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Drill Team founder Josh Williams passes page 6



Photo by Michelle Meese

Bernie visits Pedro: The final major primary battle for Bernie Sanders took place in California on June 7. He visited San Pedro for a rally on May 27 with many ILWU and other union members.

Sanders' campaign climax in California

Bernie Sanders' Presidential campaign shocked the political establishment by morphing into a movement with clear working-class politics that inspired a new generation of young people and working families. Sanders won 12 million votes and scored victories in 22 states, but his campaign came to a bittersweet conclusion on June 7 when the final major primary in California was lost by 13 points.

Turnout was short

The California primary election involved 3.5 million voters – an impressive number that dwarfed other states – but fell short of the 5 million who voted in the state's 2008 primary when Clinton faced Obama. Turnout wasn't helped by an announcement just before election

day that Clinton had won enough delegates to secure the nomination.

Young & indies register

Sanders' powerful appeal to younger and independent voters motivated record numbers to register before the election. But many who took that step checked a "no party preference" box instead of registering as "Democrats" – then found it nearly impossible to actually cast a vote for Sanders due to cumbersome election rules. California's steady growth of "NPP" voters, now totaling 4 million, amounts to 24% of the electorate and will soon surpass the number of registered Republicans, so winning independent voters is increasingly important to candidates and a source of anxiety for both establishment parties.

Uncounted ballots

Days after the election, California's Secretary of State reported that 2.6 million ballots had yet to be counted. Roughly 1.8 million

of them were "mail-in" ballots with 705,000 classified as "provisional." While it's virtually impossible that the remaining ballots would reverse the outcome, the results could narrow somewhat by the July 15 deadline when the final results must be certified.

The Bernie alternative

"The Bernie Sanders movement presented us with a rare opportunity to support a candidate who was willing to stand with the working class," said Cathy Familathe, President of the ILWU's Southern California District Council that helped coordinate member outreach and education efforts. "Bernie showed us that it's possible to be a viable candidate who can challenge the growing influence of business-as-usual, corporate-backed candidates in both parties," she said. "ILWU members seemed to really respond to what he was saying."

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Dear Bernie:

I don't know what you're going to do from here on, and I'm not going to advise you. You've earned the right to figure out the next steps for your campaign and the movement you have launched.

But let me tell you this: You've already succeeded.

At the start they labeled you a "fringe" candidate – a 74-year-old, political Independent, Jewish, self-described democratic socialist, who stood zero chance against the Democratic political establishment, the mainstream media, and the moneyed interests.

Then you won 22 states.

And in almost every state – even in those you lost – you won vast majorities of voters under 30, including a majority of young women and Latinos. And most voters under 45.

You have helped shape the next generation.

You've done it without SuperPACs or big money from corporations, Wall Street, and billionaires. You did it with small contributions from millions of us. You've shown it can be done without selling your soul or compromising your conviction.

You've also inspired millions of us to get involved in politics – and to fight the most important and basic of all fights on which all else depends: to reclaim our economy and democracy from the moneyed interests.

Your message – about the necessity of single-payer healthcare, free tuition at public universities, a \$15 minimum wage, busting up the biggest Wall Street banks, taxing the financial speculation, expanding Social Security, imposing a tax on carbon, and getting big money out of politics – will shape the progressive agenda from here on.

Your courage in taking on the political establishment has emboldened millions of us to stand up and demand our voices be heard.

Regardless of what you decide to do now, you have ignited a movement that will fight onward. We will fight to put more progressives into the House and Senate. We will fight at the state level. We will organize for the 2020 presidential election.

We will not succumb to cynicism. We are in it for the long haul. We will never give up.

Thank you, Bernie.
Robert Reich

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter from former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich was recently sent to Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, following the California Primary election. Reich, a political economist who now teaches at the University of California, Berkeley, was once close to the Clinton's but became increasingly frustrated with the war against workers by corporate America and Wall Street. Reich is now urging voters to defeat Donald Trump and has produced an excellent series of short videos that are easily found on the web.

DEDICATION

This issue of *The Dispatcher* is dedicated to the memory of 49 young people who were brutally murdered and the 53 who were injured on June 12 at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

"We stand in solidarity with the victims and their families who are suffering because of bigotry and hatred that has no place in our world. An injury to one is an injury to all."

