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**ILGWU Joins AFL Effort To Fulfill Supply Need In Critical Army Items**

New Orleans, La.—In direct and immediate response to the Army's call for an additional 100,000 workers in plants producing war materials, as formulated by Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces, in an address to the convention of the American Federation of Labor on November 20, William Green, AFL president, conferred on November 25 with the chiefs of the four AFL international unions. The members produced the articles in which there are shortages.

Pres. David Dubinsky took part in the conference. [Continued on Page 3]

RESOLUTIONS OF ILGWU URGED LABOR UNI lTY, STRONG PEACE STEPS, SUPPORT FOR IFTU

As the fifth annual convention of the AFL at New Orleans nears its end—by the time this appears in print—it will be overtaken by the resolution adopted by the ILGWU delegation, headed by President David Dubinsky, urging taking up the action by the committees to which they were assigned.

One resolution, adopted "Labor Attaches in the State Department," calls for the establishment of State Department, and an Under-Secretary of Labor to organize and supervise the work of the labor attaches who, working with the heads of the departments of commerce and trade, shall be chosen from the ranks of organized labor. The second resolution, entitled "International Machinery for Peace," requests that "the United States help to establish an international machinery with adequate power to maintain peace against all possible future aggressors and to assure the small nations of the world security from unilateral action or domination by the bigger powers." To this end it is necessary that "the free and democratic nations of the world shall have full and adequate representation in the machinery of the international councils, and that our foreign policy be directed toward support of the principles of the Four Powers and the Atlantic Charter, and the general welfare of mankind.

(Lowell) Stirred by $70,000 Pay for GE Workers

Seventy thousand dollars more in their pay envelopes and pocketbooks is the concrete evidence that the 1,300 workers at the General Electric plant in Lowell, Mass., are now pointing to as proof of the effectiveness of their organization.

Only five months after being organized by the union, the General Electric workers are jubilant over the wage boom and the pay hikes made possible by their ILGWU contract. When War Labor Board approval of the contract, providing those same rates came through on October 31, they voted to have it organized in its present form.

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**Good News for G.I. Joe**

Instructions on how to prepare X-rations are not instructed in the cooking class recently started by the St. Louis ILGWU locals. The class, begun at the Union Electric Co. early in November, is crowded by the workers who are including the humble dish in their postwar menus.
ALL IGL UNITS GEAR TO DONATE

PAY DAY IN 1945 WAR RELIEF

First reports from IGL affiliates in all parts of the country indicate an enthusiastic response to the call issued by Pres. David Dubinsky on October 25 to ask locals and joint boards to earmark the collection of a War Re-

Relief Fund for 1945 through the con-


ommunity. The goal set for the Fund is $3-

5,000,000. It is to be raised by the end of

February, 1945.

In New York City, the CIO and

Dress Joint Boards are studying the

tasks of this year's work in order to

determine the most effective plans on

which to request the day's pay contributions of the smallest

locals, which hit the peak of their

seasonal activity. The locals have already reached their

total, with many following the lead of

Local 62 and Local 42. At least 24

Unions are still engaged on the

inadequate medical credit sys-

The sub-committee is expected to

make recommendations after a full

study of the situation.

Rosa Peschto's Shopmates

Honor Her As New Author

Workers of the Friedman and

Buckholz shop, 836 Broome

Street, staged a novel "tea" literary

on Friday, December 1, to

freshen up guests in a party in the

shop. This was the occasion of the

vice-president, on the occasion of

publication of her book, "Heart

Opens Wide.

Full of her characteristic person-

alc, humorous, and in most places,

dramatic and significant as-

pects of the labor struggle in the

garment industry during some of

the union's most critical years.

LOCAL 66 BOND GOAL

SET AT $250,000 FOR 2U.S.NAVY HELLCATS

The purchase of at least $250,000

worth of bonds during the Sixth

Weeks Loan Drive in January

launches a Grummman Helldiver

fighter planes for the Navy. The shop employs 200

workers, including 100 in the

mill. A meeting at which this goal

was set.

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Health Benefits

Cover All

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Vacations and 7%, Raise

A new agreement between the

Ladies' Craft shop and Local 277

and the New Enrique factory

was reached on November 39. Negoti-

ations were conducted by the

management and the union

representatives, making cotton dreses.

