

EDITORIAL

Lágrimas de Cocodrilo?

El clamor contra Max Brodsky, Director Regional del Local 713, UPW-CIO, parece ser uno de los gemidos más recios que se ha oído en la columna "THE CROSSROADS" desde hace mucho. Se dice que Max ha estado asociado con actividades comunistas en una ocasión y por lo tanto, según su Inquisidor, peregrina para siempre hacia la izquierda del centro.

Nosotros no conocemos íntimamente a Max Brodsky aunque uno no deja de gustar inmediatamente del genial colega. Sin embargo, si Max ha tratado de instruir a alguien en este país acerca de cualquiera cosa que no sea el gremio obrero, todavía nos falta informarnos sobre el hecho. Nos interesa los ataques repetidos contra Brodsky por varias razones, entre las cuales una repugnancia a la persecución de cualquiera clase, y la semejanza inerrable entre estos ataques contra Brodsky y la bulla que se armó contra sus predecesores. Además nos fastidia verlo crucificado por Brodie Burnham por venganza personal.

Será Max Brodsky el verdadero blanco a que se tira? O será, no obstante las declaraciones de amistad y buena voluntad, un caso de ataque contra el pastor para dispersar el rebaño?

A propósito preguntamos: por qué tanto furor entre algunos de los redactores? Por qué hay tantas lágrimas de cocodrilo tan de repente? Por qué tanto interés concentrado y alarmante en el trabajador de "plata"? Por más de cuarenta años fué abusado sin compasión; sufrió toda clase de discriminación y explotación.

Ninguno de los que ahora se muestran tan preocupados por el desafortunado empleado de "plata" le concedió el derecho de mejores sueldos, educación secundaria, ni mejores condiciones de vida. Brodie no ha dedicado, en todos los años que ha estado entre ellos, ni una pulgada de papel, ni una gota de tinta para cambiar la suerte deplorable del trabajador de "plata"; no se ha roto una pluma en su defensa humana.

Como Juan Bautista, Young del "Panama Tribune" y Westerman, joven escritor, fueron los únicos que levantaron sus voces en el desierto. Y ahora los Señores Burnham y Co., hacen el papel paternal y muestran tanto interés en el hijo natural. El derecho de hablar en nombre de una comunidad se gana, no se arroga.

Hay establos de Augias por limpiar en toda la Zona del Canal. A esto se ha dedicado el Local 713. Teniendo en cuenta la enormidad de esta labor, le es grato cualquiera ayuda interna o externa. Con la condición de que esta ayuda sea sincera.

Mitín de Empleados de la Marina del Sector Atlántico

Los empleados de la División de Marina del sector atlántico celebraron su mitín mensual como de costumbre en el Club Internacional de esta ciudad en la noche del martes 4 de Septiembre. La sesión fue presidida por el Campañero Cicil Joseph, haciendo las veces de Secretario el compañero G. Lewis.

Al abrirse la sesión el Compañero Presidente manifestó que presentaría a discusión el informe mensual, y que el Director Regional, el compañero Brodsky, rendiría su informe, y su desarrollo a lo que concierne a los intereses de los empleados de la División de Marina, y quien a la vez haría la presentación del nuevo representante internacional recién llegado a esta localidad, el compañero Joe Sachs.

Al pedírselle a los delegados información de las condiciones existentes en sus respectivos departamentos, se descubrió, que varias secciones carecían de la

representación de delegados, y se acordó en nombrar, temporalmente, delegados para así facilitar a los empleados de la debida representación, hasta cuando sean nombrados por elección. Los cuales fueron: para la sección del Garage Naval, el Comp. A. L. Dalatidier; para el Departamento de Reparaciones Aérea Naval, el Comp. Chambers, y para el Departamento de Servicios de Despachos la Compañera Sabina Pierce.

Informe del Director Regional Brodsky

Con relación al privilegio de descanso, el Comp. Brodsky informó que la representación se había hecho por conducto de la oficina principal radicada en la ciudad de Nueva York, privilegio el cual había sido suspendido por la Ship Service en la Zona del Canal. Después de delineando varios pasos al respecto el informe de la entrevista final de la decisión que aún está

AYUDA A UN EMPLEADO JUBILADO

Gatún Septiembre 20, 1947.

En una reunión del Cabildo de Gatún, la cual tuvo efecto el día 19 de Septiembre del presente año, el compañero Joseph E. Baker, veterano como empleado de las exclusas de Gatún, recibió un fondo de retiro, donado por los miembros del Cabildo de Gatún y la comunidad.

El compañero Baker, después de 42 años de servicio eficiente, fué retirado por el Gobierno, el día 6 de Agosto del presente año. Fué residente de Gatún por más de 30 años, siendo sumamente infortunado de perder una pierna en 1931 y la otra en 1941, pero esto no le impidió para que dejara de trabajar, lo cual hizo con el uso de piernas artificiales.

El fondo fué presentado por el compañero George A. Rowland, después de un elocuente discurso. El total de la donación fué de B. 53.65.

Esta donación ha sido posible, gracias a una resolución de los oficiales y miembros del Cabildo de Gatún, los cuales han resuelto hacer donaciones similares a los retirados del gobierno de los Estados Unidos.

Al respecto se nombró una Comisión que se encargó de llevar a cabo los planes, haciendo mención especial, del esfuerzo desplegado por el compañero Herbert A. Gittens, Asistente Delegado del Cabildo y Director de Publicidad.

El Director Regional Max Brodsky, elogió el buen espíritu de solidaridad y cooperación desplegados por dicha acción. Es la primera vez que ocurre un caso seemjante en el Local 713, por lo cual se espera que los demás Cabildos adopten el ejemplo.

Presentes en la reunión se encontraban el Director Regional Max Brodsky y el Representante Internacional Joseph Sachs, el cual fué presentado a los miembros por el compañero Brodsky; el compañero Graham Lewis, Primer Vice-Presidente y Presidente del Cabildo de Cristóbal, Foster G. Bourne, Asistente Director del Comité de Educación y Recreación; el compañero G. M. Ogle, Secretario del Cabildo de Cristóbal y Presidente del Comité de Publicidad; el compañero Santiago Agnew, intérprete; el compañero Harper, Fiscal del Local 713, el cual hizo un breve comentario de la entrevista con el Gobernador Mehaffey, la cual fué efectuada con la asistencia del Comité de Negociaciones.

La reunión fué presidida por el compañero Edward Green, Presidente del Cabildo de Gatún. Los arriba mencionados hicieron uso de la palabra, siendo el compañero Sachs el orador principal, como invitado de honor y habiendo recibido una calurosa recepción por parte de los presentes.

Pendiente; y él garantizó que cual fuere el resultado de dicha representación cesaría hasta cuando no fueran debidamente satisfactorios los resultados en que aseguren a los empleados del Ship Service según el procedimiento de quejas ya anteriormente establecido.

Con respecto a las declaraciones de parte de los empleados de la sección Nazal, aún estaban ante el Coronel Wang, asistente del Gobernador de la Zona del Canal. El no prometió el resultado sobre la decisión final, pero abriga todas sus esperanzas en el buen resultado de

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Habla el Presidente Truman

"No hay razón justificable para la discriminación debido a linaje, religión, raza, o color. No debemos tolerar tales limitaciones de la libertad de cualquiera de nuestra gente y su buen gozo de los derechos básicos que todo ciudadano en una sociedad verdaderamente democrática debe poseer."

"Nuestro caso para la democracia debía ser tan fuerte como nosotros podemos hacerlo. Debía descansar sobre la evidencia práctica de que supimos poner en orden a nuestra casa."

"Todo hombre debe tener derecho a un hogar decente, el derecho a una educación, el derecho a atención médica adecuada."

"Por estas razones predominantes, no podemos soportar el lujo de un ataque despacio sobre el perjuicio y la discriminación. Hay mucho que el Estado y los gobiernos locales pueden hacer en proveer defensas positivas para los derechos civiles. Pero no podemos, por más tiempo, esperar el crecimiento de una voluntad de acción en el Estado menos progresista o en la comunidad más atrasada. Nuestro gobierno nacional tiene que indicar el camino."

QUE HUBO DE LOS EMPLEADOS DE "PLATA" EN LA ZONA DEL CANAL?**RINCON ALEGRE DE LOS ORGANIZADORES**

Oyentes — ¡Prestadme su atención! He aquí un "Don", organizador por su puesto, que fue hasta la región de Madden Dam para organizar. Pero la lluvia, que no respeta a nadie, cayó en torrentes, precisamente en ese día.

Y ¿qué pasó? Pues, el "jeep" que conducía a este organizador, se paró en frente del lugar destinado para la sesión. Una multitud de doncellas se agruparon en las ventanas y puertas para saludar al exaltado.

Ahora viene lo mejor! Cuando este hermano exaltado ba-



FITZ H. EVERING

jaba de su carroza, el aguacero y el lodo se conspiraban contra él y "pum" se resbaló, y su bajada triunfante se finalizó en pudín de lodo! Qué confusión! Qué alegría! El "Don" se había postrado a los pies de las doncellas.

Es verdad que "El que se ensalce será humillado; y el

que se humilla será ensalzado".

