Lead Again

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ILWU Convention Hits Strange Line
Of Propaganda Peddled for War

HONOLULU, T. H.—"We want peace, not war."

This simple declaration was surrounded by the reasons why in a hard-hitting, speaking-out resolution adopted by overwhelming vote of the Ninth Biennial Convention of the ILWU here last week.

Only 9 delegates recorded themselves as voting against the resolution, and these saying their desire of the common people and the language of the document. We are told that in order for peace, fill the columns of the daily newspapers and spend millions of dollars, give all-out support of the Fisherman-Dispatcher with this issue.

This was approved by unanimous vote, adopted by the committee during the day to report out some 36 resolutions, found its report accepted unanimously in all but one of its recommendations among nations.

As union men and women, we (Continued on back page)

FIGHT WAGE FREEZE;
WIPE OUT DISRUPTION;
SPEAK OUT FOR PEACE

Program for Progress, Unity
And Pork Chops Is Shaped

HONOLULU, T. H.—The Ninth Biennial Convention of the ILWU adjourned here April 6 after five days of sessions during which it shaped the most explicitly spelled-out program for progress, unity and pork chops in the union's history.

The convention resolved to fight the wage freeze, adopted stern measures against disruption and raiding and spoke out for peace and against war.

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WORKED IN HARMONY

From opening of the sessions on the morning of April 2 to adjournment on April 6, the 366 delegates and 24 fraternal delegates who came from the shores of Mainland United States, Alaska, Canada and the four big locals spread over the Hawaiian islands, worked in democratic harmony and thoroughly discussed every issue.

Only one resolution and one small part of the report of the officers drew opposition, and these the local press attempted to blow up into a gigantic split. When the votes were taken, however, the gigantic split shrunk to 19 delegates in one instance and 9 in the other.

The hard-working resolutions committee, which met night and day to smooth out resolutions, found its report accepted unanimously in all but one实质性, that being on world peace, which aroused the most interest and the biggest opposing majority.

Main Resolves

At opening of the convention were the wage freeze, give all-out support of the West Coast longshoremen, whose gains would be supported by ten cents an hour for the welfare fund, and act as a cushion of the day's earnings to work their full day's pay; to fight the frames and other unfair labor practices; to protect their full constitutional rights, and to provide such a plan of pension, as to work with their full share of commercial cargo; to protect their full constitutional union rights, and to protect their rights to receive fair hearing and due process of law.

To fight blacklist screening; to protect the right of members screened from military jobs to work their full share of commercial cargo; to protect their full constitutional union rights, and to protect their rights to receive fair hearing and due process of law.

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The Ninth Biennial Convention of the ILWU has just ended in Honolulu. Union spliters, race baiters, union-hating employers, cheap politicians and labor fakers will get no comfort out of it. On the other side of the coin it can be expected that a lot of working people who have been hoping for some fighting organization to come forward with a program for economic advancement, civil liberties, union security and world peace will find not only comfort but genuine inspiration and hope in what the elected representatives of ILWU's rank and file workers deliberated and decided upon.

The results of the convention show that despite the loud noise made and the disruption accomplished by small CIO or AFL guided groups within the union, ILWU is on its feet—and more solid than ever before in unity and determination.

Of course, as usual, the newspapers tried to convey to the world that the unity and determination which marked the convention resulted from railroading and lack of parliamentary democracy. They did little or nothing toward reporting what the elected representatives of ILWU's rank and file workers deliberated and decided upon.

The record, however, is clear. Never before in our experience did a delegated body work so hard to shape a proper program and to insist upon all delegates participating in the shaping of that program.

The committees labored days and nights, and though delegates had plenty to say on every subject, they drove through the business of the convention on schedule.

Henceforth those who would pretend that the ranks of ILWU are for wage freezing, raiding, blacklist screening, blind acceptance of guns instead of butter, or for war are speaking largely for themselves.

