Local 6 Fights Sears’ Union-Busting With Strike

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Local 6 struck the Sears Roebuck Co. store, Mission and Army Streets, here September 14. According to the Local’s president, Eugene Paton, the issues in dispute are a signed agreement, continuation of previous seniority practices, maintenance of the number of vacation paid holidays, and continuation of favorable working conditions enjoyed by the union over ten years of contractual relations.

Dirtily involved in the strike are some 75 warehouse union members employed at warehouse work in the compacts “Tour” and “City” at its warehouse on Third Street. The contract expired September 14 that an agreement had been made between the Sears store, the Northland Transportation Co., the Alaska Transportation Co., and the Alaska Transportation Co., ending the six-week strike of longshoremen against those companies.

The men returned to work September 15 after all efforts of the shippers to break the union failed.

Details of the settlement had not reached The Dispatch when this issue was printed.

HOOVER: Tis Beef

SAN FRANCISCO - Sears, Roebuck & Co. started its drive to sell more meat on a national scale last week, and was proving a big winner in its first taste of competition from the food industry.

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Taft-Hartley Traps

The Taft-Hartley law was designed to bust the unions. One way of busting unions is to make it impossible for the ranks of a union to select their own leaders, and to involve the leaders already selected in a maze of affidavits over which they might trip.

Another way is to require all sorts of financial statements and expose trade union leaders to prosecution on income technicalities. For instance, to qualify the union for action by the National Labor Relations Board, all of the officers of the union must file affidavits saying that they are not communists or in any way affiliated with the Communist party. If a union leader must swear he is not a fascist or a fascist affiliate to qualify the union before the NLRB, then why should employers, yours included, be made to swear that he is not fascist connections? None of the steel, auto, oil, rubber, chemical and shipbuilders, is not fascist or a fascist affiliate to qualify his company before the board.

Also, why should not the employers have to file financial statements with the Labor Department? The answer is simple. The organized employers, yours included, to do just these things.

Some year in which he forgot to list or deliberately didn’t list a few dollars on the income tax sheet. The law was designed by the organized employers, yours included, to do just these things.

If the law is fair and equal it would put at least some burdens on the employers. If a union leader must swear he is not a communist in order to qualify his union before the NLRB, then why should an employer be made to swear that he is not a fascist or a fascist affiliate to qualify his company before the board?

Also, why should not the employers have to file financial statements with the Labor Department?

The answer is simple. The organized employers, yours included, controlled this Congress and wrote the Taft-Hartley Act themselves. Not a single big employer could swear away fascist connections. None of the steel, auto, oil, rubber, chemical and shipping barons could very well deny their direct connections with the cartels that manipulating the Mussolini and Hitler regimes and Japanese imperialism.

The TYPE of thinking that put this slave-labor law over was best expressed in Senator Taft’s recent statement in California with regard to the high cost of living. Senator Taft, who dines at the peon’s expense in Washington, is a heavy eater of prime ribs of beef and apple pie a la mode, advised the American people to combat high living costs “eat less.

The same type of thinking stands behind the purposes and enforcement of the Taft-Hartley Law. Rob the working people of their unions, their civil liberties, their organized strength; rob them of their individual rights to political beliefs and the right to affiliate with any organization including those opposed to American monopoly and capitalism. The Taft-Hartley Bill denies individual union members the right to elect a union official to office on the basis of his union record.

In emphasizing just the anti-Communist provisions of the slave law, organized Big Business hopes that the average American will be separated from these fundamental and constitutional rights before they catch on to what is really happening to them. After all, the same program worked well for big business in Germany and Italy. When the unions woke up, it was too late and Hitler shot or jailed labor leaders and red-baiters along with Communist union officials. It is only Communists the employers are after here in the United States, through this law requiring the filing of anti-Communist affidavits? And does that mean simply the filing of a sworn statement saying that a union official is not a member of the Communist party? Baloney. It also includes being affiliated in sympathy with, or a supporter of an organization advocating the overthrow of the government by anarchy and illegal methods. This language in legal terms, as all competent labor legal authorities have advised us, can mean anything a phony employer’s attorney can get a judge to believe in.

It certainly can and does mean being a member of or sympathetic to organizations that are not pledged first and above all to the so-called free enterprise or capitalist system, which is only another way of saying a union official must swear to pull employers’ power and to the effect that we must eat less and have less freedom and rights, and the workers’ and people’s welfare, safety, health and security.