Este "rom-pe-lim-pón" nunca tuvo la ocasión de sostener una charla con el organizador Fitz H. Evering de la Costa de Oro; ni tampoco tuvo la oportunidad de engullir un ron con coca-cola con él.

Nosotros pudimos conocerle por hechos —no por palabras—, y esperamos algún día de poder matar a una piedra con dos pájaros.

Como el organizador Evering ha visto muchas acciones de las luchas de la Unión para "aumentar la salsa de cada olla" hoy vamos a dedicar esta columna enteramente a él.

Fitz, el hijo de Evering ha sido organizador desde hace diez meses. Como Delegado Jefe de la R. F. A., fue uno de los primeros, y creo, el primero en dar tres batazos en favor de los buenos resultados de la Unión, con la reinstalación de tres empleados.

De las últimas victorias obtenidas del Organizador Evering son las de reinstalación de Reuben Clement I/C 162743, empleado en el "District Quartermaster" Cristóbal quien fue destituido en Septiembre 16, 1947 dándole un Clearance en los siguientes términos: ausencia repetidas; conducta "me-

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CONSEJO DE DELEGADOS DE CRISTOBAL CELEBRA INTERESANTE SESION

El Consejo de Delegados del Cabildo de Balboa compañero Moore, también se encontraba presente, para que dirigiera la palabra al Consejo, por invitación del mismo.

Los Comités de Recreación, Publicidad y Educación dieron un breve informe sobre sus actividades. Cuando se trajo a colación el asunto sobre las elecciones para Oficiales y Representantes a la próxima Convención, se llamó al compañero G. M. Ogle, secretario del Cabildo, para que diera una explicación al respecto. Informó que no había nada definitivo sobre si la elección sería por medio de los

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El Local 713, Estudia el Plan del Gobierno Acerca de la Pintura de las Casas del "Silver Roll"

Desde el comienzo de la operación Estadounidense en la Zona del Canal la Administración del Canal de Panamá, bajo el Gobernador Mehaffey, ha comenzado trabajo activo sobre las propuestas para las pinturas de las casas pertenecientes al gobierno y utilizadas por los empleados del rol de "plata" en el servicio del Gobierno Federal. Todos trabajos de pintura en tales casas fueron restringidas para las casas de los blancos o trabajadores del rol de "oro". Este año el comité fue nombrado para estudiar la revisión de las ratas de la renta para el alojamiento del rol de "plata" reportó que la opinión de la mayoría de los ocupantes en estas casas desearon tener los interiores pintados periódicamente durante ocupación y cuando estén desocupadas. Las propuestas del comité para la ejecución de tal trabajo son las siguientes:

1. Que el aumento adicional de renta, que es aproximadamente el 10% del cargo básico y que es de 55 centavos a B/.1.35 mensual en cada apartamento sea autorizado para el propósito de financiar el proyecto.

2. Que tal trabajo sea restringido para las casas más nuevas, así como aquellos construidos desde 1930 en las comunidades de Silver City, Gamboa, Paraíso y La Boca. Ya los últimos arreglos acerca los cargos adicionales para tal trabajo fueron autorizados para 16 casas nuevas construidas en Paraíso y Silver City durante los dos últimos años. Sin los.

embargo, es improbable que podrá acehr cualquier trabajo de pintura en el interior de estas casas debido al tiempo limitado en el servicio.

3. Que las casas qu deben ser pintadas cada año sean seleccionadas por grupos como la cantidad de trabajo será limitado de acuerdo con las rentas colectadas para este propósito. Bajo este plan muchos años pasarán antes de que las últimas casas sean pintadas.

4. Trabajo en este proyecto está planeado comenzar el 1º de Enero de 1948. Al transmitir al LLocal las recomendaciones del Comité de Alojamiento, el Gobernador Mehaffey declaró que en la ausencia de evidencia conclusiva para apoyar la opinión del comité acerca la pintura del interior de estas casas, desaprobó su inclusión en el presente ajustamiento de renta y añadió que apreciaría recibir los comentarios del Local acerca el plan que representa la opinión de la mayoría de los empleados.

Al estudiar las propuestas, el Comité de la Unión recibió más información de la oficina del "Chief Quartermaster" con respecto al extento de trabajo en cada trabajo de pintura, su costo, escogencia de colores, etc. Este plan está discutiendo en los distintos cabildos. Esta es una de las pocas oportunidades concedidas a los empleados del rol de "plata" de esta área para la participación del trabajador en los proyectos del gobierno afectando-

Se Revoca Una Orden Perjudicial

En consecuencia de una circular Departamental, fijada en la tablilla de anuncios, del Pump Station, situado en calle 8a., en la ciudad de Colón, (unidad de la División de Ingeniería Municipal desde 1942), restringiendo la distribución de las libretas de cupones de comisariato, a los empleados que no estén en servicio activo, se presentó una queja, en una reunión en el trabajo, que fue efectuada recientemente, al efecto de que esta orden afecta a los empleados que no están en servicio activo.

De acuerdo con la representación hecha por el Organizador Dean, ante el Supervisor de dicha División, se dió orden a la nueva circular, la cual fué fijada en la tablilla de anuncio y que dice lo siguiente:

"Se advierte que efectivamente desde el primero de Septiembre de 1947, la reglamentación anterior, sobre asunto, ha sido cancelada y substituida por sí mismo por otra que trata sobre la restricción de la distribución de las libretas de cupones de comisariato, lo cual será restringido en el futuro, solamente, a los empleados estén ausentes sin permiso.

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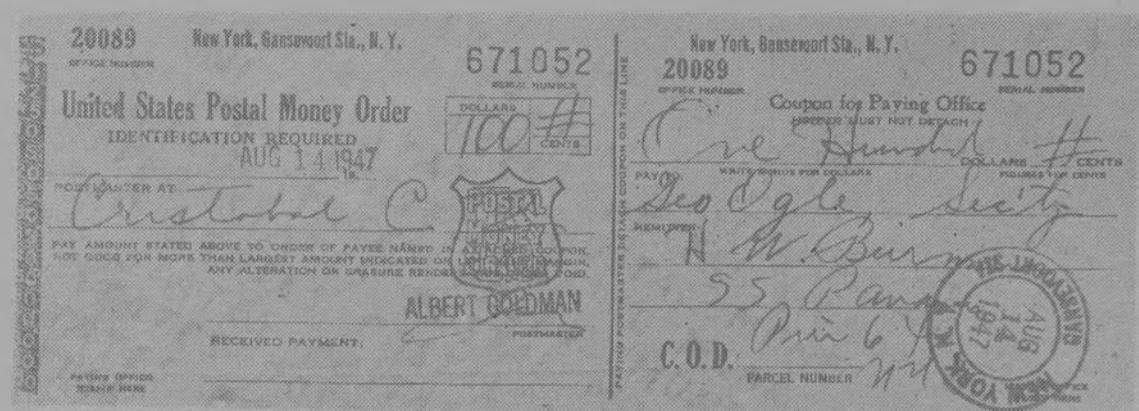
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Agosto 23, 1947."

Esta acción del Sr. Lerchen es inmensamente apreciado por los empleados afectados.

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El Agasajo a los Niños de los Empleados de los Muelles de Cristóbal



ESTE GIRO POSTAL TRAJO LA ALEGRIA.

Los miembros de la UMN-CIO tripulantes del vapor "Panamá" de la Compañía P.R.R., agasajaron a los hijos de los empleados de los muelles de Cristóbal. Varios centenares de niños se reunieron en el gimnasio de Camp Bierd en la tarde del 26 de Agosto poco más o menos a las 4 p.m.

La mayor parte de los niños vestían de gala y estaban acompañados por sus familiares. El entusiasmo de los chicos demostraba la alegría que reinó durante el agasajo. Todos participaron en diferentes eventos deportivos tales como Bally-Ball, Tennis y otros juegos.

Historial por el cual se dió el agasajo

El compañero H. W. Burman, el que preside el comité de los tripulantes de la UMN-CIO a bordo del vapor Panamá, visitó la oficina del cabildo de Cris-

tóbal TPU-CIO, local 713 y expresó los deseos de ofrecerle un agasajo a los niños en prueba de solidaridad a lo que se refiere a la unidad de los trabajadores.

El agasajo se llevó a cabo a la llegada del barco; los arreglos fueron hechos por medio de intercambios de cables, y los fondos que fueron necesarios en sufragar los gastos del festejo, fueron enviados por medio de giros postales.

Todo se llevó a cabo conforme a los planes trazados. El barco arribó al puerto de Cristóbal el Junes 26 de Agosto, dándoles así oportunidad a los tripulantes de que vieran por sí mismo el efecto de ese agradable festejo en que tomaron parte sus agradecidos invitados.

El Comité de Educación y Recreación hizo los arreglos necesarios para que los pequeños invitados fueran debidamente a-

tendidos, obsequiándoles con refrescos y demás golosinas. La magnífica cooperación del Director de Cultura Física Horald Scott hizo posible en que dicha fiesta infantil terminara con todo éxito.

