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the \$1.50 dues I pay each month," is answered. Here's the breakdown for the benefit of members of Local 713 who would like to know how the money paid for dues is being spent.

Seventy-five cents is retained in your Local. The other seventy-five cents goes to the International Union, where it is distributed as follows.

Five cents per capita to the National CIO; five cents for maintaining the membership records, dues system and bookkeeping; ten cents for National Office expenses including rent, supplies, telephone and salaries; three cents for research, legislative and grievance work; 3 cents for conventions and meetings, and the largest amount, forty-four cents for field organization." Interesting, isn't it?

Take for example, three cents for research, legislative and grievance work, then just imagine three measly little pennies detaching themselves from your monthly dues, joining hands with other little pennies from the dues, of your brothers and sisters on the Isthmus and all over the United States, rolling up a vast concourse of more than Twenty Million pennies over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars each month to pay attorneys and labor specialists, batteries of them, for research and the drafting of legislation to the Congress of the United States so that your lot as a "silver" worker on the Canal Zone may be improved.

Your contribution to this phase of your Union's activity will cost you the insignificant sum of three cents per month—something you could not buy, as a "silver" employee, for \$50,000 — if you had it. That is a gift of the gods... guard it well. And there, incidentally, is your answer to these smart attacks who try weaken you with the inference that you are being taken.

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It is interesting to note that we have many "friends" across the line who prate continually against the unionization of "alien silver". We, however, have observed that the louder the holler, the more invective they emit from the ire within them, is the less of a case they make; matter of fact they usually mistake vituperation for argument.

We know of several such "friends" who have tried to disrupt the organization of "silver" workers under their jurisdiction, using the many weapons at their command without scruple, despite the fact that they themselves have union affiliations. They try to inject the virus of distrust into the hearts and minds of such workers in efforts to keep them disunited... prey for the predatory.

Quite recently one of these "friends" who had given us much "good advice" in the past came out into the open to paste us vindictively, as it were, for not heeding his anti-union injunction (he was against all unions generally, he said, but he hated the CIO) so we very

gently asked: how was it that he, such an ardent hater of unions, was holding a fully paid

up card as member of a well-known Canal Zone labor union? So that was the end of our long and pleasant friendship. Get it?

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Dispensary was robbed on two occasions while thieves made away with an electric fan from the clubhouse not 10 yards away. The school 50 yards or so away had been broken into and, according to latest reports, the Municipal Engineering Division at Ancon had lost some equipment. Despite the frequency with which these bold scoundrels worked the police maintained a one-fifth average performance.

Were the members of the community justified in becoming alarmed over the situation? So it appears. The low performance of the police in the community of La Boca cannot be considered a reasonable justification for the continued existence of such an institution unless there is the admission that the force against which such an organ is operating constitutes an overpoweringly strong adversary. If such be the case then there is all the necessary justification for increasing the force to cope with the situation. If such is not the case then there is the necessity for a complete revamping of the force. And this may well be the case. The law has enjoyed so profound a respect in the Canal Zone area that muscles must have had enough time to grow fat with rest and weak with inactivity. When this happens the intellects become dull.

Whatever the case, something must be done. The boldness with which the thieves are working constitutes a mockery to the police; a danger to the citizens. With the steady reduction in force and consequent vagrancy there is the need for added protective forces in our communities if peace is to be maintained and the welfare of the populace preserved.

JUNIOR C. I. O

By HUGH ADAMS

Recently CIO. locals have been organizing Negroes in the Southern United States. The workers of four hundred factories have been organized. The majority of the factories are textile factories. Organizing in the South is very difficult. Some workers are scared of joining because they think the unions are going to let them down. They are also afraid of losing their jobs. The women who work in the factories are organized one-hundred per-cent. Almost the entire population of Negroes are poorly educated. A situation somewhat similar exist on the Canal Zone. The CIO is trying to make the United States of America and all her land possessions a more pleasant place to live in. This task is left entirely up to the complete membership and wholehearted support which is rendered this organization. Support your union.

