer Perlstein, ILGWU Regional Director

Our new Union shops in Kansas City have already established themselves. In fact, all the workers in these shops have already joined the Union and the shops are beginning to function as well organized shops where union conditions, minimum wages, and union treatment are prevalent.

Some of the workers, particularly in the shop of the Liberty Dress Co., where 230 girls are employed, have already stated the picket line. Peculiar how quickly the girls joining the Union get back with its giving effect. For years and years we had tried to organize the Liberty Frock. It is only three weeks since an agreement was signed with the firm, and we have girls already on the picket line organizing others.

In our over 1000 girls from the Liberty Frock were on the picket line in the Gordon Mfg. Co., and more are coming. Now even women who had not been there were wondering how quickly they had acquired their knowledge. They certainly have given a good account of themselves.

Strikes in Kansas City

Kansas City, March 15, the workers of three shops, the Gordon Mfg. Co., a cotton dress shop where about 250 girls are employed, and the Paradise Co., a children's dress shop, where about 200 girls are employed, and the Missouri Garment Co., where about 200 cotton dressmaker workers are employed, went out on strike.

In the Gordon Mfg. Co. girls, all members of the Union, occupied the front hallway. These three shops are located in the building. The girls blocked the front door so that those intended to become strikebreakers could not get in. These 50 girls were on the strike for nine hours, blocking the front door. Their pickets brought them coolers and blankets and for two nights they slept on the stairs. Finally the police arrived and the strike was made to make arrangements to move the strikers because of some intermediary conditions, and they wanted.

These three firms will not have union shops. If not, they will never again manufacture dresses. The Gordon Mfg. Co., also a shop in Richmond, Mo., a union shop. The girls in Richmond are about on the picket line, and the girls of the Mr. Gordon that they also are entitled to a living wage.

Donnelly Garment Co., Kansas City

One noted friend, Jim Reed, former United States Senator from Missouri, who also has a Union shop. The Union has not received any reply to the letter it recently sent to the firm, but there is a move among the workers in the Donnelly shop also for minimum wage. A number of girls have recently joined the Union, Mrs. Donovan Billy Smith's sister made last week a speech to the 1,200 workers in the shop employing, standing with them to not listen to the strikers.

For some reason or other, the girls figured out that the strike in the shop would be called on Wednesday, March 17. That morning the shop was surrounded by the entire Kansas City police department. We never had, of course, any intention of calling a strike on that day. It only meant that Mrs. Reid feels that the Union is coming, and that the workers in the Donnelly shop will also have to be put on a basis that will enable the workers to enjoy the rights which a strong organization can give them.

They work in this shop over 18 hours a week. Their minimum wages are $7.50 for apprentices and $8.50 for skilled operators. The opening-up system in that shop is such that very few girls can get long. Their services become extinguished in no time. They that should make money can make money, and the girls in that shop are cased system. The highest grade of employees can make more with the lower grade, and when they are seen socially to make more, they are fired.

In Memphis, Tennessee, the girls were given $15 in the firm. They, too, have more or less money, and the management is trying to keep them out of the way. In the firm, the girls are given a good account of themselves. The establishment they display is very attractive. The City Mayor of Memphis, together with a group of city officials, has now brought about a truce between the Union and the firm to pave the way for another conference. The truce is that the firm is to close its shop, stop manufacturing, and that the Union will refrain from mass picketing. We are on the lookout for further developments.

K. C. ILGWU Strikers Hold Lobby

This Group of 51 Shop Strikers of the Garden Bros., Mfg. Co., Missouri Garment Co., and Garneer Garment Co., all Three of Kansas City, Mo., and located in the same building, occupied the Lobby Office at 2617 Grand Avenue, Former a Picket Fence at the Entrance.

Dallas Pickle Line As Hectic As Ever

Shea Ann Girls In Texas Town Fighting For Union Work Terms

200 Girls Striking in the National Underwear Corp. Factory in St. Louis Are Reinstated on Picket Line by "Societies" At Strike Enters Fourth Week

San Antonio

Propriations are being made for a general walkout in San Antonio. The nitrogen manufacturers will also report that the trend of the nitrogen in this city is with the union and that they will come to terms with their workers. The labor executive committee of the strike in San Antonio.

And this we are fighting hard, and not just for ourselves. Our people everywhere are concerned, all of faith and purpose to move forward.