El presidente del comité del barco, el compañero H. W. Burman, quien fué el iniciador del agasajo a los niños, llegó en momentos en que la fiesta se encontraba en todo su esplendor, y expresó que estaba profundamente satisfecho; y al reunirse a los demás tripulantes que allí se encontraban presentes, los cuales mostraban posiblemente más alegría que los agradecidos.

Miembros del comité del barco, grupos de amiguitos infantiles y oficiales del Cabildo de Cristóbal del Local 713, incluso el Director Regional Max Brodsky fueron retratados.

MITIN DE EMPLEADOS—

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esas negociaciones. Hizo referencia a las previas quejas referente a que los Buses no son permitidos entrar en ciertas áreas restringidas en las bases por lo cual resulta de graves perjuicios para los empleados durante las estaciones lluviosas. Este asunto está también pendiente en lo que se relaciona al "status" legal, tal cuestión no está específicamente confinada a los empleados de la sección naval.

Con referencia a la reducción de fuerza en el lado del Pacífico, él dijo que ya se habían hecho representaciones con el fin de mejorar la manera en que se ha venido conduciendo en muchos casos; ya existen varias mejoras al respecto.

El Compañero Brodsky al hacer la presentación del nuevo Representante Internacional el Comp. Joseph Sachs principió por hacer conocer sus dotes sobre su brillante carrera como estudiante de la Universidad de Illinois, donde fué graduado con honores de los de la clase de 1941, siendo daspues asignado al Departamento Federal del gobierno como economista. Abandonó esa posición para ingresar en la marina. Al separarse del servicio de la marina se reempleado de nuevo al servicio federal como Senior Economista, renunciando de esta nueva posición para después ingresar a los servicios de TPU-CIO con un exceso de reducción en salario.

Su primera asignación con los IPU-CIO fué de Organizador en el Estado de Alabama y de lo cual hizo una gran labor y por lo tanto me siento muy contento en que se encuentre entre nosotros y por consiguiente aseguró que él será de gran ayuda para el Local No. 713.

Trae Saludos

Al tomar la palabra, el Comp. Sachs principió por saludar a los presentes en nombre de los Representantes Internacionales, citando al Vice-Presidente Richardson; el Director Organizador Weinstein, y demás Oficiales Internacionales, lamentó de no haberse podido ver con el Vice-Presidente Internacional Strobel y el Comp. Edward Cheres, antes de haber salido de los Estados Unidos a esa categoría incluyó al Comp. Goldsmith. El está seguro que todos ellos sienten gran simpatía por el Local No. 713 y sus miembros.

Desde el tiempo en que oí hablar del movimiento en el Istmo, tuve los deseos de venir a ésta, y cuando el Comp. Weinstein me ofreció la oportunidad, decidí en venir contra viento y marea para así tener el placer de contribuir con mi parte, en la lucha de mejorar los salarios y las condiciones de vida, incluso la igualdad de oportunidad para los miembros del Local 713, y por lo tanto estoy ahora en condiciones de llevar a cabo esa gran labor en la Zona del Canal.

Condiciones en Alabama

Le dije a los presentes que organizar en Alabama era tarea muy distinta a la de organizar aquí, y que era un verdadero terror el que tenían que enfrentarse los organizadores cuando se trataba de esa clase de operaciones en los estados del Sur; pero a pesar de todo esas inconveniencias, los hombres no titubearon en llevar a cabo esa labor,

porque sabían que si la CIO los hubiera abandonado en esa campaña, el estado de esa violencia hubiera aumentado en toda su extensión y por lo tanto, tales condiciones hubieran permanecido con ellos; pero en cambio, cooperando con la CIO en mantener la organización aquellos actos de terror y vio-

lencia habrían sido aplastadas. Les advirtió que se unieran a todo costo.

Hizo énfasis sobre su punto de vista de la experiencia de la unión de los trabajadores de los muelles de Mobile, Alabama los que se habían organizado en 1937. Con la ayuda de la CIO de la que obtuvieron grandes aumentos en el salario, es decir, que se consiguió un aumento de 35 centavos a 45 cts., por hora relativamente en un corto tiempo, además tiempo y medio por horas extras y doble tiempo por días feriados, y también obtuvieron mejoras en las condiciones de vida. Pero después de esas ventajas obtenidas se dedicaron a politizar con propósitos de obtener posiciones en la unión, abandonando la organización, cuyo resultado fué que la unión se derrumbó; los salarios bajaron a 25 cts. en vez de 35 cts., que ganaban cuando estaban organizados y que también perdieron el jornal de 8 horas y todas las mejoras en las condiciones de vida. Esto sirvió de ejemplo para los miembros de las uniones y como ejemplo de tal desastre advirtió de que se mantengan unidos, sea cual fuere lo que oyeron o pensaran, por que unidos todos los empleados del "Silver Roll" sería la única manera en que podrían conseguir lo que reciprocamente les pertenecen. Al terminar su perorata el Compañero Sachs fué aplaudido con entusiasmo por el Auditorio.

El Compañero presidente Joseph dió gracias a los Compañeros Brodsky y Sachs por sus discursos alentadores y dijo que él haría su parte en fomentar el buen ánimo de los empleados de la sección de marina y sugirió que tomaran más actividad para los asuntos de la unión con respecto a la presente campaña organizadora.

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Arreglo Justo Alcanzado para un Antiguo Trabajador

El compañero Charles Applewhite I.C. No. 28465, empleado de la División de Ingeniería Municipal, por más de 30 años, fué despedido recientemente por reducción de fuerza. Siendo un hombre de edad avanzada, su situación era desastroza y se le dificultaba para obtener un nuevo empleo.

Su caso fué procesado por el Delegado Víctor Luscap, de acuerdo con instrucciones del organizador Dean. Haciendo la debida representación, con los datos anteriores y con el factor de que el servicio del compañero Applewhite había sido leal y con fénix, el Supervisor del Distrito Norte de la División de Ingeniería Municipal, ajustó el caso en forma de despedir al compañero por imposibilidad física, lo cual automáticamente lo coloca en la posición de recibir compensación por sus servicios.

Siendo la decisión satisfactoria para el compañero Applewhite, se está procesando el caso de acuerdo con la rutina a seguir.

SE BUSCA COMPENSACION—

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El Secretario Ejecutivo Coronel Wang aconsejó a la Unión de la siguiente forma:

"La semana administrativa de trabajo comenzando a las 12:01 A.M., corresponde a la semana calendario, y la práctica del Canal de Panamá en este respecto, es entender y conformarse con la práctica en otras agencias del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos. Para hacer cualquier cambio en esta semana administrativa de trabajo puede resultar en numerosos problemas de readaptación, tales como aquellos empeñados en cerrar todos los "payrolls" desde el domingo en la noche e incluir de esta manera porciones de dos semanas calendarios en cada semana administrativa de trabajo.

"Supongo que su carta está basada en casos individuales, en donde Ud., considera que a los empleados les han requerido trabajar domingo. Si Ud. sabe de casos específicos en los cuales es necesario el trabajo de domingo o en los cuales aparece una violación de reglamentos, tendrá mucho en hacer una investigación y asegurar si se puede de remediar."

(Cualquier miembro que tenga una queja relacionada con los casos arriba apuntados, debe ponerse en contacto con su delegado o con la Oficina de la Unión.—Ed.)

**Aguatero Clasificado . . . Pero Después de 20 Años**

El compañero Evan Worrell I.C. No. 29373, empleado de la División de Ingeniería Municipal del Distrito Norte, recibió aviso de reducción de fuerza con 30 días de aviso anticipado.

De acuerdo con investigaciones llevadas a cabo por el organizador Dean, se halló que el compañero Worrell estuvo empleado por más de 20 años, como aguatero. Habiendo decidido las autoridades, descontinuar esta clase de trabajo y sin consideración a los largos años de servicios prestados por el compañero, optaron por darle re-

LE PRESENTO A—

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Alabama para ayudar en la campaña organizadora del C.I.O. en el Sur. Sus experiencias en Alabama fueron amedrantadas e invaluables. Los organizadores recibieron poca protección de la ley y fueron constantemente atacados por compañías de patrullas y policías.

A pesar de la brutalidad y las dificultades, la T.P.U. progresó en Alabama. Cuando Joe salió para Panamá en Agosto de este año, nueve locales con 1200 socios estaban bien arraigados en las tierras del Sur.

Dice que la oportunidad y el privilegio de venir a la Zona del Canal y de ayudar en las luchas del Local 713 es la emoción más grande de su vida. Su esposa, Phyllis, ansiosamente abrazará las nuevas experiencias y está determinada de hacer cuanto pueda para mejorar la vida de los empleados del "Rol de Plata" en la Zona.

CONSEJO DE—

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miembros, de acuerdo con las recomendaciones del Vice-Presidente Internacional Richardson, pues el asunto estaba pendiente en el Consejo Ejecutivo, en espera de la opinión de los demás Cabildos. El Domingo 7 de Septiembre el Consejo decidirá finalmente la cuestión, después de lo cual se enviará el respectivo informe.

El compañero Moore, del Cabildo de Balboa, presentó un breve comentario sobre Unionismo, después de lo cual el Director Regional, compañero Brodsky, hizo la introducción del compañero Sachs.

