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Capitol Idea. There's usually no parking in front of state Capitol in Harrisburg, Pa., but bus was waived for Northeast Department's Healthmobile, in town for citation for recent flood relief work.



With These Hands . . . A new merger is symbolized, as South Jersey Joint Board joins forces with Philadelphia contingent. Lending a hand to things are (l. to r.): Vice Pres. George Rubin, COI manager; Harry Dordick, Phila. Cloak manager; Pres. Dubinsky, and Barnett Karp, S. Jersey chief.



Fortunate Miss. That goes double for Janet Bradford, 10, who narrowly missed getting hit by shotgun blasts fired from auto into Serbin strike headquarters in Fayetteville, Tenn.



Peck 'n Check. Vice Pres. Samuel Otto, Pacific Coast director, plants pension kiss on retiree Jane McCarran, as Adolph Schuman (left), president of Lill-Anne Corp., presents check to Charles Schwartzberg, charter member of San Francisco Local 8. They were among first 21 cloakmakers retiring in that city recently.

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Thousands Expected at October 22 Dedication of ILGWU Co-op Houses

The ILGWU East River Housing development, providing modern homes for 1,662 families in New York City's East Side, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 22, as announced by Vice David Dzubinsky. It is expected that this major event in the history of the city, in the development of co-operation housing and in the provision of services of trade unions will draw thousands of visitors to Grand Street and Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive where the dedication ceremonies will start at 1:30 P.M.

Among those who have been invited to participate in the ceremonies are New York Gov. Averell Harriman,

Senators Herbert H. Lehman and Irving Ives, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, City Construction Commissioner Robert Moses and other city, state and federal government and housing authority officials.

Headed by the labor contingent will be George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor, along with members of the AFL Executive Council, all of whom have been invited to attend.

The East River Houses, four in number and rising 23 stories, are the first development to be completed under terms of Title 3 of the National Housing Act of 1949, ac-

companied by Abraham E. Krasner, president of the East River Housing Corporation. Ground was broken for the development less than two years ago, on Nov. 21, 1955.

The development, comprising one of the worst slum areas in the city, is financed by a \$15,000,000 mortgage loan from the ILGWU and an additional amount in excess of \$4 million provided by the tenant-cooperators of the development.

Model apartments, fully furnished, have been opened in the development and they may be viewed from 1:30 to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday, and from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday.

Shotguns Blast Serbin Tennessee Strike Hqrs.

The Fayetteville, Tenn., headquarters of the ILGWU, which has been on strike against the Serbin garment company, was raked by shotgun blasts this week. The shots, fired from a moving car into the doorway of the headquarters, narrowly missed 10-year old Janet Bradford, daughter of the strike leader, who was hit by a bullet which caused a laceration, but escaped injury, but the pet parakeets within were killed.

The outbreak of violence is the latest incident in the turbulent Serbin strike which started in mid-April because of the employer's refusal to bargain in good faith. Since then, over 300 union activists and staffers have been arrested for violation of arbitrary picket line boundaries. From an original "Iron Curtain" injunction which forbade picketing within a 1,000-foot radius of the plant, Chancellor Robert W. Lee moved finally to prohibit picketing anywhere in the state of Tennessee.

Faced with this challenge, pickets moved out of the state to continue their activity, some across the border in Alabama, others to cities where Serbin products are sold, in an attempt to inform consumers of the issues in the walkout. From the Nashville Tennessee set of Sept. 23 comes this account of the subsequent violence:

"Representatives of the ILGWU said last night that a shotgun blast was fired from a moving car into the door of the union's headquarters at 8:30 P.M. Police Chief Otha Dye said it appeared two shots (both shot loads) had been fired, puncturing the screen door.

"Frank Sisko, organizer for the ILGWU, reported the shotgun incident last night, saying that several people narrowly escaped being hit in the line of fire.

"Sisko said a blue and tan automobile drew up to the house on Edgewood street, which is being used as union headquarters, and the shot was fired from the window as the car moved on. Chief Dye said there seems to be little to go on in investigation.

"Beated in the small yard of the house were Sisko, John Kinsack, another organizer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bradford and their 10-year old daughter; and Garland Gowan.

"They and the others had been

'38' Pension Filing To Start Oct. 3

Retirement applications will be accepted starting Oct. 3 from members of Local 29, Ladies Tailors and Custom Dressmakers, who are employed at the following shops in New York. Manager Isidore Serbin announces.

"The shops, and eligible employees, are Bergdorf Goodman—custom and alteration tailors; Jay Thorpe—tailors; Carnegie-4th Street—custom tailors, dressmakers and alterations; Carnegie 55th Street—5 wholesale suit and dress workers and sample tailors; Barbara Dress—all workers.

Prospective retirees must be 65 years of age, have been a member of the ILGWU for 20 out of the last 25 years and have worked the last 5 years in a shop contributing to the retirement fund. Eligible applicants should appear in person at Local 29 headquarters, 117 W. 46th St.

In the house minutes before, Sisko said.

"It is strange that this type of thing should happen at the same time that Lewis Serbin is in town, conferring with his hired guards, after an absence of several months.

"We demand proper police protection against such threats to lives and property," the paper quoted Sisko.

Pennsylvania Says: 'Thank You, ILGWU'



For outstanding service performed by the Northeast Department's Mobile Health Center during the recent flood disaster, Pennsylvania's Governor George M. Leader (center) extends a hand of gratitude on behalf of the people of that state to Vice Pres. David Gingold, department director. At accompanying ceremonies, Leader presented the ILGWU with a citation for its notable errand of mercy. Others pictured (left to right) are: Fred Stern, Northeast consultant for the mobile unit; Dr. Wendell Milman, attending mobile medic; Patricia Ann Levin (behind Milman), unit's nurse; technician-driver Dick Hughes, Dr. Albert R. Feinberg, unit's medical supervisor, and Northeast Field Supervisor Jack Halpern.

Flooded with Relief



Food for disaster-stricken flood area of Waterbury, Conn., is unloaded in front of ILGWU shop in that town. Union members throughout the state sent in donations of food and material. Left to right: Jack Angello, member of Local 102; Mike Primack, business agent for Locals 151-223; Richard Angello and Henry Angello.

Montreal Embroidery Assn. Pens Eleventh-Hour Renewal

With the Montreal embroidery membership about to take decisive action, the Fashion Accessories Manufacturers' Assn. of that city last month penned an eleventh-hour agreement incorporating union demands. Only ten minutes elapsed between the signing of the pact and the start of a membership meeting at which moves to win a new contract were to be approved. Vice Pres. Bernard Shane reports.

After two months of negotiations, the association had informed the ILGWU that they "could not" comply with the union demands, and refused to make any improvements in working conditions, particularly wages.

A meeting of embroidery workers was called for Sept. 25 with the object of formulating plans to win the union demands and a new contract. As the hour for the meeting approached, employer resistance melted. On the evening of Sept. 19 they conferred with Vice Pres. Shane for four hours, heard him assert that the ILGWU would make no further concessions on terms, and agreed finally to hold an immediate meeting of the association and approve the union's demands.

The next morning the contract was signed at union headquarters even while the members were gathered in the auditorium downstairs awaiting the start of their meeting. They cheered the unexpected good news and unanimously ratified the 5-year contract, which contains the following terms:

Wage hikes of five cents per hour; 10 per cent raise in minimum wage scale; additional employers' contributions to the health fund of 4 per cent of payroll, making a total of 14 per cent; and establishment

of a retirement fund financed by employees' contributions of 7 per cent of payroll. The contract expires July 31, 1959.

The members also voted an injunction in force, to alleviate the tight financial condition of the union's treasury and to participate in the expenses of the cross-country organization drive now being launched.

EOT COUNCIL MEET TO PLAN EXPANDED EDUCATION AGENDA

An expanded educational program for the 34 local unions of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department will be set in motion at the fall meeting of the EOT Education Council on Oct. 3. General Manager Israel Horowitz reports. Now in its third year, the council has already succeeded in bringing an unprecedented high number of members into educational activities. In addition to programs informing members of trade union duties and functions, projects of a cultural and recreational nature are scheduled.

A feature of the program is the initiation of new members at regular local meetings, a practice which serves to give the fledgling ILGWers a concise picture of the union in action and get them acquainted with the complete union educational program.

The council meeting will hear EOT local unions reporting on past progress and future plans, together with comment by ILGWU Education Director Mark Starr and Irving L. Karrison, chairman of the labor program of Rutgers University.

All EOT educational activities are coordinated by Assistant General Manager Edward Kramer, who works with managers and officers of the local unions in rounding out a comprehensive educational program.

LOCAL 9

N. Y. Check Finishers Membership Meeting
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15
right after work

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328 W. 43rd St.

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Real Honors LGU Health

Mollet Honored by JLC

The heroic work of the ILGWU Northeast Dept.'s Mobile Health Center in Pennsylvania in the aftermath of the recent destructive floods received the highest commendation of the Governor of that state last month.

Even while clouds of another rain-bearing hurricane rained further threat to the

state's river regions, Gov. George M. Leader awarded Pennsylvania's Medal for Meritorious Service to Vice Pres. David Dingeld, Northeast Department director, in ceremonies at the state Capitol building in Harrisburg.

At the same time, Dingeld announced that the mobile health unit was being made available to state health authorities on a permanent emergency basis.

Last month, the unit, with its doctor, nurse and technicians, roamed frantically up and down and across Pennsylvania with the job of bringing typhoid vaccines to towns where water supplies had been polluted by flood waters. The center had been offered to the state by Vice Pres. Dingeld as soon as it became apparent that Pennsylvania would suffer severe flood damage, and it was eagerly accepted by hard-pressed state health authorities.

