WASHINGTON, D.C.--Two hundred and fifty CIO leaders heard CIO President Philip Murray charge here April 14 that American industrialists, holding up wage increases until Congress has passed antilabor legislation, threaten to force great strikes on the country.

Murray spoke to the CIO leaders who had come to the Nation's Capital to map strategy for fighting Congressional bills against labor. He said that such strikes would threaten not only America's economic stability but also the peace of "many other nations" which look to the United States.

Murray assailed the two omnibus anti-labor bills pending now in Congress with biting words, as "the first real step toward the development of fascism in the United States."

NATIONWIDE DRIVE

The CIO President did not say that great strikes are imminent but he attributed to the employes a "threat to force strikes upon the people" though he expressed the hope that "surely the Employes will assume that attitude in 1947.

The National CIO conference opened a nationwide drive on the part of its 6,000,000 members against anti-CIO bills with mass meetings, radio broadcasts, newspaper editorials, articles, leaflets, petitions, telephone calls, and other means.

The conference which launched the drive, met just as Congress prepared to start debate on the House and Senate versions of the "Cure Law." It opened this week.

ORDER OF RACKETEERING

Murray closed the meeting with the assertion that American and world stability is dependent on the "greatest determination of American industrialists." He accused major industries of indulging in "an orgy of actual racketeering and organized robbery in the matter of prices and profits." He added that there had been no real collective bargaining in the last few months—stating that he was referring especially to auto, steel, and the electric industries.

The only reason for this, he pointed out, is that "they are going to wait until they find what Congress is going to do." Murray said that the Senate and House bills are designed to "completely cripple labor."

"Destroy the Wagner Act."

"Create economic and industrial disturbances."

"Create a system of totalitarianism equivalent to that which has prevailed in other countries."

"The courts are again to be used to shake labor. The trend is seen not only in the coal mines but also in the legislation in New Jersey in the telephone strike."

"But the Second Biennial Convention here will have united the CIO to the White House."

"With the end of the war we lost a great President and along with this loss we got someone to be determined, will have united ILWU opposition if he tries to return to the White House."

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Murray was urged by several CIO officials to issue a second call to the AFL to join in fighting anti-labor bills.
O UR UNION has just come through what old timers tell us was a great conven- 

tion. And from what we can gather with our few years of experience in editing a paper for this union, the word “great” isn’t some- 
thing that’s pulled out every time somebody knocks at the door. We’ve only got two locals near Hollywood and they’re not near enough to be infected. What an old trade union fighter in the ILWU means when he says “great” is that fight was shown. And he means fight.

The impression we got from the conven- 

tion—and we are not talking about the offi- 

cers’ report or the president’s keynote, which 

were good enough and really good—was that the 

workers of this land are ready to close 

the microphone on the floor. 

Our people are ready for a show down! They 

are sick and tired of what is going on! They 

know the score!

A S THE convention met, Congress was 

hammering out laws to outlaw this and that for trade unions. The convention was 

conscious of the fact, and so were observers. But the convention also was conscious of the 

girl with two kids—sole support—who slaves 

on what the Big Five thinks is good 

things. Because we are believers in international labor solidarity, we’re 

won’t think so much of us. They don’t ask us to support their beliefs. 

It’s an issue of people’s rights and we support people’s rights 

We HAVE all the democratic controls in this union that we can 

think of, and to a lot of people that’s communism. 

But the bills are pending in Congress and there’s a public 

campaign being waged and led by our government. Don’t worry about 

me and the others who’ve been labeled as communists. They will get 

everybody who’s outspoken against the boss. 

in any one of our locals a member can state his views against the 

Communist Party. We can’t change that without endangering the 

kind of constitution we have, we have made gains through our 

campaigns and have caucuses and they spend all their time lining up votes. The net result is the workers get only 10½ an hour. The ILWU gets 42 and 35c an hour.

UMPING together communism and fascism is like saying that the 

ILWU and the Chamber of Commerce, or Waterfront Employers, are the same because there’s both organization and violence. 

We shouldn’t spend any time getting off the question. Communists are 
supposed to organize workers and fight for the people. There’s still to be one communist convicted of any such crime. 

