

# All Paid Up Members To Receive \$150.00 Death Benefit

Every member of Local 713 UPW-CIO will be automatically covered by the UPW Death Benefit Fund and will receive a \$150 life insurance policy free. The granting of free insurance to all Local 713 members was unanimously decided by the Executive Board at its meeting on March 18th.

According to the UPW plan,

no member will be required to take a physical examination or fill out lengthy applications. The payment of his dues by the member will be sufficient to provide for his coverage by the Death Benefit Fund. All members regardless of their age will receive the same amount of insurance—\$150.00. Meanwhile stewards of the

union are being given "Designation of Beneficiary" cards for each member to fill out. The sole purpose of these cards is for the union member to select the beneficiary who will receive the \$150 insurance upon his death. Every member should make sure that he fills out a card as soon as possible.

The Fund will not take ef-

fect, according to the regulations, until three months after the Union has decided to participate in it. Since the first month of Union participation is April, it means that the Fund will actually take effect on July 1st, 1949. From July 1st on, the beneficiary of every deceased member, who was in good standing with the Union,

will receive a check for \$150.00 from the Union.

Every member must be in good standing with the union to be eligible to receive benefits. If an employee re-instates in the union, he will not be eligible to receive benefits until three months following the complete payment of his reinstatement.

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## Supreme Court Says Brodsky Expulsion Illegal

### BRODSKY LEAVES - BUT THE UNION FIGHTS ON!

#### WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN ENDS IN GIANT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST OUSTER

Max Brodsky, Regional Director, left for the United States on Saturday, March 19th, to the farewell of the Local Executive Board and many rank and file members who had come down to Albrook Field at 2:00 in the morning to see him off.

The departure of Brother Brodsky came after a week of intensive and climatic activity protesting his expulsion by Foreign Minister Ignacio Molino. **Federacion Sindical Fires First Shot**

As soon as the order against Brodsky was learned, the Federacion Sindical de Trabajado-

res, which was holding its annual convention, was advised. Without delay, the Panamanian union passed a strong resolution of protest and voted to send a delegation to meet personally with the Foreign Minister the following morning. Thereafter, the Federacion Sindical along with several other organizations led and directed the whole campaign against Brodsky's ouster.

#### Cristobal Chapter Leads Union Campaign

The very same night when the dramatic news broke, Friday, March 11th, Cristobal

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### Foster Bournes Appointed International Representative By United P. Workers



**FOSTER G. BOURNES**

Newly appointed International Representative

The international office of the United Public Workers announced the appointment of Foster G. Bournes, Recording and Corresponding Secretary of Local 713, as International Representative.

Bournes, for the past fifteen

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### Refuse to Cancel Order Because Brodsky Had Already Left Country

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Panama declared in its decision on March 24th that the order of Foreign Minister Molino in cancelling Max Brodsky's residence permit in the Republic was illegal.

The Court stated: "In the Republic of Panama, the Constitution establishes as a principle that all Panamanians and foreigners are equal before the law (article 21); that all persons can transit freely the national territory and change residence without any more limitations than what are imposed by the laws and regulations of transit, economics, health and immigration (article 27) and that no one will be judged except by a competent authority and according to legal proceedings (article 32). And there does not exist in our legislation any law that permits the cancellation of a

residential permit based only on confidential information, without giving the accused the opportunity of being granted due process of law.

The order of the Foreign Minister was based on certain provisions in the Treaties of Chapultepec, Havana and Rio de Janeiro, however, the Supreme Court pointed out that the Foreign Minister could not carry out these provisions if they conflicted with the laws and constitution of the Republic. The court said in this connection: "The Court does not ignore the conditions cited and considers that in that treaty when it was

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## SECTION HEAD AND SALES CLERK JOBS APPEALED

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR STOCK SHORTAGES CITED AS IMPORTANT FACTOR

The Union has appealed the pay rates of Section Heads and Sales Clerks, contending that the level of skill and responsibility in these positions is higher than the pay scales would warrant.

The appeal pointed out that Section Heads have important supervisory duties, are in charge of inventories taken once or more per month, and have to make periodic reports to Managers on merchandise and customer trends.

The present grades for Section Heads are three, four, seven and nine. The appeal stated that all grades are too low and that grade four, in particular, stands out like a sore thumb. The highest grade for Section Heads is grade nine, although the employees in charge of the largest section in the chief commissaries have tremendous responsibilities — supervising as many as thirty employees and being responsible for stock as high as \$100,000.00.

There is no excuse for a Sales

Clerk's position as low as grade one. It is supposed to be

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## Union Wins \$357 for Navy Worker

Robert A. Moody, employed in the Army and Navy for 16 years until his termination on September 16, 1946, received a check for \$357.00 for more than a year's retirement annuity after the Union assisted him in filing the necessary papers and securing the required data.

Moody now in his early sixties was terminated on Sep-

tember 16, 1946 by the Navy where he had been employed as a painter at 39¢ per hour. Not aware that he might be eligible for a retirement annuity under the Civil Service Retirement Act, since he had not made any contributions to the retirement fund, he neglected to file any application until a friend of his suggested that he contact the UPW-CIO.

When Moody was interviewed by organizer Garcia, it was the opinion of the union that Moody should be eligible for some annuity. Brother Garcia wrote the necessary letters for Moody, secured the required application forms and helped him obtain his service record from the Central Labor Office.

Moody's first visit to the UPW-CIO office was on July 1, 1948. Last Month Moody was advised by the Civil Service Commission that he had been granted an annuity as a retiree

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Just a few hours before he boarded the plane to return to the United States, Regional Director Max Brodsky is photographed bidding farewell to President Ampudia and First Vice-President Graham Lewis.