

KNOW YOUR UNION

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one common banner to defend this noble heritage History is full of incidents illustrating this fact. Just recently the United Nations, the modern champions of freedom, justice, and decency, were victorious in a titanic struggle against the 20th century disciples of intolerance and injustice. They won because they united around a common goal, marshalled their forces, and presented their front against the foe during the six years that the war lasted. Carbon copies of Tojo, Hitler, and Goebels are on the loose again spreading their hideous doctrine of prejudice and intolerance, and striving to deprive their fellow human beings of their God given right to a decent living.

We have fully recognized at last that we are all pawns on the economic chessboard of the Canal Zone, and we have banded together in this organization to request a more nearly equitable distribution of the biskajes, king, knight, and guards. Surely, this is not too much to ask. Let them give us the education and training—other words, give us the tools—and the opportunity to obtain work in accordance with our abilities and interests, and we are confident that we shall be able to do the job. Fortunately for us, we are not alone in this battle. Numerous fair-minded friends in Panam, the Canal Zone, and the United States are rising up daily to help fight our battles for us. Tonight, officially, six million C.I.O. workers and their families are with us. We will not let them down. We must bury all our differences tonight, and from here on remain a solid united block united in purpose, united in determination. May God give us all the patience and the strength to follow our program through.

NOLAN'S ADDRESS

The thousands of enthusiasts in the field of sports can't help but be amazed at the reaction of stoics who see no purpose in games. To the athlete such an idea is hopelessly indicative of sour spirits (especially since it is a fact that games on a whole do supply a measure of mental and physical development in addition to pleasure.

At this moment we are more concerned with the fact that in any ball game, be it baseball or soccer, golf or tennis, each player must keep his eye on the ball. That is necessary if each player is to make a fair contribution towards a good game.

Let us think of our union as being a ball which is a part of us as we are a part of it; a ball which grows in stature and influence as we grow in numbers. In this field of labor every officer and every member is a player, each holding and defending his station. To do this successfully each must keep his eye on the ball during the entire play. Winning the game depends on it. Regardless of the player's ability, skill and good judgment, missing the ball make his efforts barren losing sight of the play reduces his efficiency to the level of the poor player and makes him a useless and sometimes a dangerous man on the team.

This union, with the concerted efforts of its teammates, can become one of the most beautiful things in our lives. In order to reach that stage the union must win for us the opportunities to which every human being is entitled. It must defeat the enemies of social and economic justice and convert them whenever possible into forces of good for the service of mankind. And, as a good friend of us all said yesterday, it must make of us efficient and appreciative workers in order that we might be grateful for the new benefits we receive and demonstrate our worthiness to receive more. But this union, this ball of ours, can do so only with adequate support from us all.

On the other hand, this union can become the most unfortunate experience in our history. By failing to make a proper evaluation of the situation, by neglecting to provide and enforce a program of instruction for its members, by failing to defeat and convert the forces of unreasonable discrimination within the ranks

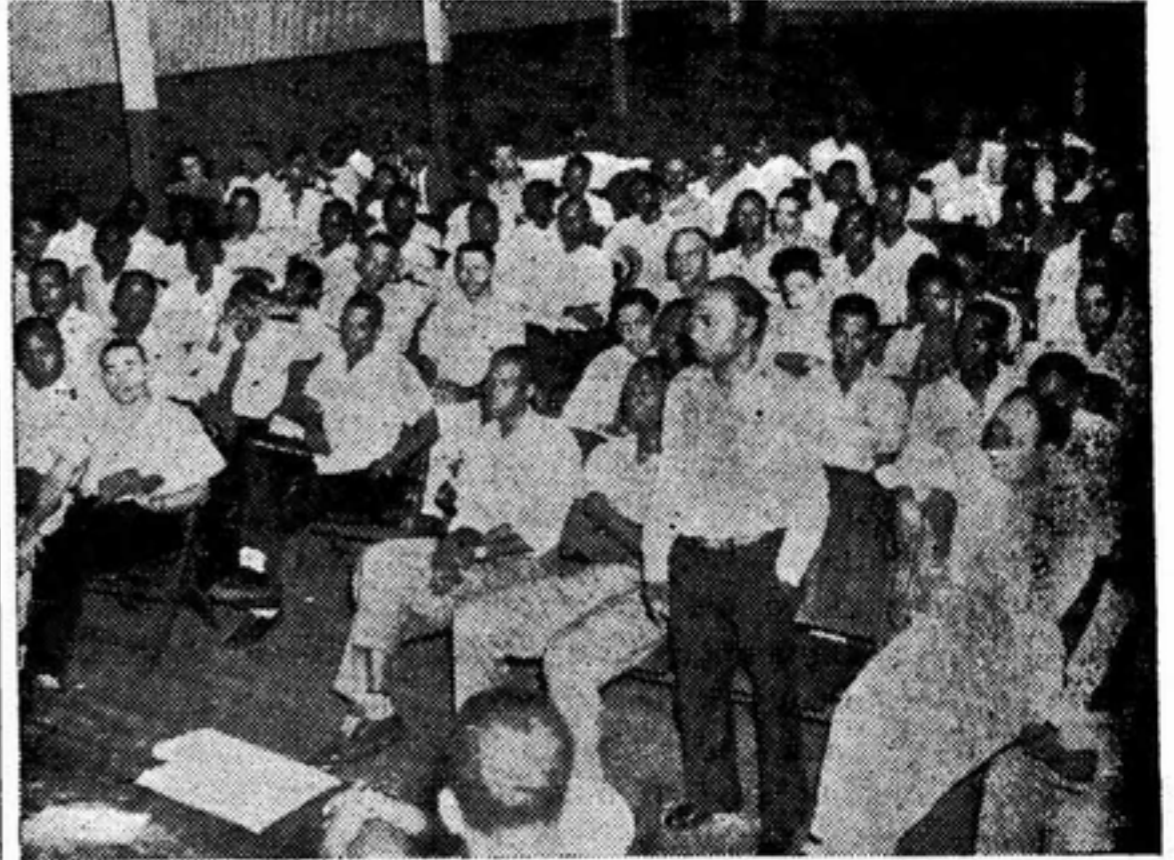
of labor and in any other field affecting the worker, this union, like other labor unions we can think of, can become the most destructive weapon against the worker's advancement. This is one of the most outstanding reasons why each player on this team must keep his eye on the ball.