It’s not a question of whether we’re for or against communism. 

But throughout the world large sections of the people have adopted 

the Communist Party. We can’t change that without endangering 

the kind of constitution we have which overthrew the British in the American Revolution. 

It’s an issue of people’s rights and we support people’s rights 

everywhere. The rule we are applying is what will help labor in the 

United States and any part of the world because what helps labor helps the 

people.

THE workers will stick together come 

hell or Congress! At least that is the 

way it will be in the ILWU though one 

may be a Methodist and another a Catholic, or 

some may be red, black, blue or indigo. The convention determined they won’t defeat us 

along those lines. We are workers first! 

Clear indication of the unity of the union was the fact that though there were difference- 

of opinions and though they were argued 

goods, there was not one roll-call 

take during the entire convention, and 

voters there was unanimity. 

Our union has picked up the challenge of 

the enemies of labor. It has decided to fight, 

knowing that fight will be hard and know- 

ing that the enemy will give no quarter. 

Whether we are smashed in that fight or 

whether we emerge triumphant and continue 

a march toward the better life and security 

depends upon the vigor with which the rank 

and file and leadership apply the policies adopted by the convention.”

the oppressed workers of Greece, and how the fate of these workers affected their own.

T HE LABOR movement faces an attack, the purpose of which is to 

confuse and divide us. 

It is important to remember that the resolution is not far or against 

Congress as the way it can be construed as denying a person’s right in our union to express himself as to what is right; his beliefs are in opposition to communism or anything else, nor is it to be construed as supporting any person in respect to his beliefs on communism or any other belief. 

But it is directed to the upholding of the constitution which pro- 

vides that a person in our union can hold any political belief whether we agree with those beliefs or not. It is not to be discrim- 
inates against or intimidated because of such beliefs. That is the pur- 

pose of the resolution: to serve the labor movement and to strengthen 

this organization. 

It has nothing to do with the issue of Russian communism. We are 

not suffering from penetration from Soviet Russia. 

Communism is not a form of government; it’s a state of society. 

It’s a system that holds that people cannot exploit other people for profit. 

Those who are arousing the hysteria and hatred today are doing so to cloud their real motives. Whether in industrial labor solidarity, we’re 

going to need their help and if they don’t know where we stand they don’t think they can help. We’re not fighting for the enemies of labor. It has decided to fight, 

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Bridges Declares High Profits, Low Real Wages Head Country for Bust

SAN FRANCISCO—Keynoting the opening of the seventh biennial convention of the ILWU here April 7, President Harry Bridges declared that high corporate profits and reduced real wages were heading the country directly toward "a bust period that will make 1929 look like a pink tea."

Highlights of Bridges' remarks were:

"Since V-J Day the union has made gains after fought battles and advanced the world toward an entire membership. During the war we put 14 million more at work. Now we must examine what has happened since the end of the war."

"The CIO did sound a position on what we must have for a peace-time economy." He said substantial wage increases were asked.

"We know how the large corporations fought those wage demands; the corporations had the money to pay increased wages without increasing prices. But they refused and fought the unions and broke the picket lines. WORKERS WILL PAY BILL.

"Prices have risen, quality has declined and black markets flourished. At the same time corporate profits have jumped tremendously since 1939. Wages in terms of what you can get for them have actually been reduced. Inevitably there will be a crash. And someone will have to feel the bill. In the past it has always been the workers. The corporations are determined the workers of our country and the world will pay the bill again."

"On the national political scene, we have seen retreat, appeasement as the most reactionary elements of the country, the course of the present occupant of the White House. He even went so far as to advocate that the government, to prevent the collapse, would give 

"on foreign policy President Bridges said:"

"The program the ILWU stands for is essentially a public interest program. It supports the welfare of the American people, carried out within the framework of the government and follows the course of the present occupant of the White House."

"Prior to the so-called democratic election which put the King back on the throne, they threw into jail any trade unionists and trade unions. It is called a republic, but it is a dictatorship."

"Government was not Truman or Roosevelt; it was the army of at least one million, the army of the United Nations. We cannot sit here in a free country and watch others fight those wars for us and turn them down.

