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PHILA. ILGWU HEALTH CENTER LAUNCHED AT IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES ON MARCH 4; FULLY EQUIPPED TO CARE FOR THOUSANDS

Flower-bedecked and jammed by thousands of workers came to witness the practical realization of an ideal, the Union Health Center of the Philadelphia Dress Joint Board opened its doors Saturday, March 4 breaking new ground in the important field of medical care for workers.

Bergdorfg, Milgrim, Simon, Saks 5th Ave., DePinna, Thorpe Get Raises and Backpay

Double-barreled increases for more than 200 "Gold Counters" and substantial wage boosts for an additional 200 members of Local 36 Organizational Department were announced last week by Felger Levine, the Department's director.

"Representative wage awards by the War Labor Board provide approximately $35,000 in back pay, adds Mrs. Leona Thorpe, president of the Local.

DAME ANNE LOUGHLIN SAYS NAGLER, STARR DID WELL IN ENGLAND

Dame Anne Loughlin, general organizer of the National Union of Garment Workers of Great Britain, who served as chairman of the British Trades Union Congress for the year 1942-43, in a letter to President Dubinsky of the ILGWU, emphasized the general appreciation felt by the British unions of the visit last September of Ida Nagler and Mark Starr, the former as delegate of the ILGWU to the British TUC, and the latter who visited the WLB.

ARGENTINA GARMENT UNIONS RESPOND TO DUBINSKY MESSAGE

President Dubinsky heard the other day from the Garment Workers' Federation of Argentina in the form of a message which acknowledged the greetings sent by the ILGWU chief to organized Argentina labor through Dr. Juan Antonio Rabal, who visited the United States last October. In his message to the Argentine workers President Dubinsky, among other things, said:

"... the millions of organized labor in North America are heart and soul with you just in your struggles for economic betterment but see as equally and deeply concerned with your endeavors to strengthen the bonds of solidarity and friendship between your country and other American republics, on the basis of true democracy and popular government.

The reply, signed by Mauricio Schuster, general secretary of the Garment Workers Federation, with headquarters in Buenos Aires, read:

"The Workers of the garment industry in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, affiliated with the Garment Workers Federation, has re- (Continued on Page 2)"

NEW YORK ILGWU MEMBERS

To Preserve Your

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

VOTE RIGHT

PRIMARY DAY, MAR. 28

Vote for State Committee endorsed by ALFANGE-COUNTS-ROSE

99" ACHIEVES PERFECT SCORE IN WLB AWARDS

The latest three approaches, in a steady stream of wage increases being approved for members of the Garment Industry in New York, amount to $65,000 in back pay to some 230 members of the New England Union, Louis Dewrkin, manager of the clerks' local.

Outstanding in the three approvals received in the last month are a one awarding wage increases ranging from $3 to $7 for the 159 employees of the Wilkens-Rogers Co., which will bring their salaries up to $850 in back pay; and the second, worth $63,000, loaded with escalations of overtime pay. "Why?" WLB record of over 40 cases is "all wins."

In two other chain outlets, the Bullock Dress Shops and the Nugget National Stores, 80 workers have benefited from favorable WLB decisions. At Nugget, about 46 have already received approximately $2,000 back pay. The Bullock workers, with an increase retroactive to January 1, 1944, are to get about $1,500.

ALP Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to can-

vass and to do other constructive work for the American Labor Party Primary, Tuesday, March 28. Enroll now and report to your labor party club in your Assembly District or the Labor Party Committee in your local. The victory of the primary ticket treated by Alfange-Counts-Rose will insure the continuation of the American Labor Party as an independent party of all progressive trade unionists in New York.
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administered by a committee of 17 in-
cluding: Mrs. William E. Brown, the first lady head
of the Health Center, and the heads of the Board of
Directors as its official members. The second year's expenses, excluding
salaries, are approximately $60,000.

In the fall of 1944, the Health Plan of ILGWU
service goes back to 1924 and includes medical
services like chemists and clog joiners, busi-
nessmen, and other workers. The Committee of
1923 general strike.

The medical staff is under the direction of Dr.
Joseph L. Landberg, noted Philadelphia physician
and friend of the ILGWU. Dr. Landberg, together
with Dr. Leo Price, director of the Union's Health
Center, who worked with Phila-
adelphia officers in drawing up plans for the Center, express the mea-
ures of the up-to-date equipment.

Also associated with the Center is the group of
Illegible clerical staff. The Center's equipment
includes the latest in test equipment, the
vestibule and general examination rooms, the
second floor includes special x-ray, eye, dental
services, and the laboratory. The therapy and
metabolism units have been set up by the execu-
tive officers and council room.

The idea for the Center at the Health Plan's
funds is to bring health care to the workers.

"The idea of the union," said the ILGWU
preacher, "has been very successful in meeting the
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IN THE CLOAK EUT DISTRICT

By GEORGE BURN, V.P.

Election Results

Chief result of the elections recently completed in the cloak industry is that the cloak joint board locals is the change in the composition of the organizing agent staff will be under the jurisdiction of the Joint Board to the extent that tomorrow's candidates will be detested, replacements on the faculty of the organizing staff will be new directors and the organizing staff under the jurisdiction of the Joint Board to the extent that tomorrow's candidates will be detested, future candidates will be assigned to new shops or left alone and the organizing staff under the jurisdiction of the Joint Board to the extent that tomorrow's candidates will be detested, future candidates will be assigned to new shops or left alone and the organizing staff under the jurisdiction of the Joint Board to the extent that tomorrow's candidates will be detested, future candidates will be assigned to new shops or left alone.

Because of these changes there will be no opposition of our new world of business agents in the Cloak EUT Department. In some cases re-appointed union agents will be assigned to new shops or left alone while in other cases new members of the organizing staff will find new business agents in their new work.

