Employers Sign to Pay $8,000,000 Back Dock Pay by July; Hand Tough “on Contract Demands as Strike Deadline Nears”

Agreement on Retrospective Wages Seven Months Late

SAN FRANCISCO—The Waterfront Employers Association finally agreed this week, after seven months of needless delay, to pay the 1941 West Coast longshoremen. Checks must be issued by July 1.

At the same time the employers continued to hang tough on negotiations for a future wage package. Concession talks were called in on March 15, but up to The Dispatcher’s press time had been unable to budge the employers from their position.

Counter proposals of the employers, for an 18-cent increase in basic pay to $1.32, overall wage package of 25 cents, was rejected by the union upon agreeing to a 15-cent wage increase. No further negotiations are being held with the employers, pending a motion for a vote of all longshoremen throughout the Pacific Coast to determine the issue.

Negotiators returning from the Coast Longshore Negotiating Committee who were ready to meet with the union, said they were not in a position to present any possible break in the employers’ future package talks until they turn to their respective districts to plan their strategy. The strike is set to begin on April 1.

Also signed March 19 was an agreement on retroactive wages, the last wage package being voted by the longshoremen in November.

The agreement on retroactive pay, signed pursuant to a National War Labor Relations Board order, covers days worked by the employers on the waterfront during the seven months’ period, ending March 15, 1941.

The agreement provides for back payment of 18 cents per hour for the seven months, with a minimum of $20 per week. The agreement also includes a provision for a retroactive increase of $1 per day for the period ending March 15, 1942, as well as an increase of 25 cents for each of the periods ending March 15, 1943, and 1944.

Canadian Polar Expedition Is Called “Test for War”

NEW YORK—A Canadian army and air force Arctic expedition, called “Operation Musk Ox,” is making plans for war with the north polar region, and has launched an active support and aid from the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. In fact, the weekly newsletter exclusive of American soldiers, charged March 11.

“Operation Musk Ox” and the Canadian expedition, which began the day the Canadian government launched its “ap” scare, is testing weapons and material and gathering meteorological and other data in the part of the region adjacent to the U.S. and Canada. The information collected, the newsletter says, is being used to plan military operations against the Soviets. High-ranking American and British officers are accompanying the Canadians, according to the story.

The “Musk Ox” party is mainly having a hard time with the no-fly zones and the government, the last being the story that the U.S. Navy task force will be patrolling the super-carrier Midway, now in the Arctic to test the performance of new carriers and jet planes in sub-zero climate, the story charges.

Both “Operation Musk Ox” and the naval maneuvers are linked to the deterioration of the U.S.-Canadian relations and the development of a new relationship between the two countries. The story points out that the “Musk Ox” operation is similar to the situation in Washington, and that the future of atomic energy control and power will be determined by the negotiations.

Canadian Seamen Picket "for Defending Nisei" San Francisco—For Defending Nisei

San Francisco—Appreciation for your understanding and your courage was expressed by G. S. Meyer, director of the United States War Relocation Administration, in a letter to ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt February 23. Meyer said: “Your testimony of February 23, 1942, was better than I expected; it was a statement that badly needed making at that time. I read your testimony of February 23, 1942, and I wish to express to you my personal compliments for your understanding and courage in making a statement that badly needed making at that time.”

“Your testimony stands out as a beacon light in an otherwise very dark picture. It is not only a good message to those more people with equal understanding and courage.”

Meyer added his appreciation for the "active and consistent support that the CIO and California has given to the Authority."
A Deal for Reaction

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S speech at Fulton, Mo., was an undisguised appeal for a deal—British Tories on the one hand and American reactionaries on the other. Churchill, addressing himself to American reaction, said in effect: "Look, boys, Britain can't hold on to the old imperialism in the condition in which she now stands. To hold India, Indonesia, Africa and our other beautiful lands of plunder, we've got to have rifles and bayonets and manpower. Pitch in with us and we'll cut you in on the loot."

That was precisely the kind of international gangsterism which Churchill was proposing. It was naturally automatic that he had to blast at the Soviet Union, for it was the Soviet Union which raised the demand that the voice of the people be heard in the councils of the United Nations Organization and it was the Soviet Union which protested before the UNQ. the role of villain.

