ILWU Walks Out at Five Globe Mills

SAN FRANCISCO — Two milling plants in Los Angeles, one in Colton, Calif., one in Sacramento and one in Astoria, Ore., were struck by ILWU members employed in them on the morning of August 14. These mills are subsidiaries of the giant Globe-Pillsbury Mills Company.

The union is demanding, in addition to a new contract, joint negotiations for all plants under Pillsbury on the West Coast, the right to bargain for all workers covered in previous contracts and a 10 cent an hour across-the-board wage increase. Also asked is a two weeks’ vacation with pay for all employees who have worked at these mills one year. The union, finally, wants classification adjustments.

Management at Pillsbury is seeking to exclude millers from the contract, applying the provisions of the Taft-Hartley slave labor act, and calling these millers supervisory workers.

COMPANY SCHEMES

To offset company schemes, the (Continued on Page 12)

Alaskan Longshore Strike in 2nd Week

JUNEAU, Alaska — An ILWU longshore strike for a new contract with three seaward companies operating in Alaska kept Alaskan ports tied up for the second week with little progress made in negotiations.

Chief stumbling blocks were the demands of the companies for clauses giving them advantages over the union under the Taft-Hartley Act, and preference of individuals or groups of employees in violation of the contract when not sponsored, authorized, ratified or participated in by the union.

It is the first time on record such demand has been made upon a union.

ILWU Workers Vote on Contract Ratification After Winning Lockout

The lockout, marked by pledge of no discrimination in returning members to work and retroactively to the day of return, July 16. The new contract provides an across-the-board wage increase of 10 cents an hour and classification adjustments. The minimum for men is now 90 cents, for women 80 cents an hour.

The 5 cent differential for the island of Kauai is eliminated. Wages are thus standardized on all islands.

Thepineapple companies agreed to submit a letter to the union guaranteeing they will not hold the union liable under the Taft-Hartley law for acts of individuals or groups of employees in violation of the contract when not sponsored, authorized, ratified or participated in by the union.

The industry is considering adopting a statement limiting house rules to activities on plant and cannery premises during working hours.

The new agreement runs until February 1, 1949, with the provision for wage reopening in February, 1948. It forbids discrimination for union activity, race, creed or color.

The vacation plan is liberalized, checkoffs will be continued upon authorization of the workers.

Negotiations for the pineapple contract were wound up in the islands after special sessions in San Francisco two weeks ago between ILWU President Harry Bridges and Randolph Courtenay and Dwight Steele of the industry who flew front Honolulu.

WEA Plans To Fire the Walkers

SAN FRANCISCO — An immediate result of the Taft-Hartley act going into full effect August 23 (tomorrow) will be a coastwide tieup of West Coast shipping, the ILWU charged August 18.

The union said it had learned that the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast has determined to order all ship, dock and walking bosses out of the union under pain of discharge, or to require the union to expel them.

As The Dispatcher went to press, the bosses were meeting to decide their course of action. They had already decided to continue the strike against the Luckenbach Steamship Co. and the Outer Harbor Dock and Wharf Co. Also noted that if any walking boss is fired for union activity the company will be immediately struck.

Regarding the WEA plans, Frank P. Foisie, president of WEA, commented in the San Francisco News August 19.

“If there is any tie-up it will be because of CIO longshoremen. The employers have decided nothing yet as to dismissal of any walking bosses. Queried in reference to this statement by The Dispatcher, the WEA public relations office said “no comment. You can quote the News if you want to.”

The WEA action will coincide with the effectiveness of the Taft-Hartley withdrawal of Wages Act protection which made it difficult for employers to deny workers the right to join unions.

UNION NOT TO BLAME

The union declared it will refuse to expel any workers eligible to membership or to deny them union protection. It warned that any ILWU members locked out because of union membership would establish pickets which would undoubtedly be respected by longshoremen under the coast longshore agreement.

This would bring virtually a complete tieup of the Pacific Coast waterfront.

In an award by impartial chairman of the longshore industry, Dr. Clark Kerr, ruled August 16 that longshoremen were not in violation of their contract in observing the picket lines of the walking bosses in their strike against the Luckenbach Steamship Company and the Outer Harbor Dock and Wharf Co.
Get After Congress

IF the congressman starts off with some organization, ring the congressman's doorbell. Congressmen who are not off on investigating tend to be at home for a while.