"TURKEY IS FASCIST."

"Are there or are there not labor unions in Greece? There is a kind of union. The workers are struggling,—it is a continuation of the struggle they had against the Nazis. We can have a union if the government approves; and the government selects its officers."

"In April 1945," he asserted, "when the United Nations was formed, we might remember that the man who stood up and fought to have labor given some recognition as a part of the UN and a voice in the handling world economic, political and social war-time and peace-time problems was not Truman or Stettinus or Anthony Eden. It was old Ralph Hellman, Molotov—backed by Australia, France, New Zealand and a couple of other countries." He was the United States and Great Britain for re-elect Edmund Muskie.

"As Sir Walter Citrine, of the British Transport Workers, asked when the UN was discussing economic sanctions against aggressor nations in the interests of peace, 'What do the monopolists do?'—that is, particularly the dock workers, and yet they are barred from participating in the UN—a group of 60,000,000 workers, the trade unions of the world.”

"During the debate on resolution 31 against military aid to Greece and Turkey, President Bridges said, that the resolution is the ”some of the facts which we can trust."

"The officers presented the resolution and based it on information which we trust."

"Are there or are there not labor unions in Turkey? No, that is a dictatorship. But in Turkey it is illegal to organize, bargain or strike. Turkey is not a laboring country. It has a ruling army of at least one million, enough to make the workers throw trade unions of the world, the nations with the workers. We got it from them."

"Under Truman's plan food will be turned over to the Government headed by the monopolists, and they will peddle the food, for that's what they've been doing for years. The country has no system. The Administration would put these people into the hands of these crooks and robbers."

"Bridges summed up his arguments in favor of the resolution."

"Let's decide this on the basis of fact: is it good or bad for our union—will it win our future struggle, increase workers' wages, maintain a living standard, and win the United Nations, and make a contribution toward peace?"

"The resolution is simple. It is for aid to Greece because the people need it. It is against aid to Turkey because Turkey does not need it. It is for aid not directly by the United States but through the United Nations, which holds that peace of hope for all the world.

Use Your Phone, Strikes Urged

PORTLAND, Ore. (FP)—"We don't want to restrict their use of the telephone. We want to use the phone, because this helps. Management's aim is to lighten the burden which our workers have placed on the company."

"It was the advice handed out here by William W. H. Sammon, of the Portland Tradesmen's Union. The federation is affiliated with the National Federation of Telephone Workers."

"The statement was made as freezes and strikes are being called in the Northwest."

"Bridges said the unions are going to be confused by hysteria from anyone within or outside of this country." He hoped, he said, "in the present occupant of the White House."

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Favor Economics

An informal poll taken at this morning's meeting showed that most of the delegates were interested in the operation of the school at the school. It is the school that they want to be able to use, and the school that they are able to use.

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NAM Objects to Expose By CIO of Tax Dodges WASHINGTON (FP)—Because the CIO, John Steinbeck, will expose how wealthy individuals beat the federal income tax law, the National Association of Manufacturers March 4 urged Treasury Secretary John Snyder to refuse a "vicious, intemperate and dishonest" attack on all tax dodgers and bureaus of internal revenue employees.

NAM claimed that tax dodgers listed by the CIO paper could only be accomplished with the "connivance and collusion" of Treasury employees. The CIO's illustrated papers, it is said, are an "unfair" attack against the federal income tax law, the National Association of Manufacturers March 4 urged Treasury Secretary John Snyder to refuse a "vicious, intemperate and dishonest" attack on all tax dodgers and bureaus of internal revenue employees.

Their meetings emphasized the need for pounding consistently on the tax dodgers and bureaus of internal revenue employees.

Chicago Contingent Three hard-working delegations to the ILWU convention from Local 208 in Chicago were Violet Hudnall, Jennie Lee Banks and Bernard Lucas (shown behind Miss Banks).
Here Are ILWU Policies to Guide the Future

SAN FRANCISCO—These are the policies of the ILWU for the next two years as stated in the principal resolutions adopted by the delegates to the seventh biennial convention held here April 7 to 11 at the CIO auditorium:

Red-Baiting and Government Witch-Hunting

Red witch-hunts are being called for by almost every high executive in our government, led by the Chief Executive himself. Legislation to outlaw minority parties is being advocated by members of the Cabinet, as witness the proposal of Secretary Schwellenbach to outlaw the Communist Party of the United States.

