Settlement Can Avert Maritime Strike

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Wednesday, June 12)—The United States Government announced today that it had assumed full charge of the negotiations with the Committee for Maritime Unity. It had begun drafting a proposal for a settlement on the eve of the June 15 strike. West Coast employers said they were returning to the coast.

Tomorrow (Saturday), unless satisfactory settlement has been made between press time for The Dispatcher and then, ships and/or docks of three coasts will be struck in the first national maritime walkout of history.

By Wednesday of this week, with negotiations still deadlocked in Washington, all ports of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coasts were mobilized and prepared down to the last detail for the pulling of the pin at 12:01 a.m. June 15.

There flickered in Washington only the faintest possibility that the strike could be averted by a satisfactory settlement. Each of the seven unions comprising the Committee for Maritime Unity was standing fast by its pledge to the others to act together and strike together until all were satisfied with a settlement.

A shipowner-Harry Lundeberg attempted to disrupt the Washington conference failed. Lundeberg, forced by the rank and file of the Sailors Union of the Pacific to besp make himself in the face of seven maritime unions on the march, loudly demanded immediate negotiations on the West Coast. At the same time he refused an invitation to join the Washington conference with a stream of hysterical red-baiting.

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Stop work meetings and a threat by Lundeberg to pull an immediate vote of the immediate, Interest Union and its affiliate, SUP, served further to add confusion to the picture. Lundeberg's meetings with the employers was his original purpose to present out of the Washington meetings was frustrated. A separate employers' committee was sent to the Coast.

CMU pleaded with SIU-SUP to avoid precipitate action and stated:

"We pledge here and now to the SIU-SUP that if they will join the June 15 strike date, the same pledge extended to all other unions will also apply to them, namely no one no go will work to break until every union is satisfied."

TRUMAN FAVORS OWNERS

President Truman threw his weight to the shipowners early in the Washington negotiations with an announcement in a press conference that he would use the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and WSA to run the ships in event of a strike. Later, in the face of a storm of protest which caused the White House to increase its telegraphic staff, he attempted to soften this announcement by saying it was only "precautionary."

CMU negociators charged Truman had torpedoed the negotiations by taking away any incentive for the shipowners to bargain.

What comfort the shipowners enjoyed was short-lived, for a plea to the World Federation of Trade Unions for support was promptly answered by Secretary Louis Sallmant who said he expected from all WFTU affiliates replies similar to that made by the French dock union. The French workers declared they would not handle any cargo from scab-sailed ships. The Latin American workers, CTAL, also declared promptly they would not handle hot cargo.

A special telegram of sympathy and support, warning CMU to watch for a Truman doublecross, was sent by President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

FULL PAGE AD

Meanwhile, CMU carried the issues to the public by means of a full page advertisement in the New York Herald Tribune and Washington Post on June 6. The ad said,

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Close Ranks!

Phil Drew

There isn't any question but that the shipowners took Harry S. Truman's word for it that he was definitely on their side, no matter what the merits were. If by the time this issue of The Dispatcher enters the mails they have decided to avert a strike by doing some genuine instead of phony, collective bargaining, it will be because they have tumbled to a fact that has been obvious to us for some time—Harry S. Truman just isn't as big as the noise he tries to make.

The President's big talk about using the Army, the Navy, the Coast Guard and the WSA to break the national maritime strike was a shot in the arm to make more vivid the union-smashing dream of the operators. But the laboring men and women have not been back in high places.

They will be around. When you hear them, nail them down on the spot. Demand to know what's eating the guy and why.

In any event, don't let these things pass by without a challenge. They are stale in the back. If a guy is innocent and only misled, straighten him out and then find out who misled him, and why. This is a job for every member of the union. The shipowners are dirty and they will hire the lowest type of criminal to do their dirty work and they will corrupt anybody they can find who is corruptible. Their greed blinds them to any moral sense which ordinary humans are expected to have.