Under the deal, American reaction would reduce American wages, smash the unions, restrict the权利 of the people by means of a war hysteria. The British, thereby saving the empire, would gladly take the rap, that is, play the role of villain.

It must be remembered of Churchill that he opposed the second front for a long time, saying he could not sacrifice the "seed" of Britain. As a result, the "seed" that finally hit the French beaches was 80 per cent American. By "seed" Churchill meant manpower. He could not risk that manpower to defeat Hitler while the subject peoples of the world were demanding an end to the British Empire as such. Now he seeks to make a deal by which American "seed" will fight the usual undeclared wars.

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1946 Fight Against Labor-Haters

WASHINGTON—The CIO Political Action Committee on March 15, 1946, announced its plan to try to assure a political victory by reaching all areas of the country and to destroy labor and strangle the policies laid down by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Strong emphasis was placed upon voter registration and the mobilization of labor candidates at all forthcoming primaries.

WASHINGTON—The CIO Executive Council, meeting in the nation’s capital, asked the state federations of labor and all industrial union councils to “do everything possible to coordinate and stimulate” the campaign.

"Aggressive political action," said the council, "will protect the wage increases and the purchasing power of the people from the attacks of the greedy who seek to divert corporate profits by establishing price controls."

An emphatic resolution on the subject of price control was due to be presented March 16 before a later meeting of the board.

OTHER PLANS

Other plans in the CIO-PAC campaign were made to keep OPA and to have it extended for another year; a drive to bring about the political elections of the World Federation of Trade Unions on the United Nations Organization; and a campaign for the Unattainable and that an Anglo-American alliance is the only possible insurance for the future.

Civil Rights Congress Will Fight Domestic Fascism

NEW YORK—To organize an offensive against rising fascist agitators, the National Congress on Civil Rights, which met in New York March 14 and 15, passed through its agenda a resolution that the Congress of the CIO United Electrical Workers, the chairman, referred sharply to Congress’s failure to pass the civil rights bill for veterans. Hillman stated that, “The average person is interested in politics more than ever before,” and added: “He knows his way of living and sense of security are in the hands of the people he elects to Government.”

"The time is immediate future, it was pointed out, are Christ in the Hills, April 9; Indiana and Ohio, May 7; Pennsylvania, May 14; New York, June 1; California, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota, June 4.

Impartial History, Waterfront

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Little Flower Flings Mother Goose at Censors

NEW YORK (FP)—Because Nicki Sparks referred to a ‘news item about the new- made up Mother Goose rhyme, “Little Flower Flings Mother Goose at Censors,” I hope no one will be able to see it published in these great newspapers.

"We must have an article this week, and I would like to see it published in these great newspapers."

"I don’t mean to be a nuisance, but there is something wrong with this Mother Goose rhyme."

"I have heard it said that the government has to do to it with the government’s censorship, but I hope it is not true."

"I don’t believe I should have to do it, but let us see what can be done about it."
The Riddle of the Ice Cubes . . .

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MC&S Vote
On Strike
Is Scheduled

SAN FRANCISCO—Strike bal-
lots will be sent out soon to the mem-
bers of the National Union of
Marine Cooks and Stewards.

The union’s contract was re-
newed last fall, but since that time the union repor-
ted a series of violations of the agree-
mements by the operators on its demands.

SPECTATORS APPROVE
“Our view of the term of the current contract pales in compar-
ison with the bribes the ILWU on the West Coast has had in its negotiations and the National set of the union on the East Coast, lead us to conclude we are being offered something somewhere if we’re armed with a strike ballot,” said Hugh Bryson, MC&S vice-presi-
dent.

MC&S is demanding a 20 per cent wage increase, a 40-hour work-
time, and time and a half for overtime.

Back Pay Owed

The pay belonging to longshoremen who shipowners have been
holding in their pockets since last August when it was awarded
by the National War Labor Board, is due longshoremen’s wives in
405 Montgomery street in San Francisco, where the Waterfront Employers Association has
offices. Their signs said they wanted the money due and owing.