After three frenetic days, more than 2,000 typhoid inoculations

had been given, the fear of epidemic had almost eroded, and the morale of several localities had been boosted by the visit of the mobile unit.

Dubinsky Invited

Determined to show the gratitude of the people of Pennsylvania for the work of the unit, Gov. Leader shortly after sent a message to Pres. David Dingeld noting that the contributions of the ILGWU were to be officially recognized in formal ceremonies at Harrisburg.

Acknowledging this honor, Pres. Dingeld replied: "I sincerely appreciate your invitation to attend ceremony at state Capitol in recognition of our union's assistance in the needy in the flood-ridden areas of Pennsylvania last month. At all times the ILGWU is dedicated to community service and in this tragic hour in your state we could have done no less than to reach out whatever help was at our command to the suffering people in your state.

"It is indeed an honor for our union to receive this recognition and I would have been privileged to be present but exceedingly regret my inability to attend. I have designated Vice Pres. David Dingeld to represent the ILGWU and myself at the presentation."

The ceremony took place on Sept. 31, before the steps of the state Capitol, where the mobile health unit was parked. In the presence of legislators, labor leaders and health representatives, Gov. Leader presented the Merit Medal to the ILGWU. The award is only the second of its kind made by the governor. The first was to Dr. Jonas

Balk for perfection of the anti-polio vaccine.

Labor Support

In his presentation speech, Gov. Leader emphasized that much respect had accrued to labor in general as a result of the ILGWU's part in flood relief:

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is honoring the ILGWU, through Mr. Dingeld, and trade unions by presenting him the Meritorious Service Medal," the governor declared. "The people of Pennsylvania are gratified that labor has given so promptly and so generously support given by the members and leaders of the trade union movement. I know that whatever demands are placed upon you, and the trade union movement will acquit admirably as always."

The citation accompanying the medal stated these sentiments:

"Even as resources were being mobilized by the state to meet the challenge of the recent catastrophe, one of the greatest unions of free working men and women this nation has known, the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, volunteered its aid.

"From union contributions it donated tens of thousands of dollars for flood relief purposes. It placed its splendid mobile health center at the disposal of the Governor. I cannot over-emphasize the feelings of good for the people of the commonwealth where this useful unit made its mark."

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Guy Mollet (right), secretary-general of the French Socialist Party and former Vice Premier of France, was honored recently at a Jewish Labor Committee luncheon in New York for his aid to Jews during World War II. Seated with him (left to right), are Jules Moch, chief United Nations delegate on disarmament; ILGWU Pres. David Dubinsky, JLC treasurer; Adolph Held, JLC national chairman.

Guy Mollet, French Socialist leader, was saluted last month by American labor and liberal leaders for his party's wartime efforts on behalf of Europe's Jews and for maintaining a democratic bridgehead between France's right and left extremes.

The tributes were delivered at a gathering in New York arranged by the Jewish Labor Committee. Mollet was welcomed personally by Adolph Held, chairman of JLC and director of ILGWU Health and Welfare Funds, and by ILGWU Pres. David Dubinsky, JLC treasurer. In attendance were many prominent representatives of the trade union and Socialist movements in this country.

Expressing the sentiments of the Jewish Labor Committee for the fraternal assistance rendered to Jews during the Second World War, when a million Jews fell victim to Nazi barbarism, Mollet played a prominent part in the underground movement in France during the German occupation.

The JLC chairman also described the close relationship between that organization and the Socialist movement in Europe. In France, he said, Mollet and the Socialist Party oper-

ate as an influential force between reactionary Capitalists on the right and destructive Communists on the left. "We owe much to you, and we shall never forget your contribution," he declared.

Recall Blum Trip

The warm relations between JLC and French Socialists were further emphasized by Pres. David Dubinsky. He recalled the visit to America of the late French Socialist leader Leon Blum, and said: "Although we realize it is no easy task to take Blum's place, we now recognize Mollet as the leader of his party."

The ILGWU chief praised the progress of the French Socialist Party, and related that George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor, stated at a reception for Mollet in Washington that if he lived in France, he too would be a Socialist. In his final words of greeting to Mollet, Dubinsky de-

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ILGWU GIVES \$1,000 TO AID NEW BERN HURRICANE VICTIMS

A contribution of \$1,000 has been sent by the ILGWU to New Bern, North Carolina, for aid to union members who suffered heavy property damage from Hurricane Zone Members of Local 523, employees of the Jay Apparel Co., whose homes were damaged by the flood waters, will share in the donation. Half the contribution is for the local community aid agency.

"I am proud to announce this donation on behalf of Pres. David Dubinsky and the entire International," stated E. T. Kehrer, Southeast regional director.

"The 450,000 members of the ILGWU stand together in time of adversity just as southern members contributed when Connecticut and New Jersey members were caught in the terrible floods, so now does all the union come to the aid of suffering members in New Bern."

3,000 N. Y. Novelty Workers Gain in '132' Pact Renewal

Some 3,000 button and novelty workers employed in 85 shops in the New York metropolitan area are the beneficiaries of a new agreement just reached between Local 132 and the Plastic Products Manufacturers Assn., Inc.

According to Manager Martin Feldman of Local 132, terms of the new 2 1/2-year pact (which runs from Oct. 1, 1954 to Mar. 1, 1959), provide the following gains:

A 5-cents-an-hour increase on Oct. 1, 1954, and an additional 2-cents-an-hour raise on Mar. 1, 1954, for all employees.

A 15-cents-an-hour minimum wage (except for mothers) by Mar. 1, 1954, with additional raises every two months, until August, 1954, until the minimum is reached.

Leavers Gain

For mothers a new minimum of \$1.25 an hour will be established by Mar. 1, 1954, with similar provisions as above.

Starting wages for leavers (excluding mothers) after Mar. 1, 1954 will be set at \$1 an hour, progressing to a minimum of \$1.15 an hour after seven months.

For mothers the starting wage will be \$1.10 an hour beginning Mar. 1, 1954. They will receive the minimum of \$1.25 an hour after 18 months of progressive increases.

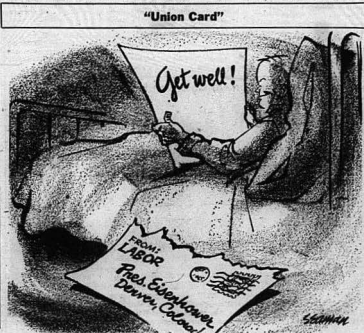
The signing of this pact represents a striking victory for the local. Manager Feldman declared, "The previous contract was not due to expire until August, 1954, but after three months of intensive talks with the employers' group the '132' chief was able to win a new agreement now, bringing the workers the benefit of pay hikes, and minimum wage boosts up to 25 cents an hour."

SOUTHEAST BEGINS CONTRACT PARLEYS WITH FAIRFIELD CO.

Bargaining sessions have been scheduled with the Painted Manufacturing Co. of Winnsboro, South Carolina, following recognition, by the company of a union majority in the shop. The campaign to organize this plant started in September 1954, when a two-month unfair labor practice strike opened the way for organization without interference from company officials.

At present, a new plant which will eventually employ more than 300 workers, is part of the Cotton City Wash Works chain. After a series of meetings with Southeast Director E. T. Kehrer and his staff, management agreed to bargain if the union was supported by a majority of workers. A card vote showed 107 out of 130 employees had signed up with the ILGWU.

The contract is expected to follow the same pattern established in the firm's other South Carolina shop. ILGWU representatives Nick Bonanno and Mary Cameron participated in the organization work, along with a committee of workers including Dorothy Branham, Betty Trumbull, Mary Levasier, Martha Wright, Marie Minner, Helen Walker and Ethel Waters.



Counts, Liberal Party Chief, Asks High Enrolment

An appeal to citizens of New York to enroll in the Liberal Party this year has been issued by Dr. George S. Counts, newly-elected party chairman.

The appeal to register and to enroll "Liberal" is part of a concerted drive now underway to revitalize the Liberal Party. The drive aims not only to enroll the party's distinguished body of vice-chairmen, new personnel to the party staff, and the formation of a broad Trade Union Council of men and women active in the New York labor movement.

The Trade Union Council, formerly composed of organizational affiliates, was reorganized recently to include individual trade unions. Under the chairmanship of Charles Zimmerman, the new council decided to set up a permanent committee to carry the Liberal Party message to rank and file union members. Several hundred unionists, representing dozens of AFL and CIO unions, attended the meeting at Hotel Astor.

'No Experiment'

"The Liberal Party is no longer an experiment," declared Dr. Counts. "It has established itself as a force to be reckoned with in local, city and state politics and in the realm of public affairs throughout the nation."

He stressed that a large Liberal Party enrollment in 1955 would strengthen the influence of labor and liberals in New York in the forthcoming Presidential election of 1956.

Dr. Counts, retired dean of the School of Education at Columbia University and former president of the American Federation of Teachers, was installed party chairman last month at a state committee meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Delosley. The following are new vice-chairmen whose names: Dr. James Bennett, dean of Union Theological Seminary,

Liberals Call For Big Registration

The Liberal Party of New York has called upon all voters to register this month. Registration days in New York City and Westchester County are from Monday, Oct. 10 to Friday, Oct. 14, 1:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. and Saturday, Oct. 15 from 7 A.M. to 10:30 P.M.

For voters in all other counties of New York State in communities where personal registration is required, registration days are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 and 8, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. and Friday, Oct. 14 from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.; also Saturday, Oct. 15 from 7 A.M. to 10 P.M.

When registering: Enroll in the Liberal Party.

and Paul Hays, professor of law at Columbia University, Langdon Post, a top "brain-truster" in the LaGuardia administration, was appointed associate director of the Liberal Party to provide the additional manpower necessary for party expansion.

