Waterfront Strike Held Back to Await Government Fact-Finding and Action by Other Maritime Groups

Walkout May Be Canceled At Any Time

By virtually unanimous action of the 25 West Coast longshore locals of the ILWU the tie-up of shipping scheduled to begin in April has been postponed until a time as the Coast Longshore Negotiating Committee deems most effective.

The action was taken on recommendation of the ILWU committee after a direct request was received from Earl B. Warren, chief of the United States Conciliation Service. Warren asked the ILWU to delay the strike so that the government could establish a fact-finding committee to study the tie-ups between the ILWU and the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast.

NEW FLEXIBILITY

A full-fledged committee were requests from other maritime unions to delay the action until the maritime unions meet in San Francisco next May to discuss the establishment of one big union.

While the recommended postponement at the ILWU's request, it was pointed out that the new flexibility given to the committee to call the strike a "labor-management agreement." Effective will permit coordination with the plans of the other maritime unions. At least three of the maritime unions have ordered or are taking strike votes.

"It may be that we will go out," ILWU President Harry Bridges told the membership of the ILWU's Seattle committee after a direct request was received from Earl B. Warren, chief of the United States Conciliation Service. Warren asked the ILWU to delay the strike so that the government could establish a fact-finding committee to study the tie-ups between the ILWU and the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast.

TEXT OF TELEGRAM

San Francisco May 6 to consider March 28 and 31. Information received at International headquarters.

The telegraphic request from the Strike Committee, which has been postponed until such time as the Coast Longshore Negotiating Committee deems most effective, was planned at a recent meeting of officers of four of the present unions.

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Alaska Dockers Hit Bricks on Old Demand

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Why the maritime unions can be stronger as one big union than as several small ones.

Joint Strike Strategy Committee is Endorsed at Mass Rally of Maritime Unions in Puget Sound Area

SEATTLE—Seattle area maritime unions endorsed formation of a Joint Strike Strategy Committee, a call for national unity, at a meeting here Tuesday night.

A large representation of seamen, longshoremen and other workers in the Seattle area attended the meeting, held in the hall of the Seattle Labor Council.

The meeting was chaired by Ed Maloney, local Labor Council president.

POTENT OFFER REPORTED

Several present board a recent offer to recharter the United States Coast Guard Executive Board member, the ILWU, and a group of Coast Negotitating Committee members.

Clayton's memo said that the Waterfront Employers Counterpart to the coast's present rates had been reduced to a so-called "cent in the opinion of the coastmen and myself." A 25-cent offer of the employers, it was explained to the Coastmen by Michael Johnson, vice president, "is the proper Employers counterpart to the union's request for an increase of $1.35 per hour, or 176-cents to our day rate.

SOLIDARITY LESSON

The Coastmen also heard a lesson in solidarity of the committee of Local 19, Longshoremen's Union.

"Do you remember the time when 12 hours were the brick rate in the maritime area? This had meant to the maritime workers in years gone by, the same as bread, the same as solidary in blood," Nelson said.

The loss of the lives of Byron Daffron, Hanson and a number of other men on the waterfront during our experiences in 1934-37, when the workers tried to save us and starve us, should be a lesson.

Solidarity in blood, Nelson stated, is a typical union-busting proposition for our cousins in the event of illegal work. The committee turned it down flat.

OLD TACTIC

"If it happen here is united action," Nelson said, "they will meet by remembering an injury to one is an injury to all.

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Bridges.

Nelson said the program was divided into a typical union-busting tactic, a rank and file convention—a rank and file members of all the unions represented voiced similar opinions.

"We believe this May 6 convention—a rank and file convention—a rank and file members of all the maritime unions, endorsed formation of the one big union was explained from every viewpoint.

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National CIO Will Support Connelly

WASHINGTON (FP) — Full support of the national CIO will be given to Secretary-Treasurer Philip M. Connelly of the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council.

He was reported in his appeal from a city court conviction growing out of a police attack on a picket line January 17.

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Mediation Bill Set for Senate

WASHINGTON (FP) — A bill that will keep a 12-hour week for workers in the coal industry has been reported out by the Senate Labor committee committee March 20 as a substitute for a wage bill measure passed by the House.

The new bill is not expected to be debated until after the pending measures on housing, the tax bill, and the extension of the wage-hour act, has been acted upon.

