Canadian
Dock Talks
Broken Off

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Direct negoti-ations between the Canadian area ILWU and the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association broke off last week.

Talks ended after eight meetings between union and employer representatives and three more meetings before a conciliation officer ap-pointed by the Canadian government to try to bring the parties to-gether.

Failing in this, the federal Minis-ter of Labor, in keeping with na-tional labor law, appointed a con-ciliation board to hear both parties and make recommendations. The recommendations are not binding on either party.

Seven days after the federal minis-ter receives the conciliation board's report and the previous contract ex-pires, the parties can move—includ-ing taking strike action.

The present three-year collective agreement expires July 31, 1969. All issues in that contract are on the table, according to Canadian area president Andy Kotowich.

Yorty Beats Bradley by
Bigotry, Fear

LOS ANGELES — Racism, fear, bigotry, a campaign of hatred and dividing the community—these were all words used by three ILWU spokesmen as they expressed deep-est disappointment in that no mayo-oral candidate Thomas Bradley.

It was a shattering experience to many in labor and liberal circles who had dreamed that not only could reactionary Sam Yorty be de-feated, but that Los Angeles, just a few years after Watts, could heal the wounds and elect an outstand-ing man as mayor.

But Bradley is a black man, and the day was won by bigotry and fear.

Here are some comments by ILWU leaders.

Local 26 president George Lee: "This proves that people in organ-ized labor are still not united; that people who represent the same in-interest in labor bury their heads and talk where they will not be heard."

Bill Piercy, ILWU regional direc-tor: "Most segments of labor, in-cluding the ILWU, gave mostly lip service to Bradley's endorsement. That just wasn't enough."

Paul Perlin, Executive Board mem-ber: "Bradley was a victim of racism and skillfully whipped up hatred and fear. But we still have the framework for a broad coalition that must be maintained now that it has got started. Don't count this labor and minority group coalition out."

New B List
Being Set
In Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO — A new long-shore "B" list, the making, it was announced by a six-inch, single column, one-time-only want ad ap-pearin in Bay Area papers.

The ad (facsimile below) says applica-tions will be picked up and taken from June 9 through June 26, at the PMA pay office in the south wing of the Ferry Building, for con-sideration as class "B" longshore-man. Applications will be without discrimination, it was promised.

The Joint Longshore Labor Rela-tions Committee also said promotion of remaining "A" men to "B" men to "A" registration will soon take place. Then eligible 1967 "B" men will move to "A" at the rate of 50 per month — after the 400 new "B" men are registered.

Reasons for these changes include the large amounts of work in the area; the need for more promotions to skilled categories; and the event-ual need for steady men at container freight stations.

Local 19's B-list committee in-cludes William Perlin (soon to be an international vice-president), Bob Rohatch, Leon Barlow and Tom Lapher.

They have a tough job, as all re-call when the last applications were advertised for one day only, Decem-ber 12, 1966. Some 23,000 men got applica-tions; 15,000 were turned in seeking 700 jobs.

Who Said If?

"The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country. Russia is threatening us with her metal, atomic and nuclear Republic is seeking to destroy America. Within and without. We need law and order. Yes, without law and order, our Nation cannot survive. Elect us and we shall restore law and order."

(See answer on back page.)

Congress to Get 2 Bills
Raising Longshore Comp

By Albert Lannon, Jr.

ILWU Washington Representative

WASHINGTON — Amendments to the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act will soon be introduced in the Senate. The bill embodying the amendments is sup-port by all concerned unions, in-cluding ILWU and ILA. An all-out attack is expected from the employ-ers.

A companion bill will be intro-duced in the House.

The proposals would raise maxi-mum weekly temporary disability benefits to $312, up from the $70 set in 1961, and raise minimum weekly benefits from $18 to $36.

Additional proposals in the bill include:

• Raising funeral expense benefits to $650;
• Eliminating the $24,000 total compensation limit;
• Reducing the retroactive benefit period from 28 to 14 days;
• Raising wage limits for comput-ing death benefits.

The Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, enacted in 1927, provides federally-adminis-trated workers' compensation for injuries incurred while working aboard ship, on a gangplank, or in a dry dock. A pending Supreme Court case, set for argument sometime this fall, could extend the Act to the pier as well.

The original intent of Congress was that benefits should be scaled at two-thirds of actual wages. The present $70 maximum falls far short.

"BLUEPRINT FOR FASCISM"

"The Eastland "Internal Security Act," S. 12, has been passed by the Senate Internal Security subcommit-tee, and is now on the agenda of the full Senate Judiciary committee for possible early action.

S. 12, labeled a "blueprint for fas-cism" by the ILWU, is 94 pages of "subversive" legislation, including 17 repressive and witch-hunting clauses. The bill's 21 sponsors include Senate GOP leader Everett Dirksen, California Senator George Murphy and others from the neanderthal wing of Congress.

A preliminary head count of Judi-ciary committee members shows a potentially close vote. Half of the committee are arch-conservatives. Chairman is James Eastland of Mis-issippi. An ominous sign was ap-proval of right-wing extremist Otto Otepek's appointment to the Sub-verse Activities Control Board (SACB) with only three dissenting votes.

