

# SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

The Retail Clerks' Union in the Harbor District during all of its 12 years of existence and struggles for decent working conditions for the employees in the retail stores have never had one instance of violence either on or off the picket line. Graciously the people of the Harbor Area have always supported the clerks in their requests for a decent living wage.

We abhor the fact that certain persons have taken advantage of the fact that we are today again asking the chain stores to pay a decent living wage.

The beating up of people is certainly not the American way of winning the economic dispute. Those persons who perpetrated the crime of malicious assault on Mr. Lee of the Torrance store have aided the enemies of a decent living wage for the clerks of the Harbor Area. We today ask the people to remember that all that the clerks in the Five and Ten Cent Stores are asking is \$32.00 a Week as pay for their services to the chain stores.

Are they being unfair? Are they being unjust in asking for these wages?

Surely any intelligent person today must realize that the chain stores made more money during the war period than they ever made during the history of this community and yet they are still unwilling to pay the same wage scale that the independent merchants in the Harbor Area are paying. Can any family live today on \$32.00 a week? Of course it can't. We ask the public not to support these stores until they are willing to pay a decent living wage to their employees.

**Haskell Tidwell, Secretary**

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