By a five to four vote, the committee adopted yesterday amendment by Senator George D. Aiken (Vt.) designed to prohibit violence by persons engaged in a strike individually and apart from any labor organization or coal company.

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A step in the direction of ending racial discrimination directed against citizens of oriental ancestry applying to travel between Hawaii and the mainland, has been made by a committee organized by the U. S. Immigration authorities, according to a statement issued to the DISPATCHER by the Immigration representative here.

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International Sends $10,000; Relief
Tentative Pineapple Contract
Reached; Talks Will Continue

Subject to ratification by the membership, tentative agreement has been reached between ILWU and the pineapple industry. Both parties are encouraged by the fact that this agreement, which covers all employee classes, will be in effect for the duration of the agreement.

The agreement covers all employees of the pineapple industry, including those employed on Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Oahu, and the Big Island. The agreement includes provisions for increased wages, improved working conditions, and better benefits for all employees.

The agreement is expected to be ratified by the membership within the next few weeks, and the employers have agreed to implement the agreement immediately.

Death Hits Members Of Local 142
Death and destruction suffered by members of Local 142 of the ILWU on the Island of Kauai have shocked the membership.

Edward U. Ie, a member of Local 142, was killed by a falling coconut tree on April 15. Richard H. Miller, also a member of Local 142, was killed by a falling coconut tree on April 16.

The ILWU has expressed its condolences to the families of the deceased members and has offered its assistance in any way possible.

Big Island Sugar
Units Amalgamate
Amalgamation of units of the Big Island Sugar League has been announced by President of Local 142.

The amalgamation is expected to increase the strength of the union and to improve working conditions for all employees of the sugar industry.

G. M. STOOGE
Senator Artur H. Vandenport, Republican who recently arrived in Honolulu, has been invited to discuss the amalgamation with the employers.

Sugar Classification Negotiations Underway
Representatives of all sugar local units of the Hawaiian Sugar League and the local unions of the ILWU have been meeting to discuss the classification of sugar local employees.

The union proposition that all sugar local employees be treated the same, with the same rates and conditions, has been rejected by the employers. The employers have stated that they will consider a somewhat different proposal in the next few days, according to Mr. Mookini, president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association.

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To ILWU Membership
Work Is Now Underway

Ten thousand dollars has been sent to Honolulu by the ILWU National Committee, according to information released by Jack W. Hall, regional director.

"We are making a determined effort to relieve the needs of the homeless in our area," Mr. Hall said.

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**Bridges**

**Appeals to U.S. Comptroller for Army Men**

SAN FRANCISCO — An urgent appeal came from the United States Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren urging reconsideration of his ruling on March 31 that the Army cannot participate in the collective bargaining of Pacific Coast longshoremen due to the fact that the Army is a Federal Government agency. The decision ruffles the feathers of the American Line and the National Maritime Union's Construction Unit, which is up in arms against the ruling.

**EQUITITIES SACRIFICED**

Since 1924 the Army has hired longshoremen, and has paid them as though they were in the union hiring hall and has abided by the collective bargaining agreements with the waterfront unions. In the case of the recent dispute, President Harry Bridges called a meeting with the waterfront employers, including the Waterfront Employers Association, and they agreed that the Army should abide by the collective bargaining agreements with the waterfront unions.

**AGENCY FRUSTRATIONS**

Hundreds of longshoremen, the statement said, "are feeling the pinch of the Army's action to protect itself from the longshoremen's union."

**URGE ACTION ON LICENSING BILL**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has issued an urgent appeal to the American Line, the National Maritime Union and the National Maritime Union's Construction Unit, which is up in arms against the recent ruling by the United States Comptroller General on the Army's participation in the collective bargaining of Pacific Coast longshoremen.

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Although the Administration's far-reaching emergency housing program suffered a major setback in the House, it left leaders with passage of a stripped-down Patman Bill, that bill served to crystallize the issues involved. Between now and the Senate vote on the bill there is promised an increasingly active tug of interests involving the entire housing program.

W. W. Housing Expediter and National Housing Agency Administrator, has said that his broad 15-point program for a goal of 2,700,000 new homes within two years cannot be attained without two of the provisions refused by the House. Passing the Patman Bill—limiting payments to buildings and ceilings on existing homes. President Truman termed the plan for $600 million guaranteed building programs “the very heart” of what Administration leaders call the Truman-Wyatt program.

