Local 19 Negotiates

MIB Refers Longshore Pay to WLB

Employers Rejected Demand Last December.

WASHINGTON — The Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board has decided that it does not have jurisdiction, and has referred the request brought before it by President Harry Bridges to the WLB.

The union is asking for an increase from $1.10 an hour to $1.30 per hour. Announcement that the increase would be sought was made in December, Bridges declaring at that time that "We expect to receive due recognition for the part we are playing in the war effort."

The Waterfront Employers, acting through President V. P. Foisie, rejected the request on the grounds that "the union is still acting through F. Biddle as its representative, and the Industry Board, has decided that it does not have jurisdiction;"

In refutation of Foisie's charge, Bridges cited the numerous times that High Army, Navy and other government officials have praised the union for its production record.

MB Rules On Winch Drivers

San Francisco — The Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board has adopted new rules to assure that every gang will be supplied with a winch driver.

Following is the board's statement:

"1. Where winches are driven single, the third man on deck shall be a regular hold man in the gang who is competent to drive single winches. The vacancy shall be filled by calling for a man from the hold.

"2. If no single winch driver is available from among the regular members of the gang and there are none available at the hold, a regular longshoreman shall tend the gang and the gang boss will relieve his winch drivers whenever necessary. No double winch driver shall be dispatched to a single winch job."

Washington Wins Travel Time Port to Port 2 Ways

WASHINGTON — Washington longshoremen have won their demand for pay for travel time to and from Puget Sound ports on a straight time basis.

In handing down the decision, Chairman Paul Elie of the Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board, held that the straight time pay would not interfere with or restrict the forest movement of longshoremen between ports in the war effort.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Longshore gangs on the San Francisco waterfront increased from 180 to 217 from mid-December to late January. It is also estimated that at least 60 per cent of the 217 gangs are full gangs.

In mid-December the 180 gangs were estimated to be about 50 per cent full.


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India Longshoremen, too, Said "No" on Loading Scrap for Japan

By R. LAL SINGH

Editorial News

Member of Indian National Congress

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Los Angeles Workmen

Fight Racial Discrimination

By LEE HILEMAN

Vice-President, Local 26, ILWU

Los Angeles—Democracy, race equality and anti-discrimination against minority groups such as the Negro and Mexican, are being emphasized at membership meetings of a warehousemen's union here through a series of educational talks by Bert Corona, president of Local 26.

Catholic, Protestant, Jew, citizen and alien comprise the local's membership and all are pledged to the task of winning the war and preserving the Four Freedoms, guaranteeing full equality in full citizenship.

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All cases of racial discrimination in this union have been brought to the attention of the membership and all complaints have been handled and resolved fairly and promptly.

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WAREHOUSEMAN

A warehouseman by birth, Mr. Hildeman was drawn many employers, who refused to hire Negro workers, that they would support any opportunity to all races, colors and creeds if they expect to hold the jobs.

It was emphasized that more than 5,000 CIO members have given their lives to their country since Pearl Harbor, including more than 200 Negro seamen.

The union learned recently that the United States Employment Service checksmarks index cards of Negro applicants with a colored pencil so that when a war plant calls for men these colored pencils can be recognized by the employer.

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Army, Navy Power to Fire War Workers

By GLADSTONE GROENKAMP, ILWU ATTORNEYS

On January 10, 1942, a little over a month after Pearl Harbor, the Under-Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, after negotiations with President Roosevelt, announced the following: ‘‘Sotheby will be allowed to discharge workers whose work is no longer needed.”

There have been several cases in which a discharged worker has exercised his right to appear under the direction of the Attorney General, and has been allowed to continue working to make ends meet. It is hoped that more discharged workers will take advantage of this opportunity.

However, recent events have shown the futility of trying to establish a national organization under the direction of President W. Wilson Miller to handle cases of discharge. The weakness of this proposal lies in the fact that it is dependent upon the goodwill of the Attorney General, and that the decision of the court is final.

It is therefore recommended that discharged workers seek legal advice before taking any action.

Order Provides for Discharge of War Workers

The Joint Committee of the House of Representatives, Senate, and President Bridges has passed a resolution providing for the discharge of war workers whose work is no longer needed.

The resolution states that the President shall have the power to discharge any war worker who is no longer needed for the war effort. This decision is in accordance with the recommendation of the Joint Committee.

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Robert F. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary of Navy, announced that the Kelly Unit of Local 299 had donated a month’s pay to the March of Dimes campaign.

Kennedy said: "I am keenly disappointed. I believe that the case would be entirely free for executive protection of the war effort. It is high time some steps are taken to curb the spread of venereal disease."

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immediate overall rationing, the great majority of the people with whom we find they can't buy much of what is available.

Furthermore, by abandoning the federal food stamp relief plan which, as Wickard said when he killed a cow that "only needed by the aged, physically incapacitated and children," the food administration left no way for those millions of Americans to get rationed or unrationed food. Rationing to remove the rationed production together are not enough. If congress, accordingly, takes steps to the business-as-usual farm bloc, and allows farmers to move upward, Montgomery predicts increased inflation and actual starvation.

Farm Bloc Seeks Rises

"If the farm bloc has its way," he points out, "farm prices will be raised and its adventures, 1943 means 3 1/2 billion dollars added to our food bill. It means swollen prices for the big farmers and in turn speculation and inflation."

"Food prices have gone up 42% since the war. There are millions of Americans whose income have not, have not. There are 25 million whose income is below $2,000 a year. There are 25 million more whose incomes are between $2,000 and $3,000. It has been conservatively estimated that the industry requires an additional 10% of the average consumer's income. To meet these demands and when the food price rises in 1943 as they did in 1943, 'the people will be hungry—they will be starving."