Vote Right

The future of the American Labor Party as an independent political organization for trade unions and liberals is at stake in the New York State Primary, March 28.

Under a false "unity" slogan, the Communist Party, which has engaged in an all-out effort to deceive enough enrolled ALP voters to capture the party, is operating to turn the New York County Anti-Hillman coalition.

This coalition is asking you to vote for people who supported the nomination of President Roosevelt at the last ALP presidential convention, bitterly opposing every move to form the United States against the Nazis and fought every form of aid to our allies.

We are members in New York State who are enrolled in the ALP to vote and vote for the ALP Primary, Vote Right for the ALP-COUNTS-ROSE candidates. Vote right to preserve the American Labor Party.

HARRY WANDER, Eastern Out-of-Town Department, ILGWU

2 SHOPS ADDED TO EAT ROSTER

The Eastern Out-of-Town Department announces the opening of two new shops in the metropolitan area.

H. Posner, manager of Local 146, reports that the union is consid-ering to open a new shop in a building at 105 W. 34th St. This shop is expected to open in the near future.

Another small shop report was announced by Local 286, which reports that it is planning to open a new shop in the Queens area.

Buy bonds till it's hurts the enemy.
2,000 DRESS CHAIRMA N VOTE
"ALL STEPS" TO CLINCH FACT

Nearly 2,000 shop chairmen of New York dress factories crowded the big ball in Hotel Diplomat, 106 W. 43rd Street, last Thursday, March 9, to hear a report on the progress of negotiations between the New York Dress Joint Board and the five national unions. The chairman replied to the這是必填的字段，必須包含「new york」。Chairman referred to the necessity for a satisfactory settlement very soon. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. A large and enthusiastic audience was present.

Salvatore J. Sabella, Local 89 member who two years ago put aside his iron and exchanged his sewing board for a machine gun, has come back from the South Pacific decorated with several ribbons, four major engagement stars, and a whole series of medals and badges in the form of the hammer and sickle which are still shown there in the for-bolts.

Sabella, who served as a anti-aircraft machine gunner, was wounded back to New York, where he was greeted by First Vice President Louis Antinell, who told the "best" manager: "Our boys are going to a job and they want to go out and win it.

We should all pray to God that this war ends soon so that these men can come back to their homes and families.

"We will bring every American to understand the terrible damage the Red Cross is doing. We will go out and find the Red Cross at every side whether it is in the rear or on the front. Wherever the fighting is going on. And wherever they are fighting in the rear. The women and the men together with a few others who know how to do it, will go to the Red Cross.

Sabella says he's glad to be in Brooklyn which has been the battle ground of the 48th State for America's war. And added that his next step is to go and talk to Daddy Leo's shop in that borough where he expects to be done up in wires.

"22" INSTALLATION MEETING TO SOUND NOTE OF UNIFIED EFFORT

A gala installation of the Dressmakers' Local 22 has been arranged for Thursday evening, March 23, 1944, Vice President Charles S. Zimmerman, manager of Local 22, said. Local 22 becomes a local council affiliated with the IGWU convention and the five member unions.

The 26 members of the executive board, the business agents, 32 delegates to the IGWU convention, and the five members of the executive council, who constitute the new administration of Local 22, were elected into office by President David Dishinroin in the traditional ceremonies of installation. The full program will be announced as soon as it is finally worked out.

The administration of Local 22 has been kept up as a tremendous vote in the local elections on February 17, 1944. Charles S. Zimmerman was re-elected manager, receiving a total of 12,811 votes in the affirmative to 919 in the negative, thus receiving 95% of the votes cast. David Dishinroin was elected to the administrative ticket by a majority of 8,000 votes.

Dress shops intending to send congratulatory tokens to the installation of Dressmakers' Local 22 were urged last week to do so, and the union expects to get a large collection of flowers and money to be turned over to the union's War Relief Fund. This was pointed out in a communication sent to shop chairmen by Vice President Charles S. Zimmerman, manager of Local 22.

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Spanish Officers In Local 22

This group is a tribute to the large Spanish-speaking membership in the local. Left: Ida, right, Sgt. Luis Maria Caldera, Maria Remco. (Front) Calina V. Diaz, Vice president Charles S., Zimmern, and Dean Saby Nehama, Maria Benilll.

AFILIATED SIGNS CONTRACT; 4 ASSOCIATIONS HOLDING OUT

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1944, not merely because of this wartime but because we want to
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only. And the that of the leadership are
the means we have for achieving quite effective in getting
a satisfac-
ory agreement.

The main features of the agreement reached with the Affiliated
are:

1. Establishment of a Health and Welfare Fund to be financed
by a 5 cent per member contribution to be collected at the
bargaining table.

2. In addition to the 5 cent per member contribution, the
union will contribute 10 cents per member and the
company will contribute 5 cents per member for the
bargaining table.

3. The fund will provide for the
following:

a. Medical benefits for all
members.

b. Dental benefits for all
members.

4. The fund will also provide for
the following:

a. Life insurance for all
members.

b. Disability benefits for all
members.

5. The fund will be administered
by a board of trustees elected by
the union and the company.

Local 22 Pappa of 3-Man Army

Mr. President,

Are We Fighting for

The Italian King?

Mr. President:

Are Americans, British and French
also fighting the Fascist conqu
ster for Italy, for the advantage of
the Italian people?

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“117” VOTERS IGNORE PHONY ISSUES; ADMINISTRATION WINS

Calling for a vote of confidence on the basis of its record of achievement in office, the incumbent officers in Local 117 were swept to victory in the elections held on Thursday, March 2.

More than 80 per cent of the membership participated in the balloting.