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While millions in grief paused to count their dead this Memorial Day, others paused only long enough to salute Old Glory with one hand, while they counted their war-gained profits with the other. This came home with doubled urgency this year, for the business of the Vietnam war, as growing numbers of Americans expressed horror over the waste of the Vietnam war. It was highlighted by the battle labeled with grisly humor as “Hamburger Hill”—where fine young men were ground to bits, for no clear purpose other than the need for military bureaucrats to make their points.

But for dozens of corporations and individuals and retired generals—turned—executives and congressmen with direct financial ties, Hamburger Hill and un-numbered other hills and dales and heroic stands are not moments written in red for the history books, but neat figures on the credit side of America's ledger—written in green—long green!

The corruption of waste, of gearing a nation toward the crafts of death rather than the arts of life, is in good measure the frustration of the young in America. And no small part has been gained by a game called gouge the taxpayer, sometimes called cheating by less polite company; and the public, sometimes called the principal— and as much interest as they can collect in the name of Old Glory.

The corruption of waste, of degrading a nation toward the crafts of death rather than the arts of life, is in good measure the reason for such distrust and disgust and frustration of the young in America.

They don’t feel easy. They can spot a phony a mile away. They can read the profit and loss figures. For us as workers the issue should be just as simple. We should be as acutely sensitive as the youth are to the hypocrisy of those who shout their patriotism the loudest while they are robbing the till. As they say, it’s not the money, it’s the principal—and as much interest as they can collect in the name of Old Glory.

What's happening in California, and could in other states as well, is an attempt to persuade withholding taxes on a state level, in order to rub some salve over the fact that taxes are getting really painful, rising unmercifully, and all the philanthropic and pro-growth plans are geared to overcome what looks like a real tax revolt in the making. Unfortunately, most of the revolt takes the form of voters turning down really important and necessary advances such as schools and community health.

From our point of view—as stated in the convention policy statement, the subject—"The withholding of income taxes..." is one of the greatest windfalls the government has ever experienced. For those who have been working at it patiently and steadily for years, there is the windfall of some $80 billion, almost half the federal budget, "is taken directly from our paychecks without our ever having a chance to see the money, much less participate in using it."

The same idea is threatened in California. One part of the scheme is Reagan's hard-sell that taxes on residential property, "is a matter of social justice, and the tax rate, as increasing state income tax. That's just another way of saying the tax collectors will reach into the workingman's pocket and find some extra money there to tax."

We consider withholding plans class legislation, aimed at obscuring how much of our money goes into taxes while making damned sure that the worker pays his taxes by grabbing the loot before the worker ever sees it. But by the same token, those businessmen, speculators, and others who receive income from dividends, real estate deals, etc., either pay from year to year, or on their estimates from quarter to quarter—and thus they retain at least some control over their own money. But ordinary workers have the tax slice right off at the source, as if they can’t be trusted, and no back talk.

Some of the politicians say they’ll recover taxes from transients and part-time workers. In other words pick up a few pennies from visiting longshoremen, or loggers, or farm workers who hardly eke out a living, or kids trying to earn a few bucks in the summer so they can go back to school! It's not the money, it's the principal—and no back talk.

We need some slashing reforms of the whole tax system. Instead we find some legislators looking for niches and dimes from the poorest working people. There are fantastic amounts of possible tax revenues in oil and mineral and timber, there are tax-dodging gimmicks in so-called charitable foundations; there are tax-free cash properties and other profitable institutions. There are loopholes all over the place that work to the advantage of the rich.

In other words there are plenty of devices of money, out of profits and other resources. So why is it always the worker who is the first target when more money is needed? Why are there so many politicians who seem to think the best way to reform the tax structure is to reduce the worker's allowance? And the best way to meet an overburdened budget is to rob the worker, pay—by painlessly withholding, so he doesn’t know where the money is going.

There isn’t one of us who owns his home who won’t agree we need some relief from the ponderous tax burden. But that doesn’t mean providing relief on one hand and then hitting us over the head on the other. The tax revolt grows, a growing number of taxpayers are considering forcing reforms through a tax strike—meaning, right to pay taxes until our demands are met. As long as taxes are withheld it is impossible to mount such a strike.
Coo5 Bay
Bob Robertson
Honored by Pension Club

NOETH BEND—International vice
president J. R. (Bob) Robertson was
guest of honor at the annual ban-
quet of the Coo5 Bay Pensioners
here May 16, with about 300 in
attendance.

Other speakers were former In-
ternational vice president Germain
Bulteke and Joe Werner of the Port-
land Pensioners club.

Robertson called the struggle for
peace “the dominant issue in the
world today” and hoped the time
would come when workers every-
where would demand peace.

Speaking of student unrest, in
other countries as well as the United
States, Robertson said “I can’t tell
them what to do, so by golly I’m
going to go along with them.”

He said he was not worried by the
current unrest because he had “faith
in people and people will rise to
the occasion.”

Werner spoke on behalf of the
Pacific Coast Pensioners Association
and urged the Coo5 Bay group to
join.

After dinner and cocktails, there
was dancing until “the wee hours.”