Longshore Wives Picket Employers
In Protest Against Back Pay Stall

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All Chairmen of California Labor School sessions in Union Leadership Training, March 9, have rank and file delegates from ILWU’s Scalers, Stewards and Painters local took part in the active participation plan of the training program. Left to right around table are: Manuel S. Amado, Tom W. Simpson, O. J. Bryant, John H. Stallworth, Willie Valto, Eddie Shearer, Don Moreno, James Williams, Roberto Samayoy, James H. Jonas, Business Agent. In background are visiting members of ILWU Hawaiian locals, taking notes on the Local 2 session as part of their own training course in union activities. Eighteen Local 2 delegates were present.

Wage Increase of 20 Cents Per Hour Won by Membership; Strike Averted

A 20 cent per hour wage increase across the board was agreed unanimously by Local 2 ship painters and seamen March 11. The increase, one of the highest won by any union in the current nation’s wage struggles, culminated months of negotiations, and was immediately presented to the membership by a vote in favor of the increase. The new rates will be effective March 1.

For all tank cleaning, cement solidification, the active support of every rank and filer, that brought file can take part in it," said in effect. They are retroactive to unionism and how the rank and \end{document}
Longshore Baseball Team Has Fast Semi-Pro Men

With some of the fastest semi-pro players in Northern California as its lineup, the longshore baseball team opens the new season March 24 with a game against the Teamsters.

The competition throughout the summer is predicted by Coach Harry Maloney, but he expressed confidence in the ability of the longshoremen to come out on top.

"We have a good bunch of fellows," he said.

SAMADUROFF BACK

Samaduroff, a seaman who stultars this season is Mike Samaduroff, the right-handed pitcher where he played with the championship Surf Riders Club in the Coast Guard. He'll play right field for the longshoremen.

Mike Don, a close friend on the team, will be here next week. April break has been scheduled to report to Salt Lake City for the United League.

The team's first baseman, "Lefty" Feiber, was formerly of the Oakland Coast, League and the White Sox in the American League in 1952. Lefty and Lefty were born in Hawaii.

Tommy Jackson, third baseman, and Jack Balestreri used to play half in the Sacramento Union, and it was during his previous attack on the same net-

"We'll have one of the fastest semi-pro teams in San Francisco," Coach Maloney concluded.

PROBABLE LINE-UP

The probable starting line-up will be Mike Maloney, shortstop, Eddie Lodigiani, second base, Henry Imperial, left field, Mike Santeria, right field, Jack Balestreri, center field, Babe Kasich, third base, and Don Santora, first base.

All For One

Representatives of four CIO maritime unions who met with Luckenbach Steamship and Cargo Company officials March 9, 1946, to protest company refusal to deny office workers union recognition, pose together at Pier 29, San Francisco, just after their presentation before General U. S. Shipping Board.

Left to right: Herbert Baku, president, ILWU Longshore Local 10; Aldon Clark, National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards; James Kiernan, patrolman, NUMC&S; Kathleen Griffin, international representative, Ships Clerks Association of the Americas, Inc.; Robert McCall, vice president; Richard Burton, union officer; Bill McGarvey, Ralph Meriwether, business manager, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association Local 97; Mervyn Gordon, Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10; and Robert Farmer, patrolman, National Maritime Union.

All Strikes

Employers Poo-Poo

ILWU Strike Vote

SAN FRANCISCO—Recalling their statements one year ago that the CIO Political Action Committee was helping the maritime unions, the employers prepared to break it.

"The real enemies of an all-American program are seeking a little profit for this group, a little privilege for that group, and the exploitation of all the rest. They shout for freedom from government interference, but they are silent about freedom from want and freedom from fear."

The drive toward inflation is being spearheaded by the NAM, Maloney declared, and its views "outside remarkably with Sen. Wagner's." The findings of the one million dollars being poured in newspaper advertisements by the Nam to end government price controls, the Milwaukee representative of the labor unions and PAC as "the strongest elements of the American program, the labor control and OPA."

"Every worker knows that while a wage of $10 a week may be adequate as long as rent is $10 a month, if the rent goes up to $30 a month the pay envelope will no longer meet the grocer's bill. This is why labor and PAC are fighting for continuation of OPA without crippling amendments."

INDIANPOLIS (AP)—The Indiana CIO Political Action Committee executive committee in a telegram to T. J. P. Truman urged a break with France Spain and recognition of the republican government.

