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A national maritime strike virtually paralyzing American commerce continued into its third week as The Dispatcher went to press and any hope for its end was dim in the face of a stiff-necked attitude on the part of West Coast shipowners.

In the face of the willingness of the American Merchant Marine Institute to bargain on the East Coast with the striking National Maritime Union, the shipowners organized in the Pacific American Shipowners Association on the West Coast hung tough against even talking to the striking Marine Firemen’s Union and the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

Feeling grew that the shipowners, stuffed with war loot and guaranteed by congress against any loss of profit, were determined to use the situation to break the newly-formed, powerful Committee for Maritime Unity. (Composed of the American Communications Association, the International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union, the Inland Boatmen’s Union, the Marine Engineers’ Beneficial Association, the Marine Firemen’s Union, the National Maritime Union and the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.)

The strike demand of the three unions on the bricks, supported by the entire CMU, is for equal pay for equal work throughout the industry. Possibility of the strike continuing into September 30th when ILWU Longshoremen and MEBA engineers are scheduled to hit the bricks on their own demands was great.

The situation was brought off by the National Wage Stabilization Board on September 3 when it decided to disapprove as “inflationary” the contract which the Sailors Union of the Pacific had negotiated with the Pacific American Shipowners Association. The contract was negotiated after CMU had mobilized the entire industry for a strike on last June 15.

To avert the strike, the shipowners granted CMU seagoing workers on increase of $7.50 an month. To assuage their wounds, the same shipowners subsequently handed $27.50 to the Seafarers’ International Union and $22.50 to the Sailors Union of the Pacific, although the demand put forward by Secretary Harry Lundeberg of the Sailors Union was only for $5. The ILWU suit was filed in behalf of the social security payments at 65, which the union won a test case. The Jones Stevedoring Company has charge of stevedoring operations at the Stockton Naval Annex where the accident occurred.

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Cuban and Puerto Rican Sugar Leaders Pledge Full Support to ILWU Hawaiian Sugar Strikers

NEW ORLEANS — For the first time in history, representatives of the chief sugar-producing workers of the world have met to consider joint action to raise their economic standards.

The meeting was held in New Orleans September 2 and 3 with the immediate concern supporting the current strike of 25,000 ILWU sugar workers in Hawaii.

Participating in the conference were Miguel Diaz and Felix Perez, Executive Board members of the Cuban Federation of Sugar Workers, Juan Saez Corales, representing sugar and other organized workers of Puerto Rico, and Harry Bridges, President of the ILWU, representing the Hawaiian sugar workers.

TOLTEDO TALKS

Vincenzo Lombardo Toltecano, President of the Latin American Federation of Labor, (CTAL), was concerned with the telephone tangle to Mexico City, inasmuch as his representative, Mr. Carlos Ramon Garcia, was delayed on route and did not arrive until September 9. Mr. Toltecano expressed his agreement with the two planks and plans of the conference.

The meeting first concerned itself with the economic conditions and future economic and political problems of workers in the gigantic sugar industry of Hawaii, Ponce, Puerto Rico, and Cuba, which produce nearly all the sugar consumed in the United States. In all these countries, despite present high prices of sugar, producers of sugar are produced under substandard wages and working conditions.

Industrial Accidents

WASHINGTON, BLS Finds

WASHINGTON (FP) — Rising employment and a continuing high injury frequency rate has brought total disabling injury rates up to 124,000 for the second quarter of 1946, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics said September 1.

About 400 workers injured during the quarter brought the total number of cases on file to 9,300, some have form of permanent physical impairment and 118,000 others lost at least a day of work during the quarter.

Citizens Committee Helps Striking Lumber Workers

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) — A citizens’ committee has been formed to help striking members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) in Humboldt County.

The committee, consisting of approximately 80,000 workers, will be submitted to Clark upon his return from Germany and its public release will follow if Clark so decides.

INVESTIGATE FURTHER

Further investigation of the role of George T. Eggleston, an editor of the Readers Digest and Douglas Stewart, Eggleston’s associate in the pre-war period on Scribner’s Commentator, will be requested by Rogge as set out in the IN FACT story.