Robert McEllrath
ILWU International President



Local 23 raises over \$9,000 to fight Multiple Sclerosis



On Saturday April 9th, above Chambers Bay Golf Course, the ILWU Local 23 team made up of Longshore workers, family and friends walked to raise funds to help fight Multiple Sclerosis. The team proudly wore union made team "Local 23" t-shirts for the community to see. In addition to participating in the walk-a-thon, Local 23 members also held two fundraisers at their hall and raised a total of \$9,884, to fight Multiple Sclerosis—the most the local has ever raised for this charity.

The fundraising events were a success thanks to the volunteer efforts of Lisa Cole Aldrich, Todd Aldrich, Rene Verone, Nicole Ward, Dirk and Terrie Graham, Erica Williams, Angie Burr Harris, Meghan Mason, Laura Forstein, Barb Alverson, Kristine Miller and Holly Hulscher.

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Coal showdown June 27 at Oakland City Council; Protest Saturday, June 25th at City Hall, 1 PM

Developers of a controversial Oakland coal export terminal that is opposed by Bay Area ILWU locals, residents, public health and environmental groups is heading for a showdown with the Oakland City Council on June 27.

Protest and hearing

Opponents of the coal export terminal will hold a protest at Oakland City Hall on Saturday, June 25 at 1 PM.

Secret plan

Developers behind the project kept their coal terminal plans a secret and didn't release details until after they

won a lucrative development deal to renovate Oakland's former Army base that sits adjacent to the Port.

Most unions oppose

Bay Area ILWU Locals are among the many labor and community groups who oppose the project. Unions affiliated with the Alameda Central Labor Council have already taken a strong position against the scheme – although two unions, the Teamsters and Laborers, broke with the rest of labor and are siding with developers. Officials in Utah are offering \$53 million in public funds to entice developers into to pursuing the controversial plan.

Serious concerns

At a previous City Council hearing, state and federal experts testified that the project raises significant health and environmental concerns to:

- Local residents who live near the project;
- Communities along 1000 miles of train track between Oakland and Utah;
- Workers who mine coal in Utah, transport it and load the fuel onto ships;
- People living in poor countries where the dirty fuel will be burned;
- Citizens around the world exposed to mercury, fine particle soot and CO2 that causes global climate change.



Allied for good jobs: Local 10 Secretary-Treasurer Derrick Muhammad and Jose Lopez of Communities for a Better Environment are both fighting for good jobs in Oakland without an export coal terminal. They were among 100 activists at a "No Coal Picnic" in Oakland on May 22.

Legislative support

State Senator Loni Hancock has taken a strong stance against the coal terminal, consistent with more than 500 constituents her district, including Oakland, who responded to a survey. She says 92 percent of respondents were oppose to the coal terminal, and 96 percent want no public funding for the project.

Hancock authored two bills that would protect local residents from the proposed coal terminal: Senate Bill 1277 would require the coal project to undergo an Environmental Impact

Review. Senate Bill 1279 would prohibit state funds from being used for the project. Both bills have been passed by the State Senate and will soon be considered by the State Assembly.

In April, Local 10 Secretary-Treasurer Derrick Muhammad, testified in favor of the bills at a Sacramento legislative hearing, saying: "We cannot support this project at the expense of the environment, at the expense of the health and safety of our workforce and at the expense of the marginalized community that sits adjacent to the Port of Oakland."



No coal kids: Eight year-old Jimmy Brown and 7 year-old sister Jyla don't want a coal export terminal in Oakland.

ILWU leaders join global effort to hold Rio Tinto accountable

ILWU International Secretary-Treasurer Willie Adams led an ILWU delegation to Brisbane, Australia in early May that included Local 20 President Rudy Dorame and Local 30 member Darrell Nichols.

The ILWU leaders joined nearly 50 of their counterparts from 11 countries who comprise the Rio Tinto Global Union Network, which represents thousands of workers employed by Rio Tinto, one of the world's largest mining companies.

ILWU's Rio Tinto contracts

The global group heard a report from Darrell Nichols who explained the story behind a renewed 5-year contract that was ratified last December by Local 30 members at Rio Tinto's mine in Boron, CA. In 2010, workers waged an impressive fight when the company initiated a 15-week lockout.