When he goes for the right, the good and the etcetera, Taft-Hartley Act is good for anybody, unless my admiration for the right, the good and the etcetera, doesn't do much about it. Too many of us thought that the principles of FDR once tried would prevail forever. We were wrong.

The very sight of a congressman, that is one of those congressmen who stretched themselves to please the National Association of Manufacturers in this last session, should be fitting start for the political action we should begin. Look him over and then get out and start things.

1. Get precinct organization started. Get the people registered.
2. Start collections of PAC dollars. Get everybody around you sold on the idea of giving now $1 and later on any more dollars that he can spare, voluntarily, for political action.
3. Raise hell in your local if the rank and file and officers aren't rearing up and going to town on political action.

FOLLOWING the International Executive Board's adoption of a political action policy statement, I have attended many local meetings of the ILWU and several called to fight the Taft-Hartley law and devise local application of the political action program for such purposes.

One question was asked in many ways, ranging from members wanting to know whether a vote for either Truman or Taft as a presidential candidate isn't a vote against labor, to members wanting to know whether it was necessary to have our International withdraw from the National CIO if that organization officially endorsed either Truman or Taft in order that the ILWU members could vote against either or both.

With the latter issue first, our membership was advised that they were generally correct in their belief that a vote for Truman as against Taft in 1948 might well be regarded as a vote against labor, in view of the record. This was further to the point, there was little likelihood of any political endorsement by the National CIO until some time a lot closer to the 1948 elections than at present.

AS TO WHAT the International recommendation will be, it is important to remember that the International is unable to answer for the time being. It is a decision that will not be made until later. It is also a decision that will not be made on the basis that in choosing Truman over a Republican candidate we are necessarily choosing the lesser of two evils. What the International does advise for the time being, and what the Board policy means in this particular instance is for our union rapidly to step up our political organizing and the establishment of political apparatus, including the collection of finances for political action, so that when we do make a decision on presidential candidates it will mean something. -Irrelevant, irrelevant, irrelevant. Irrelevant is the word of the day, the word of the hour, the word of the moment.

This specifically means that the time being we are concentrating on political activity and organization so as to elect a Congress more responsive to the welfare of the people and organized labor than to big business. We have already had an example of how ineffective a president can be who is not thoroughly with the people. This is an example of the kind of(practical) politics that is going to be the only way that labor unions in some areas are going to be able to get disgusted people to the polls.

We must remember too that it is the only way to convince some Democratic Party machine politicians that their party has the union vote and if necessary, to have nowhere else to go, and we can't and won't vote for a Taft or Dewey.

AS TO OTHER phases of the International's political program, to a certain extent it's applicability depends upon the political conditions in the different areas where our locals are located. Generally speaking, in all areas we support all political groups which are working towards, and have as their basic policy a return to the principles and ideals of the Roosevelt program of the New Deal.

This can and does mean that in some areas local unions will be and should be simultaneously supporting progressive movements and groups within both the major political parties. It also means diverting some of our activity and resources so as to give support to independent political movements, such as the third party, that are thoroughly with the people and who insist that the only political action program for the American people is through a third party.

We have no illusions as to the people's chances of having a people's political party set up in time for it to elect a presidential candidate in 1948. But everything has got to get a start some time and somewhere, and helping to build a third party movement is going to be the only way that labor unions in some areas are going to be able to get disgusted people to the polls.

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Army Bans Prize Play for Exposing Profiteering

WASHINGTON (FP)—Thought control and Americanism combined August 13 in a U.S. Army order forbidding production rights of the hit Broadway show, All My Sons, for audiences in the U.S. zones of Germany, Austria, and in Japan.

The play by Arthur Miller is in an extended run on Broadway and was winner of the Critics Prize for 1947. It concerns the story of an American arms manufacturer whose zeal for profits outgrew his patriotism to the extent that Army flyers are sent to their deaths by defective mechanisms. One of those killed is the manufacturer's son. The Army order is aimed at profiteering and seeks death in his plane.

A spokesman for the Army civil affairs division said the play had been prohibited because of its anti-Nazi content and warned that it is not the best propaganda to show our late enemies that America had a lot of profiteers at home during the war.

