

## WITH THE ORGANIZERS



ERNESTO HAY

It is now comon knowledge that Local 713 is doing a commendable job, but there is considerable more to be done, that must be done. This can only be achieved by your unflinching support of the Union. Are you paying your dues regularly? It not, why not? Are you being good Union members by trying to enroll those who are not? Are you keeping in step with what the Union is doing and passing the word around? Are you buying your "ACCION" when it comes off the press? These are just a few important questions you should strive to answer. If you are not doing any or all of them, then it is high time you take stock of yourselves and realize, that failing in such duties, you are not only hurting yourselves, but the entire membership of the Union. And now, I come to those who for some reason or another have failed to join the Union. Brothers and Sisters, you may say, "Oh well; when Union members benefit, I also benefit. Our stock answer to this is: If everybody says so, no one will join the Union. But, I hasten to warn you that such will not continue for long. The time will come when you will certainly have a grievance, there will be no steward or shop steward to represent you, in short, no Union to back you up; going to the boss by yourselves with no representation will strike him as being funny, and you may well have to pity yourselves and say, what a difference it would have made, had I been a Union member. You can avoid those pitfalls; yes, such setbacks can certainly be avoided, by joining the Union now; stop being a scab; stop looking in from the outside. The Organizers of the Union are planning a campaign to bombard you into joining the Union. Please do not give us too much trouble, as the shelling may be terrific. Let us all get together, pull together. We are in this Union with an avowedness and singleness of purpose, i.e.: Better Wages, Better Facilities, Better Everything.

Thank you,

Ernest F. Hay,  
Organizer, Local  
713, UPWCIO



EDUARDO ATHERTON

Dear friends, members, and sympathizers. We thank you for the patience you have had, and, for the time you have given us to settle down on our negotiations. It has been of value to us all that you did not expect miracles overnight, and that you have been well aware on the fact that "Rome was not built in a day". We expect you to continue in this great battle which has assisted us to fight for more wages, and more victories. The wager we have just won, is, that we would be around Jan. 16th. We are not only around, but we are here boasting a membership of over 17,000 strong. With the help of the Almighty God, and, with your moral and financial support, we are anticipating a 100% membership for our anniversary next July.

### A GOOD MEETING

On Wednesday, Jan. 22nd., 1947, Organizers Atherton and Cordero, went to the Ship Service Laundry in Mile 1. They met Mrs. Rankin the manager of said Laundry. They were received in a very amicable manner. They spoke to the employees for about 10 minutes, but because of the shortness of time their mission was not completed. But they will be back on Jan. 29th to have nomination and election of stewards. It is the consensus of opinion that those members who are not affiliated with our Union will do so in the near future.

Sidney E. Haymes

### ON THE SICK LIST

One of our ardent stewards, Brother Patrick Flemmings, is a patient in the Curundu Hospital. He may be visited in Ward 27. We are pleased to report that he has been taken off the serious list and that his condition is very much improved.

"Pat", as he is generally called, is one of the many oldtimers who can give you a lot of information about the early days. He is one of the oldest employees in the Section of Surveys.

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dorean or what have you, all under one leadership, the leadership of the CIO.

Brothers and Sisters, we have vindicated ourselves in the eyes of the Governor of the Panama Canal. Today we have proven to the wide world our right to organize. Therefore, we can say with confidence: "This day is our Emancipation Day, made possible through our CIO. GOD BLESS THE CIO."

## More Suport from Governor of Province of Panama

Panama, January 17, 1947.

Francisco Arauz,

President, CIO, Balboa,  
Canal Zone.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter dated January 9, through which you extend me, in the name of the Union, a cordial invitation to attend your parade which will take place at the La Boca Stadium.

I regret to advice you that ill health makes it impossible for me to attend this demonstrative act of consistency and energy of the CIO on the Canal Zone.

Nevertheless, I take this opportunity to reiterate once again my sympathetic feelings towards your organization. From my position, as Governor of this province, I consider myself a worker at the service of the community, and hence all movements which tend to obtain benefits for the working class attract my attention and create an indelible impression as regards the motives, failures and successes of such movements.

With best wishes for the success of the Union, which will ultimately be the success of our workers, I remain

Respectfully yours

FLAVIO VELASQUEZ JR.,

Governor, Province  
of Panama

## Overwhelming Support (From Page 1)

supporting workers for their efforts and emphatically stated that government officials and the press have pretended for some time that Communism was the goal of the Union even though they know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the only thing which motivated this great move was the state of insecurity in which the workers were kept—that basic fear of hunger that has never been removed from the common worker. 1st Vice-President Graham A. Lewis and Trustee G. M. Ogle also addressed the membership on the Atlantic Side while President Francisco Arauz of the Farmer's Union pledged his organization's support to our cause.

## Evolution of Events

For G. M. Ogle

What is taking place in the Canal Zone colored towns and villages is no more nor less than the backwash of the wave of freedom and economic betterment that is washing the shores of all countries of the world in which subject peoples live, be they colonials, subject races or underprivileged minorities.

Students of world events who pay some attention to the activities of the United Nations, cannot fail to see the relationship between events in India, Indonesia, Africa, India, China, Korea, the colonies and the peaceful Americas. This brings us within the orbit of the Isthmus of Panama, down to the humble habitat of the forlorn so-called "Silver Employee" who boasts of the fact that his employer is none else than the leader of all the nations of the world—the United States of America.