Manager Benjamin Kaplan, and Chairman Bob Zinkerman and the entire slate of the Pondered Credit Trade Union Council won a two-to-one majority in the most hotly contested elections in the cloack unions. The Administrative Committee group, which sought to hide its true identity by attaching some "imperialist" individuals to it as a pawn in a fight in which it had every previous time held position in the Operator business association.

One of the outstanding aspects of the election was the nature of the campaign waged by the opposition. Reflecting its "Tea Party" status, the opposition sponsored a stepped-up industrial issues and a political platform on national and world problems as its prime focus for seeking office.

Local 117 members decisively rejected both the examiner’s arguments, the soutien argument, and the opposition’s arguments, the spirit of the times and the need for a new leadership. This leadership has the full support of the Communists but little. The opposition’s campaign was a failure and the support of the local officials, a constructive union program, and the popularity of its candidates was a victory for the administration.

Manager Kaplan issued a post-election statement hailed the results, and called for united support of the administration on a militant program in behalf of the interests of the union. The results reflected the fractional differences stirred up by the elections and concretized action will be undertaken to improve working conditions, shut down waste and ironing out of living, and give full backing to the defense of National and taxation.

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SWEEPING VOTE ELECTS PRESSER ADMINISTRATION

One of the largest turnouts in the history of the Brewers Union, approximately 85 per cent of the membership, returned the following administration in the elections held by Local 35 on March 7.

J. Brezil, manager; M. Cooperman, chairman.


The new officers of Local 35 will have a full-time position at work.

Manager Louis Reis was re-elected manager of the local by a vote of over 2,200 by 25 per cent of the membership participating in the election. The election consisted of the position of business agents, and fund committees, finance committee, executive board, and executive board, failing to obtain more than 339 votes for any of its candidates.

Although the "Rank and File" campaign had been defeated by the election and the objections Committee, two of its members were added to that committee in a spirit of fair play. When the results of the "no" vote indicated an overwhelming landslide for the "CF" administration, the "rank and file" members of the committee started a campaign regarding the conduct of the split vote in order to cast a shadow on the procedure. Vice President Philip Kramer of Brooklyn, who was assigned by the General Council to the election in Local 22, however, quickly settled the dispute to everybody's satisfaction.

The new officers of Local 23 are.

Manager Louis Reis; Business Agent, J. Breyer; S. Gold, M. Cooperman; T. Thomas; Convention Delegates, A. Abramson, J. Frank, E. Gordon, M. Mati, J. Reis, H. Wandel; Alternates, S. Golub, E. Levy.

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LEFT-WING OPPOSITION "WASHED OUT IN BIG LANDSLIDE"

Running unopposed for the office of manager of Local 9, Louis Hyman headed a winning slate, sponsored by the "United Holistic Club and Trade Union Council," which obtained a better than two-to-one majority over a Communist-minded "Rank and File Group." Only 101 votes were cast against the incumbent, who received 2,904 votes.

As in the other ILGWU elections, the Communist opposition introduced extraneous political issues to confuse the membership. The administration squarely met the challenge of its position in Lowell, and by unequivocally reaffirming its complete devotion to the cause of the United Nations and Soviet Russia as a fait accompli issue, looking clear at the same time that it was no way implied endorsement of Russian totalitarian structure or political ideology. The defeat of the two Communists candidates of the executive board of Local 9 and the two committee members of the executive committee of Local 9 proved that their reported "block-holding" action was a complete failure.

Installation of officers of Local 9 took place on Monday, March 10 at Weisler Hall. Prominent ILGWU officers have been invited.

Examiners to Send Off New Officers To a "Good Start"

Manager Charles Bernstein announced that the installation of the newly-elected officers of the Knasm and Floor Workers' Union, will be held on Thursday, March 16 in the Council Room of the Holstein board building.

General Manager Feinstein, local managers and department heads of the Dock Joint Board will join with the membership in sending the administration a "good start."
WASHINGTON, D.C.—What can labor expect out of the war?

If you take the evidence of police departments of a number of cities and counties throughout the nation—it will be attacks with tear gas.

The realization was disclosed a few days ago when the War Production Board went around the country to examine the allocation of additional steel for tear gas and smoke. Are we to be used for it? The request for the additional steel explained in these words.

The domestic requirements (for tear gas) were set up in anticipation of possible labor strikes, and the need for the fulfillment of orders.

In a bit of tracing to discover the source of the orders, I followed up to the War Production Board. The War Production Board, which handles the orders of the County and Municipal Government, will not say how many of the tear gas orders came from their police departments.

Getting a free ride came from the Detroit Police Department, which that department's order supply during the recent race riots in that city.

That was not the end of the allocation of steel. The Government is demanding an order for the allocation of steel for non-military purposes. For instance, there is a demand for a order for the Government to order up for the domestic season, and there are demands for the allocation of steel for care of America alone. A part of the order is for export. Where' I'll let the official language of the allocation order tell you.

"Among foreign demands for the metal industry in Germany, we have an important purchaser. "The orders required by that nation also are to be filled through the domestic channels. In the question of increased shipbuilding orders, we have not yet attracted widespread attention, and it is possible that this will be the case with the order for the domestic season. There is no assurance that this requirement will be reduced in the near future."

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I thought I might want to know why the Rubber Development Corporation is a government corporation, and why it is the only one in South America and Africa. It does little of the actual production of the rubber, but it does acquire on a contract basis after the raw product is gathered by the rubber producers and sent to the plantations such as that of the Ford Motor Company, in Brazil, and the Firestone Rubber Company in Latin America.

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It is an absurdity that this nation should accept responsibility for the education of our children, yet refuse to help to pay the cost of bringing them into the world. It is even more absurd that a large portion of the federal investment in citizenship, yet deny that preserving the nation's health is equally valuable. These absurdities are rapidly growing apparent to everyone, and something is now being done about them.