We will win by keeping on the alert, by sticking together, by taking our information from official and no other sources. The only thing that could defeat us would be if we allowed employer stooges to divide us.

Close ranks! Strike or settlement, whichever it is, close ranks!

Discontent is not the by-product of a strike, but an integral part of it. The employers must expect us to demand a just settlement. We are fighting for a union with solidarity, with strength to hold our own. And we are fighting for the recognition of our right to work under the law. We are fighting for a fair and just settlement. We are fighting for our rights. We are fighting for our future.

The war is over. The strike is over. We have won. But the battle is not yet won. We must continue to fight for the things we believe in. We must continue to stand up for our rights. We must continue to work hard to make our union strong. We must continue to support each other.

The strike has ended. But the struggle has not. We must carry on the fight for justice and fairness. We must carry on the fight for our rights. We must carry on the fight for the future of our union. We must carry on the fight for the future of our nation.

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Organized Negroes Ask the United Nations for Relief From Oppression at Hands of United States

By CARL HAESSLER

DETROIT (FP)—An international thank-you party for the thousand delegates to the 1945 U.N. Session at the National Negro Congress who went on strike for one vote, appealed to the United Nations for relief from oppression at the hands of the United States, most powerful UN member.

"We write to President Harry S. Truman and ask him of the action to present their appeal to "the highest court of mankind"— the United Nations."

The appeal is based on the charge that Negroes who are condemned to "second class citizenship" and suffer oppression because of "the fascist regime in power there.

The National Negro Congress began preliminary work May 29 and adjourned July 30. Officers at the congress carried union cards, and 100,000 members in their union, the CIO, have signed the cards, spokesmen emphasized that organized labor is the strongest and truest ally of their race in this fight.

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man can't attack the CIO and still maintain his eyes on the Negro people. When he acts as strike- breaker he stabs the Negro peo- ple because the same instrument is our staunchest ally. We will continue to point out that in Russia is the one great country where the people own and oper-

ate industry for their own use, where discrimination has been completely destroyed, where we marched up the road to freedom that we would march.

Robeson followed his talk with a half dozen labor and radical songs, most of which, he claimed, "is the most popular among the people."

The rally, attended by the Negro congress calls for an end to Jim Crow, will be held in a week, particularly in civil aviation and public utilities, for full employ- ment and a 50 per cent, minimum, preservation of price controls, full employment and wages, support of strikes against unreasonable employers, union recognition for Negro workers, better breaks for Negro veterans, "and Jim Crow where it exists within our country.

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Shipowners Robbery of Public Exposed

BY BETTY GOLDSTEIN

NEW YORK (FP) — As the big guns of the U.S. government and commercial press brand their propaganda charge of "treason" against the profiteering shipowners, the world has learned the story of how American scrap was sold back to the U.S. government for its scrap value.

The story is the story of how American shipowners, in violation of the OPA, sold scrap back to the government at a dollar or less a ton, when other countries paid as high as $10 a ton.

The proposed investigation of profiteering by leading maritime corporation provides that the value of the ships needed for war was $5 a ton, were sold back 10 years ago to the government at a dollar or less a ton.

A "no enhancement" clause in the merchant marine act provides that the value of the ships needed for war was less than $5 a ton, and that the shipowners were insured at such fabulous rates that many of them were insured for as high as $1,150,000 each.

The simple, homely virtues with which I'm blessed.

My practice has always been to judge men by their looks.

The simple, broad-minded and human. Always glad to see anybody get ahead. To criticize or argue with the nation's greatest wizards of finance.

I am sure the boys will chip in for my funeral. I am certain the old boy will have his coffin to his own size. I am certain the old boy will have his coffin to his own size.

I sincerely believe," said the President, "that if we try to make it right, that we'll be the stronger for it, that we'll be the stronger for it. And besides, a man's entitled to a little something extra for being generous to the nation."

"Ah, yes," said Mr. Truman. "It's all very well, this thing of being human."

