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Cupid Gets It Wholesale
Local 67, New York City's undertakers and embalmers, are being the marriage-minded organization in the ILGWU. Here are five babies from a single shop, the Silverwood. They are (left to right) George Tenenbaum, Margaret Vunn, Mary Nicollini, Maria Alva, June Rosenthal.

SCRANTON, PA., ILGWU INITIATES LABOR REEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

How a typical ILGWU local works to protect the interests of its members and at the same time serve its community by employing the jobless was shown at Scranton during the past three weeks when I. Zimmerman, Scranton district manager, took the lead in the formation of a local labor reemployment committee.

Scranton is essentially a two-industry city, with most of its workers employed in either garment shops or coal mines. It has always suffered from an acute unemployment problem, and every payday no more than 15,000 men and 9,000 women are unemployed in the city, with a total population of only 130,000. The problem was aggravated recently when hundreds of silk workers had been forced to sell their machines at cut prices for coal and fuel.

The Chamber of Commerce and employers then convened the committee.

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Union Shop Gained As Fashion Frocks Cincy Strike Ends
The stubbornly fought eight-week strike in the Fashion Frocks plant, Cincinnati, was brought to a satisfactory end yesterday, October 7, when the firm signed an agreement with the ILGWU. Vice President Mayer Reynolds of the ILGWU, director of the Cincinnati district, negotiated the agreement for the union. David Reuland, local manager, was in active charge of the strike.

The settlement of the strike, which involved nearly 500 workmen, is considered a model of cooperation (Continued on page 3)

Safety Belt

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ILGWU SPONSORS 6 RESOLUTIONS AT AFL CONVENTION

The ILGWU delegation at the AFL, meeting at Seattle, Wash., October 6, to October 8, has not had an idle moment since it reached the convention

CENTRAL DEPT.
STAFF ENTERS
NEW TERRITORY

Continuing its “all-out” organization drive among Eastern non-union shops, the ILGWU Central Organization Department last week signed several agreements with important firms and is negotiating settlements with several more. Louis Slaberg, department director, announced.

In addition to the usual convention resolutions, the ILGWU Central Department has been busy with an all-out organization drive among Eastern non-union shops.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION CITES RECOVERY BOARD, UNION

at a hearing on charges that the FTC office in Washington on October 17 at 9:30 A.M. to show cause why a cease and desist order should not be entered against them by the commission.

The complaint, sweeping in its all-embracing scope, charges the corporation with racketeering in violation of the National Labor Relations Act, that the corporation is engaged in and is making and selling and offering to sell articles of commerce in violation of the act, and that the corporation is in the business of manufacturing, processing, and dealing in articles of commerce (Continued on page 3)

ILGWU MOURNS DEATH OF JUDGE LOUIS BRANDENIS

When the news of the death on October 3 of Emperor Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the ILGWU Vice President David Dubinsky telegraphed a message of sympathy to Mrs. Alice Brandeis, wife of the deceased.

"The membership and leadership of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union join with the millions of the nation's population in offering to you and the families of your family our deepest sympathy. We share the nation's grief over the passing of Justice Brandeis, to whom we are deeply indebted (Continued on page 3)
The men at Whitley Tallback, Springfield, Mass., staged a mock marriage party of union headquarters to say "good-by" to Aubert Dubois, who had become, as they said, "Captain Hub." Fred Frank, local president, was chairman of the arrangements committee. In the group above all men wore the same "skirts" that Michael Vase, Al Frank, Michael Albano, John Smith and [an extreme right] Brother Dubois. Members of Local 132 crowd in to get their working cards after successful conclusion of general strike.

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Union Takes Hold in Salt Lake City, Utah

Despite the fact that the collective agreements covering more than 90 percent of Utah's ironworkers have not yet expired, Local 91 has won wage raises for all its branches and crafts.

The ironworkers were employed by the major manufacturers of iron and steel for more than half a year, with collective agreements covering various portions of the workforce. The wage raises were agreed upon after the current agreements expired, as part of the ongoing negotiations for upward wage adjustments during the postwar era. Local 91, joined by the ironworkers' representatives, secured a wage increase of $1 per week for all workers.

This wage raise was in line with the general trend of wage increases for workers during that period. The raises were awarded to employees in various industries, including automotive, construction, and metalworking, with the aim of improving living standards and compensating for the inflationary pressures of the postwar era.

Renew Rogaw Agreement With $1 Rate for 30 Days

A general increase of $1 as well as an additional $1 rate for some workers were won for thirty-two workers at the A. B. Stensrud Corp. plant in Salt Lake City.

The successful negotiation of this agreement was the result of collective bargaining efforts. The ironworkers, represented by the local union, argued for higher wages to address the rising cost of living and the need for improved working conditions.

The official agreement was formalized during a meeting with company officials. The wage increase was expected to improve the financial situation of the workers and enhance their purchasing power.
“Little International”

1,500 Newark Workers Cheer Wage Increases in 40 Shops

More than 1,500 Newark workers, members of Local 220, at a mass meeting report that wage increases had been obtained through a supplementary agreement negotiated by the Eastern Out-of-Town Department.

The meeting took place almost entirely on the eighth anniversary of the organization of Newark’s wash dress factories. In making her report, Miss Reisch stated that before the union’s first organization, the influence of the union was so small that in the local’s history, Miss Reisch told a union meeting.

EOT Will Have Discussion of Fall Activity

A meeting of all Eastern Out-of-Town managers will be held within the next ten days to plan educational and recreational activities for the coming fall season. The Eastern Out-of-Town Department has announced that preliminary plans for all events have already been formulated and will be presented at the meeting for discussion.

A number of locals started to enroll members for activity in various towns, and in several towns programs have already been arranged.

10% RAISE FOR 1,000 IN HUGE BARBIZON SHOP

About 150 workers employed at the huge Barbizon Company in Hightstown, N. J., last week received wage increases and vacations with pay in a new agreement negotiated with the firm by a shop committee and Eastern Out-of-Town Department representatives.

The wage increases are 10 per cent per hour for piece workers and 5 per cent for week workers, were negotiated by Fred Roschwitz, assistant manager of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department, and Harry Bernstein, director of Local No. 220, Paterson. They were ratified unanimously by the shop members at a meeting Tuesday afternoon, October 15.

The increases were obtained after the union invoked the cost-of-living clause in its agreement with the concern. The clause provides for upward revision of wages when there is any sharp rise in price index.

The regular agreement with Barbizon does not expire until December 31.

The shop is under the jurisdiction of Local 220, and the agreements main terms were made retroactive to September 25, when an old agreement expired.

The agreement also provides for four holidays, pay for all work in progress during all holidays, and double time for all work in excess of time.

Wage increases are also being obtained for workers in two other Paterson shops. Negotiations continue.

On the educational side, the local is going ahead with its fall program. Tenenade plans include folk dancing and gym groups are under way. A forum will begin later this month.

Super Petticoat Contract Brings Smiles

Wages up $2, $2.50, Vacation Gained at Superior Petticoat

Some of the 1,500 Local 220 members who attended Newark union membership meeting October 7, principal item on the meeting’s agenda was a new contract which drew an enthusiastic response.

