Europe Report No. 4

Behind the "Iron Curtain"

Belgrade, August 7, 1948

Mr. Harry Bridges,
President ILWU, San Francisco.

Dear Harry:

Here we are behind the "Iron Curtain." Although we were warned by the State Department and the visa division of the U. S. embassy in Paris of the great risk we were taking in coming to this country, it should please you to know that we are still in one piece.

We had some difficulty getting in and out of Trieste but after a day's delay we succeeded in getting across the Anglo-American barrier. In Trieste we saw much evidence of naval and military might.

Well as it was in France and Italy so it has been in Yugoslavia. A more friendly and hospitable people will be hard to find. On the train from Trieste to here, which is a 24-hour ride, we were without Yugoslavian currency. American money can only be exchanged at certain fixed places to avoid any black marketeering.

On the train ride we had plenty of opportunity to see the country and talk to all sorts of people, workers, peasants, soldiers, etc. It is just amazing what these folks have accomplished in the way of reconstructing and building their devastated transportation and industry. And practically without much in the way of tools and machinery. The Nazi swine had done their "master race" best in destroying and burning everything in sight.

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We have had conferences with officials of the Syndicate and others and got a mass of valuable information that will be in our report.

The country has enacted social security legislation that is as advanced as anything in Europe. Workers and peasants have accomplished in the last eight years what most of the Western World could not accomplish in the last century. It is just amazing what these folks have accomplished in the way of reconstructing and building their devastated transportation and industry. And practically without much in the way of tools and machinery. The Nazi swine had done their "master race" best in destroying and burning everything in sight.

In the meantime, the final report of the Presidential Fact-Finding Board issued August 14, said "a plague on both your houses." The Board refused to lay the blame for failure of negotiations where it belongs: on the employers. The union's membership by this offer. On the train ride we had plenty of opportunity to see the country and talk to all sorts of people, workers, peasants, soldiers, etc. It is just amazing what these folks have accomplished in the way of reconstructing and building their devastated transportation and industry. And practically without much in the way of tools and machinery. The Nazi swine had done their "master race" best in destroying and burning everything in sight.

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The main purpose of the board meeting was to inquire as to the last offer of the shipowners, who are you know, had made no offers to the union, "last" or otherwise, up to the date of the board meeting. At the board meeting the employers handed us a series of so-called "offers." The following is our analysis of these offers:

1. The time of presentation. We had negotiations with the employers last Friday. They did not present their "last offer" then, but instead insisted on squawking about the boss and slowdowns.

2. The offer excludes about 20% of the waterfront membership now covered by contracts, i.e., supervisory clerks and supercargo's, walking bosses and watchmen.

3. The employers by-passed the negotiating committee, by mailing their offer directly to the entire membership of all locals before making it to the committee.

4. We are sending you copies of these offers as soon as possible. Meanwhile, here is a summary of the contents:

Longshoremen

This package offer by the employers for the longshore agreement contains the following employer demands:

1. The contract shall run until Sept. 30, 1949, without wage review until then.

2. No longshoreman shall work more than 1,000 hours during any period of 26 consecutive work weeks. This is an attempt on the part of the employers to illegally circumvent the recent Court decision on statutory overtime. The wage and hour act provides where the parties agree to a guarantee of 1,000 hours of work every 26-week period they are exempt from the legal overtime provisions of the act. Here the employers would limit the hours to 1,000 for a 26-week period (which means an average of about 30 hours each week) but do not guarantee each longshoreman the 1,000 hours. The recent Supreme Court decision was in favor of the workers. The employers are trying to get the union to line up with them against the rank and file by this offer.

3. Vaccinations with pay to be eliminated and 5c per hour overtime pay instead.

4. No longshoreman shall be dispatched through the hiring halls to any employers who are not members of the WEA except with the written consent of the WEA. (This is a WEA attempt to boycott independent companies in Puget Sound).

5. Dispatchers to be selected by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

6. Preference of employment to be eliminated. Employers propose to substitute instead the open-shop statement of "no discrimination of employment because of membership in the union."

