Local 6 Oils Machinery To Lick Raid

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Local 6 warehousemen rolled solidly and smoothly this week and last in their job of fighting off Dave Beck’s AFL Teamster raiders. By February 20 meetings of the workers in every industry and the unemployed in the San Francisco division had affirmed Local 6’s loyalty to the ILWU-CIO. At every meeting officers and members branded Beck’s attack as just another jurisdictional raid which will be beaten back as all Teamster raids in the past have been beaten back.

BACK CONVENTION ACTS

And at every meeting the membership enthusiastically endorsed the recommendations of their delegated convention earlier in the month that the local stay in the ILWU, set up a rank and file committee to reconcile differences between the ILWU and CIO, instruct the local officers to comply with the Taft-Hartley Act by signing non-communist affidavits, and instruct the officers to get to work immediately on improving and extending Local 6 contracts which terminate June 1.

The Teamster raiders came out in the open after they failed first to prevent holding the convention and then failed to stampede it. Business Agents Dominic Gallo, Business Agents Dominic Gallo, (Continued on back page)

Unions Lead In Frameup Defense

SAN FRANCISCO—The people of this community, and not many others are standing up to be counted in defense of Harry Bridges, J. Robertson and Henry Schmidt.

Unions were still leading the way in the fight against the fourth frameup this week, but farmers, small businessmen, students, and groups of citizens were joining in to contribute the

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Board Approves T-H Compliance To Strengthen ILWU Fight on Raids

SAN FRANCISCO—The Executive Board of the ILWU meeting the week of February 18 and 19 unanimously approved the officers’ proposal to strengthen the hand of the union in meeting any raids, AFL or CIO, by complying with the non-communist affidavit provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The Board concurred in the officers’ statement of January 25 that “we still hold to the belief there are no benefits to be gained under Taft-Hartley,” but “the time has come when we can use compliance as a means to expose and defeat the enemies and the splitters within the labor movement.”

Compliance was recommended to the locals, with the understanding that longshore locals would consider the matter on a coastwise basis.

In a strongly-worded and unanimously approved statement setting forth some of the famous history of Dave Beck of the Teamsters Union, the Board pledged the “entire resources and energies of the International Union” behind the membership of Local 6 in the San Francisco Bay Area, currently “meeting and defeating a treacherous attack launched by Dave Beck.” (Full text of Board statement is on back page.)

BACK MINERS WITH DOUGH

Still pressing the fight to stay in CIO and secure a fair trial, the Board authorized the union to offer payment of expenses of the CIO trial committee to San Francisco, so that rank and file ILWU members can take part in the proceedings.

In all trials so far CIO has instituted a Washington, D.C. special bagger from Washington, D.C., named F. Joseph Donohue, whose type of thinking runs clearly of his union’s policies and how they are adopted.

The union is against war, period. The union was even against war in the midst of the last war, but not against fighting it, because it didn’t believe in turning the other cheek. The union is against collaboration, because when a war is just, volunteers can be expected.

The union is against people (Continued on Back Page)

Who Said It?

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(Turn to back page for name of author.)
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The Going Was Too Tough for Schomaker So He Sold Out

3rd Day (February 15)

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The day-by-day story of pro-

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"Did he lack courage when he was beaten down?"

"What's a dumping?" retorted

The house hero!" snapped Hallinan, "The nearest you ever got to danger was getting our backsides on a swivel chair!"

Donohue brought up the last convention of National CIO and read from the record. As he asked questions about it and the CIO fight, Bridges said, "These attractive women are in-ternal matters in labor, and I don't believe in trying to solve them in a court of law."

"Do you believe (CIO Presi-dent) Philip Murray is a labor lawyer?"

As Donohue attempted to bait Bridges and failed to succeed, he

RATHER FOR $5

"You don't have to pay Mervyn Ratchford $5 as a witness. You can get him for five."

Also, "Yes, I trust some wit-nesses, but you put the screws on them."

The Interrogation of John Bridges about the "anti-Communist" amendment adopted by the last CIO Conven-

sion.

