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NATIONAL APPAREL WAGE COMMISSION STARTS WORK

Up-State Undergarmenters

Hoosick Falls Girls Who Are Staunch Union Members—Employed By Hoosick Falls Undergarment Company. They Are (Left to Right) Stacia Saloski, Ida Niegoda and Jessie Wright.

Members Thank Union For Aid During Flood

Many members assisted by the Union during the period of necessity following the New England floods have written heartwarming letters to express their thanks. Max Chansky, manager of Local 226, Springfield, Mass., reports the receipt of a dozen or more letters.

**106 JOBBERS WITH 10,000 WORKING IN 5 STATES STRUCK BY N. Y. DRESS J. B.;
45 FIRMS SETTLE**

Cheap Line Makers Balked In Effort To Resign From Associations And Escape Contract Obligations

Settlement of strikes against 45 New York dress jobbers employing directly and through their contracting ships approximately 5,000 workers was announced by the Dress Joint Board "*Justice*," went to press. Strikes against 61 additional jobbing concerns involving 4 to 5 thousand workers were still in progress.

Quick settlement of the remaining strikes was expected as the attempt by jobbers to prevent enforcement of the new agreement which went into effect in the dress industry, February 1, collapsed.

Surging mass picket demonstrations storming through 35th Street In the New York

dress market have featured the strikes in progress for the past fortnight.

Strike action which affected, in all, more than 10,000 workers in New York and surrounding areas was started on January 31 and on February 1, and more firms were called out during the ensuing days.

The Joint Board, acting in co- (Continued on Page 5)

NEW CONTROL RULES PUT INTO EFFECT IN N. Y. CLOAK INDUSTRY OLD "GEOGRAPHICAL" METHOD GIVES WAY TO FIRM UNIT SYSTEM SUPERVISION.

The widely-heralded "Uniform System of Industrial Control," that has evoked vigorous discussion in the circles of the New York Cloakmakers' Joint Board in recent months, was presented to a special meeting of the Board on Monday, January 30, and approved by the assembled delegates without a dissenting vote.

The new system of control replaces the existing form in that business agents will be assigned to manufacturing and jobbing units within various price ranges instead of geographical districts. Thus, a business agent will patrol all shops, inside and contracting units, of his manufacturers regardless of the location of these shops.

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ILGWU Chorus in Labor Nationwide Broadcast Makes History, Mar. 11

The ILGWU Chorus will make history Saturday afternoon, March 11, when it sings over Station WABC and a nation-wide hookup covering all the major cities of the United States. The Chorus will sing a repertory of labor songs, the first time an all-labor program has ever been scheduled for a nationwide hookup. The program will be on from 12:15 to 12:30, Eastern Standard time.

The Great Emancipator Looks Ahead

"So long as there is one man willing to work, but unable to find employment, the hours of labor are too long..." A. Lincoln

Labor Relations Board Will Hear Forest City Case in Wash., Feb. 23

The Southwestern Office of the ILGWU, Meyer Perlstein, director, has received notice from the Washington Office of the National Labor Relations Board that its complaint against the Forest City Manufacturing Company, of St. Louis, has been accepted and that the date for the hearing is set for February 23.

The case involves many workers who were discharged for union activity.

Infantile Paralysis Fund

Full details about the ILG WU's contributions to President Roosevelt's Infantile Paralysis Fund will be found on Page 15 of this issue.

6 From ILGWU On Women's Garment Committee To Fix Minimums

DUBINSKY IN CANADA CHARGES EMPLOYERS EVADE OBLIGATIONS

Analyzing the effect of the new customs treaty between the United States and Canada on employment, and charging that the dress manufacturers were not showing good faith as responsible members of the industry, President David Dubinsky addressed a mass meeting of 1,500 dressmakers in Auditorium Hall, Montreal, last Wednesday.

Possibility of a relation between the two problems and the recalcitrant attitude of the employers was shown by President Dubinsky when he pointed out that the reduction in customs duties had caused an increase in cheap dress importations with a consequent effect on employment.

The challenge to the good faith of the dress manufacturers was thrown down by President Dubinsky when he showed that they had displayed marked opposition "legalization" of agreement under the Arcand Law, usually a formality, and departed from an industry viewpoint at the hearings before Premier Duplessis, January 11.

Without mincing words, President Dubinsky called on the dress employers to come out from behind the smoke screen they had set up in regard to their attitude toward the dress agreement. He said that the Union was entitled to know whether it was dealing with responsible employers willing to live up to their contracts or whether the Union would have to proceed to a (Continued on Page 2)

The first meeting of the Apparel Industry Committee to determine a minimum wage for all garment trades under the Fair Labor Standards Act was called to order in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 31 by Louis E. Kirstein, chairman.

There was practically unanimous representation of the 48 members of the committee present in the south ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel when Elmer F. Andrews, Wages and Hours Administrator, made the welcoming address to the members of the committee, representing industry, organized labor and the public.

The procedure was to name several subcommittees which will deal with problems

that are individual to one branch of the industry. The committee as it is constituted today takes in all branches of the men's and women's garment industries.

Four Sub-Committees

The four sub-committees appointed from the general apparel committee of 48 met in sessions the next day. Uppermost in the minds of the committeemen were the problems of overlapping between the branches of the INGWU were appointed to sub-committee "c" charged with making minimum (Continued on Page 2)

HIRSCH Co, STRIKE BROUGHT TO LABOR BOARD IN CHICAGO

FLASH!

As we go to press, a wire from Chicago, signed by Vice-President Bialis, informs us that the Hirsch & Songs strike has been settled. Details in next issue of "Justice."

With the Hirsh & Songs coat and suit strike of Chicago advancing into its second month, Vice-President Morris Bialis, who leads the 500 workers involved in this conflict, reports, (Continued on Page 2)

\$150,000 Jobless Relief Voted By All "22" Meetings

The overwhelming unity of Local 22 members was clearly in evidence when more than 8,000 dressmakers who jammed seven membership meetings held in the last fortnight, by almost unanimous vote, agreed to postpone local elections until 1940, decided to raise a fund of \$150,000 for relief of the local's unemployed members, and enthusiastically approved a program of planned union activities for the coming season. The meetings also heard, and indicated their accord with, a report (Continued on Page 5)