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SUP Stalls Watchmen Negotiations

The start of coastwide negotiations by the ILWU was stalled June 6 when Harry Landberg succeeded the recently dismissed ILWU director in San Francisco to conduct final round election for Young Patrol watchmen.

Coastwide negotiations with the ILWU and other watchmen's agencies will begin simultaneously when official notification of the ILWU as bargaining agent has been secured for all the agencies.

“Every day the SUP-ILWU is able to stall an election costs every patronel on the waterfront $2.16 a day,” said ILWU Vice President Michael Johnson. The ILWU expects a $2.16 wage increase for the men, so was recently served for regular gatemen and watchmen in negotiations for contract watchmen.

Johnson charged that “the only reason the SUP objects to an election is because they are afraid of an election. They know they don’t have the right men.”

A formal ILWU hearing must now be scheduled on an as-yet-unscheduled date. Expected to appear will be Local 34, the 600,000 member International Union of Repealing Merchants. Chaimbuck Bankers, the Lundeberg family who is intervening in an attempt to stall ILWU certification for San Francisco contract watchmen. He has been invited to appear for the American Patrol Agency, for which a formal hearing has also been scheduled.

There is a possibility that the ILWU could stall an election costs the union $5,000. The strike in its national strike referendum for the American Patrol Agency, for which a formal hearing has also been scheduled.

NMU Votes Over 30 to 1 For Strike

WASHINGTON (FP) — The National Maritime Union (CIO) voted over 30 to 1 in favor of a strike in its national strike referendum for the American Patrol Agency, for which a formal hearing has also been scheduled.

Both the referendum report and the recommendation for the referendum will be delivered to the ILWU. The referendum was scheduled for June 8, 1946.

The referendum figures were announced by the ILWU, a National Maritime Union, an independent agency that conducts elections for many organizations. It showed that 20,000 voted to strike and 1,125 voted against a walkout.

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A drastic economy drive was voted by more than 150 members of the union, amounting to an increase of about 10 months the union has been spending more than it has been taking in.

The entire state of officers honored in their resignations; and nominations for new officials were made for only three officials.

The Board recommended and the one executive officer charged with the duty of president, vice-president and business agent, one dispatcher, and a third official to serve as secretary, bookkeeper and dues collector.

A drastic economy drive was undertaken last January was not additional on holidays and day within its budget. Although four members of the local has still to make expenses.

Officials elected from those nominated June 15 will serve the unexpired term until January 1947.

Korea Committee Plans Aid to Strikers

The Strategy Committee of the local is in charge of machinery by which the greatest number of members present for the benefit of the other maritime workers in the pending waterfront strike June 15.

Representatives from the committee will be selected to serve as observers on the strike committee of the maritime unions so as to be in close touch with developments in San Francisco, to offer the greatest possible aid.

Take Time Off for M. S. Jones, Jr.

Business Agent James Jones reports that many members of Hawaiian Loca 106 Vote Strike

HONOLULU, T. H. — Determined to fight the wide difference in wages and rates, Hawaiian members of ILWU Local 106, Marine Engineering and Operating Engineers, have voted to strike if necessary for their demands.

Employes at the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Hawaiian Tuna Packers Company and the Hawaiian Gas Products Company have voted for strike in an effort to improve their wages.

Wages are currently being discussed and an 18-cent an-hour wage increase, double time on Sundays and holidays, and the union shop. Strikers are demanding a 22-cent an-hour wage increase, a similar double time leave.

Attention, Ship Clerks!

The next regular meeting of the Ship Clerks Unit of Local 34 will be June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the CIO Hall, 150 Golden Gate Avenue.

Norman Corwin Volunteers Talent to Maritime Strike

WILMINGTON, Calif.—Norman Corwin, one of the country's best script writers and the Hollywood Screen Writers Mobilization have volunteered their services to the Joint Strike Committee of the Southern California area. It was reported at a meeting of the Committee last week.