The agreement covers the duration

a 1 per cent increase for all

employees over the next year,

and one week's vacation with

pay.
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SO. RIVER HLG PACES TOWN IN BOND RALLY NETTING $151,000

It was cold and dreary in South River, N. J., on November 16 and a light rain fell all day long. But at exactly 2:30 in the afternoon, 1,200 workers, the entire industrial labor force, union and non-union, of the new River Valley Plant of the Hercules Powder Company, turned out on placards and assembled in front of the town post office for a bond rally. The weather was drizzling in marked contrast to the weather. The rally, sponsored by the South River shop, marked the launching of the first drive of the season for new members. It was an effort to net profits for the company. Back that community, ILG members were active in making the arrangements, according to Simon Baumgart, manager of Local 190 and 197. Over $151,000 worth of war bonds were purchased at the rally. The original quota had been set at $120,000. The bond sale will finance the U. S. Army bomber, which will be named by a competition in which the workers plan to enter.

A regular military band from Post 149 of the American Legion and 149 workers assembled around their shop banners and placards and then marched to the theatre at which the rally was held. Each of the East Orange Carnies with an all-soldier cast presented a variety show that evoked waves of cheering and laughter. Capt. L. M. Travers, who came back from the battle lines, stressed the need for increased buying of war bonds to help supply the materials of victory to the men overseas. It was also pointed out, calling attention to the historic nature of the day, which marked the first time that union and non-union workers in South River had gathered for a common purpose.

The New Brunswick "Sunday" praised the event in a leading editorial on November 16, "South River's committee is entitled to be justly proud both of its concrete results and of the influence that its success may have in promoting bond sales by this method in other communities."

Je-Jo Dress, Mt. Vernon, Falls Into Union Line

Je-Jo Dress, manufacturing silk dresses, in Mt. Vernon, N. J., has signed a union agreement for the first time. The plant is under the management of Louis Rabin, manager of Local 142.

With warm praise for the patriotism and efficiency of the 800 workers of the Coast Corporation of America, all members of Local 129, Long Island City, Army and Navy officers celebrated at Citizens' War Bond Drive, in an all-arms giveaway to the armed forces.

This rate of production is believed to be a peak figure for the industry.

The coming threat of wartime teamwork, the event was formally opened on November 13, with a political address by Mayor Joseph J. Lechay of the Out-of-Town Cook Depart- ment store. The address was followed by Capt. Andrew R. Ryan, Jr., of the Philadelphia Quartermaster De- partment store, and then by Mr. R. L. Cope- land Cofield, of the Third Naval District. A bond was awarded to each employee.

Mr. Dombrowski stressed the fact that the garment industry had played a great role in the war effort and had contributed to the war effort. He added, "It is indeed remarkable," he said, "that an industry composed in great part of foreign-born worker- s has decided, of its own free will, to make an enormous contribution to the war effort. This is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism that has been adopted by the United States, and has been applied in the garment industry of this foreign-born section of the industry, expressing it in their faithful devotion to the war effort."

The recommendation of the United States, by which the foreign-born workers are displaying a spirit of true Americanism, and are expressing it in their faithful devotion to the war effort. The remarkable production rec- ord of the Coast Corporation's ca- riers has been unbroken by any industrial dispute, and most of the important matters of the plant are handled by, and under the direction of, the workers themselves. The company has received a number of awards and honors for its efficiency and contribution to the war effort.

The union agreement was signed by the management and the local union, representing the workers at the plant. The agreement provides for the establishment of a joint labor-management committee to handle grievances and other matters.
A memorable day's decision of the 19th ILGWU Convention at Boston last week was the formation of the New York Dress Makers Association, a union of dress workers within the ILGWU local, effective immediately. The decision was made within ten days of the close of the convention and the union has been issued its charter by Mrs. Alice C. G. S. Cohen, manager of Local 8 and Waldst Pressers. He warned that failure to abide by the decision will be followed by necessary measures to enforce the order.

Diplomats Go To Donors
All Local 21 Red Cross blood donors who have not yet done so are requested to register at the Eternal Life Breakfast Room on the fourth floor of 21 West 44th Street. The funds required to operate the blood clinic must be raised and the certificates will be distributed to Red Cross blood donors. The list of those donors and addresses of the donors is now at the union office.

EXHIBIT BY LOCAL 22 ARTISTS
An exhibition of over 150 recent paintings in various media by members of the Local 22 Art Workshop will be held at the American-British Art Center for the benefit of the National War Relief Fund. Local 22 artists every two years, will open on December 19th and run until January 19, according to Vice Pres. Charles E. Handel, manager of Local 22. There will be an opening reception at the gallery, which is situated at 27 West 57th Street.