The red hysteria has a purpose—to conceal the attack of American big business upon the rights and gains of labor made during the years of Roosevelt's administration. Our country is not suffering from any threat of Communism. The real threat stems directly from the greed and desire for imperialist world control of American trusts and monopolies. The real issue is the issue of progress as against retrogression.

We resolve to oppose any legislation intended to outlaw the Communist Party of the United States or any other minority party pledged to the social, economic and political advancement of the American people. To resist legislation denying unions collective bargaining and other rights because their leaders may be communists, communist supporters, or just trade unionists who refuse to be intimidated. To arouse our rank and file to the dangers of red-baiting.

This is not meant as an endorsement of the Communist Party or any other political party.

Greece and Turkey

Even the Truman administration has been unable to conceal the fact that the present governing regimes of Turkey and Greece are undemocratic and reactionary in the extreme. Civil liberties have long been suppressed and workers denied the fundamental right to organize, bargain, strike and choose their own leaders. Turkey is a dictatorship with labor unions forbidden. Truman's real purpose is to strengthen the hold of American monopoly on Middle East oil and to relieve the British Empire of a burden it can no longer bear.

The ILWU has a special interest. In June, 1946, when the ILWU was committed to a national maritime strike in conjunction with other maritime unions, President Truman ordered the United States armed forces to break such a strike if it took place. A pledge of full support came from Greek longshoremen and other workers.

We record ourselves opposed to extending aid to Greece and Turkey and record our opposition to any aid in any form to Turkey. We whole-heartedly support a policy of furnishing food supplies to the struggling and starving people of Greece through the machinery of the United Nations.

Foreign Policy

Through bitter sacrifices we have learned that we cannot live independent and aloof from the rest of the world. The people demand peace. Instead, there is a race for ever mounting armaments by the separate nations.

An enduring peace requires first assurance that there will not be a resurgence of militarism or nationalism within Germany or Japan, assistance to the people of Spain and Argentina in ridding themselves of the dread disease...
The Union During the Next Two Years

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This is the official picture of the Seventh Biennial Convention of ILWU taken April 9 at San Francisco CIO Auditorium.

Develop and pursue a foreign policy in line with these principles... not for American imperialist adventures. We reaffirm our faith in the machinery and in the program of the United Nations... and protest against present attempts of our government to by-pass and undermine this last hope of world peoples for democracy, prosperity and peace.

Spain

The most outstanding example of continued fascist control and unmerciful subjugation of the people is in Spain.

This convention goes on record to call upon the United Nations to... exclude the Franco regime from the family of nations... to urge the World Federation of Trade Unions to institute an international boycott of Franco Spain... to protest to the U.S. State Department and the British Foreign Office... the pressure they have exerted on Norway to compel her to enter into a trade agreement with the Franco government.

World Federation of Trade Unions and International Labor Committees

The World Federation of Trade Unions has made clear to the whole world that the workers of the world, the common people of the world want peace and security... Joint committees of the CIO and the labor unions of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and Italy have been established... Representation of the WFTU in the United Nations will increase the influence of the workers of the world in the determination of the policies of the nations.

The ILWU commends the efforts of the CIO in the establishment of the WFTU and international joint labor committees... extends to the WFTU its deepest thanks for the organization of all-out support by maritime workers in other nations in the trying emergency faced by the maritime unions around the June 15 negotiations and strike date of 1946.

Trusts

In recent years the trusts have entrenched themselves more and more deeply in American economic life until now they control almost every basic industry... They destroyed the OPA. They put the onus for price increases onto labor... Through cartel connections American big business is fast becoming the dominant factor in the commerce and industry of the rest of the world...

