Dave Beck's Teamster Raiders Get Another Strong Kick in the Teeth

S AN FRANCISCO—Dave Beck's Teamster raiders got still another kick in the teeth this week when Superior Judge Theresa Meikle in an 8 a.m. session April 24 issued a series of temporary restraining orders.

One prohibits Teamster Local 12, the outfit set up by Beck to raid ILWU Local 6's jurisdiction, and also Teamster Local 8's truck drivers from picketing any Distributors Association of Northern California houses. DANC has a three-year contract with Local 6. The second prohibits the Teamsters from importing out-of-state "individuals to be employed, directed, instructed or instigated to physically assault and intimidate" members of Local 6 or the DANC.

The third prohibits Local 6 from picketing the Purty Stores warehouse here.

DANC SUES TEAMSTERS

Two days earlier DANC socked the Teamsters International Union and Locals 12 and 85 with a $1,100,000 damage suit for losses resulting from the Teamsters' illegal picketing.

Local 6 has instructed its attorneys to file another suit against the same outift, demanding full pay for members at Schenley and Purty who have lost work as result of the illegal picketing.

The Teamsters - employing Harry Lundeberg goods imported from Seattle and others hired around town, have been picketing several DANC houses to force them out of the Association and the binding Local 6 contract.

They call this picketing organizing.

GOONS CHASED AWAY

Local 6 warehousemen April 30 chased the Teamster pickets away from United Grocers and the next day turned out at the Purity warehouse which Teamster pickets were trying to force out of the Association.

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"Every member of our union," said the board, "will continue to support these officers who are under fire by the reactionary forces within our government."}

Witchhunt in Paradise

BY SIDNEY ROGER

HONOLOLU, T. H. — There's been a witchhunt in Paradise!

The Un-American Committee came to Hawaii and opened up its bag of tricks—all the usual stock in trade: Hearsay, rumors, gossip, lies, half-truths, distortions.

The witchhunters came to smear the ILWU. They came at the express invitation of the Republican-controlled, Big-Five-dominated Territorial Legislature.

They also took some pot shots at the Democratic Party here, and at the Statehood Constitutional Convention.

But their main target was the union, the ILWU.

The witchhunters finally packed their carpet-bags after two weeks.

They hurt some individuals.

They smeared the union all over the front pages.

They disrupted the Statehood Convention.

They created division in the union (Continued on Page 3).

Who Said It?

"We are supposed to find twelve of your peers from among this group, but federal jury panels never include an employee."

(For full text of this statement, turn back page.)
EVER SINCE workers became conscious of themselves and their conditions as a class, they have been saddened with a fringe of scum among themselves which accepts pay to betray them.

In the history of labor has that scum been scummiest than in the present barn beef by which a gangster-leech upon the working class seeks to take away by foul and violent diction, announced he was going to use the jurisdiction of ILWU Local 6 warehousemen in the Bay Area.

Gangster Dave Beck, the teamster chief who has never meant more to the labor movement than a class-collaborating dues collector, started this beef on the sole basis that warehouse jurisdiction belonged to him simply because he wanted it.

He just said he wanted warehouse jurisdiction, anyhow be was going to use the treasury of the teamsters to get it, and then he set out to lure the kind of working class scum that will willingly watch fellow workers bleed to death if they get some of the blood.

He found Gallos, Dillons, Maguires and Kosloskys, and put them on his payroll while he set out to hire the kind of working class men and seamen, but all workers in the company hiring halls, each again bidding for the services of the longshore work.

And longshoremen better be on their toes. Beck has opened avowed that he intends to take them over, too, along with seamen. His plans would destroy their central pay office and send them back to work through company hiring halls, each again bidding for the services of the hungrily who will work for the cheapest pay. Beck has already been moving in on longshore work.

Not only longshoremen and warehousemen and seamen, but all workers in the community, who have built their organizations so painfully over the years, should awaken now to the fact that Local 6 is on the front line of defense in a full-scale war against all of them.

The ILWU locals in Northern California and elsewhere are determined that Local 6 shall not fight the battle alone. It behooves all other workers up and down the coast to join the fight.