"There is no excuse for big farmers to demand more —no excuse in the world," Montgomery asserted, "if we cannot meet the demands of the farm bloc, the past five years have been a living example of the all-out conversion for victory."

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Here are two representative points of view, recently enunciated:

“If we are going to come out of this war with democracy, we have to drive a wedge now and bring Hitler over here to run the show. He knows how. He’s efficient. He can do a better job than any of us can and a damn sight better job than Roosevelt, who is nothing but a left-wing hugging amateur.”

That was said by a member of the National Association of Manufacturers at one of its recent meetings.

The other view:

“We do not want Germany completely defeated. What will become of the continent and the world, and then keep Hitler in Europe to police the continent and maintain order. We also need a little fascism in the United States to keep this country in order. We need a certain type of fascism here to keep radicals out and radical systems and philosophies from here to keep the Axis from interfering with us ever attempting to take over the government.”

That came from DeWitt Wallace, the owner of Reader’s Digest, the magazine that uses anti-labor and anti-semitic articles, planting them in other stogue magazines.

THERE are the appeasers, more outspoken than many. Their game is to drive a wedge between the United Nations and the Soviet Union, to divide so that Hitler can conquer. The Russians will conquer all of Europe. Therefore our policy should be to whip Hitler to the point where he recognizes we are the biggest power in the world, and then keep Hitler in Europe to police the continent and maintain order.

And go about laying plenty of blame on American fascism from democratic America. Their object is to defeat, not communism alone, but democracy as well.

Their is a land of good, honest people and the great majority of workers, farmers, employers and government officials are loyal to the ideals of freedom and passionately desirous for the final and complete defeat of fascism. On the unity of this great majority of freedom-loving people depends the destruction of appeasement and the people’s victory and people’s peace.

Our own voices must be raised. Along with ever more and ever faster production, we must develop our political understanding and apply it where it will do the most good. Watch your congressmen! He will be pressured by the appeasers, and lacking any counter pressure from you, he may get the idea that appeasers are more numerous than they are. He may forget that the people of his district want to lick the Axis. Don’t let him surrender to the Ku Klux Klan tricks of the poll taxers.

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Organizing for Victory

Every Saturday morning the entire ILWU Organizing Staff in Chicago meets to discuss progress made that week and work out program for the following week's work. Standing, left to right: Sam Listz, Al Caplan, Paul Corbin and Chevis Parks. Seated, left to right: Laura Sward, Cecilia Walden, office secretaries, Howard Jones, J. R. Robertson, Delores Atkinson.

Denver ILWU Organizes Big Incubator Plant

DENVER—The new and modern plant of the Robbins Incubator Company here is the object of an intensive organizing drive by ILWU Local 317. The plant is one of the largest in its kind in the country and is at present engaged chiefly in the production of war orders.

The drive began some weeks ago, when several workers approached the CIO with a request that a committee be started to bring wages up to a decent level. Since that time the campaign has grown rapidly, with the workers at the plant themselves taking the leadership in explaining the ILWU-CIO program to others and signing them up.

They are confident that a majority will soon be solidly in the ILWU, and that they will be able to turn their major efforts to the task of bringing production to win the war.

Present wages are much lower than Denver's average—which is itself considerably lower than other sections of the country. Carpenters get 45½ cents, mechanics 45 cents, truck drivers 59 cents, assemblymen 58 cents and helpers 52 cents; the wage for common laborer is 48 cents. In view of these figures and the absence of a union it is not difficult to see why there is little incentive for all-out production. Working conditions in general are not bad, it is reported, but favors exist and workers have no security whatever.

Labor turnover is high, with workers leaving constantly and others reporting to work for a few days and then disappearing themselves. Warehouse and Distribution Union members are pointing out to Robbins workers that all these problems can be solved through organization, which is itself the only guarantee of our nation that a production tempo worthy of our boys overseas and our gallant allies will be achieved.

The Robbins Incubator Company is controlled by John Robbins, inventor and owner of many successful patents on incubators and related devices. He is known throughout Denver and the surrounding area as a sincere antifascist, whose hatred of fascism and all that it stands for has been proven over a period of years.

Election Sets CIO Unions Precedent

CHICAGO—Jurisdictional doubt between the ILWU and the CIO Toy Novelty & Precision Models union, the manufacturer producing W. C. Ritchie & Company turned finally settled in favor of the ILWU by a vote of 444 to 216.

The election was conducted by the CIO regional director on January 26 and it set a precedent for suitable settlement of an inter-CIO disagreement.

Announcement of the result was quickly followed by a sign agreement between Local 219 and the Toy Novelty & Precision Models. The agreement will provide for positive increases in wages and working conditions, job classifications, vacations, etc., and a bonus plan and recognition of the ILWU to work the various plants.

DRIVE ON SINCE AUGUST

Local 290 has been in an organizing campaign since August, 1942. At that time the South Chicago Box and Can Makers Union, an independent union that had been organized since 1927, voted to affiliate with the CIO. The company's supplemental agreement to the wage standard for jurisdictional problems between the company and the independent union was being negotiated when the Paper Trade & Novelty Workers' union, knowing of the actions of Local 290, came forward.

The PTNWU signed a number of contracts around the country, and the independent union was ridden out of business. The ILWU, in turn, has worked successfully in many parts of the country where the ILWU is organizing.

In the Paul Minnesota, a plant grievance committee has worked very effectively for many months at the large Montg- }