El compañero Sachs, quien es un orador muy interesante, relató algunas de sus experiencias como organizador en el sur de los Estados Unidos. Después de expresar su placer y el de su señora esposa de venir aquí entre nosotros advirtió a los miembros que debían mantenerse firmes si querían tener éxito.

LAS TENDENCIAS DE HOY

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Por FOSTER BOURNES

Esta columna está dedicada a la propagación de la verdad del unionismo obrero — Como al decir. En conformidad con este ideal reimprimimos para Ud., estimado lector, un documento que es verdaderamente el Acta de Emancipación del Trabajo.

PREAMBULO
a la Constitución del Congreso de Organizaciones Industriales

Revisado el 23 de Noviembre de 1947

El Congreso de Organizaciones Industriales nació de las necesidades de los trabajadores no organizados de América que no se podían llenar eficazmente por la forma industrial de organización. Desde su formación en 1935, la CIO se ha puesto fuerte debido a que el servicio que ha dado a los trabajadores americanos ha hecho de la nuestra una América mejor. Nosotros de la CIO somos los hijos e hijas de antepasados que vinieron a la América para escapar del absolutismo en el gobierno, el fanatismo en la religión, y la explotación económica. Nosotros de la CIO estamos orgullosos de esta organización americana para la libertad y la lucha para la igualdad. Nosotros buscamos hoy, la manera de aumentar esta gran herencia. Estamos dedicados a la responsabilidad de adelantar la oportunidad económica, la libertad religiosa, y la participación política.

La Democracia surge del libre pensamiento. Practicado diligentemente, es la única fórmula humana que es lógica para lograr la independencia económica y política; para la realización de una recompensa justa e equitativa por el trabajo de uno; para la garantía de un empleo amplio, de seguridad social, y la protección de la familia como una institución.

Para lograr este fin nos valemos del pueblo, porque tenemos fe en él; y nos oponemos a aquellos que violarían este énfasis americano de respeto por la dignidad humana, todos aquellos que usarían el poder para explotar la gente en el interés de lealtades extranjeras.

La lucha por la libertad humana es continua. La tarea de aquellos que traerán la seguridad y más entendimiento a la humanidad por todo el mundo es eterna. Es en esta lucha disidente, sin embargo, que los hombres y organizaciones hacen sus contribuciones a una vida mejor. Por consiguiente, nosotros en la CIO nos glorificamos a nuestra herencia y la esperanza de nuestro futuro. La persecución, la intolerancia, el egoísmo, la avaricia, no tienen lugar en la familia humana. No estaremos satisfechos a penas que el nuestro sea un mundo de hombres y mujeres libres y de niños felices. La Constitución de la CIO está dedicada a estos propósitos. Es la Carta de nuestras vidas; mediante ella buscamos mantener y extender la libertad y la oportunidad aquí y por todo el mundo.

Jonathan Samuel I/C 24511, empleado en el "Track gang," de Gatún, P.R.R., quien recibió un clearance "de servicio insatisfactorio."

Por su buena labor, el Organizador Evering ha sido llamado por sus comp. del lado del Pacífico "Sir Josiah P. G."

CITA CON LA MUERTE

Courtesy — Westerman's Panama Tribune W. I. Supplement

Empleados de "plata" cargando dinamita en los días de construcción.

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GRATIS

ARTICULO DE BURNHAM ES UNA ALTERACION PERVERSA

Delata Una Mezcla de Hechos y Mentiras

No Se Piensa Ocultar La Verdad.

Francisco Araúz, Presidente del Local 713 TPU-CIO, denuncia hoy el ataque mentiroso hecho por la "Nación" a la Unión ayer. El Sr. Araúz declaró que el artículo tenía por objeto desminar informes erróneos entre los miembros del Local 713 y los ciudadanos de la República."

Dijo el Sr. Araúz "el carácter irresponsable y calumnioso de la noticia me ha causado horror. Está llena de mentiras asombrosas, exageraciones y hechos torcidos. Ocupará su puesto en la historia de la prensa como un ejemplo perfecto de "cobardía"."

"A los oficiales y miembros del Local 713 nos ofende este ataque traidor contra la integridad de la Unión. No nos permaneceremos con las manos cruzadas mientras un periódico se vale de nosotros para aumentar su circulación".

"El Presidente Araúz contesta el cargo de "disimular el informe" con esta declaración. La Junta Ejecutiva no esconderá ni pensó nunca esconder los hechos con respecto del examen de los libros. Se ha nombrado un comité especial para investigar el informe de los auditores con el fin de estudiarlo de una manera responsable. Tan pronto reciba la Junta, el informe de este Comité los miembros serán informados del resultado. Si hay personas culpables de robo, la Unión se entenderá con ellas."

"El Presidente Araúz dijo que se había descubierto algunas irregularidades en la administración de los fondos. Pero la cantidad total de la deficiencia, según especifica el informe de los auditores es de \$806.50. Esta suma representa un porcentaje de menos de la mitad del 1% de la cantidad de fondos administrados por la Unión desde Agosto de 1946 hasta el 31 de Mayo de 1947. Esto es muy distinto por cierto al título del periódico la "Nación" de ayer que proclamó que hacían falta miles de dólares. Sin embargo, aunque esta cantidad solo fuese de \$5.00 los oficiales de la Unión reconocerían la gravedad del asunto."

El Sr. Araúz dijo que el comité que se nombró para hacer las investigaciones casi han terminado sus labores y que se celebrará una reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva del Local el próximo Domingo para atender al informe del comité para tomar las medidas apropiadas."

Dijo además que había discutido detalladamente este asunto con el Sr. Max. Brodsky, el Director Regional. El

"Ni Rumores ni Mentiras, nos puede dividir....." Brodsky

UNA DECLARACION DEL DIRECTOR REGIONAL MAX BRODSKY

Uds. sin duda han oído hablar de la noticia que apareció en la "Nación" el lunes 6 de Octubre. Con títulos que gritaban dijeron que existía un déficit de miles de dólares. Dijo que se había pagado \$105,000 a la Internacional en Washington. Que se había gastado miles de dólares sin autorización ninguna y acabó por decir que la Junta trataba de esconder el resultado del reciente examen de los libros de los miembros de la Unión.

Estas declaraciones son ente-

ramente falsas. Son cuentos de un periódico que está tratando de destruir la orgullosa organización que por medio de sudor y trabajo los empleados de "plata" han podido fundar. Estas mentiras salen de la misma boca del director que dijo no hace mucho que no era razonable emplear al trabajador de "plata" en el Servicio Civil y que el Gobierno no debía emplearlos en posiciones de confianza en el servicio federal. Qué se esperaba pues, de un individuo que trató tan des-

caradamente de destruir el futuro del empleado de "plata"?

Desde luego, deseo que los miembros se enteren del resultado del examen de libros. Es cierto que ha habido irregularidades. Sin embargo la suma total del déficit es de \$806.50 o sea menos de la mitad del 1% de todos los fondos administrados en el periódico. Aunque esta suma es relativamente pequeña este es un asunto muy grave. Diría que esta es una falta grave si el déficit fuera sólo de \$5.00.

Sé cuán difícil les es oír las burlas y vituperaciones de los jefes que han estado deseando la ruina de la CIO desde que llegó al Istmo. Acuérdense que sólo tratan de molestarles porque temen y odian a la CIO. Si no fuera por esta Unión les tratarían como antes. Uds. pueden estar seguros de que su organización inspira interés porque es poderosa.

Yo tengo fe en el Local 713; tenemos un edificio con raíces en los corazones de nuestros miembros y sus familias. Este edificio resistirá el ataque del gusano que se encuentra a nuestros pies. Piensen en todos los triunfos de nuestra Unión, los aumentos de salarios, la reducción en las horas de trabajo, el derecho del Panameño a Servicio Civil y todos los otros beneficios que han recibido gracias a nuestra Unión. Compare estas condiciones con las de hace varios años. Esta es el resultado de la lucha de los empleados de "plata" bajo el estandarte de la CIO.

Gritemos para que nuestros enemigos oigan que estamos cansados del pasado. Tenemos ahora nuestra dignidad y caminamos con nuestras cabezas altas. Ni rumores ni mentiras nos pueden dividir. "Las Naciones" y los "Brodies Burnham" y todos los demás enemigos de la humanidad romperán sus plumas y sus cabezas contra nuestra organización.

UNA DECLARACION

El Comité de Investigación está trabajando encarnizadamente para poder presentar un informe de lo que ha encontrado a la Junta Ejecutiva el Domingo, 12 de Octubre de 1947.

El Comité no está dejando que ninguna revelación tenga influencia o apresure su acción.

Firmado: R. T. ELLIS
Director.

Sr. Brodsky le informó que se estaba manteniendo bien informado a la Oficina Principal en Washington de lo transcurrido y que, si fuese necesario, la Internacional se encargaría de la situación.

El Presidente Araúz declaró, "Nosotros, los miembros de la CIO creemos que esta noticia es un ataque contra la Unión para debilitarla y dividirla. Pero tenemos carácter. Tenemos también una herencia orgullosa de lucha valiente para obtener para nosotros y nuestras familias una manera de vida digna". Esta Unión que hemos formado con nuestro sudor y nuestro trabajo no se echará a perder tan fácilmente.