In Other Unions

Two Weeks of Labor Intelligence

Secretary-Treasurer Louis Clark of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers left April 12 for Puerto Rico to serve as labor member of a special committee to examine wage rates in seven of the island's industries. . . . The nation's 2,300 Fullman conductors voted by over 97 per cent in favor of a strike, President Harry W. Fraser, of the Order of Railway Conductors unaffiliated, reported but the National Mediation Board brought a temporary postponement by calling the principals to emergency sessions April 19, . . . A settlement was won April 11 by more than 2,000 AFIL butchers members of Local 563 Amalgamated Meat Cutters, who voted back in 400 independent packing plants of the American Meat Processors increases ranging from 7½ to 11½ cent an hour won in a week-long strike that started as a lockout.

Workers of Kaufman-Bedrick drug store in the RCA building in New York struck against an employer attempt to break their union, Local 1199 of the Railway Clerks Union. . . . The plaintiffs suit and the target, A. C. Bedrick, Inc.

The United Department Store Workers, affiliated to the Distributive Workers of America, took form May 28 as an all-day mourning convention in New York. . . . A scant hourly wage increase plus several other important fringe gains featured the new contract won by the 7,500 Santa Ana Copper Mining Co., workers represented by the United Mine and Smelter Workers Union locals in Montana . . . Over 500 John Hancock and Boston Mutual stockholders from all over Massachusetts in Boston March 23, unanimously voted to stick to 150%WA and to suspend six CIO splitters who tried to break up the meeting.

Two more costly UAW-CIO raids on the farm equipment workers of the United Electrical Workers, unaffiliated, were smashed in double-header victories April 20 in Chicago more than 6,000 workers involved. International Harvester workers of Local 101 at the Tractor Works won their Taft-Hartley labor board election 2,450 to 1,460 for Reuther's UAW. The Borg-Warner Ingersoll Steel workers of Local 1, a CIO shop, voted 22,300 to 251 at the world's leading tillage disc plant by a score of 531 to 521. While continuing its record winning streak in Chicago UAW in the same week defeated a CIO attempt at all Minnesota plants of the Minneapolis-Moline farm implement chain in court ordered elections that registered 2,148 votes for UE against 191 for CIO. The UE also certified the UAW at the Chicago Sunbeam Corporation involving 4,000 workers.

The 8-hour day is becoming obsolete in the composing and mail rooms manned by the International Typographical Union, AFL, the union's statistical bureau reported from Indianapolis, Ind. . . . The widow of a UAW-CIO striker killed by a truck which rammed into a picket line in Kansas City, Mo., has filed suit for $15,000 against the truck driver, the deputy sheriff, who accompanied him, and the Rupert Diecasting Company and its agent who hired the truck. . . . A new truck, providing higher wage increases and for a pension plan which will become effective in 5 months has been agreed to by the Bricklayers, Masons & Planters Union, AFL, in New York. The union also building trades unions in Detroit April 13 when construction locals won raises ranging from 10½ cents to 12½ cents an hour effective May 1.

Loomsome Firemen Set To Strike

In Detroit, Mich., the FBI is interviewing many auto workers, ostensibly in connection with the mysterious shooting of UAW President Walter Reuther, but according to one worker, the agency is "principally interested in me or the Reuther case, but in what radicals I supposedly knew." . . . Local 72 of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers, unaffiliated, reported that at the Chicago Sunbeam Corporation involving 4,000 workers, the UAW on May 28 as "the first significant break in the current telephone wage dispute."

Climaxing a 3-year fight, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, unaffiliated, announced in Chicago that it will strike four big railroads at 6 a.m. April 26. . . . Two thousand people attended the funeral April 4 of Mrs. Winnie Salem, N, C, of Mrs. Miranda Smith, 32-year-old nationally known woman union leader and executive board member of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers, unaffiliated. . . . The ban on trade with China is forcing the New Orleans branch of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, CIO, to go out on strike in the next few weeks, the union's International Representative, Harry Lawrence, announced. . . . Reid Robinson resigned on April 12 as vice president and Smelter Workers, unaffiliated, for reasons he said are "purely personal."