Local 48 Annual Dance To Aid Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund of Italian Cloakmakers' Local 48, which aids members enrolled in the ILOWU Training Institute, will benefit from proceeds of the local's annual dance to be held on Friday, Oct. 7, at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn. In this connection, Managers Howard Molinaro urged members who qualify to consider applying for the year's training offered by the Institute. Graduates of the school are offered scholarships, as organizers, etc. in the union.



Chairman Charles Zimmerman of the Liberal Party's Trade Union Council announces setting up of permanent machinery for bringing the Liberal Party message to rank and file union members. Seated at table are, left to right: Alex Rose, president of Hat, Cap and Military Workers; Ben Davidson, State director of Liberal Party; Joseph Decker, Secretary of Delicatessen and Restaurant Workers, ILOWU First Vice Pres. Luigi Antonini is seated in back of Davidson.

GLOAKMAKERS FETE FIRST 21 RETIREES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Members of the San Francisco Cloak Local 8 and 213 stopped work on Sept. 13 to attend a membership meeting in a banquet hall in a leading San Francisco hotel. Vice Pres. Samuel O'Lea, Pacific Coast director, flew in from Los Angeles to address both the meeting and the dinner.

The dinner, ranging in cost from \$5 to \$7.50, comprised 14 meals and seven women. After the meeting, they were further honored at a banquet held in a leading San Francisco hotel. Vice Pres. Samuel O'Lea, Pacific Coast director, flew in from Los Angeles to address both the meeting and the dinner.

The check-presentation ceremony was conducted by San Francisco Joint Board Manager Henry Zacharin and Alfred Cohen, director of the Coast and Butte Area. Pension payments are \$50 a month for life.

Ben Kugel, industry impartial chairman and chairman of the retirement board, invited employees Adolph Schuman, A. F. Simons and David Gattin to speeches to the two gatherings. Labor representatives included John Francisco of the California State Federation of Labor and Pres. Jack Goldenberger and Secretary George Johns of the San Francisco Labor Council. All the speakers congratulated the ILOWU for its progressive welfare and industry activities.

Speaking on behalf of their group were retirees Charles Schwartzberg, Maurice Yaffe, Theresa Saul and James McGarrett. They expressed their "deep appreciation for the union's efforts and declared that retirement benefits were never even dreamed of during their early days in the union.

SHOP CONTROL DRIVE GATHERS VITAL INFO FOR '105' RENEWALS

Preparations already have begun for negotiating renewal of the New York annual workers' collective agreement which expires next May. Local 198 Manager Martin Cohen reports:

"We must decide before the end of the year on the change and improvements we want to propose," Cohen told local members. He outlined three preliminary steps before negotiations could begin.

First, the most desirable improvements must be determined by executive board members and shop representatives. Second, demands must be fitted to current conditions in the industry. Last, statistical information to support union proposals must be gathered.

The several workers' manager said also that the local's current shop control drive was yielding valuable information on earnings. These figures will be used in the approaching contract talks. Local 198 business agents and accountants are compiling a complete earnings record for every shop during a representative period.

The shop control drive is "producing very good results," according to Cohen. Many new members are being brought into the union, and many others who had fallen behind in dues payments are back in good standing.

The manager pointed out that a member whose dues are 13 weeks or more in arrears becomes ineligible for many union benefits.

Local 198's health and welfare fund distributed benefits to more than \$200,000 in the first seven months of 1955. "Vacation" payments to members total \$100,000. Other large outlays were \$40,000 for sick benefits and \$22,000 for Union Health Center credits.

Conn. EOT Scores Major Gain With Signing of Sans Souci

Signing of the Sans Souci ILOWU contract marks a major organizational victory for Connecticut locals of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department, Vice Pres. Israel Hlowitz, department general manager, reports.

Under the new pact, the 90 Sans Souci workers receive a reduction in weekly hours from 46 to 35 with commensurate wage hikes in line with industry standards and piece rate settlements. Paid holidays are increased from 3 to 6; and employees receive full coverage under union health and welfare funds.

The shop was pin-pointed for unionization when EOT organizers, working under Connecticut Manager Sam Janis, learned that it was recruiting dressmakers for non-union work. In this effort, the employer, it was reported, was receiving aid from the Norwich Chamber of Commerce.

Organization work which began shortly after the company opened in May 1954 was severely hampered by the rapid turnover of Sans Souci employees. Initial organizing efforts revealed that the firm had lost or fired 300 workers in its first ten months of operation. Despite the continual change of personnel, the organization work continued without letup.

The unionization of the shop was hastened when local organizers joined in a cooperative effort with the Organization Department of the New York Dress Joint Board. Through this effort, with its right to represent the workers clearly established, the ILOWU undertook negotiations with the firm.

Dress Co. of Norwich to an organizational victory for Connecticut locals of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department, Vice Pres. Israel Hlowitz, department general manager, reports.

After several months of talks, the employer agreed to bind himself to the industry-wide collective pact.

Allice Sulick was designated shop chairlady.

UNITY HOUSE SERVED 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT'

"Food for thought" to supplement the excellent cuisine at Unity House was provided during the past season by an "intellectual" menu of 11 prominent lecture guests.

Speakers' topics ranged from problems of mass media to the state of international affairs. Reaction to the program among the month's guests was very favorable. Plans are already being made for next season's schedule. This year's speakers included:

Dr. Frank Traeger, on consequences of the Bandung Confer-

ence; John Bruman, on union-operated health programs; Friedrich Malls, on Ben. Joseph McCarthy's effect on civil liberties; John Baker, on the relation between farm price and food prices; Clark Kitchelberger, on labor's role in the UN; Edward Cowl, on the fight for a liberal industrial policy; Carvell Coburn, on the government annual wage; Merese Cohn, on radio and TV monopolies; Merris Wells, on labor conditions in Europe; Rabbi Sam Oser, on juvenile delinquency; and Norman Thomas, on the meaning of democratic socialism.

Passing the Ammunition for Canadian Drive



Montreal's contribution to mammoth \$100,000 organizing campaign soon to be unleashed in Canada is a check for \$10,000, being presented by Vice Pres. Bernard Shain (left) to Sam Harbut, who is directing the drive. Left to right are: Alex Meekens, Local 315 business agent; Assistant Managers Maurice Masel and S. Liberman of Montreal Dress and Cloak Joint Boards, respectively; Si Bremer, Montreal organizing chief, and his assistant manager, Dave Goodman.

Disaster Dressing



Organizer Harry Otzer (on truck) of Philadelphia Dress Joint Board helps in distribution of more than 2,000 dresses, blouses, etc., which were contributed to flood victims by Philadelphia union manufacturers. Garments went to towns of Bristol, Middleton, Matfield, Yardley, Washington Crossing.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

by Luigi Antonini FIRST VICE-PRES. - I. L. G. W. U.

Adenauer Moscow Visit Not a Victory for West

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's recent visit to Moscow and his conferences with the Communist leaders have spurred opposing views in observers of the world scene.

Before the visit, Adenauer had excluded any possibility that diplomatic relations could be resumed before a definite settlement was reached on the fundamental issues of German unification and the return of all war prisoners.

As for reunification, no forward steps were taken. On the other hand, even went to talk about it. So not a few writers are thinking that the resumption of diplomatic relations between Moscow and West means practically that there will always be two Germanies—the Eastern one dominated by the Communist dictatorship, and the Western one under a democratic regime.

Diplomatic relations "will be used by Moscow, not only to re-establish its channels for political infiltration on this side of the Elbe River, but to develop, as well, measures to entice East Germany to accept a unified government of the Latin type; that is to say, a government based on a Communist-inspired united front based sooner or later to swallow the whole of Germany, as was the case in Poland, first, and in China, later.

Nor did Adenauer get any written pledges for the return of war prisoners. He was apparently satisfied by Bulganin's whispered assurance. In all probability, a similar number of prisoners will go free as Bulganin can say he kept his pledge. But the thousands of fam-

Midwest Localches Renewal Talks With 3 Illinois Groups

Presentation of union demands in upcoming contract renewals with three Illinois employer groups and the successful conclusion of negotiations with three firms accounted for a busy union agenda last month in the Midwest Region, reports Vice Pres. Morris Biello, regional director.

Meeting with representatives of the Decatur Needle Industries Assn. on Sept. 9, Biello outlined union demands including: a \$1.20 minimum wage scale, increase in piece rates, a 1/4 per cent rise in employer contributions to the retirement fund (for a total of 2 per cent), improvement in health and vacation benefits, and two additional paid holidays. The Decatur agreement expired Sept. 15.

Attending the conference with Biello were Harry Ruder, I. L. G. W. U. Illinois state representative, I. L. O. A. Taylorville and Kincaid.

Cloak Demands

Vice Pres. Biello met with the Chicago Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Assn. on Sept. 15 to begin negotiations for a new agreement in the Chicago cloak industry. The current pact expires Oct. 1.

Harry Hines, chairman of the Chicago Joint Board, and local representatives were present to back up the union's demands: a 2 per cent wage increase, a 2 1/2 per cent bonus in contributions to the retirement fund (making a total of 6 per cent), a 1/4 per cent increase in contribution to the Health Center Fund (making a total of 1 per cent), and improved retirement benefits. Additional conferences were scheduled when initial talks produced no agreement.

All in all, the contract renewal conference with the Garment Industries of Illinois on Sept. 18, the union was represented by Vice Pres. Biello, Manager Ben (Flaxman) and committees of Locals '76 and 281. Jack Rubin, administrative secretary of Chicago's miscellaneous locals, and Robert Heger, representing Indiana locals. The agreement with this association expired Sept. 15, but was extended for one month to Oct. 15.