Sugar Parley

ILWU President Harry Bridges is shown above as he conferred in New Orleans with representatives of Cuban and Puerto Rican sugar workers. Shown with him are Miguel Diaz, Felix Perez and Juan Saez Corales.

Justice Department Can’t Convict

WASHINGTON (FP) — There is no hope of obtaining a conviction of the 20 American fascists indicted for sedition as long as the United States Supreme Court holds to its broad definition of fascist; Edward J. Smythe of the United States Supreme Court.

The statements came as he indicated that when it is released, the full report will be set by the U. S. Minimum Wage Law.

United States Fascists; Drops Case

sound economic conditions, including the FEPCC, America will be able to hold back or defeat any Fascist move.

The federal prosecutor said he had evidence which he had brought to the big report and hopes that when it is released, the fullest possible publicity will be given his findings.
CIO: President Murray's Abandonment of ILO "No Further Interest" in President Philip Murray shared his concerns about the CIO's "no further interest" in the ILO, stating that the organization would seek to apply the principle of portal-to-portal to the miners. Murray agreed to rotate ILO appointments among all the major labor organizations.

Whitney Confirms His Union Expels Scabs: Whitney confirmed that the union had expelled scabs, stating that there have not been made applicable to other wage earners.

CIO Radio Commentator Begins Sunday Program: San Francisco, CA - A new Sunday radio commentary by Sidney Hillman, the CIO's national commentator, was launched on September 1st. This new program, sponsored by the CIO Unions of Northern California, can be heard every Sunday, between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. over station KGO. Roger is adding this new program to his daily commentary through Friday, at 6:15 p.m. over station KQV.

Lobbyists Not Eager to Register on State Level: Washington, DC - Lobbyists for big business, banks and trade associations are playing a waiting game, it seems, from a check of lobbyist registration under the new tell-the-truth law.

As of September 5, the Federal Press found only eight lobbyists had registered to make representations for congressional persuasion, none of them representing the notorious pork barrel committees, railroads or anti-employer labor organizations.

General Carlson Says U. S. Backs Fascist Government in China

NEW YORK (FP) - U. S. foreign policy in China is based on support of the Chiang Kai-shek government. If the people had the franchise in China, the first thing they would do would be to elect a government that was in the service of the people, General Carlson said.

A two-week strike by the Cannery Workers & Fishermen's Union (AFL) which shut down all tuna packing operations in the world's largest tuna packing center in the tuna industry has been ended with a settlement termed a "victory" by union officials. More than 2,000 cannery workers are back on their jobs as they begin paying increases ranging from seven to 10 percent.

WFTU Will Demand Participation, Not Advisory Status in UN Work

LAKE SUCCESS, L. I. (FP) - The World Federation of Trade Unions will demand full participation in the work of the United Nations at the opening of the general assembly here Sept. 23. WFTU Secretary General Louis Saillard notified UN Secretary General Trygve Lie.

In a letter to Lie that was sent a month ago and made public here Sept. 7, Saillard said the WFTU executive meeting in Moscow last June had decided to protest the consultative status recommended for the world labor body by the UN economic and social council.

WFTU WILL PRESENT CASE

The WFTU executive committee will meet in the U. S. at the time of the general assembly's seven-week meeting and present its case for the right to take part, according to the WFTU's representatives to the deliberations of the economic and social council. At the council's last session, it didn't vote to give the WFTU the consultative status it had asked for.

WFTU has recommended the world labor body be given a consultative status and be allowed to participate in the work of the UN. The WFTU is a member of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

By MIKE QUIN

Chiang and other high leaders of the central government were "told of the increasing anti-Chiang activities of the Chinese Communist Party and of the fact that we were earning the admiration of the Chinese people," General Carlson said.

"As a result," Carlson said, "we have no confidence in promises given by the Chinese central government."
Mariners Picket Franco Ship These members of the National Maritime Union, the American Communications Association, the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association and the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards are shown picketing the Spanish fascist ship the Marques De Comillas in New York harbor. The picket line was set up on the recent call by the World Federation of Trade Unions for international protests against Franco Spain.