The United States Attorney General is now preparing a list of organizations which membership in or affiliation with can result in perjury charges (ten years, if found guilty) being pressed against signers of Taft-Hartley affidavits. This list will not be a permanent list—it can be amended as time goes on. The net step will be the outlawing of such organizations. This list will be based on organizations which constitute the greatest threat—in words, principles or deeds, to greater profits and power of American employers.

We surely face the future possibility of union officials serving jail terms, and maybe even in concentration camps for joining cooperative federations advocating nationalization of public utilities and natural resources, or wanting greater Federal control over monopolistic combines.

Our union has recorded itself in more than one national convention as seeing nothing unethical in the system of monopoly capitalism, because it is the basic cause of depressions, wars, illiteracy, and imperialist slavery of colonial peoples. We speak out as a union, as our officers do in the pages of this and other papers, to express in Senator Taft’s recent statement in California with regard to the high cost of living. Senator Taft, who dines at the peon’s expense in Washington, is a heavy eater of prime ribs of beef and apple pie a la mode, advised the American people to combat high living costs “eat less.”

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Negro, White Bands Given ILWU Ahoskie Prize Dough

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.—The ILWU prize of $50 for the Ahoskie lottery outrage story was awarded last week to R. J. Gonder, associate editor of The Independent, a weekly newspaper.

Gonder refused to accept the award for himself saying that "a wrong made right was prize enough." He divided the money equally between two high school bands in this city, Negro and one white.

In a letter to ILWU President Harry Bridges, Gonder said: "Although I appreciate the recognition for having first broken the story, I did not feel that I could accept the award. A wrong made right was prize enough as far as I am concerned."

PRINT BRIDGES' LETTER

The letter from Bridges was printed in full in The Independent, September 18.

The story for which Gonder received the award existing a lottery for a Cadillac automobile owned by the Kiwanis club of Ahoskie, N. C. Harvey Jones, a Negro, held the winning ticket. The ticket was returned to him on the ground that his color disqualified him to win, and the auto was awarded through a second drawing to a wealthy dentist, already equipped with a Cadillac.

In a letter to Gonder, August 29, President Harry Bridges of the ILWU said:

"The enclosed check is a token of appreciation from all of the organization's members for having first publicized the outrage. We hope that this act will be the first step in wiping out discrimination in all walks of life and demonstrated that the American people favor fair play."

Because our union is devoted to wiping out discrimination in all of its forms, we take this means of congratulating you and Senator Kilgore proposes Return of Price Control

WASHINGTON (FP) — The nation's economy should be brought under price control, Senator Kilgore of West Virginia said yesterday in an address before the American Bar Association convention in New York.

"If war is to be continued," he said, "then price control is the only means of stabilizing the economy."

He warned that if Congress should fail to pass price control legislation, it would mean the ruin of the country.

"The only way to stop inflation," he said, "is to control prices.

"And the only way to control prices is to control the supply of money."

The shipowners bargain in Washington State And Oregon, too

NEW YORK (FP) — AFL and CIO workers here swung to the defense of two union leaders facing deportation as the Justice Department's efforts to deport leaders were accused of being aimed at stamping out organized labor and race hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan.

Quill and Sacher both charged Obermeier's patriotism is being questioned. Obermeier was also blocked from acquiring citizenship.

"We are cognizant that righting of one wrong or the exposing of one outrage is far from the desired goal of removing the cause of these things, but it is a step that if repeated often enough could work in rooting out the cancer of prejudice."

GOV. READES SNEER FOR PROGRESSIVES

WASHINGTON (FP) — Attorney General Tom C. Clark is personally on the list of so-called subversive organizations to which union officers may not belong if they sign affidavits asserting their loyalty to the U. S. government, it was revealed here September 13.

The Clark list, expected to include largely left-wing groups, will also be used as a measuring stick by the Loewenberg administration for the loyalty of all government employees under the Truman purge program. Organizations on which Clark is doubtful will be checked by interviewers with their leaders, the Justice Department said.

According to the government the Washington newspapers have not mentioned the possibility of inclusion of anti-labor and race hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan in Clark's list.

Local 46 Installs New Officials

PORT HUENEME, Calif. — New officers were elected at a special membership meeting of Local 46 here September 14. Elections were held August 14 and 15.

Clyde Dorsey was re-elected president, secretary-treasurer and labor relations committee member. E. J. Flint, a write-in candidate, was chosen vice president and dispatcher.

"If this seems passing strange or queer in the world today, It can always be rightly explained It's the free enterprise way!

A new deal comes to the Army people — Out of the wreck and a whole new deck!