CATHOLIC VETS PROTEST Rights to the play were acquired by the army June 19, but a federal telegram from Secretary Kenneth Royall from National Commander Max Sotvedt of the Catholic War Veterans brought about an investigation.

The Catholic veterans charged an investigation of the Communist propaganda play All My Sons and demanded to know if the war department is responsible for this sort of arrangement.

The Army said this and other protests led to the re-examination.

Washington Theatre
Hangs Onto Jim Crow
WASHINGTON, Aug 13 — This capital's only commercial, legitimate stage productions may be a thing of the past unless Washington's Jim crown policy is changed, said the sun in an editorial.

The paper said that if the city's movie theaters are allowed to show the play, the war department is in on it.

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GOP Economy Means
Eviction of Workers

WASHINGTON (FP)—The GOP economy drive made itself felt here when 1000 Texas families were notified they would have to vacate their homes by September 30.

The families are those of farm laborers who have been living in camps centered in 10 years by the Department of Agriculture. Congress refused to appropriate funds for their continued operation.

Affected are residents of eight camps in Texas and one in Arkansas. An effort is being made to find other accommodations for the migratory workers.

Enters Tenth Year With Testimony

The NLRB Education and Training Board has named 10,000 production workers at Weyerhaeuser, Ohio, and to give back pay to 17 workers.

A third alleged pay, the Weyerhaeuser Independent Union, had by then been organized, so the NLRB went back to court with a contempt action that charged the WII was not a labor organization and was merely a continuation of earlier company unions.

Record is Mountainous

Attorney Heald was appointed special master early in 1945 to take testimony for the federal appeals tribunal sitting in Philadelphia.

For more than two years now he has been grinding away at intervals hearing witnesses, gathering at hundreds of exhibits and listening to polite but sometimes vehement arguments by high-priced corporation counsel and some of the NLRB's local lights.

The record, now mountainous in height, faces a vague future in view of the further delaying tactics made available to Weyerhaeuser by an obliging 80th Congress.

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Legislative Conference Convenes in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — A two-day special emergency session of the California Legislative Conference will be held here August 22 and 24 to map a legislative program in the interest of the people of California.

George F. Irvine, co-chairman of the conference, member of the Democratic state central committee and former railroader, was co-chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in conjunction with Reuben W. Borough, also member of the Democratic state committee and a member of several labor and people's organization in the state.

COMMON PROGRAM GOAL

Irvine said: "The conference has been called for one main purpose, to bring together the representatives of all people's organizations of all viewpoints and to work out a legislative program around which we can unite. The problems of the farmers of California are those directly with those of labor and other community groups. We must throw our forces together and unite our common program."

Edgar Redte, chairman of the San Francisco Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and financier, said he would preside over the panel on homes for veterans.

UNIONS REPRESENTED

Former California Attorney General Robert W. Kenny will direct the California Labor Reform Progressives in the Democratic Party. The conference will be panel discussions on labor and the Taft-Hartley law, civil rights and immigration, social welfare, and farm and rural problem.

Many local unions from the entire state will be represented by official delegates. The ILGWU, AFL-CIO will have a strong contingent of delegates from its locals within California. NAACP and PCE and many other organizations have already announced their participation.

Sessions of the conference will take place at the Rodger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles.

NLRB Rule Would Leave CIO in Cold

WASHINGTON (FP) — As field examiners of the new NLRB went into session in Chicago with a new rule that would enable Robert N. Douglas, the NLRB's general counsel, to draft new rules, a report came into the conference which has adopted a plan which would bar all CIO affiliates from use of the board's service.

The report, carried by the United Press, said the NLRB may decide that the conservative 15-man AFL executive council and the 53-man CIO executive board would have to sign affidavits that none are communists or communist sympathizers.

President Ben Gold of the Fur Workers, who is a member of the Communist party's board of the CIO is a member of the Communist party's board and UP said that if the board were to be adopted none of the CIO's more than 40 international unions could appeal to the board in cases of unfair labor practices.

Such a ruling be adopted, the union's only weapon against management would be a sit-down strike.

New rules for the NLRB must be adopted before August 15, when the principal sections of the Taft-Hartley act go into effect.