Society Women Picket St. Louis Underwear Shop

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The National Underwear Corp. has been operating with girls at $15 a week. The demand was placed before the firm for an increase of wages and for collective bargaining. The firm’s attorney advised me that he could not give an immediate reply because some of the members of the firm are on the coast for a vacation. On the other hand, the workers of the Tri-State Mfg. Co. of Memphis have been given their wages and are now helping the girls in the other shops to attain union conditions.

Pittsburgh, Illinois

Kearns Bros., a cotton dress firm employing about 250 people, went away from Pittsburgh as soon as the workers in that shop began to organize. They moved to Fairfield, Ill., believing that most of the staff in Pittsburgh would give up their idea of unionism and work for their firm.

Most of the girls in Pittsburgh are the wives, daughters, and sweethearts of miners, and though they went through a lot of suffering since the shop left the town, very few could be induced by the firm to go to work for them in Fairfield. Finally, when the firm saw that the resistance of these girls could not be broken, they decided to close the shop in Fairfield and move it to Chicago.

On March 17, a conference was held at a hotel in New London, III., in which representatives of the Mr. Garneer, Mr. Fox, Mr. Bagley, a group of members of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, together with Mr. Hughes, vice-president of the United Mine Workers, and Mr. Harrison, as representative of the ILGWU, were present.

The question of recording an agreement with the Union was discussed. This was the first time that the Kearns Bros. firm met and for several hours different problems were discussed. A preliminary agreement reached at the end of this meeting was that I was to draw up an agreement, roll it to the firm and that they would come to meet me within a week or two days whether they would sign this agreement.

Citi...
The "Labor Bloc" in Congress

By Henry Zon

"What we need for a lasting, dependable labor bloc, is not present..." is cited to show the way in which Congress, working in byways and corners, plots, and measures labor wages while unable to take any major action. The instance could be multiplied many times in involving the "workers' dollar." It is expected by labor lobbyists, however, that 1935 will be more numerous. In the meantime a hand-to-mouth situation has been the rule for many men and the staff is well located. Every department has a room, complete with a pull-down bed and a full mattress, and the addition of an electric refrigerator and a small ice-making machine is planned..."
L en 02 Clinches A Learning Experience
By scoring a total of 4 points to all but 50 seconds to play, the Truck Drivers dethroned sieved scene over against Local 11, the fleet once being 21 to 23. This game was played at the Stuyvesant Gym on Saturday, March 20, and as a result of this victory, Local 02 clinched the A League New York City Basketball title.

As a result of this victory, the Truck Drivers meet Local 90, Williamsburg for the championship of the New York men’s title, the date to be announced in the very near future.

Local 91 Girls
Quintet League Winners
By scoring a 21-5 victory over Local 99 Bronx in an earlier game, Local 91, last year’s winner of the David Dobrotsky Trophy, carried the award for the second consecutive year for the original 1941 quintet girls’ team for the New York City Girls’ championship.

Retrospect
Going over in my mind what has occurred in the ILEGIU Basketball tournament for the past year, what has happened in a season that has decided the future of the teams in the bracket of the teams in the bracket of the tournament for the New York City Girls’ championship.

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BASKETBALL
Final Standings
Men’s League A

Local 102.......... 12 0 100
Local 114........... 10 0 100
Local 155......... 8 2 58
Local 188........... 6 4 50

Women’s League A

Local 96........... 5 2 80
Local 99........... 3 6 33
Local 167........... 3 1 67
Local 188........... 2 5 62

Women’s League B

Local 06........... 2 1 60
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Baseball Jeopardy
In Spring an ILEGIU athlete turns to thoughts of baseball.

With less than a month of the New York season to go, the New York locals should have a rather successful season as far as baseball is concerned. The New York locals have a rather successful season as far as baseball is concerned.

The first meeting of the Baseball League was held at the State Studios, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Jack Palestrina, Local 153, President; Dr. A. M. Sigel, Local 153, Vice-President; Joe Marcone, Local 86, Secretary; and Joe Rubin, Local 86, Treasurer.

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Flows were formulated for the evening of the League, one of the most important points agreed upon was the separation of the two leagues, the playing of both twilight and Saturday ball games, and the conclusion of the two leagues. These two flows have, proved a successful feature for the past 2 years and the present season to come will be no exception.

Gone DNA Donut of Local 95, New York City.

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League A Winner
5-00 P.M.
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DANCING FROM 7:00 P.M. TO MIDNITE
Admission 35 cents

UNION MAN

by J. Grissoled

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In Eastern Cotton Garment Area...