"Its supporters call it anti Com-munist, but I call it a racketeering, corrupt and crooked amendment by which they attempt to promote their own personal political ad-

RULES FOREST IT

He went on to say that under the CIO and the ILWU are even forbidden from demanding that workers be promoted to trade with China and make more jobs here.

"We are constantly to trade with Nazi Germany and fascist Italy as you trade with Communist China?"

"No, what's the difference?"

"Well, that will take some time."

"Well, we have a lot of time."

"All right," said Bridges lean- ing forward.

DEMOCRACY DEFINED

"The way I look at another country and the way my union looks at it is if no unions exist, if people are working for money and little clerks kick back their pay."

"If the union people say they would throw the key away," he said. "They only got six months."

DONOHUE AND BOYCOT

Brother George S. Harry listened to the statute and then held that
target was the only criteria. He therefore refused to strike

certain remarks which Donohue had made.

"It is only a collateral matter," the court said. "There is no use being allowed to put them in."

"We cannot agree with that," said Bridges. "They are using it all the time."

Donohue returned to the ques-tioning but made it clear to Donohue, Schomaker or Henry Schrimpf

have ever testified against him be-

SNEAKING AROUND

"We are sneaking around the witness stand where they could be confronting John Bridges, he said. "He has been sneaking around the back door and gaying for the last ten years of emigration Service since 1937."

Donohue then began to read a transcript of the 1939 deportation hearing before Dean James Lan-dis in Chicago and restated his sup-

port for having testified against Bridges. A statement by Bridges for the formation of the Albion Hall group.

Bridges said that in 1939 the case he neglected to check union records and had taken Schomak-er's wife to Wisconsin and came to the waterfront in 1902.

SCHOMAKER POSED

"I under the impression for many, many years that Schomaker was beginning to work because that is what he told me to do and that I supposed as an oldtimer."

"Why, of course. Some people in the union movement look out for themselves at the expense of the people down below. Schomaker would make the grade."

He said Schomaker's wife nagged him about his union ac-

He sold out.

"The going got too tough for John Schomaker and he sold out," said Bridges, and "let's start on a new story. It is not peculiar to unions. It happens in government, too."

The people who might become a Com-

bined the case of J. Parnell Thomas, congressman who, while shouting about Com-

Curran needs cops

"What's the most effective way to organize a union in the Coast and what you boys on the West Coast just pay your dues, keep your mouth

shut and carry out the orders we give you."

Later he said: "I will produce a copy of the rules adopted by the National CIO Board in May, 1949 and if you can show me that this is not the rules which I brought in, I will eat it right here."

Bridges said that in his opinion (Continued on Page 4)
 Forty-Sixth Day

Donohue had bridges review the details of the day of his naturalization, September 17, 1945. It was on this day that he swore "I am not, I have not been," in reply to the question as to whether he was a Communist.

"Religiously," he said, "I feel as if I were in arbitration?"

"Yes, we do. There are some things we think lend themselves to arbitration either for employers or the union. For instance, the right to stay in business, even tho' we are all wrong, we are entitled to arbitration."

Then Donohue asked him if the CIO guaranteed the present longshore contract. "In a form, yes," he said. "It is not a perfect contract, it has been defective for the past nine years." Then he explained how the employees in the 1948 strike had used propaganda to the effect that the union did not live up to its contracts.

That's nothing."

"In fact it is not a fact," he explained. "It is not a true statement. It is not a true statement about the CIO, it is not a true statement about the history of the labor movement in this country."

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I was surprised if he was going to be a witness. He said he didn't know anything about me and that the named owner of the Los Angeles Daily News was a big American and a Democrat. The party and the squeeze is on him."

Bridges was asked if he had made a contribution to Mr. Wilson. Bridges said no, he had Window as well as I know, Mr. Wilson as well as I know, Mr. Bridges were perjurers. Bridges denied again attending the Communist Party where he had been a witness for the government in 1941 hearing. He told how he had been a member of the Communist Party which later he went to prison for 2 years.

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The DISPATCHER

The Members and No One Else Make the ILWU's Decisions

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"I want to advise Mr. Bridges and Mr. Rathborne that you have done is to take a meeting of the Communist Party.

Donohue said that Bridges was the worst. He said Bridges had been a member of the Communist Party, and displayed extreme hatred for the unions.