Local 6 Tries to Help Resolve Berkeley Crisis

SAN FRANCISCO—Workers of the
Local 6, with hundreds of members liv-
ing in Berkeley, have made several
strong protests to the mayor and
council of that city over recent po-
lace violence against citizens, and
has proposed measures to resolve the
potentially explosive friction there.

On May 16, the day after many
people were shot and gassed in
Berkeley, a Local 6 delegation met
with the mayor. Wallace Johnson to present a resolution
adopted the previous day by a mem-
bership meeting of the local’s East
Bay division.

The resolution, previously sent as
a telegram to the city council, said
the members were “shocked and
outraged” over police use of shot-
guns and tear gas and “that a state
of virtual martial law exists.”

It asked “that an emergency con-
cerning the present demonstrations be declared as a public
health menace and that the members be notified of a
special meeting of the local’s East
Bay division.”

At the same meeting, a spokesman
for the Alameda County Central La-
bor Council, AFL-CIO, deplored the
violence of police, sheriff’s deputies
and National Guard and recom-
ended conciliation by community
groups.

On the following day, McClain
sent a letter to mayor Johnson by
special messenger, stating that the
union was “vitalized concerned to as
what may develop this Friday (Memorial Day) and proposing that
the council “declare a cooling-off
period of 90 days during which time
the People’s Park will be opened to
the public until all concerned par-
ties can agree upon a definite plan
for the establishment of a park in the
south of the campus area.”

The wording is “quite inclusive”
and “ILWU could be a easy target
since our members often work on
public property. Chief of police, in
charge of concerned community or-
ganizations, civic, clergy and labor—be convened at the earliest mo-
time for the purpose of restoring
peace and civil rights . . . and to de-
velop a program to resolve problems of the community on a constructive
and non-violent basis.”

This proposal was urged upon the
mayor by the Local 6 delegation, in-
cluding president Curtis McClain,
business agents Bill Burke, Al
Johnson and Joe Blasquez and dis-
patcher Joe Villegas.

REAL LAW AND ORDER
At a city council meeting of May
25, eight Local 6 leaders were on
hand to support McClain in a
planned address to the council. Un-
bable to remain until Local 6 was
called to speak sometime after mid-
night, McClain was represented by
Baker, who told the council that “We want some real law and order.”

“What guarantee do we have,”
Burke demanded, “that the same
measures—shooting and gassing—
won’t be used against us if we have
a strike in June, 1970, when our
present contracts run out? Are the
same forces going to be used against
labor unions? Do we have control or
do we live in a captivated city?"

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At a special meeting of the Ber-
keley Council May 29, Bill Burke
read the proposal and spoke in sup-
pport of it.

Local 6’s Bulletin reported the
actions of the Northern California
District Council in relation to
Berkeley and added: “Don’t forget
we had the same thing in 1964 and
we bitterly protested, as did the en-
tire labor movement in the recent
oil strike.”

Memorial Service For Anne Rand
Friday, June 13

SAN FRANCISCO—A memorial
meeting for Anne Rand, founder of
the ILWU research library, will be
held Friday, June 13, starting at 5
p.m. in Santa Maria hall at the
ILWU International headquarters.

A’ unreal silence will be un-
veiled and the library will be for-
mally renamed the “Anne Rand Re-
search Library.”

All friends of Anne Rand and
others interested are invited to at-
tend. Anyone who is unable to at-
tend may send a message, addressed
to the ILWU International offi-
cers.

The 18th Biennial Convention in
April ordered the plaque and re-
naming of the library in the com-
motion naming Anne Rand’s twenty
years’ distinguished service to the
union.

Anne Rand retired in 1965 and
died in February of this year.
1-B. End Vietnam War

A national decision must be made to bring about immediate cease-fire, to withdraw American troops, negotiate a political settlement with the people who are doing the fighting and diligently pursue negotiations as well as cutting back military spending and controlling the military-industrial complex.

The statement of policy calls attention to the growing majority of Americans who agree that intervention in Vietnam was a disastrous mistake. It notes that the ILWU was among the very first to speak out against this policy and tried to get other unions, both independent and AFL-CIO, to join this effort. American workers, above all, pay for the war, by inflation, high taxes, surtaxes, and escalating cost of living, while domestic problems abound—pollution, crime, poor schooling, inadequate community life, and much more.

We have been sold a continuous bill of goods about waiting patiently, until we “win” before bringing the boys home. Our union must now take a leading role, to seek out natural alliances in every other part of the community, to win our common objectives of stopping the killing, negotiations, withdrawing support from Saigon unless that government cooperates in peace negotiations. We must demand a cutting back on military spending and vote that the money be used for domestic needs.

2. Social Justice

Racism could endanger or destroy everything trade unionists.

Trade unionism must serve to build a better living standard, security, and dignity for all working people, including black Americans. Where unions do not serve these ends they must be changed.

“Black power” where it builds toward racial equality and anti-segregation, where it joins black people into collective organizations to use their strength to better the lives of the people is something ILWU wholeheartedly supports. We cannot support black power that aims at racial separation or anti-unionism or division within the working class community.