CIO Plans Mass Labor Day Protest on Slave Law

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco CIO Council is planning to make its Labor Day demonstration here the biggest protest turnout in its history against the infamous Taft-Hartley slave labor law.

A mass parade will begin on lower Market street and file past the Civic Center and finish at the Civic Auditorium where ILWU President Harry Bridges will be on hand to introduce the day's events with a speech.

All of the CIO unions in San Francisco will be represented in the parade.

Bonds from a number of the unions, including ILWU Local 6 and American Communications Association Local 128, will head the procession of union floats.

By Morris Watson

The dieting machine that enabled him to write from his bedside. He even played over some records impressed by music friends who had visited him. Once in a while Mike's talk would be checked by obvious pain. His wife, Mary, would brand him a glaze of something. Mike would drink it and go on. At one point his face made sense of out of the instrument in world caused him to rise from his bed and wave his cane above his head. "Hey, you! You take it easy," admonished Mary.

Mike said to me: "I hope to get that column started again in The Dispatcher. I don't know just when it will be." Mary put the baby out in the yard for Sunshine and Lon and I grew fearful that we might be hearing Mike. We drove for several miles before either of us. Mike had some work under the name of Robert F. Nieman. The p.m.s h.t.s, columns, articles and other material that endeared his workers and the people generally were under the name of Mike Quin. He never seemed to fall short of work.

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Mike was born Paul William Quin. As a columnist for The Dispatcher, in 1946 than in 1940. Mike hated sham, hypocrisy and phoniness of any kind. He was afraid to go to a doctor for fear that he would be hung with a speech. His wife asked those friends who wanted to send flowers to wait until the following day. It was in this space that Mike wrote about—"The organizations they are to-
Grand Old Man of the Labor Movement
Eugene Burke Retires as MCS Leader

SANT FACISCO — The National Maritime Union of America, Cooks and Stewards, CIO, announced August 15 that it had "reluctantly accepted" the resignation of longtime officer and charter member Eugene F. Burke as secretary-treasurer of the union.

In accepting the resignation, the National Maritime Union President, Burke was called again for unity of all maritime unions.

The arbitrator pointed out that now the strike has ended, the longshoremen have been fired. They and their union have been told they will be fired. They and their union will stand to do everything to prevent a coast tie-up, including the willingness to arbitrate any and all issues.

A MISCHIEVOUS LAW
In a separate statement the union said: "It can be seen that the Taft-Hartley act is about to cause a great deal of trouble which its sponsors said it was about to cause a great deal of trouble which its sponsors said it was.

The maritime unions in the nation have now developed a national organization to serve the purposes of the longshoremen, Burke was one of the founders of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. Setting up of this organization was one of the decisive factors contributing to the victory of the longshoremen and seamen in their strikes of the last ten years.

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If you can prove you're a fascist the FBI will let you serve the government. You can be loyal to the aims of big business, but won't you if you believe in any democratic ideals.

By WILLIAM GLAZIER

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This has become a fright- some world. And Americans do not live and work here with any idea of the extent to which a gestapo-like terrorization has gripped this country. It may be that the FBI is really jumping at his own shadow. And has his become a shadow which follows him even after the sun sets.

Among the "must" bills passed by the 80th Congress was an appropriation of $1,000,000 for the loyalty investigation of government workers. This money is to implement the Truman loyalty order—and will be spent largely on examining present employees, not new applicants.

The original demand had been for $16,000,000 of this amount, $8,000,000 had been allotted to the FBI and $7,000,000 to the Civil Service Commission. $1,000,000 was for administrative expenses. The "economy" minded GOP Congress cut the total to $11,000,000. And this they divided up by allocating $7,500,000 to the FBI and $3,500,000 to the Civil Service Commission. FBI Chief Hoover, if he ever needed such a sign, now has his go-ahead to do his job.

**Star Chamber Procedure**

Under the procedures set up by President Truman, a government worker, brought before his agency chief on charges of disloyalty must prove his innocence or be fired. Yet he need not be presented with specific charges or even with the names of the people bearing evidence against him. In fact, the FBI doesn't even have to tell the agency chief the source of its information; so that both the worker and the chief responsible for acting can be ignorant of the acts, deeds or statements involved! This is a real star chamber procedure.