Local 22 Art Workshop was founded in 1948 and has held successful public displays, evolving highly favorable comments from art critics in the metropolitan press. It presented a group show at the Paragon Galleries which brought over $1,000 for United China Relief. The Art Workshop is under the direction of Joseph Hoffman, well-known artist and instructor. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt heads the list of sponsors of the new exhibition in acceptance of Mr. Hoffman's service to the union. Mrs. Roosevelt wrote: "I shall be glad to hear that Local 22 of the ILGWU is able to raise funds from the bimonthly art exhibit to the War Fund this year."

"Your local has been a pioneer in this type of endeavor and I am sure that your exhibit will be as valuable as the arts can be as a means of entertaining and expressing the human spirit as the majority of your members do in their work. I shall express my appreciation and say that I wish to join you in your work."

Other sponsors include William Green, executive secretary of the CIO, Matthew Wall, James Quinn, Rep. from the BLS, John W. Mooney, Rep. from N.Y., Paul A. Gaudin, Newbold Morris, John L. M. Kopf, noted Czech artist, shown with Charles S. Zimmerman, (right) Dressmakers Union manager and members of the Local 22 Art Workshop on a recent visit during which they examined paintings by the "22" artists which will be exhibited at the American-British Art Center starting December 4.

Hochman Warns Dress Firms to Make Post-War Plans Now
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The metropolitan dress industry would be wise to begin planning immediately to meet post-war shifts of consumer demand, Vice President Julius Hochman, general manager of the New York Dress Joint Board, told the annual convention of the

Vice President Julius Hochman, general manager of the New York Dress Joint Board, last week called upon all shop dressmakers in the metropolitan area to mobilize their forces in the Sixth War Loan drive.

This call was based on a radio address on the same subject by National M. Minkoff, secretary-treasurer of the Joint Board. After outlining President Roosevelt's message to dress shop chairmen states:

"Our dressmakers, who have made such a proud record in previous War Loan drives, must be the first to respond to the call of the nation's leaders. While millions of our men are making their lives our first line of defense, all of us are asked to do our bit to lend our money to the government, to help provide them with weapons.

"The union calls upon all dressmakers, no matter how many bonds they may have already bought, to purchase the largest possible amount of new bonds in the present campaign. As shop chairman, you are particularly requested to do the following immediately:"

1. "Organize the sale of bonds in your shop. Speak to every worker personally and make a list of how

Paving the Road to Victory with Bonds
Workers of the Sandellie Dress Shop, 518 Eighth Ave., celebrated President Roosevelt's re-election with a bond rally in their shop on November 17. Chairman Frank Hamlin reported $10,000 worth of bonds were purchased by workers at the rally.
**The Voice of Local 89**

*Popular Italian Radio Hour*

Symphony Orquesta & Opera Singers of International Note

By Luigi Antonini
First Vice President, ILGWU

Luigi Antonini, first vice president of the ILGWU, announced that he is a member of the Anglo-American labor mission to investigate conditions following the liberation of Southern Italy by the Allied Armies. The results of his visit were presented in the AFL in a printed report, Antonini, who is also general director of the ILGWU, was also elected to delegate to the AFL convention at New Orleans, where he delivered the following remarks as a supplementary report.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to express to you my appreciation of the fraternal interest taken by the American Federation of Labor in the problems and destiny of labor in Italy during the period of Italian national history. The confidence expressed by President Green and by the Executive Council in designating me as member of a joint commission of the AFL and the British Trade Union Congress to visit Southern Italy last September and to report back on conditions there was particularly appreciated. It was a great privilege to have served my early training and experiences in labor organizations in the land of my birth.

You have before you a pamphlet entitled "Italian Labor" which issued last month by the national office of the ILGWU, to be used in the advocacy of labor in Italy, which also contains our report.

I trust that you will carefully examine the contents of this pamphlet, which I can assure you is a brief supplementary account of both the trade union and political picture of present-day Italy, of the coalition Bonomi Government and of the social forces from which its support is derived.

**Nature of Coalition**

The political composition of the government consists of six political parties, there are actually only three parties with national representation. These are the Socialists, the Communists and the Christian Democrats. The Action Party, which is well known in the United States, has a composition of about 250,000 strong splinter groups that make up a third coalition, although their leaders are men like Cevese, Ilari and Tantielli, although Count Cattaneo and others have been members of the Action party, but the Action Party is a party with no following to speak of. The tactics of the Action party in Italy are different from those used by the national labor movement in Italy. They stress that they are Italian First and Communists only second. They are extremely anti-Fascists and anti-socialists and are hostile to any form of government activity by the Communists within the labor movement in Italy, and do not recognize the union of the Italian labor union organizations.

