Political Action Is Now Overall Program Of ILWU, Board Asks FDR Fourth Term

CHICAGO—Political action to carry out the determinations of Teheran, Moscow and Cairo became the overall program of the ILWU here when the International Executive Board met February 10 to 13.

In a series of decisions designed to further the win-the-war policies laid down by the Fifth Biennial Convention at San Francisco last June the Board made it clear that every aim and problem of the organization now leads directly to the ballot box with no excursions on the side.

The Board called upon President Roosevelt to be a candidate for a fourth term. It also set itself up as the Political Action Committee of the ILWU and called upon the locals to raise $1 per member immediately for the ILWU political action fund.

The Board members will also set as regional political action sub-committees.

In meeting here, away from the West Coast for the first time in four years, the Board held public attention the steady organizational growth of the union Eastward and Southward among war workers on the war production, box, paper, process and other classifications of workers within its jurisdiction.

Political action as the obvious and necessary form of union militancy dominated the discussions from the outset of the three-day meeting. Problems concerning the War Labor Board, the Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board, increased production, organizing, the protection of members in the armed services were discussed.

In most districts, ward committees are being set up. Within a month a precinct organization covering most of the city's 2,000 production plants will be active in the city.

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BRIDGES CLARIFIES

The willingness to cooperate was shown in the Pershing Ponti- dent Bridges' speech in a local 249 TUC conference in Chicago following the Board meeting.

“We have no fight today with employers and capitalist as such. We fight with the employers who are interested in building a better world rather than destroying the world.”

He added that the Board would have to lead the way, to educate the employers, and show them what it is for.

The Board members were present at the Skylime Club on the evening of February 11. The dance was thrown by the Board of Directors, First Vice President B. J. Robertson, Second Vice President J. R. Robertson, Director of Publicity and Publications, and Andrewes, Craycraft, Secretary - Treasurer and director of publicity and publications, also was present, as was Charles Bridges, Burt Nelson, Charles "Chili" Barrio, and Simian Brookes.

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ENDNOTE: WORLD MEET

The coming World Congress of the United Nations was endorsed and the decision of the Board was ratified.

Also equally endorsed was the demand of Men, Women and Children, and the United Nations, and the CIO member nations of the United Nations, to cooperate and work for peace and freedom.

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The ILWU Executive Board Goes To a Big Chicago Party

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[Photos of board members and guests enjoying themselves at the party]

President Bertrand Lucas of Local 208 and ILWU International Representative Eugene Atkinson talk shop.

Harry tells a good story and it is greatly enjoyed by Mike Balnis, Lawrence (Wahoo) Popek of Maxwell Box, and Steward Herman Smith of McKesson & Robbins.

Walter Talkowski, known as “Casey” by his shopmates at Rathborne, Hair & Ridgeway, where he is a steward, enjoys the busy bar with Mr. and Mrs. Al Skinner.

Skinner is regional director for IWSA.
Detroit Jurist Says Bridges Proceedings Are 'Senseless'

DETROIT—Judge Patrick H. O'Brien of Proctor Court last week asked the district attorney to ask the thousands asking President Roosevelt to put an end to the Harry Bridges deportation cases, which are now pending. Judge O'Brien wrote of the ILWU president, "Let the last person in the world to indulge in undue or thoughtless life."

SON READS LETTER

"Said Mr. Bridges to the Chicago meeting by Educational Director Morris Wagstaff, "In the face of the complex problems arising as America's part in the world becomes more in- tense and as the end of the heretofore relatively calm and speculation and plans, it becomes of even greater importance that locals add education as a prin- cipal function.""

NEW FEARS NEEDED

"Failure of the locals in this respect indicates a failure of their present situation, however, is indicative of the changing times and endangers the ability of the union to adapt itself to the new. In all that was going on one thing is certain, that is that the present situation is exactly the same as that of a political action program here," said President Roosevelt.

"The unfortunate aspect of the present situation, however, is the fact that, while we are in the midst of a global war and at a time when the demands of this war must be met, the country must be dedicated to the winning of the war, it has become necessary for divergent groups of liberal and forward looking individuals to try to expend their energies in defeating a proposed deportation. Without any question, America is vitally necessary to the war effort and whose life and education are so important to America's knowledge and understanding of our fighting ally, the Soviet Union, is the most important triumph that we can achieve."

Mutual Sacrifice Will End Racial Prejudice, Says Sgt. Aaron Bindman

By TED TAYLOR

HOLLYWOOD—Some 500 persons gathered last night in a meeting at MPAPAI's executive offices, and the ILWU leadership of Locals 214 and 221 attended. The ILWU president, in his capacity as head of the Canyon State CIO Council, presided.