Among union demands were mini-

Membership Meeting

LOCAL 15—EXAMINERS

Thursday, Oct. 13

right after work

Hotel Diplomat

108 W. 43rd Street

Introduction of new assistant manager.

imum scales up to \$1.20, proportional increase in piece rates, an increase of 1/4 per cent in the employer's contribution to the retirement fund to make a total of 2 per cent, an increase of 1/4 per cent in employer payment to the Health Center Fund to make a total of 1 per cent, two additional paid holidays and accumulated vacation pay.

On Sept. 23 Biello conferred with management of Sueder Brothers in connection with renewing the pact at the firm's Morris, Ill. shop. Union demands were similar to those made at the Garment Industries of Illinois.

Other conferences with independent employers in the cotton garment industry were also held last month to pave the way for renewal of agreements.

Three Sign

Meanwhile, contracts with three Chicago firms were signed up last month. The long and difficult negotiations between Local 94 and the Atlas Raincoat Co. finally came to an end as a last-minute conference averted a threatened strike and clinched an agreement in which the workers won a 2 per cent general wage increase and an additional 1/4 per cent contribution to the Health Center Fund.

Sixty-five workers are affected by the new one-year agreement, which the members ratified Sept. 13. Manager George Paris, who directed negotiations, was assisted by a shop committee headed by acting local president Tony Leman and Chairman May Passerak.

A new one-year agreement, was also reached by Local 212 with the Consolidated Bell Co. of Chicago. In addition to a reduction in rate, the pact provides for contributions by the employer to the health fund and health center and other standard union benefits, such as job security, paid vacations and holidays.

Vogus Rejoice

The pact, affecting 130 workers, is similar to the one recently negotiated with the Ballington Box Co. of Chicago. Jack Rubin, administrative secretary of the city's miscellaneous locals, and Manager Paris directed negotiations.

Local 212 also signed a two-year contract renewal with the Vogue Bell Co. The agreement provides a 2 1/2 per cent wage increase, hike of 1 per cent in the employer's contribution to the health center, of 1/4 per cent in his contribution to the Health Fund and other benefits.

S'West Moves to Clinch Munsingwear Oka. Pact

The Southwest Region last month took another step towards completion of the contract with Munsingwear, Inc. for which the firm's Hominy, Okla., workers have been waiting more than a year and a half, Vice Pres. Meyer Perlstein, regional director, reports.

The union recently received notification from Munsingwear that its "negotiation" of contracts had been dropped, and that it was considering on its own the terms of a union-submitted pact. That agreement, with some modified provisions, was shortly thereafter received at I. L. G. W. U. headquarters.

The contract was then put in final form by the union and submitted to management for

approval and to the membership of Local 557, Hominy, for ratification. The Ely and Walker Dry Goods Co. of St. Louis was agreed to turn over to the union a complete list of shops the firm is operating for the production of women's garments. The list was promised by Oct. 6.

No Strike

The union received no contact with negotiations for a pact renewal with Ely-Walker's production centre in Quincy, Ill., and another making shop in St. Louis. During the past year negotiators for the company refused to grant any wage or work improvements, even though such gains had been won from manufacturers and textile firms in similar lines.

When the company gave final notice that it would not begin preparations were begun for a strike. With the walkout in readiness, it was suddenly announced that the firm was changing hands. The strike was postponed to give the new employees a chance to verify the substance of the previous managers.

It was then that union representatives asked for a list of Ely-Walker women's garment shops. The company pondered, then agreed to turn it over.

"561-Mor. Overmott Co's plant in O'Fallon, Ill., has agreed to give a 1/4 per cent bonus to workers on the night shift. Vice Pres. Perlstein negotiated the settlement with the firm's general manager and shop steward Martin Berger presented it to the workers for ratification.

Talking Annual Minimum Wage in St. Louis



Representatives of the Associated Garment Industries of St. Louis met with Southwest Region leaders recently to discuss a yearly minimum wage for workers in all branches of the St. Louis women's garment industry. Seated on left of Vice Pres. Meyer Perlstein, regional director (wearing bow tie) are Carl Glaser, association president; Nathan Gross, labor manager. Standing are Glenn Clay (left) and Dan Robbins, managers, respectively, of Cotton Dress and Silk Dress Joint Boards.

LOWELL I. L. G. RETIRES
FIRST 3 RETIREES

Lowell, Mass., I. L. G.ers filed the first three retirees of Local 281 last month. The initial pension checks were presented at a party in honor of the retirees attended also by Vice Pres. David Glasgow, Northeast Department director, Field Supervisor Jack Halpern and Manager Terry Ahrens.

Mary Bergeron, Stathalos Kokorelis and Mary Taverner, the guests of honor, all joined the I. L. G. U. during the famous textile strike of 1944. Their shop, Suffolk Knitting Mills, a garment plant involved in textile production, was first organized as a result of the walkout.

In a speech to the assemblage, Glasgow recalled the I. L. G. U.'s efforts on behalf of the Lowell strikers. The union then all area organizers into that campaign, building up support behind the walkout.

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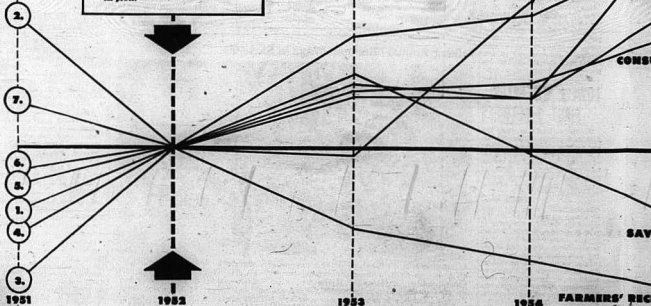
Americans in almost all walks of life are enjoying unprecedented prosperity. Measured by the material things of life, they have accumulated in recent years more comforts, more labor-saving devices in the home, more homes, more children, and in general, more of the goods and services that make the wheels of American industry turn faster.

Yet the enjoyment of their rising prosperity has been overcast by frequent doubts that things can keep getting better indefinitely. Faith in the unlimited potentialities of our economy confronts the axiom that what goes up must come down.

The sudden illness of President Eisenhower has provided an appropriate time for taking inventory. Within the next year the 1956 Presidential contest will get under way. Americans will seek to assess the Republican record. In our complex society it is not always easy to separate the long-term and short-run forces that make for or threaten our well being.

This page pictures what has happened in crucial sections of our national economy since the advent of the present Republican Administration. Some trends continued in the same direction, some reversed themselves. Here is what happened to (1) the stock market, (2) corporate profits, (3) borrowing, (4) wages and salaries, (5) spending, (6) savings and (7) what the farmer gets.

1953 marked the end of New Deal-Fair Deal administrations and the return of business-minded Republicans to political power.



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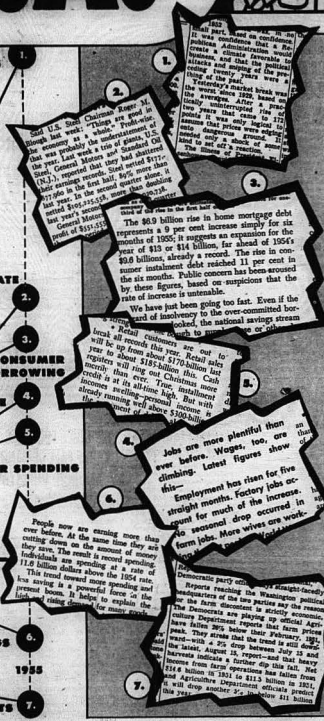
FARMERS' INC

S.A.

A profile of changing economic trends in the United States during two and a half years of Republican rule.



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The sensational and steady rise of prices on the stock market has been the fruit of what the NEW YORK TIMES (1) calls "a climate favorable to business." The executive team includes men well schooled in the ways of Wall Street and they have openly professed their allegiance to the belief that if the wealthiest Americans increase their wealth some is bound to trickle down to the rest of the country. The break in market prices following the report of the President's illness, said the Times, points up the conclusion that "prices were edging onto dangerous ground."

Corporation profits also bounced skyward following the 1952 Republican victory. America's industrial giants are reaping record profits. To say that things are good for them, declared TIME (2) is "probably the understatement of the year."

But while stockholders continued to enjoy inflated values, and while corporations doubled their profits, an ominous sign appeared in the rapid growth of consumer credit. Consumers borrowed more for purchases of heavier goods, with the greatest indebtedness created in behalf of automobile purchases. Home owners went deep into future earnings to finance homes. In its MONTHLY LETTER (3) the First National City Bank warned that "public concern has been aroused... based on suspicions that the rate of increase is untenable. We have just been going too fast."

A main factor behind the continuous push is, as U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (4) puts it, that "jobs are more plentiful... wages are climbing." Consumers are earning more and they are borrowing more. They are also spending more. There is no expectation that sales will drop as the year draws to its close. "Cash registers will ring out Christmas more merrily than ever," BUSINESS WEEK (5) foretells.

Commodity hungry Americans are not only borrowing to buy. "They are cutting down on the amount of money they save. The result is record spending," said U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (6). Most ominous of all is the plight of the farmer—whose "discontent," says the WALL ST. JOURNAL (7), "is strictly economic."

This was the picture as all America wished the President of the United States a speedy recovery and waited to see what the political and economic consequences of his illness would be. During his two and one-half years in office, stocks and profits had gone skyward and the burden of debt had grown heavier, the hole in savings bigger, the plight of the farmer more pressing.

Dress Pressers Hear Health Plan



New York dress pressers of Local 60 gathered en masse recently to hear their manager, Jack Spitzer, outline health plan for the local. Membership meeting was held at Hotel Diplomat.