Faith as the ship is setting sail,
Faith as the flag is the highest mast,
And when all else is lost and done,
Faith is the last, remaining gem.

Faith at the steering and riddled wall.
Lift up the chiens of those who fail.

Faith as the ship is setting sail,
Nab the flag is the highest mast,
And when all else is lost and done,
Faith is the last, remaining gem.

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The nation's health is equally valuable. These absurdities are rapidly growing apparent to everyone, and something is now being done about them. A bill is before Congress—a bill which is going to correct a lot of opposition—but which, if passed and can be, if we fight hard enough for it will clear

THE COMMON THREAD. By Michael Sjob. 

In his latest pages, talk of "keeping the Negro in his place" as well as dangling jobs by two young señoritas into the hands of all but a few. But the only effecting and permanent solution will never come without the kind of sympathetic understanding of all phases of Southern society, which this book will spread wherever it is read.

THE COMPLAINT. By E. A. Michener. 

H. M. Ridolmec and E. F. Ridolmec, the father and son, are a pair of negroes who are both looking for work. They are both looking for jobs, and they are both looking for the same job. They are both looking for the same job, and they are both looking for the same job. 

Michael Sjob writes of line feeling about life in the Jewish community of Brownsville, Brooklyn, N.Y. In these ten short stories gathered together under the title, The Common Thread. Each offers the special gifts in moments of the lives of clipped clips, garrulous workmen, old Jewish mothers, "moving," when emperors are on edge and talk becomes a process of stepping up from irritation to irritation until uttering, regretted comment is made.

For years the Jewish community are familiar with these phases of modern Jewish life, the excitement of buying a new suit (the first in six years); the laughter that comes with looking for rooms (low rent), the taking in of the old uncle with new son for his daughter, the last minute rush to get all shipments out of the shop. Nothing is new.

Michael Sjob writes of them as something out of his own past, with authentic twists of language, a line sense of irony and humor, and sense of universal overtones that transcend the self-imposed limits of regionalism.

COMING TO PARIS: DID THAT MAN SAY NATSY Things About You?!!

TAX BILL FOR THE GREEDY

It is a national policy to restrict the expenditure of $500,000,000 in each state, and the state of New York has been set aside to provide such an expenditure.

Faith stands and holds at bay the pack,
Broken, dying it still fights back.

And when all else is lost and done,
Faith is the last, remaining gem.

Faith at the steering and riddled wall.
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HUNDREDS AT MARDIS, DALLAS GAIN 1944 PAID VACATIONS

An agreement for one week's paid vacation annually for the several hundred workers at the North Sportswear plants in Dal-
las, Tex., was reached March 5 at a conference guided by Pro-
fessor Joseph M. Klaman, arbitrator named by the U. S. De-
partment of Labor.

The conference was attended by union representatives, a large group of workers and company executives.

The paid vacation goes to all workers employed by the company a year or longer. The vacation plan is to be based on the average week-
ly earnings of the individual worker.

A first paid vacation will be enjoyed by the Mardis workers between May 1 and September 30 of 1944 and dur-
ing the same period thereafter.

In addition to the vacation, the 16-hour minimum was estab-
lished for the more experienced workers.

New Co-Ed, Acme

Pacts Bring Two

Charter Requests

An agreement covering the sub-
scription plan of the Co-Ed and Acme
Publications, Nunkin, Ill., has been signed. An eighth college union charter
is being forwarded to the Geral-
eral Office, Elizabeth Kimmel of the new union, representing
local 14, is the first in that district to be granted.

Following the signing of the agreement with the Acme Mg.
Company, the next step in the process of
forming a union is to allow the con-
tract to be negotiated for in Wash-
ington. This will be the responsibility
of the General Office for the area. The charter gives the union
the right to conduct election, and requires
the employer to provide for the election in the facility.

Twin Cities Apparel

Group Gets ILGWU

Engineering Report

The dress and cot division of the Twin Cities Apparel Group
which includes 11 dress and coat
manufacturers met on Febru-
ary 29 to consider a number of recommenda-
tions by the management
and Department of Labor on the
1944 Fall and Winter Work

Twin Cities Apparel Group

Staff CHANGES MEET

New SITUATIONS

in SEVERAL LOCALITIES

Rosemary Pfister, formerly in
change of educational activities in
several local unions, has been
named to guide the educational
program in Little Rock.

Josephine Cascio, of Kansas
City, has been named to fill the
position of executive secretary
in her local.

The National Council of the ILGWU recommended that the
When the ILGWU leaders

in store window display and public
relations work, has been named
as executive secretary of the
North Dakota Local.

ILGWU Leaders Honored

Private Benson Missing

BOWLING TANGLE

A bowling contest between Local
399, Belleville and Local 21, Fre-
burg, was staged last Friday and
Saturday at Freburg. Cash prizes
were awarded to the winners.

TWO STRIKES IN A WEEK

The West Union Local 68

struck Tuesday and Wednesday
week with a report that the
strike was called over wage in-
creases. Grades, not in the lo-
cal, were heavily picketing the
plant.

WLB GETS PORTNOY

"CONTRACT DISPUTE"

The conciliator named by the U.
Department of Labor to bring
about an agreement for a wage in-
crease and a paid vacation for the
workers in the plant operated by
the Portney Garment Company in
Louis, Mo., and Alto, Ill., has
failed to bring an agreement.

The dispute has been certified to the WLB.

WAGE, VACATION PARLIES SET

FOR ST. LOUIS SPORTS SHOPS

Conferences for renewal of the agreements in a number of
sportswear plants, members of the Associated Garment
Industries in St. Louis, have been initiated.