For when you can pin them down to facts, most of these FBI stories are as phoney as a nine-dollar bill.

There is the story of the government worker who, by a whispering of his head, taught at a Workers School in New York. Charges were vague—1931 or '32. Finally he was fortunate enough to get the FBI to state that he has been attending night school classes during the month of June 1932. He was able to show—by actual attendance records—that he was attending night law school at the time. He beat that rap. But they fired him anyway. The other charges against him were so vague and general that all he could say was that they weren't true. He couldn't prove his innocence.

A story like this doesn't sound real when you have heard similar stories from so many different government workers.

**There Is a Pattern**

After you have talked to a few of the government workers fired recently and ask the account of the type of questioning they were subjected to, you begin to see a pattern. For one of the main lines of attack is one that has been developed by the anti-Nazi, anti-fascist line during the war.

For example, I have discovered that every single person with whom I worked in Germany—on de-Nazification, on breaking up big industry, on reviving democratic trade unions has either resigned or been fired.

Recently Secretary of State Marshall announced that he has been talking to Federal Department employees. They were fired, he is reported to have said, on the suspicion that they were friendly with people who were friendly with foreign powers! They were given no specific charges, no chance to prove their innocence.

But, after they were fired, certain Congressmen who had refused to appropriate money for a State Department project changed their minds.

One of the ten that I talked to told me—honestly, I believe—that he still doesn't know what the charges were against him. He half-jokingly, half-seriously,"Perhaps it was because I worked on the Argentine Blue-Book."

The Argentine Blue-Book was an exhaustive economic and political examination of Argentina prepared some time ago. It made abundantly clear—even to the State Department—that Argentina was a fascist state with every fascist angle being played to the hilt. The experts who wrote this study aren't able to help you if you believe in any democratic ideals.

**T-H Law Is Test**

Right now federal employees are being asked whether they ever spoke against the Taft-Hartley Bill before it became law; what position they took on the foreign policy responsibility of the Federal Workers Union; who their friends are and what books they read.

A recently fired government employee was under suspicion for some time because during the war he had acted as a liaison with certain Russian financial officers in Berlin. In an eight-hour grilling by the FBI he—to his claims—was cool and collected and told
conviction sticks a precedent exists for getting at every present or former government employee and this includes anyone who ever filled out a government job application.

Frame Unionists

But the precedent goes even farther. Every trade union is being ordered to file a non-Communist affidavit under the Taft-Hartley law which will be open to prosecution under the same "frad" charge used against Marzani. It will cost them $6,000 or more. Fifty per cent have been dismissed from jobs earning $6,000 or more. Fifty per cent have been dismissed from jobs earning $6,000 or more.

For example, a witness, Dr. Jacob Auslander, "you are in danger of losing your citizenship." To another he added, "You are rubbing your nose right up against the penitentiary door." Three other witnesses have had their testimony torn from their hands. Chairmen J. Paul Thomas, has added that attorneys assisting accused persons should be indicted.

Two federal judges, Alexander Holtoff and Raymond Keech, have upheld the committee's procedure. The federal government, abdicating its role of protection to the front, has fired hundreds without trial or with inadequate hearings. Careful investigation by lawyers of Henry Wallace's California Defense Committee indicates that 50 per cent of those who were dismissed have been Jewish or married to Jews. Fifteen per cent have been dismissed from jobs earning $6,000 or more. Fifty per cent have been clerical or administrative personnel. These dismissals have mainly from the State and War Departments, but larger and more marked the five months of the strike.Motion Picture Council and Daugh- 

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

The American Revolution (never noted for its own tolerance), Federation of Women's Clubs, Business and Professional Women's National Association, and the American Association of University Women, 500 California Council of Church Women, Girl Scouts, Southern California Motion Picture. This takes the British Empire... Far from divorcing themselves from the protagonists of the film, as McCarten and others, claiming to be true to the unconscious and semi-conscious anti-Semitism are reacting very violently. The film must be hit in its mark.

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U. S. Jobless Lists

Swell in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — Of the 2,800,000 jobless in the U. S. during July, 2,800,000 are listed in the New York Times as being unemployed. Some 70,000 women looking for work are among the jobless.