The shipowners bargain in Washington State And Oregon, too

But in California to the bosses They say, "Nuts to you!"

In the very first burst Has to come Maybe even Including Willie Hearst There's something there That Standard Oil seeks.

Free Enterprise Rhymes—By Jerry Saylor

The World's a plomb Is upset By the atom bomb And I think That if that big bang Has to come It might end the gang That includes Willie Hearst Maybe even In the very first burst Who knows but that out of the wreck There might not come A new deal and a whole new deck.

Beware the generals bearing Gifts to the Greeks, There's something there That Standard Oil seeks.

Unions Map Fight on Justice Department's Efforts to Deport Leaders

NEW YORK (FP) — AFL and CIO workers here swung to the defense of two union leaders facing deportation as the Justice Department was accused of whipping up an hysteria campaign against non-citizen leaders.

President Michael Quill of the Transport Workers Union (CIO) called an emergency meeting of Local 0, Secretary of the New York Transit Authority, August 14 and 15. E. J. Flint, a write-in candidate, was chosen as vice president and dispatcher.

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Senator Taft

Said unions were graft, Senator Ball

 Didn't want them at all, Congressman Hartley Smote them smartly, And the man Rankin Gave them no thankin', Together they threw Ideas into a witches' brew, And out came a mess That was nothing less Than the rawest of raw That is called a law!
Unions Want UnAmerican Body Banned

NEW YORK (FP)—The House committee on UnAmerican activities is becoming unpopular with an increasing number of unions, Executive Director Joseph Cadden of the CIO's Un-Steers Congress reported September 8.

Among the organizations in the last two weeks which have declared in favor of the immediate disqualification of the congressional committee are the Seattle CIO Council, two big United Electrical Radiator and Machine Workers (CIO) locals in Cleveland, Ohio; the large Gloversville, N.Y., local of the International Fur & Leather Workers (CIO); and Local 1000, Interborough Porters Workers Union (CIO) in Miami.

Typical comment came from the UE's General Electric local in Cleveland, which warned that the Thomas-Rankin committee "by its steady persecution and harrassment, is closing down free avenues of expression on the radio and in the movie industry, and is setting itself up as a thought-controlled police agency.

"Freedom of such organizations, minority political parties and candidates as the un-American committee is seeking to destroy every equally wide and profound labor voice in America."

WEA Fights Bosses With "Strike Fund"

SAN FRANCISCO—The strike of workers belonging bosses against the Luckenbach Steamship Co. and the Los Angeles Outer Harbor Dock and Wharf Co. entered its tenth week with rank and file workers' demands for jobs, wages, and a wide spread of an increase in benefits.

In the meantime, the Waterfront Employers Association announced September 10 that they are setting up a "strike fund" to give financial aid to the two companies shut down by the strike.

WFC President Frank P. Foisie, announced that the money raised from all California members of the organization will be used to reimburse Luckenbach and Outer Harbor Dock for "losses incurred during the two-month longout of the walking bosses.

"Under this plan, the companies will be able to provide a full pay for adhering to their policy and the WFC to give a full job to their employees," Foisie said.

The walking bosses, members of the two companies after the refusal of the companies and the WFC to bargain with the bosses as they had been ordered to do by an NLRB directive last May.

The strike started July 11 and was a direct outcome of the shipowners determination to use the Taft-Hartley law to break the union. WEA and the companies claim that under the new Taft-Hartley law they did not have to bargain with supervisory employees.

Italian Workers Strike to Protest Pardon of Leading Fascists

ROMEO (ALN)—City-wide general strikes and brief work stoppages have marked the recent liberation of former fascist big boys convicted of war crimes and other political crimes.

In number of cases, workers' demonstrations have forced re-arrest. The most heated protests were aroused by the release of Carlo Emanuele Basile, former fascist prefect of Genoa whose crimes against civilians constitute one of the bloodiest pages in the story of Italy's war liberation.

Basile's release caused a general strike in Genoa and drew the threat of a country-wide general walkout from Rome headquarters of the General Confederation of Labor (CGIL). The CGIL withdrew its threat only when the government announced that Basile had been arrested again and would stand re-trial.

Poles Explain Skepticism About U. S. Motives

By BOB TRAVIS

KATOWICE, Poland (ALN)—Most Polish workers don't believe for a minute that American government officials are prompted by love of democracy when they make speeches attacking the eastern European governments. I talked to a lot of people to find the basis for this distrust.

At a big zinc smelter and rolling mill here I discussed it with members of the union committee, directors and rank-and-file workers. Here's what I learned.