More than two million black Americans belong to trade unions and have won the benefit of trade unionism—higher wages, medical care, pensions, job security, decent conditions and much more. Many unions have been at the forefront of the fight for equality. Where unions exclude black or other minority workers, or relegate them to the worst jobs, or otherwise sanction bigotry, they benefit only the employers, and weaken the working class. We will not allow racism—whether from white workers, or black or any other workers—to divide us.

2-B. Mexican People

The fight for full political, social, educational, and economic rights of the Mexican people is part of labor’s own struggle for progress. We offer the hand of brotherhood and assistance to the Mexican people to achieve these goals.

Recently the Mexican-Americans have organized aggressively to assert their rights. Their struggle against racism includes better education, more minority teachers, and in general winning the social, political and economic rights that are every American’s right.

2-C. Racism

We must actively oppose racism and discrimination in all unions and everywhere else in society. We must support and promote the dignity and control over their own lives of the minority people—in politics, schools, neighborhoods, police departments and much more. All must help to protect jobs and up-grading for all minorities.

The ILWU has a proud history of integration and struggle against all forms of racism. However, there is everywhere a sharp polarisation and division between white and black, while the struggle of the black people has reinforced and sharpened the struggle for equality among all other minorities, especially towards the end of obtaining adequate and relevant education.

The sharpest remaining problem is discrimination in hiring, jobs and upgrading, and the many examples of unions collaborating with employers to maintain racial divisions within many industries. This can only injure the labor movement, and in the long run pay into the hands of those who would destroy trade unionism.

3. Poverty in the USA

To help the millions of Americans who live in poverty or just above the poverty level, and desperately need help, this union urges a dual program of guaranteed work opportunity and the negative income tax.

Poverty in a nation as rich as the United States is a disgrace. Every American should have the right to live within reasonable standards of health and decency. Where a job is available at union wages and conditions, a man must be willing to work. If he is not able to work, society must take care of his and his family’s needs.

A program of guaranteed work must include skill training and education, with pay, and a job at union wages. Any who refuse to work under such conditions lose all benefits. A negative income tax would set a break-even level of around $4000 for a family. A family earning less than the break-even level would receive a payment instead of paying tax.

4. Medical Care

Medical care should be a right not a privilege and should be available to all Americans, regardless of income. Labor should work toward a national health plan.

We can on longer afford to wait for comprehensive medical care for all Americans. Some $50 million was spent by Americans in 1968 on medical care. However medical care in the USA is not up to standards of many industrialized nations. Among millions of poor and minority peoples medical care is seriously lacking.

Most Americans, at least, now have protection against catastrophic illnesses, but few can afford preventive care. Vast sums are paid in health insurance, but sharp increases in medical care costs deprive millions of Americans from adequate attention. Medicare, a most significant step for the aged, must now be extended to all Americans. We must have a national health plan.

5. Social Security

There must be a sharp hike in social security benefits and minimal adjustments to keep pace with the cost of living.

A minimum program for social security improvements should include: minimum payments raised to $100 per month and average monthly payments for couples raised to $300 per month; annual adjustments to provide increases equivalent to the rise in prices; a raise in the amount that can be earned with no loss in benefits; guarantee payments of benefits to non-citizens now living abroad who earned those benefits by a lifetime of work in the United States.

On these pages are summaries of the statements of policy and resolutions passed by the 18th Biennial Convention, held in Los Angeles, April 7-12, 1969. The nearly 400 delegates to the convention provided these guidelines on a variety of subjects to the officers of the union and the International Executive Board.

They are numbered here in the same order as they were at the convention. Where numbers are skipped or missing, it means the resolutions were either filed, referred to a committee, or consolidated into other statements.

6. Federal Tax Reform

A radical change is needed to make our tax structure progressive—distribute the tax load according to ability to pay.

Basic reforms to attack inequities in the tax system include abolishing the surtax, increasing the personal exemption, and decreasing stand ard deductions.

Basic reforms must mean eliminating the special exemptions, privileges and loopholes enjoyed by the wealthy.

7. State, Local Tax Reform

We oppose sales taxes, taxes on food, medicine and necessary services and recommend progressive income taxation to place the burden on those most able to pay.

Increasing state and local taxes place the heaviest burden on workers, on renters and owners of modest homes. The burden of property tax must be shifted to corporate property owners and land speculators, and exemptions must be cut back on large municipal landholders.

8. Withholding Taxes

We oppose withholding taxes.

Withholding taxes are a swindle on working people. They take money from our paychecks before we have a chance to get our hands on it. Withholding taxes, by softening the blow of
of ILWU to organize, bargain collectively and legislation limiting the worker's rights in collective bargaining and any other strike.

9. Free Trade

We oppose barriers to free trade, we seek expanded trade with all nations and a free market.

Recent drives by some industries to establish trade barriers, often supported by some unions, will bring about trade wars, increased barriers fewer jobs and higher prices. Vast markets exist for the USA—barely touched in Eastern Europe, and totally ignored in China. Expanding trade with China and other sections of the world would improve balance of payments, create new jobs, promote international understanding and peace.

9-A. Oppose Log Export Limits

We oppose limitations on log exports which threaten job opportunities of our members and threaten to set off a trade war with other nations.