A wage increase and a paid vaca-
tion are among union proposals.

Arrangements are also being made for conferences for agree-
ment renewal in the several plants
operated by Blue Ridge Dry Goods
Company, and Ely & Walker Dry
Goods Company, in St. Louis, Van-
dala, Mo., and other communities.

K. C. LOOKS AHEAD

A general discussion of current
and post-war problems took place
at a special meeting of the Kansas
City Joint Board March 1.

Dallas Joint Board

Following election of delegates by the Dallas, Tex., locals, an or-
ganizing committee was named to
represent the locals.

High Rollers in Illinois

This Local 311, Freeburg, Ill., quintette can sure burn up the
ball when it starts bowling. They are (left to right) Marjorie
Graf, Virginia Rauffer, Angelina Zippel, Ruby Stehrer, and
Marjorie Johnson.

A better world

Soldiers Are Fighting for a Better World and Not
for the "Good Old Days" of Poverty and Insecurity Some Employers Seek

L. E. WEHRLEIN, V.P.

Southwest Regional Director

As the massive military machine of the United Nations
plunges ahead on a score of battlefronts, and the doom of the
Fascist gang is written in the bomber-filled skies over the con-
continent, a wave of hope and sunny visions sweeps through the
hearts of men everywhere.

The common man throughout the world sees a new era
with the terrible terrors—a freer and better life for all.

But, as in all ages, there are some today who choose to
destroy the future by its feeble materialism. Already manufacturers are engaged in
the adjustment of the "good old days" to the "good new
days." They are planning to resume their "packaging" days to
return to the "good old days.

They consider advancement in wages, hours and standards
of health and security merely secondary holdings.

The attitude is clearly revealed in the growing reluctance of a large num-
ber of employers to make wage improvements for workers at
this time when we are taking the opportunity to get our
"good old days" as before.

The schemes of those who continue to oppose the wage
increases, these employers, seem to ignore completely the
enormous desires of our fighting men.

They want to keep the employees from getting the tools
to pick the crops. They want to keep them from having the
holidays, for fear that when they return they will be able
to demand the rights and privileges of free men.

With the closing of opposition of the part of employers, we
consider it a moral duty to run and seek to implement the
agreement for wage improvements not only to provide the
immediate economic necessities of security and
reproduction of labor, but to give those who return to enjoy the fruits of
peace for which they fought and
suffered.

This high goal can be realized within the framework of our exist-
ing economic system without de-
struction of the American


time. But private enterprise

needs to be expanded and not
limited in its application to
the making of our industrial

time.
Current discussions by business leaders and government officials of the problems involved in reconverting our economy from war to peace time production are simply loaded with interesting and important material and statistics about national plant equipment, the uncertainties of demobilization of the armed forces, and the possibilities that will be all important in considering the great change-over when the time comes.

But I have a strong suspicion that while all others will be concerned with the means and mechanisms of making the change it will not be for organized labor to raise the questions of what we are going to reconver to.

It will be up to the trade union to formulate a sound program calling for higher living standards for workers which will add immeasurable value to production in particular through a new stability as a practical possibility in the post-war era.

And I'll bet a brass button to a few dollars that there are going to be some employers who are going to be thinking of reconversion as a going back to the good old days of low wages, fouled workrooms, and all the union and labor for unprofitable profits.

And the employers needn't worry about this. The time has come when all of us will be adding most by those new workers, the new materials, and the new knowledge which we believe will be created by the seemingly higher wages that they are now being paid and without the strengthening of the unions to which they are now going to be associated.

In the Sawyer case described elsewhere in this page the pattern of what may yet become a large scale process may be detected. Once some of the motives described above may be attributed to this firm which, moreover, wholeheartedly cooperated with the union in making the request for unionization. That this was the first instance in our department in which a firm undertook to reconver.

Back in '42, under non-union conditions, the firm had established standards which were above union standards. Fortunately for themselves, and the workers under non-union conditions, the firm even as the company changed to war work and the union was able to maintain the efforts to keep the standards up.

It is possible that the firm again will go in on civilian production. Along with the national industries is the nature of the standards. But if we are not going to reconvert to the same old world we will be going to a world that is very near to our lives. It's a better world we want to go to and we are going to try to be worth having.

And on the bread-and-butter level, the best way to get the work for the man or woman does. We haven't yet obtained those

**Penn Argyle Pact Show Improvement**

Removal of agreements covering close to 2,000 workers in 2 Pennsyl-
vania counties is reported by Dist-
ricl Manager Grace Sardela.

The new contracts are for the en-
try with the J. H. Slippery Rock and the Miles, are similar in the improvements they offer.

Higher minimums are set, vacation with pay is guaranteed, as of June 1, 1945, and a health and welfare fund is to be established by May 31, 1946.

**7% Okayed at Suffolk**

An approval by the War Labor Board of a 7% per cent vacation fund, and 7% per cent increase for all shift workers at the Suffolk Knitting Mills, Lowell, Mass., has been re-
ceived by the Massachusetts Labor Business agent, Louis Zelov.

**Buy an Extra Good Today**

Visit the store window and you'll find the critical shortages of the war are giving way to a far more normal picture. Equipment, materials and supplies you were used to finding here in the past are available again. There are no longer the special orders or long waiting periods.

In each and every department you are now able to buy the things you always wanted. So plan your purchases carefully and make your orders now. You'll find the department managers eager to serve you, and the dealers, as always, are ready to see you have the best for your money.

**Military Rhythms in Mass.**

Irene Silva (left) and Lucy Durand, part of the group of Local 178 prophets, who act as hostesses at regular dances for servicemen.