The mill was formerly owned by U. S. financial interests with which Secretary of Commerce J. Averell Harriman is connected. Harriman, who recently made a speech on the west coast denouncing the Polish and other eastern European governments, had extensive controlling interests in Polish zinc smelters, mines and rolling mills, along with a German holding company named Hohenlohe.

Shortly before the war the Harriman interests quietly transferred most of the stock to the German ownership on the assumption that the Germans would not destroy German-owned property. Now, say the Polish workers, the Harriman interests are demanding payment for the stock they owned before trying to play safe by selling it to the Germans. They are demanding the compensation from the Polish government that the plants have been nationalized.

The Polish government— which is interested in the joint committees of the company meeting in October—announced it will take the stock to German hands—considers that the plants were German and therefore are due to Poland as war reparations.

The Polish workers can't believe that a Wall Street bigwig like Harriman is really interested in their welfare, particularly because nationalization has raised their wages and given them job security for the first time. Harriman is merely defending his own investments, they maintain.

Unemployment Conference

Women members of Local 6 attended a grim conference in San Francisco August 26 at which 300 jobless women workers belonging to the local discussed unback to Emerson school. An Unemployment Committee was set up and a program mapped to meet the problems arising from cut-backs in jobs by the employers.

Local 208 Members Active in Campaign for Progressive Judges

CHICAGO—Many members of ILWU Local 208 here took an active part in securing 12,000 signatures to put the Progressive Party judicial candidates on the ballot in the Cook county elections this fall. Bernard Lucas, president of the local said.

As a measure of the successful petition drive, there will be a choice for the voters to make in the judicial elections. They can pick 21 independent supreme judicial candidates in Cook county. These candidates are not the hand-picked tools of the Republican or Democratic coalitions which has always operated like a steamroller in the past, Lucas said.

Following the petition campaign, Local 208 members have begun a shop to shop drive to get out the vote for the Progressive slate.
Precious Eggs

Progressive Citizens of America members in Marin County, Calif., wear latest costume jewelry styles inspired by rising cost of living. Mrs. Robbie Hall, housewife, says since price of eggs soared so high they're too expensive to eat, she wears them as a necklace. She admires similar style in ear-rings worn by her friend Audrey Dodd.

Radio Union Announces

NEW YORK (FP) — "Golden Mike" awards for outstanding performance in radio, counterparts of the movie industry’s Oscars, will be initiated by the Radio Writers Guild (unaffiliated).

Awards will go to the best programs in various categories such as comedy, variety, documentary

"Golden Mike" Awards and children's programs, while actors, directors and sound effects men will be among the behind-the-mike personnel to receive special recognition.

Golden Mike"

WASHINGTON (FP) — The first 12 weeks that the Taft-Hartley law has been on the federal statute books have quickly borne out labor's original claim that the act was designed to rob the workers of their rights, and would do just that.

Labor, and the liberals and progressives supporting it a b o r, told Congress the act would be open to wide interpretation by the NLRB general counsel, an official given new, dictatorial powers by the law. Already General Counsel Robert N. Denham has shown a will to enforce the slave law with the spirit in which it was framed.

CASES AT STANDSTILL

He has brought the processing of pending representation and unfair labor practice cases just about to a standstill, by decreeing that none of them will be handled until officers of the unions involved file the so-called non-communist affidavits with him.

He has, on his own, stretched this to include all members of the AFL executive council and the officers of the CIO. He has also ruled that these top bodies must file copies of the job description, constitutions, financial statements and other information with the Labor Department before any cases are handled.

He has, in his interpretations of the law are normally broad, Denham has hanged his flat on the table, so to speak, and demanded compliance within 20 days or he will throw some 3,500 pending cases into the wastebasket.

Nor does he care that many of these were unfair labor practice cases instituted long before work started on the Taft-Hartley act, and that his ruling gives an escape to law-breaking employers effective backward many months.

Thus, a seemingly minor part of the new law, the anti-communist and registration clauses, have been quickly used to negate labor's work for months back to get justice under the Wagner act.

Some old-timers in the NLRB, who find their jobs increasingly uncomfortable, are toying with the idea that perhaps President Truman and his advisers purposely accepted the suggestion of Denham as general counsel with the idea that he would be quite reactionary and would interpret the law to make a shambles of labor relations in the U.S. Then, they say, Truman could go to the people shortly before the 1948 nominating convention and open a campaign against the labor law.