7. Employers to have complete control in adding to registration list. Employers promise to give preference to men previously employed in the industry if such men have not been dropped for good cause.

8. Union officers and business agents not allowed on docks without employer permission and unless they take along an employer representative to be present when work is discussed with men.

Providing we accept the above, the employers offered the union the following:

1. The work shift shall be limited to nine hours in any day exclusive of travel time except where relief men or gangs are not
Taft-Hartley Fraud

Support

Editor—International Woodworkers of America No. 22 pledges the fullest cooperation and support to the ILWU in the coming strike against the greedy shipping profiteers. We likewise pledge our support and cooperation in helping to bring about the repeal of the infamous Taft-Hartley Act which is being utilized by the employers against your union.

—Clylind Evans, Secretary IWA Auxiliary No. 22
Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Women Drivers

Editor.—The cartoon on Page 6 of the August 6 Dispatcher is just plain chauvinist. Its implication is that the old one that women are incompetent drivers. As a matter of fact, statistics show women to be better drivers than men, on the average.

Even if women were, on the average, poorer drivers than men, the cartoon would still be chauvinist. It sneers at a supposed problem instead of proposing a solution: it sneers at women as women.

I can appreciate a good joke.

Letters to the Editor

San Francisco ILWU Hits Reinecke Persecution

HONOLULU, T.—ILWU Local 36, Oahu Division, donated $1,000 and passed a resolution for supporting of ex-Communist Louis Budenz if he will sue for libel perjury.

An outfit of ex-Communist, Unionbusting attackers, representing the Fifth and Big Five, stooges to weaken and destroy our union.

LAWYERS GROUP

“The Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee organized a huge parade this year to celebrate Labor Day. It was a magnificent fight in defense of the Reinecke attack, and we feel that every labor union for support of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Reinecke, two teachers suspended by the Honolulu Board of Education for allegedly possessing the “ideals of democracy.”

The statement pointed out that “the attack upon the Reineckes is an attack upon the fundamental civil liberties of all workers in the territory.”

The present Reinecke case is directed, it seems to me, to continue and weaken the membership of our union.

.... We feel that every official and member of the ILWU should meet. It therefore, cannot reflect the official purpose.

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The so-called final offer of the shipowners— who in our case are styled the Waterfront Employers of the Pacific Coast—is confusing and meant to be so.

The Taft-Hartley Act seeks to charge past negotiating practices. The Taft-Hartley Act was adopted and is administered under the theory that some legereegrate the longshoremen elect themselves and decide for themselves without reference to the rank and file, what the union shall do. Since the Act was adopted by anti-democratic people and is enforced by anti-democratic people it is quite natural that it does not take into account the democracy of the trade unions, especially such a trade union as ours.

The shipowners, the Truman Administration and the employer-controlled National Labor Relations Board are convinced that the longshoremen in our union are not interested in a raise in pay or a betterment of conditions, but that they are only interested in these things because their “revolutionary leadership” wants them to be interested.

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They are convinced that longshoremen desire to work long hours, that longshoremen love the shipowners and think the shipowners are for keeping them alive.

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Labor Day, Fronts Show Solidarity

San Francisco—CIO unions in the San Francisco Bay area will celbrate Labor Day with a “with a minimum of fanfare and display, demonstrations to the waterfront employers, shipowners and other employers that CIO stands united behind any and all of its affiliates under the Taft-Hartley union-busting proposition which, if accepted, would mean the wreckage of our union and the return to the past negotiating practices.

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SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU President Harry Bridges in his keynote address to the San Francisco County Progressive Party August 15 told the delegates that the new party, "the snowballing movement behind the candidates of Wallace and Taylor, is recognized by its enemies as a formidable force which can defeat the aims of monopolists and the war makers."

Bridges traced the rise and fall of the New Deal under Roosevelt. He pointed out that the Democratic Party was not a real party in isolation, but that FDR had rallied around him the people of the country who wanted a new deal. "When Roosevelt died the New Deal died with him and the so-called Democratic Party became the other half of the bi-partisan coalition. What was left of its estate became the property of the Republicans and Wall Street."