As the Action Party, together with the Christian Democrats as they call themselves, plays a very important role, in the religious sentiment of the Italian people. With rare exceptions, it is a Catholic movement.

**Setting War Bond Goal**

Dress Joint Board officers at meeting which set $8,000,000 as Sixth War Loan goal for New York dressmakers. Union funds will be used to meet the new goal. The Sixth War Loan purposes were approved by the board, which met at the offices of the Bealls Building.

The United States government has announced that 100,000,000 bonds will be sold in New York City, with the first day sale on Tuesday, August 20, being held in each section. The government has not yet announced the price of the bonds.

The bond issue is expected to raise $8,000,000 for the war effort. The government has set a goal of $10,000,000 for the sale of bonds in New York City.

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In the Cloak Joint Board

The adhesion of 66 additional firms to union rules forms the highlight of a report to the Cloak Joint Board by the Organization and Patrol Department, covering its activities for the period ending October 31.

Local 35 Schedules Shows, Forum, Sport for Current Season

A full and varied program of musical, cultural and recreational activities during the winter has been an- nounced by the Local 35 Blur Board. The group will seek to bring the local group of Cloak Workers, according to Manager Meyer, the president, to the attention of the community.

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CLOAK BD. SEeks WAYS to PREVENT LINING SNEEZE

Alarmed by the possibility of a influenza epidemic being during the coming season, the Cloak Joint Board has made a survey of various sources. According to General Manager Israel Feinberg, information received from the em- ployees indicates a connection in which lines running restrictions by the government is causing dem- ocracy.

CLOAK BOARD MEETS TO PREVENT LINING SNEEZE

Dr. E. E. Johnson, chairman of the New York State's Board of Health, has predicted that the flu epidemic this year will be more severe than ever before. The very ability of our national frame- work to the emergency, Dr. Johnson de- scribes to us as the most important single factor in the success of the campaign. It is our duty to see that we do not become complacent, and that even during the best of times we must be prepared to meet any emergency that may occur.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Informed labor circles here heard with sinking hearts the decision of the War Labor Board in the case of the steel workers' demand for an increase of seventeen cents an hour. For the Board once more employed the familiar formula of sidestepping the workers' demands so that they get a token to take the cutting edge off what they are actually losing.

A great deal of propaganda now will be employed by the pro-business millionaires to insist that the 15 per cent will cost the U. S. Steel Corporation to pay the Board's decision will cost the company millions it will cost the U. S. Steel Corporation to pay the Board's decision.

The Board was perfectly well aware of the costs involved in the decision, and the minute finalizing its decision it announced that it had decided to postpone its decision on the question of the cost of living.

Four thousand dollars have been thrown as a loan, and the Board later to the loan.

And yet, just before November 7, all the official spokesmen of steel were insisting with hints to labor that everything would be just dandy right after the election. Today the Board's announcement is a complete about-face.

Perhaps the most interesting question is whether the Board's decision will be a huge increase or a political football.

It may be still too early to start Young and Labor, but it is difficult to understand why the Board's decision.

But isn't there too early to point out the deception which is inherent in the Little Steel formula itself. In May, 1942, the steel workers' pro-

To make their demands had about 15 per cent of the workers in the industry a fraction of the original cost of living.

Since then the cost of living has risen more than one million. The AFL and the CIO almost a year ago admitted figures to prove it had risen 45 per cent. Arguments arose over the labor figures, but the common sense of living had gone up at least 35 per cent. So the 15 per cent increase of 15 per cent and labor for the workers already has been increased an increase in the Little Steel formula.

This year, the steel workers waited a whole year for their case to be de-

When Secretary of State Cordell Hull resigned this week, it was a great loss to the cause of democrac-

The Board's decision, in the case of the steel workers, if the workers were as genuine as the Board's decision.

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ILG SEEKING $100,000 DAMAGES 
BASED ON DONELLY INJUNCTION

The appeal taken by the ILGWU from a decision rendered by Federal District Judge Norby in the suit for $162,000 damages resulting from injunctions issued in favor of the Donnelly Garment Co., of Kansas City, which were later reversed by the judges of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, was argued before Charles Holley of Washington, D. C., representing the union in this appeal. A decision is expected early in 1945.