Murray Attack on NAM Cut off Kan. Airwaves WICHITA, Kan. (FP) -- CIO President Philip Murray's Labor Day address was broadcast on all CIO-owned radio stations here, but when he started attacking the National Association of Manufacturers board suddenly began to play.

Stunned radio listeners who called up the station for an explanation were told the interruption was caused by technical difficulties.

CIO Foresees Curbs on U.S. Monopolies WASHINGTON (FP) -- To curb the intrenched power of United States monopolies it may be necessary to turn to studies of "public control either through regulation or ownership," which would mean nationalization, the CIO Economic Outlook said September 15.

The Outlook, dated August 1946, is the official publication of the CIO department of education and research, and the issue was devoted to a consideration of the size of Big Business.

EXPECT HUNGER PRICES
"If monopoly power is to follow its traditional course, we can expect higher prices, limitations on production, and the inevitable reduction in the level of employment," the Outlook said.

"Any program intended to combat the evils of monopoly control must contain specific steps to enable the nation to employ fully all of its labor forces, utilize all of its productive facilities and permit a greater and more equitable distribution of our national income."

APPLY ANTI-TRUST LAWS

The publication said these should include more effective anti-trust law enforcement, aid to small business, the wiping out of monopoly or monopolistic practices and permit a greater and more equitable distribution of our national income.

In addition... Senator Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) has recently suggested a continuing and coordinated program against concentration of wealth and power... Furthermore, he suggests that 'the President submit to Congress additional plans for public control either through regulation or ownership, whenever the President finds that a monopoly or monopolistic practice cannot be eliminated and should instead be subjected to public control.'

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WFTU Leaders Meet September 20 To Map Plans for Their 2nd Year

its deliberations it is expected that a new program of action will emerge. Action is also expected on issues in Iran, Greece and China. Delegates will hear a report on Iran from General Secretary Louis Saillant who visited there in July and found conditions far below the decent living standards for which the WFTU is fighting. French labor leader Louis Lomanaux will report on his visit to Greece, where he witnessed the arrest of elected trade union officials and other anti-labor tension.

CHINA APPEALS FOR AID From China, labor has received an appeal for help from the Chinese Association of Labor, whose officials were arrested and property seized by the Kuomintang government as part of its civil war drive.

With the admission of six new trade union centers, the WFTU now represents about 4,745,000 workers. Its affiliates include virtually every labor organization in the world, the AFL being the sole major exception.

Two men who played major roles in the formation of the WFTU will be absent from this session: CIO leader Sidney Hillman, who died last July and British labor leader Ronen Walker Citizen, who has accepted a government job in the direction of nationalized coal mines. A successor in Citizen, who was WFTU president, will be chosen by the Washington meeting.

Carnival San Francisco designer Phil Morton helps Roberta Ray Chapman create her costume for the Artistic Carnival Saturday, September 21, to be held at the California Labor School in San Francisco.

Electrical Workers Hail Fitzgerald's Re-election MILWAUKEE, Wis. (FP) -- Delegates to the 11th Annual Convention of the United Electric Brio & Machine Workers (CIO) September 11 re-elected President Albert J. Fitzgerald, Secretary-Treasurer Julius Emspak and Organization Director James J. Mattis by a vote of 612 to 1.

The hall was attended to a second overwhelming vote of confidence in the leadership despite efforts of a minority group headed by Vice-President Harry Block, who is also president of District 1, to raise the issue of nomination and discard present UE policies and leaders.

ROLL CALL VOTE The roll call vote gave Fitzgerald, 2,029 to 525 for Block, who ran against him. Emspak, 2,904 against 304 for James W.

"We have to return to the principles of Roosevelt, who was able to reconcile Stalin and Churchill and our allies with China and the other," Pepper warned. "If we don't do that, we're headed for war."

Pepper said the United States should recognize that Russian claims in the Near East are not unfounded, and should act only to insure the peace, and not as guarantors of imperialism."

"He said that the liberal wing of the program was "waving flags about communism."

