Local 6 Asks
20 Cents
Across Board

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Warehouse Local 6, April 14, opened its contracts covering more than 14,000 members for a 30 cents across-the-board cost of living wage increase and additional raises in some underpaid classificatons with notifications to the Distributors Association of Northern California and to 214 independent firms.

The Local executive board voted a policy of no agreement, no work, for June 1 when the DANC and a third of the independent contracts are open for wage review. Union security proposals legal under the Taft-Hartley law were presented to 153 plants where contracts terminate June 1.

The East Bay Division unanimously approved the no agreement no work policy April 22. (Continued on Page 7)

Strikes

Clerks and Dockers Balloting; Shipowners Stall for June 15 Taft-Hartley Assistance

SAN FRANCISCO—Pacific Coast longshoremen and shipclerks of the ILWU are presently deciding if they will authorize strikes in their respective divisions June 15 to back up their demands for amendment to Taft-Hartley. An overwhelming "yes" vote is anticipated.

Offical strike ballots which are in the hands of all Coast longshore and shipclerks' locals are returnable not later than Wednesday, May 12.

Longshore negotiations came to an abrupt end April 19 when the negotiating committee for the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast, headed that day by Marion Plant, said that it was without authority to bargain and reach an agreement.

Indications that the employers were only stalling through motions to await June 15 and anticipated strikebreaking aid from the employer-dominated National Labor Relations Board were present in three previous negotiating sessions.

On April 16 the shipowners objected to meeting longer than an hour and also objected to any regular schedule for meetings, pleading "other commitments." The union committee, led by ILWU President Harry Bridges, made it clear that it stood ready to negotiate steadily, including night and Sundays, until an agreement could be reached.

When Plant said his committee could not commit its "principals," in the negotiations, he in turn asked the union committee if it possessed authority.

"We have full authority to reach an agreement and sign a contract," was the reply.

TWO STRIKE QUESTIONS

Authority to the Coast Negotiating Committee was given by the Coast longshore and clerks caucus held March 19 to 22 and reconvened April 8. All ILWU agreements are subject to rank and file ratification by secret ballot.

Two questions are being voted on by both the longshoremen and the clerks. Question No. 2 is exactly the same on both ballots. It comes from the last conference at which the ILWU caucus held April 9 and 10 with the National Maritime Union, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association and Radio division of MEBA, with the Marine Engineer's Union represented by an official observer.

THE QUESTION READS:

"Are you in favor of the maritime unions bargaining collectively or independently in any maritime agreement with the shipowners?"

"Yes." The maritime unions have secured satisfactory agreements—and in case the shipowners refuse to bargain collectively or refuse to recognize any maritime union, the No. 1 demand of all Waine will be that the employers do re-negotiate and bargain with THAT union.

"No." The maritime unions will go out on strike until all maritime unions have secured satisfactory agreements.

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NEW YORK—"We do not propose any change in the hiring halls," President Frank P. Foisie of the Waterfront Employers Association told the ILWU Coast Longshore Negotiating Committee April 16. He then proceeded to demand that dispatchers not be selected by the union and that the employers have sole power on registration of longshoremen.

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SAN FRANCISCO—First word from the shipowners to the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards as it opened negotiations with the Pacific American Shipowners Association here was: "Our opinion is that we have to hire off the dock!" They also stated that their formula worked out with Lundeberg of the SUP was an open shop formula.

"Are you in favor of empowering the Coast Longshore Negotiating Committee to call a strike on June 15, 1948, to enforce the following demands which have been submitted to the employers:"

1. Longshore Hiring Hall—To oppose any stipulations in the hiring hall.

(Continued on Page 6.)
Lies, Profits and Slavery

The way big business glibly lies with the help of press, radio and government is something for the historians to compare with Hitler's antics, but that's not much comfort to the victims of those lies who live in the present.

We, who work for wages that never come near keeping up with the upward sweep of prices, were victimized by the lie that the end of price control would bring down prices, were victimized by the lie that the Taft-Hartley set was an attack, not upon so-called excessive wages, but the owners, living in London and New York, are complaining and evidently in advance for monetary profits.

The shipowners get away with their monstrous lies because the government, uphold by U. S. dollars, allows them to. The seamen's union lists their holdings in cash and other assets, such as apartment buildings in Manhattan, holdings and contributes anything to the recovery of the nation.