Explaining the bitterness of the attacks against the Progressive Party, in both press and radio, the ILWU president said it is because the party "comes with the truth, because it comes with a powerful appeal to reason and specific spelling out of the people's needs, its enemies will not and cannot meet it head-on in debate of the issues. The enemies of the new party can only set up an hysterical cackle and try to drown out the voices that cry for peace and bread."

ENEMIES FEAR

"Spy scares, rumors and just plain mendacity are about as much as this hysterical real means that those who oppose the new party are expressing their fears of what this party is going to do."

"We must learn to recognize only half as well as our enemies do the significance of our move-ment."

It was here, Bridges predicted that the liberal elements of the old parties will "inevitably wind up with us.

Bridges said that the county convention of the Progressive Party meets at a time when another great waterfront labor struggle is impending. "It will be a struggle for survival of the maritime unions and will have found effect upon the survival of trade union organizations in the community. It is our party, the party of the working men and women, which must carry forward the job of gearing that struggle to the needs and sentiments of the community."

He asserted that the new party stands for equal rights for all, for peace and against Jim Crow.

"With the help of our good strong doorbell ringers, and club members and precinct work-ers, with a strengthening of our unity, and as time goes on—ever-growing support from the community—of our country—we will surely move ahead."

Two hundred and thirty-three delegates, 74 of them from trade unions, participated in the or-ganizing convention in San Franci-co.

Evicted Docker Gets Temporary Haven, Promise of Permanent Relief

SAN FRANCISCO—Reading in the newspapers about the plight of a longshoreman evicted from his home on August 31, 1948, Joseph Galarza, head of a family of 11, nine of them children, the youngest being 5 months old, had lived in his home for the past nine years. Then one day recently the property was sold and the new owner served Galarza with an eviction notice. The docked appealed to Julius Steche, the welfare director of ILWU Local 10. Through lawyers aid, Galarza was granted a 5-day ex- tension, but at the expiration of that term, nothing further could be done for him.

Stern referred the case to John Lindberg, CIO representative at the San Francisco Community Chest. Housing authorities of the city were contacted but would do nothing. The tenant was a man averages about $60 a week— the limit for tenants of public housing projects. They also declared that he had no unit large enough for the family. Lindberg contacted a Community Chest agency for help. After considerable fruitless search they found a temporary house good for another 30 days. In the mean-

MEAT BOYCOTT WINS SUPPORT AS OUTRAGED HOUSEWIVES REBEL AT PRICES

NEW YORK (FP)—Reports from around the nation show that butchers are beginning to feel the heat of the housewives' "Buy No Meat" campaign. The boycott extended from August 9 to 16.

In New York, where the buy-ers' strike was under the direction of the Tenant Councils and the Greater New York CIO Council, successful boycotts were mounted by house-wives, mass baby carriage parades and leaflet distribution were under way. Af-though some butchers reported no drop in sales, many were sitting around papers. One meat market owner reported that sales had dropped 30 per cent the first day of the boycott, 50 per cent the second day. Others also reported sales were only 50 per cent normal. At the municipal market on New York's lower east side, scene of mass picketing, one butcher looked up from his newspaper long enough to say:

"STILL CLOSED"

"All the neighbors ought to close. Then maybe the whole-salers and packers would realize what they are doing to the community.

On the other side of the continent, 35 small Los Angeles butcher shops closed down indef-initely as buyers' resistance, spurred by a housewives' tele-phone campaign, reached new heights.

The Meat Dealers' Association of Southern California said the closings so far affected only 1 per cent of its approximately 2,000 members. But it predicted the shutdowns undoubtedly would continue to spread among the smaller retailers if the boycott was successful.

WRITE CONGRESSMEN

"All the local dealers," a Hollywood butcher, greeted his customers with a new sign in his window: "Meat prices are too high. We sympathize with you."

And the butcher added: "I had to lay off one of my three butch- ers because we had so few sales. Even my own wife is calling up women about high prices."

