

# Red Tank News

by Chris (Wahoo) Harewood

A regular stewards council meeting of this chapter was held at the lodge hall on Tuesday last Oct. 22, 1946. The meeting was conducted by the asst. Chapter steward brother H. Thompson.

Matters relative to the selecting of two representatives along with the chapter officers to attend the meeting of the elections of officers the executive board was discussed.

Brothers Lionel Best and C. Russell were selected by the members of the steward council present to attend his meeting.

Walter Parris, and Servio T. Rueda were designated stewards of the chapter at this meeting.

Bro. Rueda will act as interpreter for the chapter relieving brothers P. Ferdinand and C. Harewood.

During the past week - end especially as of this chapter's last general meeting much interest and the members determination to participate in the chapter's activities in the union has been shown.

We are glad to welcome back to our ranks our brother Ernest Smith of this chapter who has recently recovered from an illness.

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Strange it seems that the stewards representing the club house and commissary of this chapter does not attend the stewards meetings held here.

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The next stewards council meeting of this chapter will be held on the 5th. of next month at the usual meeting place. The next general meeting of the chapter will be held on the 15th. of next month at the usual meeting place.

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Remembering the way in which the weather was on Friday night it seems as though our chief steward Atherton knows what he is talking about when he said at one time that rain doesn't fall on CIO days.

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Personally, I don't like to hear anyone mention this organization as being chartered for aliens in the Canal Zone. Our union here was chartered for the workers (according to the unanimous approval of the International Executive Board of the CIO) to all nationals regardless of race, color, creed, religion, or national origin.

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A little difficulty is being encountered here in the community in getting the information this chapter needs to have their census as to the membership.

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The newspaper trend in this chapter is not very smooth and I am again appealing to the members to buy the union paper from the chapter news-



staff representative.

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Considering the possibilities of the success of our union in general the possibilities are great and I am totally convinced as I ever was that success in not too far distant. Let me if I may point out to the best of my knowledge.

### HOW SUCCESS IN WON

Success is a happy word for the average person. To achieve success is the aim of everyone. It would more frequently be gained were it not taken that it is too often wrongly understood to be innate smartness. The sooner we get rid of the notion that we are smart we will win success. Success must be won if it is to be enjoyed. Men ordinarily fail to succeed, not because they are naturally destined to fail, but they lack business ability, which is made up of equal parts of business knowledge, sterling integrity, strict economy, and everlasting push. Success is the child of confidence and perseverance. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success. There is no defeat except from within, no really insurmountable barriers save our weakness of purpose. A firm resolution that barriers shall be surmounted, that difficulties shall be cleared away goes far toward achieving success. Let us repeat success must be won. It never comes uninvited never without effort. The secret of success is constancy of purpose. Let's built our union strong without props. A building that needs props is sure to fall.

## Gamboa News

by A. P. Morrison

October 19, 1946. Nomination and Election to Chapter Officers and Chapter Stewards

On Saturday, October 19, 1946, Organizers C. Small and P. Cordero, Financial Secretary Bro. T. M. Nolan and Local 713 Official Spanish-English interpreter Sis. C. Josephs travelled to Gamboa to witness the nomination and election of Chapter Officers and Chapter Stewards.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. P. Malcolm who immediately declared all offices open. He requested brothers T. M. Nolan and C. Small to preside during the voting. Nolan, in his informal and convincing style, gave a pep talk in which he reminded the members present that their election should not be based on sentiments or friendships but upon common sense and leadership. He also told them that the chapter is the workers informer and must serve as such. Brother Ruiz reiterated what Nolan said.

Nominations and elections were carried out in a very orderly, cordial and business like atmosphere with a true example of democracy displayed throughout the whole session.

The following is a complete list of all officers elected for the Gamboa Chapter:

Chairman, Bro. J. L. Watkis.  
Vice Chairman, C. Hall  
Secretary, L. Burke (unam. elec.)  
Treasurer, C. Watler (do)  
Trustees (2), A. M. Ruiz (do), L. Llewellyn  
Chapter Steward, P. Malcolm

Assistant C. Stewards: (2)  
Bro. D. Alexis, Bro. S. Creen  
Representatives of the Gamboa Chapter: Bro. P. Cordero, Bro. H. G. Headley.

After nomination and election the difference between Chief Steward and Chapter Steward was carefully explained to the Gamboa Chapter. The stewards were reminded of their obligations and responsibilities as stewards. They were also told that it was a part of their duties to see that the officers "keep on the ball."

## PARAISO NEWS

By A. H. GRANT

On Wednesday, October 23, 1946, the Paraiso Chapter held its regular meeting with Bro. Davis in charge of the chair and Sis. Caballero as interpreter.

The chapter was the host to the following: Organizers P. Cordero and C. Small, Sisters C. Josephs and U. Reid of the main office, Bro. L. Burke of the Gamboa Chapter and our earnest and hard working Financial Secretary T. M. Nolan.