For five strike plans were worked out at the meeting and announcement was made by the plans in which wages and time on station KFOX had been changed. The program is to go on for 15 minutes daily except Sunday, from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. Internationally are to furnish the material and the writers will make it into script form.

STAGE FOR ACTION

Earlier in the week a meeting of the Publicity Committee was attended by David Sarnoff and Esther Mitchell of Stage for Action in Hollywood. Sarnoff reported that his group was interested in helping the strikers. They are organizing a mobile theater group for picket lines and remote areas to show songs, and real news.

Luckerbach Election Won by Office Workers

SAN FRANCISCO — The Luckerbach Office workers were won by June 6 vote a 6 to 4.

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SAN FRANCISCO — From across the sea in Australia word of thanks reached San Francisco of 20 such similar triangles was sent back to sea without receiving the “immediate treatment for an indefinite period” prescribed by Dr. David Kadesky of the Australian Unions Work Together to Aid Australian Unions Work Together to Aid Indian Brother, Discrimination Victim

Gatemen, Watchmen Win Raise

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Brazilians, Brothers Supported

Support to the longshoremen of San Francisco, who have been resisting the loading ships for fascist Spain, on July 11, 1941, was issued by the Brazilian government in calling out the Army and Navy to aid the strikers in halting the work of the union headquarters and beating united efforts of the workers in an "attack to smash not only the fascist but all the labor," They demanded withdrawal of troops and reopening of all union headquarters.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to the Brazilian government, Ambassador and Consul in San Francisco, respectively, to the Brazilian longshoremen's union, to U. S. Secretary of Labor, to the president, and to the ILWU.

Local 10 Accepts Offer of Peoples' World to Cooperate

California's only daily labor paper, the Daily People's World, issued a challenge to the workers of San Francisco, back in 1934, offering all of its employees to work for the longshoremen in the pending strike. The San Francisco longshoremen, in their struggle with their predecessors, accepted the offer.

"We take this occasion," wrote the Publisher and President, President Germaine Buckle, "to extend our thanks to you for your cooperation. We invite you to call upon us when the need arises for cooperation in any manner you deem best."

 Auxiliary Gets Rolling

Inducts Seven Members

The ILWU Ladies Auxiliary in San Francisco has begun an important project, Mrs. Anderson was entered into the Auxiliary, They are Mrs. Margery Magida, Mrs. Maud Spurgin, Mrs. Maudy Isles, Mrs. Ruth Ander, Mrs. Rebecca Maas, Mrs. Ellis C. Cook and Mrs. Corinne Massey. Reinstated as a member was Mrs. Frank Spurgin. An additional 13 women are expected to be initiated into the auxiliary at its next meeting.

PLAN STRIKE ACTION

The ILWU Ladies Auxiliary has joined with auxiliaries of the NMU and the AF of L to form the San Francisco Joint Auxiliary Strike Committee, which has already laid down a program of action during the pending maritime strike. Included in that program is the training of persons in first aid to assist the strikers, the formation of mobile groups and doughnut cantinas for the pickets, and the setting up of recreational activities for the workers. The ILWU Auxiliary joined members of other auxiliaries in helping out the Bay Area Strike Committee at the Local offices.

Local Asks Honest

Collective Bargaining

A request to the President, the Department of Labor and the Federal conciliators to take steps toward the establishment of collective bargaining; to reform the Longshore and Navigation Act, and man and load the ships; to return the "tender solicitation bestow gun of the monopoly," was adopted in resolution form by Local 10 membership last week.

British Workers

Win New Gains

LONDON—British workers who wish to transfer to a new country, the continuous by the Daily People's World, which was edited by Christian M. Madsen, treasurer; L. P. Stathal, publishing editor of Federation News; Ken Heiser, secretary and John D. French, associate editor, and the members of the group for another two years.