Charles M. Kerns, free lance radio script writer and former broadcaster, of Lafayette, La., as a member of the American Federation of Radio Artists, AFL, April 10 following his earlier suspension by the Pittsburgh local resulting from his being fingered by many companies. The International Radio Union Co., in Los Angeles, signed an agreement with the AFL Chemical Workers, omitting a wage increase and providing a 5-cent week cost of living adjustment. A union may not strike to compel a contractor to stop buying materials from a non-union firm, a federal court ruled in Cincinnati, Ohio, in deciding a case brought by Local 74, of the AFL Carpenters. . . . The Taft-Hartley Act requires that unions give 60 days' notice before striking to ensure a contract modification, the NLRB ruled in Washington, D. C., April 14, on charges brought against the CIO Packinghouse Workers by Wilson and Co.
### Bridges Demands $500,000 In Damages From Donohue

**San Francisco — ILWU President Harry Bridges April 18 filed suit in Superior Court against the publishers of the San Francisco Chronicle and the Independent, charging that their articles and comments about him were libelous.** Bridges' suit, filed by Defense Chief Vincent Hallinan, is based upon remarks made by Donohue April 17 before the Electric Club at the Palace Hotel here. Donohue said that Bridges was "a perjurer and a liar" and that he had "made a contract with communism and that he was "playing an important part in the plan to bring about a revolution."

**NOW HE ROASTS**

In filing the suit Hallinan said: "Donohue was the one who during the trial told the jury that the U.S. was going to perjure and that communism was not an issue in it. Now, outside the courtroom, this same Donohue has been obtained upon his misrepresented words. Now, this has stopped an imagined revolution.

The suit charges that Donohue was "acted upon by spite and malice." Other defendants named in the suit are four Does and James Simontachhi, a charter member of the ILWU.

**U. S. Shipowners Use Foreign Flags**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The continued policy by American shipowners to operate under foreign flags is clearly shown by a study of oil tankers recently released in the Bulletin of the American Bureau of Shipping. At the end of last year U. S. oil companies owned about 12,000,000 tons of oil carrying capacity. Of this amount 17 per cent, or 2,000,000 tons or 33 per cent was under foreign flags.

During 1949 twenty-nine new tankers were completed in American yards, but only a few of these, large, fast vessels were registered under the Panamanian, Honduran or Liberian flags.

### Joe Simontachhi Dies in Crockett

**Crockett, Calif.** — Joe Simontachhi, a charter member of the Crockett division of ILWU Waremen's Local 1, died here April 25. He had been a member of the ILWU for the past 10 years.

All the pall-bearers at Simontachhi's burial April 26 were warehousemen.

### More on The Un-Americans' Witchhunt in Paradise

(Underlined text continues from page 1)

The leaflet predicted what would happen in the hearings and ended with a pidgin caption:

**COOL HEAD MAIN THING! COOL HEAD WON**

Cool head won the day. Every prediction made by the union came true. First came the newspapers, the "ringleaders" warned of the "wildfire scareheads all over the place."

The editions came out like a slogan, black, yellow and red.

**Headlines were hold-black, some as large as the heads used to announce war and peace.**

Of course the Un-Americans were outdated and forgotten.

The contrary, their Chairman, Walter said all they could do was "actuated by spite and malice," was "actuated by spite and malice," was "actuated by spite and malice," was "actuated by spite and malice," was "actuated by spite and malice," was "actuated by spite and malice,

"Witnesses against the union are without union, without any union. The Big Five has tried to wreck the union.

They told about the many occasions when the union had power and was active on the executive committee. They discussed nothing but union business. All the people there were union officials or members.

But, every witness would say: "I knew it was a Communist meeting."