The universal sense of change has struck him as

forcefully as it has done his fellow workers everywhere in the world, and believe it or not, the CIO is not telling him that changes in his way of life are due, but he is telling the CIO that such changes are past due. The CIO is but the avenue through which he expresses his readiness for progress. His demonstration of "Unity and Solidarity" is, "prima facie", definite proof of such readiness. He is with this militant Labor Organization to stay, because he prefers to make his demands in the manner as laid down by modern Democratic institutions, i.e., along constitutional lines, with due dignity and firmness. Would that the "Powers that be" could recognize this viewpoint, and in a manner commensurate with world tempo now current, compromise in statesmanlike manner, thereby adding their contribution towards a peaceful and economically progressive world.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balboa C. Z.  
January 18, 1947

Editor of Accion

Panama, R. P.

(Thru Office La Boca, C.Z.)

Sir:

Please allow me space in the ACCION for the publication of the following:

For the first time since the forming of Local 713, UPW-CIC, a job location meeting was held in the Mechanical Division, Balboa Shops, upon request of the stewards of that division.

It was found necessary to have his meeting, due to the fact that it had been noticed that in several shops of the division ask for meetings.

This meeting was called to order at 11:15 A. M., and was conducted by organizers Brothers Cordero and Atherton. The brothers gave the members quite a bit of pep talk, and cited to them various instances of gains achieved by

the Union. They also brought out forcibly and impressively the reason why Union dues should be paid, and why every worker should become a member of UPW-CIO, Local 713.

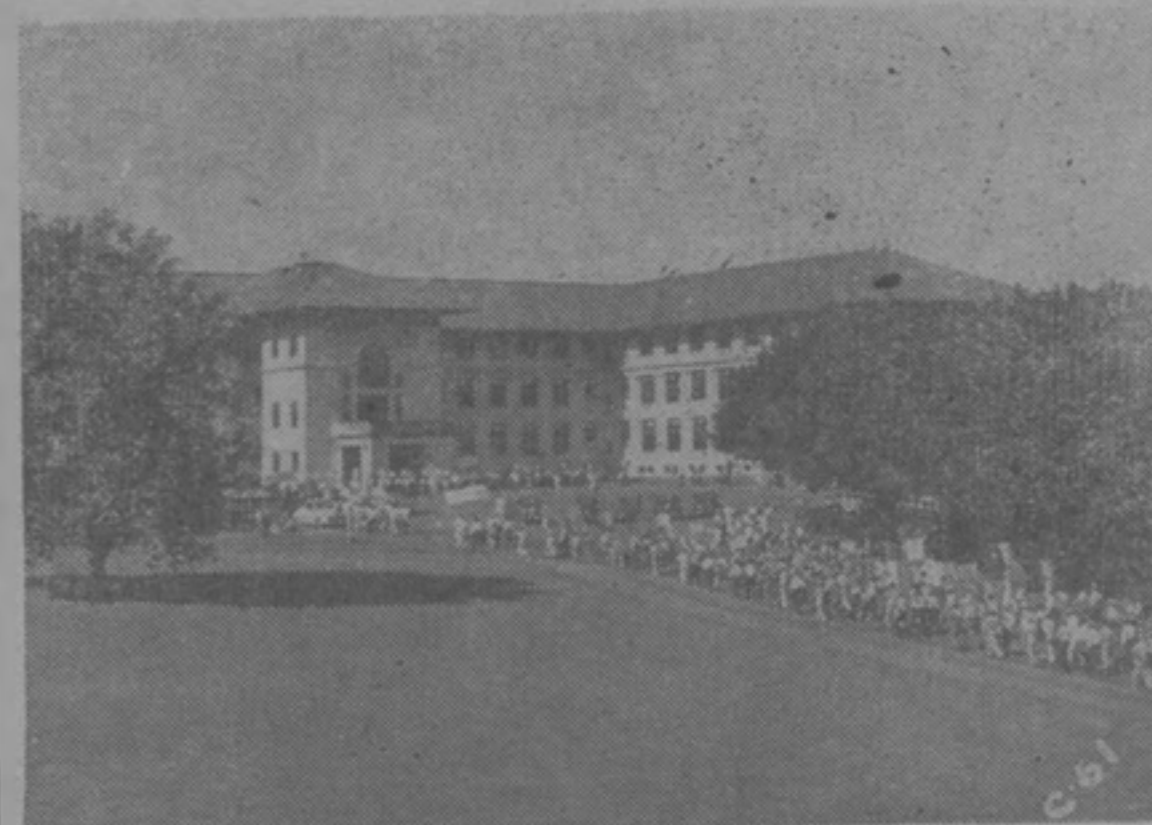
Last but not least, the brothers stressed the point why every worker and member attend the parade on January 19, 1947.

The stewards of the Mechanical Division wish to thank all the members and workers for the cooperation shown, and hope that all who attended have been benefited and has made a pledge to show and give whole hearted support to their Union, not only with the paying of dues, but encouraging all non-members to add a link to the chain.

Plans are being made to hold such meetings monthly. The meeting was brought to a close at 11:55 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Pennycook  
Chief Shop Steward,  
Mech. Div.



This is a beautiful picture of the UPW-CIO Unity Parade taking the drive at the Administration Building at Balboa Heights and doubling back on their way to Balboa.

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