Apparently agreeing on joint action among all labor and progressive organizations in the United States, the new program is seen as avoiding that split which has arisen between the CIO and the American Federation of Labor, with the AFL and the CIO splitting on labor's future policies and the question of the "right to strike."
At 12:01 September 1 the wheels of Hawaii's basic industry came to a complete stop. Twenty-five thousand ILWU sugar workers hit the bricks, and the harvesting, cultivation and grinding of sugar cane ended. On the islands of Maui, Hawaii, Kauai, and Oahu the 33 plantations which comprise the industry are picketed for the first time in history by Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Portuguese and Hawaiian workers united in one union with a common purpose.

They are striking for a 65 cent per hour minimum wage, the union shop, the 40 hour week, and a general 18½ cents per hour wage increase.

The sugar industry in Hawaii is convinced that it can smash the ILWU it will have killed the labor movement in Hawaii. It will have smashed the spectacularly rapid trend toward economic and political freedom led by the ILWU. It will once again be able to control, as it dominated and controlled for many generations, the souls and bodies of exploited peoples.

Union Remembers 1200 Dead; Won't Leave Plantation Homes

Before the strike began the union served notice that workers would not relinquish their plantation homes during the strike. These "homes" are little more than wretched shanties and are provided workers in lieu of wages as part of the perquisites program. The sugar industry, with mock righteousness, was forced publicly to deny it had intended to force evictions. Hawaiian sugar workers knew different. They remembered how the sugar interests forced eviction of some twelve thousand workers and their families in the 1920 strike. They remember the twelve hundred deaths resulting from the epidemic which spread like fire among the homeless strikers. This time the workers forestalled any such move.

Understanding that broad public support is essential to victory, the strikers have made it plain that their strike is directed against the sugar interests and not the people of Hawaii. Plantation utilities are operated by the strikers and normal service assured outside dependent communities. Where communities are dependent upon plantation stores, union pickets serve the customers. In turn the non-plantation population is backing the strikers. Grocers, meat and fish and dry goods stores are extending credit to them. Anticipating the food problem, the union early established fishing, hunting, and gardening committees on all islands.

ILWU Stymies Use of Race Disunity to Break Strike

But first and foremost of ILWU preparations for this strike as well as for future struggles was the building of racial unity on the islands. Today, Hawaii's Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, and native Hawaiian population, organized in the ILWU is united to fight for their common goals. But it was not always so.

By 1852 Hawaii's rich and fertile lands were concentrated in the hands of a few plantation overlords. Then as today workers were dissatisfied with the miserable conditions of work on the plantations. Many left and sought work elsewhere. So a law was decreed forbidding workers to leave. Thus, migration away from the wretched plantations was temporarily halted, but illness and death...
rapidly diminished the native Hawaiian population, and the sugar barons turned elsewhere for new sources of labor. From 1880 to 1886 over 45,000 Chinese and Japanese laborers were imported. The plantation owners sought to import as many different nationalities as possible. They explained it this way in the Planters Monthly of 1885:

"By employing different nationalities there is less danger of collusion among the laborers, and the resulting mass deaths. The Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association testified before a Congressional hearing at the time that the strike was subservient. HSPA Secretary Roy Mead said:

"The Territory of Hawaii is now and is going to be American . . . the white race, the white people are going to dominate."

There were succeeding strikes. In 1924 the Filipino workers struck for 8 months. In the end 16 workers lay dead and 60 strike leaders were in jail. The workers were still divided among themselves. The plantation owners were united and able to smash them. They did it again in 1937.

**Today, Hawaiian Workers Are United in a Common Fight**

But today the Hawaiian sugar workers are united. Some 25,000 of them of all races, creeds, and nationalities march together on the picket lines. The ILWU, which has always understood that disunity among workers plays into the hands of the employer, has always practiced no discrimination. The territorial ILWU was built on that basis.

The latest proof of the soundness of such a policy is seen in the case of some 6,000 new Filipino immigrants brought by the plantation owners to Hawaii. The sugar interests intended to use the new immigrants to divide the workers. But the Territorial ILWU went into action and organized them into the union. Today they are solid with their brother workers on the picket lines.