In Oregon a statewide tele-phone campaign was under way, led by the Consumers Crusade, spark-plugged by unions and con-sumers, in response to a meat boycott war was declared after sirloin steaks jumped from $1.15 to $1.20 a pound, compared to 54 cents in 1945.

CIO TEAMS DRIVE

A full-blown meat boycott was also started by San Francisco housewives. Their campaign had imme-diate effect. The San Francisco CIO Council, which charged butchers with charging high meat prices "rests jointly with the large, monopoly-controlled meat packers and a sub-servient Congress."

The meat strike was also widely supported by 11 Progressive Party county units in California.
Shipowners Final Offer Spells Drastic Wage Cut

(Continued from the front page)

BRIDGES asked the chairman of the hearing if he was going to allow these "lies" to go into the official record of the last day of deliberation, and he would. In that hearing, "I demand this fact-finding body be extended. The union wants time to prove the fact that the shippers owned and are using the vessels." 

The "offer" had been rejected at the June 15 hearing by the union's officers it will be unanimously rejected." Furthermore, "this phony offer excludes over 20 per cent of the owners are trying to do," Bridges interjected: "They extract juice from the exotic and technical duties. The men who do these jobs through fast action see if he can take the smell. Some shipowners are asking in other words, Bridges pointed out, is for "the union to use its size and strength to prevent splitting individuals and on behalf of those seeking to give expression to their solidarity against claims based upon a recent Supreme Court decision on overtime on the waterfront. "The powerful international maritime unions to pay the expenses of a union-busting injunctions" which attempts to divert attention from union-busting injunctions and Taft-Hartley laws, Bulcke predicted.

Local 6's Perform Unusual Operations At Consolidated Chemical Plant

By JEAN BRUCE

SAN FRANCISCO— Warehouse enjoying involved in the meat-packing and unstacking sauce and boxes in unimaginative fashion, True, a great mare, with her days pushing and shoving great weight, is a rat. She is also the chicken seizers (of which more in another issue) in Peta- luma, who pack eggs in boxes to be sold at Osteen-Natle Saddle Shoppe. The ILWU has always been proud of the ILWU, a printed brief in which they algebraically stated that ship-owners used this opportunity to red-bait and lie about the union.

From these same lands come the animal carcasses processed into glue by warehouse workers at the Consolidated Chemical Company in San Francisco.

COMPLETE THE JOB

A hundred and fifty and warehousemen do the whole job from the time the bones and hides are dumped in huge piles at the edge of the building to the point half a mile later when sheets of hide are shipped to the nation's industries. They extract juice from the pigs' intestines in an underground tank if not properly handled. (One hundred and fifty-five percent of the meat waters, they mix sulphur and acid with the bones in exact quantities, guide the re- maining bone water to the PXE, and extract the bone glue from the PXE operator, the weigh- master, and the foremen.

Business Agent Ace De Losada gives considerable credit for the union consciousness of these workers to the stewards, Beale and Assistant Steward Pete Data. Everyone wears his union buttons, the reverse of union consciousness is a bad day's work," said Beale, "We are going to the mat, and when the smoke clears away we will stand up; and they won't have an association. We are going to the mat, and when the smoke clears away we will stand up."
Local 6 Hits Failure To Pay Benefits

SAN FRANCISCO — Local 6 membership has been hit by the failure of the California State Employment Office to process unemployment pay unemployment claims to its members arising out of the "recent trade dispute." The action was taken at a recent meeting.

The action further charged that both federal and California state unemployment acts provide for payment of benefits to workers who are unemployed when and where due. The resolution demanding that the strike be resolved by September 12, none of the hundreds of claims had been determined.

The union demanded that Governor Earl Warren and James G. Bryan, state employment stabilization chairman, open "immediate investigation of the conditions existing at the office of the Department of Employment with regard to lack of determination and payment."