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Greek Shipowners Profit While Greek People Starve

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Greek shipowners — like their American brothers — run their business profitably with a full measure of scandal and intrigue. Details of their shady deals were revealed to the ILWU Washington office recently by the Greek Seamen's Union.

While the people of Greece struggle to reconstruct their battered country.

Greek shipowners hold millions of dollars in American banks.

Ministers in the government cooperate in financial adventures with Greek shipowners for private gain and accept gifts and money from the owners.

The Greek Mortgage Aid Program for 100 U. S. Liberty ships allowed a shipowner to become the owner of the ship, receive $12,500 clear the next day, and still pose as a martyr of the nation.

Fail to Help Recovery

The Greek fleet, capable of producing a gross income of $220 million a year and a net income of $80 million, at the first of this year had deposited a grand total of $250,000 in the Bank of Greece for the country's economic recovery.

Parliament after months of debate set an excess profits tax of 40 per cent on Greek shipowners, but the owners, living in London and New York, are complaining and evidently in advance for monetary profits.

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Another big whopping lie being fully exposed. The lie that the Taft-Hartley act was solely to protect workers from the leaders of their unions, who were painted as evil, grasping, domineering and crooked in a stream of propaganda that splattered newspaper and blared through the radio tubes.

We can wonder now if any steel workers feel that they were protected from anything but a pay adjustment. Ditto any auto workers. The absolute and now undeniable fact is that the Taft-Hartley act was an attack, not upon so-called excessive wages, but the owners, living in London and New York, are complaining and evidently in advance for monetary profits.

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PARIS (ALN) — In May Day World Federation of Trade Unions greetings to workers everywhere to "embrace the universal ideal of solidarity which no longer confines us to the borders of the countries we inhabit but extends over the entire world. The demands of workers for peace and for the rights of labor-gaining strength are now being heard in every corner of the earth, as in the past. The fight to defend American ideals against aggression in the present..." "Europe and the world stand together for peace and a better life..." "In the present..." "The United Nations... Labor growing strength... undermines the world..." "The struggle for..." "...call for..." "...people..." "...working people..." "...national..." "...international..." "...union..." "...power..." "...fight for..." "...government..." "...unrest..." "...ideas..." "...political..." "...democracy..." "...communism..." "...capitalism..." "...socialism..." "...capital..." "...labor..." "...fascism..." "...nazism..." "...international..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...united..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..." "...peace..." "...agreement..." "...unity..." "...victory..."...
ILWU Scores Mine Union Conviction

SAN FRANCISCO.—ILWU officers, April 20, denounced the conviction and fining of its president, John L. Lewis, termed the action of the court "a shocking demonstration of the Taft-Hartley law in action."

"Because the mine union won a tremendous victory in establishing well deserved pensions of $10 for every month of service after the age of 62, the Department of Justice and a federal judge have rallied around it is unda what the miners achieved through solidarity," said the statement.

"The action of Judge Goldsborough is in effect an attempt to outlaw trade union solidarity, which is the Taft-Hartley act and the inductive process as the instrument. The government, aided by the courts, has shown itself ready and willing to attack strikes and demands as criminal conspiracies.

TIP SHIPOWNER PLANS

...has promised in the court of Judge Goldsborough demonstration clearly the intent of the Democratic-Republican coalition government with respect to the solidarity of the shipowners when they try to smash maritime hiring halls and return to pre-depression conditions next July.

The ILWU recently joined with five other maritime unions in sending a strong telegram of support to the United Mine Workers and congratulation for the miners' victory in winning pensions plan for the mine workers and women.

COURT THREATENS MORE "FRIENDLIES"

The letter to the International Federation of one of the Indicted 10, is sponsored by the Committee for Hollywood Blacklist—its names are associated with some of the finest films ever made in the U. S. and with much of what is best in our literature and theater.

The story of their "trial" as witnessed before the House committee on un-American activities is as shocking in retrospect as the broadcasts of the hearings themselves were unbelievable at the time they took place.

But most important perhaps were the assurances by Eric Johnstone, Jack L. Warner, Louis B. Mayer, Dore Schary and other producer representatives on the stand and in private conferences that there would never, never be a blacklist in Hollywood—only to have them return home and immediately institute the very thing they swore could not be.

ADOP BLACKLIST

A political blacklist came to the movie industry. It could come to heavy industry, to light industry, to the shop you work in.