Spitzer Tells Pressers Of Health Plan Gains

A detailed and vigorous explanation of the health plan that is to become effective for New York City's dress pressers, members of Local 60, was presented at a membership meeting at the Diplomat Hotel on Sept. 19 by Jack Spitzer, manager of the affiliate.

Local 60 is the only one of the four dress locals comprising the New York Dress Joint Board that has not subscribed to the plan for health service to be rendered to the dressmakers by either IFF or OHT. The pressers crowded into the hall to listen to the presentation of the plan by Spitzer and, under Local Chairman Joe Merrin's direction, of the meeting to follow through with a period of interesting questions.

The pressers' health plan becomes effective on Nov. 1, 1955. It is union-administered in the sense that it makes no use of either IFF or OHT to service Local 60 members. Instead, it continues to make use of the Union Health Center for unlimited medical care, diagnostic and laboratory service, specialist care and free drugs.

Indemnities

In addition, it provides indemnities for pressers: \$5 for a doctor's visit to the home, \$5 and \$3 for hospital visits, up to \$50 for surgical care. Hospitalized members can receive \$15 a day toward the hospital bill, up to \$30 for extra services such as X-ray, \$20 for ambulance, as much as \$70 for blood transfusions, as well as payments for waiting nurse, convalescence and maternity.

Spitzer explained that pressers will follow the same procedure for all benefits that prevailed until now for hospitalization and surgical benefits. Statements and bills for any services will be presented at the local headquarters for indemnity.

'Eye on New York' Scans ILG Houses

The ILOWU sponsored cooperative housing development at Corlears Hook in Manhattan was featured on Bill Leonard's CBS television program "Eye on New York" on Aug. 14.

The cooperative was singled out as the one successful housing development of five projects designed to provide for middle-income families. A film showing the nearly completed apartments was shown.

Leonard interviewed Abraham E. Kagan, president of the East River Housing Corp., who attributed success of the project to the fact it was a cooperative, non-profit enterprise. Kagan lauded the role played by the ILOWU, the United Housing Federation, and the city and federal governments in the development.

N.Y. DRESSMAKERS LAUNCH EDUCATION SLATE THIS MONTH

Dressmakers' Union Local 22 will open its new 1955-56 educational-cultural program in mid-October. Under the supervision of Local 22 Education Director Joe Mann, the full slate of courses will be supplemented by field trips around New York and to nearby places of interest.

As in the past, these activities are free to members. Class sessions are held at the Local Headquarters on the sixth floor of 211 W. 40th St.

Among the features of the new program are a class on Current Events, in which members are encouraged to participate in public speaking; Dialects and Choral groups; English for Spanish-speaking Members; Camera Club, utilizing professional techniques; Labor Journalism, where actual newspapers will be published; Oratorical and debating clubs; a Travel group, which will make journeys to meet with ILO members in nearby towns; and an important series on the Structure and Functioning of the Union.

In addition to classes, Local 22 offers its members a Marriage and Family Guidance Service, under the direction of a qualified counselor.

Kathel Pact Removes Threat To Hudson Valley Standards

Eastern Out-of-Town organizers last month ended the 11-year non-union tenure of Kathel Manufacturing Co. in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., bringing to its shop's workers for the first time the complete protection of union wage and welfare standards.

Vice Pres. Israel Horowitz, department general manager, reports, "The organization of the underwear contracting shop was good news to the workers of the Hudson Valley area, whose standards and conditions were threatened by this non-union shop in the heart of the city. Before organization, Kathel employees worked without holiday pay and welfare and retirement benefits, and without the job protection of a union contract. In addition, they were on a 48-hour week.

The new pact slashes the work week to 35 hours, with compensating wage hikes, in two steps. Hours are cut immediately to 37½, with 6 per cent raise for piece workers and the same pay for week workers as they received for 48 hours. Starting Jan. 1, 1956, the week is cut further to 35, with another 4 per cent raise for piece workers and the same pay for week workers that they received for 48 hours.

All other conditions, such as holiday pay, overtime rates, welfare benefits, job security, etc. are now identical to those covering other organized underwear shops.

Steinberg Agrees

Organization efforts at Kathel were aided by cooperation of Vice Pres. Louis Steinberg, manager of New York's Undergarment Workers' Local 62. With his assistance, the employer was forced to recognize that unionization of his shop was not a local Poughkeepsie matter, but an industrial problem of concern to the entire organized underwear industry.

The employer's objections to institution of the 35-hour week had kept negotiations in low gear despite the workers' obvious militancy for the shorter working hours. But with the intervention of Steinberg, the talks moved ahead quickly to a satisfactory conclusion.

Kathel became a member of the United Underwear Assn. Workers of the shop have joined Local 22 of Poughkeepsie, managed by William Altman.

HOW TO BUY

By Sidney Margulies

General Rise in Prices Traced to Steel Boost

"The general price rises expected for this fall are beginning to materialize. Under the impact of a new round of inflation, costs of many family items are starting to climb. Food, clothing, housing and television sets have all joined the march of widespread price hikes.

Price boosts on rare, hoes and many other items can be traced to the congested pig market. Increases laid down by steel companies last summer. The industry had plenty of room to absorb the steelworkers' wage hikes in its own recent profits. Instead, it raised the price of steel, not merely by the amount of the increase, but about twice as much. The real reason for the double increase, according to financial authorities, is to let the industry finance new plants and equipment out of profits rather than by selling new stock.

The policy has boosted steel shares on the stock market, but now the public is beginning to pay for this stock boom by way of higher prices. Here is how you can plan, as best as possible, to defend your family's living standards against the impact of higher prices.

TELEVISION SETS: Four of the largest manufacturers have already raised the prices from \$10 on table models to as much as \$100 on higher priced console sets. Popular, standard-quality 17-inch sets now list at \$140 (50 discounts given by retailers). If you're in the market now, look for the 1955 sets still available in many stores. Actual differences between the '55 models and the higher priced '56 sets are small. SOURCE: Most manufacturers are raising their price tags five per cent in October; one has already upped prices. Anticipate your immediate needs, but remember that the annual January shoe sales will offer reductions of 10-20 per cent on staple styles.

CLOTHING: Prices of men's and boys' items are going up, especially shirts, work clothes, pajamas and knit underwear. Women's apparel is slated for a general price rise in March. Otherwise women's apparel is holding pretty steady at today's reasonable levels, with excellent buys in nylon slips and cotton-nylon dresses of \$10 or less. Some retailers stocked up on men's and boys' shirts, work clothes and underwear before the price hike. Buy these items widely because of the low retail price in March. Otherwise women's apparel is holding pretty steady at today's reasonable levels, with excellent buys in nylon slips and cotton-nylon dresses of \$10 or less. Some retailers stocked up on men's and boys' shirts, work clothes and underwear before the price hike. Buy these items widely because of the low retail price in March. Otherwise women's apparel is holding pretty steady at today's reasonable levels, with excellent buys in nylon slips and cotton-nylon dresses of \$10 or less.

HOME FURNISHINGS: Furniture prices have already been raised five per cent. Prices of some cooking utensils, especially copper-clad types, and cutlery, are also due for a hike at retail level. Annual furniture sales are in the billions. Also, staple price increases, especially among retailers, is being an certain home. Good values are available in mattresses and sheets, with prices for the latter practically at pre-War II levels. Fluffy (textured) sheets are now available for as little as \$1.99. Some mail-order catalogs feature excellent buys.

FOOD: Higher price tags on many food staples, especially egg and meat, is the real problem. The supply of pork is larger this fall than last, and some pork cuts have come down in price, notably shoulders and ham. But beef is higher and the \$1 price tag is visible more often again on steaks. With eggs very high, use Grade B in omelets and other cooking, and small and medium Grade A for boiling and poaching. Smaller eggs are cheaper at this season. In meats, look for best comparative values in pork shoulder and loin roast, and the best cuts requiring moist cooking, such as chuck and stew beef. Canned meats is an excellent value at this time in protein food. Despite slightly higher prices of cheese, use more cheese dishes; cheese is still an outstanding comparative value.

Mental Health Talk, Craft Excursion Set '62' CHIEF FORESEES LARGE FALL DEMAND IN UNIDIE INDUSTRY

The first in a series of lectures on mental health sponsored by the Education Department and the Union for Improvement of the Handicapped will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19. Education Director Mark Starr reports. The title is "New Drug and Mental Therapy."

Dr. Etta G. Bird of Manhattan State Hospital will be guest speaker, and a film will be shown to explain some of the newer developments in that field. Meetings are held at 1710 Broadway, starting at 7:30 P.M.

On Nov. 16 the topic will be "Trade Unions and Mental Health." The film "Back to Life" will be shown. In following months the subjects will include "Ways to Improve Mental Health," "Psychiatry in Industry," and "Problems of Retirement."

ILOWU Headquarters in New York is sponsoring a series of excursions to supplement its regular four-night-a-week arts and crafts program. The scheduled excursions will be held in October. The first will be a visit on Oct. 30 to Cooper Union Museum and a Halloween-handicrafts program on Oct. 31. The second students meet at Handcraft Studio, 115 E. 126th St. at 8:30 P.M.



Good Health Without Doctor Bills

By
VIC PRES. JULIUS HOCHMAN
General Manager, N. Y. Cross
Joint Board

Part Two

IN the last issue of JUSTICE, I explained how the Cross Joint Board's new comprehensive medical care program will work. It will give our members hospitalization insurance through Blue Cross, and medical and surgical care through either the Health Insurance Plan (HIP) or Group Health Insurance (GHI). It is a program that will enable our members to safeguard their health without worrying about doctor bills.

But, like all programs of this kind, it will be worthwhile only if our members use it. That's why we have launched an educational campaign to familiarize our members with all the new medical benefits and services available to them. We want them to know what they can get and how they can get it.