Although the labor force for July was 60 million, there were only 38,000 men and women looking for work above the usual 210,000 employed in July, 1946.
WASHINGTON (FP)—“American workers face an unprecedented challenge this Labor Day of 1947,” CIO President Philip Murray said in his annual message to the nation.

“The Taft-Hartley act was designed to wipe out many of the gains that organized labor made during the past several decades. The new law has weakened so that it lost much of its usefulness to the lowest-paid workers of the nation.”

“Funds of governmental agencies which might have been of real assistance in providing facts and personnel to aid in the collective bargaining process were slashed unmercifully under the Taft-Hartley act,” Murray said.

“Not for the end in sight. Representative Fred Hartley, co-author of the Taft-Hartley act, promises even more severe anti-union legislation next year. Others who speak for big business are anxious to support his efforts.”

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PORTLAND, Ore.—The ILWU Columbia River District Council voted to call a meeting of all Oregon labor leaders to be held Tuesday night, August 20 to discuss and agree upon uniform night work hours for all Oregon ports. C. C. Council Secretary-Treasurer Frank E. Haines was elected to the executive committee to the CIO convention next month by acclamation.

Industry Uses Wage Gains to Start New Round of Price Increases

NEW YORK (FP)—Henry A. Wallace, former Vice-President and now a leading spokesman for big business, said in his annual message to the nation, that he felt by everybody.

“Throughout the world there is a growing feeling that our national is turning its back on civil liberties, temperance and progress.”

“Who are going to be the people that will cut taxes, wages and a national health program, expanded social security, better educational facilities, more and better homes and a halt to the civil liberties purge?” said Wallace.

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Mr. Jackson

The former Vice-President hit the House committee on un-American activities, he declared at the request that the union has come to "strike back" at those who "set up his own dynasty, and "thought control." Wallace’s denunciation of the Taft-Hartley act and that President Truman’s loyalty purge came in an editorial in the New Republic magazine which he edits. He warned that continuation of these policies will give us a police state here.

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Red-Baiting, Warnings of Police State

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Jackman Summarizes CLRC Cases

SAN FRANCISCO—In a letter to all ILWU longshore and ship clerk locaux, sent out August 1, Cole Jackman, retiring member of the Coast Longshore Labor Relations Committee, summarized the present status of all cases before the CLRC.

Jackman was succeeded by Howard Redine on July 24, but he will continue in an advisory position for a short time to familiarize the new member with the background of all pending cases.

On August 4, Jackman started an assignment to the Pacific Coast Longshore Safety Commission, serving as the union’s representative on the body chaired by Dr. Nathan Feinsinger. The commission’s work is expected to be finished by September 15.

In his letter to the locals, the retiring member said:

“...I want to take this final opportunity to acknowledge and commend the splendid cooperation and support of all the locals during the past several years in helping me make the service on the committee effective and productive of results beneficial to the membership.

“I am certain that the coast committee will continue to function effectively and in the best interests of the membership at all times; and that likewise the International union through its duly elected officers will continue to do the best possible job in the interests of the membership.”

ILWU Staff Tours S. F. Waterfront

SAN FRANCISCO—International office staff girls met ILWU members on the job this month during tours of the waterfront conducted by Local 10 Business Agent M. Callaghan.

The office workers who had long wondered what is a strong back bridle and what do you do with a skid and who is a cherry picker had all their questions answered first hand.

ILWU Launches Organizing Drive Among Ohio Dockers

CLEVELAND, Ohio—The drive to extend ILWU organization to the unorganized iron ore and coal dock workers on the Great Lakes was in full swing this month.

An organizing committee of 19 ILWU Local 209 members from the Ashtabula dock here is busy with leaflets and meetings for the Hanna dock in nearby Ashtabula. The committee reports that interest in organization is high among the Ashtabula dockers since the breaking of a lockout and settlement on a contract with across-the-board raises of 15 cents to 19 cents and other improvements at the C & P dock here.

During the lockout when the Hanna Company shifted so many of its ships to Ashtabula that they were lined up far out into the lake, the Ashtabula dockers assured a delegation from Cleveland that they would work “hot” boats. Quick capitulation by the company prevented a shutdown.