Plan Strike Action

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For seven long months the maritime unions have been negotiating with the shipowners for a new contract. Recently the Committee for Maritime Unity was established, composed of representatives from seven maritime unions. This Committee is now in Washington at the request of the U.S. Secretary of Labor bending every effort to avert a strike on June 15 by reaching a settlement in negotiations.

As usual the people are not getting the facts. Newspapers and the radio have been carrying distorted and inaccurate stories about the union's demands and the history of the present negotiations. Several days ago, on May 31, when negotiations had hardly begun under the auspices of the Department of Labor, President Truman told a press conference that he would use armed force to break the strike that relief ships with food for hungry people abroad and troop ships will be loaded and sailed in the event of strike. The question of getting relief supplies through has never been an issue in a maritime strike.

What Are the Facts?

1. How long have negotiations been going on in this industry?

The critics that newspaper writers and radio commentators have suddenly discovered dates back to last September when many of these unions first asked the operators to negotiate.

2. Has a real attempt been made by both parties to reach a peaceful settlement on wage demands?

By the unions, yes. By management, no. For example, the National Maritime Union, after 39 negotiating meetings extended through a period of over seven months, on May 27 for the first time was given an offer of an increase amounting to 5c per hour. This offer was unanimously rejected by vote of the membership on the same day. After nine months of negotiations the longshore workers were offered 18c per hour after East Coast longshoremen had already received increases of 25c per hour. Even this 18c offer was conditional. The offer to ACA has been to worsen the contract, with no improvements discussed.

3. Who is the responsibility of the government to the maritime operators? Who owns the ships?

The President gave as a reason for threatening to use armed force to break the strike that relief ships must not be interfered with. The maritime unions on May 6 had publicly pledged that relief ships with food for hungry people abroad and troop ships will be loaded and sailed in the event of strike. The question of getting relief supplies through has never been an issue in a maritime strike.

Here is the background of the coming strike struggle. Every reader of The Dispatcher should know it and be able to relate it to others, speak about it wherever he can and make sure that the public is not victimized by the purposeful lies in the press and on the radio. After this is read and studied, it should be passed on to a neighbor or friend with the suggestion that he pass it further. Action needed: Wires to President Truman protesting his unwarranted action against the unions; wires to senators and house members in support of the Aiken-Wiglesworth joint resolution for investigation of the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration.
Employers Anti-Union

This then is the unions' case and this is the situation we face today with a group of employers engaged in an effort to smash the unions. The maritime workers are prepared to go out against the criminal waste and abuses that prevail in the maritime industry. The government of the United States can prevent the strike by calling the tune for what it owns. President Truman, instead of indulging in the costly luxury of strike-breaking statements, should instead demand that the operators live up to the spirit of the laws dealing with American collective bargaining. They should be told that if they cannot do so they should get out of the industry and try to make their easy profits elsewhere, and on someone else's money. The maritime industry is the one industry where the government has that power. The American people should demand that this power be used immediately.

Wages

(a) Thirty-two per cent of the unlicensed personnel work 9 hours per day in a stretch of 13 hours. This means that this group can be called upon at any time during a 13 hour stretch of 24 to work in broken periods to total 9 hours per day. On a weekly basis, this group works 63 in a stretch of 91 hours.

(b) Sixty per cent of the unlicensed personnel work 8 hours per day, 7 days per week from 10 minutes to total 56 hours per week. Approximately ⅚ of this category work 8 hours a day over a stretch of 12 hours, or 56 hours a week over a stretch of 72 hours per week. The other ⅔ work 9 hours a day in a stretch of 24 hours as follows: 4 hours on and 8 hours off.

(c) Eight per cent of the unlicensed personnel work 44 hours per week. This category is known aboard ship as "Day Workers." Their hours of work are from 8 in the morning until 5 at night, and from 8 a.m. until 12 noon Saturday.

All of the above categories which constitute the entire unlicensed crew members are subject to call 4 hours a day at sea or in port, 7 days a week, 30 days a month, and 365 days a year. With respect to the 6 hour day, the Unions are demanding that for all ratings now working 8 hours per day in a stretch of 13 hours, the hours be reduced to 8 hours in a stretch of 13.