Shippers Played Same Game as Nazis in Trying to Smash '34 Strike

By NILES LANINGE

While Adolf Hitler's brown-shirted Fascists were destroying the democracy of a world, and labor was fighting the bosses and the shipping companies were trying to break the strikes of the rank and file workers, the union shipowners were trying to play the same game.

The battle between the rank and file labor unionists and the employers started years ago from the chain of labor leadership and miserable conditions the rank and file had to endure.

The employers were trying to break the strikes of the rank and file workers by labeling the strikers Communists and Revolutionary.

All shipowners involved effectively to stay off any action on the part of the workers, the mayer and all of the other agents of the owners tried to stop the strike. They did not want to see the strike being called the "communist strike."

"Let's take a quick glance at the activities of the chamber of commerce and the police department. These so-called Law and Order committees provided the employers with every kind of cover for the dirty work they had in mind and what follows is but one phase of all the undercover activities of the shipowners and the collusion that existed between them and the city authorities."

LAFOLLETTE REPORT

In the tense hearings before the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee the report on the "Gang of Four" was made, and the visit of the committee to the city and state governments to do their duties binding.

But if the employers thought they could snap the whip at the workers the same way, they had another think coming. And it came. It came with the 34 strike of the rank and file workers—a strike which brought the workers victory, and the employers a crushing defeat.

In the next issue of The Dispatcher I intend to go into that strike.
The spirit of Liberty has inflamed the longshore ranks on the docks of the port of New York. What seemed a spontaneous revolt in a rank-and-file strike lasting 18 days last October has become the start of a continuing movement to bring democracy into the A.F.L. International Longshoremen's Association on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

There has been no democracy in that union since 1927, when Joseph P. Ryan — now called King Joe — seized power and became its personal dictator. He earned the title "King" when two years ago he held the union in convention and had himself elected president for life at an annual salary of $20,000.

The rank-and-file strike of last October on the docks of New York, New Jersey and Brooklyn was the second big revolt to hit King Joe.

In 1929, when the longshoremen of the West Coast caught him selling them out, a spontaneous strike began. It started on September 30, he announced that he had concluded a settlement of how Moscow was plotting to seize America. The local numbered 382, with 299 in good standing. When the few members who learned of the meeting arrived they found more than 500 men in the hall. The actual members were unable even to register themselves, and the election was railroaded through, whereupon the actual members, numbering 120, left the meeting in protest. None of them had been rounded up by Raymond Thompson, a delegate, to pack the meeting.

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Just as in 1934, the press last October came quickly to King Joe's defense, and the rank-and-file committee tried hard to make arrangements with the Army and Navy to handle the strike. But when you read the story you found only that somebody had said that Ryan's goons would be around. The New York strike was not long leaderless. Out of the ranks rose an elected rank-and-file committee to coordinate the struggle along 200 miles of waterfront. The newspapers pitched in with Ryan and the shipowners. All of their pious talk about racketeers in labor was forgotten as they picked up the cudgels for one of the biggest strikes of 1934.

The other was in 1934, when the longshoremen of the West Coast caught him selling them out. They chased him back East, then broke away from his control and built the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, C.I.O. They were elected by secret referendum ballot. They only need the signatures of 15 percent of the membership to chuck him out. Also, the officers are elected by secret referendum ballot.

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FILE MARCH

To the aid of the shipowners to manufacture longshoremen for better pay and strongarm methods, the rank and file, inflamed with the spirit of liberty, key to the union’s ranks is going on.

The National Maritime Union backed up the strikers.

Faced with this solidarity and the threat of East Coast-West Coast unity, Ryan and the shipowners hastened to get together and announce the reopening of negotiations on demands which Ryan had previously said couldn’t be negotiated. Ryan was also forced to promise the mayor that he would submit any proposed agreement for ratification by the membership.

The Rank-and-File Committee was thus enabled to make an orderly consolidation of position. On October 19 the men returned and every pier was working.

On the next day the King announced he had received the shipowners’ counter proposals. As usual he did not say what they were, but announced that balloting upon them would begin at once.

The balloting was a farce. Some locals having membership in the thousands were called to meet in the back rooms of saloons.