Trade unions... must press for economic democracy by taking the economic power out of the hands of the few... This means nationalization of the basic industries and true enforcement of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

President Harry S. Truman

We unreservedly condemn the betrayal by Harry S. Truman of the American people and the Roosevelt program, and most particularly his union-busting, strike-breaking attacks on American labor... We will continue to work for the achievement of the whole Roosevelt program and (Continued on Page 9)
Convention Orders Officers' Report Distributed to Whole Membership

SAN FRANCISCO—The Officers' Report to the Seventh Biennial Convention of the ILWU will be illustrated and printed for distribution to every member of the union as a result of convention action.

The convention adopted a statement of the officers' report committee which said:

"A report of stewardship is a report of order and integrity of the union it is required. We have never been backward in the business of dismissing or refuseing to re-elect any officer in our union who failed properly to account for the job entrusted to him.

"After studying the report of the officers of the ILWU in this convention, and at the same time comparing their accomplishments with the instructions given to them at the last convention, we are convinced that our officers have done well the job for which each of them was elected.

"The attacks upon labor today and the attacks upon our union make the leadership of our union more important than ever before. We are, therefore, particularly conscious of the acts of our officers and watchful of their judgments.

"As we read the report given, we are impressed with and approved of their leadership in the appraisal of the events of the world which have such profound effect upon the conditions and general welfare.

"We further recommend that Part I of the Officers' Report be printed with appropriate illustrations for distribution to the entire membership of the ILWU."

__REPORT BRANDS TRUMAN__

The formal report of the Officers endorsed President Truman as an example of a backroom politician, a man without vision of the program. They added that the present Administration "devoted itself full time to the three-field objective of making conditions unbearable for any adherents of the New Deal who remained in the Administration, permitting general and wholesale price increases to employers and devising ways and means of injuring and weakening of organized labor."

Both Truman and the 80th Congress, they pointed out, bore with the policy which includes: "a wild red-baiting program, interference in Greece, betrayal of China and Palestine, use of atomic diplomacy, double-crossing of American veterans, de-capitation of the housing program, wholesale tax grabs and pillaging of the U. S. Treasury by big business, handouts of public lands and natural resources."__REGIME IS DESTRUCTIVE__

The officers stated as far as the international picture is concerned the Truman regime "is as well on its way to destroying the United Nations" by interfering in the internal affairs of Greece which they call "a shocking throw-back to the days when Coolidge invaded Nicaragua with American Marines in the interest of American imperialism."

Finally, the report referred to the so-called bipartisan bipartisan Democratic coalition in Congress, which, they said, is clipping the wings of intact labor.

"We know that there can be and will be no question of communism, socialism or anarchism in this country, or any other country for that matter, just so long as the prevailing economic order brings security and well-being to the people. If it fails to do that the people are entitled to a change... We know that there can be better democracy without economic democracy."

__PRINCIPLES TOLD__

"In the battles ahead," the report concluded, "every action of our organization must be guided by these cardinal principles: unity of the (ILWU) unit of labor; and international labor solidarity. This convention meets in a most critical time in the history of the laboring world..."

"In the history of our past record and with full confidence in the fighting spirit of our organization, the officers express the belief that this task will be undertaken and the job will be done. That job consists of formulating a program to carry the union through the difficult days ahead and bring the benefit of organization, security and well-being to our people."
More on ILWU Policies for Next 2 Years

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taxes... We pledge ourselves to work in every way to make the man's defense a candidate for the Presidency of the United States in 1948.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Franklin D. Roosevelt stirred the imagination of the American people to new heights in social, economic and political progress and understanding. As a world leader, his contributions and achievements became the cornerstones of our country's welfare of mankind throughout the world.

His most enduring monument will be the continued forward movement by the people themselves in their organizations and in their collective might toward the full achievement of... the goals toward which he strove - peace, democracy and security.

National Labor Relations Board

The convention calls upon the working people of this nation to recognize that they can no longer wage need only to call upon a rival union to file a charge of unfair labor practices. These disputes can be delayed for a year or more.

We are forced to take economic action when the situation demands it. We take the lead in the National Labor Relations Act... to use the services of the NLRB... in those cases in which the board will function for the valid purposes for which it was designed... to work on our feet without expecting help from the government.