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"The way you trying to get the People's World in?" asked Hallinan.

"Bridges said he had not read any newspaper articles appearing in the People's World.

"My understanding of a stoo- pilizer is, he knows something and reports it. Rathborne fabricates."

Donohue asked Bridges about a statement he made once praising Rathborne. Bridges said he had changed his mind about Rathborne when he learned later that he had used CIO funds for personal benefit.

"THAT'S DIFFERENT"

"Mr. Bridges, do you advise associates with drunks or do you have separation of the two?" asked Donohue.

"People who drink too much are sick people," said Bridges.

"But when you start drinking at the back of your fellow workers and start betraying your fellow workers, that is a different thing," he added.

"We have on record that Rathborne drank to cover up a situation. He said the State CIO now has a warrant for arrest against Rathborne on an effort to recover funds. Rathborne left the CIO Council in 1942." (Continued on Page 7)

Bridges quipped:

"Fine. Let's split Hallinan. Then I'll endorse the Milwaukee Sentinel."

Bridges was asked about President Roosevelt's defense policy. He was, however, opposed to going to war, he said. On this, he asserted, he was following the policy of National CIO.

He said the ILWU was bitter about scrap iron being sent to Japan. He said: "Our position was to do all we could to keep America out of the war." He said there was a period when that war was known as "the phoney war." He said the term was invented in Europe, not America.

"To a person like you," he said to Donohue, "being opposed to war makes me a Communist. So, I am opposed to war. Make something of that if you can, I was not opposed to war after Pearl Harbor because I don't believe in turning the other cheek."

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ANSWER

Donohue asked: "Mr. Bridges, is there anything in this country you agree with?" "Yes," said Bridges, "I wish I could agree with the American people. There's too much of this business of looking for areas of disagreement."

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It's Beck's Evil Dream To "Wreck the Whole ILWU"

SAN FRANCISCO — This is the ILWU Executive Board statement on Beck's campaign to wreck the ILWU. It was adopted here February 24. It is the ILWU's strong protest and disagreement with such an attack. It is filed as part of theILDU's convention in April.

Local 6, the largest waterfront union in the ILWU, with jurisdiction in the port of Seattle, Washington, California, is currently meeting and defeating a treacherous attack launched by Dave Beck of the Teamsters Union.

This attack is next to an attempt to wreck ILWU longshoremen unions so as to ex- tend to the waterfront the longshoremen and local Teamster's Union practices racial discrimination. Beck strenuously op- posed the admission of Americans of Japanese ancestry to the West Coast after the war, and is seeking to bar those who fought under the American flag.

Beck, who has iron-handed control of the Teamsters unions of the West, is a scab, who cooperates with employers and crooked politicians everywhere he can to break strikes and to disrupt and break legitimate unions. Any aid to Beck and his methods and those of illegi- timate trade union are purely incidental.

INFAMOUS SELL-OUT

It was Beck who signed the infamous June 16 agreement in 1943, which was designed to break the longshoremen strike in this port and to sell out the long- shoremen and ultimately to break down the hall and to guarantee to shipowners, longshoremen, and Teamsters to return to work and scab on the striking workers.

Beck was also scabbed against the Teamsters Unions which were the only recently at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle and tried to wreck that union by.Live to Die Young.

Beck, who along with Harry Longshore, has established himself as a gun of the Teamsters' Union. The Teamsters Union practices racial discrimination. Beck, in the first days of the raid have been using the trade union movement, especially the ILWU, to wreck the ILWU.

This attack has been carried out to the point where the Teamsters are turning their energies to wrecking ILWU warehouse or- ganizations, seeking to bar those who fought under the American flag.

We resolve that we shall dedi- cate ourselves to the task of exposing Beck's scabbing; union-busting, strike-breaking tactics and the spurious and false statements that are being spread.

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LOCAL 6: A banquet in honor of Harry Bridges, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, and their law- yers Vincent Hallinan and Louis M. Bensinger, February 19 drew a crowd of 800 to the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Robertson, at the mike above, had just stated, as he did in court, that Beck deserted the rank and file of the Teamsters Union into the Teamsters Union, which has been under the American flag.