Again the waterfront was in uproar. The Rank-and-File Committee went to court and obtained a temporary restraining order making it impossible for Ryan to sign a contract unless he submitted it properly to the membership. Ryan submitted an affidavit in court saying: “There is no provision in either the district constitutions or in the ILA constitution which make it incumbent for the Wage Scale Committee to submit the results of its negotiations or the approval of the membership.”

The strike paid dividends.

Ryan rushed back to the shipowners to get himself off the hook. On October 26 he and the shipowners jointly requested the Secretary of Labor to appoint an arbitrator. For the first time since 1927, Joe Ryan became useless to the shipowners—he could no longer deliver the men to them.

William H. Davis, former chairman of the National War Labor Board, arbitrated. He raised the basic pay 25 cents an hour, boosting it to $1.50. This was 15 cents more than Ryan wanted them to get. Davis granted the standard gang and one week’s annual vacation with pay for all men working 1,000 hours a year.

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The shipowners promptly tried to get the Wage Stabilization Board to reduce the pay award to $1.39. Early in February a delegation of 30 longshoremen—rank and fillers elected at an emergency conference called by the Rank-and-File Committee—visited the New York office of the board and demanded immediate approval of the award. They got it.

The rank and file had its setbacks, but they were not enough to destroy their movement. William E. Warren, first chairman of the committee, was beaten up the day after the strike ended. Scared, he quit the committee and declared it “a tool of the Reds.”

This has been a familiar pattern for years. Potential leaders have either disappeared, been found encased in concrete in the East River, or else threatened with such dire consequences that they recanted out of sheer fright.

But others were not frightened. The committee is growing, coming out in the open. Gangsterism, itself cowardly to the core, will eventually run in the face of courageous union men.

The Rank-and-File Committee is putting out a lively news sheet called The Rank and File Longshoreman. In it appears letters revealing the rottenness of the Ryan system, kickbacks, selling of union buttons and numerous other abuses.

Many union delegates have petty little side-rackets, such as forcing the men to buy numbers tickets from them. Reprisals are visited on men who complain of the practices.

But the longshoremen are in revolt against these doings. They are on a true rank-and-file march and their objective is democracy and dignity. They need moral support. They need money. Both can be sent to the ILA Rank-and-File Committee, P. O. Box 709, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N. Y.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Seantly mentioned in the American press but not widely accepted, an unac-
ounced report that United States military
personnel have been kept from demobilizing
in order to help Germany.

The report was issued in the Senate Military Affairs Commit-
ttee by Sen. John F. Kennedy, the 
formally acting director of the Division of Investigation
for the Office of Military Government in
Germany.

Nixon is a graduate of the Un-
iversity of California, where he 
taught economics at Stanford Uni-
tity and Electrical Workers Union in
Washington. He is a former GI.

The United States State De-
partment has received no letter from
France or Germany denying the report.

Nixon's testimony was based on tw
months' work in the United States De-
partment of Justice investigating
the Potsdam agreement, which was
in the making of Germany's exter-
nal assets.

Despite repeated policy state-
ments by the State Department
that no American investment in
Germany is under consideration, the
United States government is not
expanding its business interests in
Germany, where American compa-
nies have invested heavily.

Employed Veterans on the Rise

On January 1 of this year, 45-
000 veterans in California were
employed by the Employment Insur-
ance service of the United States govern-
ment.

No one knows how many more veterans are in the employ-
ment service, but the figures indicate that the trend is con-
tinuing. The number of veterans now
employed is higher than ever before.

Some Veterans Face Discrimination

After all, I had read count-
less stories in Time, Life, the
Saturday Evening Post, about the
men who were fighting for Man's
freedom.

"The world is your oyster,"
Dyer-Bennet was a great hui-
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visually attractive. In our case.

"Okay," I thought, "maybe it
WANTS A PIECE OF FISH

So I went, discharged paper-
men. After all, that's what we
are in the employ of Man's
freedom to shout and to sing.

Employed veterans on the
rise,

At Pacific Greyhound, Pine
and Battery Sts., I lay in a
sign in the window. "Help
wanted: Obtained," I said, and I
listened.

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Some veteran's story is like this one. His
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Local 208 Chicago

All Shops in Local Act as Joint Council

Acting as a board to analyze and examine the problems of individual shops in an effort to help the particular shop face with a critical period, the local strategy committee met on March 14, with a representation of about half of the thirty-two units in Local 208. There was much discussion as to the value of such methods of familiarizing the local joint strategy committee with the work, the plans and the methods used by the strategy committee in the shops.