While we play the game, thousands of spectators are on the side lines. It is the skill and determination we display, coupled with a decent brand of sportsmanship, that will determine the support we get from the grandstand. Most of these spectators are persons or groups who have their own games to play and who will be affected by the outcome of our game.

The game in which we play is but one in a series conducted through-out the entire world, our team but a small part of a greater team. Comrades, let us keep our eyes on our ball. We do this by becoming and remaining members, by drafting to our side all our relatives, neighbors and friends, by choosing our officers on the basis of their worth, by attending our meetings in order to fully acquaint ourselves with the desired solutions to our problems, by increasing our efficiency as workers and by so conducting ourselves as not to bring reproach upon the union.

It is generally known that, because of the vast number of interest in the various channels of life, the worker must look to his with lively concern and not allow his fate to rest on the outcome of action which derive from the efforts of others. Comrades, let us give a million cheers to the union and follow up the cheers with the skill and determination of good players who keep their eyes on the ball.

STEWARDS MEETING



Above is a picture taken during a Stewards meeting held at the La Boca Club House. Over one hundred Stewards, male as well as females attended this important meeting.

The Dawning of the New Millennium

C. SINCLAIR ELCOOK

This is it! After more than 40 years of economic maladies suffered by the so-called silver roll workers of the Panama Canal, there is reason to believe that a remedy is in sight in the person of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, who in the words of its representative, Mr. Len Goldsmith, declared before a packed house of 4,000 or more members of the newly formed Union, in the City of Colop, that they, the C. I. O. always fight winning battles, and since they have never fought in a more righteous cause than the present one, we can see so reason for believing that they will wage a losing battle in this particular instance. We have never been over optimistic in the affairs of the Panama Canal silver roll worker, but there appears just cause for optimism in the present circumstance. The current campaign has all the hallmarks of a "fait accompli."

The members of the A. F. L. and other unionized white workers on the Canal Zone have always striven, with every known weapon and some improvised ones, to keep the lowly silver roll worker in a condition of servitude in order that they, the white workers and their offspring, many derive the maximum of benefit from such exploitation.

The various incumbents of the Gubernatorial office since the occupation by the Americans of the Canal Zone, with few exceptions, have always been used as tools in the hands of these white Panama Canal unionized workers who acted in a self-appointed advisory capacity in matters relating to the administration of affairs governing the silver roll worker. These southern Bilbos, who apparently never had much opportunity in their own homes, many of whom did not even possess the rudiments of a grammar school education, but who were so deeply steeped in race prejudice and ingratitude that could see no good even in the colored worker, who in many instances, had to teach them their jobs since many of them had had no previous experience in the various positions to which, through the color of their skin, they had been assigned.

The present incumbent, Governor Joseph C. Mehaffey, under pressure from the Metal Trades Council and other union bosses in the Canal Zone, whether inclined to humane tendencies or not, although this is highly problematical, has his hands tied by the rigorous system of classifications in effect, which is the direct result of the diabolical machinations of the white unionized worker of the Panama Canal, to protect himself, his children and his children's children. He fully realizes that the future of his progeny lies in the Panama Canal because if they sought a living in the United States, most of them would starve to death since they could furnish no competition, worthy of the name, with U. S. workers that would permit them to earn a decent living.

Now, the signs of the times point to a change in this preposterous system and there is nothing, absolutely nothing, no matter how chagrined they may be, that these "Stall Fed" despots can do to prevent it.

The following lines from the pen of the famous Persian poet, Omar Khyyam, see in appropriate to the occasion.

The moving finger having writ, moves on
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it back so much as half a line.

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