NEW WAGE GAINS

Wage Increases for More Than 4,000—the New Government Minimum and Rising Living Costs—More Agreement Renewals

By HARRY WADDELL, P. V.

In the Eastern Out-of-Town Department’s shop meetings in the past two weeks, the principal fact is that wage increases were obtained for more than 4,000 workers. About 2,000 of these are employed in wash dress shops in the Newark area, another 1,000 in the Barbizon plant at Paterson. In addition, 1,000 more are employed in the garment industry.

Two agreements were secured in the course of new organization and negotiation of new agreements.

Some of the wage gains illustrate a long-term program which we have found strongly in recent organization. Long non-union employers are trying to keep their workers from organizing by telling them that if they join a union, their wages will be reduced. The Barbizon workers, however, are now the highest that they can legally go, workers in non-union shops are destitute to see their real wages whittled down by rising prices.

WAGE GAINS FOR 450 IN 2 CONTRACTS

Renewal of agreements with two New Jersey garment manufacturers brought wage increases and vacations with pay to 450 workers last week. Local 100 Manager Herman Stock reports.

The two firms are the Louis Benid, Jersey City, employing 156 workers, and J. R. Milberg, East Newark, employing 395 workers.

The Benid agreement provides a 25 per cent increase for all workers; the Milberg agreement a 25 increase for week workers and a 10 per cent increase for piece workers.

Negotiations with several other important firms, employing large numbers of workers, are now in progress and it is expected that agreements will be reached shortly, Stock reports. The principal demand in all negotiations is for wage increases.
Clock Watchers Don’t Watch Clocks at Unity House

The Union Defenders’ Committee, guardians of the 35-hour week, didn’t watch the clock at their annual week-end party at Unity House. They were guests of the New York Dress Joint Board and had a good time for every minute of every day.

"60" ARRANGES MANY ACTIVITIES FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL SEASON

As interesting and varied cultural program that will emphasize American labor’s stake in the present war has been arranged by Dress Producers’ Local 60 for the coming season, according to Vice President Max Cohen, manager of the local.

The program will begin Monday, October 20, with a special symposium on "War, Peace, and Proletarian World Problems." This course, which is arranged in cooperation with Workers’ Circle, will be open to all dress workers and members of their families who are interested in preparing for distinction discussion and constructive action on the problems facing labor and the beaten path. It will be conducted as a forum and at the end of the course, of the next session, the members will be invited to questions and discussion.

Miss E. Tarrach, noted writer, sociologist and literary critic, will open the course, and will appear with a series of six lectures. Following Miss Tarrach, the introductory session will be conducted in exposition of "America’s Role in War," in which the speakers will be Mrs. Leopold, Miss Scully and William S. Heinrich will be the speakers.

Leona Gwiont, educational director of the local, also announces the formation of an English and Yiddish drama group and classes to hire, ranging in the direction of acting and public speaking.

As part of its recreational activities the local will continue the bowling team, which won the class "B" RAYOYD championship last year, the chess group, which will be supervised by the local’s chess master, Mr. Koch, and the ping-pong group. A bowling team will be entered in the tournament of the Federation, and members of Local 60 are urged to join.

The following message to the members of Local 60 has been issued by W. W. Weisburger, chairman of the local, who is also chairman of the 1913-14 District Union:

"If we are going to preserve our democratic way of life, we must realize that the world we live in today is not the same as that of our critical moment of his life. To this end our educational program for the year 1913-14 is devoted to these cultural activities of Local 60, which are a part of the program of the New York State Department of Labor and the American Union of Labor. The educated worker is the best guarantee of a free world.

"BALANCE BUDGET" ISSUE FACES "22" AT OCTOBER 16 MEETING

A general membership meeting of great importance to all members of Local 22 was announced last week by Vice President Charles S. Zimmerman.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, at Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Fifth Avenue. It will start right after the meeting.

The order of business will consist of an analysis of conditions in the garment industry, a report on the last meeting of the OKD and a consideration of the financial problems of Local 22.

"This meeting," Zimmerman said, "will take up the enrollment of the wage increase of 10 per cent recently granted by Imperial, Chairman Ecker. There will also be a discussion of the financial problems of the local.

For a number of years Local 22 has faced numerous financial difficulties. As a result of increased expenses due to many additional services performed by the union, it has become impossible to balance the budget.

"Various methods were introduced in an effort to achieve greater economies, but the savings produced were inadequate and the budget remained unbalanced."

"At the general membership meeting on October 16, the executive board will place the problem before the membership."

"Zimmerman said that financial stability was the most pressing problem confronting the union at the present time.

"The tone," Zimmerman said, "must always be preparation to meet any emergency and in the light of critical situations. It is therefore important, in order to preserve our position, to go into a sound financial basis.

"Free Concert Tickets

Unions members may secure free tickets to many concerts at Carnegie and Town Halls by applying to Herman Lieberman, Labor Stage, 106 West 23rd Street.

Art Workshop Members Join Defense Drive

Dressmaker poster artists will display their contributions to the Defense Stamps campaign beginning Thanksgiving Day.

The exhibition of posters, all drawn by members of Local 22’s Art Workshop, will be on view at Rockefeller Center, across the street from the old Waldorf Astoria Building.

Details of the show are in the New York State Committee for the Sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps. Mrs. Marion Anderson, chairman of the Education Committee of the Women’s Division, has offered prizes for the best designs which go to be Defense Stamps. One, over 20 of the artists, are expected to be auctioned by a jury of outstanding poster artists.

Eveline Cramer, up to 2000 records, is the only ladies’ publicity expert employed by a dress firm, Arby Dress Company, which publishes Miss Cramer in the picture above. Under the guidance of the Art Workshop Committee to be more liberal in its decisions.

POSTERS never get tired of work. Are you sure you didn’t brighten your union office walls?"
The Voice of Local 89

By YANNI S. MONTANA

“The Voice” and the Election
President David Dabnyks and First Vice President Luigi Antonini will play a part in consolidating labor support for the re-election of Mayor La Guardia by addressing over “The Voice of Local 89” during the closing days of the campaign.

380 SHOPS GIVE $20,000 TOWARD ALLIES’ AID FUND

After a little more than three weeks of campaigning, the Dressmakers’ British-Russian Medical Aid Fund has reached the $20,000 mark as hundreds of voluntary contributions by Local 28 members continue to pour into the headquarters of the union.

Victor President Charles A. Zimmermann announced receipt of a check for $3,500 from the workers of Max Weiss, the single largest contribution received so far. Zimmermann said that workers in 380 shops have so far made their voluntary contributions to the fund with a considerable portion of the union membership still to be heard from. Special stamps in denomination of 85, 50, 10 and 5 cents have been provided by the Fund Committee, of which Ben Gervey is chairman.

Hundreds of dressmakers, however, contributed more than 50 cents. Many contributed 45 and 65 cents. One of the latter, executive board member David Frumkin, said, “I’m sure I can do my bit for such a cause. Unfortunately I cannot afford to give more.”

The proceeds of the drive will be turned over to accredited agencies such as the American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor and the British Medical Aid Fund.