We urge repeal of the congressional action limiting exports of logs which threaten the western federal timberlands; we commend unionists in Washington on their successful struggle against such invasions of privacy.

10. Non-Proliferation and ABM

The union supports the Non-Proliferation Treaty and opposes the ABM program.

The Non-Proliferation Treaty signed by 80 nations including the USA, we wholeheartedly support. However, we believe the administration's anti-ballistic missile program violates the spirit of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

10-A. Stopping the ABM

The ILWU opposes ABM as a fraud that will only create new dangers for those it pretends to defend. ABM means we walk down a path toward nuclear war.

Our cities and our people need better schools, better health and much more that has been neglected because of the cold war. We urge the President and Congress to stop the ABM—as the first step on the path that leads to safety for our loved ones—that is world peace and disarmament.

12. Anti-Labor Legislation

We oppose government intervention in collective bargaining and any other legislation limiting the worker's rights to organize, bargain collectively and strike.

Over the years many restrictive laws have been passed to prevent workers from exercising their rights—Taft-Hartley Act, Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act, and more such laws are in the wind. American business is pushing to limit the right to strike, to provide the president with new weapons against strikes, to bring about so-called labor courts, compulsory arbitration and much more. We oppose any such intervention or legislation.

12-A. S. 12, Internal Security Act

This bill is a rightist, racist, labor-getting piece of legislation which could create a legalized foundation for a truly fascist America.

Called by the International Executive Board "a blueprint for fascism," it could punish labor and minority groups leaders for advocating dissent—however that word is defined in these days of growing opposition to the war and mounting militancy. In addition to being dangerous to labor, it threatens freedoms of speech, press and assembly for all Americans.

13. James R. Hoffa

Teamster general president Hoffa is the victim of a government frame-up directed toward destruction of a strong trade union movement. We call for his prompt release.

With the Supreme Court now ordering review of all electronic eavesdropping and wiretap evidence and the admittance of circumstantial evidence, plus the testimony of a paid stool pigeon, was used to get a conviction of Hoffa, we hope the court's action will not only result in Hoffa's release but in ending the threat of wiretapping and other such invasions of privacy.

14. ILWU-IBT Cooperation

Our two independent unions have established cordial working relations, and developed and fought for joint programs—all of which has paid off for the rank-and-file of both unions. Every effort should be made to continue and strengthen the ILWU-IBT alliance.

15. Farm Workers and NLRA

Collective bargaining rights for farm workers are long overdue.

The National Labor Relations Act was born 35 years ago when it was termed the Magna Carta of labor. It provided workers the right to organize. The ILWU has been committed to and engaged in collective bargaining as well as prohibiting employer interference, restraint, coercion, discrimination for union activities and refusal to bargain. However agricultural workers have not had paid off for the rank-and-file of both unions. Every effort should be made to continue and strengthen the ILWU-IBT alliance.

15-B. Support Grape Boycott

The union urges not only support of the growing boycott movement to help California grape strikers win democratic unionism, but denounces the government's strike-breaking role as a purchaser of scab grapes for the military and other purposes.

16. Campus Unrest

The colleges and their curriculums must be responsive to the needs of our communities, and the people must have a voice in running them.

While there is much in student life that we can quarrel with, there are certain issues in every campus confrontation with which we can identify and which deserve our support. Students see the wrongness of the Vietnam war, militarism in general, racism and corruption, with a clarity and abhor them with an intensity that is startling to older people. We deplore confrontations, but we support that university administrators pay no attention to them when they speak through committees and other normal channels. We don't believe that the necessary changes can be made through violence. Neither do we believe that police on our campuses are conducive to an atmosphere of learning.

As taxpayers who contribute millions of dollars to support our state-run schools, we have an obligation to know how they operate and to let the administrators know what we expect.

18. Support Longshore Division

This convention pledges full moral and financial support to all other sections of the union to the longshore division of the West Coast in its negotiations.

Our coast longshore, clerks and walking boss locals are involved in a struggle to protect our members' jobs and to bring all of our pensioners up to the level of monthly benefits established in the current contract.

19. Support Canadian Negotiations

The convention pledges full moral and financial support to our Canadian Area members, and wishes them complete success in their contract negotiations.

The Canadian Area ILWU will negotiate this year a new contract including adjustment to a new continuous, around-the-clock operation of all ports. The new contract includes new industry needs in Canada. The Canadian Area ILWU feels this as an advance in the union in the light of the modernization and mechanization of docks and ships, along with de-unionization and the securing of a stabilized annual income for our members.

20. 1970 Warehouse Negotiations

In 1970, two of our major industry-wide contracts—the warehouse agreement of Locals 6 and 17 and Local 11's dried fruit agreements—will expire.

This convention pledges its complete support to the warehousemen and dried fruit workers and offers its moral and financial support, when and if such support becomes necessary.

22. Francis J. Murnane

On April 10, 1968, brother Francis Murnane, president of longshore Local 8 in Portland, passed away. His funeral was attended by dignitaries from both inside and outside the labor movement who came to pay final tribute to this tireless champion of trade unionism.

Francis Murnane served this union and its members well. He is deeply missed.