Roosevelt Declares Seattle Dockmen

By ANNE KELLY

The meeting voted unanimously to form a political action program here in the Northwest. The meeting was called by W.R. Arnold of Local 221 president. L. Podhersky, another speaker was ILWU Local 221 president.

The meeting was held to organize in the Northwest, and the ILWU president sat in on wage nego- tiations with the W. T. Raw- leigh company.

The night after MPAPAI was held in Beverly Hills by quite a differ- ent group of workers and has a real chance to sell General Motors to employees in the International Labor Conference, the Inter-

British Labor Resents ILO's卫星

By ANNE KELL

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You Can Do Something About This—

Franklin D. Roosevelt votes down their throats, and lopz and get set to write a letter to a soldier or merchant mariner.

Interested?

We pause while you get set for it.

NOW, lay the pen and paper down for a moment while we undertake to tell you the reasons why you ought to write to that serviceant dream.

First, those boys are doing one hell of a job under conditions that make anything we see or experience back here at home seem like a pleasant dream.

Second, they're carrying the heavy load for those who are working like hell to get the stuff to us. We have jobs when we get back.

O.KAY. Take up your pen now and write to that soldier. Tell him how we are devoting ourselves to carrying out the decisions of Tehran, Moscow and Cairo, how we are doing everything we can to increase production with or without the cooperation of the employer and how we are fighting for his right to vote and to have a job when he gets back. And it is up to your shop or dock or plant. Tell him the little things, the gossip and who's in the army now and where and all that. Don't just forget the guy!

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Rallies All Essential Commodities and Control Prices

NO MATTER what problem came before the meeting of the International Longshoremen's Union in Chicago two weeks ago, there was always unanimity of opinion that the solution lay in vigorous political action. And it is significant that sixteen men and women from various sections of the country came with this single idea, and it is important that each was able to carry back a foreboding confirmation that the thinking of his particular section is on the beam. Frank Andrews of Olympia and our members in Washington have been on this beam for a number of years because national action up there became a matter of survival of the union long before the war.

"Now," Frank told us, "it's a matter of survival as well." And he coined the slogan that opens our point of contact with the people, for this is no fight in which we march alone. It is union business, the only real union business today, but there never has been, save a time when the interests of the union and the interests of the people were inseparable. We can truly say—and indeed we must say—to the man next door and the grocer on the corner and to the guy we work for, the employer, "Look, it's as plain as day, we go up together or we go down together and it's all according to what happens at the ballot box."

NATURALLY, the War Labor Board was one of our problems. Its shifting policies have affected us adversely, as they have other unions, and its fear of the repressive activities in Congress have all but vanished it as an effective instrument in the war effort. We could not discuss this problem without coming to the conclusion that the WLB—and us and the people and our common war effort—are the victims of a counter political action which is being carried on by the Pittman-Falkus-Republican-Assembler coalition.

This coalition has no natural forces as it has. It gets its steam through the sowing of confusion and doubt by the next valley methods of increasing the evils of our sufferings by themselves ill-considered action. Nothing would please these elements so much as to drive us into the arms of the War Labor Board. Through our personal representatives who are both just and necessary to production they hope to make us into its demons. They are the strike weapon which has been mined as a booby trap.

Political action is the potent weapon we choose, and it is the only weapon there is to get the Labor Board to get under the war policy. Our first step is to support the fight of the Steel Workers to get rid of the outmoded "Little Steel" formula which is tied to the fiction that the cost of living has not been pegged. That fight must be carried to the people and the unity must be brought. It must be brought home to the people that there must be mathematics to see that reduced standards of living bring reduced standards of production. Everybody lives with that problem.

WHILE the War Labor Board is a point of concentration for the reasons already given, every other problem is bowling us up to the ball, and no one solve only through political action. It is not an individual campaign, against whom we used to strike to adjust our grievances, who are heading us into the dirty deals today. For the most part the little guys we work for are getting the same dirty deals and the laborer is going to the big fellows, the cartels. The little fellows are hit as plain as day, we go up together or we go down. And if you think all the employers, for instance, stand with the Steel Workers. There is no one service brothers of the right to vote, just ask the evidence of some wage workers who have a couple of sons in the malarious jungles of the South Pacific.

Our fight on these many pending issues is the test of our ability to mobilize politically, our ability to achieve unity with the people who today have our identical problems.