Robeson To Stump Bay Area For Wallace Ticket

SAN FRANCISCO — Singer Paul Robeson will sing and talk at Beech Memorial Temple in Oakland August 28. Robeson will be honored at a Fairmont Hotel dinner in the afternoon. That evening his last appearance of the trip will be sponsored by the Southern Progressive Party at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Unionist's Widow

Mrs. Magdalena Joven, widow of the Secretary of the Philippine Congress of Labor, who was slain by hired triggermen of the vested interests now ruling the economic and political life of the Philippines, accepts check for $1,250 contributed by the Hawaii Islands. They vowed Philippine longshoremen would not touch the unity of Hawaii workers with those in the Philippine islands. They said it was one of the most gentlemanly speeches of August 20.

Wallace Committee denounces "phony" investigation

SAN FRANCISCO — Singer Paul Robeson, who has taken up the cause of the Wallace Committee, that is investigating the affairs of the Committee, will be tendered a dinner at the Fairmont by Businessmen for Wallace Committee.

By WILLIAM GLAZIER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Now that the special session of Congress is adjourned, one thing is settled conclusively. Neither Republicans nor Democrats want Paul Robeson to make his speaking tour. For a long time they have been fighting him off, and now they will have to face up to the fact that the man is going to travel as he pleases.

"Robeson's a liar," one of the members of the Wallace Committee, who was present at the hearing, said. "He's a dangerous man. He'll make a liar out of any member of the Committee." But Robeson doesn't care what anyone says about him. He's going to speak where he wants, and when he wants.

The Robeson Committee is made up of members of the American Legion, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Anti-Defamation League, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the United States Chamber of Commerce. The members of the Committee are all Republicans, and they are determined to get rid of Paul Robeson.

The members of the Committee have been trying to stop Robeson from speaking for the last few months. They have tried to get him arrested, and they have tried to get him thrown out of the country. But Robeson is not going to be stopped. He's going to speak where and when he wants.

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Unfair to Maritime Workers — Union members of the Maritime Committee on Unemployment Insurance protest to California State Employment Department. Against delays and discrimination applied by the agency against union workers. Above, left to right: Walter Stack, MFOWW, acts as the spokesman for the group at the office of Charles E. Roethe, area manager for the Employment Department; Robert D'Azevedo, National Maritime Union; James B. Healy, senior referee, California State Appeals Board, and Rothe. Below: Demonstration outside of the area office of the Employment Department, San Francisco.

Anti-Union Bias of State Insurance Office Blasted

SAN FRANCISCO — The Maritime Committee on Unemployment Insurance, on August 13, protested the anti-union bias of the California State Unemployment Insurance Department and demanded that administration of the state law be placed upon an impartial basis.

Members of the Committee saw Charles E. Roethe, Area Manager of the State Department of Employment, in San Francisco, and placed their demands before him. The delegation was headed by its chairman, Ed Sleeves, a member of the Maritime Firemen's Union. Other maritime unions participating as members of the committee are W.U.T. Local 18, the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, and the National Maritime Union.

Roethe promised the delegation that he would send on the charges that the Maritime Committee had demanded that seamen be disbarred from insurance. However, a waiter who aboard a ship that "what you want is a truck horse, not a waiter," was disbarred from insurance.

In the event a seaman's wage was earned on vessels controlled by the War Shipping Administration, it takes 5-8 weeks before he can get his insurance benefits.

As the State Insurance Department now functions, there is complete and indiscriminate acceptance of protests on insurance claims by the shipowners.

Some Catch!

Fishermen can judge the good points of Great Lakes mermaids, represented by Pat Varner of Chicago in the Atlantic City contest to name "Miss Mermain, USA."

Mine Mill Smelter Union Wins 12c at Kennecott

SAN FRANCISCO — The employers' "offer" for Portland checkers is identical with that for San Pedro except that supervisors and supercargoes are to be eliminated from coverage of the category "head clerk" and "head clerk" shall be defined as an employee assigned to work covered by the agreement and in addition assigned occasionally but not exclusively to the direct supervision of work of employees in loading and discharging vessels.

Ship Clerks

The employers made no offer nor proposal with regard to longshore agreement or San Pedro and to grant retroactivity of a 12c per hour wage increase. They also propose to eliminate the section which provides for vacations with pay.

