

UNION CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

La Boca, C.Z., June 23, 1947
—On Sunday July 27, 1947 all members of Local 713 UPW-CIO will be celebrating the first anniversary of Local 713. In the evening at 7:30 P.M. a Special Program will be held at the Olympic Stadium for all members, their families and friends. Special speaker for the evening will be Regional Director, Max Brodsky, who will be making his initial appearance to the entire Pacific Side membership. Also on this program will be many local artists who will entertain the large crowd that is expected.

Cristobal, July 23—July 22nd marks the date when Local 713 UPW-CIO came into existence. For this reason it is our duty to GIVE THANKS to God.

Every individual member of the Cristobal and Gatun Chapters and his or her family are required to attend the THANKSGIVING SERVICE to be held at the Colon Arena on Sunday, July 27, 7:30 P.M.

Let us give thanks whilst praying for blessings on our 100% membership drive.

President Enrique A. Jimenez of Panama has helped the UPW-CIO, Local 713, when the Union urgently needed help. Mr. Jimenez has always shown a sympathetic attitude toward the cause of the worker.

Today, this great Friend is ill and confined to a hospital.

We, the officers and members of the entire organization, through this medium, wish to express our regret and sincerely hope the President gets well as soon as possible.

Local 713, UPW-CIO.

An Acknowledgment

George Washington Westerman needs no introduction to those who will read this. What many people may not know is that since May 30, Mr. Westerman has been in the United States where he is making an intensive study of the social conditions there. He is not a member of Local 713 due to the fact that his position as a non-government worker disqualifies him. Mr. Westerman, however, as everyone knows, has broken many a lance in his crusading against discrimination and its kindred evils in the Canal Zone, for these many years.

Because "Accion" welcomes a friend of labor wherever found,
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CRISTOBAL SCORES SUCCESSFUL MEETING



Max Brodsky, Regional Director shakes the hand of Jack Strobel, International Vice President at the Cristobal Chapter meeting.

The Cristobal Chapter held its monthly meeting at Club Tropical on June 26th last. The hall was packed as hundreds of members attended. The Executive Board of Local 713 was well represented as usual, by President Francisco Arauz, First Vice President Graham A. Lewis, Second Vice President Alphonso Alexis, Bro. Pascual Ampudia, Secretary-Treasurer Edward Gasquin, Local Trustee Christopher Harewood, Brother Edward Green, Sister Catalina Da Costa, Bro. Foster G. Bourne, Brother Sergio T. Rueda, Brother Ashton Parchment, and Bro. Carlyle Clark. The Executive Board of Cristobal Chapter attending were, besides those already mentioned, Bros. Wilmot N. Cameron, Chapter Steward, J. J. Jimenez and J. N. Jones, Assistant Chapter Stewards, N. P. Alexis, Secretary Stewards Council, Adolpho Lowman, Chapter Translator, J. A. Hassocks, Trustee, with Bros. Santiago Agnew, Maurice McLean, I. Walker, Erald Durant, and Arturo McKenzie. Organizers present were Bros. Nicasio Garcia, Roland Dean, Fitz Evering, Atlantic Sector, Clarence Small, Ernest Hay, Pacific Sector, International Vice President J. L. Strobel, new Regional Di-

rector Max Brodsky, and T.M. Nolan also attended. The Panamanian and American flags graced the rostrum, flanking the banner of the UPW-CIO on either side.

At 8:05 P.M., Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order. He briefly informed the audience that important factors were contained in the purpose of the Meeting, viz: The presentation of Recommendations made by International Vice-President Thomas Richardson during his recent visit, the Election to positions on two standing committees according to those recommendations, the introduction of Regional Director Max Brodsky, a farewell address by Vice President Strobel, and the submission of an important Resolution.

The Secretary Bro. G. M. Ogle was then called upon to read Bro. Richardson's Recommendations. These were, briefly:

That due to the large membership of Local 713 it was difficult for the rank and file to be contacted by the Executives as required by the policy of the UPW-CIO. The rank and file of the Union are the final determining Policy-makers. Suggestions to this end were intended to make this

idea workable in reasonable time, so that the full benefits of the heavy membership could be felt for the general progress of the Union.

That an Educational Department be established without delay, so that officers and general membership can be schooled in trade unionism and made to understand clearly what their attitude should be as Union members. He recommended that the Local engage the services of an experienced individual in the States temporarily to help train our local members.

That there was great need for a Publicity Committee. This committee would work in conjunction with the Education and Recreation Committee and so ensure that the entire membership would benefit by the Education Program. The members of these Committees should be chosen from each Chapter of the Local.

Next on the agenda was the election by ballot of representatives for Cristobal Chapter on these Committees, after Brother Foster Bourne, Vice Chairman of the Education and Recreation Committee had briefly outlined their duties.

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GRAHAM LEWIS
Vice-President
Local No. 713

The month of July is certainly one of Thanksgiving for all workers of the Panama Canal and especially for the members of Local 713, United Public Workers of America, CIO, who, by their very toil, have been more than successful in creating for themselves an instrument of justice in their own behalf. It was in this month, a year ago, that a small band of men, with hope in their hearts and faith in their ability to obtain results through hard and diligent work, began the task of organizing the Canal Zone underprivileged "silver" worker and building up friendly relations with workers in the Republic of Panama. . . . Today we give thanks to the Almighty for the fruits we have gathered in such abundance that we have been able to share them with "unbelievers" as well.

MARCANTONIO DEFENDS CIVIL SERVICE BILL

A provision in the Panama Canal Zone appropriation Bill (HR 4002) prohibiting civil service status to alien employees was defeated in the House of Representatives on July 2nd when a point of order was raised by Congressman Marcantonio.

The wording of this provision, "that no alien employed on the Canal Zone may secure United States civil service status" would, if passed, have negated the examinations taken by Panamanian citizens, and would have prohibited any such examinations in the future.

The UPW-CIO legislative bureau in Washington was well aware of the intentions of this proviso and was on the alert to secure its defeat as soon as the Bill was reported out of Committee. It was only thru the efforts of the UPW-CIO and some Congressmen who were interested in removing the provision that it was possible to have it stricken from

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