Harrisburg, Pa., Union Dress Girls Step Out in Dance Class

By Elas Reisberg, U.P., Director Cotton Dress & Miscellaneous Trades Dept.

There have been two bloody weeks in the Cotton Dress Department in every sector where we are operating.

In Pennsylvania we closed in Reading, where two shops were involved. After a strike that lasted eight weeks, John Scarpelli, of the Reading Dress Co., signed a ten-quarntal which sent back 70 of his workers employed in that shop on unfair terms. A new contract with a 15¢ per week increase and 60 hours were secured.

The Scarpelli firm is a confederacy of cotton dressers and it offers a splendid resistance to the efforts of the Union to introduce standard working conditions in its branches. The organizers are in charge of this strike.

In Pittsburgh, Mifflin Schrieber and Bill Vincent.

Another firm which settled with the Union without a strike was the Landrum Dress Co. of Landrum, Pa. This firm manufactures cotton dresses and employs 250 people. The contract calls for a 14-hour week and a 75¢ weekly increase as of June 1. In charge of this work was Mott Johnson.

Two Shops On Strike

Two strikes are in progress now in the Pennsylvania shops. One, in the Penna. Needle Art Co., located in Pittsburgh, broke out last week and 80 workers are now out of work.

The other is in the Batten Dressing Co., located in Scranton, Pa. At a strike called last week took place last night after our organizers had been encouraging the workers for a few weeks. One or another took charge of the strikers, sent them, back to the shop, and are now negotiating with the firm for an agreement. The firm employs 200 people on seven days.

N.Y. Board Helps In Taunton Pact

From Taunton, Mass., comes the news that the Taunton Dress Co., a new New York-runway shop, has come into being with the Eunice E. J. General Manager of the New York Dress Joint Board, Miss Koslow, as its head. The Taunton Dress Co. is a contract firm for the American Dress Co., formerly known as the New York, a jobbing firm.

The arrangements call for 200 workers in the work-shop system, with increases in pay ranging from $2 to $4 per week and in addition to a provision for monthly increases until the workers will reach the minimum scale prescribed in the New York dress contract. The firm employs 315 workers.

The settlement was accelerated by the New York Dress Joint Board, which called a strike against the American Jumper firm in New York as we started organizing activity in Taunton. The organizer in charge of this work was William F. McNiff, with headquarters in Fall River, Mass.

Big Shop in Auburn

Up-State New York Organizer, Al Bowers has been campaigning in the region where the plant of L. Ginn & Son, one of the oldest and largest cotton dress manufacturers in the country, is located, employing 250 workers. After several weeks of activity, in which Desser was supported by the local A.P. of the American Ginn, there began to break.

The Ginn workers went on strike by protest in the recession against low wages. Then the Union stepped in, and Ortezian Bower and Hamilton are now in contact with the workers in the factory.

The Union has been successful with the firm and we hope to be able to report successful results in the next issue of "Justice."

Two New Charters

In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where the local is well-organized with the Plant Mfg Co., but after month of the longest strike of our districts, a charter has now been issued.

In No. 22, of the charters, we have the Union of the local of 110.

A charter was also issued to thealterative tailors of Boston and vicinity as Local 209. Many Levites and Jack Halperns are in charge in Boston and they are working with the tailors group in that city.

75 Girls Sit Down In Dress Shop In Baltimore

Roberts Dress Factory Workers Elect to Stay On the Premises

Baltimore shop "sit-down" strike began at 8 o'clock on the evening of March 12 when 75 girls employed by the Roberts Dress Company, 35 South Park street, refused to work.

Baltimore Sit-Downers Lie Down

Roberts Dress Girls Won't Work Until Unionizes All its Units

Get "Headed" Right Attend Your Class.

Non-Partisan League Backs Roosevelt on Court Plan

2-Day Convention Takes Steps for Permanent Organisation

Announced by Major George L. Berry, president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, more than 60 delegates representing every State in the Union met in Washington on Monday, March 8, in a two-day special convention of the League for the purpose of launching an intensive drive in support of President Roosevelt's Court reform proposal.

In his opening address, President Roosevelt stated that the League was the first great national organization to come to the President's support "when he was under bitter attack from every group in the nation." Again we make the same role," he continued, "and for the purpose of the faithful." Senator Robert M. La Follette (Progressive) of Wisconsin, also addressed the delegates with a stirring address, in which he denounced the "impartialism" of the Supreme Court, whose thinking, he said, was in another generation and has been amplified by the American people in their demand for the present composition of the Court. He described the Court as "socially unaccountable." He will follow the ticket.