The employers propose to eliminate supervisory, supercargoes and batch watchmen from the San Pedro agreement. They do not propose the classification "head clerk" for the San Pedro agreement, but instead propose to add a provision to the contract that the categorialed employees are identical with the present classification of supervisors this offer amounts to a wage cut of 7c per hour straight time for this classification on the basis of present wage rates.

The employers make the same wage offer for San Francisco shi clerks as for longshoremen.

SAN PEDRO

All of the employer demands and counter-proposals listed with regard to the longshore agreement are also made to the San Pedro clerks except that the San Pedro clerks receive 12c per hour wage increase more than San Francisco clerks (supposedly in lieu of vacations) there is no offer for 5c in lieu of vacation. Nor, of course, is there an offer for vacations with pay.

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The Maritime Committee on Unemployment Insurance requested that as of June 30, 1948, the State Unemployment Insurance Fund had a reserve of $174 million. The reason, it added, that the shipowners are exerting pressure to prevent a liberalization of the State Unemployment Insurance act, that they intend to raid these funds through automation and to grant retroactivity of a 12c per hour wage increase.

After rejecting a series of offers by local union officers to prove their loyalty by any means other than signing of Taft-Hartley affidavits, Kennecott agreed to the extension as the August 9 deadline near.
Edward Dobrin, an attorney, appeared before the final session of the special Presidential Fact-Finding Committee on the Pacific Coast maritime situation in San Diego late last week. August 10 in the supposed "final offer" of the Alaska Steamship Co., the Northland Transportation Co. and the Alaska Transportation Co. to the ILWU.

Dobrin said that the companies represented had offered to accept the union's proposal on the maintenance of the present hiring halls, which are in the hands of a court of last resort.

The three Alaska shipowners also offered to put into effect whatever wage increases and concessions were written into the Pacific Coast Longshore agreement at the time such an agreement was signed.

Following the Fact-Finding meeting, Dobrin billed himself as official of one of the three companies, J. F. Zachmuck, sat down to negotiations with representatives of the ILWU. Vice-president Harold Bodine, members of the Coast Labor Relations Committee, represented the ILWU. Commissioner Harry Lewis, of the U. S. Conciliation Service, sat in on the talks.

After the meetings, Dobrin stated that progress was made. However, on the wage and vacation issues, and several minor points, the company spokesmen said these proposals were taken under advisement for discussion with the unions. The time permit for discussing them is now in the hands of Seattle. They promised that they would have an answer back not later than August 18.

Six Get Back Pay

Six ILWU workers have been reinstalled with back pay at American, according to Michael Johnson, organizer of the Contract and Guards Patrolmen.

These men have refused to take back their old jobs at American, Johnson says, because they are to receive back pay for work they have better jobs under an "open shop" agreement existing at the American.

Johnson says that their reason for refusing to work at American is the American, Patrol is that they won't work under the "Landeberg" open shop practice existing at the guards outfit.

Pinkerton Beef

Work was resumed by ILWU guards at the Pillsbury Globe mills in Sacramento, Calif. on August 2 after months of futile negotiations.

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The new contract covers 30 members of ILWU Local 209 and Reliance Steel Company.

Work was resumed by ILWU guards Wednesday night at the Pillsbury Globe mills in San Francisco, when she was landing at Pier 45. Several members of the crew from the deep South returning to their quarters full of "barley soup" found several longshoremen drinking coffee in their mess.

One of the dockers, a Negro brother, slow to follow the SUP crewmen's orders to get out of their mess, got manhandled and the crew, and I am sure that they will be surprised by the unity and strength of the ILWU on September 2.

Coons and Coffee

A beef occurred Wednesday night on the August 10 at the 25th Annual Victory in San Francisco, when she was landing at Pier 45. Several members of the crew from the deep South returning to their quarters full of "barley soup" found several longshoremen drinking coffee in their mess.

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The local Bulletin of the incident:

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CIO Group Says U. S. Can't Set Clock Back in Italy

NEW YORK — Members of a CIO Italian-American Trade Union Committee which recently visited Italy reported to President Truman July 9 that Italians want fundamental changes in their economic structure.