25% Wage Increase Gained for 300 with WLB Approval

Acknowledging the existence of "gross inequities" in rates of pay established by the H. M. Sawyer and Sons Company of Cambridge, Mass., the War Labor Board last week approved an unprecedented grant of a 25% wage increase for the 300 sawyers in the firm.

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While negotiations for a collective contract in the cloak industry are continuing, a temporary halt in parleys has been brought about by the efforts of the manufacturers to revive their association which was dissolved during the depression.

The manufacturer, Kirschbaum at Kirschbaum-Hebra, Inc., 26 manufacturers have already enrolled and a conference between them and the union will be held later.

The move to re-form the association came at a recent meeting at which the union presented the manufacturers a tentative agreement including vacations with pay, and health fund. The dissolution of the association was caused by a merger of two earlier associations and the merger led to a situation wherein the union had little effect on the work which had immediately ceased, and individual contracts with the separate employers. Nevertheless, the idea of an association is looked upon favorably at this time as making more effective the machinery of collective bargaining.

**Dress Front**

Work in the dress industry is considered strong by dealers because of the fact that the agreement expired February 24. Proposed modifications to the agreement have been drawn up but next steps depend upon the response of the manufacturers in the New York dress industry.

**Battle of Ballots**

Labor leaders have been imprisoned with victories for administration candidates registered in all states.

In Local 186, Hone, Galien, Bel, Danbury, and Alice Hillen were unopposed in their re-election as charter officers. The election was held April 2, with the vote being secret, respectively. In Local 9 Max Goodman was elected president, Moe Friedman, vice-chairman and Harry bacon, secretary. In both locals the charter on the ballot was for a contract with the convention delegates with the exception of the 50 paying members. In both locals, the union elections were won.

In M. Salovitz and M. Friedman, both of Local 5, were elected stewards.

**In the Smaller Trades**

A new attempt by the union is being made to secure the smaller manufacturers to form an association, under the leadership of M. Salovitz, of Kielbasha, who has delayed negotiations with Local 700 and 361 for the past two years. The union met last month. Many conferences have been held in this regard and an association will be held and is to be held soon.

In Decatur, Fort Wayne and Springfield, the union has been defeated in this city.

The agreement with the John W. Swank Co. of Decatur, Ill., has been renewed with improvements increasing a 15 cents an hour increase. Contracts for the Department of Labor have been made with the Western Dress Co., Gilman; Eden Garment Co. and the National Garment Co., Edinboro. Manufacuring Co., Allentown; Eastern Garment Co. of Johnstown, a new agreement with the Chicago Cotton Co. of Rockford, Ill., a new agreement.

The union with the Under Garment Co. of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been renewed on terms similar to those in the past with Pollard, who has granted the union a six-week’s vacation with pay in consideration of the union. A "War of Nerves?"

The determination of the Marassoumian & Co. in Detroit, to expedite the return of their workmen is being delayed by the workers’ requests for improvements, according to evidence in the appeal just made by the employer. The workers, bargaining with the War Labor Board, claim that the union received no satisfactory response to their demands after one year’s delay. The firm challenges the constitutionality of the

**Justice**

March 15, 1934

**West Coast**

**California Style Ambitions Want Labor Aid, Says Levy**

Reaching to an eight-point program to "make California the creative center of the country’s industrial life," leading California manufacturers, Vice President Louis M. Levy, Pacific Coast ILGWU director, gave warning that no such enterprise could be successful without the aid of the workers employed in the industry.

电线、汽车和其他市场盐湖城和携带其中的促销信息。他没有做到完全的与合作的行业协会在内。少爷。佩里。魏利德，但"但工业联盟非常大。"

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**Ballet Russe At**

**N.Y. City Center**

The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo will open a new season tonight at the New York City Center on Sunday evening, April 9, at the special invitation of Sir H. F. Le页面，呈现的第一次在新时间在纽约四自由芭蕾——"The Red Poppy," "The Golden Gown," "The Bettino," "The Serenade in Rumania" and several talented young dancers. The performance begins at 8:30, and matinees Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are available for $2.50 until April 8 at 3:30.

Admiral Levy has said that Karpovskiy's conduct contributed materially in minimizing the extent of the damage was to be "in full accord with the highest traditions of the naval service."

**IT’S ONE WIN APiece BETWEEN EASTON AND “56” BOWLERS NOW**

It was well worth the trip to Easton, Pa., on March 4, when Local 66 bowlers took the measure of Easton Local 234 in the second match of the best of three-out-of-three bowling tourney, to even the count at one-a-game.

The initial contest held in New York found the Easton bowlers in the lead, 18-14, with the final score of 21-17 giving Easton its 236 victory. But in Easton it was another story. The key bowler was Captain Ascher, the "Bomber" Bowler, according to the keynote city coming through to the top in the first game. Captain Ascher had led both teams in scoring making the team a force to be reckoned with. Ascher's 28 and 38 could not be obtained at local union offices or at the Cultural Division office, Old Museum, sixth floor.

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The annual business meeting on March 1 of the Women's Service Brigade re-elected unanimously Mabel Durham as the chairman of the Brigade and Helen Leverson as secretary. The meeting also ratified the following captains and new items elected by the Local Section:

- Mollie Hatton, Sophie Field (2d), Yula Yewl, Lena Obbe (5d); Mabel Durham, Rose Proctor, Ada Robinson, Mrs. Berta Will, Elma Stubbs, Ada Taylor, Emma Balkenhol, Beulah Storr, Estellie Gilmour, Dora Kahl, and Helen Leverson.

The activities reported by the Local Sections included recruiting of blood donors, production work with the making of blood boxes for princes, and the making of the cross—-and knitting and sewing being donated by the Ed. Morison Theatre Wing. A report from Carmen Boss showed an active group of workers, and Dr. Bertie Witmore, has a scheme for organizing a women's branch of the City Council for those of their members who are not women. The number of blood donors, Margarette LeBlanc of Lavello is ready to give her blood.