One of the newcomers, Mateo Ruis Basilio, worked as a steel worker before the strike at 50 cents per hour in Waipahu. He and the other 400 Filipinos in Waipahu are solidly on strike. He explains:

"My countrymen during the war we ate only rice gruel. To sacrifice and suffer for a good cause is not new to us."

Abdon Ventura, another new immigrant, joined the ILWU a month ago. Before the strike he was earning 49 cents an hour. He joined "because I don't believe we workers will be able to improve our wages and living conditions if we are not united with other workers. We need the ILWU." Ventura's grandfather was beheaded by the Japanese during the war.

**Another new Filipino immigrant now on strike is Jose Aguirre. "We are not satisfied," he explains. "Take my case. What I am getting—58 cents per hour is not enough for my wife and two children. Then there is my house. There is no screen on the doors and the flies and mosquitoes come in. The floor is rotten. My daughter's foot is swollen because of the floor."

(Among the demands for which the sugar workers strike is improved housing for the workers.)

Aguirre studied for two years at the University in Manila. One of the subjects taught is American history. "We believe in the American way of life. That is why we are striking."

**Full Support Pledged By CMU And World's Sugar Workers**

United in the Territory itself, Hawaii's striking sugar workers are also united with their thousands of ILWU brothers on the mainland, from whom pledges of support are pouring into strike headquarters.

ILWU Warehousemen in Crockett, California have pledged to handle no sugar harvested or shipped by strike breakers. Seven hundred Sea Island Sugar workers in San Francisco have pledged the same. San Pedro longshoremen wrote the strikers "Be assured of our 100 percent support." San Francisco longshoremen wrote: "Stand firm. Count on us for full support."

Affiliated through the ILWU, with the powerful Committee For Maritime Unity the Hawaiian sugar strikers have been pledged the full support of some 300,000 additional workers. The CMU National Committee has promised "all possible help." Individual CMU unions are sending their own commitments. Cables wishing the strikers success and reaffirming support have already been received from the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, The National Maritime Union, and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

But unity of Hawaii's sugar strikers with other workers extends even beyond this. On September 5-6 ILWU President Harry Bridges met with labor leaders of sugar workers in Cuba and Puerto Rico and together they worked out a program of immediate financial, moral, and political support for the Hawaiian strikers. The Cuban and Puerto Rican sugar workers pledged not to permit sugar plantation owners or speculators to break the strike. A future meeting, possibly in Cuba was planned for the purpose of combining the full economic and political strength of the United States, Hawaiian, Cuban and Puerto Rican sugar workers.

Hawaii's sugar strike now enters its fourth week. The strikers expect a long fight. They expect to win.
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Committee for Rivers Unity Formed With ILWU, ILA, NU, MEBA Members

CAIRO, Ill.—The Committee For Rivers Unity, representing more than 5,000 rivermen in the ILWU, the MEBA, and the AFL International Longshoremen’s Association, was formed here August 25.

Ten hours of debate by the executive board was required before the committee was called for the first time to discuss methods of getting together and joint efforts to bring about a settlement were rebutted by the executive board.

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Conciliation Rebuffed by Luckenbach

SAN FRANCISCO—The strike of 27 maritime office workers at the Luckenbach Steamship Company continued into its third week as efforts of the United States Fair Labor Standards Act to bring about a settlement were rebutted by the executive board.

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They succeeded in notifying the Federal Barge Lines that all four unions demand to meet jointly with the company on negotiations. The CRU arranged a simultaneous voted support of a strike against the United Barge Line if the ILWU and the MEBA should not be able to make progress in negotiations.

Contracts of all unions will be open in the spring of 1947. The CRU has appealed to joint negotiations with all companies and to give full support of the strike of the United Barge Line if the ILWU and the MEBA should not be able to make progress in negotiations.

West Coast Ship Owners Block Equal Pay Strike Settlement

However, the shipowners—West Coast—were hoisted on their own petard. To save face, they had to pay SUP $5 out of their own pocket, with no rate increase or reimbursement from the government. Now, they may have to pay CMU $10 out of their own pocket. They don't like it.