Statehood for Hawaii

In the forty-nine years since annexation of Hawaii it has become a modern American community, with a sound economy and a healthy social structure which has shown itself to be fully capable of self-government.

We... go on record as favoring a statehood bill to the Congress of the United States to admit Hawaii to be admitted as a state.

Equal Status for Filipinos

Sugar Workers

Some 6,000 Filipino workers were imported into the territory of Hawaii in a manner unrecognized by the immigration authorities, and... denied the rights and privileges of those who had arrived in earlier years.

We go on record to make representation to... the government agencies... to obtain proper recognition of the entry of these workers and... to give them the opportunity to become integrated into the union.

Taxes

The basic principles of democratic taxation and also of economically sound taxation must be the principle of taxation according to ability to pay... We must not be deluded by glib talk of a uniform tax reduction for high and low incomes alike...

A sound tax program should include more exemptions... reduced income tax rates for the lowest groups... continuation of present corporate normal and surtax rates... with special provisions for relief of small business enterprises... elimination of loopholes... special tax relief provisions for veterans... net sales tax.

National Insurance

Insurance is one of the largest monopolies in America today. We go on record for opening of the United States National Insurance program to all, regardless of race, creed or national origin... and for all life insurance companies earning unimpaired returns.

Public Health

The convention goes on record favoring a public health program... with coverage for all families, workers and... as an immediate measure... for the compensation equalizing the regular earnings of the injured worker.

Displaced Persons

We express a qualified approval of a liberalization of immigration policy so to permit the admission of European displaced to this country.

Equal Freight Rates for the South

For a southern industry to operate on a fair competitive basis with industry elsewhere, there must be equal freight rates for the sugar in the form of higher freight rates imposed... We petition the International Commerce Commission to end immediately existing discriminatory practices.

Political Democracy

The ILWU has long been in the forefront in its participation in political action and the fight for improved social legislation. It has recognized clearly the importance of interest with those of the vast membership... We reaffirm our support of political action, opposed restriction on the right to vote in the form of poll taxes, white primary... believe the right to vote should be extended to all members of eighteen years or over... to members of the armed services... and to American women's Auxiliary, ILWU

Women's Auxiliary, ILWU

The women relatives of the members of the ILWU have identical interests with our members since in every case their political, economic and cultural life is conditioned by the nature of their relationship remain the same.

We recommend that all locals take immediate steps to reactivate the Women's Auxiliary, ILWU... to increase the leadership among women workers and... to take steps to involve the Auxiliary in the union... be given the proper information and application cards and urged to persuade their women relatives to join the ILWU under the auspices of the Anthony School.

Oрганизация Северного Терртория

The ILWU has had a basic six-hour day in the longshore industry since 1934 but in actual practice has worked a ten-hour day... Our final aim will be to make the basic six-hour day a reality by fixing a wage at which a man can live in a six-hour workday.
Marching Order of ILWU Convention is to Fight

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the White House we hope won't be there very long. Reactions won a landslide victory last November and is taking advantage of it. The present administration has retreated, appeased and capitulated in every way to the most reactionary elements of the nation. The strike against labor and labor's right is now being led by our government. The killing of price and rationing control, the message to Congress calling for restrictions upon labor are intended to tie labor's hands, break labor's solidarity and divert the public's attention to war to give the industrial barons a full and free hand to plunder the entire nation.

Highpoint of the debate which guided the work of the convention was President Bridges' statement:

'We should decide things on the basis of whether or not it is good or bad for this union.'

RECORD ORDERED PRINTED

He brought out at the same time that what was good or bad for the union was good or bad for the average person of America.

The convention heard, approved and ordered printed for rank and file distribution the report of the ILWU officers.

Establishment of an educational department was ordered.

Note was taken of the tremendous growth of the union in the last ten years. The delegates voted, with but one dissent, to condemn the Truman deal to support the reactionary, fascist and semi-fascist dictatorships of Greece and Turkey.

The vote came after a clear exposition of the facts by President Bridges, who related the details of a recent conference with Louis Ballantine, Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions. It was brought out by Bridges — using labor-gathered facts instead of the old-fashioned Scripps-Howard Press—that Truman has retreated, appeased and ordered printed for the Convention at Seattle, for the rank and file of the ILWU.