**A FIGHTING OUTFIT**

Above are the officers of Local 13 in San Pedro, installed by ILWU President Harry Bridges April 18. The fisherman, on the night after the framed conviction of Bridges, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt. The longshoremen served in a standing, unanimous vote of continued all out support to the three, all present at the installation meeting. Schmidt is at the extreme left.
The BRIDGES Decision

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Los Angeles, April 7

O N APRIL 1, the day that F. O. Cullen attended to his death from a hotel window in Boston after expressing deep concern over "world conditions" and the trial of his friend Harry Bridges in San Francisco, the jury in the Bridges case began its deliberations. Ten days later the verdict was filed back into the courtroom and announced that they had found the defendant, Harry Bridges, guilty of perjury, along with his co-defendants, Henry Schmidt and J. R. Robertson. The jury was congred by Judge George Harris on having "found the truth shimmering like gold in the crucible of this trial," and in the final chapter in the fifteen-year old Bridges case was brought to a close. In the context of the trial (the judge had the quality of a bad April Fool's joke), throughout the long trial two facts stood out. The government's use of highly discreditible methods to secure a conviction, and its clever eva

by CAREY McWILLIAMS

FBI Uses Intimidation At RCA In Effort To Revive Labor Spy Racket

LANCASTER, Pa. (FP) — The Radio Corporation of America was accused of working with the FBI in an attempt to force an RCA woman worker into becoming a labor spy.

The accusation came from Local 124, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (affiliated), which said the company had "been caught in an attempt at revival of the labor spy racket, this time with a local representa

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ancient Gems

The jewels came from an antique show in New York. The girl is Dot Mullan.

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There's Unity On Halls In Seattle

SEATTLE (FP) — The fight to save the hiring hall, cornerstone of maritime unionism, emerged as the common denominator at a meeting here attended by representatives of AFL, CIO and unaffiliated waterfront unions.

The unprecedented session was attended by officials of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, Seattle Metal Trades Council, International Longshoremen’s Association (all AFL), ILWU, National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, American Radio Association (all CIO) and Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers (unaffiliated).

The Taft-Hartley threat to the hiring hall, which has in effect been ruled illegal by the United States Supreme Court, was recognized by all participants.

There Aren't Enough New Jobs in U. S.

WASHINGTON (FP) — The Labor Department reported with optimism April 24 that nonfarm employment in the United States rose by 630,000 between mid-February and mid-March.

Behind the Labor Department's current job figures, gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, stood these facts: (1) the cumulative gain in employment since January, after adjustment for striking workers, was somewhat under 100,000; (2) industrial and commercial employment in March was about 600,000 less than a year ago; and (3) the population of the United States has increased by about a million in the past year.

To keep the same proportion of people working, the national economy must provide 280,000 new jobs for every million in population growth.

Local 8 Unanimously Backs Bridges Defense

PORTLAND, Ore. — In a unanimous standing vote, ILWU Local 8 at a stop work meeting April 12 pledged full financial and moral support in the fight to save Harry Bridges from deportation.

"It was one of the most solid expressions of support I ever witnessed," Roland Smith, secretary of the local, said afterward.

The demonstration centered around adoption of a resolution on Bridges. Robertson and Schmidt approved at the coastwise caucus in San Pedro and followed reports from four of the five caucus delegates, James Pannis, president of Local 8, Ray Kerman, secretary of the Columbia River district council, Mike Sickinger and Robert T. Baker, a past president of the local and one-time candidate against Bridges. The fifth caucus delegate, ILWU International Representative Matt Meehan, was attending a similar stop work meeting of Local 50 in Astoria.

The local also concurred in the press statements issued by Secretary Smith following announcement of the verdict against the three ILWU leaders. At that time Smith issued an emergency release saying the local would stand behind the ILWU officials in any appeal they might make and branding the trial a "frame-up, not so much against Bridges, but against all labor."

Rockwell Kent Speaks May 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Rockwell Kent, famous American artist and honorary member of the ILWU, will talk on world peace at the Western Women’s Club here Monday evening, May 1.

Kent was one of a group of American artists who visited Europe.
Lundeberg Opponents Reinstated

SEATTLE, Wash._Sixteen members of the SUP, supporters of John Mahoney, who was expelled because he asked a question at a meeting of his Seattle branch, were ordered reinstated into the SUP by an order of Judge Harold A. Severson here on April 13.