The United States Commission has asked Governors and Attorney-Generals of forty-two States to outlaw the Klu Klux Klan and revoke its charters. This will give the Negroes a great break.

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Chicago's Mayor said that the total residential area for Negroes in Chicago is in stuffed, over populated^a an unsanitary slums. Due to these conditions a high rate of sickness and death has broken out. These places have to be made sanitary. Similar conditions on the Canal Zone may at any time give rise to the breaking out of a high rate of sickness and death on the colored communities of the Canal Zone. Let's try to prevent this by supporting our union promptly so that she will have strength to fight for better housing conditions in a more sanitary environment.

BOX SCORE . . .

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for all time lost up to February 5, except for three days for reprimand. Arias requested that he be allowed to seek employment in some other

division. Request granted.

JUAN BENEDI, IC 36506, Atlantic side. Was receiving disability relief grant of \$12 per month, but claimed longer service. Case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Grant was increased to \$13 per month.

IRENE BISHOP, IC 36798, Hotel Washington. Former employee of Hotel Washington, was injured while working in 1942, but received no compensation nor disability relief grant. Case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Irene Bishop will receive \$14 per month pension for life.

JOHN BOWEN, IC 31032, Cristobal. Retirement case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Case settled favorably, will receive \$22 per month for life. Eight checks of \$22 each, totalling \$176, are waiting for Bowen, will be sent to Cristobal pay office.

THOMAS CARILLO, IC 39097. Was receiving no pension, case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Will receive \$18 per month beginning March 3, 1947.

LEONARD LIGORE, IC 60868, R F & A, Cristobal. Was discharged from job; reason given "Suspect in theft". Cristobal court dismissed charge of petty larceny against Ligore. Case handled by Steward Lucas; won reinstatement to former job at 2nd stage, with a 5 days off reprimand.

MANUEL LOPEZ NEMESIO, U.S. Army. An Army compensation claim; case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Agreement reached that Lopez will receive compensation; case still pending.

ANITA MacKENZIE, DR-363, Atlantic side. Employee was receiving \$17.50 disability relief grant, but claimed longer service. Case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Grant was increased to \$21 per month.

SAMUEL MARTINEZ, IC 18915, Atlantic side. Employee was dismissed in 1944. Organizers Garcia and Cheresch took up case and obtained new clearance. Martinez obtained employment after two years unemployment.

CHRISTOBAL McNISH, Canal Seaman. Organizer Cheresch obtained change in clearance from: Conduct, Good; Workmanship Very Good, to: Conduct Very Good, Workmanship Very Good.

DAVID W. PINDER, IC 39473, Atlantic side. Retirement case; was receiving \$17.50 per month, but claimed longer service. Case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Disability relief grant was increased to \$20 per month.

CONSTANTINE SEBASTIZAGA, DR-493. Was receiving disability relief grant of \$17.50, but claimed longer service. Case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Grant was increased to \$22 per month.

BENJAMIN SMITH, IC 28482, Atlantic side. Obtained extension of time to remain in quarters for this retired employed. Case was handled by Organizer Evering.

RAYMOND STERLING, IC 535667, Truck Driver, Fort William Davis. A compensation case; Sterling was injured August 12, 1944. Case taken up by Organizer Cheresch. Will receive retroactive compensation in about 2 months.

CHARLES WARREN, IC 23452, R. F. & A., Cristobal. Discharged in 1945, "Suspect in theft", with objections to re-employment with R. F. & A. and objections to entry of pier area. These objections were lifted by Executive Secretary in 1947 and Warren was employed by District Quartermaster, Cristobal. He then requested transfer to R. F. & A., upon a written note from A. E. Beck, Supervisor, R. F. & A. After transfer papers were turned over to R. F. & A., he was denied reemployment. Case was taken up by Stewards Lambert and Lucas, and was won at second stage. Warren was made eligible for employment in R. F. & A.