George Baldanz, chairman of the group, told the President that the people of Italy voted non-Communist in the April election because they "want both socialism and democracy." You and the men about you who speak for America in the European re-covery program, here and abroad, must understand that choice. The men who represent our American corporations in their separate operations abroad must also understand that choice. The men must see to it that the clock of history is set back.

Referring to the vote of confidence which the De Gasperi regime got in the elections, the committee at a press said "the new government will have to solve other problems (besides food and equipment) which run much deeper, and do so with American approval and aid. The people of Italy expect that democratic principles will be introduced into the economic processes and institutions.

DIVIDE LANDS

"That the land will be given to those who till it;

"That the industrial workers and all the people will have a voice in the operation of industry;

"That exploitation and profit will give way to production for human welfare."

In other words, the CIO commitee called for nationalization of basic industries including the banks. As members of the committee put it:

"The same principles apply to all highly organized and mechanized or basic industries. The time has long since passed in Europe, and certainly it has passed in Italy, when profit, as a new temple of idle, machine, energy, chemicals, fertilizers, water, mining industries, oil, and housing could be looked upon as just a field for private exploitation at a profit."

Unless the U. S. administrators of the EPP and the government recognize these facts in Italy and in Europe "we will fail," the report adds. "The old order is done for... Nothing less than such a basic transformation of the Italian social order can stem the otherwise inevitable advance of Communism in Italy. Not all the economic aid in the world can save it. Nor all the armies and the armament."

Sea Unions Blast Beck Scab Herding

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Northwest Joint Action Committee of which J. B. Beck is a member, on August 12 called upon "every union man and woman in the state of Washington" to get behind the petition asking for the reinstatement of J. J. Paterson to his job.

Paterson was fired from the Seattle Transfer Co. on July 15 because he refused to scrab on the picket line. Members of the Machinists Aereo Lodge 731... This petition bears the signatures of three members who believe that he was discharged at the direct orders of officials of the Teamsters Union. Paterson refused to drive his truck through the machinists' picket lines at the Boeing Seattle plant. He is a member of Teamsters Local 174.

BECK INTIMIDATES

The Washington Teamster, son of Dave Beck, union-raging cosar of the Northwest Teamsters, on August 8 launched a vicious red-baiting, war-inciting attack upon a member of its own union for refusing to cross picket lines of a fellow union. This sheet threatened signs that they would be "investigated."

Said the bulletin issued by the Northwest Joint Action Committee: "It is time for the labor move-ment to consider just where the hell we are headed, when officials of the Teamsters union accuse one of their own people of being a Communist or subversive because he will not be a scab."

"Every union man and woman in the state of Washington should get behind Paterson in his fight to get his job back..."

Sugar Local Gets Support

HONOLULU, T. H.—Local 6 members at the California and Hawaiian Sugar Co. warehouse in Crookston, Calif., have pledged full support to the ILWU United Sugar Workers Local 142 in their contract drive.

A cabled message was received August 13 from Business Agent of Local 6 at Crookston, August Hemenes, addressed to Tony Raia, president of the Hawaiian sugar union. It said:

"The Crockett Division is 100 per cent behind your demands. Wishing you success in your negoti-ations."

Local 6 is also presently in-volved in talks with C and H management for a new contract. Local 142 demands that "C and H work to remove the fear for the Territory's sugar workers that they will be fired too."

A series of shop steward and membership meetings are cur-rently being held in all the is-lands. The membership of Local 142 is being kept informed of the union-busting tactics which the Big Sugar interests are using against them today.

View Research, L. A. Labor School Join

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Research and Education Department of the California Labor School on August 9.

In the future the combined offi-cials of the Research and Education Department of the California Labor School, Dr. Sanford Goldman remains as director and he will be assisted by Charlotte Perloff. A new law passed the California Labor School that the School will remain at 5851 Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles 9.

It will continue all the services offered to unions in the past and will provide free services to community groups and organiza-tions in the field of social re-search.

Concentration of labor has shifted from the coastal ship-building centers of wartime back to the Great Lakes, New England and Middle Atlantic regions, the United States Employment Serv-ice reports.