Medical supplies, surgical instruments, bandages, first-aid kits, and medical books will be purchased with the proceeds of the drive. Local 28 will also supply medical equipment to schools on all fours, fully equipped X-ray trailers will be sent.

America faces an emergency!
Every citizen is urged to assist the Jewish Labor Committee, by buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

Excitement
Dorothy Hayes, author of “The American Prince,” and Paul Hayes dramatized part of the message of the book at a Local 91 forum in an atmosphere created by candlelight.

12 NEW ACTIVITIES FEATURE LOCAL 22 EDUCATION PROGRAM

The 1941 fall educational season at Local 22 begins Monday, October 27, and will continue for six weeks.

Twelve new classes are on the calendar of activities. Among them will be special courses for shop stewards and active members, an introductory course to unionism for new members, a course in “The Psychology of War and Peace,” six lectures under the title of “The Gifts of Things to Come,” and six lectures on “The Democratic Spirit.”

Club 22 will provide a democratic postscript to the class opening with a union party at union headquarters, Friday evening, October 31.

Educational Director Morris Winograd, in announcing the program, said that no formal advancement records would be taken by his department. Dressmakers are expected to attend the first class of any course that appeals to them and any contracts will be made by the instructor in each class.

The following is a description of the courses scheduled:

For New Members
YOU AND YOUR UNION—A discussion of the purpose of Local 22, the Dress Joint Board, the ILGWU, and the American labor movement. Poor shop lectures.

Big-Hearted Big Shop Comes Through
Workers in the Max Wiesen shop, one of the largest dress firms in the industry, are known for their interest in labor and humanitarian causes. A $27,000 fund for medical aid to Great Britain and Russia drew an immediate response. Bernard Broder, shop steward, is said to have presented a check for $1,500 to Vice President Charles S. Zimmerman, local manager. The money was raised in jig-time in the shop.

The New York Dress Institute will shortly launch a nation-wide drive to make women war conscious. A preliminary survey proved that 67 per cent of all women believe that one basic dress will do for all occasions.

The promotion will try to get three leading manufacturers to group together to dress in New York City. Statisticians which cause eyebrows to quiver estimated that 25 per cent of all women bought NO DRESSES last year. The majority of the women bought no single dress at a sale. It is a survey of 1,500 over 1,000 New York leading cities from coast to coast, per cent.

The between-season stock is distributed in all manufacturers. A 19-month spring/summer line, a 19-month fall/winter line which has sold 35, 000 dresses and is still going strong.

CONTRACTORS MUST PAY INCREASES IN OUT-OF-TOWN SHOP
Assistant General Manager Jacob Rosenbaum revealed last week that some contractors out of town were paying the increases which went into effect on August 1.

Battling over the increases, however, have failed to reach an amicable settlement. An 8½ per cent increase in wages and 14½ per cent for health insurance have been raised in the last few months. The我不想把工人的工作作为一项工作。
CONTROL DEADLOCK SNAGS TRUCK FACT, UNION TELLS INDUSTRY

General Manager Israel Feinberg last week informed the trade and suit industry that the union has been unable to renew its contract with the Truck Owners’ Association because of the labor’s refusal to endorse the suggestions of truck control operators. The contract shall run for several years, but the union has failed to renew its membership. The news left the trucking industry in a state of shock. Feinberg, a former chairman of the Board, determined to return to the table and negotiate a new contract. The union’s position is still on the table, and the possibility of a new contract is on the agenda.

The Snow Suit Reporter

By JACOB J. HILBELL, V.P.
Manager, Local 165, ILGWU

Be Prepared

After a few months of snow and impending cold, the winter season is fast approaching. Local 165 has prepared the necessary materials and layouts for the production of a new line of snow suits, designed to withstand the freezing cold and harsh conditions associated with winter activities. The suit is made from high-quality materials, ensuring durability and comfort.

Musicale to Open Brooklyn Winter Cultural Program

Arrangements for the musicale, held at the Brooklyn Winter Cultural Program, are being made. The event will feature a winter-themed program with music, dance, and cultural performances. The program is expected to attract a large audience, with tickets available for purchase in advance.

ILGWU Prepares Answer to FTC Trade Charges

Representatives of the ILGWU and the Cloak Joint Board will reply to charges made by the FTC in their recent report. The Joint Board has been under scrutiny for its role in the cloak and suit industry, and the response will outline the organization’s position on the charges.

N.Y. Cloakmakers Raise $6,000 for Anti-Nazi Fund

On the occasion of International Women’s Day, the ILGWU and the Cloak Joint Board decided to contribute $6,000 to the Anti-Nazi fund. The funds will be used to support refugees and those affected by the Nazi regime. The contribution is a clear demonstration of solidarity with those fighting for freedom and human rights.

Many Floor Helpers Join Union, Bernstein Reports to Local 82

In pursuit of the recent decision to make union membership more accessible, especially for those in the garment industry, many floor helpers have joined the union. Bernstein reports this significant increase in membership, signaling a positive trend towards unionization.

Finishers Pledge Help to Aid Allies

A group of finishers has pledged to aid British and Soviet aid groups through the Cloak Finishers’ Union. They are in coordination with the work of the Cloak Finishing and Cleaning Fund, aiming to contribute to the war effort.

Defense Bond Drive

The ILGWU Bond Drive Committee has announced a goal of $50,000 for the sales of defense bonds. The drive is in support of the war effort and aims to mobilize the community in purchasing bonds to aid in financing the war.

Chicago Mourns "Grand Old Man"

Peter Sisman, a noted figure in the garment industry, passed away. He was known as the "Grand Old Man" of the industry and was a significant figure in the establishment of the ILGWU. His contributions to the industry and his leadership will be remembered.

Theft of $1,000 dollars has already been reported by Local 165, the Cloak Joint Board’s office. The money is believed to have been taken by a employee, and an investigation is ongoing. The union is coordinating with local authorities to ensure the safety of its members and assets.
Organized labor faces one of the most difficult situations of its long career, with lingering vestiges, a new-born presence in even the friendliest New Deal circles at the completed Interventions in production caused by labor difficulties. Reactionary leaders are getting ready to open up with a whistling blast of voices in the pocketed labor. The past severe labor has played by the defense effort. The social conscience of many labor supporters will go along at this time with the man on the ground. It is a long and hard battle to evert the unmistakable right of labor to strike.

At the MOVIES

"HOLD BACK THE DAWN" (at the Rialto, New York), is that rare thing the sort of motion picture chills without any reservations. For here is presented the problem of the refugee woman in its full wave and its full meaning. The story is handled as it should be with the human sympathy and dignity accepted by labor organizations today.

The mental attitude or quickly changing. Understanding is growing. People are more prone to sympathize than ever. More and more they are becoming conscious and less tolerant.

In this respect the worker is no different from any other citizen. He has the same rights as any other citizen. He has the same responsibilities as any other citizen. He has the same duties as any other citizen.

The struggle is not for control of government, but for the right to work. The struggle is not for control of industry, but for the right to live.

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The film is based on the story of a woman who was forced to work in a factory to support her family. She is determined to fight for her rights and to make a better life for herself and her children. The film shows the struggles of the working class and the sacrifices they make to improve their lives.