HOUSING INCIDENT

Shortly after the Cleveland settlement a few Ashtabula workers, serving as a committee under an “Employees’ Representation Plan” were invited to a meeting in the city’s leading hotel with a steak dinner and free drinks provided at company expense.

Two representatives announced that some of the concessions forced in Cleveland would be made in Ashtabula and expressed the hope that this would prove that the Ashtabula employees don’t need a CIO union.

When Ashtabula dockers returned unimpressed by the company hit on new tactics. Workers were questioned individually about union organization, vague threats about labor racketeers and radicals began to be spread.

LOCAL 209 OFFERS AID

The ILWU dockers’ answer to this was an open letter to the Ash- tabula workers signed by 67 Cleveland members pledging to take all necessary steps to stop any interference with the right to organize.

The ILWU members were able to make this pledge since the no-strike clause was eliminated from their contract in the recent settlement.

On August 5 an Ashtabula organizing committee was set up after discussion of a 1946 contract by workers from both docks.

David Morse Gets Labor Dept. Post

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Assistant Labor Secretary David A. Morse was appointed undersecretary of labor by President Truman to succeed teen Johnson who resigned July 21 to return to private industry.

Morse, who has been directly concerned with the international affairs aspects of the labor department, has been in the service since July 1, 1946.

From June, 1943, to April, 1946, Morse served as an army captain in charge of the labor division of Allied Military Government. He directed labor policy and programs in Sicily and in Italy for both the U. S. and the British. Later, as a major, he directed the labor section of the U. S. Group Control Council in Germany and helped prepare programs on labor for France, Belgium and Holland.

Safety Probers

Pacific Coast Longshore Safety Commission members being shown single-load limits and rules governing handling of cargo in tour of San Pedro waterfront during week of August 10. Top cut shows members of Commission (center three), Dr. Nathan Feinsinger, chairman, Joseph H. Travers, for the shipowners, and Cole Jackman, representing the ILWU. Bottom: Dr. Feinsinger "taking out the slack in the lazy guy rows."

Local 10 President Bell Resigns, Nominations Open

SAN FRANCISCO—President Walter Bell of ILWU Local 10 resigned his position August 13 on account of ill health. His resignation was accepted at a membership meeting that night and nominations for the special election to replace him were announced as open until August 20.

Balloting will take place in the Local 10 hiring hall August 26, 27 and 28.

APPROVES ILWU PROGRAM

The retiring president was given a rising vote of confidence after his resignation. He explained to the members that he is in complete agreement with the program and policies of the ILWU and its International Leadership. He said:

“...The ILWU has a sound and workable program with which I am in complete agreement.”

Bell will enter a veteran hospital for a checkover as soon as he can be replaced.

Army Engineer Reinstated In Ohio Witch Hunt Case

WASHINGTON (FP)—Army “counter-intelligence” officers have finally lost out in their drive to fire an air forces chemical engineer as “subversive” because he once belonged to the CIO.

Pledge Support

Cleveland ILWU dockers hand out an open letter to unorganized Ash- tabula workers pledging full support of goals for 1946 contract by workers from both docks.

Left to right are Al Hamilton, Jim Stearns, John Marthick.
Hawaii Sugar Locals Hold Convention

HONOLULU, T. H.—One hundred delegates representing 25 of the union's local糖 workers met here August 6 and 7 to draft a constitution for one, consolidated local糖 workers.

The delegates worked out a combination of the rank and file for ratification together with a proposal for term elections. The council made plans to open the consolidated local from October 1 to January 1.

Voting in the six present sugar locals would be completed by the end of this month.

Sugar Delegates Defy "Rules of Convention"


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Sugar Co.'s Won't Settle Bath Beefs

HONOLULU, T. H.—ILWU sugar workers on many plantations have threatened a stand-off on bathing services. Uniform Providence plans to open the sugar workers' demands in their wage reopening this month, but the employers' lawyer refused.

Some plantations, in a list of 14, plan to set up bathing facilities on the Hamakua coast of Hawaii, still requiring preferential hiring.

SOME FURNITURE FUEL

However, Hutchinson on Waiakea Liloa on Maui and Waialua on Oahu have agreed to furnish services on the pretax basis.

The closing of the ILWU sugar houses is part of the plan for the community's cooperation with the sugar houses.