After going over the problems of the local generally and relating the struggles of the shops with the need for political action, an emergency fund, and the collection of canned food for the families of striking workers, the situation in the wooden box shops in the local were reviewed by members of the box shops committee, from each box shop. Mike Balsins reviewed the actions of disrupters inside the shops, who helped professional agitators on the outside.

INsville EVERYBODY

Balsins commented that the suggestion made to involve as many people in the shop as possible, through whatever small job they would accept as their responsibility, would bring the people in the shop not only closer to him or other union representatives in the shop but to the local as a whole. In addition to this, in explaining the issues involved to other members in the shop, they would have to know the facts and this would add to their understanding of the program of the local, the International and the trade union movement as a whole.

IFK FOR PAC

One method accepted by the strategy committee is to break up the membership into fives or tens and put one person in charge of the small group for the collection of 10 cents per month for the PAC for the next four weeks emergency fund, and the collection of 12 cans of food per week for striking workers.

In this way the work for each person would be small and the work could be covered much more efficiently and thoroughly by dividing the actual work of collection and education among more people.

Local Warns Congress

Vote Right Else

In a letter writing campaign to their senators and congressmen in Washington, members of Local 208 in Chicago are urging their representatives that if they vote against legislation for the working people or do not fight for legislation which will benefit the people, their jobs will not be safe when the next election roll around.

For the people of Local 208 mean to watch the record of the men in Washington whom they have elected to represent them. The people back home mean to have representatives in Washington that's going to do them some good and insure them the standard of living which they deserve and insure all peoples their constitutional rights.

As a first step in their campaign of warning Local 208 has instituted a campaign to write each member of congress telling them to vote and to fight for the passage of the 65 cent Minimum Wage Bill which provides for a minimum now, 75 cents per hour after one year, and 25 cents per hour after two years.

Canned Food Collected

For CIO Strikers

One of the political jobs which Local 208 is concentrating on at the moment is that of collecting canned food for the workers in other CIO unions who are out on strike. Among the shops who have donated large cans of food are fully maintained by the Plastic Binding Corporation, Republic Box Company, Phoenix Dye Works, Lasham, Chicago Mill, Rowe, Local, Rutherford, Maxwell, Aetna, Thomas, Continental, Columbia, Kurty Kate, N. Share, Royal Drug.

The aim of the PAC in each shop is to get every worker to contribute two cans of food for the families of striking workers every week.

New Orleans

Local Hits The Bricks

NEW ORLEANS — The workers at the Commercial Terminal Warehouse in New Orleans March 6 over the company's refusal to negotiate on the union's proposal for 67 cents per hour, retroactive to November 11, 1945. The strikers are members of ILWU Local 207.

Negotiations for a new agreement began last November.

The United States Conciliation Service failed to bring the parties together.

Present hourly rates are: 50 cents per hour for the beginning worker and 40 cents per hour for female workers. Approximately 24 workers went on strike.

Fretless lines are being successfully manned by the union and no storage of goods are being interfered with, except that unloading from railroad cars by E. IL Fontaine, who have donated large carloads.

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Local 9 Gets Its Dander Up; Tells Congress How It Feels

SEATTLE — "The whole thing smells like a battle for the future." That's what members of Local 9 here were congressmen in their opinion of the state of the nation. Recalling wartime promises of the four freedoms, the local charged that Indonesia, Egypt and Greece "are merely receiving new masters instead."

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Local 9 Resolution

Hits Warmongers

SEATTLE — A resolution charging that Indonesia and Egypt are being "aligned yourselves with reactionaries both abroad and at home," and properly punished for his shooting of Nathan Taylor. The union is also requesting the formation of one big maritime union.

The union's proposal for a 30 per cent wage increase has been flatly rejected by the employers.

The union's strategy committee met on March 6 with a critical period, the local was reviewed by members of the box shops committee, from each box shop. Mike Balsins reviewed the actions of disrupters inside the shops, who helped professional agitators on the outside. He stepped into a big pair of shoes, but he doesn't even seem to try to fill them.

