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# Los Angeles Unions Fight Anti-Semitism Of Big Drug Chain

## Six Warehousemen Locked Out for Protesting Refusal of Company to Hire Two Jews; Pickets Mass as Scabs Are Hired

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Forty-six employees of the Los Angeles Drug Co. locked out for protesting refusal by the company's superintendent to hire two men because they are Jews, spread their struggle today to many stores served by the firm. The lockout came as the climax to an intermittent two-year war between the management and Local 1-26 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union of the CIO of which the company has frequently expressed its hostility to Jews.

According to Lloyd Seliger, organizer of the union, the company was sent two men upon its request to the ILYU hiring hall but Superintendent Jack Matthewson turned them down on the ground that they are Jews.

Subsequently one non-Jew was furnished the company from the hiring hall, but the union took immediate steps to protest the anti-Semitic policy. A grievance committee was sent to the management to complain of the action but efforts to stop the discriminatory policy were of no avail.

Nor would the company agree to putting this case before an arbitration board.

The workers thereupon expressed a protest through a short stoppage on Dec. 21. On the following day, when they reported for work they were met by company officials with paychecks and informed that they were fired.

As the locked-out workers formed picket lines at all entrances of the drug company, the firm sent for strikebreakers to the "Neutral Thousands," a notorious strike-breaking organization.

The warehousemen are now spreading their struggle to the general public expecting to develop a boycott against the firm's products. The Los Angeles Drug Co. has about 150 Jewish-owned drug stores scattered through Southern California who are being immediately reached.

At the same time the locked-out workers swung their efforts against directors of the company who are owners of independent drug stores in their drive to break down the policy of discrimination.

One of the means is by the sale of newspapers telling of the anti-Semitic policy, in front of the stores owned by the members of the firm's board.