"Look at what a mess we are in with the GOP Taft-Hartley law," he might say, "I pledge to modify this piece of legislation if you re-elect me."

NOT YET CONFIRMED

This strategy, which sounds like clever but dangerous politicking, supposes that its planner, Denham, not give a hoot what happens to America's working people and their unions between now and the 1948 elections. It would allow the Taft-Hartley law to become law.

First organized strike in the U. S. occurred in 1786 when Philadelphia printers quit their job demanding a 66 weekly wages scale.

Have you made your voluntary contribution to the ILWU Legislative Political Action and Defense Fund? Do it now!

The boss is one damn swell guy,
Good to his children and democratic like,
Fails the maid where it hurts a bit,
And winks at the gal at the reception desk,
Walks through the plant with his coat off,
And calls the foreman Joe.
We've heard tell he's tops with tips
At his country club, and
Always buys the extra round, and also
His wife has a mink, which means
He ain't stingy at home, nor
Sparing of his dimes. He gives to charity,
Never passes the poor box in Church
And always dins the tin of the blindman's cup.
"After all," says he, "you can't take it with you
And what's money for, anyway."
Only time I ever see him mad, more hurt maybe
Was when the union came, asking, grasping,
Taking advantage of a guy like him,
Who only makes his money to give it away,
And who even endows libraries with plaques attached
In order
To discourage tax-grabbing bureaucracy.
Now comes a union, wants more pay,
More pay and better conditions at a time
When the boss is afraid to push the prices any higher,
And maybe can't even hit the profit mark of X
Raised to the ninth power,
Like steel, auto, rubber, meat and plumbing.
"Times are hard," I hear him say with
Admirable restraint, tact and wisdom.
What is needed is more production, faster
And with fewer on the payroll."

Then to NAM, the boss,
Always generous to a fault,
Always saves the company money,
Sends a check for ten grand, a digit and
Five noughts. The secretary took it down
"Here's the record, Chief. He's a member of the Sons of Democracy, the American Friends of World Wide Democracy, the Guardians of the American Heritage, the People's Leagu for Good Citizenship, the Friends of Freedom, the Conference for the Furtherance of Constitutional Government, the League for the Preservation of American Freedom, the CIO, the Golden Rule Association, the Society for the Support of the Constitution of the United States, the International Congress for the Furtherance of Democracy, the Conference for the Observance of the Ten Commandments, and the Society for the Preservation of North American Wild Life. We think he's a Communist."

The American way, and the Taft-Hartley law, quickly, please, quickly!
By I. F. Stone  
(Reprinted from PM)

An organized campaign to distort the history of the past two decades finds a new and disturbing expression in Sidney Shallett's article in the current issue of the American Magazine, _The Return of Herbert Hoover_. This distortion is dictated by considerations of both domestic and foreign policy; and, though the true facts may seem obvious to progressives, it would be unwise to assume that this campaign is having no effect.

In domestic politics the greatest asset of the Left has been the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt and his accomplishments. The greatest handicap of the Right has been the memory of what happened when Herbert Hoover was President. Thus it becomes a political necessity for the Right to distort history in order to tear Roosevelt down and build Hoover up.

**Purge Enemies of Guilt**

Similar distortions are necessary for the Right in foreign policy. The campaign to rebuild Germany and Japan as major industrial powers able to wage major wars again cannot succeed without overcoming popular memories and fears of German and Japanese aggression. Thus it becomes a political necessity to shift war guilt away from the Germans and Japanese, to make the last war seem unnecessary, to blame Roosevelt for it. In blaming Roosevelt for the war, Rightist propaganda must necessarily cast a mellower light on Hirohito and eventually also on Hitler, though the stench of the crematoria is still too strong to attempt that openly.

Hoover has become the willing instrument of this campaign to distort, though it dirties not only Roosevelt, but America's own moral position in the war, and implies that the U. S. A. rather than the Axis was the provoker of the conflict.

**Hoover: U. S. Provoked Japan**

It happens that in blaming Roosevelt for the war and excusing the Japanese, Hoover is reversing himself on one of the few issues on which he was ever right. In the American Magazine interview Hoover now says "we never would have been attacked by the Japanese if we had not given them provocation." But in 1931-32, when Japanese seized Manchuria and showed the Italians and the Germans how easily the League of Nations could be defied, Hoover and his Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, tried to organize collective sanctions against Japan. They were thwarted by the British Tories.

