PILLSBURY MILLS
PACT UPS WAGES

Ogden, Utah—Negotiations have just been completed with Pillsbury Milling Inc. (trade name Globe Mills) by OEU Local 220 on behalf of the office employees of the company. Frank W. Riott, Business Representative of the OEU, according to Local President Donald G. Merrill who handled the negotiations with the assistance of the negotiating committee composed of Henry D. Chard, Bernard B. Smith and Wayne Harriss, assisted by A. F. of L. Organizer H. B. Douglas.

Under the renewal agreement all classifications have been increased by $18 per month effective January 1, and PBX operators' classification has been regraded to the next higher classification. A strengthening of the union security clause was obtained so as to insure the full union shop clause with a shortening of the probationary period from 90 to 30 days.

The total number of paid holidays was increased to nine through the addition of Washington's birthday. Revisions were also made in the vacation and grievance procedures so as to make the same more workable, and a military service clause has been added, adequately preserving each employee's legal rights as to seniority upon return from military service.

10% Increase Won
At Liquid Carbonic

Boston, Mass.—All of the office and clerical employees of the Liquid Carbonic Corp. have received a 10 per cent general increase under the terms of a renewal agreement just completed by OEU Local 6, according to D. Paterson, AFL representative who assisted in the negotiations. The wage adjustment is retroactive to December 1. All other conditions of the previous agreement were preserved except that an additional holiday was obtained for all employees and provision was made for quarterly review of the salaries of newly hired employees.

TRUMAN SAYS LABOR HELPED REELECTION

Washington, D. C.—President Truman gave a large share of the credit for his election victory to organized labor.

Questioned by a reporter at his press conference on whether he would give credit to any particular elements, the President replied in the affirmative. The farmers and labor, Mr. Truman said, along with Senator Alben Barkley, his running mate; Secretary of Labor Tobin, Secretary of Agriculture Brandan, and a whole list of other people.

Let's Go, 81st Congress!

Further Substantial Gains
Won In Department Stores

Pittsburgh, Pa.—In its recent renewal agreements negotiated with the leading department stores in this city, OEU Local 33 has obtained a general 5 per cent increase in all salary rates, according to Local Business Representative Frank W. Riott. All wage schedules, including all six-month experience step increases, have also been increased by this amount. The increase is retroactive to November 1.

The agreements cover the many hundreds of office employees of Gimbel Brothers, the May Stores (formerly Kaufmann's), and Joseph Horne Co. All conditions of the new agreement are retroactive to November 1, 1948. The agreement covers a two-year period from that date with a wage reopening clause provided for November, 1949.

The renewal agreement preserves previous gains made for the office employees of these stores, including union security through maintenance of membership clauses. The union's right to continue union security clauses was established through recent NLRA union shop elections held under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act, in which elections the vote was almost unanimous for continuation of union security. In addition to wage adjustments, further clarification was made in the seniority clause of the agreements.

Assisted by Business Representative Frank W. Riott, the negotiating committee was composed of Mildred Weaver, Peg Yochum, Virginia Ackerman, May Whaley, Dorothy Kelly, and Ann Lifte. The Local reports that its recent dance for members and guests at the William Penn Hotel was such a great success that it is planning to hold another one annually. Oscar Adams was chairman of the committee that arranged the affair.

AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH CAPITAL STORE

Washington—OEU Local 2 has just completed its first agreement with a department store in this city, according to W. R. Proby, business representative of the local union.

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WAGE HIKE WON AT FRISCO TRANSPORT

St. Louis, Mo.—OEU Local 13 has recently completed a renewal agreement covering the office employees of the St. Louis operation of the Frisco Transportation Co.

The renewal includes a general 10 cent per hour increase for all employees, as well as various improvements in specific working conditions such as the elimination of double time for Sunday and holiday work, the establishment of a weekly pay-day instead of the former semi-monthly pay arrangement and a guarantee of no further holdups of pay for several weeks as occurred in the past.

The revised contract also provides for employees alternating on necessary overtime work, thus assuring at least one-half of the office force one-half day off every Saturday.

The renewal agreement was negotiated by the negotiating committee of three members employed in the establishment, assisted by Local Union President Leonhard A. Amrhein.

1949 CONVENTION

Washington, D. C.—"Meet Me in St. Louis" will be the theme of the officers and delegates of the OEU 1949 Convention, according to the Convention Call issued recently by Paul R. Hutchings, President, and J. Howard Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Union. The regular March, 1949 Convention is to be called to meet at the Statler Hotel in that city commencing March 21, 1949.

The selection of St. Louis was made in response to the cordial invitation of St. Louis Local No. 13, which will be the host Local to the convention.