At the same time, the film also highlights the importance of unity and solidarity. The workers come together to fight for their rights and to make their voices heard. They form unions and work together to achieve their goals.

The film concludes with a powerful message of hope and determination. The workers continue to fight for their rights, and their story inspires others to join them in the struggle for equality. The film reminds us of the importance of standing together and fighting for what we believe in.
To An Enemy

By MAX FREIS

The spirit can survive the sting of death.
The flesh can bloat after the burning flow.
There is a weapon ferreter than that, than you
in the form of a scent of your hair you can never know.
I think the stars that you have never grasped.
The sword which leaves a wound never after;
You can be patned only with a freon snail.
Your soul entirely with your laughter.

By DURAN WHITE

The “shortage” scare is over—for a little while, anyway. We women have ceased to storm the stock exchanges, the silk underwriters. We have lost that urge and the connolly cannot get what we should not be able to buy enough to eat has dissipated.

Once more we have become contract to lose the canned goods in the grocery stores, in the piling them up on our kitchen shelves.

We are less busy in deciding to buy articles only remotely useful to us, less adverse that some day when we shall really need them, the supply will have run out.

Now we are preserving ourselves on having required our own.

Actually, we have reached nothing of the sort. If the buying rush

SWIFT ARE THE SHADOWS

By Giuseppe Di Gioia

(Paramount Press, 58.50)

With heavy heart and head Giuseppe Di Gioia leaves the world of an Italian intellectual from his early student days to his flight against fascism.

The author uses the story of Raimundo Coza as a prelude to which to inform the details of the Italian school system of the early 1930 and the rise of the blacks. Fighting poverty and a youth-oriented educational system, Raimundo managed to escape from his town and join the Fascists taken over and be must of a police officer. He is of the same type, and the emotion behind his tale is quiet, understated and sincere, and in characteristically Swiftian manner, makes the reader feel part of the suffering of the victims, which are so few in number, and the same of which they have more than the average share.

This is an undeniably quality that makes one think of Swiftian caricature as chemical elements in a laboratory experiment rather than real human beings. The author himself becomes the great chemist of the soul, using his book as a test tube in which, to your own human qualities in order to observe the unpredictable results of strange conditions. He possesses quick vision, the spirit of imaginative Elia Zeni; adds some phial of Balzac, result:

A classic case of a calculating female pulling a weak man apart in order to play their own power game.

You just try it the other way. Take the same Elia; add an even more egotistical Elia; result: inordinate inevitable tragic explosion.

There are unprintable names for what these women are, and the only name for which they are happy only when they have a man doing and dying with a woman and a man doing and dying with a woman and a man doing and dying with a woman in the same way. For the police power and the story, the reader is expected.

The book is earnest and well-intentioned, though its style is balking and in places imaginative.

M.D.D.
IN THE SOUTH

DONELLY DRIVE TAKES HOLD: UNION RADIO SKIT MAKES BOW

The campaign for the organization of the Donnelly Garment Shops, Kansas City, is in full swing.

After extensive consultation, the drama group composed of IHL WU members went on the air last week with "Judy Martin" as the heroine in a homey skit portraying the life and problems of the average American working girl. It was well received.

The radio program is under the supervision of Rita Oberste. The organization of the campaign is being handled by Eleanor Blue and a group of active members.

The agreement signed October 4 with the Vic-Gen Manufacturing Company, the new operator, was widely published among the trade workers, and substantial increases in wages were secured for the workers.

SETTING NLRB VOTE AT DALLAS SHOP OF KOHEN-LIGON-FOLZ

The workers of Kohlen-Ligon-Folz in Dallas, Tex., have called a meeting to realize the necessity of forming a functioning union in the shop following a discharge in disregard of union activity.

An active campaign began and a majority of the workers enrolled in the union. Preparation is being made to ask for an NLRB election. Notices on the union request for an election in Dallas customs department have been circulated.

The national organization of the Galveston shop of the Local Manufacturing Company, Dallas, is in full swing. Miss A. Charleston, a qualified operator, recently stationed in Galveston. The drive is keyed to the campaign at the Dallas shop.

Lowenbaum Contract Shows Gains All In St. Louis, Sparta

After several months of negotiations an agreement has been signed with the Lowenbaum Manufacturing Company. It provides improvements for all workers with provisions for additional earnings for piece workers, paid vacations, and a 15% increase in wages for cutters and other time workers.

The company operates two shops, 'Lowenbaum D' and one at Sparta.

Different agreements will be signed for the two shops.

While the Sparta shops have been closed for many years, the Sparta, Ill., shop is new.

Both agreements will provide for the closed shop, and units contracts.

Until this contract the company operated its own shops on the closed shop basis but has not used it on non-union shop, particularly in use in Dallas, Tex.

Under the present agreement the firm may need only two weeks work per season and its own workers are fully employed and work only in union shops.

Texas Mize Drive On!

Organizer Assigns

A drive is on to unite and re-establish organized workers in a plant for several hundred workers employed in the Texas Mize Manufacturing Company in Nacogdoches, Tex., producing higher periods during.

Marie Donahue, IHLWU, organizing wife, is determined to turn to the drive.

About Sick Benefit

Certain Attitudes Strange in Locals Which Show Full Organizational Responsi-

bility on All Other Union Matters

BY MAYER PERLETH, V. F. Southwestern Regional Director

Many of our locals in this territory have gone a long way toward realizing an active action as an essential getting economic results. But some of our locals have not as yet realized that same collective responsibility is also essential in the internal functioning of our organization as a help to overcome outside of shop problems.

Our St. Louis Local 194, consisting of cutters and machinists, salesmen, and examiners, is a case in point. It is the largest local in the district, a very dependable organization that more than maintains the reputation it has inherited in a hundred admirable years.

Yet for some strange reason the local is one of the very few in the area that has yet to cement a sick benefit fund and has been very poor in its service to the membership.

At present the local relies on a special committee to take care of those cases, run aids and arrange hospitalization for the local members.

A large number of our St. Louis locals have established sick benefit funds through small weekly payments and have accumulated thousands of dollars in reserve. Our St. Louis members of ‘91 are the largest local, are entirely dependent on the voluntary contributions, a variety of uncertain charter.

Although by the proud of their trust the local members still permit them in their own cases to receive assistance or other and colleagues, many other instances the local has shown great understanding and a desire to further his own welfare and that of needy outside the local in its own capacity.

Yet it votes down a sick benefit fund essential to be owned and available.

ADOPT CORSET MINIMUM OF 30¢ FOR LEARNERS

A minimum of 30 cents per hour for learners in the corset and handbag trade is a new regulation adopted by the corset and handbag section of the women’s apparel industry. The new provision, together with the 40-cent approval, went into effect today.

Occupations for which a learning provision has been adopted are sewing, cutting, and grading. A minimum of 30 cents per hour is the new rate, which is to be paid only to those who are at least 16 years of age.

Among the occupations included in the new regulation are cutting, sewing, and grading.

The British Trades Union Congress, in its conference in conjunction with the British War Relief Society of which it is a member, adopted a resolution calling for a minimum wage of $1.50 per week.

America’s answer to the corset is a declaration of national emergency. Buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps to build our defense.