Judge Norby had ruled that the union could recover only $10,000 on bonds which the union had posted to support the Donnelly Garment Co. at the time the injunctions were issued and denied the union's right to recover an additional $162,000 which had been expended in the defense of this litigation.

In its suit against the Donnelly Garment Co., the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union contended that its intentions of appealing a decision of Judge Norby made in 1944, 1944, dealing with the injunctions the company sought to obtain the appeal case set for argument in May, 1944, in Kansas. Meanwhile the record in the case will be printed and briefs will be prepared.

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PACT RENEWALS WIN MANY GAINS

Every day somewhere within the borders of the Southwest Department, statesmen who govern the wage conditions of their members are negotiating. Several more negotiations are to be held at the Department's agenda.

At Co-Ed Proco, commitments, production managers and foremen will attempt the first conference with a firm which says it is in the firm's best interests to have a uniform policy for Whitehall, the Texline, and El Paso. The conference will be held in St. Louis on December 2.

Lois McAlpine, manager of Local 244, has in charge of negotiations for an agreement with the International Manufacturing Co., Houston, Tex., where wage increases are involved.

A conference with the MeCo Janus Manufacturing Co., Bowling Green, Ky., has recently been requested by Mary Ellis of the regional staff. Increases of back pay for a number of the goal at this plant. The conference with the G & C Garment Co., Marion, Ill., provides increases and past vacations.

WLB IN KANSAS CITY

GRANTS 2 INCREASES

Weekly increases are provided in two recent directives issued by the Kansas City Regional Wage Board. Wage increases for time and piece-workers as provided in a recently negotiated supplementary agreement with the International Garment Co. of St. Louis were approved on September 26, 1944, retroactive to August 13, 1944.

On October 1 the Board approved wage increases and vacations with pay for the workers of the Carefree Woolen Mills, St. Louis, for which the Board has paid a retroactive to August 1, 1944.

Three Locals in Ill. 
Teaming Up With USO

Proving that there are more ways than one to serve the service men, Local 202, Rockford, Ill., has voted to send 34 beds to men overseas, while Local 258, Mcleansboro, Ill., supplementing contributions by its members, will contribute to the USO.

At the same time Local 362, Alton, Ill., under the guidance of Marie Beaudon and Pearl Menz, is starting a baseball team to be operated with the recreational department of the USO.

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IN EASTERN COTTON GARMENT AREA

FALL RIVER CELEBRATING TWO BIG ILG MEMBERS

FALL RIVER, Mass. — assistant workers will have a double-barreled celebration on December 11. The Fall River Health Center will open its doors and the ILGWU will mark the tenth anniversary of its establishment in the city.

NEW BARBIZON TERMS ADJUST RATES FOR 500

The union and the firm have joined in seeking approval for new contract terms recently negotiated with the Barbour Corp., Joseph, Pa., it was announced last week by Director, David Ginogel and District Manager J. Zimmerman.

The terms which have been in- troduced to the area for the second approval, were reached in negotia- tions after studying the rate of the plant, by company engineers and representatives of the ILGWU Management—Engineering Department.

The new provisions set production standards for the firm's 500 workers. Employees reaching or exceeding those standards are to receive rate increases. Other details of the new terms make benefits available to employees in a progressively better way, rather than the same benefits or less, as in the past.

The transfer was worked out after extended conferences. An ILGWU charter setting up a new local for this group will soon be issued.

FALL RIVER COUNCIL EYES RECONVERSION

All shops in this district were represented at the Fall River District Council of the ILGWU on Novem- ber 12. Louis Levy, executive vice president, presided over the well-attended meeting at which shop reports were given, indicating that shop conditions were generally good since the last council meeting.

In his report Manager Fred Stanislaw emphasized the Vigilance as industrial reconversion approaches. It has been praised the Fall River staff for its efforts in the reconversion program has been absent from the district office while assisting Director Ginogel.

Plans for the opening of the Fall River Health Center were an- nounced. The date for this event has been set as December 9.

IN EASTERN COTTON GARMENT AREA

NEW HORIZONS HIGHLIGHTS

AFL Convention Marked Labor's Splendid War Record—Felt "War Plan Exploded" in Change in National Attitude Hopeful

by DAVID GINOGEL

Director, Collar Garment Dept.

The 6th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor, which is in session at New Orleans as this is being written, meets in an atmosphere considerably different from that which prevailed throughout the nation only a year ago. As one of the seven ILGWU delegates, it is my privilege and privilege to participate in the deliberations of this convention at which the great men of American working men and wom- en are represented.