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key has no labor unions, Greece has no unions. With government-appointed officers, and that Greek workers stood ready to go to prison or die for American maritime workers when Truman threatened to make scabs of the army and navy, it was brought out, also, that the Greek rich pay no taxes as we know taxes, and that much of the 400 million dollars to be loaned to Greece would accrue to these rich while the Greek people continued to starve.

'ON THE BEAM'

Old-time Longshoreman Dave Keefe of Local 10 took the microphone.

'Mr. President,' he said, 'I voted against this resolution in the resolutions committee. After hearing the facts today, I voted for the resolution.

"I guess I can only say, once again you're on the beam.'"

'That,' replied Bridges, 'is what makes our union slick. We hear the facts and then we act. I guess that's what they call common sense.'

President Bridges, First Vice President Bickel and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt were nominated without opposition for re-election. Second Vice President Michael Johnstone did not run. Cole Jackman of Local 8 and Germain Bulcke of Local 10 will contest for the rank and file distribution the report of the ILWU officers.

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WAREHOUSE & DISTRIBUTION

Local 6'ers Won't Cross Drug Line
SAN FRANCISCO—Local 6 warehousemen are continuing refusal to cross the AFL Pharmacists Union picket lines around the Rexall Drug Company here, although Superior Judge George Schenfield has issued a temporary injunction to go back to work.

On April 10 Rexall asked $135 thousand damages from Local 6 for refusal to work the company's two warehouses, claiming that its workers are out on strike. The company said the union is violating the no-work-stoppage clause in the contract.

Warehousemen have been out since December when the Pharmacists began their strike for higher pay.

A hearing on whether the back-to-work injunction should be made permanent was to have been held April 12.

Sugar Workers Hold Intl. Conference
SAN FRANCISCO—The International Sugar Conference called by the ILWU started sessions at the Palace Hotel here April 12.

ILWU President Harry Bridges and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt led discussions on problems of sugar workers around the world.

Participating were delegates from Cuba, Mexico, Hawaii, the U.S. and other sugar-producing lands.

General Secretary Hernando J. Aldano of the National Federation of Sugar Workers of Mexico and Alfonso Calderon, member of the National Assembly, represented Mexican sugar workers. The Cuban National Federation of Sugar Workers sent their secretary of economics, Felix D. Perez Gil, and Financial Secretary Eligio Perez.

The Hawaiian delegation was led by ILWU Regional Director Jack Hall and Yasuki Araki, business agent of Glna Local 148.

As The Dispatcher went to press the conference had not yet issued any statement.

Hawaiian Delegates See What Happens to Sugar
SAN FRANCISCO—Thirty-two Hawaiian delegates to the ILWU's seventh biennial international convention got an opportunity April 14, as guests of San Francisco Local 6, to see what happens to the sugar they help to produce in the islands.

Traveling via a specially chartered Greyhound bus, they visited the California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corporation plant at Crockett, which is 30 miles from San Francisco.

On the way to the plant, they were entertained at the home of August Hemenez, business agent of Local 6 and Frank Andrews of Local 22.

The delegates were guests of the Local 6 unit of Crockett at a luncheon at Rodeo.

Acting as hosts of Local 6 for the trip were: August Hemenez, business agent; W. K. Schneider, a trustee, and H. Glocel.

From 1935 to 1945 the total of disabling accidents to miners was 3.2% greater than the total of men working in the union.

Hawaiians Laud Work Of ILWU Officers
SAN FRANCISCO—Resolution praising ILWU officials for their outstanding work in the islands were submitted by Hawaiian delegates to the ILWU seventh biennial convention here last week and adopted by the convention.

President Harry Bridges, Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt, First Vice President J. R. Robertson, Coast Labor Relations Committee Chairman Henry Schmidt, Regional Director Jack Hall and International Representative Frank Thompson came in for special praise.

A resolution demanding a charter for the Hawaii ILWU Council was referred to the International officers for discussion.