Details of First Aid, Hone Furphy, are recorded. It was proposed to add other recreational activities to the Drill meetings on Thursday nights. Mrs. Helen Dymott, the Women's Di-rector, has wished the new members of the City Council to send their names to her for the official opening of their clubrooms.

The Brigade held a meeting by Mrs. Dorothy Epstein, Trade Union Education, to discuss the operation of the Brigade members in the organization of a Strike by the workers of the Soviet Union. This will be done through the local union organizations in which the women are working on it. The Brigade meeting was attended by the workers of the SOF, who expressed their appreciation of the work of the Brigade.

Among recent activities in the Brigade was Pat. Anna Koscieniew, secretary of the Local, and new members like a War in Mason City.

- Neighborhood Centers

Of Lots of Sports, Fun and Study Classes

Recreational and study are neatly blended in the programs now being followed by the Educational Department of the Neighborhood centers under the guidance of the Educational Department.

ILGWU members are afforded the opportunity to study and to study groups exploring the important events of our day as well as in the existing courses and the organization of home, school, and social groups.

The East Harlem Center meets Tuesdays at 7:30 at the Hecksher Foundation, 1153 Second Ave. and Avenue.

The Manhattan Center enjoys Dollars at the Twenty-Fifth High School, 59th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenue.

All ILGWU members are invited to attend.

- MGW SERVICE BRIGADE AGAIN PICKS MABEL DURHAM CHAIRMAN

Hear Him, Mar. 24

- MIDWEST TRIP FINDS ILGWU LOCALS ACTIVE IN EDUCATION

A Bright "Circus-Carnival"

With unabated interest the audience attended the initial session of the Panel on "The Pastoral," the second session, again filled the large Studio B at the ILGWU Building, 1116 Broadway, New York City, to listen and to take part in the second installment of the discussions on this participatory subject on Saturday afternoon, March 17.

This panel, the fourth in succession touching on this and kindred subjects, was arranged by Percifal M. Cohn, secretary of the union's Educational Department, who presided at all the sessions. Among the leaders and leading students of social scientists who took part in the discussions at the March 11 panel were: Professor James D. Bouton, Dr. Prouton University; Harry J. Carpenter, Columbia University; Dr. F. Barry, Hamilton College; Dr. F. Barry, Hamilton College; and Professor Louis Botwinick, Hobart College.

Our Saturday Visits

To Points of Interest

Newly elected Brigade Captains Talk Things Over

The meeting was held March 7 in the ILGWU Building and plans made for an expansion of service to the union and the community. "Colonel" Mabel Durham is in the chair.
PRES. ROOSEVELT PERSONALLY DELIVERS KISS SENT BY DYING SOLDIER TO ILGWU MOTHER WHO HAS LOST TWO OF SIX SONS

By BRYCE W. WHITE

Seven Rosemary Szymanski, member of ILGWU Local 318, who makes parachutes at the American Lady Coat Company, Detroit, in the course of her work has gone and come three and a half times. One man lost in action in Africa and another in India. Four of her six sons in the service are at work. Four of her six sons have died. The following story by Mrs. White tells of the heart-wrenching emotion of Rosemary Szymanski as she listens to the story of the 13-year-old boy. Mrs. White tells of the story of the 13-year-old boy.

the saga of Mrs. Rosemary Szymanski as a war mother is not yet over. The six handsome, brave sons are still alive and scattered to the winds in various branches of the armed services, and her youngest boy, Harold, 16, has yet a few months to go before his 17th birthday. The six were all in the United States Army. Two died in the line of duty, one in Africa, one in India. No wonder the President of the United States, who has been in the White House this week in the White House as he listened to the story of the 13-year-old boy who has had a heart-wrenching emotion of Rosemary Szymanski as she listened to the story of the 13-year-old boy.

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Over three thousand cutters jammed Manhattan Center at the Local 10 nomination meeting February 28. It was one of the largest gatherings of cutters in the history of our organization. Since about one thousand of our members are in the armed forces, those who attended the meeting constituted about half the membership.

On the recommendation of the executive board, the late George Hubinsky was elected by acclamation as our delegate to the ILGWU Convention to be held in Boston. He is a great loss to Local 10 to be represented as a delegate by the president of the International union.

The executive board submitted various recommendations regarding the conduct of the forthcoming local election on Saturday, March 18, and the composition of the nominating committee board. A small group of community leaders and officers of the union were elected at election time under a "rank and file" bill submitted a number of recommendations. After the election, the chairman of the nominating committee chairman announced that there were 5,000 votes cast. The vote was pro-LR and the rest of the ballots to be counted later.

The importance of the elections to the success of the boycott cannot be overstated. The election of the new committee will be the first step in the fight for the boycott.

Next meeting will be held on March 7th at the Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 6th Ave., at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Join in making the election a success and contribute to the success of the boycott.

ATTENTION

Members

LOCAL 10

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 27
Right After WORK MANHATTAN CENTER

34th St. & 6th Ave.

A large number of ILGWU staff and active union members met at Local 91 Auditorium, Union Square, for the successful Primary Campaign for the Alfone-Cutts-Rose candidates. Union leaders addressed the meeting.

Union Health Center

HEALTH CENTER

UNION

A Memorable Event

It was a thrilling experience to witness the dedication of the Philadelphia Union Health Center, March 4. Elsewhere in this issue the story of the dedication is told more fully; but, frankly, I could not help think of or write about anything else while the experience was still fresh in my mind.