The question Mahoney had asked was: Who gave the SUP the authority to break a strike of the Cannery, Seamen, and Fishermen Union?

The men were not actually put back on the ships on which they were removed when the SUP expelled them. They went to court, courted them in San Francisco, but they may apply for reinstatement to ships from the Seattle hiring hall.

In case the officials of the SUP did not reinstate them or discriminate against them, these officials or any of the parties plaintiff herein, may again appeal this question to the courts and subject it to penalties for such contempt.

The judge held that in expelling the men the SUP had violated provisions of the SUP constitution. If the men are to be expelled by a subsequent action of the SUP before the court, the question will go to the Seattle, and the union's constitution will be questioned.

OFFICIALS RESTRICTED

Severson further ordered that the officers of the SUP, John Mahoney, S. J. Taylor, A. J. Thomas Mathews or any other official who exercises power by exercising authority to suspend, thwart, hinder, or obstruct any of the parties plaintiff herein, or any against members of said union or from in any way exercising any authority of said union or the sole grounds that said person appeared and testified, or shall appear and testify, as a witness in the trial of this case on its merits, or who shall have, or may sign any affidavit in connection herewith.

In the Seattle the SUP Port Agent.

The 16 expelled members who brought court action against Harry Lundeberg, SUP Secretary, to get them reinstated were: Walter Flindt, Norman A. Combe, James Severson, Harry A. Kitchel, John E. Bames, Lester W. Fieber, Gerald T. Foe, Lee A. Hurst, James Kalence, Donald W. DeMarco, W. M. Fairbank, Walter Flindt, Norman A. Combe, Donald W. DeMarco, W. M. Fairbank, Lee A. Hurst, James Kalence, and William J. Morrison.

The Amerasia, a weekly critical organ, editorially April 21 "that the judge showed bias in this case," and called the expelled members trying to "reck the Sailors Union."

One-third of all U.S. families spent more than their current incomes in 1949.

DRIVE TO REVERSE CONVICTIONS TAKEN: Leaders Warn You're Next To Be Framed

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILWU kicked off its campaign to take the Bridges-Robertson Schmitt frame up to court in the land, the American people, with the following statement here April 19 where 8,000 people jammed the civic auditorium to hear and cheer the leaders and their lawyers.

This union, warfare, heard by all the speakers that there will be more frameups unless they and the people of every community of the country stand up and talk back. The people are in their pockets for $6,000 as a starter in the nationwide fight to reverse the frameups.

ILWU President Harry Bridges, standing for the first time, braving the scrutiny clear across the auditorium stage: "Fight the Frameup, You're Next," (the sign was donated by rank and file members of AFL Sign Painters Local 510) delivering telling blows at the rawness of the frameup and the dirty politics that helped make it.

NEW LEGAL GIMMICK

Bridges stressed the new gimmick used in this fourth frameup: a violation of the alleged false statement where he "can prove he didn't lie when he said he was not what he was not, a Communist."

He explained how he in his three previous trials the burden of proof was on the government and it failed to prove its charges of communism.

In the latest frameup, Bridges pointed out, the government had the burden of proving he was a Communist.

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NOT ONLY COMMUNISTS

The Bridges-Robertson Schmitt frameup was aimed only at Communists, he said. "We see the beginning of the end of the government loyalty oaths. We see it working amongst our teaching profession, amongst the judiciary, amongst the gimmick by the faculty of the State University."

"We see it working with the charges now being flung against John T. Kalence, the top Soviet spy in the U.S.A."

Bridges urged: "Let there be no change in policy concerning our relations with Communist China."

"Let's have no speechmaking and preaching "no strikes." Here in Pennsylvania the name of John Mahoney, who was expelled because he asked a question at a meeting of the Cannery, Seamen, and Fishermen Union, is still "getting into the museum of social systems from that in the United States, he will be indicted and convicted on a technicality."