This convention will have particular significance for the many OEU Locals in the Dominion of Canada for, in accordance with the action taken by the International Union's 1947 Convention, it will be proposed at this convention to elect a Vice President from Canada, in addition to 10 Vice Presidents from the various sections of the United States and a President and Secretary-Treasurer. A convention forum for Local Union organizational problems is planned for Sunday, March 20.

ANOTHER VICTORY

Albany, Ga.—An NLRA election for office and clerical employees of the Modern Coach Company has resulted in OEU Local 3's winning collective bargaining rights by an overwhelming majority, according to International Vice President J. O. Bloodworth.
Rebellion Against AMA Seen
By Head of Liberal Physicians

Washington, D. C. — "A grass
tops doctors' rebellion" against
the American Medical Association's
plan to raise a $3,800,000 war
cost to fight the Truman adminis-
tration's proposed national health
insurance program was predicted
by Dr. Channing Frothingham,
twice president of the Massachu-
setts State Medical Society, and
chairman of the Committee for the
Nation's Health.

APL President William Green
is an honorary vice chairman of the
Committee for the Nation's Health,
a national group of doctors and
laymen spearheading the fight for
national health insurance.

Also active on the committee in
APL Vice President Matthew Woll
and APL Director of Social Insur-
ce Activities Nelson Cruikshank.

Dr. Frothingham disclosed that
the AMA's House of Delegates is
not representative of the 140,000
AMA members. "Whereas half of
the country's active physicians are
under 45," he pointed out, "only
6 per cent of the delegates are
below this age level. Half of our
active doctors are general prac-
titioners but only 10 per cent of
the delegates fall within this cate-
gory. The rest are specialists."

Dr. Frothingham criticized the
House of Delegates, the AMA's
ruling body, for "pursuing a course
unworthy of the medical profession
and repugnant to the ethics of
American doctors." He declared
that AMA officers are failing "to
take the leadership in conjunction
with the APL, Elmo, farm, busi-
ness, and consumer organizations
to work out a program to bring
adequate medical care within the
reach of all Americans."

The Committee for the Nation's
Health, Dr. Frothingham an-
ounced, would support "whole-
heartedly" the administration's
proposals for national health in-
surance.

MORE LABOR OFFICIALS
FILE NON-RED AFFIDAVITS

Washington, D. C. — Some 106,
284 officials of national and local
unions have filed non-Communist
affidavits in compliance with the
Taft-Hartley Labor Management
Act, the National Labor Relations
Board reported.

This represents national American
Federation of Labor unions, 80
independent organizations
and 50 independent organiza-
tions the right to use the serv-
ces of the board in filing unfair
labor practice charges or to obtain
elections. A total of 11,076 local
unions met the requirements.

Canada's High Court
Knocks Out Oleo Ban

Ottawa. Oleomargarine will
appear in Canadian stores for the
first time as the result of a deci-
sion by Canada's Supreme Court.
The court knocked out the 62-year-
old ban on the manufacture and
sale of the product.

According to reports, the prob-
able price of oleo will be from 35
to 38 cents a pound, roughly half
the price of butter.

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Food for Europe Through CARE

AFZ unions are being urged to help feed European workers by purchasing CARE food packages. Shown at the CARE display at the AFL convention are, left to right: Stanley C. Ellis, OEIU International Vice President R. M. Daugherty; OEIU Secretary-Treasure J. Howard Hicks; Miss Madeleine C. Dillon, and OEIU International President Paul R. Hultings. Orders for packages or donations should be addressed to Ellis or Miss Dillon, who are AFL staff representatives at CARE offices, 50 Broad Street, New York 4, N. Y. The AFL-CARE national campaign is aimed at keeping a steady stream of food packages flowing to Europe as an extension of the efforts of workers in rebuilding a free, democratic trade union movement.

RENEWAL CONTRACT BRINGS MORE GAINS

Trenton, N.J.—A renewal agreement has been negotiated by the OEIU local union and the management of the United Rubber Company, which brings further benefits to the OEIU local union and its members as a result of the renewal agreement.

Vote for OEIU at Radiator Plant

Louisville, Ky.—By more than a two-thirds favorable vote, OEIU Local 51 has won bargaining rights for the brass checkers and clerks in the American Radiator Standard Sanitary Plant, according to Victor A. R. Carman, who assisted the Local Union in this matter.

All timekeepers employed by this company have been members of OEIU Local 61 for some time and have held, under this agreement, the new bargaining groups.

