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whatever changes are made won't eliminate the pressure on the depressed "silver" worker, they will with all their power, effect methods more to their satisfaction regardless of whatever sacrifices they have to make. To face this and the things to come, if we are lucky enough to live them through, is a test that confronts the lowliest worker.

The only visible salvation for the "silver" worker is his joining the UPW-CIO, Local 713. These facts are known by every member and non-member of this Union. If you have followed the trend of the operation of our Union during the past year, you will agree we can confront certain human devotions with a little more pride and human dignity. The success of our Union rests in the hands of the workers — "UNITY" with a united effort of the 20,000 odd "silver" employees of the Canal, our ultimate objectives can be achieved. If you are not a member, join now. Our slogan on our first anniversary is 100% membership by August 31st. We have operated a whole year with all our bilingual and labor difficulties. Let us unite to operate a lifetime. Success is ours. Long live Local 713 UPW-CIO'

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the Bill. It is interesting to note that the printed record of the Appropriation Bill hearings shows that the AFL representatives, testifying before the committee, requested precisely the wording on Civil Service Status that later appeared in the bill. Evidently the AFL had failed to get either the House or Senate Civil Service Committees to propose legislation preventing the opening of civil service exams to Panamanians.

The UPW-CIO legislative bureau is watching the Bill which is now in the Senate and will expend all effort in preventing the inclusion of any provision such as the one in the original House Bill.

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into your Union is not lost. You will have intelligent representation in the Congress of the United States.

I want to remind you not to expect miracles overnight. You must have faith and patience. A new era is dawning for workers everywhere. The oppressors will have to yield sooner or later because Democracy and human rights demand it. Stand firm brothers and complete victory will be ours in the end. UNITY, ACTION!

Juan V. Espiazzano

UNITED AND FIGHT

WANT JOB SECURITY? JOIN UPW-CIO

GET OFF THE FENCE!

ON THE SICK LIST

Organizer Ernest Hay, who has been confined in Colon Hospital from Tuesday July 8th, was discharged from that institution on Tuesday 15th instant. Brother Hay was stricken suddenly on July 8th while on a visit to the office of the UPW-CIO, Cristobal, to attend a meeting of the Education and Recreation Committee. He was rushed to the hospital where his case was diagnosed as an acute attack of ptomaine poisoning. That he was well enough recovered to be discharged as stated above

Name	Ward	Bed No.	Admitted	Place of Employment	Steward
Bro. Edwin A. Maynard	5	25	7/7/47	Bld. Division	
" Geo. Knight	5	23	6/27/47	Gatun Locks	Coulson
" Hugh Davis	5	22	7/7/47	Washington Hotel	Johnson
" Wellington Moody	5	8	7/7/47	Washington Hotel	Johnson
" Antonio Leon	4	49	7/7/47	R. & F. A.	Lucas
" Jose Barrios	5	37	7/24/47	Machine Shop Cold Storage	A. Henry
" E. Rowe (Past Officer)	5	33	6/29/47	R. & F. A.	I. Edwards
" G. E. Clarke	4	5	6/29/47	Mt. Hope Bakery	Foster
" A. Ford	4	21	7/4/47	R. & F. A.	I. Edwards
" Laurel C. Richards	4	22	7/4/47	W. S. Cold Storage	E. Durant

Also among those visited was Bro. Wilson Benjamin, a member of the National Maritime Union, CIO who was cocopying bed 29 in Ward 5. This Brother is a crew member of the SS "Cristobal" and was admitted to Colon Hospital suffering from a liver ailment. He is doing well. His home is at 2026 Seventh Avenue, New York City. He hopes to be discharged soon. Retired Em-

will be well received by his co-workers, members of the Union, and his hosts of personal friends.

Brother Cecil R. Joseph, Steward, Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, is an out patient of Colon Hospital, having been confined to quarters from Friday July 11th.

Visit to Colon Hospital

On Sunday July 13th the following members and non-members of Local 713 were visited by a representative of the Cristobal Chapter:

Name	Ward	Bed No.	Admitted	Place of Employment	Steward
Bro. Jos. Bowen			June 19th	Municipal Division	
Bro. J. A. Campbell				Mechanical Division	
Edward Sprauve				R. & F. A.	

ployees visited were Bros. Clement Marshall, late of the R. & F. A., Bed 1, Ward 5, Admitted June 20th.

Bro. Jos. Bowen of Municipal Division, Admitted June 19th.

Bro. J. A. Campbell, of the Mechanical Division, Ward 5 Bed 24.

Edward Sprauve of the R. & F. A., in Hospital 4 months.