"It was incredible to see some of the same Australian workers who came over to support our lockout fight back in 2010," said Nichols. "I've worked at Rio Tinto for 40 years, and seen plenty of things in Boron, including their use of outside contractors at our mine, but I was shocked at the way the company has been treating workers in other countries."

Local 20 President Rudy Dorame explained that the 67 members who load and store Rio Tinto products at a private dock in Los Angeles Harbor are gearing up to win a new contract in June of 2017.

"The comradery and support we felt from all the different unions was awesome," said Dorame, "We have to be prepared for a big fight back home in Wilmington – if that's what it takes to win a fair contract."

Strikes and contingent workers

Union representatives from France and Iceland reported on their recent strikes at Rio and thanked the network for supporting those struggles.

Unions from every country reported that Rio Tinto has been increasing the number of temporary workers at their facilities. Representatives from Canada, Iceland, Madagascar and Namibia discussed their recent campaigns to address this problem. A hard-hitting video was shown that exposed workers being abused at Rio Tinto's Madagascar operation, where the company has invested billions but failed to address poor living and working conditions there.

Domrame said he was particularly impressed by what workers in Madagascar, South Africa and Indonesia



Global strength: Dozens of union activists representing Rio Tinto workers around the world gathered recently in Brisbane, Australia to coordinate strategy against the mammoth mining company.

were doing to organize for better pay. Rio Tinto has been paying some workers as low as \$167 per month.

The network agreed to tackle an ambitious solidarity agenda that will help union members challenge Rio Tinto on a global scale. A resolution was unanimously passed to support the Maritime Union of Australia which is pressing Rio Tinto to reverse their decision that replaced Australian seafarers with exploited foreign workers who are paid as little as \$ 2 an hour.

Shareholder meeting

Following the network meeting, participants went to Rio Tinto's annual shareholder meeting in Brisbane. Network participants questioned Rio Tinto board members about the company's global labor problems.

Andrew Vickers, who chairs the Rio Tinto Global Union Network and serves as General Secretary of Australia's Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), reported that officials from Rio Tinto recently inquired about the possibility of establishing better labor relations around the world. Discussions to explore exactly what that might mean are continuing.

"We're interested to see if Rio Tinto is just using new rhetoric – or willing to get serious about improving their treatment of workers and unions," said International Secretary-Treasurer Willie Adams. He noted that the upcoming contract negotiations with Local 20 members will be one way to evaluate Rio Tinto's claims.

Sanders' campaign climax in California



Fighting a corrupt political system: Senator Bernie Sanders took time from his busy campaign schedule to meet with ILWU leaders following the May 27 rally in San Pedro. (L-R): Pacific Coast Pensioners President Greg Mitre, California Nurses Association Vice President Malinda Markowitz, Senator Sanders, Local 13 President Bobby Olvera, Jr., and ILWU Vice President (Mainland) Ray Familathe.

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Sanders in San Pedro

Sanders warmly embraced endorsements from more progressive unions, including the ILWU, Communications Workers, Nurses, Transit and other local unions during his campaign, including Steelworkers Local 675 in Carson, CA. Sanders' May 27 visit to San Pedro was extra special because of the significant ILWU presence. Thousands came with only 48-hours' notice to attend a spirited and photogenic waterfront rally with cranes and container ships in the background. Longshore leaders who spoke at the rally – as individuals, not union officials – included Local 13 President Bobby Olvera, Jr., ILWU Pacific Coast Pensioners President Greg Mitre and International Vice President Ray Familathe who introduced Sanders by declaring:

“Bernie doesn't worry about stepping on toes or hurting the feelings of one-percenters, Wall Streeters and puffed-up business tycoons. He's willing to stand with the working class and stay with the working class. That's what he's always done in Congress; that's what he's done on the campaign trail, and that's why we're supporting him for President of the United States. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Bernie Sanders!”



So Cal Representative: Local 29 member Camron Pate is a Democratic delegate who will vote on rules, platform planks and formally nominate a Presidential candidate in Philly.

Sanders arrived at the podium wearing an ILWU jacket that appeared in photos and television appearances for several days.