Refusal of the House, particularly House Demo-
crats, to accept those provisions of the housing program constitutes a serious defeat which the Administration hopes to overcome in the Senate. The Patman Bill incorporates only a portion of the Wyatt's Emergency Housing Program out-
lined by Wyatt. Another major part of the pro-
gram, the Wagner-Eldender-Taft Bill, to meet long-
rage needs in public housing, slum clearance, and increased financing aid to home buyers, has al-
ready run the ram on Senate committee hearings.

RALLY VETERANS SUPPORT

Proponents of a strong Patman Bill privately admit that they were too optimistic when the bill was before the House, and are endeavoring to obtain greater support. Not until after debate in the House began and the strength of the opposition became obvious was there much pressure in support of the bill, while building interests seek-
ing to stop it entirely, or amend it, carried on an ex-
hensive mail and personal contact campaign. Pressure for the bill came primarily when it was in the voting stage, when some veterans, labor and consumer delegations made a last-minute effort to swing opposition votes.

Veterans are counted on by the bill's backers to carry a major portion of the support for strength-
ened legislation in the Senate. The veterans groups, however, cannot offer a united front. The stand taken by the more active veterans associa-
tions varies from the powerful American Legion’s figurative attitude of “no comment” to the Amer-
ican Veterans Committee's organized lobbying.

WYATT SWINGS SUPPORT

Wyatt personally has aced as one of the greatest supports for his own program. His oratory before the Chicago convention of the National Association of Home Builders, while the House was debating the Patman Bill, won that association's support for Wyatt's subsidy proposals, causing them to reverse their stand completely.

Up to now, Wyatt has held his ground on his overall program, but adds now that it may be defeat at a single point. The highlights of that program are:

1. Construction of 2,700,000 low and moderate-
cost homes must be started by the end of 1947, in-
cluding 1,600,000 conventional homes, 850,000
pensioners and war veterans' homes, and 250,000 temporary homes—50,000 of them new trailers.

2. Postponement of deferrable and non-es-
sential construction during 1946; expanded produc-
tion through premium payments; guaranteed mar-
kets for materials; wage-price adjustments; use of war plants for rapid taxatization for new or-
verted plants; Government absorption of undue risks in new-type production; recruitment and training of 1,500,000 additional workers; material and equipment priorities; channeling the largest part of materials into housing selling for not more
than $6,000 or renting for not more than $50 per
month.

3. More effective price control on building ma-
terials and ceilings on new and existing homes and building lots, and rent control—all to curb in-
flation.

4. Preference for veterans and their families in rental and purchase of homes.

5. Adoption of temporary legislation to support the emergency program, and early adoption of the Wagner-Eldender-Taft Bill lengthening needs and supply necessary financing aids.

HOUSE VERSION OF PATMAN BILL

In the form in which it was finally passed by the
House on March 14, after eight days debate, and
sent to the Senate Banking and Currency Com-
mittee, the Patman Bill (HR 4761)—which Wyatt hoped would fill the bulk of temporary legislative needs—stated as its purpose:

1. To stabilize the prices of real estate to be
used for housing purposes, and to prevent specu-
lative, unwarranted, and abnormal increases in the selling prices of such real estate; to eliminate and prevent profiteering in the sale of real estate for housing purposes, the hoarding of materials for the
use of building and other buildings, and other disruptive practices; to encourage the pro-
duction of housing at a fair profit; to improve the
housing of the people of the nation in order to
foster their health and general welfare; to encour-
age employment in the housing construction in-
dustry, and to maintain such industry at a high
level of productivity; to prohibit an undue dissipa-
tion of the savings of the people in the nation in the
purchase of homes at speculative prices; to per-
mit returning veterans to acquire housing at
fair prices; and to prevent post-emergency collapses of values in the housing field and to promote a
swift and orderly transition to a peace-time econ-
yomy.

That statement of purpose is the same as the
one contained in the bill reported by the House
Banking and Currency Committee on February 8,
after two months of hearings. Representative
Wright Patman (D., Tex.), author of the bill, and
Wyatt and other administration officials charge
that the balance of the bill as approved by the
House fails to implement the bold declaration.