Incidently, New York's Committee for Hollywood On Trial, headed by John Lardner, brother of one of the Indicted 10, is sponsoring a plan whereby the book will be sure to reach those who won it—the newspapermen, commentators, professors and others who influence public opinion.

Two dollars sent to the committee (133 W. 44th St., New York 18) will insure your receiving a copy of the book, plus a second copy going to one of these public figures.

Clyde Miller Unable to Go To Europe

SAN FRANCISCO.—Clyde Miller, the first alternate 20, one of the members of the ILWU rank and file delegation scheduled to visit Europe for a study of other conditions, will be unable to make the trip, he informed the union, April 22.

TAYLOR NEXT IN LINE

"Due to conditions at home, which I will be discussed with you at the Caucus and the condition of some a city, I do not think I can operate on it and I am fighting it, but nothing is determined yet. I think I will be able to make the trip. I am very appreciative of the fullest degree the confidence placed in me by the nominating locals and the offices and board and international union."

"I trust the delegation to Europe will be allowed to go and represent the ILWU in a way that will be of great value to the union."

Richard Taylor, member of Local 208, Chicago, the first alternate, has been notified that he will substitute for the trip for Miller.

ILWU Votes Bonus Plan

LOS ANGELES—ILWU Local 26 with other CIO unions here last week voted full support of the initiative campaign to win a bonus of $10 for every month of service in the mines and $15 for every month overseas. The warehousemen are also supporting the plan to a profit of 75 cents for each man.

Members mobilized in a drive to obtain signatures on the initiative petitions. April 24, to provide 100,000 houses in the state.

Synthetic Candidate

The "Chief" above mentioned is that old friend of the people, William Randolph Hearst, who has decided it is his patriotic duty to elect General Douglas MacArthur to the Presidency without benefit of ballots, the people of Wisconsin this week delegates for MacArthur to 19 for Stassen and the people of Nebraska, who mustered all of 66 hundred votes for Hearst's "Man of the Hour" against another candidate who might be slightly in disagreement.

But that doesn't daunt the lord of San Simon, who now says editorially that if the people want two other guys in preference between Hearst having a favorite candidate and you having a favorite candidate is that you don't own a chain of newspapers.

Former Shipclerk Has Music Played In Europe

SAN FRANCISCO.—A former shipclerk, Carl Egerin, has conducted leading symphony orchestras in Europe, but cannot find an audience for his music in America.

Recognized as a promising young conductor, Karl Egerin, gave up his musical career during the war to take a job in a war industry.

The son born in Czechoslovakia in 1904 and with his family he went, when he was very young, to the United States. As a young man he studied languages and took a doctorate in music in 1930 and then went to the University of Berlin in Germany.

Following Hitler's seizure of power in 1933, Egerin immigrated to the United States where he became a natural American.

The 1940 depression years were difficult for him, and he finally decided to make a new career for his music.

His first orchestral work was written in 1940-42. Then came World War II and Klaus' music was in behalf of that war effort.

This first work, however, called "Hero and Leander," was offered, while he was a member of the British Broadcasting Corporation, several American orchestras but none would risk playing the work of an unknown composer, with no as commercial appeal.

The symphony, Klaus' is called a tone poem. He himself has played it on the piano but has never heard it played by a full concert group despite its being a complex orchestration.

PERFORMED IN ODESSA

Last winter another musician and conductor, Leopold Egerin, a student of Josef Sukovsky of the Odessa Symphony Band, Aikas and he had been invited for guest appearances with the Belgrade, Sofia and other Eastern states orchestras and would like to take a score of "Hero and Leander" with him for a tryout.

Excerpts of the piece were played by symphony orchestra at Belgrade and Sofia. Egerin is not enthusiastic over his friend's work. On the last lap of his trip he conducted the whole tone poem in a performance by the Odessa Symphony. It was at the same time broadcast over the local radio.
ILWU Pledges Support In Fight to Free Iraqans

OAKLAND, Calif.—By a unanimous vote, 4,000 members of the ILWU and their families were notified by letter last week that they will be elected by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union local here to receive a $600 annual salary and unspecified benefits. The decision came after a meeting of the ILWU local executive committeemen, which was attended by the national union headquarters.

The ILWU local, which represents longshoremen and warehouse workers at the Port of Oakland, voted to support the war on Iraq in a resolution adopted at the ILWU national convention in San Francisco last week. The resolution called for a "positive and constructive" attitude toward the war, and urged members to "support the war effort in every way possible." The resolution also called for "a strong and united" front against the Iraqis, and for "a strong and united" front against the Iraqi regime.