Bro. L. Burke gave a brief and unofficial talk in behalf of the Gamboa chapter. He informed his listeners of Gamboa's solid numerical strength which is over one thousand financial and active members. He stated that his membership is increasing daily by leaps and bounds. He stressed the importance of continued unity among all workers. He said that the Governor has a big surprise coming to him on January 16, 1947. He closed with the following, "As true and sincere CIO members we should eat CIO, sleep CIO, and even dance CIO."

The financial secretary, who was next to speak, stated that each steward will be furnished with a mimeographed copy of the financial report for the information of the general membership in each chapter. He also informed them that an effective grievance machine is being set up which will get results on all genuine grievances. They were reminded that good Union members should be good employees and workers. They were told that the strength and root of the Union is its finance. Therefore, it is imperative that dues be paid monthly and on time. This should be first because it is going to help in bringing in more dollars, in bettering living conditions and in giving us better education. He also gave a very interesting story which you will find elsewhere

in this issue.

Bro. Cordero gave a resume of his gigantic task as organizer. Being present at the installation of nearly every other chapter, he expressed regret at not being present when the Paraiso Chapter was installed. He told them about the Chorera Chapter, one of the newest, with over six hundred members—all Latins. Seeing many women among those present. He urged and encouraged them to be active and aggressive. There are certain officials, who he do not think much of our women. They must and will be made to think otherwise by you, our CIO sisters.

Bro. Small, who spoke next, commended the members on their excellent behavior. The Lodge Hall, where the meeting was kept, was jam packed and not even once was there an interruption. He reminded them that each member should wear his button and wear it conspicuously and fearlessly. He concluded by stating that the time for speeches and pep talks is over and that the time for business and action is here.

Bro. Gordon, better known as Johnny, who is chapter secretary, requested that he be kept occupied with work being

civic minded he welcomes all suggestions and requests for improvement in the community. The problems and room for improvement are many he stated.

Bro. Fuller, also of Paraiso, told the gathering how, during the early days, the workers were kept apart. They were kept apart because they were not organized. The policy of divide and rule was applied. It worked wonderfully and successfully for a very long time. Thanks to the CIO, "dem days is gone forever." Today all the workers are united, and the forces are many which have tried and are trying to do divide and rule. But their mission is a failure because our lines can not be shaken or broken. He demonstrated this effectively by showing how ineffective the blows of each finger of ones hand are but how effective these fingers when balled into a fist can be. Just imagine our union as a gigantic fist made up over 12000 to 15000 fingers.

He also Decried the stupidity of calling Panamanians Aliens in their own country.

In closing, Bro. Davis reaffirmed the fact that the Union cannot and will not fail. It is our weapon which we must bold and use intelligently.

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American members." He also said that the A. F. of L. should make Panama its "starting point" as this would be "an excellent opportunity to show the rest of the Americas what organization according to the traditional North American pattern could produce." This is indeed an excellent "example of traditional North American pattern!" — the type of pattern that can be expected by "Latin Workers" if the A. F. of L. is given a chance to set root in Latin America. Incidentally, friends, that is why the CIO is here to stay.

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Whom, then, do I call leaders? Certainly not those types of persons who seek positions, not because of their abilities or capabilities, but rather because of the opportunities they see for personal aggrandizement in the offices which they seek. Neither can it be said that the brilliantly intellectual, by virtue of their educational qualifications, are really leaders. Leaders, then, may be conceived as persons who are sincere in their desires to serve the ones whom they lead; persons who are not above mixing with the average individual whom they contact; persons who are sympathetic to all regardless of education, financial and social standing, and religious and political affiliations; in short, persons who realize that he who is greatest amongst us is the greatest servant of all.

## ANOTHER "INCIDENT"

On Monday, October 21, two distinguished Negroes of Chicago, Doctor and Mrs. A. Fall visited the Balboa Library. Upon entering the library, the visitors were met by an employee who in a very abrupt and hostile manner asked him what he wanted. Calmly, the doctor asked, "Is this a PUBLIC LIBRARY?" Her reply was, "Yes, for AMERICANS ONLY!"

"Well," said the doctor, "I AM an American."

He then entered with his wife, walked around a little, looked at a few books and made some notes. While browsing through one of the books,

he was approached by a young lady who was unusually polite and willing to offer her services. He politely refused her offer.

When he was ready to leave the library, the doctor asked the employee who had stopped him, "Is this a PUBLIC LIBRARY?" Her reply was, "Yes, this is a public library for EVERYBODY!"

Please observe then that the BALBOA LIBRARY is NOT for AMERICANS ONLY but for the use of the GENERAL PUBLIC. Every worker on the Canal Zone is entitled to use the PUBLIC LIBRARY at BALBOA HEIGHTS.

### IT SEEMS TO ME

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dangerous. They have called the CIO communistic. The danger, here, is that the laborer who benefits by the CIO will begin to credit his improved condition to communist activity and in a really profound crisis may turn to communism as a final and sure refuge. You can make communists by calling them such... The warning uttered, here, is that there

may be something decaying about a democracy which goes hysterical and call names when labor seeks some alleviation of its miseries."

One swallow is not a summer, nor one bolshevik a labor union.

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...THAT this is all for the present, folks.