This medical care business is not simple. It takes time to grasp all its aspects. At our recent shop chairman's meeting, we were besieged by questions. There was not, of course, time to answer all of them, and there is no space here to answer all of them. In this article, I will answer some of the more basic questions that have been asked. If you have any questions not covered in this article or in the literature you will receive, send it to us.

Let's begin with some general questions:

Who is eligible to participate in the union's new health program?

Any member of the union who worked in the industry long enough to qualify for a vacation check this past summer is eligible to participate in the program.

What about those members who did not work long enough to qualify for vacation checks?

We have arranged to have them receive the services of the Union Health Center as hereafter.

Are members now retired covered by the new program?

No. But members now retired can continue to make unlimited use of the Union Health Center.

Are the families of members covered by the program?

No. Only union members are covered. The amount contributed by the employers to the Health and Welfare Fund is not sufficient to pay benefits for members' families.

Can union members bring their families into the program by paying for them?

So far, we have completed arrangements with Blue Cross to accept family coverage. Blue Cross will give a member full credit for the cost

of his policy which is \$19.20. Members will have to pay the difference.

In what manner will the additional cost be paid?

We are now negotiating suitable arrangements. As soon as these are completed, you will be informed.

If a member makes a payment to Blue Cross covering the last quarter of 1955, and the union plan goes into effect on Nov. 1, will he be reimbursed?

Yes. Members will be reimbursed for all overpayments.

Can arrangements for family coverage be made with HIP and GHI?

We are negotiating with both groups for this purpose. On your application card, you are asked whether you are interested in the family plan. If you answer YES, the union will give you the necessary information as soon as it becomes available.

Is there a waiting period before a member can get benefits from Blue Cross, HIP or GHI?

Eligible members who register during October will be covered for all benefits on or around Nov. 1. Those who become eligible later will be covered within a few days after they register.

When a member chooses either HIP or GHI, is he bound by that choice permanently?

No. If a member has a good reason for wanting to change, it will be arranged.

What happens if a member retires and wants to continue his Blue Cross and health plan coverage?

Blue Cross and HIP have agreed that a member who reaches retirement age and who at the time is insured by our plan can keep this coverage by paying the premiums, which will be slightly higher than

those paid by the union. A similar arrangement is being worked out with GHI.

What are the arrangements for eye exams under the new plan?

The union will continue to provide eye exams as heretofore.

HIP

Here are some questions members have asked about HIP.

Can a member who lives in New Jersey join HIP?

No. Only those living in areas served by HIP medical centers can join HIP. These centers, with one exception, are located in the five boroughs of New York City. One is in Nassau County.

Suppose a member joins one HIP medical group and later wants to change to another group. Can he do so?

Yes. All he needs to do is notify HIP or the union and the transfer will be arranged.

How does a member who enrolls with HIP select a family physician?

The member can choose any of the family physicians associated with his HIP medical group.

Can a member change his HIP family physician?

Yes. All he needs to do is phone his HIP medical group and the change will be arranged.

Where does a member see his HIP family doctor?

Most of the time, in the doctor's office. At other times, at the HIP medical center.

If a member who has joined HIP becomes sick while outside of New York City, will HIP pay for doctors' care?

No. HIP will not pay unless the member requires hospitalization. If the member is hospitalized while away from the city, HIP will pay up to \$150 for medical and surgical care.

GHI

Here are some questions that have been asked about GHI.

If a member joins GHI will his doctor bills be paid in full?

GHI has a list of some 9,000 specialists and surgeons and another list of about 3,500 general practitioners. These are known as "participating doctors." They have agreed to accept the rates GHI pays as payment in full for their services.

Where can a member see these lists?

They will be available at the union office.

Can a member who joins GHI see a doctor not on these lists?

Yes. He can use any doctor anywhere. But if the doctor charges more than GHI rates, the member will have to pay the balance.

What are GHI rates?

A full list covering dozens of different medical services will be made available to you. Meanwhile, here are a few examples:

Office Calls:	
1st visit in an illness or annual check-up	\$4
Subsequent visits	\$3
Home Calls:	
Daytime visits	\$5
In-Hospital Surgery:	
Appendectomy	\$150
Gallbladder operation	\$200
Specialist Consultations:	
One consultation in each period of hospitalization and one out-of-hospital consultation in each specialty in an illness	\$18

HIP Medical Groups

BROOKLYN

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| 1-08 Central Medical Group of Brooklyn
145 Southporthers St.
41 Flatbush Ave. | 2-08 Kings Highway Medical Group
2548 Nestrand Avenue
Corner of Avenue S1 |
| 2-08 Brooklyn Medical Group
131 Pierpont Street | 3-02 Eastern Parkway Medical Group
217 Eastern Parkway |
| 3-08 Flatbush Medical Group
1008 Church Avenue | 1-08 Mothers Medical Group
1123 Bedford Avenue |
| 4-08 Empire Medical Group
158 Eastern Parkway | 2-02 Jay Ridge Medical Group
7118 Fourth Avenue |
| 3-02 Bedford-Williamsburgh Medical
706 Bushwick Avenue
(Opening November 1) | |

BRONX

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| 1-01 Central Bronx Medical Group
16 East 182nd Street | 4-01 Manhattan Hospital Medical Group
2438 Stinsen Avenue
(at Gun Hill Road) |
| 2-01 Clinton Medical Group
1014 East 162nd Street | 2-01 East Bronx Medical Group
2096 Priety Avenue |
| 2-01 Grand Concourse Medical Group
2021 Grand Concourse | |

MANHATTAN

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| 1-03 Central Manhattan Medical Group
8 West 16th Street | 2-03 Washington Heights Medical Group
122 Broadway (at 128th St.) |
| 2-03 Metropolitan-Hudson Medical Group
6 West 86th Street | 10-03 New York Medical Group
212 First Ave. (Near 12nd St.) |
| 2-03 Yorkville Medical Group
218 East 19th Street | 11-03 Upper Manhattan Medical Group
1865 Amsterdam Avenue |
| 2-03 Lower Manhattan-Gramercy Medical Group
117 West 13th Street | 11-03 Circle Manhattan Medical Group
123 West 79th Street |

QUEENS

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| 1-04 Jamaica Medical Group
89-34 Van Wyck Expressway
Jamaica 18, New York | 2-04 Queensboro Medical Group
88-13 161st Street
Jamaica 21, New York |
| 2-04 Forest Hills Medical Group
133-40 35th Ave. (Main Street) | 2-04 Astoria Medical Group
22 22 21st Avenue
(corner 23rd Street) |
| 2-04 North Queens Medical Group
42-11 40th Street
Long Island City 4, New York | |

STATEN ISLAND

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| 1-05 Staten Island Medical Center
66 Lafayette Avenue
(Formerly Courthouse)
New Brighton 1, New York | |
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NASSAU COUNTY

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| 1-06 Hempstead Medical Group
123 West Columbia Street
Hempstead, New York | |
| A new group is being established to serve Eastern Nassau. | |

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

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| Lever Westchester is served by the
Montefiore Hospital Medical Group (see Bronx list). | |
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IF YOU CHOOSE TO BE SERVICED BY HIP YOU WILL BE GIVEN AN APPLICATION CARD. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO INDICATE THE HIP GROUP YOU WANT TO JOIN, INSTEAD OF FITTING DOWN THE FULL NAME OF THE GROUP. JUST WRITE DOWN THE NUMBER THAT APPEARS NEXT TO IT IN THE ABOVE LIST.

The following letter has been sent to all dress shop chairmen by General Manager Julius Hochman:

We have been informed that some of our members who at the present time are Blue Cross Insurers are cancelling their policies on the assumption that they are already insured by the union. THIS IS NOT SO!

Those with family policies who stop payment now will lose certain rights if there is a break in the present family contract.

Please URGE all the workers in your shop—and, particularly, those who carry Blue Cross Family Policies—in continue payments until you are informed by the union that new arrangements have been made.

We expect that the union's Health Plan will go into effect by Nov. 1. DO NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES UNTIL you are notified by the union to do so.

NE Erases Carbondale's Fear, Signs Up Weisberg

Senable labor-management relations triumphed over animosity and fear for the first time in fifteen years in Carbondale, Pa., last month. As a result, a large union rampart, Ben Weisberg Co., signed a union contract, a second firm quickly did the same and a third has started negotiations, according to Vice Pres. David Olmgold, Northeast Department director.

The promising organizational picture which has now developed in Carbondale has its origin in the unionization of the Weisberg shop. And the latter task was accomplished only when union leaders, meeting face-to-face negotiation with the firm for the first time since organization work started, persuaded the employer that both labor and management have a common stake in fair and profitable production. Suspicion and misunderstanding were swept away by cordiality and cooperation.

Many observers see in the Weisberg action a new pattern of industrial relations in Carbondale. New hope has been surging throughout the area. And there has been a lessening of fear of loss of job among women garment workers, who have become the sole breadwinners with the decline of jobs for men. In the local, unemployment has been explained by, many in local industries in an effort to depress work standards.

Throughout Pennsylvania in recent weeks nearly 400 people in five different plants were unionized. The campaign at Weisberg, a children's dress contractor employing 150 persons, involved the coordinated efforts of a Northeast team of negotiators headed by Olmgold and members of two other ILOUW departments.

Greenberg Aids

A key role was played by a small but dedicated group of pro-unionists in the Weisberg shop who persisted in their efforts to win unionization. They paced picket lines and visited workers' homes. Now they are at work in a Weisberg plant, modern and well equipped, which replaced one destroyed by fire eight months ago.