BEFORE our Executive Board adjourned it geared a new machinery of political action to get it moving. There's a lot of work to do and a lot of money will be needed. That is why we are asking all elected to raise $1 a member, which will certainly not be too much considering what has to be done. There was a strike fund as important as the political action fund will be. Each dollar you give is a dollar more in the race for Congress and the faster the dollars roll in the faster the race will roll out.

The decisions of Tehran, Moscow and Cairo affect each and every one of us vitally and we've got to find a way to apply them in our everyday life while, our main collective job is to see to it that Franklin D. Roosevelt who helped to shape those decisions stays on the job. We're for the fourth term, personally or no qualifications.

But there can't be any fourth term with a fifth election congress. We've got to clean up that situation.
Murray Calls for Safeguarded Manpower Regulations

(Designer's Note: The following text is excerpted from the February 14, 1944 edition of the "Murray" newspaper. After reading the article, one can see the importance of safeguarding manpower despite the challenges posed by the Axis forces.)

The President has the message which has touched upon the efforts of the leaders of the United Nations at Cairo and Teheran to obtain the full employment and the maximum utilization of human resources and available plant facilities. This answer is not the Auden-Lehrer bill. This specific bill, which, as the fiscal conference in London, will not aid our manpower or any manpower, must be solved to assure full employment and the maximum utilization of human resources and available plant facilities.

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The President emphasized the all-important need for establishing a just and equitable wage and for the protection of the workers' right to vote through collective bargaining. Those who are interested in the war; It was with this need in mind that the CIO convention resolution adopted should be interpreted. This matter still remains as a matter of Federal action as advocated by the CIO. This situation creates problems which must be solved to assure full employment and the maximum utilization of human resources and available plant facilities.

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The President promised the American people that they will receive earnings and protection to be afforded to these workers as follows:

(a) The employees when transferred to any plant unless the area or the industry as determined by the National War Labor Board are brought from another region.

(b) Where possible, transfers of employees from one plant to another will be made to the locality before employees are brought into the area.

(c) Those who are employed under the National War Labor Board. This Board means restrictions and sacrifices in the interest of the defeatist coalition are not to aid our manpower or any manpower, must be solved to assure full employment and the maximum utilization of human resources and available plant facilities.

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Dennis, Jackman Report Manpower No 1 Problem

CHICAGO—Manpower will be the No. 1 problem of the future on the waterfront, the ILWU members of the Pacific Coast Marine Transportation Industry Board reported to the International Executive Board here February 17.

The report was delivered by Henry Schmidt of San Francisco. The other three members of the PCMB is Cole Jackman of Portland, Oregon, and Frank Foisie of the Pacific Maritime Labor Committee.

REALISTIC APPROACH

Schmidt told the Board it was the opinion of Schmidt and Jackman that the PCMB had been more realistic in its approach to the waterfront problem than the AFL and ILWU, which looked for easy solutions.

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Failure of Chairman Elliot of the PCMB to vote for any action that would make employers pool gear and adopt efficient practices has long been a complaint of the ILWU, which has been unable to secure any real progress.

All locals were asked in the report to submit to the department with basic material and information relating to contracts, organization, and local union activities. In this category, such material, the report said, should include information on any longshoremen who had been denied the right to join the union to the end extending the life of the ILWU.

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On The March

WLB's Major Action: Pitch In-Make It Work

By J. R. ROBERTSON

Since the War Labor Board was set up to do its job after the working conditions and wages of everyday workers and consequently great interests of Industry had been created.

The War Labor Board is the key point in the country organized by the ILWU to investigate it and create a new organization for all ILWU members serving on the railroads as well as all regional boards and we have Labor members of the ILWU panels set up throughout the country to review the thousand committees of the ILWU.

SYMBOLICAL Pledge Workers

The award is equal to the Arms race. It will be asked for in today's time, "M. It authorizes the plant to: to the green and blue "A" symbol which is the award to wear the "A" symbol.

"A" symbol will be placed on a public telegram from the War Labor Board to indicate the award. To the telegram in any part of the country, the symbol will not appear to be a political symbol of the right of labor.

You have received the highest honor a government can confer upon management and labor in the food processing industry. Your mutual effort and initiative have won a victory on the vital food front which can directly implement final victory on the battlefront here at home as well as abroad.

Roderick, district manager, said "We must meet the needs of labor and management in this country. We have no other choice."

This is only one phase of our work during this period. There are many problems today that we are trying to solve and there are many others that we are trying to solve. Some of the problems are:

We Must Understand Problems of Today

But what about the issues of the American labor movement today? We need to understand these issues as well as we need to understand the problems of yesterday.

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