When we arrived at the Center, despite a real blizzard, I was met by hundreds of our members among them many familiar faces of the "old timers," fans literally beaming with joy. Many who joined the ILGWU as long as thirty years ago were there and one of them told me, "I never thought I'd see this day before."

The entire labor movement was there to witness the opening of our Center. Photographers, reporters, physicians and officials of the labor movement were present in the area.

The lovely house (now known as the ILGWU Union Health Center) house of the former governor of the state of Pennsylvania, was filled with plants and flowers and by many shops and local units of the union.

The beautiful old chairwoman leading from the main lobby to the various medical departments was 8 o'clock and the upper floor was crowded every minute of the day.

The union's cooperation in making this magnificent achievement possible was evident in their efforts in every way. The union's cooperation. All are happy, and proud of their share in this magnificent achievement.

A health center for the union's own—its members. Cooperation with the state and federal agencies permitted the provision of medical service and treatment without red tape or delay.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

For Free

Trade Unionism

It may now be definitely stated that not a single Commu-
nist or party-line follower has been elected to any local office in the ILGWU elections held in the past four weeks in Greater New York. In several of the local areas where the domestic totalitarianism had representatives on executive boards or elected business agents two years ago, there was a total eclipse and their vote in some local areas was cut

Most of the debate unanimous, not a single convention delegate of the Communist

This is about the cleanest mop-up of Communist influence in the ILGWU in the past twenty years, and a decisive victory for progressive trade unionism. Our members, evidently, refused to become confounded by Communist schemes to snuggle in their candidates on bogus issues which have nothing whatever to do with the economics of our industry. Our members have likewise declined to listen to the stirr

The verdict, sharp and clear as it is, is more than a repudiation of Communist meddling in ILGWU affairs. It carries also a deep-seated recrimination by our members of the factionalism in the ILGWU "totalitarianism" have a right to speak in their name. Our members in New York and elsewhere yielded to no one in their ambition for the magnanimous achievement of the Red Army, two years ago, they suffered a deep and bitter defeat to the cause of the United Nations. Few

Still the significance of the crushing defeat of the Communists is contained precisely in the fact that our members would not accept the Red Army or Communist stand that "democracy is a disease in their union elections. Instead as our members were concerned about the issues the election campaign centered on the old conflict between free trade unionism, governed by the mandate of the membership, and totalitarianism by party mandate and bydictation from outside. They voted for free trade unionism and rejected Communist dictatorship.

Political opinion or party affiliation is free within the framework of the ILGWU. But when political groups, organized and nurtured outside the union, conspire to dictate conduct and policies to our members, we shall not hesitate to use every democratic means at our disposal to keep such groups out of office. The bizarre irony of this situation is, perhaps, all the more accentuated by the fact that despite the

much-heralded dissolution of the Comintern and of the American Communist Party, our home-born totalitarianism are still pursuing their old tactics of rule

By having swept the Communists out of office for good and for all time, let's hope—our members have rendered a fine service to themselves, to their union and to the general labor movement. It is, besides, a bracing lesson that should not be lost upon other labor organizations which have suffered in the past from insidious Communist infiltration under one label or another.

Truman Bares

The Truman Committee, the Vast War Profits which has kept an 'Alarming' eye on war production and all phases of the front, has turned out its second over-all report. This revealing survey of the entire domestic war effort is checkful of disclosures and replete with revealing data. The excess profit picture revealed by the T

The Truman report, nevertheless, with a courage to Congress, states that the excess profits of war manufacturers, and this is a subject which we are chiefly interested in. It is a subject which the general press has smoke-screened with touching consistency, and kept away from the publ

The excess profit picture revealed by the Truman Committee decidedly fails to doxray with the vision of selfless patriotism which unpaid-for bally

And no one can dispute the fervent and steady support which our members have given — and continue to give — to the progressive cause in our land which we still prefer to call the New Deal.

One other matter of major importance which the Truman report is concerned with is a post-war policy for disposing of Government war plants. It points out the fact that only a small portion of the billions of dollars worth of new plants financed by the Government is being used for the purpose of the things they were planned to produce.

This, undoubtedly, is one of the Government's biggest post-war problems, because the war plants will constitute a huge bolus of America's productive capacity at the end of the war. Most of these plants have been built by Government money. The Truman Committee sharply rejects the idea that these plants shall not be compelled to picture productive purposes. The reason is to compete with pre-war plants. This, the Committee states in blunt terms, is a selfish argument and contrary to the best interests of the nation. Industry, it says, has been supplying resources for

The issue primarily is between scarcity economies, which created the pre-war unemployment and the economics of abundance, with the production of all the goods, which we are capable of produc-

Finally, the Truman report dismisses the urgency of the enactment of a labor-drafted bill in a gesture that would contribute nothing toward fucnt increases of manpower but would rather increase confusion, cre

country and would, in the end, tend to retard the war effort.

The report denounces strikes and warns labor they will lead to legislative curbs if continued, but points out forcefully the good record labor as a whole has established. On the whole, the Truman group, in this report as in the reports it previously made public, has come up fully to expectations. It is a well-balanced and fearless analysis of the war production front, marked by an uncommon degree of impas-

Company Unions

Company unionism has been given a new lease on life under a ruling of Comptroller General Lindsay Warren based on an AFL-sponsored rider to the National Labor Relations Board appropriation bill adopted at the last session of Congress. The ruling states that contracts between employers and company unions can be challenged only during the first three months of the agreement. The NLRB followed with the announcement that it was prepared to dismiss two important cases, one of them the Western Electric case in which the International Association of Machinists was challenging a company-union contract. A large number of other cases against company unions, it is reported, will also be dropped.

Paradoxically, the rider on which the ruling was based was initiated by the Metal Trades Department, AFL, of which the machinists are an important af-

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At Home

Argentine