Collective action to enforce the Nine-Power Treaty and the Covenant of the League could have stopped Japan at that time, and in stopping Japan the world might have stopped Mussolini and Hitler. Hoover and Stimson were right, but in later years their ways parted. Stimson during the Spanish Civil War courageously appealed to President Roosevelt to lift the arms embargo which was helping Hitler and Mussolini to destroy the Spanish Republic. But when Roosevelt asked Congress in January, 1939, to revise the Arms Embargo Act, which was encouraging the Axis in Spain and elsewhere, Hoover stepped forward as an apologist for the Axis. He denounced Roosevelt's "proposal that we make effective protests at acts of aggression against sister nations." Hoover declared: "The distinction between legitimate expansion and wicked aggression becomes confused."

**Defends Axis Crimes**

For Hoover, as for his friend, John Foster Dulles, in that period, Axis activity was a case of "legitimate expansion" by "dynamic" (Dulles' adjective) regimes.

When Hoover says "we never would have been attacked by the Japanese if we had not given them provocation," he is excusing—as future Japanese historians will excuse—Pearl Harbor. He is excusing an attack made without a declaration of war on his own country, an attack which crippled the American Navy in the Pacific and might have led (if the Japanese had realized just how badly unprepared we were) to an invasion of the Pacific Coast.

Hoover, the American Magazine says, "still does not believe it was necessary for the United States to enter the war." What does he think Roosevelt should have done after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor? Send orchids to Hirohito? Give him Hawaii? "Ah," says Hoover, "but we provoked the Japanese into that attack." How? For years we had been supplying scrap, munitions and oil for the Japanese conquest of China. How long were we to continue fueling the Japanese war machine? Until Japanese landed in San Francisco Bay?
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Hoover Repeats Nazi-Japanese Propaganda

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The statement of former Pres. Herbert Hoover in American magazine Sept. 2 that America provoked Japan into the sneak attack at Pearl Harbor in 1941 brought fire Sept. 4 from Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D., Ill.).

"I believe that the American people and especially the 16 million veterans who fought the Nazis and Japanese will resent in no uncertain way Hoover's unjustifiable and unwarranted calumnies," said Sabath. "And will repudiate them all as they stand for. The obvious intent was to smear his more illustrious successor, President Roosevelt, and this will be resented most of all.

"It is indeed strange that Hoover should repeat the same propaganda line which was followed by the Japanese-Nazi propagandists Germany."

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F. D. R. Shunned Hoover

Hoover complains in the American Magazine interview that he was never called in for advice by Roosevelt. He wasn't called in for advice by Roosevelt because Hoover had been proven so completely and disastrously wrong in domestic policy that even his own party shunned the ex-President as political poison ivy. Hoover had not only been wrong — which is forgiveable — but heartless. People still remembered how he had sent MacArthur and the Army into an attack on the Japanese marchers. People still remembered how coldly that face was sent against relief for the jobless. People still remembered how he spoke, in the midst of the greatest depression in history, of offering some aid (through private charity) to those "honestly in distress," thus implying that many were jobless because they didn't want work, a favorite theme in Wall Street arm-chairs of that period.

"We in America," said Hoover on taking office in March, 1929, "are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land." Six months later the stock market began the worst tumble in history. Hoover's remedy was a special session of Congress to boost tariff rates; the Hawley-Smoot Bill he signed created panic in world markets and brought reprisals by 25 nations against American trade.

U. S. Hung Over Abyss

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ENGLAND

LONDON—The Federation of British Industries, NAM counter-part, is urging the government to eliminate all price controls, halt further nationalization plans, reduce expenditures on housing, education and social services, and call a day of modernizing factory equipment and deliberately create unemployment by expropriating the labor force in this country but the national budget, does not allocate a single cent for the fight against unemployment.

POLAND

WARSAW—The Polish Metal Workers Union has organized 300,000 workers in steel, iron foundries, electrical machine building, farm machinery, tractors, locomotives and garage mechanics. Before the war 16 separate unions covered these workers and only a few thousand were members. The union now has 150 vacation camps for members plus rest homes and resorts for children. In the past few months, 85,000 children's vacation free vac-ations from the union.

CHILE

SANTIAGO—Quick to see every anti-labor move the U.S., the Chilean government is now considering deportation proceedings against "foreign subver-sives" in Chile's unions. Specifically mentioned are 60 Spaniards, veterans of the war against which involved transport work.

More than a quarter of a million film shown in October, unless their de-

ITU Charged With T-H Act Violation

BALTIMORE, Md. — Charges were filed here against the Inter-
national Typographical Union, AFL, and its Baltimore local for refusing to bargain collectively, the regional board of the NLRB reported September 14.

