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Local 6 Smokes Out Teamster Agents

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Warehouse Local 6 smoked AFL Teamster agents out in the open this week, and prepared for battle against Teamster raiders.

In a flurry of red-baiting publicity four San Francisco ILWU agents (out of a total of 22 full-time officers) promised to resign if they were re-signed from the ILWU, were promised a charter by the Teamsters, and planned house by house raids with Taft-Hartley elections.

The four, Dominic Gallo, Tony Koslosky, Charles Cellino and Dick Machan, were accompanied into the Teamsters by two members of the board of trustees and six executive board members.

There are 11 trustees and 55 executive board members in the 12,000 member local.

VOTE UNANIMOUS

The raiding move has been on for a long time. It took the form of efforts to pick off one house at a time, starting with San Francisco, after it became evident in Local 6's delegated convention two weekends ago that the working rank and file had no intention of moving into the AFL.

At the convention 400 delegates voted unanimously to recommend to all units, San Francisco, Oakland, Redwood City, Stockton, Petaluma and Crockett, that they stay in the ILWU-CIO, and close ranks in preparation for contract negotiations June 1.

The delegates rejected an effort by Gallo to pack the convention. He walked out with some 18 others when he couldn't dominate the proceedings for Teamster benefit.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Trial of Harry Bridges, J.R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt in Federal Court this week grew rough with Nazi-like red-baiting and union-baiting as the imported prosecutor, F. Joseph Donohue, attempted to embarrass and confuse Bridges on the witness stand in cross-examination.

Donohue, with questions approximating the mental level of a moronic Hearst editorial, tried to put Bridges on the spot because the ILWU took a position against Hitler, Mussolini and Franco and favored trade with the new People's Republic of China.

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Great Britain

London — Representing 100,000 film workers, the Electrical Trades Union has called for nationalization of Britain's movie industry. In a letter to the Board of Trade, the union warned that the only other alternative is "to abandon the youth of this country to an ever-increasing diet of American films obsessed with crimes of brutality and an unhealthy preoccupation with sex."

ETU General Secretary Walter Stevens pointed out that free enterprise has failed to keep production units working at full strength. The only answer, he said, was for "the state itself to acquire the properties and run them."

Italy

Rome — Responding to a call from the General Confederation of Labor (CGIL), Italian workers observed February 9 as a day of national mourning in honor of the six workers killed by police recently in Modena. Commemorating the occasion, CGIL warned that "police must not interfere with trade union demands."

The differences between the labor and management at Modena, the CGIL said, "could have been solved in a peaceful way had not the police interfered... It is not right that armed police forces are defending the privileges of industrialists."

Nova Scotia

Halifax — After 12 days of fishing in dangerous waters, the 28-man crew of the schooner, Sherman F. Wizener, received wages of $10 per man when they discharged their 45,000-pound catch here. Reason for the substandard pay was that the men were excluded from the Nova Scotian Union act and placed under the Nova Scotian Fisherman's Federation act because they recently struck. Their status, they were told, is now that of "co-adventurers" and not that of employees.

Indonesia

Jakarta — More than 1,000 employees of three banks struck here after management raised wage demands for a wage boost and cost-of-living allowance. The walkout came after negotiations failed to settle the dispute.

Dutch and Chilean employees are united in the strike, organized by the Union of Jakarta Bank Workers. They are urging to take a greater part "in the creation of democratic progress security, free from all forms of exploitation."

China

Hong Kong — Tramway workers here have ended their long strike against the Hong Kong Tram Company. The strike, which took their jobs December 24, voted to go back to work after management backed down and agreed to discuss demands for a wage increase, special living allowance, yearly bonus and welfare plan. During the strike, the Hong Kong labor movement united behind the street car conductors. The government lined up with management by smashing strike meetings and arresting union leaders.

Bucharest — The nation exceeded its 1949 production target by 8 per cent, official figures released here revealed recently. This rise was on top of 40 per cent increase over the 1948 goal, already contained in the 1949 budget.