"We are not in this alone," said union President Harry Bridges, who addressed the meeting. "We are part of a worldwide movement against the regime of Saddam Hussein and his allies." Bridges said that the ILWU local would work to ensure that the war effort is successful, and that the union's members would play an active role in supporting the war on Iraq.

"We will not tolerate any interference from the Iraqi regime," said Bridges. "We will not tolerate any interference from any group that seeks to undermine our efforts to bring about a just and lasting peace in the Middle East." Bridges said that the ILWU local would continue to support the war effort, and urged members to "remain united and strong in the face of any challenge."
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N. O. Pay Boosts

A 9 cents per hour increase at Swift in New Orleans brings total wages to $1.45 an hour for 260 members there to 15 cents since last August. The minimum wage is now 87 1/2 cents per hour. In last year's negotiations Local 207 won 6 paid holidays with double time for holiday work.

El Dorado Guarantee

El Dorado Company has guaranteed that in no event will it pay less than 3 cents above master contract rates in negotiations just completed with the Local 6 of the Oakland Division of Local 6.

Full case order filler and parcel post clerks 6 ¼ cents; cold storage workers 7 ¾ cents above base rate.

Candidates Local 6

Henry Marriott is running in the state assembly in the 23rd district as a candidate of the Independent Progressive Party. He has been a member of the warehouse union almost four years, working at Crockett, Union.

Wage Boosts for Local 6

Set Program

Delegates from Astoria Local 18 and Seattle Local 9 met in Seattle recently to discuss wage negotiations in the milling industry when contracts terminate July 1. The locals will draw up demands to be presented to the industry May 1.

Egalitarian Concept

LOCAL 6

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HONOLULU, T. H.—The ILWU is also challenging the constitutionality of the Territory's riot and unlawful assembly laws in the trial of 16 Lana'i pineapple strikers arrested last year.

The law has been on the books since 1880 when Hawaii had a king and sugar was an arsenal for years until territorial officials dragged it out against the ILWU. It forbids "unlawful assembling against the crown."

The union is also contending that the Maun Grand Jury which indicted the sugar workers is illegal, and that the charges do not represent a cross-section of the community.

ILWU Unity Aids Canada Sea Strikers

TORONTO, CAN.—The ILWU played an important role in bringing about a favorable decision in the case of Canadian maritime workers, who were arrested during a trip to the United States for their union activities.

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Beauty Gorgeous Virginia Clark, of New Jersey,... as brilliant as she is beautiful. Winner of a Beauty contest, Virginia has received $1,500 in prize money.

Auto Workers Plan Raids in Secret Caucuses

NEW YORK—James Macion, director of organisation for the United Electrical Workers, CIO, on April 18 charged that the United Auto Workers, CIO, behind the Taft-Hartley Act, is engaged in a campaign of raiding directed against the UE.

“Secretary-Treasurer Julius F. Pfeifer, in letters to CIO President Walter Reuther cites evidence that a ‘series of raids against UE was planned in several caucuses held by leaders of the UAW with a National CIO representative present. The CIO representative was Tim Flynn, present executive director for Northern California.”

LOCALS PROTEST: UAW Local 51, Cadillac 23, Bohn Aluminium 206, Amalgamated 965 and 353 protested vehemently to Kefauver over raiding by their own International. President Elmer Glaser of UE Local 930, Detroit, commented that "the UAW effort to use the workers' weapons, the Taft-Hartley Board—to conduct raids on other CIO unions can be characterized as a traitorous action of benefit only to the companies..."

The UAW has stopped to the use of anonymous letters to our members with the addition of mimeographed applications card with the use of a mailing list that would only have been supplied by the company.

Watchdog Committee Demands T-H Repel

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A minority report by four members of the so-called "watchdog" joint Labor Management Committee of Congress on April 1 called for freeing of the I. G. Farben and other German war criminals who sparked and powered the western world's biggest war.

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WENATCHEE, Wash.—A man died against the union shop, as told by the local president of the AFL. It was signed by Senators James and Augustine Kelley, of Pennsylvania, and Representative John Berry reports that the Maritime Council will become a permanent body and that "a meeting at an early date to formulate plans for taking in all unions eligible under the Taft-Hartley law all those eligible workers on the payroll, as of that date, would be eligible to vote."

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