Labor Lobbyists Go to Washington
WASHINGTON (FP) —Delegations of CIO union members from key regions of the U.S. will come to Washington to talk to their representatives in Congress during the latter half of April, the CIO national office announced April 13. The labor lobby is part of the Defend Labor Month activities planned by the CIO to fight anti-union bills pending in Congress.

The schedule: April 17-18—Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware; April 21-22—New England; April 23-24—New York and New Jersey; April 24-26—Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and West Virginia; April 28-29—Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota; April 30-May 1—Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Electors for the National Convention of the General Federation of Railway Workers is to be held May 13-15. The delegations will meet at the RFU's annual conference in Washington on April 30-May 3.

Elected former president of Local 6 Richard Lynden has been elected secretary-treasurer by acclamation in meeting of the seven divisions of the local. He will replace Charles Quiery, who is retiring. Dispatcher Charles Ciocino was elected business agent by acclamation. Running for the vacant post of assistant dispatcher in elections this month will be Armand Ricci, William Mulcahy and A. Amorghi.

Japan Railway Union Kills Anti-Red Motion
TOKYO (ALN) —The national convention of the General Federation of Railway Workers has turned down a minority proposal that Communists be prevented from holding union offices. After hours of hot debate, union Chairman Seichi Suzuki won consent that the motion be killed after he said that discussion of a party issue at a union convention is unprocedural, and union members are free to join any party.

Informal Delegates J. R. Robertson of Local 6 and Frank Andrews of Local 47 are shown in informal conference during one of the recesses at last week's ILWU convention.

Warehouse Leaders Snapped at the warehouse conference which preceded the ILWU convention were, left to right, President Eugene Felton of Local 6, ILWU Research Associate Andy Salz and ILWU International Representative Richard Lynden.
This was the most outstanding convention of any I have ever attended. It was a working convention. What struck me most was the leadership that came from the floor. On all important policy matters delegates took the lead in developing an ILWU program and all panels debated spiritedly in discussions — our old comrades from the west coast and new recruits from other sections of the country, especially from the Hawaiian Islands. Not only was it the best convention ever held but we had the largest number of delegates in our history.

At this convention we set no goal in terms of numbers to be organized in the next two years but agreed to devote all organizational energies possible in continuing to build our numerical strength. A review of our organizing work was made and our weaknesses noted.

At the National Warehouse Conference, held in conjunction with the ILWU convention, we devoted all our organizational energies possible in continuing this progress and to eliminate the "hit or miss" factor. The growth of about 25,000 in the last two years is the result of this endeavor. Where we have an industry or all unorganized branches of the national conference, a review of our organizing course is desirable. A realistic approach to organization must be used. Locals should not select scattered plants which spread their organizing energies and in maximum gains are to be made simultaneously between the International and locals is essential.

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The International stands ready to assist locals with its organizing staff if kept informed on the following (a) new organizational plans and progress, (b) reports on contract negotiations, (c) methods used by locals in service membership, after organization is completed, (d) reports on NLRA elections and other cases where union recognition is secured.

Day to Day Struggle

The day to day struggles were outlined in detail at the conference and the locals reporting broad participation by the membership in day to day activities were the locals reporting greatest organizational progress. In the day to day results of discussing these experiences all locals which had not yet developed a high degree of members' education and interest in collective bargaining can be realized that this would be the No. 1 job during the coming period.

Strengthening our ranks for the struggles that lie ahead for our present membership prepares us for our future organizational work.

By this time you read this column, convention delegates will have returned home. It is the hope of the International to report the progress made at convention adoption at convention. It is the report of the membership that it becomes the responsibility of the membership to start putting this program into action. In this manner and in this manner alone will we be able to tighten our lines, gain greater security for our members and bring new members into our ranks.

The committee which kept order was composed of four delegates — Edward M. Jackman, Bulcke C. Bernard Lucas, Local 208, Jack Kawano, Local 137; Yasuki Arakaki, Local 148; Bernard Lucas, Local 208, Jack Kawano, Local 137, and Justo dela Cruz, of Local 140.

At the end of the conference, the Indian delegation presented the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi with a scroll which they said was a symbol of friendship between the two countries.

Seven delegates from the Communist Party of India were nominated for the South Asia conference.