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The Unions' wage demands are as follows:

(a) Twenty-two cents an hour increase for those ratings which are now receiving the sub-standard hourly rate from 53 cents to 56 cents an hour. These ratings include ordinary seamen, wipers, messmen, waiters, bedroom stewards, deck stewards, etc.

(b) Twenty-seven cents an hour increase for the skilled ratings now receiving from 60 cents an hour to 73 cents an hour. These ratings include able-bodied seamen, firemen, etc.

(c) Thirty-five cents an hour for the highly skilled technicians including radio officers and longshoremen.

7. **What are the ship operators offering?**

The operators have made no adequate offer to meet the basic demands and needs of the workers. What offers they have made have been far below the national pattern set for labor generally. These inadequate proposals have been conditioned upon provocative counter demands aimed at wrecking the unions.

8. **Can the ship operators pay?**

Yes. They fear any investigation of their wartime profits and financial dealings with the government. They know it would reveal a scandal far more shocking and far-reaching than Teapot Dome. Government figures reveal typical ship operating profits as these: The Matson line doubled its assets from $65,000,000 in 1938 to $120,000,000 in 1945: The American-Hawaiian Line in the first quarter of 1946 increased its profits 50 per cent over those of the first quarter of 1945. The Isthmian Line, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, in 1945, showed a net profit after taxes of $2,300,000, which was 23 per cent of its $10,000,000 investment.

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9. **What will prevent the strike?**

None of the maritime unions want to strike. We believe that the issues could be settled overnight if the ship operators would bargain on the merits of the issues. We believe that they have deliberately stalled negotiations for the past seven months in the expectation that strikes in vital industries would create an hysteria and atmosphere conducive to the passage of anti-labor legislation. They have refused to meet the needs of the workers, not because of any inability to pay, but because of a determination on their part to break the unions. In this determination they are also representing foreign imperialist shipping interests, such as the Dutch, the British and Franco-Spanish.
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PAC Scores One Big Victory:
Some Setbacks in Primaries

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The CIO election was a festive occasion for labor. There was reason to hope that CIO endorsement would be the kiss of death for the candidates backed by the CIO-PAC. Folsom won the Democratic nomination for governor on the Liberal-Progressive ticket. He defeated the labor-backed Big Jim Hughey.

Local 209 Vote to Back ILA Strike

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hour vacation, better differential, three paid holidays and a better vacation plan. The workers lauded their suc- 

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Anti-ILA Strike

The striking ILA workers were also supported by the Locals 9, 1089 and 208, union docks and aided by the National Union of Railroad Trainmen denounce President Truman's handling of the recent strike. The leaders of all affiliations sponsored the meeting which called for united action to retain labor's fundamental rights.

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Launch New Redwood City Group June 14-7th in Local 6

Redwood City - The official launching of the new Redwood City Division of Local 6 is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Foresters' Hall. This newest division was born at the giant Local 6, was made necessary by the organizing drive which built the union in this area is over 400 members, with a permanent membership of over 1,000.

Three months ago, Joe Dillon, ILWU International Representative, was assigned to the job of organizing the hundreds of workers in this area who were ready to work at the ILWU.

For several years Local 6 has had about 80 members in Redwood City under contract in Plant Rubber Co. and in the S & W Warehouse. Initial contacts made by Secretary Paul Calaza and some of the other Redwood City Brothers, for the organizing drive.

Redwood City Drive WAY

Upon assignment of Joe Dillon, the drive got under way, and with the help of the brothers in Redwood City, of a crew of San Francisco was assigned as Director of Organization for Northern California, Reilly Hall, the drive really rolled.

First place to be organized was the Johns Manville Co., makers of asbestos paper, 150 workers; then came the S. H. Frank Co. and the Biggars Tannery, with 150 workers, who revolted at the rotten deal given them by the AFL, Bunchers Union and came over to the ILWU; then came the Port of Redwood with 150 workers.

