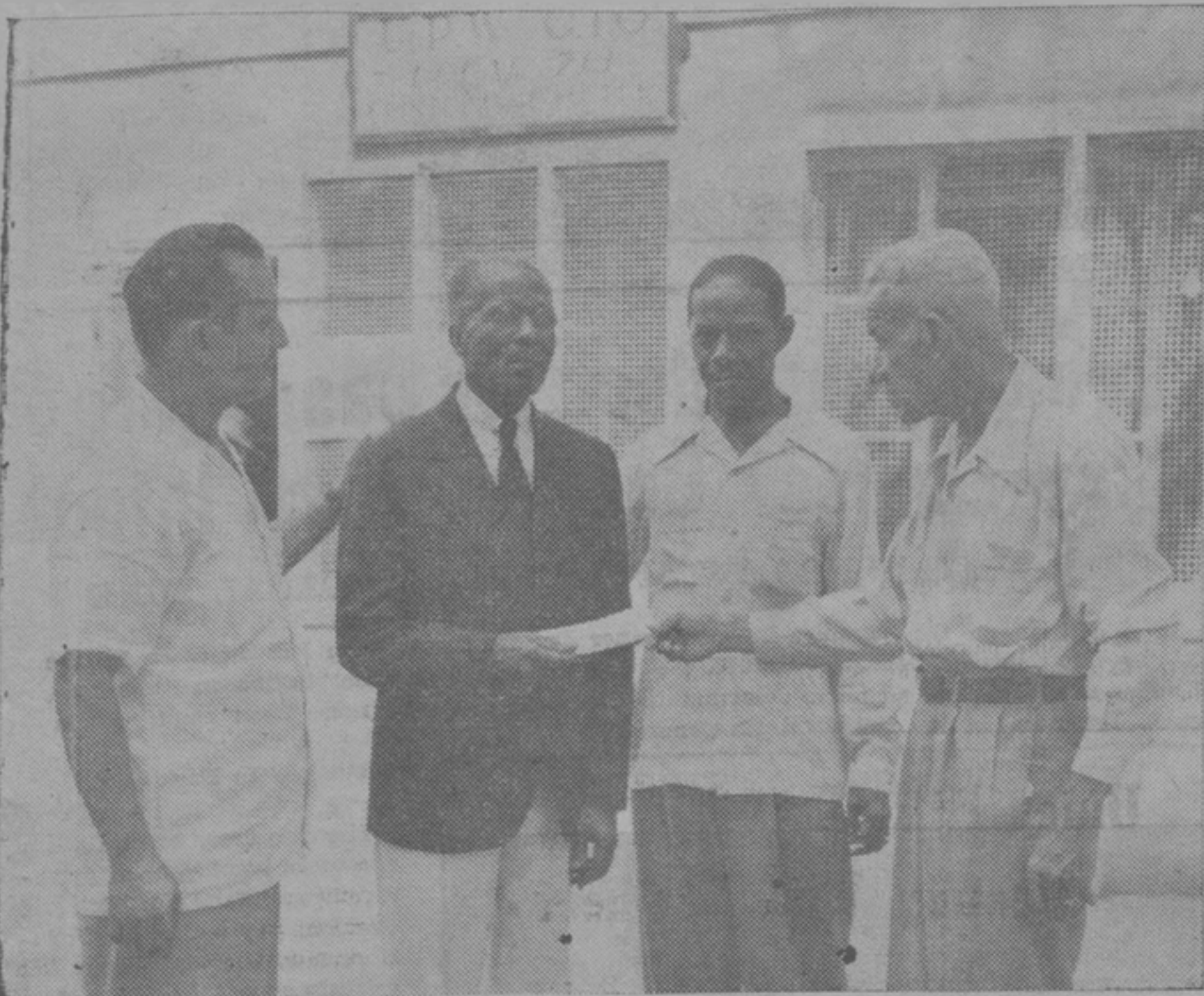


ANOTHER CASE WHERE THE UNION PROVES ITS WORTH



Robert McKinnon, blind, ex-employee of the Army and Panama Canal, is seen receiving his retirement check for \$2000.00 from First Vice-President Graham Lewis. McKinnon won the retirement as a result of Local 713's action.

"Who Told You to Talk Back to a White Man?"

Several weeks ago Brother Archibald Bailey was driving a delivery van on the Cristobal Docks. His truck was hit by a commercial fork truck and he called over a policeman to check on the accident.

During the discussion with the policeman, a "gold" foreman walked over and began to make all kinds of statements about the accident. Bailey politely informed him that he wasn't even on the scene when the collision occurred.

The foreman retorted: "Shut up you black son of a . . . Who told you to talk back to a white man?"

The violation of the Governor's circular forbidding the use of abusive language to an employee was reported to the proper authorities, and proper disciplinary action was taken

Credit Unions in Good Shape Says Harold Wright

In contrast to the chaotic financial condition of a certain credit union on the Canal Zone, the five credit unions sponsored by UPW-CIO last year were found to be in good shape after a month-long examination by Harold Wright, Assistant Regional Representative of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Wright said: "The five federal credit unions (Balboa, Paraiso-Red Tank, Gamboa, Gatún, Cristóbal) have a total of over 1600 members. These members at August 31st held shares (savings) of over \$31,000.

"In the short period of ten months, one of every ten employees has become a member.

Militant Unions Urge Return To Founding CIO Principles

When the so-called left wing CIO unions met recently in New York to discuss the present dispute within the National CIO on autonomy and democracy, everyone of the 1500 delegates lashed out violently against the Murray-Reuther-Carey edict "to conform to CIO, politics and policies or get out."

The delegates represented a wide bloc of membership and spoke for members in 20 unions.