Concluyó diciendo que los miles de miembros me apoyan y declaran conmigo que la esperanza y la promesa de nuestras vidas que nos proporciona la CIO es más grande que cualquiera cosa que puede hacer ninguna prensa amarilla que trata de manchar nuestro nombre. Nosotros sabemos que mientras permanecemos unidos y fuertes, más fuertes serán los ataques para destruirnos. Este ataque bajo indica que hemos llegado a la mayoría de edad.

NO SE ALARMEN! MANTENGANSE FIRMES!

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BURNHAM'S STORY ON UNION FINANCES VICIOUS DISTORTION

"Expose" Base Admixture Of Fiction And Facts

No "Whitewash" Policy Contemplated.

Francisco Arauz, President of Local 713 UPW-CIO, denounced today the lying attack made on the Union by "The Nation" yesterday. Mr. Arauz stated it was calculated to spread erroneous reports among the members of Local 713 and the citizens of the Republic."

Mr. Arauz said "He was shocked at the irresponsible and slanderous character of the article. The story was shot through with vicious lies, distortions, exaggerations, and half-truths. It will take its place in newspaper history as an unexampled piece of "yellow" journalism."

"The officers and members of Local 713 resent this treacherous attack upon the integrity of the union. They will not sit idly by while a newspaper attempts apparently to use their organization as a convenient target to bolster its sagging circulation."

In answer to the charge of "whitewashing" the report, President Arauz stated that the Local Executive Board will not conceal and has never intended to conceal the facts of the audit from the membership. He said, "The Executive Board has turned over the audit to a special investigating committee so that the information contained in it might be studied in a responsible fashion. When the investigating committee has reported back to the Executive Board, the membership will be fully informed of the results. If any persons are found to have misappropriated funds of the Local they will be dealt with accordingly."

Mr. Arauz stated, "It is true that the auditor's report disclosed several irregularities in the handling of funds. However, the total of the discrepancies as specified by the auditor's report amounts to \$806.50. This figure is less than one-half of one per cent of the total funds handled by the Union from August 1946 to May 31, 1947. This is a far cry, indeed, from the lying streamer across the "The Nation" yesterday which proclaimed that thousands were missing. However, even if only \$5 were missing from the local's funds, the officers would view the matter with grave concern."

Mr. Arauz stated that the investigating committee has nearly concluded its inquiry and that an executive board meeting of the Local will be held next Sunday to hear its report and to take appropriate action.

He also said that he had discussed the matter thoroughly with Mr. Max Brodsky, the Regional Director. He

"They are trying to provoke you" . . .
Brodsky

Following is a statement to the members of Local 713 from Max Brodsky, Regional Director.

You have no doubt read or heard of by this time the newspaper article which appeared in "The Nation" on Monday, October 6th. Headlines on the article screamed that thousands of dollars were missing. It claimed that \$105,000 was sent to the International Union in Washington. It said that there were unsupported expenditures of union funds amounting to several thousand dollars, and it concluded by asserting that the Executive Board of the Local had attempted to conceal the results of the auditor's report from the membership.

These statements are all downright lies. These are the reckless statements of a newspaper that is out to wreck the proud union which the "silver"

employees have built with their sweat and toil. These lies roll from the mouth of the same editor who a few short months ago stated that it was unreasonable for "silver" employees to demand an equal right to hold civil service positions in the U. S. Government. Could we have expected better from one who has dealt so shamelessly with the futures of the "silver" employees.

Of course, I desire that the membership of the Local be made fully aware of the results of the audit. It is true that there are some irregularities. However the total amount of the discrepancies is \$806.50. This is less than one-half of one percent of the total funds handled by the union during the period covered by the audit. Even though the amount is relatively small, compared to the total funds handled, it is viewed as a matter of grave concern. I would consider it grave if it were found that only \$5 of the many thousands handled by the union were missing.

I know that it is a bitter ordeal for you to endure the taunts and jibes of your bosses who have been hoping and praying for the downfall of the CIO every since it appeared on the Isthmus. Remember — they are trying to provoke you because they hate and fear the CIO. Were it not for the union, they would treat you as harshly as in the past. Rest secure in the thought that the amount of excitement and interest aroused in our organization is a measure of its strength and power.

Let us shout to our enemies that we have had enough of the past. Now, we have a new-found dignity and we walk with our heads high. Lies and rumors will not divide us and "The Nations", the Brodie Burnhams and all the other labor-hating enemies of mankind will crack their pens and bust their heads on our structure.

A STATEMENT

The fact-finding Committee is working strenuously in order to present a report of its findings to the Executive Board on Sunday, October 12, 1947.

The Committee is not allowing any disclosure to influence or to stampede its action.

The membership can depend on it to protect the Union's interests.

Sgd.: R. T. ELLIS,
Chairman.

was informed by Mr. Brodsky that the International Union in Washington was being closely advised on the matter and that, if the situation warranted, appropriate action would be taken by the International Union.

President Arauz stated, "We of the CIO regard this article as an attack to weaken and divide us. But we are made of finer stuff than this. We have a proud heritage of courageous and militant struggle to obtain a better life for ourselves and our families. This union which we have put together with our toil and sweat will not so easily burst asunder".

He concluded by saying, "The thousands of CIO members on the Isthmus join with me in declaring that the CIO, the hope and promise of our lives is bigger and finer than the mud-slinging journal that seeks to sully our name. We know that the stronger we become and the more we accomplish for the "silver" employees of the Canal Zone the more vicious will the opposition grow. This scurrilous attack is a sign that we have come of age."

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\$200,000 GIVEN IN WAGES SINCE JULY

Over 4800 employees received nearly \$200,000.00 additional, on annual basis, from the merit and promotional raises which were granted by the Canal Zone last July.

Colonel Wang, Executive Secretary of the Canal Zone, informed Regional Director Max Brodsky of the specific figures relating to the wage action. He said that 4808 employees of the Zone received a yearly pay boost totalling \$199,511.00. A large number of these raises occurred as a result of advances above maximum existing rates as authorized by Circular G-368 issued on June 16, 1947. The others were within-grade merit increases.

This is the largest number of such raises to have occurred in

recent years. Unquestionably the \$200,000 addition to the payroll was in a great measure due to the pressure exerted by the UPW-CIO for a basic wage increase to affect ALL the so-called "silver" employees.

These raises are the second given this year. In January, 1947, merit wage increases were given to 4,635 employees amounting to \$198,252 per year and affecting 22% of the total number of employees.

Regional Director Brodsky stated, "We regard these raises as merely a down payment on a general basic wage increase desperately needed by ALL the employees. We shall continue to campaign for raises until every single worker has received a substantial increase in pay."

New Pay Roll Procedure May Be Adopted

Colonel Wang, Executive Secretary advised the Union on Sept. 11th that "it may be possible through extensive mechanization of present manual procedures to furnish each employee with somewhat detailed information as to the manner in which his pay has been computed."

Colonel Wang's letter was in reply to a request made by the Union that a procedure be adopted which will give all employees, with their pay checks, an itemized account of all deductions made from their salaries, so that the employees can have a quick and easy check of their net pay and know exactly what deductions have been made.

Colonel Wang indicated that extensive study of the payroll procedure is being made by experts from the General Accounting Office and the Treasury Department and indicated that because of the "delay which is expected to be experienced in obtaining the necessary machine equipment, it does not appear likely that the new procedures referred to above can be put into practice in less than six or eight months."

Wage Adjustment Anticipated

The Union is now awaiting a reply on its request for the adjustment of pay rates for hotel workers who suffered a cut in take-home pay when they were put on the 40-hour work week. These employees were originally on the 56-hour work week and were used in the service 48 hours per week when the 40-hour schedule went into effect. The recent shift to the 40-hour work week for hotel employees did not bring them the corresponding wage adjustments. It is expected that a favorable reply will be received within the near future.

LOCAL LAD GETS HIGH POST IN NEW YORK

Bro. Ewart Guinier was appointed to the post of Regional Director for Region 2, New York —(one of the largest under the jurisdiction of UPW-CIO)—at the last International Executive Board Meeting.

Bro. Guinier succeeded Bro. Jim King, resigned. Bro. Guinier was born on the Canal Zone. Panama is mentioned, but it is definitely somewhere "up the lines". He left the Isthmus quite young and hardly remembers Panama. He is 37 years of age, attended Harvard University, received a Bachelor of Social Science degree from City College and Master of Arts degree in personnel administration from Columbia University. In 1939 he was awarded the La Guardia fellowship in the New

MEET JOE SACHS



Born in a small Southern town in the "States" during the year following the end of World War I, Joe Sachs struggled to early manhood among the verdant fields and magnolia-scented oaks of eastern Maryland. He still carries with him the nostalgic memories of the early carefree days, fishing in the Chesapeake bay and gathering ripe strawberries under the warm Maryland sun.

Leslie Hurdle hurdles Reduction Order

Leslie A. Hurdle, IC-35763, Dredging Division employee, found himself helpless, despite his name, to stop an approaching reduction of force on October 10, 1947.