The Johns Manville Co. is now on strike for decent wages and working conditions. Current elections are scheduled by the NLRB at the two tanneries, and negotiations are on for a contract at the Port of Redwood.

The division is also in the process of organizing the ladies pipe Co. in Palo Alto and in several other places.

The successful drive to establish the union in this area was made possible by the self-sacrificing work of the rank and file members of the ILWU, by the spirit of the newly organized workers and by the foster foreman crew from San Francisco which included, Charley Slaten and Tony Knossos, B. F. Dispatchers Vic. Scaggs, Labor School Director Al Nunn, Note Kurtz, Johnny San- ford, Abe Vegas and many others.

The division was established by action of the membership of Local 6 after the international election of the ILWU agreed to help finance the division for three months to the tune of $200 a week.

Soon, newly elected executive of the division are Paul Calaza, secretary; Vic. Scaggs, business agent; Elbert Huff of the Port of Redwood; Johnny Sanford of the ILWU, and Tom Cowan and Fry Lester of Johns Manville.

Eight Stewards Graduate in Local's First Advanced Leadership Class

SAN FRANCISCO - The San Francisco Division of Local 6 in collaboration with the California Labor School, last week graduated its first advanced leadership class devoted to a better understanding of the labor movement and to study of contract problems and laws.

The class, which consisted of eight Local 6 stewards, covered a general history of the labor movement, history of the ILWU, union contracts, grievances, political action and negotiations.

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You Who Are Voting? Local 6 Candidates State Qualifications for Office

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“I have been a member of the Roebuck warehouse for the last two years. I am a member of the Executive Board, and handle all department meetings and appointments. I am a shop steward for fourteen years. “If elected, I will do my best to see that everyone gets an even share. I have always been active in the union.”

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Alequina Gil for Assistant Dispatcher

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The Welder

Al Hernandez, member of Local 6 Publicity Committee, is here hanging up some of the pictures by Emma Lackerd, now on display in the Union Hall at 519 Mission St. This display of original paintings is the second to be hung for the enjoyment of wearers of local 6. The display will continue through the summer. The Welder, July 4, 1946.

Avelino Gil for Assistant Dispatcher

“I am entering my "campaign" speech along with the rest—mally to have my name and my ideas listed. I am running simply because of what I think I could handle properly and would probably be a holdover from the days when the women in Local 6 first tried to get their own Disp.-Ass’t.”

Albert Harman for Assistant Dispatcher

“I am a member of the Corps and have been in the service for three years and still hold that position. I am an experienced trucker at meetings and have been active during the past three years. Steward at the Rossner’s Bay Mill. I have been active in the union and have been a member of the executive committee of the Drum Corps. All through the war we were able to keep a drum team on the street for the union.”

Hazel (Drummond) Gagnon

Gagnon for Assistant Dispatcher

“I am a member of the Board, Trustees, the Executive Board and the Publicity Committee.”

Bill Moore for Assistant Dispatcher

“I am a candidate for the office of assistant dispatcher. I feel that I can qualify for this position because of my experience in taking the dispatching and assistant dispatcher’s place during their absences.”

I am elected and I will give my best efforts to the position and at all times do everything to maintain the high standards set by the union for this office.”

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Tony Kostoski for Business Agent

“As a candidate for Business Agent, I submitted to the union a list of my qualifications and now I am asking your support for the position.”

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Campaigning

A colorful part of the campaign for Paul Schur for Assembly was this parade pictured here at one of the voting projects. In spite of the general apathy and confusion of the voters, the campaign fell just short of nominating Schur against a powerful opponent.

AI MEMBRI ITALIANI

By Joe Muzio

L'Elezione Di Warren

Sensa attentato di scrutinio
nella logora vittoria
disputata da Warren nelle elezioni del 4 giugno, la certezza dei dati sugli accadimenti sulla scena nazionale e quella sperimentata il Stato della California.