Ewart Guinier, secretary-treasurer of the United Public Workers, in speaking on autonomy, told this story of a talk he had with CIO President Murray last year:

Senator John Sparkman, Democrat from Alabama, campaigned on the slogan: "Vote for Sparkman and your sister will never have to work alongside of a Negro." Quoting this example to Murray, Guinier said his union demanded the right to differ with CIO endorsements of congressional candidates—especially jimcrow candidates. Murray said: "The people in Alabama who endorsed Sparkman have local autonomy."

"However, UPW did not have the autonomy to oppose Sparkman," Guinier said.

Maurice Travis, energetic secretary of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, with a black patch covering his missing right eye, told the 1500 delegates to stand firm on their demands for a return by the CIO to the founding principles of the organization.

He told of raids by Phil Murray's steel workers Union's raids of Mine, Mill shops. When these attempts failed, the raiders resorted to violence, kidnapping and beating officers or other leaders of the so-called left wing unions.

The Conference climaxed its activities for the day with a resolution (see page four) and hoped that it would become the rallying cry throughout CIO.

These members' savings have been used to make 910 loans totalling \$26,000 in the ten-month period. At August 31st, there were 565 loans outstanding amounting to \$15,000. The average size of loans has been approximately \$30. In general the repayment record has been good. Two credit unions had no loans with payments over sixty days past due. Another had only one account in arrears that long.

In the case of the few uncooperative borrowers who are not meeting their regularly scheduled payments, the Examiner has called for col-

lection by legal action if necessary. It was stressed that the borrower would be required to pay court costs and attorney's fees in addition to his loan balance.

"The treasurers have been commended for their devotion to duty, all having served the entire period without compen-tion, as have the other directors and committeemen. Although all the treasurers started without previous credit union experience, no serious problems arose and the records of all five credit unions are now in balance through the date of the examination".

ANTI-UNION CLIQUE COURTS CORRUPT SHIPYARD UNION

In view of the fact that certain would-be "labor leaders" who form a part of the jealous opposition to Local 713, have been in communication with The Government Workers Union hoping to lure them to the Canal Zone, ACCION presents some interesting facts to its readers about this vainglorious outfit.

The Anti-Local 713 clique, which has its mainstay in the editorial staff of a certain faltering weekly, has been parading stories every now and then about the Government Workers Union. This is the union they want to come to the Canal Zone and replace Local UPW-CIO as the organization of the non-citizen employees.

A Raiding Splinter

In reality, there is no Government Workers Union. It is really a conveniently named segment of the Shipyard Workers Union. About a year and a half ago, the shipyard workers lost most of its members. In order to maintain the luxury salaries of its officers, it decided to start raiding other unions for membership.

One of the first unions it picked on was UPW. They found several malcontents and renegades who were not getting anyplace in UPW and who wanted to find a home where they could glisten more brightly.

Renegade Organizers

Two trouble-makers by the name of Shoemaker and Merengoff ran for election as delegates to the last International Convention of UPW. They were badly defeated and could not even be elected as alternatives.

In a fit of rancor, they resigned from UPW and joined up with the Shipyard outfit. They were hired as organizers in 1948, and today these two renegades are the whole organizing staff of the mighty, so-called "Government Workers Union".

At their last convention in March, the union didn't pass a single resolution relating to the problems of federal employees whom they seek to

organize. Most of the convention was taken up with an attempt by the union's officers to raise dues. The union was losing \$10,000 per month. In the past year it had spent more than a half-million dollars in raiding attempts against UPW and other unions. These attempts failed miserably and the union was on the verge of bankruptcy.

The attempt to raise dues was killed by convention delegates who were critical of the leadership for squandering the union's money in raiding attempts. After this, the convention broke up in pandemonium.

Dwindling membership

Since the convention, the entire union has dwindled to less than 30,000 dues payments. Two years ago, this organization boasted a membership of over 200,000! Corrupt leadership and costly raiding drove thousands of members into other unions.

The two largest locals—Local 1 in Camden, N. J., and the Sun Shipyard Local withdrew from the Union in disgust with national policies and affiliated with other organizations this year:

In Yonkers, New York, the Shipyard Workers succeeded in raiding a UPW Local. They led the workers into a disastrous strike which ended up in bitter defeat. After the strike the members asked UPW if they could return to the fold.

In Woods, Wisconsin, the Shipyard Union raided another UPW local. At the time of the raid, the local numbered 250 members. The union is now down to 50 and at latest reports is on the verge of folding up.

Birds of a feather

This is the union to which the conniving clique on the Canal Zone is looking for deliverance from UPW. From the description it seems pretty likely that the Shipyard goon-squad would match pretty well with the anti-Local 713 group on the Zone. But, frankly, we don't feel that the rank and file of "silver" employees would want to have anything to do with them.

LESTER PRINGLE LEAVES FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN U.S.

UNION LOSES VALUABLE ASSET

One of the outstanding stewards of the Balboa Chapter, and one of the capable leaders of Local 713,—Lester Pringle—departed late last month for the United States where he plans to reside permanently.

He was employed with the Police and Fire Division as a guard.

Les, during his brief period with the Union, was one of its most sincere and unselfish workers. He served as a member of the Balboa Chapter Educational and Recreational Committee and was one of its principal figures:

For the quarter ending last

June, he won the stewards award for the Balboa Chapter.

A tireless worker, he spent the majority of his off-duty hours at the Balboa Union office where he willingly assisted anyone. On several occasions he has participated in grievance hearings along with the organizers.

At a party held in his honor, prior to his departure, Lester was warmly tributed by the Balboa Chapter Executive Board and other union members and friends.

Local 713 takes great pleasure in expressing its appreciation to Bro. Lester Pringle for his unselfish contribution to the Union and wishes him the best of luck.