Major Provisions

The bill the House approved on a final roll call
vote of 357 to 24 contains the following major pro-
visions:

1. The office of Housing Expediter is author-
ized (Wyatt currently holds office by executive
order). The Housing Expediter is empowered to
formulate such plans and programs as are neces-
sary to provide for an increased supply of hous-
ing accommodations of all kinds, particularly
homes for sale or rent to veterans. All functions of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconver-
sion necessary to carry out the program are trans-
ferred to the Housing Expediter, who is also given
broad powers over all executive agencies, in order
to carry out the housing program.

2. The Housing Expediter can establish maxi-
mum sales prices on new construction after "co-
sultation with State and local officials and a
eration of affected industries. Sales price con-
struction are to be set with regard to construc-
tion costs, land value, and prevailing prices on
comparable units during 1941. The number of
new homes is first sold, plus any later improve-
ments, is to be the maximum price in subsequent sales.

3. The Expediter may regulate or specu-
cative or manipulative practices which
believes will result in "inconsistent" price
such as requirement to buy additional
secure housing).

4. When materials are in short supply, the
Expediter may regulate or the allowed
deliveries of such material, and direct the
price make adjustments needed to stimu-
lization of building materials.

MAY FILE CLAIMS

5. Any person violating the maximum
price regulations on new construction will
be subject to a $5,000 fine or imprisonment
year, or both. Persons who protest any
regulation may file claims before United
District Courts.

6. If a seller violates a maximum sale
order, the buyer may bring action for the
amount involved, within one year, or if it
fails to bring action within 60 days of the
the Expediter may bring similar action
year.

7. Mortgage allowance of FHA
creased $1,000, allowing the use of the
$2,800 million or up to $3,800
proval of the President, in guaranteeing it
90% of appraised value. Also, the
maximum for construction in high-cost re-
creased on a graded scale, starting with an
The House approved the additional authorizations on March 14, by a roll call vote of 347 to 1, with Representative Summer the lone opponent. This action was a result of the housing involve was scheduled to be moved to colleges and universities, for the use of veterans who are continuing their education.

Representative Fritz G. Lanham (D., Tex.), who sponsored the amendment, said that 100,000 veterans, servicemen and their families already occupy the first 100,000 temporary housing units in the country. Several institutions have requested further information, and the issue of the budget facilities than are available, he said, and have to settle for 100,000 units.

WAGNER-ELLENDEL-TAFT BILL

Wyatt has termed the passage of the Wagner-Elendt-Taft Bill an essential to carrying out the veterans' housing program. The bill's proposal for liberalized financing and its plan for housing families of low income, Wyatt claims, will not only settle for a small portion of their requests.

The specific provisions in the bill through which the program will be executed are:

1. Federal insurance of mortgages on homes under the GI Bill of Rights, limited to the purchase of single-family dwellings for not more than $5,000 or for not more than $8,100, depending on the interest rate prevailing at the time of purchase.
2. Technical research would be carried on by manufacturers of certain materials by technical assistance to local agencies to encourage them to do the job, representatives of real estate and financial organizations testified against the bill during the hearings held before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, November 27-December 18, 1945.

4. Acquisition and preparation of land for re- gulation and general public facilities is es- couraged through a five-year program of loans and contributions to local agencies. However, federal aid will not be granted unless the community has determined that private industry would not make the necessary facilities available.

5. Low-cost public housing for families in the lower income group. A 25 per cent contribution will exist between the public housing's upper rental limits, and lowest rents at which private enterprises could provide the necessary low-rent housing.

6. Farm and rural housing improvements would be accomplished through a gap aid to the Secretary of Agriculture to make available low interest loans for such improvements.

7. The National Housing Agency is to be established to consolidate all the housing functions of the Government, is established as a permanent agency.

TESTIFY AGAINST BILL

Even though the bill stresses that private industry shall be encouraged to the limits of their ability and financial organizations testified against the bill during the hearings held before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, November 27-December 18, 1945.

L. E. Mahan, speaking for the Mortgage Bankers Association, told the committee: "The bill is exceedingly technical, complex, ambiguous and confusing. It represents an effort to solve all of the problems in the field of housing under the GI Bill in its present form, and we are definitely of the opinion that the credit of the Government should not be used for the development of housing needs except in case of catastrophic need.

Newton C. Farr, representing the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the Urban Land Institute, said that the bill was a good bill for an interim period while it is possible effort is directed toward providing housing for housing rights now.