Experienced labor leaders could find no other explanation for the stiff-necked attitude of the employers. They reasoned that the employers are out to break all honest unions, and therefore determined to tell CMU where it's at.

As The Dispatcher went to press no responsible trade union leader in CMU was very much worried.

Bulcke Is Re-Elected; Walter Bell Vice-President

SAN FRANCISCO—Germain Bulcke by a vote of 2,841 to his opponent Frank Hendricks’ 810 was reelected president of longshore Local 10 in last week's primary election. New vice president of the local is Walter Bell who defeated his opponent Clarence Craig 2,598 to 664.

Charles E. Barnes and Ed Reese were both unopposed for the offices of recording secretary and custodian respectively.

Elected to the labor relations committee were Earnest Arata, Jerry Cronin, and William Dorn Jr.

A run-off election will be held September 26, 27, 28 for the two business-agent jobs. On the ballot will be Martin Callaghan, Willie Christensen, J. R. Ferguson, and John J. Johnson.

Elected to the local’s Board of Trustees were Earnest Arata, Jerry Cronin, George Pickering, J. Sauer, and Julius Stern. New Public relations committee will have Philip Chick, Raymond C. Ervin, and E. T. Jeffers.

The run-off elections for the six Dispatcher jobs will see the following vie: Walter Anderson, Charles Bailey, A. Bertani, Bob Cianc, Charles Hoffman, John Houston, Jim Kearny, E. I. Lindquist, Mayfield, Frank Pedersen and Jimmy Sutter.

President Line Election Delayed

SAN FRANCISCO—The Tul NLRB election for dock office workers at the American President Lines was postponed last week on petition of ILWU Local 34 which asked for reconsideration by the Board on the appropriate bargaining unit.

The ILWU charged that the Board's ruling had ignored previous ruling such as in the Luckenbach decision.

Ryan and Gubert Contest For Local 13 Secretary

SAN PEDRO—ILWU Local 13 held elections last week for the jobs of secretary of the local, day and night dispatcher, and nightbusiness agent. They are Ryan and Louis Gubert contested for the secretaryship.
SAN FRANCISCO — Six hundred members of the AFL in the Viault Oats Company last week. Principal is- sues in dispute are union security, wages, working conditions and seniority.

In the long discussion period following the addresses rank and filers took the mike from the floor.

"The union can’t make a program work," said Mary Lou Emery of Food Foods in San Francisco, "it’s up to all of us whether that program works."

"Now and then you bump into people who care about does. Some unions don’t want you for love or money. Our union office only plans to go with out feeling I’m not wanted," said Helen of Morgen Holbrook and Elkus declared.

"The union is demanding immedi-ately workers on the entire wage structure.

Local 6 Wins Wage Raise At Tannery

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A 16 per cent wage increase, retroactive to June 1 was negoti- ated September 17 with the F. S. Frank Tanneries by ILWU Local 6. The increase brings the basic rate to $1.01 per hour.

An additional 5 cent hike will go into effect November 1. The new contract includes a wage raise to $1.01 per hour for March 31, at which time increases won in the Local 6 wage review master contract will be applied to the tannery.

Increases in classifications, applying to some 25 persons, bring raises to men from 2 1/2 to 8 cents per hour.

HOLIDAYS WON

The wage gains include 6 paid holidays and one week vaca- tion after one year, two weeks after three years.

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Maintenance Men Win Wage Hike

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 6 last week won wage increases averaging 10 1/2 cents per hour or $218 annually for maintenance men in San Francisco. The increase followed a job classification survey conducted on 39 maintenance jobs by the ILWU Research department and a long period of negotiations with the employers.

Of the 39 jobs surveyed, 30 received wage increases, four were unchanged, and five were reduced from the present personalized rates. Reduced rates, however, will not be applied to men now holding the jobs.

FOREIGN POLICY

Inquiry Urged

CHICAGO (FP)—The influential Chicago Sun has joined the Federated Press in demanding investigation of State Department affairs, following FP's exposure of the war-mongering activities of U. S. Ambassador to Argentina, George S. Messersmith.