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Marm School

Martha Ezralev, ILWU Research Department, says that the union's training program, Hawaiian Yashizuka Marimoto (left) and Webb idea (right) are two of the first members to take the course.
Ball Committee
This is the group, under the chairmanship of Sam Barron, which is putting in months of hard work to make the tenth anniversary of the local a success. Front row (left to right): Abe Vegas, Mae Shangle, Jack Cousses (secretary), Lou Santos (vice-chairman), Sam Barron (chairman), Carl Dugan, Horace Anglea, Amiel Adler, Second row, Walter Thurling, Sally Braz, Jackie Gaines, Eva De Martini, Jackie Farley, Elsie Sawyer, Harold Pride, Third row, Frank Macey, Benny Brax, Ali Noonan, Carl Colin, Jimmy Moore, Larry Montee, Alex Baas, Art Gier, Fourth row, Pete Powers, Dick Marks, Red MacDonald, Floyd Seal, Clarence Fletcher, Herb Baum. Committee members not in the picture are D. B. Johnson, Dave Rader, Maurice Markowski, Sal Pic, Art Biagioni, Alvi Gallerini, John Jackson, Octavita Ottone.

Members Studying Budget for 1946; Estimate $400,000 Will be Required
SAN FRANCISCO—The 15,000 members of Local 6 are this month engaged in an annual review of the local's financial situation. The discussion is centered around a budget for 1946, proposed as a result of discussions made recently by all members of the rank and file. The local's budget for 1946 shows that rum-running has been reduced to a minimum, with the result that $100,000 will be available to carry out Local 6's program. The budget shows that rum-running has been reduced to a minimum, with the result that $100,000 will be available to carry out Local 6's program.

Doorbell Drive Can Swing 46 Elections, Says Posey
SAN FRANCISCO—Members of Local 6 residing in San Francisco are being urged by the National Political Action Committee to join the Voters League Clubs now functioning in their districts. These clubs, now affiliated to the National Political Action Committee, are the same clubs which did so much to work for a progressive political program in past elections.

Peet Workers Win $2000 in Back Pay
OAKLAND—The plant grievance committee at California Palm Drive has settled the dispute over overtime for 20 workers. The beach concerned $2,000 due these ten workers since July 4, 1940.

Contracts Signed After Long Delay
SAN FRANCISCO—Business Agent Don Cash, who has been working on the contracts for Local 6 members, announced that the contracts have now been signed. These contracts are with Deux Distributors and Glass Containers.

Over 200 at Alameda To Get Nickel Hike
OAKLAND—Local 6 and Western District Local 6 entered a joint application before the Railroad Rate Board for more than 200 workers at the Alameda base of the Pacific Overseas Command. The application was rejected.

The California legislature has appropriated $3,000,000 for operation of child care centers.

Red Cross Makes Appeal at Meeting
SAN FRANCISCO—War veterans and women, making voluntary contributions to the American Red Cross, should make their donations in the name of Local 6, ILWU, in order that labor's contribution to the Red Cross will be nationally recognized. This is the recommendation of Winomah Widelsky, CIO Red Cross representative.

Walter J. Niles, who spoke at the membership meeting on March 6, urged the local's endorsement and the full support of the membership in the current Red Cross drive.

Jobless Pay for Vets: Striking Vets
SAN FRANCISCO—A bill permitting veterans to strike to force a labor dispute to be eligible for unemployed insurance has received the support of Local 6.

Wanted UNO
SAN FRANCISCO—A bill permitting veterans who are unemployed because of labor disputes to receive unemployed benefits has received the support of Local 6.

Lynden Raps Churchill's War Speech
SAN FRANCISCO—"We are amazed and shocked that the President of the United States would propose to dignify with a sober-rattling speech by a notorious British imperialist who has been repudiated by his own people..." These were the words of Local 6 President Lynden in a plain-talking telegram to the President, the Secretary of State and the Imperial War Cabinet.

WANT UNO
The telegram blasted the policy of power politics, launched by our State Department. It pointed out that the American people are committed to solving international problems through the United Nations Organization.