When the Carbondale plant was photoed, members working for three Pennsylvania Weisberg contractors—Joseph Love, Ken Tays and Pioneer Manufacturing—flag-staged, happy. And decisive cooperation was offered by Vice Pres. Harry Greenberg, manager of Children's Dressmakers' Local 31 in New York; Newark Radio Radio Radio Newark Local 229 and 231; and four Northeast Managers: Sol Green, Allentown, M. Matherly of Wilkes-Barre, Ben Shere of Hazleton, Harry Schindler of Scranton.

The union negotiating team headed by Olmgold included Field Supervisor Jack Halpern, National state Organization Director Ed Banyai.

Sun-Dar Signs

Gains for Weisberg employees in the new pact include shorter working hours, minimums higher than the new federal wage floor, five paid holidays and full health and welfare benefits.

The second Carbondale shop to sign up was Sun-Dar, a dress contractor which employs 50 people. This firm matches other Weisberg benefits and signed a Pennsylvania Garment Assn. contract. A third shop is in negotiation with the union.

Outside of Carbondale, statewide organizing efforts of the Northeast Department have won in three other shops employing over 150 workers. They are: Newport Lingerie Co. in Newport, Dorman and Hoffman Lingerie Co. in Jerome, and

TEXTILE, HUNTER SESSIONS ON FALL EDUCATIONAL SLATE

A thirst for knowledge is the only qualification ILOUWers need to avail themselves of an up-to-date educational menu prepared by the ILOUW Education Department, Secretary Patricia Colza announces.

Covering such fields as economics, literature, art and social psychology, the slate is geared to appeal especially to working people of today who use their minds as much as they use their hands.

First on the calendar and scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6:15 P.M. is a series of four topics: The Effect of Automation on Labor, Economics of the Garment Industry, The Importance of Working People in Current Literature, and Labor Education.

They will be discussed by Prof. Bernard Stern of Brooklyn College, Dr. Julius Manton of the N. Y. State Memorial Board and Abe Weis, economist and historian, at the ILOUW Education and Recreation Center in Room 504, Textile High School, 18th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues, Regular Thursday night events. The discussions are followed by a variety of recreational activities.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, the Education Department is sponsoring a special tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art beginning at 1 P.M. in Room H of the museum, at 5th Avenue and 82nd Street.

"The Importance of Human Relations" is the subject that will inaugurate the season's Saturday afternoon lectures in Room 1405, Hunter College, Park Avenue and 68th Street, Manhattan. Prof. Marie Jahoda of N. Y. U. will give the lecture at 1:15 P.M.

The following Saturday, same time and place, Prof. Henry David of Columbia U. will discuss "Our Economic Institutions."

participation by local members in the Blood Assurance Program of the New York State Medical Society. The campaign aims to insure the blood needs of all members and their families.

Applications for skirt and sports-wear retirement will be accepted until Oct. 15. Ford, manager Paul Goldberg announces. Applications are filed at 22 W. 34th St.

Art Stitching and Printing Co. Is Reading

Newport organizers and activists employed pickets, demonstrations and home visits over a year-long period until the employer finally recognized the desire of his employees for a union shop. For the 60 workers therein, new benefits include shorter work week, higher minimums, daily guarantee, 5 paid holidays and standard union welfare benefits.

Reiss of Art

The same improvements go into effect at Dorman and Hoffman, which employs 75 persons in lingerie production, and at Art Stitching and Printing Co., with 15 employees. In addition, Art workers get an across-the-board wage hike. Intensive home visiting with Art employees led to recognition of the union by this employer.

In negotiations at Sun-Dar, Banyai was aided by Manager Schneider and Organizer Danny Arcota. Harry Greenberg, George Griffiths and Assistant Manager Jack Weiss helped win union terms at Dorman and Hoffman and Newport Lingerie.

'23' English Class Starts October 17

The sixth season of classes in English for Spanish-speaking members of Skirtmakers' Local 23 will be launched on Monday, Oct. 17, Manager Louis Reiss reports.

In the five years that such classes have been conducted, Reiss said, approximately 400 members have attended. The students have benefited particularly from utilization by the local of an audio-visual technique designed to teach the speaking of a foreign language in a minimum of time.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9 P.M. at 22 West 34th St. Local 23 is also striving for full

"Hey, Rube!"



Plug for Union Products



Members of Union Label Council of Greater New York say it will sign acts if users pressing consumers to steer clear of non-union garment imports. In blow-up of N. Y. Times article, subhead reads: "F.T.C. Cites Four Importers of Scarves from Far East."

GUY MOLLET FETED AT JLC GATHERING

(Continued from Page 3) clared that the ideals of freedom and democracy could not be fully achieved without the contributions of the Socialist movement.

Mollet, who was a post-war Vice Premier of France and is now president of the Constitutive Assembly for a United Europe, thanked the speakers for their praise and declared that no one would be able to take the place of Leon Blum. "It is an honor to be put in Blum's class," Mollet said, "but I must say that the Socialist Party in France today has a collective leadership."

"Smile" Masses
In a comprehensive review of current political trends in Europe, Mollet reported that the French Socialist Party is growing in stature, while the influence of the Communists is rapidly declining. He reminded the assemblage that many who vote Communist are not themselves Communist; they are simply misled about Communist objectives.

He called for the integration of Germany in a free Europe, thereby controlling its economic resources and through that, its political development. Memories of the Stalin-Killier pact put up the importance of this latter center, he said.

On the current Communist peace offensive, Mollet suggested that the democracies emphasize "realism" rather than "non-existence" and expressed doubt about what he called the Reds' "smile" maneuvers.

Rose Snyder, Wife of '32' Manager, Dies in New York

Messages of condolences have been received by Abraham Snyder, manager of New York Curvet and Brander's Skirters' Local 22, on the passing of his wife, Rose, Sept. 28 after a long illness.

A former member of the ILOUW in Philadelphia, she was active in the union's early struggles in that city.

ILG HEALTHMOBILE GETS PENNA. AWARD

(Continued from Page 3) a heartfelt expression of public-spirited concern on the part of a great union.

Accepting the award, Olmgold declared:

"We are proud to have been in a position to serve the people of Pennsylvania when their need was so great. This tribute is to no one person. It recognizes, rather, our union's collective spirit of humanitarianism."

Principals Attend

"Ready response to community needs is typical of our efforts. We are at all times concerned with the happiness of our people and the betterment of the cities and towns in which they live and work. That has been our history. We have worked for it; and we guard it jealously."

Some of the principals at the ceremony were Earl Buss, secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor; Michael Johnson, the federation's education director; Northeast Field Supervisor Jack Halpern and Frederick Gema, special consultant to the mobile unit's crew; Dr. Wendie Milunas, Nurse Patricia Lavin and Technician Richard Hughes; Dr. Albert Brinkner, medical director of the Tri-State Health Center; members of the state legislature and the state department of health and several ILOUW Pennsylvania chapters.

Oct. 2-8 Named National Hire Handicapped Week

Frs. Eisenhower has designated the week of Oct. 2 through 8 as National Employ the Handicapped Week. This eleventh consecutive observance of the week is designed to point up the advantage to employers of hiring handicapped workers. Despite the fact that some firms still refuse hiring persons with physical defects, the United States Employment Service points out that such handicapped workers have demonstrated time and again that their employment is simply a matter of good business.

CUTTERS COLUMN

140 Accepted for Second Term Of Local School for Cutters

The second semester of Local 10's "school for cutters" will begin on Monday, Oct. 3, Manager Moe Fallkman announces.

At the membership meeting on Sept. 19 a total of 140 Local 10 members were accepted for a 20-week training course. They will be taught marking and grading of garments and a general conception of the domestic patternmaking.

Last spring 60 cutters successfully completed a similar course. Several have applied for positions in other shops. Many a number of the graduates had requested the opportunity to take more than one semester. Knowledge of the art of patternmaking, efforts are being made to organize a special class for them.

Due to space limitations at the union's headquarters where the regular courses are given, Local is negotiating for a room at Needle Trade High School although the course will be offered under Local 10 auspices. The instructors will be the same as in the first semester—Sal H. George and Sol Cohen, two members of Local 10 who are licensed teachers and among the outstanding mechanics in the trade.

Noting that there were still many applicants yet to be accommodated, Manager Fallkman declared that early next year another 20-week course will be given for an additional 180 students. It was the union's moral obligation, he stated, to help cutters advance themselves in trade and increase their earning ability. He also emphasized the value to the industry of replenishing the supply of mechanics, especially in view of the mounting lost through retirement or death.

Recent experience points to a growing tightness in the supply of cutters. Fallkman pointed to the unemployment for the past nine weeks, and indications are that there might not be much of a gap between the fall and spring seasons. In some instances difficulty has been experienced in filling some requests for jobs.

"This situation, the cutters' chief said, points up the importance of the union's "school" project for upgrading members and for adding mechanics with a knowledge of marking and grading operations, while newer members take their places as a

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Summer Outing



The scene is Bard College, at Annandale-on-the-Hudson, New York, where members of ILGWU summer institute are gathered for outdoor symposium. Trip and institute were sponsored by ILGWU Education Department.

Local 22 Demands Federal Lynch Law

An overtop meeting of Dress-makers Local 22 at Manhattan Center in New York this week unanimously approved a resolution calling upon the next session of Congress "to make the first order of business" the passage of an Anti-Lynch Law.

Adoption of the resolution followed commentary by Local 22 Secretary-Treasurer Charles S. Zimmerman on the Emmett Till murder in Mississippi and the freeing by a jury there of the two white men charged with the crime.

"Human beings in a civilized community," Zimmerman declared, "are entitled to protection against murder; if the state of Mississippi and other southern states cannot provide this protection, then it is the duty and moral responsibility of the Federal Government to guarantee the protection that those states cannot, or will not, grant."