Training Classes Being Overhauled For Greater Use

A more comprehensive program for teaching shop and local leadership is being discussed by the St. Louis Joint Boards.

Last fall the Shop Chairman Institute was opened to the public in several cities, successful in its contribution to the training of those attending it. Nevertheless, it was disappointing in that the attendance was considerably small.

For the next season it is planned to interest all local officers and all shop employees.

Two divisions under the jurisdiction of the two Joint Boards will be organized: the Craft and the Industrial.

Craft will be in charge of production, distribution, pricing and employment relationship will be

The campaigns will be directed to the union’s-sponsored work that has been organized in the organization of couture, in the union’sponsored work that has been organized to improve the condition of the craft.

All supervisors of this kind will be trained in the principles on which the unions are organized, and they will be made to understand the union’s objectives and the work that is being done.

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NEW HUBRITE PACT WINS WAGE RAISES

Although the present union agreement with the Hubrite Industrial Plants of Boston, covering more than 200 workers, is not scheduled to expire until March 31, 1942, the agreement was renewed for two years last week with substantial wage increases going into effect immediately.

The new scale was reduced from 45 to 37½ hours and workers received raises of 15 to 20 cents an hour. In addition, another increase of 4 of an hour per cent to some 300 Hubrites was also agreed to, the wage question was to be reopened after March 6, 1943.

Labor Day was named as a legal holiday for both for work and guest workers.

Present at the negotiations were President Elias Reiberger, Merchants Advisory Council, and Arthur W. Beineke, a representative of the Hubrite Industrial Association.

I. Zimmerman, IGLUW Scranton district manager, took the lead in organizing conference with OPN to find means of re-employing hundreds of silk workers in that part of the state made jobless by war shortage of materials. A labor committee on re-employment was set up.

Sunbury Pact Gets Raises, Vacations

Vacations with pay and substantial wage increases were obtained by more than 200 workers of the Sunbury Manufacturing Company through a renewal of the collective agreement last week. The firm operates plants in Sunbury, Selinsgrove and Milton, Pa.

Operators received a 3 per cent raise in addition to a similar increase last July. Piece rates were raised 7½ per cent. Cainers received an immediate increase of 35½ per cent with a provision of an additional $1 raise March 1, 1945.

Negotiations were conducted by Vice President Elias Reiberger, Merchants Advisory Council, and R. E. Greer, district manager.

ILG THREATENS LEGAL ACTION

After Wilkes-Barre Lockout

More than 70 workers were locked out by the Pomer Manufacturing Company at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in violation of the collective agreement still in force. The lockout occurred September 30 when union officials sought to negotiate an amicable settlement of accumulated grievances and asked for immediate payment of the rise in the cost of living.

Union officials threatened to bring suit against the firm unless the lockout was immediately ended and the disputed issues were settled by arbitration as provided in the collective agreement.

Attempts by the firm to send work to outside contractors were stopped by the ILG. President E. Zimmerman is in charge.

Malden Knit Mills Signs Union Pact

After several conferences, terms of a union contract covering more than 100 workers at the Malden Knit Mills, Malden, Mass., have been agreed upon. Vice President Elias Reiberger, director of the Cotton Garment Department announced last week. The firm manufactures knit underwear.

The agreement covers both the main and the subsidiary mill. For workers in the main mill, it included upward revision of piece rate and vacation time with pay; for the workers in the subsidiary mill, a 10 per cent increase in wages. Labor Day declared a "paid half-day" for both places and workmen.

Conferences were begun after the IGLUW was certified as collective bargaining agent for the Malden Knit Mills by the Labor Relations Board, Boston.

Certification took place October 8 after representatives of the company presented signed cards demanding the IGLUW and conceded that the union represented the overwhelming majority of the workers.

SEEK PACT TALKS AT SHAWMUT MILLS

A (week organization drive among 200 workers of the Shawmut Knitting Mills at Shawmut, Maine, brought immediate "in
terest when an important executive of the work\ers\ organized the IGLUW as a collective bargaining agent for the employees immediately asked for conferences with the firm.

Importance of the drive is indicated by the fact that Rudolph Wieden, firm's attorney, recently announced that the National Knit Outerwear Association, has made a general call for conference tables with all interested capitols of the country.

Elizabethville Strike Won After 15 Days

After a 15-day strike, 10 workers at the Elizabethville Cotton Company, Elizabethville, Pa., children's clothing manufacturers, have settled for a pay and an immediate 3½ per cent wage increase. Collective bargaining agreement to be signed which makes the city a "natural" for de
veloping the area, it is generally agreed that it will enable textile manufacturers and industry into the community at better wages and conditions.

Michael Johnson, Harrington district man, was selected the strike.

PLAN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF READING ANNIVERSARY WITH BANQUET, DANCE

A stirring tribute from local of the Southern Massachusetts and Rhode Island District Council, Vice President Elias Reiberger, director of the New England Local, to the memory of the late Albert R. Keene, was presented at the Dedication of the Albert R. Keene Memorial, held at the State House, Fall River, Mass., September 27.

The picture was painted by John C. Prentiss of New York, the well-known artist, Vice President and Mrs. Reiberger, who was present, was presented with a portrait by the IGLUW.

These striker at the New Britain, Conn., plant of Koldokey & Myers divide into two shifts at lunch time; one eats at union office and the other at Wonder's deli. For many months, has been in full force for many months.

Labor Helps Scranton's War Idle

Our Scranton locals have split a splendid example to all labor in taking the initiative in the establishment of a Labor Re-employment Committee, as told before. Officers of the Scranton locals have proved again the union's sense of responsibility to the community in lieu of the same, rather than see that of the organized employers.

The story is one of America's miracles. Dependent upon two major industries, in one industry there is a chance to cut many shocks. It is a fact that they have made much more than other cities of the same size and never received the same degree of the arts are tightly symbolic of the

The blame for this plight of which should by all standards be one of America's leading industrial areas, it must be made at the doorstep of a few of the people. They are the Great Northern, the Commonwealth, dominated by the mines owners and garment industries.

But, the story of the IGLUW is one of a union's effort to assist the individual worker, instead of this they sought to have the federal government pay for the working of more garment workers at a smaller pay, the garment industry is barely able to operate, and the workers in the trade. Quick action by the IGLUW has already resulted in succeeding in putting an effective re-employment program into operation.

The alternative program proposed by the garment industry represents a constructive answer to the problem. It is too early to gauge the effect of successful negotiations. The program—although Scranton's efforts are only a small beginning—make the city a "natural" for developing the area, it is generally agreed that it will enable textile manufacturers and industry into the community at better wages and conditions.

Items of interest included:

- Labor has settled a dispute with the Hubrite Industrial Plants of Boston, covering more than 200 workers.
- Sunbury Manufacturing Company, operating plants in Sunbury, Selinsgrove, and Milton, Pa., granted raises to its workers.
- Malden Knit Mills, Malden, Mass., agreed to a new contract covering 100 workers.
- The Elizabethville Strike, involving 10 workers at the Elizabethville Cotton Company, was settled after a 15-day strike.
- Labor celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Labor Party with a banquet and dance.