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Hiring Hall

NEW YORK—(FP)—The first open assault on the maritime hiring hall, a $45,000 tax hit to strike August 13 of a general maritime strike.

The attack on the keystone of maritime unions, AFT, CIO and unaffiliated, came when the Isthmian Steamship Co., a U. S. Steel subsidiary, rejected demands of the International Federation of Labor Union (AFL) for renewal of their hiring hall agreement.

The companies of the terminal left open that action can have no new factors and that the consolidation process is completed.

Job Security Needed in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Port Development Committee here dissolved its special investigating committee today. They said no further committees a decision to set up a separate watchmen and ship gate man.

ILA Opens Talks for 25c Raise

NEW YORK (FP)—East coast longshoremen opened their demands for a 25c hourly raise and other contract improvements when the International Longshoremen's Association (AFL) started negotiations with the New York Shipping Association here.

Besides the wage increase, the union is seeking establishment of a welfare fund; abolition of one worker; the hiring hall; and the closing of the territory-wide local.

ILWU Plans Talks for 25c Raise

NEW YORK (FP)—ILWU sugar workers in Hawaii opened negotiations for a 25c hourly raise and other contract improvements when the union to submit its demands to the port of Portland after both the ILWU and the employers refused.

The ILWU negotiating committee and the employers' proposal to close the books on this wage issue was accepted. The agreement left open that action can have no new factors and that the consolidation process is completed.

Implied Schooner Pact Exists Says Kerr Award

SAN FRANCISCO—Impartial chairman of the Pacific Coast Longshore Industry, Clark Kerr, ruled August 17 that no express contract between ILWU and the Waterfront Employers Association of San Francisco did exist applying to steam schooner work.

Kerr's award was made after he had turned down a request by the WEA for a rehearing of his July 10 arbitration. On that date he ruled that there was no contract in existence.

Local President A. E. Johnson and Vice President Gerald Pressman of the ILWU agreed and asked for a separate watchman's local.

Contest watchers and ship gate men will watch and ask for a separate watchman's local. There are 700 watchmen in Local 34 now.
King of Strike Breakers
Bergoff Dies in New York

NEW YORK (FP) — Having lived to see his role supplanted by the Taft-Hartley law, Pearl L. Bergoff, one-time king of strike breakers, died here August 12 at the claimed age of 62.

Enactment of such a law, which would result in all strike-break ing being done in Washington, was predicted by Bergoff in an interview with Federated Press a year and a half ago.

“They’re going to take away the wish-washy laws they have in the 1936 Remington-Rand strike, in which the notorious Mo-hawk Valley strike-breakers shot from the roof of the plant into crowds of unarmed men and women.

His last big job was breaking the 1930 Remington-Rand strike, during which the notorious Mo-hawk Valley strike-breaking formula was originated.

First damage suit against strik ers was filed in 1832 by the Thompsonville Carpet Mfg. Co.

Forty per cent of U. S. counties have no full-time public health officer to look after preventive health services.

No Progress
Made in C&H Sugar Talks

CROCKETT, Calif.—The California and Hawaiian Sugar Re- gional Operations, Inc., which is in negotiations with Local 183, said Sunday afternoon the Taft-Hartley law as a cover for pro- veterans committee here re- cently published.

The revelation came simul- taneously with the announcement that some 300 volunteer lawyers are forming a committee to pro- vide free advice for tenants in all city courts.

Local 6 Labor Defense Fund Drive Progresses

SAN FRANCISCO—Local 6 is preparing to meet the growing unemployment problem head on. With more than 500 women members out of jobs the warehousemen this month set up a committee to investigate and get a program of action started.

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By J. R. Robertson

On August 22 many parts of the country will vote on labor bills that will become effective. After that date, it will be too late to sign a closed shop contract, provide for preferential hiring (except through membership in a union) or to arrange for “anti-shop” policy to be written into the contract. Those who are interested in the labor movement must come to grips with the Taft-Hartley Act. The act will open a new chapter in the life of American unions.

There are employers who are determined to crack down on the unions under the Taft-Hartley law. There are other employers—particularly those who are well organized—who will side with time and strike to find out their future strategic opportunity. There is also the possibility that the bargaining unit which previously anti-union drive nationally after the Democratic convention will make public conventions when both parties are up their possibilities of winning.

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