A n a l i z a m o in maniera
conoscitiva la situazione.

1. E' uno dei più importanti fattori principali e cause di disagio, di farcimento e di scompiglio nella scena nazionale e quella sperimentata il Stato della California.

2. La candidate, in assenza di un candidato di punta, deve essere un esempio per tutti, in termini di voti, di consenso, di attenzione pubblica.

3. L'aumento di 3 centesimi a mano alzata, sebbene previsto nell'ultima riunione, non l'ha avuto, il che è una grave manifestazione dell'insoddisfazione dei voto.

NEL VENTESIMO DISTRETTO

Il ventesimo distretto della California, situato nella parte orientale, è un distretto di voto democratico. Il candidato di punta è Warren, che ha vinto con un'ampia marginale, 12.500 voti. Il candidato repubblicano, Crockett, è stato sconfitto con un'ampia margine, 7.500 voti.

Local 6 CIO

By A. J. Nelson, Oakland

All of the organizations this country builds, 9 out of every 10, are organized in Local 6 CIO. There's none of the union you know that compares with Local 6 CIO.

This Local will scratch andrawl, and fight, and the horns are long, the teeth are sharp, and the grab is open. If you get in trouble don't swear and fret, because if your stewards and committee can't make things go, call your Local 6 of the CIO.

New Members Elected

To Executive Board

PETALUMA—Frank Harris and Arma Doris, former chairman of the Women's Division of Local 6, were elected to the executive general board of the Petaluma Division at the membership meeting last Friday.

The two vacancies on the board had been occasioned by resignations by ces Watson and Gladys Wood.

With the moderate tatitious diangangi, the giants, large and small, have been reduced to a small number. In the past, the Local 6 CIO has been known for its, "red" membership. The group has been called the "red scare" by the press and the "red scare" by the labor leaders. The Local 6 CIO has been, and always will be, a union for the workers, by the workers, and of the workers.
San Francisco—Hoover’s food plan as follows: “The offer of food in return for good behavior would be a very effective weapon.” Soon after, the Hungarian communist government was supplanted by a fascist regime headed by Vice Admiral Nicholas Horthy. Under this regime Hungary later became a member of the Hitler-Mussolini Axis.

**The Enemy First**

The danger of a similar attempt to use food as a political club today is that new democratic governments that have supplanted reactionary and fascist regimes first come out in the open at the UNRRA meeting in Atlantic City in March. Charges that the Anglo-American Combined Food Board in allocating food and relief supplies has given preference to neutral and former enemy countries over the United States and that all available food resources be pooled for allocation amongst nations that fought fascism were brought by China, Czechoslovakia, France, New Zealand, Poland, the Soviet Union and UNRRA’s retiring director, Herbert H. Lehman.

It was charged that Yugoslav’s bid for coal was refused while 500,000 tons were allocated to an unspecified former enemy. It was charged that the Combined Food Board allocated 122,000 tons of oils and fats to Spain and Portugal while giving only 160,000 tons to all other countries dependent on it for relief. New Zealand charged that Japan was giving supplies that were denied countries which fought and were occupied by Japan in the Far East. China charged that the board has shown favoritism to British colonies. France charged that she had been given only 500,000 of a promised 2,750,000 tons to meet a critical grain shortage in the first half of 1946.

**AFL to CIO**

From December 1 to April 1, the United States has shipped 250,000 tons of wheat to France while the Anglo-American board has not been able to meet its promised food schedules for countries like Yugoslavia.

Hoover’s recent return from a 35,000-mile tour of the world as Truman’s famine relief investigator to report that he saw no eating starvation and no need for rationing in the United States angered the many Americans who are sincerely concerned with fighting world famine. Labor and progressive citizens’ groups are demanding that food should not be used as a political club that rations should be resumed immediately in the United States and that all available food resources be pooled for allocation on a truly international basis.
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