The Graphic Arts League brought the charges before the NLRB. Twenty-two Baltimore printing shops made up the League, and it claimed that the ITU "entered upon and engaged in a preven-
ted and ceived and continued plan and course of action of violating the previous" of the T-H act.

By Allied Labor News

This month the ITU national convention instructed its locals not to sign any more written con-
tracts with employers but enforce closed-shop conditions by refusing to work in a shop which vio-

SALTIVE—Responding to a de-

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AUSTRALIA

FRANCE

PARIS—The next full congress of the World Federation of Trade Unions will be held in September and October, 1949, at Brussels, Belgium. As usual, ITU Headquarters at Paris have disclosed. Seventy-one million workers in 56 odd coun-

eries are affiliated to the world labor body.

FRANCE

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LI M A—Forty-nine unionsists have been in a govern-

ment prison in Lima since the war's end, the govern-

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BY ALLIED LABOR NEWS

No Angles Janet Leigh decorates

THE NEW FILMS

WASHINGTON (FP) — RKO has announced that its documen-
tary feature, "The Story of the Japonized Japanese film," will be released as Design for Death rather than the original title, Hirohito's Children.

Linda Darnell, returned from Europe with only the clothes on her back, according to a studio press release, is now in Australia, where she wrote the White House September 9th and has been frozen. Wage controls

stressed by William Wyler, director

A report received from Paris

says that William Wyler, director of The Best Years and other great films, discovered that the lawyer who had been recommended to him and who was handling his European affairs, had a new collaborationist record and had just escaped justice by the skin of his teeth. The language Willy used, our report goes on, was unprintable and his new business is now in other hands, you can be the first to know.

WHAT IRON CURTAIN?

APPEASES MACARTHUR?

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Consolidate Hawaii Docker Locals During Constitutional Convention

HONOLULU, T. H.—There will be only one consolidated longshore local from now on in the Hawaiian Islands, it was announced here September 8 by ILWU regional office officials.

The new docks union will be called Longshore and Allied Workers Local 34, succeeding to the local 136 which met in Honolulu September 2 to September 7.

Delegates from all the Islands of the Territory where longshore operations were conducted, participated. The 27 official representatives of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu and Kauai, called special meetings of the executive board whenever it deemed necessary to do so.

DOCKS St TERMINALS

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Settled; Work is Resumed

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Labor Day Unity

Unity was the main theme of Honolulu's Mayor "Johnny" Wilson pictured speaking at Hawaii's huge Labor Day rally on the grounds of Iolani Palace. Other speakers addressing the unionists, following their parade, were ILWU Attorney, Harry Baloul; Modesto C. Farolan, Consul General of the Philippine Republic; Ralph Vassbrink, President of the CIO Council; Jack W. Hall, ILWU Regional Director, and Rudolph Eskovitz, Port Agent for the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

More Docks and Terminals

Employers In Hawaii Laud T-H Slave Act

HONOLULU—The Hawaii Employers Council is surreptitiously circulating a small four-page "throwaway" designed to convince union members that the Taft-Hartley law is really a good thing for labor, the ILWU learned this week.

Its contents were taken verbatim from a recent two-page ad taken by the National Association of Manufacturers in the east. It is not signed and it is thought that the manufacturing interests do not want to admit that they are working hand-in-glove with the NAM.

When questioned by a Dispatcher reporter as to why the Employers Council did not take credit for the leaflet a high council representative was quick to pass the buck and said it was not his business to have been signed by the individual employers who apparently by some inadvercenee failed to do so.

Many U.S. Cartel Firms

Linked to Nazi IG Farben

BERLIN (AP)—Thirty-five important American companies had close ties with the German I. G. Farben enterprise of whose directors are now on trial for mass murder, slavery and other war crimes. The number of U. S. firms associated with Farben were listed in Farben's own records, produced by American prosecutors at the war crimes trials here.

The German firm made direct contributions of $2 billion between 1933 and 1942 to build the Nazi party, the documents show. Aside from these direct financial contributions, the enterprise was one of the chief factors in the Hitler war machine, according to the U. S. indictment.

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Calling for AFL and CIO unity Hall said, "we must have complete unity in our own ranks for we cannot afford the divisions and fighting among ourselves. We must strive and work for unity with the rank and file of the American Federation of Labor and of the independent unions, even if some of their narrow-minded and immature leaders re- fuse to recognize the urgency of all workers uniting against employer reaction."