Organizer Joseph Millwood was assigned to the case. With the help of Joe, on one side, and Management, on the other, Brother Hurdle successfully hurdled the reduction order.

He will continue to hold his present job thanks to union representation.

Auditor's Report Received

The firm of Young and Young, Certified Public Accountants and Auditors, have recently completed a comprehensive analysis and audit of the financial operations of Local No. 713 for the period August 1946 through May 31, 1947.

The report was discussed at a meeting of the Executive Officers held Saturday night September 27th and by the Local Executive Board on Sunday September 28th.

The audit covers the period during which Mr. T. M. Nolan was Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

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York University School of Public Administration.

He is a veteran of four years service in the United States Army where he rose in the ranks of the 372nd Infantry Division to the post of Warrant Officer. He saw service in the Pacific.

NOTICE

"Any unit not receiving Commissary Books by mid-day Wednesday should report same to the Union Office."

President Flaxer May Visit Local

The office of Local No. 713, UPW-CIO, is supporting the efforts of the Canal Zone Workers to meet President Abram Flaxer in November next, if the invitation is accepted.

Members of Local 713, UPW-CIO, are urging that President Flaxer attend the International Convention of UPW-CIO, November 11-13, at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City.

President Flaxer expressed his desire to speak at the opening session of the Convention.

According to tentative plans, the Convention will be held on about the 10th and 11th of November.

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(EDITORIAL)

CROCODILE TEARS?

The outcry against Max Brodsky, Regional Director of Local No. 713, UPW-CIO, is threatening to become one of the loudest wails heard at THE CROSSROADS in many months. Max is said to have been identified with Communistic activities at one time and, as a consequence, peregrinates forever — at least according to his Inquisitor — to the left of center.

We do not know Max Brodsky intimately, although one is instantly impressed with the genial little fellow. However, if he has attempted to indoctrinate any one locally in anything other than trade unionism we have yet to be apprised of the fact. Our interest in this repeated attack on Brodsky is aroused by a number of things, among which are an allergy to persecution in any form or under any guise; the unmistakable similarity between the attacks on Max and the hue and cry raised over his predecessors, as well as our distaste at seeing him summarily crucified upon the CROSS (roads) of Brodie Burnham, for Brodie's own personal satisfaction.

Is Max Brodsky the true target of the present barrage? Or, despite the protestations of friendship and goodwill, is it but a case of striking at the shepherd in order to scatter the sheep?

It is pertinent to ask also — why do some of our local dailies so furiously rage together? Why the sudden flood-tide of crocodile tears? Why the alarming and concentrated interest in the "silver" worker? For forty odd years he was pitifully pushed around, thoughtlessly discriminated against, and selfishly exploited. None of those who are now most concerned over the unfortunate alien "silver" employee conceded him the right to better wages, higher education, improved living conditions. Not an inch of paper or a drop of ink has been devoted by Brodie, for the years he has been around, towards securing the betterment of the alien's unenviable lot; not a pen point broken in his humane defense. Like John the Baptist, Young of the PANAMA TRIBUNE and free-lancer Westerman raised the only cries in the desert. Now Messrs. Burnham & Co. assume a paternal role and display unusual interest in the "illegitimate" son. The right to speak for a community is earned, not arrogated.

There are Augean stables to be cleaned all over the Canal Zone. To this end, Local No. 713 is dedicating its efforts. Appreciating the Herculean task, however, it welcomes assistance from within and without. This we ask and only this. Let that assistance be sincere and let the waters of Alpheus and Peneus be directed where their force can wash the greatest quantity of filth.

n.a.r.

NAVY EMPLOYEES IN MONTHLY SESSION

Cristobal, Sept. 6—Navy employees met at the Club International, Colon, on Thursday evening September 4th, to hold their regular monthly meeting. Presiding was Bro. Cecil R. Joseph, Chairman, with Bro. G. Lewis fulfilling the duties of Secretary.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks said that the usual reports of the month would be presented and discussed; that Regional Director Brodsky would make his report on developments of affairs pertaining to employees of the Navy, and introduce to them the new International representative Bro. Joe Sachs.

As a result of the muster, it was discovered that several departments were not represented by Stewards, and temporary appointments were made to facilitate members until elections

could be held. Bro. A. L. Delatier was appointed for the Naval Garage; Bro. Enos Chambers for the Repair Department of the Naval Air Station, and Sister Savina Pearce was appointed Steward for the Ship Service Department.

Report By Regional

Director Brodsky:

Bro. Brodsky reported that representation had been made to the head of the Ship Service in New York relative to Leave privileges which had been suspended by the Canal Zone Ship Service. After outlining the various steps taken, he informed the meeting that final decision was now pending. He gave a guarantee that whatever the outcome, representation will not cease until satisfactory results had been secured for members and employees of the Ship Service. Depositions by Navy em-

Retired Employee Receives Timely Gift

Gatun, Sept. 20:

At a Chapter Meeting held at Gatun, September 19th last, Bro. Joseph E. Baker, veteran employee of the Gatun Locks, was presented with a Retirement Purse donated by members of the Gatun Chapter and community.

Bro. Baker, after 42 years loyal and faithful service with the Government, was retired from the service on August 6th. He was a resident of Gatun for a period of over thirty years. The victim of a double tragedy, having lost one of his legs in 1931, and the other in 1941, he was, however, still able to carry on with his job up to his retirement, through the use of artificial limbs.

Presentation of the Purse was made by Bro. George A. Rowland, after delivering an eloquent talk. The amount totalled \$53.65.

This tribute is the outcome of a resolution passed by the officers and members of the Gatun Chapter, wherein any member of the Chapter, who retires from service with the United States Government, will be the recipient of a purse contributed to voluntarily by members of the community. A Committee was formed to carry out this plan, and it was through its tireless efforts — special mention being made of Brother Herbert A. Gittens, Assistant Chapter Steward and Publicity Director — that the venture turned out a success.

Regional Director Max Brodsky commended the Chapter and community for their well-considered action, showing true solidarity by such a gesture. This was the first time any matter of its kind had been undertaken within the ranks of Local 713, and hope was expressed that other chapters would follow suit.

In attendance at the meeting and taking active part were Regional Director Max Brodsky, International Representative Bro. Joe Sachs, (who was introduced to the membership by Bro. Brodsky); Bro. Graham Lewis, Second Vice President and Chairman of the Cristobal Chapter; Bro. Foster Bourne, Assistant Director of Education and Recreation; Bro. G. M. Ogle, Secretary of the Cristobal Chapter and Chairman of the Publicity Committee; Bro. Santiago Agnew, Interpreter; Bro. Vernon Harper, Trustee, who gave side-lights on his recent visit to the Governor of the Panama Canal as a member of the Negotiating Committee.

The meeting was chaired by Bro. Edward Green, Chairman of the Chapter. Addresses were made by all the above-named officials, the guest speaker being Bro. Sachs, who was treated to a warm reception on his first visit to the Chapter.

Employees were also before Colonel Wang, Assistant to the Governor. He was making no promises, but was hopeful as to results. He made reference to a previous complaint on Busses not being allowed within certain areas on the Base to the detriment of employees, in the rainy season. This matter was also in a pending status, the question not being specifically confined to employees of the Navy. Referring to Reduction of Force on the Pacific side, he said representation had been made as to the improper manner in which it had been conducted in many instances.

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President Truman Speaks

"There is no justifiable reason for discrimination because of ancestry, or religion, or race, or color. We must not tolerate such limitations on the freedom of any of our people and on their enjoyment of the basic rights which every citizen in a truly democratic society must possess."

"Our case for democracy should be as strong as we can make it. It should rest on practical evidence that we have been able to put our house in order."

"Every man should have the right to a decent home, the right to an education, the right to adequate medical care."

"For these compelling reasons, we can no longer afford the luxury of a leisurely attack upon prejudice and discrimination. There is much that State and local governments can do in providing positive safeguards for civil rights. But we cannot, any longer, await the growth of a will to action in the slowest State or the most backward community. Our national government must show the way."

WHAT ABOUT THE "SILVER" EMPLOYEES ON THE CANAL ZONE?

FROM THE ORGANIZERS CORNER

Folks lend me your ears! maidens.

Behold an Esquire-minded Organizer went forth in the Madden Dam region to organize. But the rain, being no respecter of persons, not even organizers, fell in torrents on that day;

And it came to pass that as the "jeep" bearing this organ-



FITZ H. EVERING

izer came to a halt before the meeting place, a great congregation of damsels did crowd the windows and doors to greet the exalted one;

But as that exalted brother was about to alight from his chariot, lo! and behold the rain and mud conspired against him and he slipped, yes brethren he slipped, and his triumphal descent ended in a "pan-cake" landing; and there was wild confusion; and much merriment did break forth because he had thus prostrated himself at the feet of the

Verily I say unto you, "pride goeth before a fall", and again it is written "he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

This snooping scribbler has never enjoyed a face-to-face "gab fest" with Organizer Fitz H. Evering of Ogleland (Cristobal), or had the opportunity of guzzling a "rum-an'-coca-cola with "Sir Josiah" at some wayside "pub". Ours has been a met-him-by-deeds-not-words acquaintance; but we hope one day to kill one stone with two birds.