The statement emphasized that... "the unity of the Big Three that is indispensable to victory in war is impossible to preserve..." It is time for all the American Governments to renounce imperialist dictatorship..." It is time for all the American Governments to renounce imperialist dictatorship, for, in the end, we stand unitedly on the side of the people against war, fascism, and feudal tyranny, and to destroy while there is still time from war-mongering..."
Two Thousand Local 6 Members Back on Job as Machinists' Strike of Four and One-half Months Ends

SAN FRANCISCO—Two thousand members of Local 6 returned to their jobs this week in the "fringe shops," which have been closed for four and one-half months as result of the machinists strike.

The return to work which began Monday, March 18, was decided on at a meeting of the locked out members, who heard reports from President Lynden, and Leon Magdalen of Lodge 68 publicity committee.

Lynden reported on his meeting with Vice President Joe Lynch and the officers of Lodge 68.

The return to work was based on agreement by the officers of Lodge 68 to recognize a return to work by machinists in the fringe shops, and the removal of picket lines.

Lynden also said the employers guaranteed that there would be no discrimination against anyone returning to work, and that Local 6 members would be put back to work, in so far as possible, in order of seniority.

The return to work ends four and one-half months of unexampled solidarity and support of warehouse workers for the demands of machinists. This solidarity maintained itself in spite of the reckless conduct of the strike by Lodge 68 officials, and the refusal of Lodge 68 officers to consult with and work with the rest of the labor movement, including Local 6.

Local Backs GI Demands For Quick Demobilization

SAN FRANCISCO—Local 6 is firmly behind the demands of the protesting GIs in Manila and other former centers of war for a swift demobilization program and for the withdrawal of troops except those needed for the occupation of Germany and Japan.

To this end the membership voted unanimous support for a resolution submitted by the San Francisco CIO Council Veterans Committee, calling on the War Department and the State Department to carry out the following program:

1. The firm and adequate occupation of Germany and Japan.

2. The complete withdrawal of troops from all liberated nations, including China, and the Philippines, except for forces needed to maintain the disposal of U. S. Government surplus properties.

3. A fair and lowered point system that will speed up the demobilization of GIs, whose lease under the War Department present system has been long delayed.

4. The withdrawal of any charges and redressing of any action already taken against the leaders and participants in the GI demonstrations against demobilization delays.

Oakland Strike Won At Associated Box

OAKLAND—Two days after they hit the bricks, Associated Box workers went back to work with their demands won. Their agreement covers Oakland and the company branch at Stockton.

The Northern California wage pattern in this industry has a 95c cent minimum in AFL houses, lower in unorganized places. Stockton Box Company (AFL) has a 95 cent minimum.

On Monday night the Associated Box workers went on strike for a $1.05 upward to $1.46 minimum in Oakland, but because of low wage scales elsewhere around Stockton, the heat that could be negotiated there was a $1.05 minimum.

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE

Crockett Executive Board and Stewards—Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., 159 Grand Ave.

General Executive Board—Wednesday, March 20, 8 p.m., 580 Mission St., San Francisco.

Grievance Committee—Tuesday, March 19, 8 p.m., 128 Grand Ave.

Executive Board and Stewards—Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 159 Grand Ave.

General Executive Board—Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m., 580 Mission St., San Francisco.

Grievance Committee—Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium.

Membership Meeting—Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium.

Oakland Grievance Committee—Tuesday, March 26, 8 p.m., 128 Grand Ave. (U.W.I. Labor Service.)

San Francisco Labor Union Movement—Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., 139 Grand Ave.

Executive Board—Wednesday, March 20, 8 p.m., 580 Mission St., San Francisco.

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San Jose Membership Meeting—Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m., Civic Auditorium.

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S. F. Members Attention REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday, March 20 8 P.M. Scottish Rite Auditorium (Corner Van Ness and Sutter)
Talent Ted Williamson (seated at piano) is a charter member of Local 6 and a talented concert pianist, Tom Moran (standing) is another old timer in the union who has just told three of his songs to Broadway music publishers. He plans a labor theme song for Local 6 as his next. William-
Local Backs CIO Cannery Union, Says Defeat May Hurt Entire Movement

SAN FRANCISCO—The full state backing of the CIO Cannery Workers is behind the CIO Cannery Workers Union's campaign for the election of its candidates for the American Canners Union's officers, which was expected to be held next month.

The CIO has nominated the candidates, and the CIO officials have been working hard to win the election. The CIO has also been working with the AFL in an attempt to prevent the election from going to the AFL.

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