"Speak up and fight back now," Bridges urged. "This attack is not meant only for the Communists. It is not meant only for militant or left-wing or fighting trade unions. It is not meant only for the Latimeres and the professors on the campus. It is meant for you."

"The Fight Back" theme dominated the whole proceedings, starting with author Carey McWilliams' opening plea that people stop looking the other way and realize that the Supreme Court is not necessarily a refuge for minorities and those whose rights have been violated.

AGE OF WITCHCRAFT

"This is an age of witchcraft and heresy," he said, and "public opinion is our only protection."

He spoke of the regrants of the University of California reaching "back into the 17th century to find the heretics" for the test oath, and the refusal of the Supreme Court to review the case of the Hollywood ten who refused to be intimidated by the U.S. Congress.

ILWU International Represenative Harry Schmidt told the audience that the case that has doing to with the individuals tried and convicted on a technicality is "trade union that's done a job."

NOT A PHONY UNION

"We know this cannot be a phony union with a rigged constitution, in frequent meetings, and high salaries for its officials. But if you wouldn't be touched," he said.

"Bridges' longshoremen were proof of the Constitution and the right of the workers, that they have the right to frameups and the right to picket."

"Bridges stressed the new gimmick by the faculty and the academic community, for $6,000 as a starter in the nationwide fight to reverse the frameups."

Bridges pointed out that history will make it clear in time. The bridge before was one of the rebels, independent thinkers, fighters for the underdog.

"We have no doubt of the people. We are determined to stop it."

Defense Attorney James Martin MacInnis asked the audience to open their minds to the truth and told how stunned and shocked he was when the jury announced it had capitulated.

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Fancy Union-Smashing Is In Store If Congress Enacts The Mundt Bill

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 10 longshoreman George Walsh is running for secretary of state in California, an office that has been occupied for years, virtually unchallenged, by Republican Frank M. Jordan and his father before him.

Walsh is a candidate on the Independent Progressive Party ticket, running on a program of relief for the unemployed, public works and China trade for jobs, adequate pensions, a state Fair Control Board, and a year writing the bulletin.

If Congress enacts the Mundt bill, though paraded as a labor measure, Walsh claims, it's every line an anti-communist measure. As anti-communist Walsh is running for secretary of state, including seeing that registration of voters is carried out correctly.

LOCAL 10 IN WILMINGTON

Local 10 in Wilmington include a year on the executive committee of the union's bulletin. In 1948 he was prominent on the strike-wage committee in Philadelphia.

Walsh was one of the many longshoremen who refused to test the strike-wage committee of the federal grand jury, which indicted Harry Bridges, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt.

Other IPP candidates this year are Paul Crouch, Mervyn Rathborne and John Schomaker. One other who pledged to resign from the union could not be made public, so any employer may, if he chose, refuse to hire him.

Walsh is running for state comptroller and Reuben Robertson for state treasurer. Walsh is running for state treasurer.

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S.F. Workers Order Hearings

San Francisco—The future holds promise of some of the fanciest union-smashing yet if labor allows Congress to enact the Mundt-Ferguson bill.

According to Union Research and Information Services, a labor organization headed by Paul Pinky with Philip Eden as his associate, the ILWU will likely be the first victim in the West Coast. It won't be the last.

Walsh, in a dispatch on Labor Day, analyzed the bill, S-2111, not yet presented on the Senate floor, and came up with the conclusion that it's every line an anti-communist measure.

TASK IMPOSSIBLE

Here's what UR predicts for the ILWU if a headline reads "Mundt-Ferguson Becomes Law:" The first day a Subversive Activities Control Board, established by the bill, will order the ILWU to register as a "communist political organization." The IPP will be so designated on grounds it opposes the Atlantic Charter, the ILO wage reports, and other policies supported by the Administration.

Walsh will of course say truthfully that it is not a "communist front organization" and will ask for a hearing, where he will face the impossible task of proving that it is not what it is, not as in the Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt frame-up the defendants were called upon to prove they were not what they were not, namely Communists. Where witnesses in the hearing will be people like Manning Ferguson, son Paul Crouch, Mervyn Rathborne and John Schomaker. One of the professional witnesses will testify that the ILWU is led by convicted men like Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt. Others will say that the ILWU is a "subversive" cause, that is, the Board-Robertson hearing at that time of the trial of our leaders has led us to regard our endorsement of the Righteousness of two men, that mistake this union has ever made.