After thanking the many union and community members who attended, Sanders delivered the passionate stump speech that distinguished him as the first Presidential candidate since Franklin Roosevelt to come down hard on bankers and big business – while advocating for workers and all Americans who have been left behind as the rich have become richer and more powerful.

“We need a political revolution because one-tenth of one-percent in this country now owns as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent of Americans,” Sanders said.

Optimistic future

He also struck a positive and hopeful tone, noting that “so many young people have supported our vision of social justice, economic justice, racial justice, and environmental justice.” Sanders detailed his program for real change that included “breaking up the big banks, providing health care for all, reforming the criminal justice system and ending a corrupt political system that works for billionaires and corporations but excludes most Americans and threatens our democracy.” He concluded by noting that “real change always has come from the bottom-up, not the top-down. That's the history of the labor movement, and that's what our movement is about.”

Flurry of final campaigning

Sanders left San Pedro for a meeting with residents concerned about oil companies fracking in their neighborhood, and held another rally before appearing as a guest on the “Real Time with Bill Maher” TV show. In the days that followed, Sanders visited California's Central Valley before arriving at the Bay Area for a final push, including a rally in Oakland's Oscar Grant Plaza where actor Danny Glover – introduced by Local 10 member and longtime friend Clarence Thomas – warmed up the large crowd before Sanders took the stage.

San Francisco finale

Sanders final California campaign rally was held on the eve before election day in San Francisco. With the sun setting on the Golden Gate Bridge behind him and a chilly wind buffeting thousands who gathered around him, Sanders urged activists to keep fighting for the issues raised by the campaign.

Election night & beyond

As polls closed the next day and the disappointing results came in, Sanders spoke to supporters in a large airplane hangar in Santa Monica. His address remained focused on the issues, but he also acknowledged speaking earlier that evening with President Obama and Hillary Clinton. He pivoted to focus more fire on Donald Trump, declaring that the “American people will never support a candidate who's major theme is bigotry,” and added, “our vision is about more than defeating Trump – it's about transforming the country.”

ILWU members in Philly

The next phase of the Presidential campaign will move to Philadelphia on July 25-28 where Democratic Party convention delegates will debate an issue platform and set rules for future elections – in addition to formally nominating the party's candidate. Many of the delegates will be members of labor unions who ran in little-noticed caucus meetings that were held

recently in each congressional district. One of those delegates is Local 23 President Dean McGrath. Another is Jeff Engels of Seattle, a member of the ILWU's Inlandboatmen's Union (IBU) who serves as West Coast Coordinator of the International Transport Workers Federation. Joining them is Camron Pate, Local 29 leader and political activist who said she is, “excited and thrilled to be a delegate and looking forward to doing some serious work at the Philadelphia convention.” Another possible delegate is Local 63 member and SCDC President Cathy Familathe who is a runner-up and at-large candidate for a possible delegate slot. Another alternate delegate is Local 23's Zach Pattin.

“We'll be travelling at our own expense, but remembering all our brothers and sisters back home who want to see real change in this country, along the lines that Bernie Sanders advocated,” said Engels.

ILWU International President Bob McEllrath says he remains hopeful about the lasting impact of Bernie Sanders' effort. “Sanders re-shuffled the deck and shook-up the political establishment, which is exactly what America needs now. He got the ball rolling, but the rest of us have to keep pushing for real change, even when it's unpopular with those in power.”



Local 20 Vice President Mike Gonzalo and his son joined Local 20 President Rudy Dorame at the May 27 Bernie Sanders rally in San Pedro.



ILWU voices in Philly: IBU member and IFT Inspector Jeff Engels (L) and Local 23 President Dean McGrath will both attend the Democratic Party Convention as delegates on July 25-28.

Photo by Michelle Meese

ILWU volunteers join Oakland District 5 clean-up

An estimated 100 ILWU volunteers provided most of the labor and resources for a successful community clean-up effort in partnership with Oakland District 5 Councilmember Noel Gallo on Saturday, May 14. The impressive turnout topped results from the previous clean-up effort held last October.

"ILWU volunteers are such a welcome and important part of our community," said City Councilmember Noel Gallo who represents a working-class district in east Oakland where illegal dumping has left residents with more than their share of discarded waste.

