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### I.L.W.U. SCHOLARSHIPS

By a referendum decision, the membership of the I.L.W.U. have approved a scholarship fund for the sons and daughters of I.L.W.U. members, to further their education. The vote carried 2 to 1, and the assessment is being levied to all ILWU Locals, for the month of July.

The officers of your Union have been in consultation with Dean Gage of the University of British Columbia, and a number of "plans" have come out of these discussions for the consideration of the next Area Board.

The proposed scholarships will be available for the next and future school terms, and will consist of approximately \$2,200 (based on the membership role of our Union, at One Dollar per member, annually).

All sons and daughters of ILWU members will be able to qualify in the next school term, by filling in the necessary forms that will be made available to them when a plan is adopted by the Area Board. More information on this subject will be available in future bulletins.

### TAHSIS

The leadership of Local 1-85 of the I.W.A. can beat the drums for a "hollow victory" in the recent contest to represent the Longshoremen at the port of Tahsis. After ignoring the long-standing agreement between the I.L.W.U. and the I.W.A., on contract policing and Jurisdictional rights, the I.W.A. reached an all-time low in siding with the employer against our Union and having the ILWU members fired in Tahsis.

The ILWU will be considering very closely any future relationships with the I.W.A. based on what we've had to contend with in this situation. We want to make it clear that our disagreements are not with the rank and file membership of the I.W.A., but we must point out that they must assume some of the responsibility for allowing their officers to enter into the field of Longshore contracts and bargaining without the agreement and approval of our Union.

In our opinion, the I.W.A. could well spend some of their time and energies in organizing a great deal of unorganized sawmill and logging operations that exist in British Columbia, and leave the loading and unloading of deepsea ships to the Unions best qualified to make gains for Longshoremen. With the problems of mechanization and conditions that exist in all basic industries today, the I.W.A. would be well advised to look at the logging and sawmilling problems before looking for greener fields. The lumber barons are making "hay" in this Province, and before the I.W.A. starts tackling the Shipping Companies, it would be well to start matching some of the Longshore conditions that have been established by the I.L.W.U.

The Area Board thanks all the Locals of our Union for their fine financial and moral support in the four week lock-out at Tahsis.

Some \$10,000 was contributed by our Locals, on a voluntary basis, to assist Tahsis Longshoremen.

It was necessary to give direct financial assistance to those in need, and to help in placing and moving the men and families to new jobs provided by the Locals. Financial statements will be available for the next Area Board meeting and the Locals.

Thanks again for your help and co-operation.

## P E N S I O N E R S

One of the decisions of the Area Convention was to give some assistance to the organization of Pensioners Clubs in B.C. We are happy to report a great enthusiasm amongst the oldtimers for the support they have received from the Locals and the Auxiliaries of the I.L.W.U.

They have had two membership meetings, and have elected their officers and a committee. The Ladies Auxiliaries have put on a very successful social and dance for them, and donated the total proceeds to them (over \$300.00).

We welcome the Pensioners Organization to our Union family, and pledge what assistance we can to help them in return for their storehouse of experience and history of our Union.

To date, the Pensioners have 54 members turning out to their Club, and we would suggest any other Locals or areas can obtain all the information or help in setting up Pensioners Clubs, by writing to the Area Office, or to Jack Paterson, the president of the Lower Mainland Pensioners Club.

## CHINA TRADE

The I.L.W.U. welcomes the recently signed grain agreement with China, making it Canada's fourth largest customer. Our Union has consistently called for trade agreements and the diplomatic recognition of China. Six hundred million people just can't "not exist".

The potential for trade and commerce through B.C. Ports to the Orient, is what helps make jobs for longshoremen, and for all workers in the manufacturing and processing industries, besides taking the large farm surplus to new markets and providing an answer to the ever-increasing problem of farm surpluses.

Announcement of the new grain deal with China, indicated that grain exports alone, in 1961, will amount to \$130 million. Over the three years (1961-63) Canadian grain sales to China now total \$422 million. This gigantic grain transaction is important from several points of view, in addition to the welcome stimulus to our export trade in the face of falling exports to the U.S.A. The Canadian government has at last recognized the common sense of arranging the necessary credit to facilitate a big deal like this, and it has accepted payment in sterling--the currency in which the buyer wished to deal. Now, why cannot arrangements along these lines be made for other export deals with China and other countries too?

Better still, why not barter deals? As far as we are concerned in the transportation industry, there is a lot more work in unloading commodities than there is in unloading "cash", whether it be silver or gold.

## LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

A fine display of helping the children of the waterfront area was made by the Vancouver Locals, raising \$1,300, to sponsor four teams of "little timers" wearing the colours of the I.L.W.U.

Thanks to the efforts of Bobbie Peebles, at the Area Convention, and the follow-up by the delegates to the Locals, plus the volunteer time put in by our members helping with the coaching and organizing of the teams, the I.L.W.U. does more than just give lip service to helping the community.

It is noteworthy to mention that a large percentage of underprivileged children live in this area, and was the only section of the whole of Vancouver that had no sponsored Little League Baseball.

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