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MAYBE RATHBONE

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WEBSTER Pays Salaries While Carey’s CIO-UE Organizers Travel

MANSFIELD, Ohio — A Taft-Hartley hearing here was the scene where Joshua M. Webster, a member of the National CIO's United Electrical Workers organized the ILWU into a labor racket, said it.

The union, he said, has only a few weeks to build up a membership the union should leave wide open to strike action, asking the delegates to fight back now.

Among those who addressed the union were ILWU President Harry Reich of Cooks Marine Cooks & Stewards (CIO) and Local 10, Hotel & Restaurant Employees International Union (AFL) leaders.

Webster, a Westinghouse organizer, was known to the National Union of Afro-American Labor Unions and others.

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Docks & Terminals

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outside the coverage of the act,
except from old age and survivors’ insurance by unem-
ployment insurance, too.

They were excluded in 1953 for the sake of the “small
farmer;” but actually the great majority are employed by
very large commercial corporations. There was also
excluded by the law of the agreement of a large group who work in
commercial, or manufacturing business on plantations.
Militant Unionist Who Refused To Help Frame Bridges Faces Deportation

SAN FRANCISCO—Luisa Moreno Bemis, a United States resident for 27 years and a long-time leader in the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union, faces deportation to her native land, Guatemala, because of her militant labor record.

A leaflet issued recently by the Labor Committee for Luisa Moreno Bemis, of which Richard Lyden, secretary of ILWU Local 6, is chairman, called upon all labor to resist this threat of exile of Mrs. Bemis. It was called part of the present government drive to deport all foreign born who dare to speak out against the profiteering and pro-war policies of the Administration.

Mrs. Bemis, of 1110 14th St., S.F., is an isolated individual who for years has connected herself with the labor movement in the interest of the workers and the rights of everyone. "Today, deportations are being increased nationwide and the nation's foreign-born, it's a pattern that threatens the fate of the whole labor movement in the immediate future against all of the people.

In addition to the over $6 million in cash paid its executives, GM also gave them 24,208 shares of common stock, payable in five annual installments under its bonus plan. The company valued the stock at $61.93 a share. The repurchase plan on the New York Stock Exchange closed April 22 at $82, making their total value nearly $7 million.

GM tried to soften the impact of the layoff by offering a new pay plan, but the workers refused to accept it because the company failed to pay them in full, as promised.

"That's why you should let the union bargain for you, Ed!"
ILWU Asks The Teamster Ranks to Stop Beck Raid

SAN FRANCISCO — Dave Beck’s current bum beef got a tremendous blast from the ILWU this week.

In a lead story, the ILWU national staff and all members of AFL Teamsters Local 85 as they made their de- but on the scene, the ILWU asked the rank and file truck drivers to stop Beck and save their own jobs.

The leaflet described Beck’s campaign as a threat to jobs and conditions to the Local 85 drivers. It said:

“Starting with nothing in the way of membership, Beck has created his own support. Teamsters, called Local 12, and declared himself the exclusive representative of the warehouse jurisdiction in the San Francisco Bay Area. PFTU.

“Then he has sent goons from Seattle and hired other goons from Harry Landeberg and various local union officials and em- ployers, with picketering, picketing off the warehouse com- pany, and they will seek to force them out of the employers’ association and then attract other truckers and other workers out of the ILWU and into Beck’s camp.

“Success of Beck in his plans would mean disaster to the ILWU and it would be death to the ILWU by company by company instead of upon the industry- wide basis which has meant money in the pockets. In indus- trial bargaining has ex- tensive use in the ILWU, BID FOR CHEAP LABOR

“You figure out for your selves what would happen if the water carriers were split into separate locals for each company carrier, every one of them, bidding against each other for the cheapest labor.