In addition to contributing their labor, the ILWU contributed a total of 9 pickup trucks that were used to haul waste to a city collection site. The ILWU also contributed funds to help pay for food, drinks and t-shirts, courtesy of Locals 6, 10, 34, 91 and the Inland Boatment's Union (IBU).

A team of 18 volunteers from Local 10 were assigned to clean-up Oakland's Animal Services facility that had become overgrown with weeds, foliage and refuse.

Another group of volunteers from Local 6 and 10 went to the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park where they painted a small bridge and cleaned-up a creek that was clogged with illegally-dumped waste.

"I came with my family because all of us wanted to contribute," said Maria Vilma Reyes, a member of Local 6 who works at Recycle America/Waste Management.

Yet another team spread out on city streets to collect piles of old mattresses, abandoned furniture and waste of all kinds from sidewalks, street corners, and vacant lots.

A crew of 36 divided into 12 "pick-up" teams that loaded the refuse into their trucks and hauled it to the collection center.

As in previous efforts, recycling workers who belong to Local 6 have been a key part of the effort. A big turnout from members employed by Alameda County Industries, joined with other recyclers who work for Waste Management, California Waste Solutions and BLT in Fremont.

The City was able to provide a few staff to help with the effort, but far less than the number needed by residents to stay ahead of the illegal dumping. In an



Community service: Local 10 volunteers joined with recycling workers who belong to Local 6 to support a massive community clean-up effort in Oakland on May 14. Chris Christensen, President of the Bay Area Longshoremen's Memorial Association was one of those who joined the effort and said the project was coordinated by the ILWU's Northern California District Council and part of the union's tradition of community service.

ideal world, the City of Oakland would be paying crews of municipal workers to get the job done, but Councilmember Gallo says that the City's budget hasn't allowed for enough staffing.

"This is a stop-gap measure until we can find a better solution that provides enough funding for all sorts of urgently-needed city services, includ-

ing better enforcement and collection of illegal dumping in working-class neighborhoods," said Gallo, who spends most of his weekends helping with clean-up drives. "Until we win that fight, the ILWU and other community groups are helping residents in a direct way and winning some well-deserved appreciation from all of us."

Voluntarios de ILWU se unen a obras de limpieza en Oakland

El 14 de mayo, se calcula que 100 voluntarios de ILWU aportaron la mayor parte de la mano de obra y los recursos para la jornada de limpieza – en colaboración con el concejal del Distrito 5 Noel Gallo – de la comunidad en Oakland. La extraordinaria participación superó los resultados de la campaña de limpieza celebrada el pasado mes de octubre.

"Los voluntarios de ILWU son una parte muy estimada e importante de nuestra comunidad," dijo el concejal municipal Noel Gallo que representa a un barrio popular del este de Oakland en el que el vertido ilegal de basura ha dejado a los residentes inundados de desechos descartados.



Getting it done: Local 6 union Steward Jose Degadillo who works at Alameda County Industries, unloads material with Oakland Councilmember Noel Gallo.

Además de contribuir su mano de obra, ILWU aportó un total de 9 camionetas que fueron utilizadas para transportar los residuos a un centro de recolección de la Ciudad. ILWU también aportó fondos para ayudar a cubrir el costo de la comida, las bebidas y camisetas, cortesía de los Locales 6, 10, 34, 91 y el Sindicato de Barqueros de Aguas Internas (IBU).

Un equipo de 18 voluntarios del Local 10 fueron asignados a la limpieza de un albergue de animales de la Ciudad que estaba rodeado de hierba, maleza y basura.

Otro grupo de voluntarios del Local 6 y 10 fueron al Parque Histórico de la Hacienda Peralta en el que pintaron un pequeño puente y desataron un arroyo lleno de basura que había sido vertida allí ilegalmente.

"Vine con mi familia porque todos nosotros queríamos ayudar," dijo Maria Vilma Reyes, una afiliada del Local 6 que trabaja en Recycle America/Waste Management.

Un equipo más se dispersó por las calles de la ciudad para recoger pilas de colchones viejos, mobiliario abandonado y basura de todo tipo de las aceras, esquinas y lotes baldíos.

Una cuadrilla de 36 voluntarios se dividió en 12 equipos, uno por cada camioneta, para cargar los desperdicios y transportarlos al centro de recolección.