Ecuador

Quito — Ecuador will use troops as it rail workers quit their jobs. The forecast of scabbing to come was made by President Galo Plaza, who said the government did not want a rail strike. The government therefore would make certain trains move on schedule.

Canada

Glace Bay, N.S. — The first major wage rate for Canadian coal miners in 1950 was set by District 28, United Mine Workers, which moved its demand for a 20 cent hourly increase for 10,000 Nova Scotia miners. The conditions the union would accept are: the Dominion Steel & Coal Corpora- tion, a strong union for the West Coast, and a strong leadership on the Nova Scotia economy. To protect themselves, miners have been told by a bitter strike battle against Dom- inion. Their present scale is $8.14 for an eight-hour day.

Cuba

Havana — More than 20,000 Cubans here conducted solemn memorial ceremonies honoring Jesus Menendez, the Cuban sugar workers' leader who was murdered by his own men two years ago. They urged "punish- ment for the Menendez assassin and the responsible military, police and administrators of this government."
**Deportation is Just One More Tool of Reaction**

BY SALLY MATTHEWS

Deportation for political reasons is an old, old story in the United States. The whole concept of the federal government sending foreigners out of the country arose not as a method of dealing with the criminal alien, as might be supposed, but as a political activity.

The first example of this process was in 1793, when strained relations with France and England aroused American resentment. The infamous Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 were adopted to permit the president to send out of the country persons of foreign birth, usually French, English, and Irish, who he suspected were concerned in any "treasonable or seditious machinations against the government."

FRENCH SUFFERED

The Federalist government then in power, however, was much more inclined to see evil in revolutionary Paris than in revolutionary London, and it was French nationals who suffered mostly from the Act.

The great statesmen of that day, including Madison, Jefferson, and Gallatin, denounced the Alien Act for being contrary to the principles of American democracy, but were overruled by majority forces prevailing.

As so often happens, when wartime sentiment died down the idea of removing political reactionaries disappeared for a time, and the Alien Act was allowed to expire in 1800.

The Guild noted that Tom Clark, now of the Supreme Court, had earlier observed when he was attorney general, gave notice of a coming purge of lawyers who are already excluded. "Persons who believe in or advocate the overthrow by force or violence of the government of the United States or of all government, or all forms of law" should be excluded.

TRUMAN IS BOLD

Postwar Justice Fuller, in another dissenting opinion, said, "It (the deportation act) contains within it the germs of mass deportations for political reasons. It involves first an arrest, a deprivation of liberty; and second, a removal from home, from family, from business, from property. It needs no citation of authority to support the proposition that deportation is punishment."

POWER ARBITRARY

But Congress soon began to expand the list of reasons for which a person could be excluded or deported from the United States, and in 1924 the Supreme Court set its seal of approval on deportation as a matter of general immigration policy, despite vigorous dissents from three members of the court.

Justice Brewer, in a minority opinion, held that, "Deportation is punishment. It is more profitable, besides, to get rid of people with embarrassing ideas in England than to imprison mere gangsters who, after all, sometimes make welcome contributions to society."

The current deportation campaign is directed boldly and obviously against labor leaders. Charles Doyle, Irving Potash, Ferdi-


**CIO Board's Degree With Murray Rule**

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full on why the restraining order holding CIO back from appropriating Council funds and property should be made permanent.

Renser demanded the right in present witnesses to prove that the CIO trial was rigged as was the convention that ordered it. Renser wanted the case of the Council presented only by affidavits, with no cross-examination of witnesses.

During the recess the status quo will be maintained by both the Council and the National CIO under restraining orders.

**CONVENTION PACKETS**

Before Darwin released the results, Renser had told Judge Resner that the facts on how the CIO Convention in Cleveland last November was packed with individuals on the National CIO payroll, elected by nobody.

He cited the case of Tim Flynn who was in court at the time.

The AFL-CIO Council, the council directed for Northern California, was listed as a convention delegate from the San Mateo County, Mich.raf. It is far easier to deport an alien than to convict a criminal. Any government, whether American or otherwise, which allows aliens to become a political menace throughout the history of the country.