23. Anne Rand and ILWU Library

Anne Rand built the ILWU Research Library and served as its director for twenty years. We were saddened to learn of her death in February, 1969.

A memorial plaque shall be permanently hung in the library, which shall be known as the Anne Rand Research Library.
24. Support Colgate Unions
An alliance has been formed of all unions representing workers employed by Colgate Palmolive Company, including a unit of ILWU Local 6 in Berkeley. The ILWU congratulates the parties involved and pledges its support to the National Alliance of Colgate Unions.

The alliance is vested with full authority to negotiate with Colgate, subject to ratification by the applicable membership. Recommendations to the local unions shall be by unanimous consent of the alliance.

25. Automation & Mechanization
The new pace of automation and mechanization threatens huge unemployment. ILWU should challenge "management prerogatives," demanding equal control in matters affecting employment. The social responsibility of the employer should be taken into account; not just his profits.

The transportation industry and particularly warehousing is experiencing "revolution" in the introduction of new machinery and new methods that threaten to reduce the work force to less than half in a few years. This is also true of warehousing. Automation involves closing of plants and even strangulation of the community. The economic impact is tremendous.

We should utilize the legislative and economic experience of unions and communities who have successfully demanded an equal say-so in such things as whether a plant could be closed or moved; the timing of the closing; marking scales; the terms of any lay-offs; the right to training and retraining while remaining on the payroll.

26. Suit against ILWU
A lawsuit instituted nearly five years ago by certain de-registered "B" men still stands against ILWU, PMA, the Coast Labor Relations Committee and Local 10. The purpose of the suit is to destroy the longshore hiring hall, thereby nullifying the well-being of all ILWU members.

ILWU reaffirms its determination to fight the suit and to prove that every action by the International president in pressuring libel action against individuals who encouraged the suit.

27. Dr. Martin Luther King
We re dedicate ourselves and our union to the work of Dr. Martin Luther King (an honorary member of ILWU Local 10) and will do everything in our power to see to it that his life and his commitment to justice and equality shall not have been in vain.

28. Support Hawaii Organizing
The union has a clear duty to its own members to do whatever is necessary to stay on top of the organizing possibilities in Hawaii and to prevent the development of unmanageable, pernicious open-shop patterns in any area of the state.

The phenomenal growth rate of the tourist industry is changing Hawaii's economy. Automation and mechanization continue to reduce job opportunities in the older industries while thousands of new jobs are being created in hotels and related services. By 1975 there will be an additional 13,600 jobs in hotels, 32,000 in related services. These should be ILWU jobs. This is where ILWU families will get jobs at union wages and conditions, and be part of a democratic union which gives them an effective voice in community affairs.

29. Native Peoples
We propose that labor join with native Indians of Canada in the fight for job opportunities, government assistance to create jobs, special vocational training, self-government for the reserves, legislation to outlaw discrimination, public housing on the reserves and housing assistance to off-reserve Indians, settlement of claims and strict observance of all Indian treaty rights.

The continuing dispute of the majority of the half million native peoples of Canada, crying out for remedial action, should be a major concern of the trade union movement. Discrimination against native Indians takes many forms. Most employers refuse to hire Indians because of "Chili" Duarte's election as a local union officer.

30. Mutiny Trials
The ILWU calls on the government to end the punitive trials of the "Presidio 27," reverse the convictions of the men who have been sentenced, investigate the murder of Richard Bunch in the Presidio stockade and make the stockade at least fit for human habitation.

The ILWU does not consider the peaceful sitdown of the 27 prisoners a sufficient basis for sentencing them to long prison terms. The union accepts the judgment of the army hearing officer that charging them with mutiny "an over-reaction by the army and a misapplication of a statute which could lead to a further miscarriage of justice."

31. Jeff Kibre
After several years of ill health, Brother Jeff Kibre, a member of Fisherman's Local 33, had been Washington representative of the ILWU for some 10 years. He did his job brilliantly despite often severe frustrations.

Jeff Kibre served his union, and the working class well. His words and his work remain an inspiration to all of us.

32. Support Watchmen
The conference calls upon the International officers to include the jurisdictional demands of the watchmen in the demands relating to container freight stations, to take steps to negotiate a coast-wide agreement for all ILWU watchmen, and to prevent the present watchmen from further loss of jobs due to automation and mechanization.

ILWU watchmen in various ports are not covered by the wages, pensions and other contract benefits of the watchmen of Locals 26 and 75. ILWU watchmen in the other ports do not have an ILWU contract over watchmen who work on container docks and are not covered by a coast-wide agreement.

33. Commending J. R. Robertson
Brother J. R. (Bob) Robertson is retiring from active participation in the ILWU. The convention commends him for his 35 years of splendid leadership in the ILWU and the labor movement and pledges to continue his condition of building and keeping strong our union and the labor movement.

34. Richard Lynden
Richard (Dick) Lynden, who served Local 6 for more than 25 years as officer and organizer, has died since the last ILWU convention. Let us recall the impact of his fight for extended internal democracy in the union and as an outstanding trade union figure in the Northern California political arena.

Warehouse Local 6 will hold a memorial in honor of Dick Lynden, one of its finest members, and have a cast a plaque to be installed in his memory in the headquarters office of Local 6 in San Francisco.