It is difficult to give here a detailed report of the convention's proceedings. All I wish to do at present is report on two outstanding trends which are serving as a kind of general framework for these sessions. From the start I have been able to recognize these trends that are strongest.

First, there is no need to recall attention, as there was a year ago, for labor to be defensive about its wartime record. What labor has built and worked for and sacrificed for in the war is emphasized by testimony from the floor at the hands of those who are charged with leadership. It is the American people, the workers in action in the 1941 election, have shown that labor, not through these intentions, but with their many and their heads, accomplish those intentions.

Secondly, there is in this time a very remarkable influence of new war, adjustments which indicate a determination on the part of many of the ex-广大 labor to act, decisively for the future of the country, offering security and abundance. There is not too much wisdom behind these expositions of plans and possibilities.

Both these trends are hopeful signs that America is marching along the road to a way of life better than the one she dreamed of—and for which many of them have died.

"24" HEALTH FUND NAMES ADVISORY BD

The first meeting of the Advisory Board of the Health Plan of Local 214, Boston, was held on November 14. Dr. Leo Priest, director of the Trumac Health Center, New York, who attended the meeting, is optimistic over the progress of the final part of its task.

The Advisory Board of Local 24's health fund consists of Dr. L. Mag- nuson, of the Boston Dispensary, a clergyman of the Massachusetts State Department of Health, Fred mundial, president of the New England Clothing and Tailors' Workers' Association, Dr. Pr. Priest, Superior Jack Hal- pern, Manager William H. Backer, the Health Council, and James J. Backer, the Health Plan.

The fund, to which workers contribute 2 per cent of their pay- rolls, affects eligible members 212 a week for 13 weeks, a pay of 50 days for hospitalization and every approximately 2,000 members. Plan members are being mapped for an extensive expansion of this benefit.

PAST WREATHS UNDER WAY FOR McKEETT-WILLIAMS

Negotiations have opened for renewal of the part with the Mc- Kett-Williams Co., which expired December 1. The union is seeking wage adjustments and a bigger number of hours worked by the workers in seven McKett-Wil- liams plants in the New York, New York, New York and Maine.

Here are the pride of the ILGWU in Easton, Pa.—three of a body of a thousand women who, in the words of the American Federation of Labor, are "the pride of the ILGWU first come to Easton. George Ambler, veteran member of Local 2 was working with his wife, Joseph and Michael, at the Easton Dress Co. of that Al- bany, are part of the organization work that the ILGWU has in eastern Pennsylvania.

A few years ago, when Thomas Stemedel, shop, he came to the shop and worked alongside of his father as a foreman. Then came the call to arms. Now Mrs. George Ambler continues to work at his pressing table, her hands are everywhere in the battle for a just cause. Pat. Joseph, father of two children, is in the army where he recently was in- jured. Cpl. Michael was taken to hospital during the battle for Tunis in 1943 and is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Cpl. Thomas is taking part in Dem. Eisenhower's big offensive on the Eastern Line.

My thinking... My memory... My time will stay in this year to the finish

—Every American

PAY: JOSEPH AMBLER T. RICHARD AMBLER M. THOMAS AMBLER

VANITY FAIR DRIVE BY UNIONS MAKING HEADWAY IN READING

Further plans for organizing the 800 workers of the Vanity Fair Mills in Reading, Pa., were made at a conference held in the Reading office of the ILGWU on November 11, attended by Manager Nicholas Kostman, Local 1376 president, and modern President of the Reading Office of the Union. The purpose of the meeting was to hear reports on the progress of the organizing drive within the plant.

Keystone Drive

The War Labor Board on November 11 approved a general increase of 10 per cent on hours for the work- ers of the Keystone Drive Co., Al- pha, Pa. Approximately $800 will be distributed.

Three workers earning less than 2 cents per hour are to receive the general 10 per cent increase. The Wage Board, in the view of removing intra-plant friction thought that an increase may be allotted differently by depart- ment. This was determined the weighted average is not in excess of the five-cent.-award.

Pennsylvania Drive

A wage award, retroactive to September 4, 1944, was approved on November 11 for all workers of the Pennsylvania Drive, Co. The wage was based on hourly rates.

Lowell Stirred

By GE WORKERS' $7,000 Backpay

(Distributed from Page 11) producers of mill goods and women's mill fabrics. They carried banners that promised, "Even those in the ranks of the benefactors of unemployment.