The Producers Council, in a statement issued February 13, 1946, summarized its stand as follows: "The bill is considerably moratorium, ambiguous and confusing. It represents an effort to solve all of the problems in the field of housing under the GI Bill in its present form, and we are definitely of the opinion that the credit of the Government should not be used for the development of housing needs except in case of catastrophic need.

46 MAYORS WILL SUPPORT

On the other side, representatives of many organizations appeared before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to urge adoption of the bill. Fiorello La Guardia, then mayor of New York, presented the committee with a resolution signed by 46 mayors stating the need for a housing program. An appeal for aid was made to the City of New York, because it was announced that the city was giving under the GI Bill in its present form, and we are definitely of the opinion that the credit of the Government should not be used for the development of housing needs except in case of catastrophic need.

Representatives of the Housing Agency are optimistic about the bill's fate in the Senate, but are not hopeful of its chances of reaching the House, in view of the rough handling the Patman Bill received there.

AIDS TO NEW CONSTRUCTION

Another bill (S 1729) which is before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, may possibly be a part of the GI Bill program, which includes the use of prefabricated materials.

Introduced December 21 by Senators Hugh B. Mitchell (D., Wash.) and Harley M. Kilgore (D., Wyo.), the bill calls for a dollar by making a 95 per cent mortgage available for insurance instead of the existing 90 per cent. Under this provision, the mortgagee will be allowed to make his purchase at a 5 per cent down payment, 22 years to pay for it at an interest rate of 4 per cent.

To stimulate low rental housing projects, the bill extends similar terms for housing developed under mutual home ownership, such as cooperative projects.

Technical research would be carried out by the Housing Administration on new methods and materials of production, together with studies on employment and investment opportunities in the building industry. Information received through such research would be widely disseminated.
CHARGE UNRRA Using Food Abroad

As a Reactionary Political Weapon

BY SUSAN ALEXANDER

Grim stories are coming out of the UNRRA in Europe. The Tenth Avenue City-stories of food being used as a political club by those who are trying to prevent people of different governments in once reactionary countries from meeting.

It is charged that the Combined Food Board has allocated 122,000 tons of wheat, flour, and fats to Yugoslavia as the result of an appeal by radiogram to that country.

These charges were brought by the American Federation of Labor (CIO) to UNRRA's headquarters in New York City.

In his final report, Lebanon was named as the site of food giving and other food controls in the U. S. for the threatened world famine. He also immediately established a single international food control board, with the Soviet Union included, to deal with the situation.

Nevertheless, Herbert Hoover is traveling through Europe making personal visits. His trip is expected to be a success. The free distribution of food should not be considered the entire picture. The free distribution of food should be considered in the context of the overall political situation in the area.

That's why labor unions and other groups are demanding that food and famine relief be in control of the U. S. Congress, which probably will be headed by Fiorello H. La Guardia, rather than the English-American Combined Food Board which was the responsibility of the U. N. Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

The current open shop drive was spearheaded by the American Federation of Labor (CIO). The drive was started in 1941.

The American Federation of Labor (CIO) is a union that represents workers in a variety of industries, including the textile, construction, and automobile industries. The CIO is a strong advocate of open shop policies, which allow workers to join or not join a union without fear of reprisal.

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up to the strike upon the recommendation of its own strike, and demand it.

Up to the time The Dispatcher went to press the fact-finding commission had not been appointed or announced. Committee members made it clear that at the local meetings that the union still had no information about when it would not be put off by any new facts.

TEXT OF RECOMMENDATION

The formal recommendation of the Coast Negotiating Committee upon which the locals acted, read as follows:

"The United States Government has officially requested that the longshore strike scheduled for April 1 be held in abeyance until such time as governmental fact-finding machinery can be set up to investigate and develop all facts surrounding the items in dispute.

"To date, the Waterfront Employers Association has rejected the longshore demands proposed by the union. The employers have offered to increase wages 18 cents per hour and has offered for overtime for Saturday work providing for longshoremen the indefinite union-maintaining provisions in the existing contract.

"The employers have changed the straight time rate of 18 cents per hour to 25 cents per hour provided the union gives up its present annual vacation for longshoremen."

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MAY CONSIDER CHECKERS

"The loading commission set up to consider the issues in the longshore dispute is expected to also investigate the dispute between the union and the employers over their plan to make wage increases retroactive.