Resolution Conveyed to the President

A fuming applause was the occasion immediately approved a resolution endorsing the President plan and named a committee to visit President Roosevelt and convey to him the sentiments of all labor throughout the country. Among the members of this committee who, as he went in, the White House were Major Berry, John L. Lewis, First Vice-President of the Amalgamated; Walter Reuther, Executive Secretary of the C.I.O.; Charles Morgan, and Charles P. Howard.

Plan for Permanent Organization

The expansion of the League's activities and the organization of the city and country units, in addition to the fact that State organizations of the League are everywhere taken on permanent form, have made imperative, in the opinion of the convention, the adoption of a set of by-laws and a formal constitution for the national organization of the League. Members of the Executive Committee of the National Executive Board were therefore designated as a committee to consider the subject and to submit the proper form double upon the permanent form of the resolution.
May 5, Education Day

According to the Education Com- mittee, which met on March 28, the educational activities of the Union are to be given special at- tention at the convention on Wed- nesday, May 5. We are collecting books, vinyl, posters, mimeo- graphed journals, registration leaf- let, etc., for a full information desk. All our publications will be on display in a large display. There will be special talks and conferences by educational experts and our organ- izers and directors from various con- ferences will cover the best way to recruit students to select teachers to run their libraries and to link up the students to the Union activities. We hope that local education commit- tees will send a representative to the convention on that day.

Institutes

Plans are already being made for the 39-day (16 sessions) institute at Brookwood, May 29, to June 2. Watch this paper for details.

Publications

We have sent to each of the lo- cals a copy of our latest publica- tion, "The West's Garment District: An Economic Analysis." By Craig Strohl, President. This is ex- actly the pamphlet for our classes to use. Considerable interest is shown by other unions in our "Handbook" and other publica- tions. The Northwest Institute received a report showing that within the last two years 10,000 pamphlets have been sold and dis- tributed and 110,000 promotional books, folders, and refrigerator magnets have been put into circulation.

May we ask all locals which have not yet sent in their reports to let us know immediately concerning their activities; otherwise they will be omitted from the report presented to the convention.

T U C

The Trade Union-Service class completed its 7th lecture session on March 28. Many of our speakers equipped for the lecture have been held at the Center Hotel, 101 West 48th Street. A second class will be held at the Center Hotel on May 1.

ILGWU Student Fellowship at Lunch on April 10

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'White Goods' Chiselers

By Samuel Shaw
Manager Low2.

The tendency of big business has always been toward monopoly in big industries such as electric light and power, coal, steel, iron, oil and utilities, trusts and combinations have either been completely formed or are well on their way to being established. Yet, despite this tendency, there are a number of instances where combinations are not only highly competitive, but in which the competition grows more fierce with each year.

Perhaps the leading industry in this competitive drive to the many, it would be easy to say, would be iron and steel, but it would be relatively simple for labor to compel the multiplication of dozens of standards of living. Though the competition is fierce, the individual industry produces for one market—very nearly all of the raw materials are in the hands of one company. This is a great difference between the consolidated industries of the East and the West, where there is a great diversity of difference in the competition of the East and the West, and in the East and the West, there is a great diversity of difference in the competition of the East and the West. An industry in which the products vary from one to another may be one of the most important differences between the two.

The advertising of the workmen is as important as the advertising of the goods. The goods are the result of the work the men do.

The effects of this are seen in the nature of the workmen, who do not always do their best work. It is the duty of the men to work hard to keep their work up to standard, or they will be fined. This is an incentive to the men to work hard, and it is also an incentive to the employers to keep the men in good health and good condition.

NEW OFFICE FOR BORO PARK

The Boro Park office of the Bronx Belis Group has moved to 1543-1545 Riverdale Ave., which is much larger and more convenient.

Arrested Dallas Pickets and Union Attorney

'91 Ball-Tossers Set Hot Pace

"Spring Cleaning Follows Biggest "91" Election

1937-1938 Officers Chosen

Working for the protection of the union, the IBEW provided three polling places on March 18 in the greatest of its history. At the headquarters of this organization, President Harry Seitz, manager of the local, and a group of twenty officers strolled into the building and cast their ballots at the polls. The results in the election were not final, but they will be counted when the tabulation shows that the union headquarters will endorse the work of the officers elected.