Al igual que en jornadas anteriores, los trabajadores de reciclaje que pertenecen al Local 6 fueron parte fundamental del esfuerzo. Una gran par-



Los voluntarios Jorge Flores y George Sanchez son miembros del Local 6 que trabajan como recicladores en Alameda County Industries (ACI) en San Leandro. Flores dice que ayudar a la comunidad es importante porque el año pasado muchos líderes de la comunidad estuvieron dispuestos a ayudar a los trabajadores de ACI, que tuvieron éxito en su lucha por los buenos salarios y beneficios.

ticipación de miembros empleados por Alameda County Industries se sumaron a otros recicladores que trabajan en Waste Management, California Waste Solutions y BLT de Fremont.

La Ciudad logró asignar unos cuantos empleados para ayudar con la campaña, pero mucho menos que lo requerido por los residentes para hacer frente al vertido ilegal de basura. En un mundo ideal, la Ciudad de Oakland pagaría el costo de las cuadrillas de trabajadores municipales para que hicieran el trabajo, pero el concejal Gallo dice que el presupuesto de la Ciudad no permite una suficiente dotación de personal.

"Esta es una medida provisional hasta que encontremos una mejor solución para financiar todo tipo de servicios que se requieren urgentemente, incluso una mejor aplicación de las leyes sobre vertidos ilegales y su recolección en los barrios populares," dijo Gallo, que pasa la mayoría de sus fines de semana ayudando con las campañas de limpieza. "Hasta que ganemos esa batalla, el ILWU y otros grupos de la comunidad están ayudando a los residentes de una forma directa y ganándose un muy merecido reconocimiento de todos nosotros".

Josh Williams: Local 10 Drill Team Founder



Josh Williams, the longtime ILWU member and pensioner who created and led Local 10's famous Drill Team for 50 years, passed on June 3 at the age of 83.

Like many African-Americans of his generation, Williams' family was based in the south. His father was a sharecropper and Josh remembered working in the fields with him to pick cotton when he was seven years old.

Williams excelled as an athlete in high school before joining the Army

which allowed him to escape from the Jim Crow laws of the South. After basic training in Southern California where he learned to march and drill, Williams applied to be a paratrooper but was barred because he was African-American. After serving in the Korean War, he enrolled at City College in San Francisco where he joined a fraternity and experimented with modifying the drills that he learned in the military. The college Dean told him to stop drilling and study more.

When Williams joined the ILWU in 1959 at the age of 26, union members were in the middle of a difficult struggle – transitioning away from the labor-intensive “break-bulk” loading process involving “gangs” of men who sometimes labored together for weeks on a vessel – and moved towards the new container technology that raised productivity and profits, while cutting turn times and the size of the workforce.

Williams and his co-workers who survived this transition found themselves able to win new contracts with dramatically better pay and benefits, but he and others were also inspired by the Civil Rights Movement that was sweeping the country.

In 1965, Williams invented a new kind of “drill team” that would blend union solidarity themes with military drills and some slick dance moves. The following year they showcased the Local 10 Drill Team's unique style at a mass march down Market Street to honor Cesar Chavez and his newly-organized farmworker campaign. In 1967, they performed when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., visited Local 10, and continued performing at social justice events both large and small – in the Bay Area and across the country – including massive anti-war protests, May Day demonstrations, parades, receptions and ceremonies of all kinds.

A memorial service was held for Williams on June 15th at Duggan's Serra Mortuary in Daily City. It was attended by approximately 100 family, friends and union brothers and sisters whose lives Josh has touched. The Local 10 Drill Team gave their general a final send off. Former drill team members from as far away as Los Angeles made the trip to say their final good byes to Josh.

Following the service, a repast was hosted at the Local 10 Hall. The ILWU International officers approved a \$1,500 donation for the reception. Josh's internment was held on June 22 at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.



Making history by marching: Over the years, Williams and the Drill Team marched with Jessie Jackson, Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Francis Hallet, former member of Locals 13, 63 and IBU passes

William Francis Hallet Sr. died in his home on March 23, 2016 surrounded by his family. He was born on April 12, 1928 in San Pedro, California. He graduated from San Pedro High School in 1948. He married his love, Elevia Hallet, in 1965.