The latter have also been held in abeyance, at least until the scheduled April 1 strike. It will also consider the situation of other subsidiary groups in the industry.

The checkers have been down for a month. They were nego-

The employers have refused to recognize the union on that basis.

To ready their case for the projected findings, the checkers' locals are now proceeding with negotiations to have

A communication to all Pacific Coast longshore and checker locals explained the employer stalls which led up to a final breakdown in conciliation. It read, in part:

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Schmidt in Hawaii to Study Setup

SAN FRANCISCO—Leaving San Francisco for Hawaii, March 23, Local 18's Henry Schmidt, Coast Labor Relations Committee chairman, has been delegated by the ILWU International Executive Board to study the setup of longshoremen in the Territory.

Schmidt will explore the possibilities of securing West Coast mainland conditions for longshoremen there, including hiring halls, complete decasualization of the work, sick leave limitations, and an interchange of longshoremen from one employer to another.

In Honolulu there are identical longshore contracts with the three separate employers, but each has its own separate salary.

The longshore wage rate there is $1.10 an hour, an eight-hour straight-time day.

WILL STAY TWO MONTHS

Schmidt expects to remain in Hawaii for approximately 60 days. He will investigate unemployment insurance and compensation laws in the Territory, as well as employer intimidation of longshoremen and violations of the existing contract, particularly the safety code.

Schmidt predicted full Hawaiian support of the longshore strike.
Mrs. Labez, Speaks For ILWU, Says New Interest In Pt Relief

For the suffering people of the Philippines has returned to public notice in this country as a result of the territorial status of the islands, said Mrs. Labez, a former Manila journalist, and organizer with the local, speaking in Honolulu from San Francisco.

Mrs. Labez, a former Manila journalist and eyewitness of the war in the Philippines, arrived in Honolulu last week in connection with the international Strike Postponed. She was interviewed on the local radio, and also at a luncheon and a dinner at the Wives of the Longshore Strike Postponed.

MRS. LEBEZ

GasPro Will Give 10 Cents Per Hour

A pay boost of 10 cents per hour has been given the employees of the Hawaiian Gas & Electric Co. by GasPro and its union representing GasPro employees.

The agreement is acceptable to both parties and will go into effect as of May 6, when the strike will end. A strike has been scheduled for May 6 by the employees of the Hawaiian Gas & Electric Co. The agreement provides that the union wage clause of the agreement will be reinstated.

Oahu CIO Council To Be Organized

A call has sent out to all Oahu locals to come together and organize the Oahu CIO Council, according to the president of the Oahu ILWU, Mr. Thompson.

Oahu ILWU will have a larger membership, in line with the decision of the CIO to open the wage clause of the agreement to all locals. The agreement was signed by the Oahu ILWU and the Waterfront Employers Association.

Stevedores Elect May 6 Delegates

Elected to represent Hawaiian stevedores at the May 6 Unity Conference in San Francisco, were Harry Kamoku, president of the local, and Robert Thompson and Robert McCullough, executive board members of the local.

The election was held in San Francisco on May 6, in accordance with the provisions of the agreement.

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DISASTER HITS BIG ISLAND

Damage Runs Into Millions

Exclusive Dispatcher Photos
by Henry Schmidt

Some of the devastation that is today the city of Hilo is pictured above. The lone chimney is all that remains of the palatial mansion of Attorney Wendell Carlsmit, Carlsimit's house was located in the exclusive Keaukaha section of the city, today obliterated. The house on top of a railroad caboose is part of a train that was traveling along the waterfront several hundred yards distant when the gigantic wave came crashing shoreward. Gazing at what they believe to be the remains of Local 136's ILWU office is Henry Schmidt, Bert Nakano and Martha Essalow. Note the view of Hilo's million-dollar pier. Note the utter ruin adjacent to the now half-destroyed port. Typical of Hilo's smashed business district is the ruins of a gas station and automobile repair shop, which is a ruin today. Great sections of it must be completely rebuilt.
Stockton Launches Organizing Drive

STOCKTON—A joint organizing committee of rank-and-file members from Longshore Local 54, Stockton Unit of Local 94, and Local 64, has been set up here to survey all unregistered members in the area prior to launching an organizing drive.

The committee, aided by Internationals John Berta, Business Agent R. Heide and Business Agent Al Baffetti, has already started canvassing the Stock- side Winery, Lodi; the Paramount Seed Company; the Great Western Can- tional Canned Stock Company, Stockton.