SUBVERSIVE SCHOOLS

Washington.—Included in the list of Communist organizations operating public schools by Attorney General Tom C. Clark are the so-called "labor" schools: Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago; California Labor School, Inc., San Francisco; George Washington Carver School, New York; Jefferson School of Social Science, New York; Ohio School of Social Sciences People's Educational Assn. (incorporated under name Los Angeles Educational Assn, Inc.). Also known as People's Educational Center, People's University, People's School, Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art; Samuel Adams School, Boston; Seattle Labor School, Seattle; Wash. Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia; Tom Paine School of Westchester, N. Y.; Wall Street School of Social Science, Newark, N. J.

WAGE HIKE WON AT DEPARTMENT STORES

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The Goldenberg department store, which has established its exclusive bargaining rights for all office and clerical employees some months ago through an NLRB election, is now operating under a signed contract with the local union, which brings benefits to more than 75 office employees of the establishment who are represented by the local union.

The agreement, which runs until March, 1950, assures the employees of an eight-hour day and a 40-hour week, with time and one-half overtime. Wage adjustments ranging up to $5 per week were obtained for the employees, and the agreement protects the employees against discharge except for just or sufficient cause. Final and binding grievance procedures are provided. The agreement also provides for paid sick leave and for paid vacations ranging up to three weeks after 10 years of service.

The contract provides for the continuation of the policy of paying a full week for part time service an extra week's pay at Christmas time. Employees of the company are entitled to a pre-retirement similar treatment.

WAGE RATES ROOSTED AT BRENNER'S STORE

Oakland, Calif.—OEIU Local 29 of the AFL-WC, in agreement with Brenner's Furniture Store at Richmond, Calif., under the terms of which the office and clerical employees' rates have been increased from $26 to $41 per month above the rates existing prior to organizing, according to Local Union Secretary-Treasurer Raymond R. Colliver.

The agreement assures a 40-hour work week, with time and one-half for overtime and for all work performed on Sundays, 5 P.M., as well as for Sunday work.

Paid vacations, time off without loss of pay, retirement, and provision for arbitration of any unsettled disputes are among the other matters covered under the contract.

AFZ ISSUES CHARTER TO FLIGHT ENGINEERS

Washington, D. C.—AFZ President Wulich announced a charter to the Flight Engineers International Association, which becomes the 168th local union affiliated with the AFL. Issuance of the charter was approved by the AFL Executive Council recently.

The union representatives explained that flight engineers are responsible for the safety and efficiency and safety on the larger type of commercial airplanes. The Civil Aeronautics Board now requires that there be a part of the crew of airliner planes with a gross weight of 80,000 pounds, not the most reactionary of Multnomah County legislators.


Washington, D. C.—The Government began selling a 115-page booklet telling Americans how to prepare their income tax returns. George J. Schoeneman, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, said the booklet could be obtained from the Government Printing Office for 25 cents.

He said it gave detailed information on the new income tax law under which taxpayers would file their returns next March 15, including specific illustrations.

The Commissioner said the booklet meant to be mailed to all taxpayers along with their income tax blanks.
RETROACTIVE PAY
BOOST AT BREWERY

Houston, Tex.—A wage increase of 20 cents per hour, retroactive to October 1, highlights the gains won in a new contract negotiated by Local 1129 and the Galveston-Houston Breweries, Inc., covering the office and clerical employees working for the company in this city.

Other gains in the agreement included an 8-hour day and 5-day week, establishment of premium pay for overtime, full pay for six holidays not worked and paid vacations, with vacations paid on the basis of length of service up to 10 years. The agreement also provides for seniority rights and for methods of settling grievances.

Negotiation of this first agreement was announced by Local Secretary-Treasurer Ron Chaddick who, together with Perne Mayberry, Felix Newton, and Geo. Spindler, served as the negotiating committee for the Local. They were ably assisted by George A. Wills, who represented the Houston Trades and Labor Council.

Educational Notes

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ship that must be faced by those in lower income groups. We must conclude, therefore, that while taxes may not be too high for the economy as a whole, they may bear too heavily on particular groups in our economy.

Burdening Low Income Groups

Any shifting of the tax burden to the low income groups over a period of time, therefore, will result in decreased purchasing power that will be reflected in a falling of consumption and production that will invite depression.

This shifting sanctioned by the 70th and 71st Congress was already reached dangerous proportions. The decline in corporation income tax collections of from $15.3 billion in 1947 has been accompanied by steadily rising prices. Whether the rising prices are stimulated by federal action or not, the effect is side by side. The point. The important fact is that while taxes on corporations declined $5.4 billion yearly, taxes on consumers in the form of levies on sales, use and gross receipts increased approximately $6 billion yearly. During the same period the cost of living index rose from 166.5, while corporation profits increased from 8.0 billion to $16.9 billion after taxes. The two successive reductions in the personal income tax which chiefly benefited those in the upper income tax brackets also combined with the cut in corporation income tax to increase the proportion of total tax revenue secured from taxes on consumption.