“To us it would mean dis- asters and would set a pattern which would destroy the central pay office, the central hiring hall, the central dispatching, through company hiring halls, each company competing for the other for the cheapest labor.

“That is the meaning of Beck’s paid picketing of Purity, United Grocers and Schenley.”

The ILWU assured the rank and file Teamsters: “We are not going to stand by while you get away with your union or your work.”

NO OFFICE FOR BECK

“Don’t let Beck return the pay office to the open shop, said the leaflet. “Don’t let Beck return us to the day when long- distance operators work for free and teamsters work for free for work and destruction of thousands of jobs.

“No.GREASER, NO PAY

They said: “We stand solidly with your union in the fight for jihand and true union.”

Secretary B. Gebert of the World Federation of Trade Unions wrote from Paris of the “great indignation” expressed by the “trade union organizations of many countries” at the verdicts.

NOT SWAYED

Secretary Virginia Re of the ILWU Federated Auxiliaries said: “Freedom loving women of the world over recognize the danger of the cold war hysteria and the witchhunting.”

“We want you to know, Brother Bridges,” she said, “that you can call on us for any job to be done for your defense.”

WAKE UP AMERICA!

A telegram from Rockwell Kent, famous artist and ILWU member of the ILWU, said: "The ILWU has been a bulwark of de- mocracy and peace. By prosecut- ing its leaders our administration carries the decks for war. Wake up America. Our time is short.

Union far away as New Zealand wired their solidarity with the ILWU, President H. Barnes and Secretary Tony Billi of the New Zealand Waterside Workers Union expressed “dismay and contempt at the ver- dict.”

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By WILLIAM GLAZIER

(ILWU Washington Representative)

While the ILWU is on the attack complete collapse of coastwise and intercoastal shipping since pre-World War II has been one of the main causes of unemployment among seamen and longshoremen. While the unions have made every effort to help rehabilitate this shipping, the re- sults have so far been quite modest.

Meanwhile, the Interstate Com- merce Commission last week blanketed its policy of if the lines go coastwise shipping would get help from the ICC.

In refusing to direct the rail- roads to raise the rates in cost of the water carriers were held not to help the water carriers and to do nothing for seamen and longshoremen that has been by the board.

RELief ASKED

The proposals of the water car- riers for relief by the ICC are reasonable. They were supported by documents for both the sea- men’s and longshoremen’s unions. What the ship operators asked was an order of ICC putting the rates up to the railroads, in order that the water carriers in turn could raise their rates.

The ICC refused.

In the few weeks there were 21 operators engaged in coastwise operations between the West Coast ports. The total tonnage of coastwise trade, operating, total 222,862 tons.

The ICC has the powers to cover the ICC hearings to give an idea of how much of the case of the intercoastal that went on for the ICC decision was put on and of the cooperation that the ICC have to do the job.

In the first place the prevailing rates on the carriers for coastwise trade, costs and a fair return to the shippers. These rates are at this point low and the ICC is competing rail rates keep them there. The water rates cannot be increased unless corre- sponding or even greater in- creases are made in the rail rates. To increase the water rates while the rail rates remain unchanged simply means that the water car- riers get no business. But the carriers keep their competing rates low and the ICC is keeping the earnings of the coastwise and intercoastal steamship companies.

RAILROADS DEPRESS RATES

The railroads have a simple reason for keeping the carrier rates in the bind.

For the railroad carriers can go either by rail or water, they de- press their rates so low as to take the business from the water carriers. For cargoes on which there is a lot of competition, they cut the rates and soak the con- sumer, who pays for the loss taken on the water competitive cargoes. The result is to make the shipping public unstable while driving the water carriers out of business. When the railroad carriers lose on competing with the water carriers, they make up the loss by higher rates.

In the hearings before the ICC the Maritime Commission and the water carriers, as well as the unions, showed that the rail rates were lower than before and that they were kept low for the ex- press purpose of keeping coast- wise and intercoastal shipping from getting back on its feet. The Interstate Com- merce Commission — completely dominated by the railroads — put the big banks that control them— gave those arguments a complete brushoff.

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