Bill was a man who wore many hats in his life. He was a proud union man, a veteran merchant marine during the Second World War and worked for his family business, Hallet Plumbing, for many years.

He was an active member of the ILWU for 62 years who belonged to Locals 13, 63 and the Inlandboatmen's Union (IBU). During that time he was

elected to serve on several boards for the Local 63 and the IBU.

Bill began his maritime career when he was just 16 years old. With his mother's written permission, he started shipping out on Liberty Ships. These vessels brought ammunition and other supplies to fighting military forces during the Second World War.

He continued his education after returning home after the war. He then went sailing again until 1952 when he became a member of Local 13. After 40 years in Local 13, Bill transferred to Local 63 and was an active member in that local for 22 years.

Bill was also a member in the IBU for 40 years, working on his time-off from the ILWU. He seldom missed a day's work. He would take his vaca-

tion time to work in San Francisco on the ferries after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake along with of his sons Mike, Barry and William Jr.

Bill also went back to Crawford's Maritime school in San Francisco to get his license and eventually his a Third Mate's license that enabled him to sail any ship on all waters. He took 3 months off in 1981 to sail on the *Santa Magnalina* throughout South America.

Most of his children also became ILWU members: Kathie (Local 63), Mike (Local 63), Bill Patrick (Local 13), William, Jr. (Local 13) and Chris (Local 13). His son, Barry, was also a casual for many years, and Bill's grandchildren Eric and Lea and her husband Jimmy all joined Local 13. All of his sons



and the 2 grandchildren worked together with Bill as members of the IBU.

Bill is survived by his nine children, 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Ted Hansen: Key supporter of the Harry Bridges Center

Former ILWU Local 52 member Ted Hansen – one of the most generous supporters of the Harry Bridges Center at the University of Washington – passed away the first week of May at the age of 89.

Ted was raised on the Seattle waterfront by his late father who was a gear man for the Western Stevedore Company. After graduating from West Seattle High School in 1945, Ted served in the U.S. Marine Corps and later attended Seattle University.

In 1955, Ted began working full time on the waterfront as a checker

with ILWU Local 52 Marine Clerks, where he served several terms on the union's Executive Board.

In 2004-2005, Ted and his wife Doris made a generous donation that established the Theodore L. and Doris M. Hansen Endowed Fund in Labor Studies at the University of Washington. The fund supports educational activities of the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, focusing on events and programs in South Central Seattle. In 2012, Ted and Doris received the Robert Duggan Distinguished Supporter in Labor Studies Award.

“Ted's sense of humor, kindness, and passion for community education

will be sorely missed,” said Andrew Hedden, Associate Director of the Harry Bridges Center. Hansen is sur-

vived by his wife of forty years, Doris. No memorial was held in accordance with Ted's wishes.



Ted and Doris Hansen with the late David Olson (right), first Chair of the Harry Bridges Center for labor studies

Working Hands exhibit showcases photographs of ILWU longshore and recycling workers

The Hayward Area Recreation District's PhotoCentral is featuring an exhibition entitled Working Hands, that features photographs of longshore workers taken by former ILWU Local 34 member Frank Silva and photographs of farmworkers and ILWU Local 6 recycling workers taken by David Bacon, who is a frequent contributor to the *Dispatcher*.

The images showcase the unseen work that is necessary to put food on our tables, deliver the goods we need, and clean up after we're done. These photographs capture the essence of the workplace—from the Oakland waterfront, the fields of California's Central Valley and the berry farms of Washington State to the recycling warehouses of the East Bay—and give us a glimpse into the lives and struggles of these workers.

Waterfront writers and artists

"I started in photography in high school," Silva said. "I started on the waterfront in 1965 and started to photograph the waterfront in 1978. I

took photographs, pretty much every time I had to opportunity for 10 years. And these photos are all of jobs that I was on and the people I worked with at the time"

Silva said he was recruited into a group of writers and artists from the longshore industry. "The group was called the Waterfront Writers and Artists. We produced a book and photographs and poetry and a slideshow which we took around to various places around the Bay Area to show. We wanted to tell the union's story—what it's like to be on the waterfront and have these relationships for a long time and the benefit of the union."