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We Were Called Red for Organizing Negroes on Equal Basis

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Here is the running account of the Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt trial, picked up the story after Harry Bridges had been on the stand one day.

50th Day

February 6

Harry Bridges was still on the witness stand in his own behalf under direct examination by Defense Chief Vincent Hallinan.

Hallinan asked the minutes of a meeting held on July 10, 1933. Bridges identified them as the minutes of a committee set up to organize the longshoremen into the International Longshoremen's Association.

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DEFENSE WINS

Hallinan turned to the arguments and the minutes for March 1, 1934, which he said showed no evidence that Bridges had voted on the longshoremen strike without the order of the Communist Party.

He said the bulk of the financing of the 1934 strike came from other sources, including the Communist Party.

UNITY NECESSARY

"We were showing that we didn't turn down any money," he said. "We even wrote to Barbara, Calif. We got money from several other sources, including the Communist Party. The Waterfront Employers Association for some reason even sent us a check for $25 in reply to our offer to print a daily bulletin.

"After all they had a printing press," he said. "We wrote the bulletins. All they did was print them."

He said other help from the Communist Party was in the terms of money and food.

"Many helped us," he said, "but the commies. They helped magnified. We appreciated the help and it would be Jagra-Scho to kiss it off or say we never got it.

"I don't want to be afraid," he said. "If we were the experts on the waterfront and I have forgotten more about strikes than some of these people ever knew."

Bridges said: "The shipowners have said a lot of unkind things about me, but they have never said I was not a good organizer."

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The Jury Learns — Vincent Hallinan, chief defense counsel in the Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt trial, made sure that the federal jury trying the ILWU officers in San Francisco got a clear picture of the Stockton evidence. Numerous witnesses and documents presented by the defense proved Harry Bridges was in Stockton, Calif., on June 27, 1936, the date on which government witnesses Paul Crouch and Manning Johnson swore he was at a meeting in San Diego 229 miles away in New York. Hallinan is shown above listing the dates before and after the crucial one of June 27, and accounting for Bridges’ whereabouts practically every day, mostly at union meetings. The evidence was conclusive that Bridges wasn’t in New York and therefore that the government witnesses perjured themselves.

BRIDGES PRESIDED
Bridges said he remembered secret meeting of 1935 in San Diego as testified to by Stanley Hancock. He said he never met Hancock and then went on to say that it is common practice at conventions for groups or factions to hold meetings to decide upon candidates or programs.

Bridges denied the alleged book peddled.

NEGATION
Bridges said he has never met Hallinan as to what you should do.
DONOHUE REVEALS IGNORANCE OF HOW UNION DEMOCRACY WORKS

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Johnson also said he used to meet regularly with Bridges along with Earl Browder.

Bridges said he met Earl Browder but once in his life. He denied that he ever attended a meeting of the Committee of 34.

About the alleged pruse ordinance meeting in Santa Clara, he said:

"That's an old chestnut from a previous meeting. There was no such meeting. I have clear recollection that there was not and one of the pruse ordinance.

About another alleged meeting at a golf course at dusk, he said:

"All but two of the people named were members of the strike committee. Why we were being pursued at a golf course at dusk? It is ridiculous."

52ND DAY

(Febuary 14)

Hallinan's direct examination of Bridges after a four-day recess.

Bridges identified a press release issued by himself on July 2, 1932, as having appeared in the Daily Worker: "Hallinan's commenatation Bloody Thursday on July 2nd" and the defense proof that Bridges was in California continuously from June 4 to July 1 and that he had possibly attended the 1936 California Communist Party convention in New York.

Bridges said that if he had left the city at any time during the term of the Communist Party convention it would have been the morning of the local.

RULE CITED

The defense submitted that: "This officers of the local had to obtain permission of the membership to leave the city for any reason."