35. Fishing Boat Seizures
The ILWU condemns illegal and unwarranted harassment of fishermen on the high seas, demands enforcement of existing laws and holds the government to protect our fishermen.

Certain South American nations unilaterally claiming a 200-mile territorial water limit have seized, fined, shot at and otherwise harassed ILWU fishermen on the high seas. The US government has moved slowly toward convening a conference with the involved nations.

36. Charles Duarte
Warehouse Local 6 lost a courageous and dedicated fighter on January 4, 1969, in the uniquely filled California political arena. Brother Kibre, a member of the ILWU in the Pacific Northwest, will be remembered in the memories of his ILWU family over all.

Chili Duarte was elected president of Local 6 in 1961 at a time when the San Francisco and Peninsula divisions were being torn by factionalism in the membership and through his tireless devotion and broad-minded approach to the program of fighting the boss instead of each other, welded together a tough top leadership of 40 men, stewards and officers. He was a keystone in the Pacific Coast Warehouse Council that brought about the best contract settlement for all warehousemen in Northern California after a 3-week strike in 1967.

The convention joins with the delegates of Local 6 in honoring his memory and noting that he never forgot what it was like to work under non-union conditions in the warehouses before the union organization and constantly reminded the employers of their treatment of warehousemen and women before signing a union contract.

Salute to Bill Gettings
Brother Bill Gettings, regional director for the ILWU in the Pacific Northwest, will be retiring in a few months from active participation in the ILWU. His contribution to the ILWU and the working class will be recorded in the memories and hearts of workers throughout the Pacific Coast.
Delegates to North Calif. Council Lobby in Capital

BRODERICK — Delegates to the Northern California District Council special session met in Sacramento after meeting here on the morning of May 19 to decide policies and priorities. The meeting was held at the headquarters of warehouse Local 17.

Legislative representative Michael Johnson addressed the council on the current status of bills in Sacramento and suggested bills to be discussed with legislators. (See separate story.)

The council voted to join the California locals of UE in a project for placing a tax reform measure on the state referendum ballot.

COUNCIL DESPERATE

After hearing from Mrs. Katherine Reyes of the Japanese-American Citizens League, the council voted unanimous support of a bill in the US senate (SB 1872) to eliminate Title II of the Emergency Detention Act (part of the McCarran Act), which provides for “detention camps.”

This bill, introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, refers to the concentration camps in which 110,000 Japanese-Americans were held during World War II, and to the power given to the President or his agent to continue camps in the future.

“Accused persons need not be brought to trial but must try to prove their innocence to a hearing officer. The government prosecute[s] at the government's expense. It is up to the government to produce witnesses who charge that the accused will probably engage in espionage and sabotage,” Inouye said.

The council voted to bring its resolution to the attention of other unions and to seek their support for Senator Inouye’s bill.

Council delegates from the Japanese-American Citizens League was Elaine Yoneda, wife of Karl Yoneda, a member of longshore Local 17 and a veteran of World War II.

The council adopted a statement condemning Governor Ronald Reagan for his removal of International vice president J. R. (Bob) Robertson “for a job well done,” as he prepares to retire at the end of this month.

A contribution of $100 was voted for the programs of the hospitalizing workers of Charleston, S. C.

A $50 donation was voted to YOUTH for the role of “The Year of the Cop.”

The council demanded a grand jury investigation of the use of firearms by police in San Francisco during the period following May 15 to May and following days. An- other change in the council noted the resignation of a federal court supervisor of UC Berkeley to remove the fence around “People’s Park” and to accept the plan of the university’s school of environmental design for utilization of the park. In letter to Governor Reagan, the council expressed “the outrage we feel with regard to use of the National Guard and rummaging a police and sheriff's units in the city of Berkeley.”

The letter, signed by Secretary Michael Johnson, charged that “The police by birdshot, baton, mace, buckshot, the injuries by clubbing and bayonets and the suffering by tear gas have been indiscriminate directed at citizens of Berkeley and the students of the University of California at your behest or acquiescence.”

We have not here expressed support for or against the use of force and tactics of what you call student radicals,” the council wrote, “for it does not appear that this is a case involving any such persons. This is not to express our opposition, in forceful if measured terms, to the unbridled use of assault and murder to quell what will be a minimally problem, capable of a peaceful solution.”

Before adjourning for a day and a half of lobbying, the council agreed to send the following bills to be stressed:

Oil Severance Tax: Provides for a 2 percent severance tax. AB 533, Burton.

Limit on Depletion Allowance: Provides for a 10 percent tax deduction under the personal income tax law. AB 535, Burton.

Income Tax Reduction: Establishes a 20 percent tax deduction under the personal income tax law. AB 535, Burton.

Unemployment Insurance for Agricultural Workers: On the same basis of eligibility as other workers, with no strings attached and no workman's compensation from benefits. AB 204, Unruh.

Higher Employment Benefits: Increases maximum permanent disability benefits to under worker’s compensation from $50 to $150 per week. AB 535, Burton.