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ATTENTION!
Members of Local 10
A Regular Membership and Social and Welfare Meeting will be held on
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1937
Arlington Hall
21 St. Mark's Place
11:30 P.M. sharp
Each and every member is urged to attend this meet-
ing without fail.

Irvine Marcus

PORTUOLI CUTTERS FEEL GRATEFUL
We, the cutters of P. Portoli, Inc., New Jersey, wish to express our appreciation to Brother Morris Gold for his efforts exerted on our behalf and the keen interest he has taken in our welfare.

It was Brother Gold who obtained two increases in wages for us within a period of one year and other improvements in behalf of all the cutters of this shop.

We wish Brother Gold success in all the future undertakings in the organization for the benefit of the cutters.

Good luck to him and the Cut-
ters Union, Local 10.

Favorably yours,
Richard D'Andrea, Chairman of Cutters of P. Portoli.

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EDITORIAL NOTES...

The Elections Are Over

Local elections in the ILGWU all over the country are over. As prescribed by the regulation adopted in Chicago, in 1934, the local elections are a part of the countrywide ballot for local administrations and for conversion delegates. This biennial election system, economical and time-saving, will remain.

Reports from every market and ILGWU unit indicate that everywhere the balloting has been orderly. This, by no means, implies that the elections were conducted without friction, for friction exists in every industry. In many places, notably in New York and Chicago, there were hectic contests, with slates, campaigns and electioneering galore. In some locals there were even united fronts, not all of the same variety, though all inspired by the same age-old motive on the part of the "outs" to displace the "ins.

The democratic machinery of the Union, well retested after a layoff of three years, went into motion during March with zest and vivre and acquitted itself in an excellent manner. In a large number of locals, this has been the first election they ever had, the first lesson in trade union government they have ever experienced. It must be borne in mind that, since 1934, not less than a hundred new locals have been added to the roster of the ILGWU.

It is estimated that about 500 delegates will come to our next convention in Atlantic City. It is thrilling to think that these men and women will represent nearly a quarter of a million workers, as solid a section of labor in America as there is on the American continent. It is even more thrilling to think that only five years ago there was a third that many delegates assembled in Philadelphia, representing no more than a fourth of our present membership. It has not been all a miracle, either. Hard work, persistent effort, blended generously with a fighting idealism, have been chiefly responsible for our advance.

"$54,000 In Three Years"

A New York dress job firm has been fined $54,000 for underpayments to workers and other violations of the collective agreement—the stupendous sum of $54,000 in the past three years. Moreover, the firm has paid the fines.

A stranger in out mids, unfamiliar with the ways and byways of organized garment-industry in the garment trades, would probably be left gasping at the size of this sum. In our own ranks, this penalty, staggering though it is, causes no more than a surface ripple. It is just part of the huge controlling task of the Union and of those inter-industry agencies engaged in policing production standards. It is punishment that meets, in part only, perhaps, the violation perpetrated by the firm in question.

It goes without reemphasis, as General Manager Harry D. Stonehouse declared in commenting on the disciplinary verdict rendered by Imperial Chairman Uccellr in this case, that the Union is not particularly elated over fines, great or small, and that it is by far more interested in agreement compliance. Nor is this severe fine, by any means, typical of the entire dress industry. Hard as the task may have been, during the earlier period especially, the objective of "civilizing the jobbers," has, to a material degree, been realized in both our major trades in New York. The number of the different jobbers violations of the pay and hours of work clause of the agreement by this time has been reduced to a handful, and these operate solely in the cheaper price range.

The silent sermon, which this unique incident preachy to the industry, nevertheless, has a potency all its own. It is a lesson that sinks through seven skins; its content is that it is becoming more and more unprofitable to "cheat" on union work hours at the expense of the workers or the industry as a whole. Let the prospective violator beware!

Partners In World's Fair

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York World's Fair Corporation by the ILGWU has created quite a bit of comment in the press and in labor circles. It is not every day that a trade union goes to the front in a communal undertaking in such a big way. The ILGWU example, however, was quickly emulated by other unions in the metropolitan district.

For a start from President Dahanbholdy, commented on this act, that "the millions of wage earners in New York are a legitimate and integral part of our mighty life and their well-being is inseparable from the welfare and glory of the metropolis," labor, and the organized workers especially, have a big stake in the coming World's Fair. The Fair, with its buildings, housing projects and temporary communities for millions of visitors, will probably be the biggest construction job New York has had in all its history. It could be the time to test the ability of millions of workers to give employment to tens of thousands of construction workers, a great many of whom have now been without jobs for years.