Late in August FP exclusively revealed that Messersmith, in an address to American Legionnaires in Buenos Aires had called for a Latin-American alignment, including Argentina, to prepare for an "inevitable" war with Soviet Russia. The Sun's correspondent subsequently confirmed the FP report.

In a recent editorial the Sun declared the State Department should appoint a "fact-finding" investigative committee. Former State Department policymakers supported the Sun's views, the Sun said: "It hardly suffices for the State Department simply to declare that the ambassador denies the remarks attributed to him."

The FP earlier called for an investigation of State Department policy by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

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LA Local 26 Will Launch PAC Drive

LOS ANGELES—The PAC campaign of ILWU Local 26 was launched last week when the membership voted that each plant, regardless of size, be represented on the local's PAC committee. To date some 35 plant representatives have been selected.

When all plants have chosen their representatives the local's PAC program will go into high gear with leaflet distributions, registration and re-registration of eligible voters and visits to Congressmen.

Almost half of the 14% million workers employed under agreement in 1944 were covered by union shop provisions.

"and we must convince the workers that more profits for us, helps them . . . ."

New Seniority Rights Won For Local 6 Veterans

SAN FRANCISCO—The Northern California Distributors Association finally signed an agreement with ILWU Local 6 granting seniority and other benefits to the local's veterans.

The association agreed to credit as seniority all time spent in the services to men who return to their old jobs with all pay increases, bonuses and benefits they would have earned if they had not left their jobs for the armed services or the merchant marine.

The association granted seniority credits for all time spent in the service for all new employees.

No Security Seen In Atomic Arms

WASHINGTON (FP)—In the atomic age there is no permanent basis for security in keeping secrets or in national armaments, Chairman W. A. Higinbotham of the Federation of American Scientists said September 11.

"Higinbotham spoke for the physicists appearing before a Senate committee. They have been urging international control of atomic energy, he said, "as the only means by which this nation and others can regain their lost security."

The facts on which the bomb is based were known to scientists of all nations before the war, he said, terming reliance on secrecy as "an ostrich philosophy."

NEW YORK (FP)—Columbia Broadcasting Company reports it received $3,296,000 in the first 99 days of 1946—a million over the first half of last year.

Hawaiian Labor March

Labor day in Hawaii coincided with the great sugar strike there and Honolulu ILWU members utilized the parade to bring their story to the public. Picture shows the float of Longshore Local 137. The "Hang the Hook" sign reveals longshoremen who are taking a strike vote, are having their own troubles with their employers.
**ILWU Starts Streamlining in Northwest**

**by J. R. Robinson**

The membership of the ILWU, like all other American workers, fully recognizes the serious problems of the labor movement—political confronting the nation.

In the Hawaiian Islands 25,000 ILWU members, the sugar industry, have been involved in a long strike since September 1 and are facing the challenge of the most determined opposition from employers groups.

Roberson, an ILWU member, said these workers 'are fighting for their very existence and a victory will mean economic security not only for the group on strike but for the thousands of other workers throughout the Northwest. In their struggle they want to maintain the ILWU membership but the entire labor movement and all progressive forces must stand with the workers. A victory for the Hawaiian ILWU will not only be a victory for these workers but for the group on strike in Seattle and will aid and strengthen the ILWU on the mainland.

ILWU members and allied groups on the West Coast waterfront are faced with a major fight against the strikebreakers which will be eliminated September 30 when the present agreement expires and this is the workers' fight for their existence. But the workers have faced the situation for three years and in recent negotiations they have indicated they are ready for a showdown. ILWU warehousemen in the San Francisco area have 17,000 strong—feel the need for more security and they too will face a showdown fight with the bosses in a few months. Their present agreement expires next February and the bosses already have issued notice that they too, are preparing for a showdown.

**Ready to Battle; Workers Must Be Prepared**

So it goes with the ILWU membership in all local areas and in all local areas. In all areas: Seattle, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, Tampa, Honolulu, and New York. In each area the membership is working hard for economic security for themselves and for ILWU membership. The workers are preparing for a showdown.

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