Photographing history

"One part of my contribution is about farmworkers and one part is about recycling workers," explained David Bacon. "I think it's really great that they are combined with images from the longshore too because these are all about work that the ILWU has been involved with. The union does represent agricultural workers in Hawaii, but also in California, the union was also the biggest supporter for organizing farmworkers from the 1930s all

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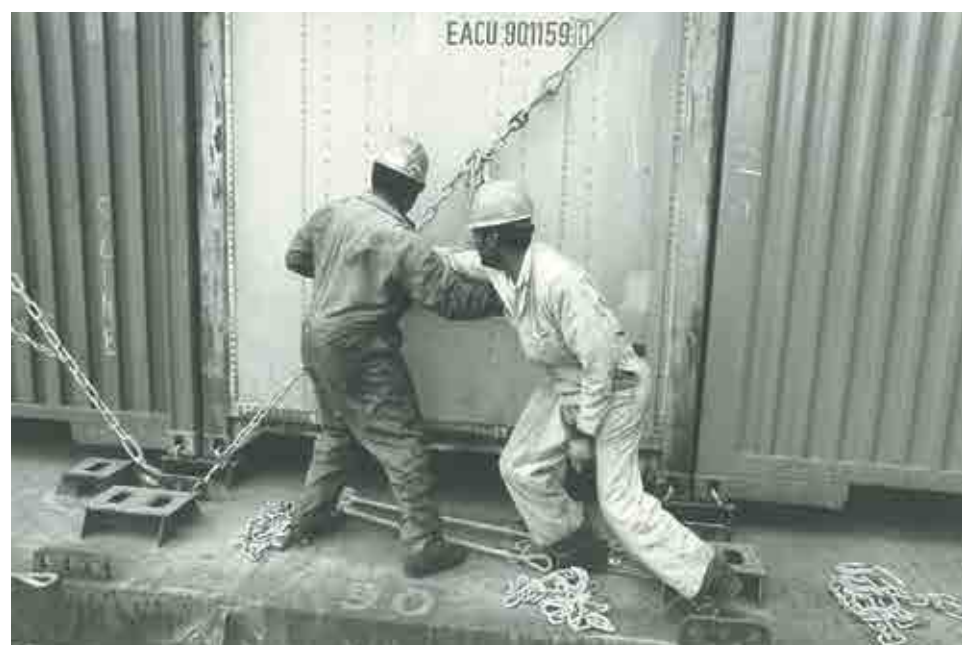
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Former ILWU Local 34 member Frank Silva (right) with David Bacon. The PhotoCentral gallery in Hayward is showcasing their photographs of longshore workers, farm workers and recycling workers.



Partners (1979) by Frank Silva: One of the many stunning photographs of longshore workers on display at the Working Hands photo exhibit.

the way through the 1970s when the United Farmworkers was really strong. And even before the UFW came along, farmworkers belonged to Local 7 of UCAPAWA [United Cannery, Agricultural, Packinghouse, and Allied Workers of America] which became Local 37 of the ILWU. The history, particularly of Filipino farmworkers in California, is the ILWU's history.

The second part of Bacon's contribution to the exhibit is photos of Local 6 recycling workers. Bacon's photos are portraits of them at work and also documents their collective struggle to join a union.

"I think this is one of the big labor success stories of our time," Bacon said. "At Alameda County Industries, workers went from an immigration raid in which workers were fired to workers participating in a union organizing effort which, resulted in wages from going from \$8.00 an hour to what will eventually be \$21 an hour. That's unheard of. There are a lot of images in this exhibit of what happened in response to that immigration raid and what the workers did with Local 6.

What I think is significant is that workers, instead of getting scared and burying their heads in the sand, got angry and organized."

Iconic images

Silva said there was no one image that he would identify as his favorite but there were some that he thought were iconic because they truly represented the spirit of the waterfront. He described one that appears above. "There is one photograph of two men lashing a container and they kind of look like they are dancing. But when you look at the photograph and see the way their bodies are moving, the way the chain is set and the way they are working together, you really see the nature of the job."

Silva is a part of a long tradition of longshore workers who pursue their passion for photography. The *Dispatcher* has featured the photographs of ILWU members including Michelle Meese and Robin Doyno of Local 13, Dawn Des Brisay of Local 40, Kelley Kane of Local 10 and Dean Wallace of Local 19.

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