The New York unions, without distinction, are interested that this immense amount of work be done by union labor under union work hours and pay schedules. The formation of a labor advisory committee, along with the unprecedented and magnificent appearance of the World's Fair, was a right step in the situation. It should not only stimulate labor interest and cooperation in this gigantic enterprise but likewise it should influence the general administrative conditions that contractors-employer must be tempted to put over in the course of the Fair's construction.

Above all, it offers testimony that organized labor has come fully of age in New York as a constructive force and influence. We are glad that ILGWU by its action in purchasing the $100,000 block of bonds, has suddenly demonstrated this fact.

The Assault On Katovsky

The brutal attack on Moscow's top diplomat, President Abraham Katovsky, which occurred on March 5, in front of his home as he was returning late at night from a union meeting, has stirred deeply the membership of the ILGWU in Cleveland and everywhere in the country.

Vice-President Katovsky, for many years the leader of the women's garment workers in Cleveland,—gave a multi-spirited defense of his country—by all indications, has been a thorn in the side of some racketeers who from time to time have attempted to set a nest in the Cleveland organization but were stymied and driven completely away by Katovsky. The cowardly act of brigandage appears to be the reprisal by which these men chose to illuminate their diabolic nature.

This assault on Katovsky, obviously, is a challenge not only to our Cleveland organization but to the Union as a whole. It was in this spirit that the General Executive Board of the ILGWU took this decision to vigorously pursue the perpetrators of this murderous attack, a reward of $5,000 for the tracking down and the conviction of Katovsky's assassins.

The ILGWU will not rest until these guilty of the vicious assault on Vice-President Katovsky are brought to justice.

At this writing, Brother Katovsky, who has been in a hospital since March 5, is still a very sick man. Needed to say, the sympathy of the entire membership goes out to him in this hour of crisis. We fervently hope that he will soon regain his health and return to the post of leadership in the Union which he has occupied with such distinction and usefulness to the clock and dress workers in the Cleveland market.

A Million Francs For A Hospital

The other day, Labor's Red Cross for Spain forwarded a million French francs for "half a hospital" for the wounded and sick people in Republican Spain.

The request for this came from the International Federation of Trade Unions, the central organization of all free, democratic labor unions, of which Sir Walter M. Gritir is president and Walter Schevzen in general secretary. It requires no extra strain of the imagination to perceive how urgently medical help is needed in the white belt districts of Spain invaded by foreign Fascist and Nazi armies who are waging a war of extermination upon every man, woman or child suspected of sympathy with the republican democrats of the Spanish national government. The construction of a hospital at a safe point from the marauding invaders is estimated to cost about $100,000 dollars (or two million francs) and President Dahanbholdy, responding to this appeal at treasurer Labor's Red Cross, forwarded to Schevzen thirty million francs of that sum at once.

We are certain that every member of our Union, and those others who have participated in raising the fund for the Red Cross, will applaud this act of fraternal aid. Our readers, and all open-eyed readers of Spanish news, could not have failed to observe that in the past three months or so, the fantastic and gratuitous invasions, the burning of churches and desecration of cemeteries, allegedly committed by the forces fighting against democracy, Fascism and monarchy in Spain, have all but disappeared from European dispatches. These evil and blighting fabrications were needed by the propagandists of the Fascist-Nazi cause for a time in order to blacken the cause of democracy and of free republican inspiration.

We are glad, indeed, that this assault, that wielder of abuse, mischief and malice, our workers have stood staunchly by the outraged and ravaged labor population of Spain. We are glad for the little aid we have been able to render them. We hope to continue with this relief action in this struggle for a free democracy in Spain, untrammeled by foreign invaders, as long as such aid is necessary.

The Chicago Cotton Garment Campaign, which received impetus when President Dahanbholdy visited the Midwestern metropolis early in March, is proceeding at a brisk pace.

One after another, firms hitherto regarded as inviolable to active bargaining are coming into line. There is considerable optimism in the communications from Vice-President Ballis, who, in his timely and friendly visit to the General Office with clock-work regularity admonished, reprimanded, instructed and impressed upon the Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin towns and in Chicago, proper.

The Cotton Garment Campaign, of course, is not confined to the Chicago territory only. Yet, the speed with which Chicago has been going in the past few weeks in "mopping up" the cotton garment "holdouts" in the Midwest area is such that we must look to other leaders in this great drive to look to their launch. Good luck!