Missourian Says Prove Smears Co-ops

COLUMBIA, Mo. (FP) — Terminating the congressional investiga-
tion, a "coup" worker, a "smear" probe," President F. W. Heinkel of the Missouri Farmers Association threatened to fight back at the polls.

Heinkel's sentiments, expressed in a speech before the MFA anual meeting, were backed up in a resolution adopted unanimously by the convention. He called for reprisals against members of both parties whom he accused of trying to destroy farmers cooperative (and sons) and that you were delaying investi-
gations until your return from the Island of Hawaii.

In a letter to Chief Hoopai, the Dispatch wrote: "A recent article in the newspapers reported that the Police Department intends to commence a closed investigation of police brutality during the recent pineapple strike."

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ILWU Wants Real Probe of Hawaii Unions

HONOLULU, T. H.—Upon his return from Big Island August 29, ILWU Regional Director of Hawaii informed Chief William Hoopai of the Honolulu Police Department that the ILWU will not cooperate in any closed investi-
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WAREHOUSE & DISTRIBUTION

Twine Boss Launches T-H Attack on 6

PETALUMA, Calif.—Evidence continues to pile up in Northern California on the employers’ increasing use of the Taft-Hartley act to destroy ILWU locals.

The Sunset Line and Twine Company filed “unfair labor practices” charges against Local 6 and the international as a result of a strike called August 25 by the union at the company’s plant here. Management had stalled for four months on contract negotiations and so the union had no recourse but to walk out.

COMPANY RETALIATES

The “unfair labor practices” charge was direct retaliation by the company and represents a serious attempt to utilize the union-busting clauses of the slave labor law to tie up ILWU locals in the courts.

Local 6 publicity director Jack Olson branded the charges as “completely ridiculous and stupid.” He pointed out that the union had sought meetings with the company time after time, but had been unsuccessful. Following the last effort at negotiations, the head of the line and twine company, Jasper Woodson, who is, incidentally, mayor of Petaluma, and faces an election this fall, went off to Canada for a fishing trip.

SCABS RECRUITED

Picket lines were thrown around the plant by the 100 warehousemen employed there. August 25 and ranks remain solid as a stone. Efforts were made to win back the fourth week.

Four scalps were recruited by management in an effort to reopen the plant but it was a complete flop. At quitting time, as the scalps left work, they were followed by the whole picket line carrying placards reading: “Petaluma’s first scalps.”

Efforts to win back the 100 workers in Sunset are women. When the company signed the contract presented its demands for 12 1/2 cents and 4 1/2 cents hourly increases. The fishline company refused to follow the general pattern of other employers, who were unions, and opened the wage-cut — and eventually no strike negotiations.

Chicago Local Seeks Waste Uniformity

CHICAGO—Negotiations have begun between ILWU Local 208 and three waste paper companies with plants here aiming at a uniform contract for the waste paper industry. Local 208 President, Bernard Lucas, said September 10.

Credit for arranging the meetings belongs to the union’s secretary-treasurer, Aaron Blumman, and Lucas added. The firms which have agreed to joint parleys are International Paper, Magnolia Compress and Gulf Atlantic Paper Company.

A joint negotiating committee has been established. The membership of the committee has resolved not to settle for any benefits which are not extended to all shops.

Out of 8,200 regular army commissions authorized recently only 29 were awarded Negroes.

Picket Line Local 6 struck Sears Roebuck store in San Francisco, at Mission and Army streets, September 9 because the company wants to return to depression days of low wages, long hours, and no union. Picture shows frontispiece for new leaflet put out by Sears strikers to explain the issues to the public. Also shown is picket line during first days of strike with ranks solid against the Sears’ NAM union-busting attempt.

Local 6 Fights Sears’ Union Busting With Strike, Closes Frisco Store

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Efforts of the union to secure placement of men with as high as 15 years seniority on other jobs in the company setup were rejected by the company.

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Unite All Working People
Behind Political Action
By J. R. Robertson

The NAM truly represents what its name implies—National Association of Manufacturers—this is not just because they have a closed shop, also check-off of dues and other methods to keep their employees in their employ.

They are not divided like the labor movement (independent unions). Also, they are affiliated with all the international bosses' organizations. They have to do and do function as effectively on an international basis as they do at home on a national basis.

This same NAM made full use of the newspapers (which they control) during the Taft-Hartley controversy. The bosses have the effects, how it would stimulate bosses' political hacks and increase of unemployment and fighting rules—union program—on the job and off 24 hours each day. 

The reality lies in the fact that we workers are on the battle line under fire. 

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