Hallinan produced a copy of a telegram that he had been the telegraph which Bridges had previously testified contained an inadvertent message from a telephone operator holding up the telephone. Bridges said that he had not yet found the transcript of the other wire taps, which he had not attended.

Donohue objected to introduction.

MEETING DENIED

Bridges denied that the alleged Communist Party meeting with Louis Blum in the Sunset district of San Francisco.

On the matter of Philip Connelly's naming as a member of the California CIO Council in favor of James Thimmes, Bridges said:

"It was my idea and the first person I talked it over with was Sidney Hillman."

The government charged that the Communist Party ordered the resignation. Bridges said: "I was the national director and I felt I must resign the party."

"We don't use that word. Our union is against war. We are not persuaders, but we tell you to fight. That is true in a union and everything else."

Bridges limited his answers to the question of the departure of the California CIO Council. "Did you make any complaints?"

IGNORANCE REVEALED

"Not at all. I knew the older unions held all the offices and there was some tendency to regard the newer unions as Johnson-compliant.

"We didn't even have a CIO convention."

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"Then he was asked what he meant by one-sided leadership in the California CIO Council. "Did you mean too many communists?"

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Dockers Help Polish Kids
SAN FRANCISCO—An invitation to join with the longshore division of the union in sending food, toys and clothing to the children of Polish longshoremen has been sent to all warehouse, walking boat and stevedores and guards locals of the ILWU.

New Look
O. W. Pearson, outgoing president of the Pacific Maritime Association, reported to PMA directors February 8 that during the first year of the new look “our fundamental accomplishment has been one of laying the foundation on which to build a stabilized waterfront industry.”

Teamsters Have Record of Raiding, Scabbing, Collusion and Corruption
SAN FRANCISCO—For locals threatened by Teamster raids, ILWU Research Director林 adult Bailey recently looked into the record of the Teamsters unions.

He found it to be a record of raiding, strikebreaking, collusion with employers, discrimination against Negroes, neglect of women and unphoto-Extraordinary achievement is evidenced in the state of the union report. The Teamsters won an election and signed a five-year contract with the ILWU, with no seniority provisions and no provisions for determining production.

ILWU Local Makes Ryan Back Down
NEW YORK—Local 56 of the AFL-Industrial Council had long been demanding that Ryan, who heads the ILWU, return to the labor force. The ILWU local outside New York City has been demanding that Ryan, who heads the ILWU, return to the labor force.
Frameup Gets Nazi-Like as Donohue Balts ILWU Stand Against Fascism

(Continued from Page 1) has no trial by jury, discrimination holds no elections, it is not a demo-
cratic country everywhere. Bridges answered:

"The political complexion of the country is secondary."

Bridges also proved that if he did not know more about American history than Donohue, he at least knew more about the significance of it. He reminded the Washington, D.C., lawyer that George Washington and Tom Paine were revolutionaries and that in their day they were called the equivalent of Com-
munists.

Bridges was not backward either in telling Donohue just why he thought he, Robertson and Schmidt were in this frame-
up trial. He said anybody who put up a fight could expect it.

"That is why I am in this wit-
ness chair answering liars, per-
jurers and stool-pigeons," he said.
Earlier in his cross-examina-
tion he had said that he was only a walking horse and whip-
ing boy of the real union.

STOOLPIGEGN DISGRUNTLED

Answered with the government
stoolpigeon John Scho-
maker would have for testifying, he said: "He was ambitious. He didn’t make the grade. He grew
disgruntled." He also told Schomaker tried to get the union to finance him in a profit-making scheme by which he would manufac-
ture cement blocks for a hous-
ing project in Hawaii.

Of both Schomaker and the stoolpigeon Lewis Mihcenser, Bridges said he didn’t know that they had ‘ever been Communists and did nothing to discourage
them."

While they courage the way
they (Communists) got kicked around," he said.

Asked what motive the govern-
ment stoolpigeon "aren’t you a man of courage?"

FRENCHE PIGEON

On a Florida beach Shirley Rhodes posed becoming, Her

title is beach belly of the year.

Ball and Belle...