Labor's Program

The direction of labor's future tax program is quite clear. Taxes on sales, amusement, cigarettes, payrolls, utility bills and taxes on dozens of necessities should be reduced or eliminated. Taxes on incomes should be reduced to the bulk of our revenue, both nation-ally and within the states. Labor should continue, too, to op-

UNION LABEL TRADES
HAILS LABOR PRESS

Washington, D. C.—The 40th convention of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor which was held recently in Cincinnati unanimously passed a resolution expressing appreciation for the outstanding cooperation this active department is receiving from the editors of Union Labor Press, the American Federationist, and the AFL Weekly News Service.

Another resolution expressed the deep gratitude of the convention for the unusual support the Union Label Department is receiving from the officials and members of the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor.

OEIU Officer On
Governor's Staff

Tallahassee, Fla.—J. O. Bloodworth, Jr., an international vice president of the Office Employes International Union has been commissioned an honor lieutenant colonel on the staff of Governor Fuller Warren, the recently elected governor of the state of Florida. Governor Warren was elected with the strong support of organized labor in the state at the last general election.

State Labor Statutes
Top Taft-Hartley Law

Washington—The Taft-Hartley law yields superiority to state laws which "prohibit" compulsory union membership and which reduce the power of state laws which merely "regulate" labor-management agreements, the National Labor Relations Board ruled.

The board decided in the case of Northland Greyhound Lines, Inc., and the Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees Union, Local 133, that's the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to poll the employees.

Hope Belongs

Radio and screen comedian Bob Hope, a member of the AFL actors union, was one of the stars who participated in organized labor's drive to get out the vote that re-elected President Truman and a Democratic Congress.

Gather Data On
Industrial Peace

Washington—A new type of report to determine how many of the over 100,000 labor-management agreements are signed each year, without a strike is now being developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

An article in the December Labor Information Bulletin explains that at the present time no statistics exist which show the extent of peaceful collective bargaining in the United States. The article goes on to say that "industrial peace," the day-to-day, year-to-year, peaceful and uninterrupted union and employer relations go unheralded and unnoticed.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is now developing a program intended to supplement its statistics on strikes with statistics on "industrial peace." This new approach will, for the first time, attempt to collect data on the number of agreements signed each month, the workers covered by the agreements, and whether the agreement was reached without a stoppage.

Unions will be asked to supply this information to the BLS at regular monthly intervals.

It is expected that BLS will obtain information which will show, not only work stoppages but also a number of agreements signed without any loss in production time or workers' earnings.

RENEW CONTRACT
WITH GAS UTILITY

Portland, Ore.—Negotiations on the renewal of the agreement between Local 11 and the Portland Gas and Coke Company are presently underway, according to T. M. Haskins, president of the Local. Negotiations are being conducted jointly with company managers of Local 11 and International Chemical Workers Union Local 133 which represents production employees.

Principal aims of Local 11 in the contract renewal include an improved union shop provision as well as revised agreements. All office workers employed by the company, salary increases coupled with an improved job classification program and adjustment of any existing inequities, an increase in the minimum monthly pay, and an improved sick leave program based on length of service.

Cognitant of the growing trend toward a higher work week, Local 11 is also requesting a 37 and one-half hour work week comprised of five, seven and one-half hour days, plus paid holidays. The work week is currently starting between four p.m. and eight a.m. Among other proposed changes is an agreement for an improved seniority provision, additional insurance against strikes and layoffs, a whole, the granting a pension plan for all employees of the company covered by the agreement.

Wholesale Paper Agreements Up

Negotiations on the renewal of the paper distributors agreement between the local union and the Blake, Moffitt and Towne Company, wholesale paper distributors, are to commence soon. The union recently completed renewal of its agreement with the Carter-Rice Company, a similar corporation, which provides a salary increase of nine cents per hour for all employees retroactive to October 1, 1947.

Other agreements presently being renewed or upon which negoti-a-tions will soon start include the agreements with the Miller Stove and Furnace Works and the agreement between the union and AFU for an additional benefit involving all local chain food stores.

Corporations File Up
Huge Capital Reserve

Washington—Corporations must be buying more and bigger "strong boxes," which accumulate their ac-cumulating piles of cash. At least, that's the picture conjured up by a recent study and Exchange Commission report.

"Net working capital" is cash, government bonds and other assets which are practically the same as cash. It does not include the value of the plants and equipment owned by the corporations.

From $24,500,000,000 in 1938, the amount of corporate "net working capital" went up rapidly and steadily in the war and post-war years, to $80,400,000,000 at the end of September, 1947.