On November 7, they held a victory dance and shared their cele- bration with some invited as the "Mill Girls Hours of The Last Call."

Boston WLB News

Recent WLB Labor Board ap- plication for 1,500 workers, demand $20.50 to $40.00 for workers of the Modern Embroidery Co. and the "Mill Girls."

The new application is to be presented to the WLB Labor Board on February 28, 1944.
WAR COAST

WEST COAST

LOCAL 385 PACT RENEWAL GIVES VACATION FUND, MATERNITY TIME

Successful conclusion of a new agreement between Local 385 and the Tempo-Trend Co., owned by F. B. Malouf, is reported from Salt Lake City, Utah.

The pact is to run for one year, with provisions for renewal for another year, and may be opened for additional clauses and changes at the discretion of both parties. The pact is made for a variation fund, legal holidays, maternity leave and other standard union security features. The agreement was signed by Charis Adams, president of Local 385, and Louis McCormick, secretary.

The firm and the union presently hope to seek approval by the Wage Labor Board for a new general increase, which would bring the settlement in this shop up to the full amount allowed under the Little Steel formula.

Tabak Forum Will Hear British Labor Speaker

"Education in the Shop" continues in Los Angeles with a humorous and instructive address by the Hon. Ira S. Epari, clerk of the House of Delegates for December 6 at which Harold Johnson of the Workers' International Association of Cooks British will be guest speaker. In charge of arrangements will be the Rev. Mrs. F. W. Harrison, assistant director of the Jewish Institute of Family Relations.

ITALY: CLOTHES DRIVE

Vet Active on Coast

In view of the encouraging response to relief needs, it is announced that the first weekend drive for clothing for the people of Italy, originally scheduled for November 15-16, has been extended for an indefinite period.

More than $60,000 worth of war bonds were purchased by ILGWU members in Montreal during Canada's Seventh Victory Loan drive, recently completed, Bernard Same reports.

Practically the entire membership participated in the record-breaking drive which was carried on from shop to shop by teams sponsored by the local executive board and accompanied by representatives of the War Finance Committee.

V Fags, signifying subscriptions by all workers to a 15 per cent payroll deduction plan for the purchase of bonds, are being displayed prominently in all ILGWU shops.

These results have set a new high bond purchase. It was made possible by the whole-hearted cooperation of union members and officers, says Elaine.

DEFENSE AND RELIEF

A proposal by the Montreal Joint Council that all members of the Joint Council be made eligible to purchase Liberty bonds one and a half times their regular pay, was submitted by the Joint Council November 1.

The proposal calls for the total amount of funds contributed by the members and officers, says Elaine.

Day's work for a united defense fund. The total raised will be calculated on the first day's work. The total amount of the joint council's fund, it was calculated, will be contributed to the United War Fund.
ILG SAFETY LEAFLET
SHOWS NEED OF CARE TO PREVENT DANGERS

Welcome, New Member

Do you know what that means? Well, first of all you have become part of a force that works for something that means hope and progress in America. Further, by joining the union, you have won new rights for yourself—the right of industrial citizenship— the right to speak up about wages and working conditions, to go to face your employer without fear and on equal terms. Alone and unaided, you could never achieve these rights.

Once upon a time it was not easy to join a union. Thanks to the ILGWU, these days, whether you are male or female, working man and woman who have crossed the great divide, you have won this right. This is a great economic achievement. The march toward freedom has only just begun.

As a member, your concern is not only with the past. You will also be concerned with new duties and responsibilities. From now on your concern will be with the individual but also as a member of a group. You will find yourself developing new habits of thought as to how you can help others, to take a part in the battle. The importance of the union to you in terms of dollars and cents is clear, but it is also vitally important through higher earnings.

But along with it will come another union goal that is not so easily measured in money. There will be a new dignity in your life, a new self-respect, a new sense of the country's standards of fairness, and of leisure.

Nowadays unions members visit the White House and talk to the President. Unions members are elected to Congress. But there was a time, so long ago, when workers were not even known to exist. They were not even considered in law or in court.

Today unions are not only concerned with your wages. They are concerned with your job, your working conditions, your home, your family, your leisure. They are concerned with the continuous struggle to improve the standard of living of the American worker.