Prison for Cyprus

Unions Protested

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Protesting jail sentences passed on leaders of the Cyprus Labor Movement and a House of Representatives report condemning the government's actions, the Cyprus Labor Movement announced plans to set up a Cyprus federation of unions.

The announcement was made by the Cyprus Labor Movement, which said it was preparing to meet with representatives of the government to discuss the reports.

The labor movement said it was considering legal action to challenge the jail sentences and the government's actions. It also called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict between the government and the labor movement.

 UNIONISTS DISCUSSED

The meetings with government officials were set for later this month. The labor movement said it would keep the public informed of the progress of the talks.

The labor movement also announced plans to hold a rally in Athens to protest the jail sentences and the government's actions.

The rally is scheduled to take place on [date] and will feature speeches by leaders of the labor movement and other organizations.

The labor movement urged all unions to participate in the rally and to support the movement's demands for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

The labor movement also called on the international community to support the movement's demands and to pressure the government to end its repression of trade unionists and other human rights abuses.

Unionists also discussed the need for stronger international solidarity and support for the labor movement and other organizations fighting for labor rights and democracy in Cyprus.

The labor movement also expressed solidarity with the people of Syria and the Palestinian people in their struggle for self-determination and freedom.

I. S. Parkinson
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April 5, 1946

All Divisions Now Selling "Truth About Unions," By Leo Huberman

SAN FRANCISCO — A new book, which Philip Murray, CIO president, says should be read by every American, is now on sale in all divisions of the local. The title is "The Truth About Unions," by Leo Huberman, former education director of the National Maritime Union. A full length book, it sells for 50 cents. The newly-educated education department of Local 6 selected this book as the first piece of material for sale in the local, because "it is a simply written explanation of American life and their impact.

It carries a complete description of the American labor movement and its relationship to the individual worker. A copy of Local 6's order was sent to get a copy. Read it, pass it on to a friend.

Regolamenti e Quota Mensile al Voto del Membro

SIETE Vol IN FAVORE

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2. SIETE Vol IN FAVORE del decreto che il fratello Schnur e' un membro del Congresso e San- dovali, alle leggi e regolamenti dell'organizzazione ed il vostro sia dato a favore di quei principi per il futuro dell'organizzazione. Attenzione Stawards

Abbiamo accettato nella loca- le e spediti sul lavoro centina- aie di richieste per il pagamento della quota mensile. Dato la congestione nella consegna delle stesse, si prega di farvi sapere il giorno in cui si desidera ricevere la quota mensile. Le richieste per il pagamento della quota mensile dovrebbero essere mandate alla sala (569 Mission St. San Francisco 6). Il regolare ordine di ricevimento di queste richieste sarà di nuovo stabilito.

3. Coloro che non sono in posizione di ricevere il salario mensile, avranno la possibilità di essere esclusi dal pagamento ed 'attendere alla riscossione delle quote mensili.

A Proposito del Ballo

Il grande ballo della locale di tesserà la sera del prossimo 15 aprile che mar- cha più grandi avvenimenti della locale.

Il comitato informa che l'Al- l'omaggio si è limitato a capa- cità e buon umore. Le porte verranno aperte alle ore 9 e chiuse alle ore 7.

Sono stati preparati vari menu che saranno disponibili in diverse fabbriche. Verranno richiesti di versare le offerte a meno che il pro- prio compagno non riuscirà a garantirne la riscossa. Inoltre, il programma sarà finito.

Oggetti appartenenti ai vari reparti se- gretari dei vari reparti sul la- voro. L'espedito distribuzione per- manente ai padri del giovane 30 e un impulso ristabilito. Il COMITATO.

De Lassoda, Alla Conferenza Delle Pace

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In a sense, our union is similar to the church, where the lower member worship is the breadwinner of the family. But it is sufficient in many cases union membership. Each worker has to work for his union, for it is designed to protect the working people and their families against all their interests of the membership through the strength of the union membership.

Bargaining Table is Backbone of Contract

In fact, any bargaining table is a backbone of the union which is the strength of the union. The best contract is not always the one that looks the best to the members. The best contract is the one which insures the future economic needs of the members and their families. It is a contract that is fought for by the members and their families. It is a contract that is fought for by the members and their families.

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Alert Members Solve Union Problems

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