The pages also mention the New Britain, Conn., plant of Koldokey & Myers, which has divided into two shifts due to a strike, and a mention of the alleged sale of the New Britain Times.
QUINTETS BOUNCE INTO SHAPE FOR CLOSE TOURNAMENT RACE

With the opening game of the ILCWU Basketball Tournament just a month away, almost every local union is hard at work enrolling to build up a winning combination. Practice sessions are being held by both men’s and girls’ teams all over the city.

From the city activity it is evident that the ILCWU Tournament will produce some really exciting action. Local 175, last year’s winner, in the “A” division, is not entered this year. The absence of the defending champions, incidentally the most consistent winners over a long period of time, leaves the top spot wide open for a new owner. Though, as the year opens up, Local 175 in the last three years just put up a terrific fight for second and placed honors, the race this year should be in the freestyle form from start to finish.

In the girls’ division, Local 211, Elizabeth, defending champions, will be gunning for its second straight title. Both Local 175 and Local 211 have to have it on plenty on the ball to win the turn again.

The games will be played at the latest modern gymnasium of the Central Needle Trades High school on West 36th Street.

20,000 HEAR ILGWU GROUPS AT FREDOM RALLY IN “GARDEN”

Twenty thousand cheering disciples of democracy jamming giant Madison Square Garden, October 5, heard great plans of the state, screen and stage and the ILGWU chorus and symphony groups express yearning for the freedom of the whole world.

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The ILGWU Chorus and Orchestra rounded off the evening with a rendition of songs for the Love of America, with Barry Wood as soloist, followed by a concert version of the ILGWU’s program, “’To Hear America Singing,” with Lonnie Purnell as narrator and George Bein as soloist.

On several occasions the ILGWU was given credit and thanks from the platform for its part in the program.

Rehearsal Days At Labor Stage

Mondays
4 P.M. — Mandolin Orchestra
Pro Musica, Church of the Good Shepherd
5 P.M. — Mandolin Orchestra
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Tuesdays
6 P.M. — Mandolin Orchestra
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Wednesdays
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Gym-Pool-Tennis

Guest passes for all home games of the New York American professional football team at the Yankee Stadium may be obtained from the Athletic Director at the ILGWU office, 155 West 42nd Street. The first game will take place Sunday afternoon, October 13, between the Americans and the Columbus Bullets.

Bowling

Nine alleys at the Kaiser game rooms, 125 W. 40th St., will be taken over by the ILGWU, October 10, noon to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday. The rates are $1.25, and the fee for the nine alleys is 15 cents a string to members only. Additional information about bowling may be obtained from the Athletic Director, 155 W. 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

ILGWU Groups Show That “It’s Fun to Be Free”

Art at “$1”

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Jennie Matyas Feted by L.A. Organization

Jennie Matyas, San Francisco ILGWU organizer, who has been in Los Angeles editing in directing the general strike, was honored at a reception at the Hotel Del Million October 1.

Vice President Louis Levy, Pacific Division, was host to Miss Matyas at the ILGWU as hostess. He put for the spoke for the office staff, Jefte in congratulating Sister Matyas.

Goldberg Appointed On Coast Knit Staff

J. L. Goldberg, former manager of Kilgros Local 120, New York, has been appointed a member of the ILGWU Knitwear organization, local 237, by President Louis Levy. He will also assume the position of the local a general organizer, in the sportswear industry.

The sportwear industry is still in the process of a merger of four plants. The merger is between the Sholes and the Moore shops, both of which will be under the new organization. Local 120, 121, 127 and 173 of the Sholes shops will be under the new organization.

Honor H. Rubenstein At L. A. On Birthday

A gala birthday celebration to honor Brother H. Rubenstein, former secretary of the ILGWU local and business agent, is planned for October 13. The affair will be held at the Vineland Educational Center.

Brother Rubenstein was the business agent for Local 63 for seven years. He is now active as member of Local 35 in New York and has been active as Los Angeles ILGWU member for 35 years.

Dress Trade Shows At Prosperer

The dress season in Los Angeles continues slow, although doodkash is enjoying an exceptional season with top goods bringing in more dollars. The dress manufacturers are selling on the basis of the $5,000,000 business that was the dress business of Los Angeles before the strike. Some of the dress manufacturers who plunked down $5,000,000 were selling at $100,000,000 at the present time.

The dress trade shows in Los Angeles are planned to begin in October at the Los Angeles Fairgrounds, 8th and 10th avenues. The shows are sponsored by the Los Angeles Fairgrounds Association and are open to the public.

Mixed Teams Mix In Bowling Contest

Fifty ILGWU members began competition recently in the Los Angeles bowling league. The bowlers included 10 selected teams of five members each. Teams were organized without regard to the sex of the bowlers, the only consideration being the person’s average. Employee lads bowlers were placed into teams and the union woman bowlers placed into the opposite teams.

Pollinator: The name, "Pollinator," refers to the union’s role in facilitating collaboration and communication among members. It symbolizes the idea of spreading knowledge, support, and resources across the union's membership. The name reflects the union's commitment to making a positive impact on its members, much like how pollinators contribute to the growth of plants. In this case, the "Pollinator" is dedicated to strengthening the union's capacity to support its members effectively.
First Aids for Fall

Educational directors and instructors planning classes for the new season can save themselves time and trouble by making use of the following publications issued by the Educational Department. For convenience, the pamphlets have been classified according to the classes for which they would be most suitable.

Only serious material has been classified here, the department's ever-growing library of dramatic sets, stage pictures and booklets is of course at the disposal of all interested instructors, especially in new territories.

The Eye-Ball—"description of "
"We are all very popular persons..."-pamphlet for new members, with photographs, typed.
ABC of Trade Union and New Unionism, various booklets, pamphlets and postcards of N.U.C. information, a work supplement master copy.
Our "OECE"—1925 Convention souvenirs, less history than the "OECE", but more data and pictures of N.U.C. local
"Branch Officers" for all unions.
"Branch Committees" for all unions.
"Congress for New Members"—flyer.
"Columbia Workers' Speech"—factual, informative pamphlet.
"Information Bulletin"—August, 1925.
"New Manual for Teachers"—flyer.
"Rules and Regulations"—Union of Typewriters, Information Bulletin, August, 1925.
"Training for Union Service"—manual for union service covering every phase of union service, containing a detailed and complete manual for new workers, including:
"Manual for Trade Union Speakers"—flyer.
"New Manual for Teachers"—flyer.
In Memory of a Gallant Friend
A Tribute to Judge Louis D. Brandeis

By M. B. C. CRAWFORD

A great man, a great liberal, and a great friend has passed quietly and peacefully to rest. Louis D. Brandeis is now part of the living traditions of the white democracy.

The living man had joined the ranks of the shrines, and the fruits of this rare intellect and flaming spirit. He was a distinguished lawyer, a great scholar, a philosopher of democracy, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a judge of the American and world communities.

It is impossible to write of this man without expressing the deep respect and affection in which he was held by his family, his friends, and his colleagues. He had a great and kind heart, and a great understanding for human nature.