The Labor Chronicle is a weekly newspaper published by the ILGWU with the purpose of providing its members with news and information about their union and the labor movement. It is a resource for members to stay informed about current events and developments in the labor movement.
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By BETTA BYER

No doubt the consumer cooperative movement is a familiar subject to many members of the ILGWU, both male and female. But further cooperatives have been organized so many benefits and continues to increase this so that it is beyond the capabilities of the present

In the United States, the benefits of the consumer cooperative movement are clearly visible, in the form of lower prices, greater variety, and improved quality of goods and services. The movement has been able to negotiate lower prices from suppliers, and pass those savings on to consumers. Additionally, cooperatives have been able to provide a more democratic form of ownership and governance, with members having a say in the decision-making process.

But the benefits of the consumer cooperative movement are not limited to the United States. In many countries around the world, cooperatives have been able to provide much-needed goods and services in areas where the private sector has failed. For example, in rural areas and in developing countries, cooperatives have been able to provide access to basic necessities like food, medicine, and education.

In recent years, the consumer cooperative movement has also been able to play a role in addressing social and environmental issues. Cooperatives have been able to offer sustainable and fair trade products, and to support local farmers and producers.

Despite these benefits, the consumer cooperative movement also faces challenges. One of the main challenges is the need to continue to educate people about the benefits of cooperatives and to overcome the skepticism of some consumers.

In conclusion, the consumer cooperative movement has been able to provide many benefits to consumers around the world. The movement has the potential to continue to grow and to play an even greater role in addressing social and environmental issues. It is up to all of us to support and to continue to educate others about the benefits of this valuable movement.
THE LIBERAL-LABOR OUTLOOK

The overall results of the national election add up to a Roosevelt victory far more decisive than most liberals and progressives had dared predict. The American people, by an overwhelming electoral majority, voiced their confidence in the President’s conduct of the war, in his ability to make a lasting peace, and in his program, insofar as it was outlined, to bring jobs on the home front. Likewise, and no less significantly, the electorate repudiated the appeals to prejudice, the double talk, the rumor-mongering, the labor-baiting and the general pettiness that marked the final weeks of the Dewey-Bricker campaign.

In New York, the Liberal Party cannot escape a scowl of deep satisfaction with the results of the election. In view of the fact that this was its first campaign, a campaign into which it entered with but a skeletonized organization, its recorded vote of nearly 330,000 is a distinct achievement.

In its larger national implications the 1944 election has definitely disposed of a number of stale political superstitions. The campaign just concluded has made the rising political belief that reaction and standpatters could not be halted and that the emotional upsets created by the war must necessarily enhance conservatism and backward economics and politics. It has served to revive the ingrained notion that liberals and progressives are politically insurmountable and cannot be made to work in common with labor, middle-class groups, farmer or white-collar elements for common social objectives.

On the positive side, the 1944 campaign has confirmed that liberalism is on the upswing in American political life and that its weaknesses are chiefly due to lack of sound, practical organization. The strength trend which, in the face of overwhelming opposition from vested political interests and the press, has turned the conservative tide in this campaign, is not an accident. The majority of the American people, while loving its past and revering its historical heritage, is not looking backward. When put to the test it will reject reaction as a pattern for the American way of life.

Insofar as the Liberal Party is concerned, the mandate of the election seems clear and inescapable. First, it points up the pressing problem of a viable, state-wide organization into which must be drawn all progressives, liberals and laborites of all parties on a platform of genuine democratic liberalism.

The Liberal Party emerges from this campaign, as it entered it, free from strings, commitments or obligations to any other party. The high level of its campaign has won for it the respect of people from all walks of life in this city and state. The Liberal Party rejected the affiliation or support of any group or individual tainted with either tosy or totalitarian ideology of any color, and it intends to retain its independence and autonomy for the serious political battles—municipal, state and national—which are looming ahead.

Finally, the Liberal Party is mindful of the wider obligation which the resurgence spirit of liberalism made so evident in the outcome of the past election throughout the nation, imposes upon it. The cleavage between liberalism and reaction within the two parties is rapidly converging these parties into houses divided against themselves. In the light of political reality it is not actually a two-party system with definite political physiognomies which we have today in this country but two parties each with two wings—conservative and liberal—dialectically opposed to each other.

Liberalism could never become a dynamic force in American political life by riding the coat-tails of either of the two old parties. It can and will become the source of new currents in America, by taking the lead in the inevitable realignment of political forces in our country into two clear-cut parties—one, a party of the status quo and of economic privilege, and the other, a party of fighting, liberal democracy, representing wage-earners, farmers, middle-class groups and professional elements throughout the general American community.

The Liberal Party of New York may well become the spearhead that will help speed such a realignment if it seizes the initiative at this historic moment.

December 1, 1944