GATUN BIDS FAREWELL

GATUN, July 15—The Gatun Chapter of Local 713 United Public Workers of America pulled off a very enthusiastic Meeting on Monday night July 14 to say farewell to International Vice-President J. L. Strobel and Mrs. Strobel. The Meeting which was under the chairmanship of Brother Edward Green, Chapter Chairman and member of the Executive Board had for its object the presentation of several gifts to the Strobels made by the Chapter, the Stewards Council and members. Opportunity was also taken to present at the same time a souvenir on behalf of the Executive Board, as was done in the case of International Vice President Thomas Richardson on the eve of his departure to the United States. It drew from Chairman Green the mark that history was repeating itself at Gatun.

Among those present were: Bro. J. L. Strobel, International Vice President and Mrs. Strobel, Guests of honor, Bro. Francisco Arauz, President of Local 713, now on vacation, Bro. Graham A. Lewis, his locum tenens, Bro. Edward Green, Chapter Chairman presiding, Bro. William Kirton, Chapter Secretary, Bro. Vernon Harper, Trustee of Local 713 and Representative of Gatun on the Executive Board, Bro. Pascual Ampudia, member Executive Board, International Regional Director Max Brodsky, Bro. Edward Gaskin, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Sydney Harewood, Trustee and representative of Red Tank

Chapter on the Executive Board, Bro. Foster G. Bournes, Cristobal representative on the Executive Board, Bro. U. G. Ayres, Chapter Steward, Gatun Chapter, Bro. Wilmot N. Cameron, Cristobal Chapter Steward, Bro. N. P. Alexis Secretary Cristobal Stewards Council, Bro. E. B. Nish, Cristobal, Bro. Vincent Swaby, J. Shoy and several other members from Cristobal, Miss Thelma Thompson of the International Union and late of the Cristobal Chapter Office, Sisters Maida Bolivar and Edith Harper of the Balboa Chapter, Bros. Asthon Parchment and Carlyle Clark, members of the Executive Board and representatives of the Balboa Chapter, all the members of the staff of the Cristobal Office, and others too numerous to mention.

Various presentations to International Vice - President Strobel and little Marguerite Strobel were made by Brothers Small, Jones, Bournes, and Sisters Brown, Mitchell and Bonnick in the forms of gifts, bouquets and musical numbers.

Vice - President Strobel was in fine form in his acceptance speech, while Mrs. Strobel was not one whit behind in expressing thanks for herself and daughter. After the usual run of snappy speeches by several officers of the Union, the proceedings were brought to a close at 10:10, everyone expressing themselves as having spent a most enjoyable evening.

RICHARDSON VISITS PANAMA

All members of the Union know that Brother Thomas Richardson paid a flying visit to Local 713 in May. They also know that he is a colored CIO Executive who is well up in the Council of the United Public Workers of America. But how many rank and filers of our Union are aware of the fact that he came down here to solve many knotty problems of our beloved 713? Well, that is what he came for and it is well for them to know also, that "He came, he saw, and he conquered" all of them. That is the kind of men the CIO has as the top flight men. Men who specialize in certain types of Union activities—men who possess the know-how and do they give? Brother they do, and that is just what Vice President Richardson did. He gave to the Executive Board the recommendations needed to conduct their affairs the CIO way. He gave to the Steward's Department the right "dope" to run their part of the business without crossing lines. He gave the Chapter Officers the wherewith to run the Chapters without tangling with the Executive Board or the Stewards Council, and he gave them the technique to get the general membership to function the way they should as an important entity in the fabric of Trade-Unionism. In other words, Vice President Richardson took a flying trip to Panama and clarified the intricacies that beset the Or-

ganization known as Local 713 like nobody's business.

The Executive Board now knows what its functions are in relationship to the rest of the Union. The Chapters know what their duties are to the membership the Stewards Councils know just where they fit in on the overall picture. It is now left to the membership to know where they come in, what they have to do, and to do it. "One for all, and all for one" must mean just what the words convey. Each one must feel and act like an Organizer to bring in that non-member. He or she must feel like a one-man team in the membership Organizational Drive, and feel that way all the time. Bring them in and bring them back. Bro. Tom Richardson stressed the point that the membership must, as soon as possible take an active part, and be an important factor in Chapter meetings. They must elect Chapter officers and delegates to their convention. Only then will Local 713 be safe, because the general membership will be in contact with their officers, the officers in turn will be in touch with the Steward's Council and the Executive Board, and the Organization will function from top to bottom in the Trade Union way and in accordance with the real Democratic scheme of things—and that's only a fractional part of the achievements of International Vice President Thomas Richardson.

REMEMBER THIS?