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EDUCATION CONFAB ASKS FEDERAL AID IN SCHOOL CRISIS

Delegates to the New York State Conference on Education held in New York City Sept. 19 and 20 voted late in one to endorse a program of wide federal aid as the primary method of easing the present shortage of school space and teacher.

Labor representatives took a major role in advocating substantial increases in federal aid. This same stand was taken earlier by Gov. Averell Harriman of New York. ILGWU participants to the conference, that the shortage of school space, and other southern states cannot provide this protection, then it is the duty and moral responsibility of the Federal Government to guarantee the protection that those states cannot, or will not, grant."

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CHICAGO STAFFERS BRING KOLCRAFT CO. INTO UNION RANKS

A swift campaign by Chicago organizers last month brought Kolcraft, Inc., into the union fold, reports Vice Pres. Morris Blala, director of the Midwest Region.

When the firm's 23 workers indicated overwhelming support for the union, the employer decided not to hide their desire. He promptly recognized the ILGWU as sole bargaining agent for his employees and agreed to negotiate a contract with Local 76.

A special committee assisting Chicago Organizer Lou Mienisgro consisted of Florida Bell, Joe Gilbert, Nora Crawford and Horace Cutler.

Belkny Named Secretary Of Penn. Labor Board

Abe Belkny, education director of the Philadelphia Dress Joint Board, has been appointed Secretary of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.

Belkny joined the staff of the Philadelphia affiliate in 1952. He has supervised educational and political activities for the joint board. He has also served as vice president of the Pennsylvania Education Association and chairman of a Ford Foundation adult education project.

He planned for renewal of contracts with the Kaufmann Company's four union shops, whose pacts expired Sept. 15.

Hopeful: He employees of the shut-down General Corp. in Huntington, Ind., expressed hope as to the possibility of a new garment shop opening in that town, when they met recently to reassemble their ranks in vacation and severance pay. The 50 recipients all said they would be glad to return to their jobs, but the union, which "did not let us down"

BOOK REVIEW

Herberg Assays America's Three Great Religions

PROTESTANT-CATHOLIC-JEW. By Will Herberg. Doubleday and Co. \$4.

Will Herberg has written a scholarly, understated study of the role of religion in America today. It is a tremendously important one because it is among the first to deal



with the sociological aspects of religion in this country.

Herberg notes first of all that the part played by religion in family and community life changes with generations. It is a tie with the old homeland for the immigrant, it is weaker to be discarded by the second generation which still identifies itself with a hybrid, or ethnic or national origin. It is now becoming increasingly the means of identification for a third generation, he points out.

He questions, however, the validity of taking increased church and synagogue membership and census statistics as evidence that the true values of faith are becoming widespread in the land. He decries religious intolerance, but he is not so sure that it is so much being weeded out as it seems to be for worship without stunts.

Especially valuable are Herberg's three chapters devoted to tracing the history of the great faiths in America. He clears the way for a deeper appreciation of freedom of religion in our land.

TRIUMPH OF THE BROADHEAD. By Horace Cowe. Random House. \$4.

This is a journalistic account of the part played by the intellectual in American political history. Mr. Cowe thinks that intelligence is no crime anywhere, and even in the White House, and he shows how in times of crisis it has been the episode which has done most to bring about the desired change or result.

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In addition to dealing with Jefferson, Mr. Cowe covers chapters to Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the history of America's liberalism.

Evening

By MAX PRESS. He sits with faded hands in his armchair. His days of love and strife and labor done; Beauty and sadness lie upon his face. Like a going down of an Autumn sun. He has come to the secret land when peace and dawn. There glows the ash of fire of agony. He knows now the final calm and the final peace. That the Time and Death of these things.

JUSTICE

INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION

HEARTBEAT

PARTY LINES DISAPPEAR where the health of the President of the United States is involved. The sense of shock and dismay brought on by the news of Mr. Eisenhower's illness is universal.

No heavier burden rests on the shoulders of any human being than that which is carried by this nation's chief executive. He may seek aid through the delegation of executive functions to others but the ultimate decisions and responsibilities are his alone.

Mr. Eisenhower won the Presidency with a burst of popular support that thrust him far ahead of his Republican running mates. For millions of Americans he symbolizes victory in war and paternal safety and assurance in peace. In 1952, vast numbers of them disregarded party fealties to satisfy their own longings for security and voted for the man whose record, manner and campaign oratory radiated confidence.

Both at home and abroad, the President has become the chief source of confidence. The entire family of nations has recognized him as the spokesman of this country's genuine wish for world peace. This is true even among those regimes which have only disdain for the freedoms we cherish and have matched the President's profound sincerity with their own enduring cynicism.

At home, he has been the man in the middle of his party. He has held together the coalition of its bitterly antagonistic forces even when he has not been able to reconcile them completely. And he has been able to do this not through moral persuasion alone but chiefly through the strength that has been his as the party's past winner and its candidate most likely to succeed in 1956.

Now, the members of the cabinet and the vice president, comprising the executive branch of the Federal government, have assured the nation that the conduct of affairs on that level will continue to be guided by the same team that has worked with the President since he took office more than two and one-half years ago. This is an assurance which, as the saying goes, is fraught with danger.

While the President has given the nation sincerity and confidence, the members of his team have furnished the know-how on technical details which he readily left to their handling. This is a team, made up almost entirely of business and industrial leaders, that has, by the mere fact of its existence, enjoyed the complete trust, respect and approval of the President.

But it is also the same group of men that has helped shape policies through which vast natural resources have been snatched from the public domain to be handed over to private interests; tax relief has been extended to those who need it least and denied where it would do the most good; labor agencies have been staffed by personnel not in sympathy with labor's aims; farmers have been allowed to sink deeper into the debt. All this, while profits reach new heights.

WALL STREET REACTION to the news of the President's illness provides expert, if also brutally frank, commentary on political probabilities. The sharp drop in stock prices, almost as catastrophic as that in the black month of October, 1929, is clear evidence that the men who have made the most out of Republican rule are not confident that the 1952 victory will be duplicated in 1956. Mr. Eisenhower's health comes first. At present, it seems unlikely that he will run again. The party without its peace-maker, the team without its captain means Republicans without the one human being that brought them their first victory in two years.

The world and the nation will continue to pray for that man's speedy recovery. His service to his country has been selfless.

"No Outsiders!"



"What Are We Bid?"



The Fall of Peron

By
Soraño Romuñi

A special report from the AFL's Representative in Latin America.

OVERTHROW of the Peron dictatorship in Argentina offers the workers of that country the first opportunity in 10 years to establish a free and democratic labor movement. The so-called Argentine General Confederation, which was for years manipulated by Peron as his personal political instrument for the perpetuation of his totalitarian regime, collapsed like a house of cards when the military revolt forced Peron's capitulation.

CGT leaders disappeared, its headquarters were abandoned and the rank and file membership, finally free to express their real feelings, joined other citizens in demonstrating their joy over liberation.

Later, Hugo Di Pietro, CGT secretary-general, reportedly under arrest, went on the air to urge workers to "keep calm and continue working." The day before Peron's fall, Di Pietro had exhorted union members to arm and defend Peron's regime to the death. However, it was soon realized, even by Peronista leaders, that could freedom be feared for their jobs and lives, the workers had no stomach to go out and fight for return of the tyranny; on the contrary, they were among the most enthusiastic demonstrators hailing the return of liberty.

GEN. Eduardo Lonardi, the new Provisional President of Argentina, is known in Latin America as a decided opponent of dictatorship. He was ousted by Peron in 1951 and has since lived in retirement, quietly working among fellow officers and civilian leaders to build up sentiment against the Peron regime.

General Lonardi, a Catholic, is the leader of the revolutionary forces which assumed power in Buenos Aires when Peron abdicated under threat of a naval bombardment of the capital.

Lonardi said: "I formally promise my fellow citizens that during my administration they will never again face conditions that oblige them to take up arms in defense of their essential rights. . . .

"I assure my fellow citizens to express freely their opinions and act in politics to accord with their ideas and sentiments with certainty that it will not cause them harm, even if they should be public employees."

DURING his inaugural address Lonardi announced that elections for a Constitutional President and a new Congress will be held within a few months.

Argentine democracy, living in exile, are already returning home to help rebuild the economic and political structure of the country along democratic lines.

With the collapse of the CGT, there is bound to be a strong drive to reorganize the labor movement on a free and democratic basis, independent of Government domination. Only last month, 53 prominent former labor leaders of varied political and religious affiliations but united in their adherence to democracy, managed from the underground to publish an appeal to Argentine workers advocating the replacement of the Peronista CGT with a truly free trade union movement. Leaders of COASL, the Argentine Committee for Independent Trade Union Action (an affiliate of the ICFU) which operated from exile in Uruguay, are already back in Buenos Aires.

While groups of fanatic Peronistas may remain entrenched in some locals for considerable time, it is strongly predicted that in free trade union elections they and the Communists will be soundly defeated. The Communists always supported Peron and Argentine public opinion is well informed of that. Each opposition political party is therefore pledged to the inauguration of a democratic regime.

In January 1947, the American Federation of Labor sent a mission to Argentina to gain first-hand knowledge of the status of organized labor under the Peron Government. After an extended investigation, the committee made public a report in March 1947, which scathingly condemned the trade union policies of the Peron regime. It cited overwhelming proof that Peron's so-called liberal attitude toward labor was a cloak for using the trade-union machinery as a captive political tool to stay in power.

From then on, Argentine democratic union leaders have maintained a close relationship with the AFL and with the subsequently organized International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, from their exile headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay and from inside Argentine itself.

The collapse of Peron will also magnify the complete disintegration of ATLAS, his Inter-American Labor Organization with few supporters outside Argentina, and will be a serious blow to the remaining dictatorships that still plague a number of Latin American countries.