During those brief 23 years of his life, both the rights and the responsibilities of labor have been further advanced than at any time in the long century of confrontation and misunderstanding which preceded the labor movement, and the innumerable men and women who have been involved in this struggle, it is difficult to realize the scope of the achievements.

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HUB CITY ILGWU "LABOR AND DEFENSE" CONFERENCE CALLS CRUSHING OF HITLER VITAL TO NATION AND ALL ITS WORKERS

The urgency of the present international crisis and the overwhelming need for immediate and decisive action by the United Nations through the theme of the "Conference on Labor and National Defense" sponsored by the Boston District Labor and National Defense Council at the Hotel Cedar, Touraine, October 4.

The ovation that could only be anticipated in a place of praise. The praise also warned against the mistaken misunderstanding that war necessarily brings devastation, and cited instances from her own country where conscientious objectors have been spared to the single test of sincerity, and where freedom of the press and other means of free expression have been preserved.

The conference was opened by Brother Horace Weisberg, chairman of the Boston and District Labor and National Defense Council, and a call was given to the delegates of all districts to the EXTRA convention. It was a fine effort given in honor of a fine fellow.

Keep ILGWU Fires Burning in Auto City

Here are the ILGWU shop chairmen and assistant chairmen in Detroit: Front, left to right: Abraham Silverman, Fashion Center Division; Louis Cohen, ILGWU representative; Laura Nelson, Max David Com, and Louis B. Cohen; Joseph Zuckerman, ILGWU representative; (rear) Vera Quirk, Bertha Streicke, and (middle) Benjamin Leonard, American Lord Coat; Max Lewin, Shiloh, and John Galagher, Manufacturer; and Reuben Schwartz, Inad Sadowo Brothers.

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Baltimore Trade and Union Notes

Although many of the larger cloth shops are still working full factory, a number of the smaller shops has taken a sudden dip during the last few weeks. It is in the discovery of this fact that started a hang over and prevented one up till now.

In answer to numerous requests from the membership, Citizens Local 4, Cutters Local 118 and Printers Local 62 have added a local to sell cut and interlock Sick funds. Instead of giving out the Sick fund locally, the funds will be collected and sent in every quarter. A reserve fund will be administered by a Joint Sick Fund Committee consisting of J. H. Grenier, G. Glazier, J. Albertson, H. Crouson, L. Page, M. Yuse, E. Pote, I. Segall, A. D. Glazier, M. Karpelnik and H. Littin.

Workers of the National Cloth shop on October 2 presented Joe Sweeney, Jr., president of the local, with a testimonial in ousting services as chairperson of the Joint Sick Fund Committee of the Baltimore Joint Board.

The campaign to bring the Jacob Bond, Jr., a member of this house, entered a new phase as the organizing committee directed by General Organizer William Stevens, in charge of the supervision of Vice President Kellogg, met in Washington. In the first of a series of broadcasts, General Organizer Stevens, Workers in the Hatstock, Manhattan and Lithographer plants of the city, through the medium of the Voice of the supporting company unions. Boss and his followers are sending out bond pressure personally to the home of the workers. Programs will continue to bring home in these broadcasts the advantages of joining the ILGWU.

All-OUT DRIVE NEARPEAKIN HARRISBURG

Concentration of organization efforts upon the Harrisburg plant of the Blough-Manufac- turing Company in the next two weeks promises to mark the ILGWU organization drive, and the championship drive in the Harrisburg plant. The local council of the ILGWU, headed by Louis Stinch, director of the ILGWU, is concentrating its efforts in the Harrisburg plant, where the interests of child and labor are under attack in the plant.

The Harrisburg plant is located in the Harrisburg area where organization drives are getting under way in mills like the Beg- lan & Elie, subsidiary, Grauer Mill for ILGWU in Harrisburg, employing 850, 125, 200, and the new Blough plant in Millersville, New Oxford and the Hotel Sayre, employing 250.

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Attention Cutters
MEMBERS LOCAL 10

REGULAR MEETING
will take place on
Monday, April 17, 1941
8 p.m.
Manhattan Center
2nd St. bet. 8th and 9th Aves.

All cutters are urged to attend this meeting.

Services to

Coat Trade

In my talk I recalled the great service which Judge Brandes rendered to the workers in the coal and steel industry from 1919 to 1923. It is a fitting part in connection with the great strike of 1919 and he was, in fact, the father of the "protest," a term first used and popularized in the industry. He served as the chairman of the first board of arbitration in the coal and steel trade. When difficulties arose he was ever ready to place at the service of the industry his great abilities. All declarations on arbitration have found fulfillment not only in the coal and steel trade, but over a large section of American industry.

The garment workers have, therefor, special reason to greet him in his passing.

Following these remarks the delegates stood in silence for a minute as a mark of tribute to Justice Brandes for his great service in the arbitration revolution revealing his great services and expressing deep regret of his passing. The convention forwarded a telegram of condolences to his family.

The episode was a dramatized and emotional one and it was a privilege to have the opportunity to express the deep feeling of gratitude and affection which the garment industry has for Louis Dembitz Brandes.

Purchase

More Bonds

I have learned that at its last meeting the cutters approved the resolution that the local purchase $5000 more of Defense Bonds. This will bring our total subscription to $13,000. Several local members have subscribed about

11,500 for Bonds and Stamps. Thus the total for the cutters is about $20,000.

This is a splendid showing of which we are very proud. Every citizen has a vital stake in the financing of the defense program upon which rests the security of the country and its democratic institutions from the menace of Hitlerism.

There is room for further contributions by our members and they are urged to help the Labor leadership to cooperate in the financing of the defense program, investing with a sure servitude to the nation.

Local 10 Members!

At the library at the General Office of the ILGWU, 42 West 32nd Street, there is in need of several copies of the "History of Local 10." Members of the local who can spare a copy for the library are especially requested to do so.

President David Dubinsky on one of his frequent inspection visits to the Union Health Center at the Chicago Central Station with Dr. George Price, veteran doctor.

Improved Health Conditions

Everyone concerned with the health conditions of this great city must read Health CommissionerUCE's report with a feeling of satisfaction, Mrs. Rice shows the decline in the death rate from tuberculosis by almost 50 per cent; from tuberculinosis by 30 per cent, and in an all time low. It is, therefore, a new method in treating diseases which has contributed toward this decline. Nutrition, credit man, who also serve in the capacity of health officials. New public buildings, new playgrounds and parks and water sanitation were bound to be, favored favored by the health of the people in the workers in particular and upon the population of our city in general. For all this and many other other, there is due a tribute to Mayor LaFollette, who has done a magnificent job in making this a healthier place to live in.

I should like to believe that the union health department has done a great deal of good through the cooperation of the local. The union health department has cooperated for many years with the health department and been interested in the visit of the union health center.

A Timely Document

"Health of Work in Relation to Health and Efficiency" is the title of a study just published by the Labor Commission of the New York State Department of Labor. The study in simple document was put together to give information which was necessary—this being working hours do not increase production.

Women's Trade Union League

League Air Fair Opens

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The AFL: In Session

The sixty-first convention of the American Federation of Labor, currently in session at Seattle, Wash., reflects in spirit, word and action the wartime emergency period. We say wartime emergency advisedly, for while America is not yet at war in a "shooting" sense of the term, the multiple pressures of belligerency have already fully invaded every nook and corner of the national life.