Because Organizer Evering has seen plenty of action in the Union's fight to put "a little more gravy in every pot" today this column is going to be entirely his.

Fitz, the son of Evering, has been an organizer for the past ten months. As a Shop Steward of the R.F.A. he was among the first, if not the first, to mark up three hits on the Union's score card when three employees were reinstated.

His latest accomplishments, with the cooperation of Management, are: Reinstate of Reuben Clement, IC 162743, employee of Cristobal District Quartermaster, who was discharged Sept. 16, 1947 and given Clearance reading: "Re-

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Cristobal Stewards Greet Joe Sachs

The Cristobal Steward's Council held its regular weekly meeting in the Government Building, 6th Street, Colon, on Wednesday evening, September 3rd, with Bro. Pascual Ampudia, Vice Chairman of the Cristobal Chapter, occupying the chair.

Among those present were the Regional Director Max Brodsky, the new International Representative Bro. Joseph Sachs, several officers of the Executive Board and of the Cristobal Chapter, and a representative gathering of Stewards. The Chapter Steward of the Balboa Chapter, Bro. Moore, was in attendance to address the Council by invitation.

The Education and Recreation Committee submitted a brief report, as did the Publicity Committee. When the question of the election of Chapter officers and delegates to the Convention came up for discussion, Bro. G. M. Ogle, Secretary of the Chapter was called upon to explain the situation. He stated that no definite answer could be

given at that stage as to whether the rank and file would conduct the election according to the recommendation of International Vice-President Richardson, since the Executive Board had extended the dead line for receiving answers to the feeling existing in the respective chapters. On Sunday September 7th the Board will decide on the question finally, after which the required answer will be forthcoming.

Bro. Moore of the Balboa Chapter Steward's Council presented a short address on Trade Unionism, after which Regional Director Brodsky introduced Bro. Joseph Sachs.

Bro. Sachs, who is a very fluent and interesting speaker, narrated some of his experiences while organizing in the southern part of the United States; and after expressing the pleasure of himself and his wife at being transferred to Operation Panama, exhorted the membership to stick together as only by so doing could success be achieved.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

TESTING FOR LOYALTY

By BILL CAHN

Staff Writer for UE (CIO) News

"I have here a machine," said Screwball McBatty, an inventor, "that will assist your committee to test the loyalty of our nation's two million public employees."

"Very good," said Pierpont J. Snoop, chairman of the Committee to Investigate, Intimidate and Liquidate Public Employees.

"Let's see how the machine works," suggested a committee member.

"It's very simple," said Screwball McBatty, displaying a shiny, metal gadget. "Each of the nation's public employees swallows one of these McBatty Loyalty Testing Machines."

"Did you say swallow?" asked a committee member.

"Yes," answered McBatty. "The public worker swallows the machine with a pinch of bicarbonate of soda. Once in the stomach of the worker, I have arranged for a series of automatic springs to place the McBatty Loyalty Testing Machine into immediate operation."

"What does it do?" asked a committee member.

"My invention" continued McBatty, climbing to the top of the conference table for emphasis, "is equipped with an extra-loud alarm bell. If for any reason, the worker does anything other than eat, sleep and work, the alarm will sound!"

"And then what?" asked a member.

"It will be impossible for anybody—unless equipped with the special McBatty Stomach Fishing Hook—to get at the McBatty Loyalty Testing Machine and turn the alarm off until the worker is fired by your committee."

The members of the Committee to Investigate, Intimidate and Liquidate Public Employees chewed their cigars.

"I would say that Mr. Screwball McBatty has a very useful invention here," said Pierpont J. Snoop, at length.

"Just what we need," said another member. "It's high time we took steps to stop workers from thinking."

"That's right," said another member. "Let workers think and pretty soon they'll be joining a union and demanding a living wage and doing other disloyal things like that."

"May I point out, gentlemen," said Screwball McBatty, "that the McBatty Loyalty Testing Machine is particularly sensitive to food. If the worker eats three square meals a day, the machine explodes!" Just what we need!" cried Pierpont J. Snoop. "With the aid of the McBatty Loyalty Testing Machine we can guarantee that there won't be a full head or stomach in the entire government service!"

Prejudicial Order Rescinded

In consequence of a departmental circular posted on the bulletin board at the Colon Pump Station, (a unit of the Municipal Engineering Division since 1942) restricting the issuance of commissary coupon books to employees on active duty only, a complaint was made at a job location meeting held recently, to the effect that this directive created undue hardship to employees not on a duty status.

Following representation made by Organizer Roland Dean to the Municipal Engineer through the Supervisor of the Northern District, the following directive was issued and posted on the bulletin board:

Please be advised that effective September 1st 1947, the subject regulation is being cancelled and a new one is being substituted therefor, restricting issue of commissary books (only) to employees absent without permission.

(Signed): F. H. Lerchen Jr.
Acting Municipal Engineer

August 23, 1947.

This action of Mr. Lerchen is greatly appreciated by the employees concerned.

You can't afford
To stay out —
Join Today!

"LET THERE BE LIGHT . . . "

The occupants of House No. 13, Miraflores will get three crushed rock walkways and lights at entrances as a result of negotiations effected by the Union.

In a recent petition to the Union, the difficulties experienced through the lack of these facilities, and the hazards attendant were enumerated and remedial action was solicited.

The tenants are appreciative of the prompt action on the part of the Union and the P. C. Executive Office in correcting these conditions.

Proper compensation For Sunday Work Sought

Following complaints from some of the members that they have had to work on a Sunday and got compensatory time off instead of overtime pay although their regular work week was

from Monday to Friday, inclusive, the Union requested that a revision be made in Circular No. 631-31 so that the work week begin at 12:01 AM Monday instead of 12:01 Sunday. The Union pointed out that in some instances it has been possible to evade the actual intention of some of the provisions of this circular because of the manner in which the work weeks were set up.

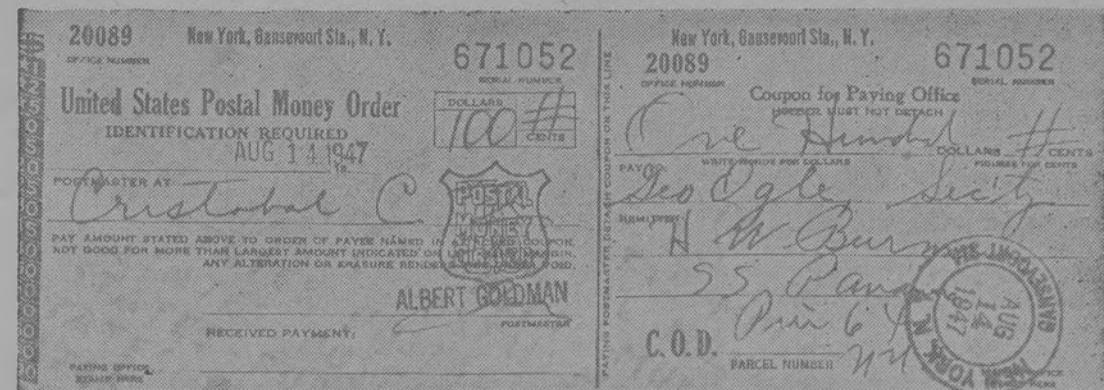
Executive Secretary Colonel Wang advised the Union as follows on this subject: "The administrative work

week commencing at 12:01 AM Sunday corresponds with the calendar week, and the practice of the Panama Canal in this respect is understood to conform with the practice in other United States Government agencies. To make any change in this administrative work-week could be expected to result in numerous problems of readjustment, such as those entailed in closing all payrolls as of Sunday night and this including portions of two calendar weeks in each administrative workweek.

"I assume that your letter is based upon individual cases wherein you consider that employees unjustifiably have been required to work on Sunday. If you know of any specific case in which work on Sunday was unnecessary or in which a perversion of the regulations appears to have occurred, and if you will furnish me the names and other data in respect to such cases, I shall be glad to make inquiries and ascertain whether remedial action can be taken."

(Any member having a grievance relating to the above should contact his steward or the union office. Ed.)

Seamen Fete Dock Workers' Children



THIS MONEY ORDER HELPED TO SPREAD GOOD CHEER

Making good a promise made to the Cristobal Chapter early last August, members of the crew of the S.S. "Panama" (affiliates of the NMU-CIO) played host to hundreds of children of the employees of the Cristobal docks on Tuesday, August 26, at the Camp Bierd playshed.

The unique affair which began around 4 o'clock in the afternoon, was enjoyed to the utmost by the delighted children. Tennis, volley ball, hand ball and many other outdoor games were indulged in under the

guidance of Physical Director Harold Scott; while indoors, hilarious "teen-agers" gave free rein to their vim and inhibitions to the dance strains of an attendant orchestra.

Chairman H. W. Burman of the Ship's Committee of the NMU-CIO and most of the crew, who were responsible for the financial backing of the project, were on hand to witness the indescribable pleasure of their guests, and to show their solidarity as trade unionists with the brethren of the Cristobal

Chapter. They were as visibly happy as the kids themselves.

Group photographs of the Committee, Regional Director Max Brodsky, Chapter officers, and the children were taken during the course of the enjoyable event.

