

ACCION

Double Jeopardy

Increase For Disability Relief Claimants Receiving \$17.50

By executive order, all disability relief claimants receiving \$17.50 per month will receive consideration for increases in allowance.

Previously the disability relief allowance for persons without dependents was limited to \$17.50 per month whereas those with dependents were limited to \$25.00. This situation has been rectified by Governor Mehaffey.

Notice is hereby given that all persons receiving \$17.50 per month should write a letter to Mr. C. A. Schecker, Silver Personnel Bureau, Balboa Hgts. C. Z. for reconsideration. If unable to write they may come to the Cristobal office on Wednesdays or La Boca Union Headquarters on Mondays so that this matter can be adjusted.

All Stewards and members are requested to cooperate in this matter so that the "Old Timers" can receive the additional allowance at the earliest possible moment.

LEN GOLDSMITH TRANSFERRED TO TEACHERS LOCAL



Len Goldsmith, who served as National Educational Director of United Public Workers for the past two years, resigned on January 1st from the National Office staff. He immediately assumed new duties with UPW Teachers, in New York in connection with the current drive to win wage increases for teachers and to organize them on a large scale under the banner of the CIO. Brother Goldsmith resigned due to inability to locate quarters for his family in the city of Washington.

On The Sick List

The officers and members of the Metal Trades Council are suffering terrible pains in the head and, when last seen, were almost fit for the mad house.

That the U.S. Government could allow Panamanians to give them competition in Civil Service jobs is more than they can relish. Too bad!

WHOSE IS THIS SIGNATURE?

After suffering court punishment on activity not directly connected with his employment, "Silver" worker given 5 day suspension with strange signature. Union officials conducting investigation.

1. Here is the real Mac Sparran signature as it appears on correspondence received by the Local from him.

2. Here is the signature which suspended Boyce a few minutes after the supposed signer had sent him back to work, whose signature is this.

"All "silver" workers have suffered the regular run of discrimination under the present set-up. The "Silver" and "Gold" roll have not failed to maintain the sharp and dividing line so that persons working for the U.S. Government have found themselves being measured in terms of race, color and nationality for the purposes of classification and, having thus been placed in one category or another, must submit to being measured by one type of yardstick while watching others being measured in better terms.

This is the general application for all "silver" workers without exception. But now and then we experience unusually fierce and vicious administrations of the system. Here is one case in which double jeopardy is glaringly inflicted to a worker who has, on a previous occasion, suffered an injustice not common in socially civilized communities.

It will be recalled that in our last issue of ACCION we gave an account of the incident in which Henderson L. Boyce, employed in the Receiving and Forwarding Agency at Cristobal as a Motor Operator, was slapped by a white Ame-

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BOX SCORE

16 MORE CASES SETTLED; TOTAL NOW 63

ACCION is pleased to report the satisfactory settlement of sixteen grievances in addition to the 47 listed in previous issues of our paper. This makes a total of 63 in our Box Score which is a regular feature of ACCION.

All Stewards who settle grievances are requested to report them in writing to the Union through J. L. Strobel.

The sixteen new cases are:

ARCEM ARGENTIN, IC 31221, a returned employee, has been receiving no disability relief grant since 1938. Case taken up by Organizer Milwood. Won payment of \$19 per month.

JOSE A. ARIAS, IC 86302, Cristobal Roundhouse, Mechanical Division. Employed as machinist helper, Arias was discharged on January 20, 1947 because he refused to pack wheels of engine 702. Case handled by Steward Cargil. Case won at second stage, and Arias was paid

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Lawrence Kammet Director Of Education Replaces L. Goldsmith

Lawrence Kammet has joined the National UPW staff as editor of the PUBLIC RECORD and National Director, and will assume Brother Goldsmith's former duties. Brother Kammet is a charter member of the former SCMWA and was associated in the early days in the founding of the union in New York. At one time he edited the Welfare Reporter in New York and was a member of the staff of the Civil Serv-

ice Standard publication of the New York District of SCMWA. In the past four years he has been editor of the national news paper of the American Communications Association, CIO, and served as publicity consultant in a number of recent major labor situations including Western Union, Press Wire less, C.M.U. negotiation, NMU strike, and the recent wage drive of the Marine Engineers.

2-TERM LIMIT FOR U.S. PRESIDENT

It is evident that the present Congress of the U.S. is about ready to write in what has always been an unwritten law on the length of service any president of the country could contribute towards the welfare of the nation. While it can be opined that in normal times events may not require the necessity of using one president for more than 8 years, one can never tell. Then there are the emergencies to be contended with. One never knows, does one?

All in all, the consensus of opinion in several quarters is

that the main point of interest is the safety of the nation at all times, based on the election of the best man for the best job through the will of the majority of the people. The enactment of legislation limiting the use of one man to any period also limits the power of the people to act freely in the election of persons who have proven themselves equal to the tasks. It appears more than obvious that the proposed legislation cannot be constitutional in the sense that it provides a brake on the free choice of the citizens, and can be considered only as an edict

to the nation that this business of continuing employment after 8 years of satisfactory service is good employment practice when dealing with the baker's uncle but not with the son.

Theoretically, and goodness knows how soon the type congress in session may try to practice it, all government employees are public servants of the first order. That they too might be dragged into similar reasoning is something not beyond possibility. Superfluous as this might sound, the principle is just the same. The Congress is right in line.