The report of the Executive Council of the federation, which, as usual, contains a survey of its activities for the past year, this time abounds with reference stressing the overwhelming significance of the world-wide conflict. America's present, and potential, share in this titanic struggle between reaenient bar-barism and embattled democracy is directly or indirectly reflected in every page of this comprehensive account.

Nineteen Hundred and Forty-one has been a good year for the American labor movement. As in the booming war years of 1918-1920, the mighty upsurge of industrial activity, chiefly in defense work, has brought hundreds of thousands of members to the AFL. In the older organized industries, new agreements have brought higher wages, vacations with pay, the protection of men who have entered military service, and numerous other work improvements. What is equally important, the AFL has entered trades which have never been organized before, in response to demands for union affiliation. Life and active union bodies, some of them ready for formation of international unions, are now functioning in the chemical industry, among the canny and citrus workers, aluminum workers, grain processors, fabricated metal workers, and in a variety of miscellaneous trades.

Some of these are strictly craft occupations while others permit no other than an industrial form of organization. All of them represent an immense labor reserve barely tapped by union organization. They form that huge army of the forgotten millions of underpaid and underprivileged workers without whom the ideal of a thoroughly organized labor movement in America is impossible.

Page upon page in the Executive Council's report is devoted to a review of national legislation during the past year, legislation closely allied with labor's status under the defense program and defense efforts. The problems of labor representation on government agencies dealing with national defense; federal housing growing out of pressing defense needs, the special work of the Defense Mediation Board; the need of expansion of social security benefits, particularly unemployment benefits in the face of what appears to be an insidious increase of joblessness caused by priorities allocations; the sinister threat to several unions by over-zealous, if not misguided, federal officials in the form of instituted prosecutions under anti-trust laws—all these and many more receive vigorous and constructive treatment in the council's survey.

The European conflict is met squarely and unfinessingly in the council's analysis with a pledge of "support and cooperation with the Government in the fulfillment of its national defense program, and in its policy of extending full and complete aid to Great Britain and her allies.... We know that if Hitler and his armies are defeated, totalitarianism is defeated, and that if Great Britain and her allies win, democracy and freedom live." On the first day of the convention President William Green gave even stronger substance to this pledge by declaring to the delegates: "If it is necessary to take a more decisive action in order to maintain freedom of the seas and to protect democracy throughout the world, we will do so under the President and follow him to the bitter end."

Much as we should not like to close these few observations on a discordant note, we cannot refrain from declaring that we are not at all happy with the council's statement bearing on the much-publicized racketeering issue. This issue has given plenty of fuel to sordid professional and amateur labor haters, and in out of the public prints, for crusading against labor unions as a whole.

Of course, we agree with the council that the labor movement should not be stigmatized for the action of individual officers as artificial flowers, which violate their trust or offend the laws of the land, no more than the judiciary should be denounced because some judges are corrupt. The ILGWU introduced at last year's convention of the AFL in New Orleans a resolution which called for a clear statement on this matter and requested power for the Executive Council to discipline offending officials of labor unions. The convention responded to this resolution by adopting a ringing declaration against unlawful practices by labor union officials and by pledging to try to bring in such unions where offenses against the laws of organized labor or the laws of the land are discovered.

This pledge, however, hardly has been put to excessive usage in the past year. And while it is true that the Executive Council does not possess disciplinatory power to punish officers of affiliated unions for misconduct and mismanagement, it is equally true, in all too apparent, that even with its limited powers, the leadership of the federation could have attained a good deal more than it did in the defense of house-office building if it had been about favor or timidity, its unquestionably great moral force.

Trade unions and the millions of its well-wishers outside of it have a right to anticipate a sterner attitude from the Executive Council toward intruders within the house of labor. They still fervently look for it.

Homework Must Go

Homework has had, and probably will continue to have, its quota of apologists. Some of the semi-organized, handcrafted trades, it has been argued, need not be confined within factory walls. Women who must spend part of their time at housework should not be denied the chance to earn a few dollars toward making ends meet, engaging in useful jewelry or children's clothing during "spare" hours at home.

The experience of a half century, however, runs counter to these claims. For decades labor has set its face sternly against homework as it has repeatedly opposed the sweatshop. Essentially, the plea for homework is made with a hypocritical appeal to the defense of the sweatshop. The employer who seeks out homeworkers to make up his product for the federal manuacturers by as little humanity as the jobber who farms out his work to the sweatshop contractors. Their common goal is cheap, docile labor and a predatory marketing advantage over competitors.

Homework must go. The women who today constitute the army of homeworkers can and should find places in industrial establishments where their chances of defense against fleecing and working are immeasurably greater. Fortunately, the Wage and Hour Law has implemented the Administration of the Act with power to order abolition of homework in industry on the ground of public policy.

This is the right moment, we believe, for the Administrator to use this authority and order the discontinuance of homework in the apparel and accessory trades. It is high time, we declare, that the range of the greedy homework employer be drawn and his uncanny advantage over competitors eliminated. The shift of the homeworker to the factory in these trades can probably be achieved with a minimum of difficulty and dislocation at this high-gear period in industry.

Justice Brandeis

The death of Justice Brandeis is a national loss. He was a great jurist, but more than that, he was one of America's most outstanding champions of human as opposed to legal rights.

Brandeis had a dominating passion for social justice and he consistently practiced it. A true evolutionist who believed in social growth and economic change, all his long and fruitful life Brandeis molded his philosophy; and conclusions from the realm of fast-changing facts and backgrounds rather than frozen precedent and legalistic formalism.

His attitude towards labor similarly was shaped by an enlightened humanism. In the trade union movement Brandeis saw the rightful upsurge of the workers in defense against the limitless greed and the hard and the winding path of a profit-making industrial era. In what he himself frequently called the battle of "men against machines", Brandeis took up the cudgels as champion of the timid, inarticulate "little man."

To our union—and to the workers in the women's garment trades at least—Justice Brandeis brings an indelible recollection of a great and generous contribution. Back in 1910, when our union was in its infancy, Brandeis, then a leader of the Boston bar, stepped up the path of turbulence of the first general strike of the cloakmakers and effected the first collective settlement in an industry in that struggle with sweatshop iniquity and feared with outburst competition.

That agreement—the "protocol of peace"—by no means ideal a labor pact at its start, nevertheless paved the way for rapid improvement in an industry in which for several generations knew nothing of stability or employment decency. The "protocol" settlement marked the beginning of the ILGWU's real strength. It was the cornerstone upon which the union's later achievements were laid.

Justice Brandeis' interest in the ILGWU, however, never subsided. For several years after the "protocol" came into effect he continued to keep a sharp eye on the industry whenever knotty problems affecting labor and management arose to disturb and plague it. Even after he was elevated to the Supreme Court in 1916, we continued to feel that in Justice Brandeis we had a true and understanding friend.

Among the tens of millions of Americans who are mourning the passing of Justice Brandeis, we of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, therefore, feel a deeper sense of personal loss. The death of Brandeis seems to have closed a chapter in the history of our union, a chapter in which he inscribed his name with unforgettable deeds.