Much praise is due to these brethren of the S.S. "Panama" for this kind and generous act; and the Education and Recreation Committee under Foster Bourne is to be commended for piloting the mariner's party to the port of happy memories.

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Already there was some improvement.

Joe Sachs Introduced

Bro. Brodsky next introduced Bro. Joseph Sachs, the newly arrived International Representative. His remarks included reference to the fact that Bro. Sachs had had a brilliant career at the University of Illinois from which he graduated with honors with the class of 1941. He had joined the Federal Government service as an Economist, and had seen service in the last war with the Navy. On his discharge he had returned to the Federal service as senior Economist, from which he had resigned to take up duties with the UPW-CIO at a great loss in salary. He had been assigned to duty in the state of Alabama as organizer, and had done a very good job. He was glad to have him here and was sure he would be of great help to Local 713.

Brother Sachs opened his talk by giving greetings to all from

International Vice-President Richardson, Director of Organizations Weinstein, and from the International Officers. He regretted that he was unable to

see International Vice-President Strobel and Bro. Edward Cheshire before he left the States, and in this category he included Bro. Goldsmith. He knew they all entertained great feelings of sympathy for Local 713 and its membership. From the time he had heard of the movement on the Isthmus he had had the desire to come here, and when Brother Weinstein offered the opportunity, he felt that "come hell or highwater" he was coming here to do his bit to bring better pay, better living conditions and equality of opportunity to the members of Local 713, and he was now on his way to contribute his share to the big task that faced them in the Canal Zone. He told those present that organizing in Alabama was a very different business to organizing here; that real terror accompanied those operations in the Southern States, but in spite of that the men never wavered, because they knew if the CIO abandoned the campaign, the violence they were now undergoing would increase to a great extent, and would always remain with them; but if they co-operated with the CIO and organized to the fullest extent, terrorism would be stamp-

ed out and they would permanently win for themselves a fuller life.

Hold Together At All Cost

He emphasized his remarks by telling them of the experience of the Dock Workers Union of Mobile, Alabama. They had organized in 1937 with the help of the CIO, and had made enormous gains in pay and otherwise. From 35 cents an hour, wages rose to 45 cents in a short time. They got time-and-a-half for overtime work and double time for Sundays and holidays. They won better living conditions. Then they started politicking. They strove against themselves for positions in the Union and left organizing alone. The Supervisors were watching them. It got so bad that the Union fell apart, and then the Supervisors had their chance. Their wages dropped all the way down to 25 cents instead of the 35 cents they were getting before they organized. They lost their eight hour day, their overtime and all their improved living conditions. That was an example for all Union members, and he strongly advised them to hold together regardless of what they may hear, see, or think. That it was the only way for the "silver" employee to get what was his rightfully. At the end of his talk Bro. Sachs re-

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BRODSKY INTERCEDES FOR ARMY EMPLOYEES

The following employees of the Atlantic Sector, Engineering Division, Fort Davis recently informed Max Brodsky Regional Director, that their earnings now are \$1.60 per week less than their gross earnings under the 48-hour week:

David Young, I.C. No. 24030.
George L. Duncan, I.C. No. 27958.

Derrick W. Stevens, I.C. No. 25521.

At the time the 48-hour week was in effect these men were earning 45 cts. per hour or \$21.60 per week. When the con-

dition was made to the 40-hour week, their rate was increased to 50 cts. per hour but their gross earnings totalled only \$20.00 per week.

There is a similar case to the above in the Pacific Air Depot where all the employees earning 45 cts. per hour when the 48-hour week was in effect were increased to 50 cts. per hour on the 40-hour week and all suffered a loss of \$1.60 weekly in their gross pay.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the competent authorities and early favorable action is anticipated.

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Helena Small
Reinstated

Cristobal, September 20 — On Thursday September 18, Sister Helena A. Small, IC No. 83247, employed at the Gold Clubhouse at Cristobal as Laundry girl, received notice of Reduction of Force, after having served satisfactorily for a period of six and a half years. Her case was taken to the first stage by Steward Egbert E. Davis of the same Department.

After outlining the facts surrounding Sister Small's grievance, the notice of Reduction was cancelled, and she is at work as usual.

WATER BOY RECLASSIFIED
.... AFTER 20 YEARS

Bro. Evans Worrell, IC 29373, employed by the Municipal Engineering Division, Northern District, was given notice of Reduction of Force on August 21st, effective 30 days thereafter.

On investigation conducted by Organizer Roland Dean, it was found that Bro. Worrell was an employee of over twenty years standing. He worked all this time as water-boy. Deciding to discontinue the position, the authorities without consideration for the long service record of this employee, served him with notice of Reduction as above stated.

Organizer Dean took up the

case and pressed the point that inasmuch as Bro. Worrell had given loyal and satisfactory service over such a long period, and since his Reduction in Force was due to the elimination of the specific duties he performed, that a reclassification as Laborer should meet the case. He also pointed out that, should it be found necessary, a trial period of 15 days be given Worrell. If he failed to satisfy his Supervisor, then other steps could be taken. This argument was successful—the order for Reduction of Force was rescinded and Bro. Worrell re-classified as a Laborer, with no loss in pay.

Square Deal
Obtained For
Old Timer

Bro. Charles Applewhite, IC No. 28465, an employee of the Municipal Engineering Division, Northern District, for over thirty years, was recently given Reduction of Force. Being advanced in age, not only would the brother have found it difficult to secure other employment, but have lost his right to disability relief.

His Grievance was taken up by Steward Victor Luscap through Organizer Dean. Making representation with due consideration to the above factor and loyal service, the Supervisor of the Northern District adjusted the case to one of termination due to physical disability. This proved satisfactory to Applewhite, who is now being processed according to routine.



Shop meeting of Cristobal Commissary Employees.

Change In Disability Form Made

Following a request made by the Union through the Executive Office, Form 487-4, heretofore used in cases where employees are sent to the hospital for a physical examination to determine their eligibility for Disability Relief, will be revised so that it will not appear that every employee sent for the examination has voluntarily applied for relief.

The revised form will now read "... is directed to report to you for examination", instead of the previous form which read..., whose signature appears below, is reporting to you in connection with his application for disability relief pay.

The old form will continue to be used in those cases where an employee voluntarily applies for disability relief.

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It has been turned over to a committee for investigation and report to the Executive Board at its meeting.

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ceived a spontaneous ovation from the enthusiastic audience.

The Chairman, thanked Bros. Erodsky and Sachs for their encouraging addresses, and said he would do his part to stir the keenness of the Navy employees and so get them to take a more active part in the affairs of the Union, and the present organizing campaign.

ORGANIZER'S CORNER . . .

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peated absence. Conduct — Mediocre; Workmanship — Mediocre'. — Payment for four hours to 138 dock workers who were called out to work and sent back home without working, through no fault of their own. — Refund of \$49.00 to Beresford Phillips, IC 27361, Building Division, that was deducted for hospital bill of non-dependent. — Reinforcement of Jonathan Samuels, IC 24511, employee of Gatun Track Gang, PRR, who was given a

TODAY'S TRENDS

By FOSTER BOURNES

This column is dedicated to the propagation of the gospel of trade unionism — so to speak. In keeping with this ideal we reprint for you, dear reader, a document which is truly the Emancipation Proclamation of Labor.

PREAMBLE

To The Constitution Of The

Congress of Industrial Organizations

The Congress of Industrial Organizations grew out of the needs of the unorganized workers of America which could be met most effectively by the industrial form of organization. Since its formation in 1935, the CIO has grown strong because the service it has given to American workers has made ours a better America. We of the CIO are the sons and daughters of ancestors who came to America to escape absolutism in government, bigotry in religion, and economic exploitation. We of the CIO are proud of this American quest for liberty and the struggle for equality. We seek, today, to implement this great heritage. We are dedicated to the responsibility for furthering economic opportunity, religious freedom, and political participation.

Democracy stems entirely from free choice. Diligently practiced, it is the only logical human formula for the attainment of economic and political independence; for the realization of a just and equitable return on one's labor; for guarantees of full employment, of social security, and of the protection of the family as an institution.

In the achievement of this task we turn to the people because we have faith in them; and we oppose all those who would violate this American emphasis of respect for human dignity, all those who would bring security and greater understanding to mankind throughout the world is endless. It is in this all-consuming struggle, however, that men and organizations make their contributions to a better life. Therefore, we in the CIO glory in our heritage and in the hope of our future. Racial persecution, intolerance, selfishness, and greed have no place in the human family. We will not be satisfied until ours is a world of free men and women and of happy children. It's to these ends that this Constitution of the CIO is dedicated. It is the Charter of our lives; through it we seek to maintain and extend liberty and opportunity here and throughout the world.

clearance reading "Unsatisfactory Service."

For his past good records, Organizer Evering has been "Knighted" Sir Josiah P. G., by his brother Organizers on the Pacific side.

Coming up Bros. Dean and Garcia! Coming up.

Are you a member?

If not: Way not?

RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH



Courtesy — Westerman's Panama Tribune W. I. Supplement
Carrying dynamite and such dangerous work always meant silver employees keeping a rendezvous with death during Construction Days.