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Insurance Committee Asks Group Benefit Studies

LOS ANGELES — The 18th Biennial Convention of ILWU was the first one to set up an Insurance Committee. This group recommended that studies be made of group coverage for auto, dental and vision and prescription insurance and that the subject be on the agenda of future longshore caucuses and International executive board meetings.

The report of the Insurance Committee follows:

The question of insurance directly or indirectly affects every ILWU member and his family. In many instances, insurance costs are rising and benefits are being reduced. For example, the sharp increase in the costs of hospital and medical care compelled California labor to formulate a California Council for Health Plan Alternatives which is attempting to deal with this problem through united labor action. This same concept can apply to auto insurance, drug and prescription costs and full dental and eye vision coverage for ILWU members and their families. The economic power of labor, in addition to gains in reducing costs and obtaining greater benefits in all aspects of insurance coverage.

Auto insurance, for instance, is proving to be a tremendous cost factor in the lives of all union members. Many companies will not write insurance for longshoremen as a group, and those that do charge excessively high rates. Local 142 has pioneered an auto insurance plan and Local 19, after a long study, finally found a carrier that writes auto insurance at a reasonable rate with good coverage.

Union action along these lines should be helpful to all ILWU members and their families; therefore, the Insurance Committee recommends:

1. That the International officers through the research department investigate with various insurance carriers the question of auto insurance plans including the present ILWU Local 10 plan and all other ILWU auto insurance plans now in effect in ILWU locals, with the purpose of obtaining the broadest coverage with the lowest possible rates.

2. That the research department make a full study of the best coverage and lowest rates for the following: dental and eye vision care for all ILWU members and their families and a plan to cover the costs of prescriptions and drugs, also a plan for supplemental income for injury and illness, on an individual basis.

3. That the Longshore Welfare Fund trustees make a study and recommendations for future longshore caucuses for a program to expand all existing employer-paid welfare plans and to add full dental care, drug benefit, and a supplemental income to come, and coverage to include the costs of drugs and prescriptions.

4. That the International officers be instructed to add the subject of insurance to the International Executive Board agenda and make reports and recommendations to all ILWU locals.

WILMINGTON MURALS. These murals in longshore Local 13’s hall were painted by Robert Ball, a terminal warehouseman, and William Fedderoff, a casual longshoreman. The scenes are from Men of Steel and Alaska, from the camp and cultures of California’s past. The artists donated their time but were partially compensated by the Longshoremen’s and Warehousemen’s Memorial Association, a non-profit corporation which operates the hall.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Swan (Swede) Carlson was elected business agent for the San Francisco division of warehouse Local 6. In a referendum vote of the membership on May 21, there was a vacancy following the election of Curtis McClain as president of Local 6 on March 25. Carlson has been a member of Local 6 since it was chartered by ILWU in 1937. He had served as business agent, dispatcher, organizer, executive board member, negotiating committee member, convention delegate and overseas delegate.

George Baekko, to visit the USSR and give a few lectures on the labor movement in America as it is today. I look forward with great enthusiasm to this visit, especially realizing that being retired, I won’t be under the terrific pressures Chile and I were under in 1963.

If it’s possible, I hope to extend my visit to the other countries that Chile and I visited in 1963 and continue giving lectures on the American labor movement. I also feel that continuing the surtax may be a step in the right direction, but if tax reform is meaningful in closing loopholes and raising revenue, what justification can there be for continuing the surtax?

Looking into an Active Future

I HAVE GREAT PLANS for continuing my activities after retirement, although the scope will differ greatly from what I’ve been accustomed to doing in the last 35 years. In the fall of 1963, the late president of Local 6, Chili Duarte, and I were designated by the International officers to visit the Soviet Union’s Trade Union Congress for that year. That was an historic occasion for both my friend Chili and me. In the discussions between Chili and myself, during our many weeks together, we drew closer to each other, developing feelings of harmony and comradeship and deeper understanding as human beings.

It was a great thrill for both of us to visit with trade union officers and members and others in the Soviet Union, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Italy. We made many friends and corresponded frequently with many of these friends ever since.

The background is given to point out that I have received an invitation from the Sea and River Workers Union of the Soviet Union, from its president, my old friend, Curtis McClain as president of Local 6.

Washington Report

See Close Senate Vote
On Blueprint for Fascism

By J. R. (Bob) Robertson

The AFL-CIO and the liberal House Democratic Study Group have failed to make any progress in legislation to extend the surtax, or they will oppose extension. It’s a step they are presently taking to extend the surtax, and the future of this bill is uncertain. I hope to extend my visit to the other countries that Chile and I visited in 1963 and continue giving lectures on the American labor movement. I also feel that continuing the surtax may be a step in the right direction, but if tax reform is meaningful in closing loopholes and raising revenue, what justification can there be for continuing the surtax?

Another one of my future objectives is to visit our local unions as often as possible to discuss with our members, and more particularly with stewards’ councils of the locals some of the experiences and pass them on for what they are worth.

Now there are my hopes, my aspirations and my way of life, retirement. Who the hell knows what will happen? All I know is that I’ve organized myself. I’ll keep my friends among the membership informed about future plans, and hope to share some of my experiences.

Answer to Who Said It

Adolf Hitler, Hamburg, 1922.