Unlike CIO and some old-line, reactionary unions, the ILWU delegates came from the ranks. They were not phoney pay-pollers appointed to represent paper locals situated thousands of miles from their own chairs. These delegates came straight from the job. The ILWU staff members who were on hand were there to give technical and other assistance to the delegates, and they had neither voice nor voting power to influence the delegates. Those who shaped the policies and voted on them were elected to do it.

The setting for the convention and the hospitality of the Hawaiian host locals, if not out of this world, were certainly out of the experience of most mainland delegates. The deliberating was done in a hall with two sides open, one looking out upon a beautiful garden and the other upon the gentle Pacific ocean, the surf furnishing a soft oblique to the proceedings. Far from being distracting, these things were conducive to even temper and serious thought.

As to the hospitality, Hawaii was a new and memorable experience for most. The arms and doors were opened wide by people who are old and dear friends five minutes after you meet them.

Also marking this convention and helping to make it great was the assortment of races and nationalities represented. There were Negroes, Whites, Poles, Japanese, Chinese, Japanese, native Hawaiians, Mexicans, Portuguese, Spanish, Russians, Greeks, and lots more—and also at least one Australian. And it was the Australian who pointed out that these races and nationalities were able to work together and do things in their common interest without shooting at each other.

The convention took a forthright position on the Coast Guard screening program. It recognized it for what it was and said so—a union-busting, blacklisting business. The convention went further. It urged all the locals and instructed the national organization program as phoney and said that the national so-called political corruption that is going hand in hand with it. The delegates were critical, we were proven to be right.

We dared to criticize the mobilization program, to expose its complete control by big business, and to expose also the political corruption that is going hand in hand with it. The papers bitterly attacked us, as if we were obligated to accept a phoney stabilization program and to accept without question the propaganda that the existence of the United States or its internal security is threatened by an aggressor.

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The Ninth Biennial Convention of our union was a great one and a real demonstration of what can be accomplished in the way of progressive understanding and program through the democratic processes. With all that, though, it will only add up to something if it is fought, carried and carried into effect by the locals. The signals have been called by the delegates from the ranks and from here on to the goal it will be the locals that will carry the ball.

Of course the newspapers down in Hawaii blasted the convention and said with tears in their eyes that all deliberations and actions were dictated from the top. They laid particular emphasis—in a most unprincipled way—on the point that the Hawaiian membership of the ILWU is a bunch of sheep pushed around every which way. It was exactly what was expected from newspapers which are run by the Big 5, and which rate with the most vicious newspapers of the mainland.

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ILWU Will Safeguard the Rights of Screened Members

HONOLULU, T. H.—An action program to protect the rights of members affected by screening, to safeguard union conditions and to protect the union, was set by the Ninth Biennial Convention of the ILWU here.

The Convention resolution on screening, adopted unanimously, provided:

1. We insist upon the absolute security and confidentiality of screening proceedings and upon a fair and impartial hearing of all cases of screening;

2. Any man screened from military work shall retain his full rights under the contract to commercial work if barred from military work;

3. We demand that any man who is barred from commercial work be given a full and just hearing and so lose his commercial work, and that his personal papers be placed in the hands of the ILWU;

4. No endorsement, funds or other support shall be given to any candidate who supports screening or who does not actively oppose the present program.

Local 6 Wins

Local 6 won a 10 cents per hour mid-contract raise from Libby's in Oakland, Calif., March 27, retroactive to January 22, bringing the base rate to $1.70 per hour.

San Francisco — The fight to save Willie McGee's life continues in the Bay area, with ILWU Local 2 shipscalers scheduled to hear a talk by the American Legion's Edward G. Johnson. The shipyard workers, Local 6, met with the shipyard's management to hear what the AFL-CIO said about the proposed labor union. The AFL-CIO sent the message to the American Legion's Edward G. Johnson, a retired member of the Coast Guard who is a member of Local 6, that the shipyard workers need a voice to stand up for their rights and that the AFL-CIO supports the shipyard workers in their struggle for fair treatment and security.

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Cooperation with CTAL on Fishery Problems Commended

HONOLULU, T. H. — U. S. State Department policies destructive to the interests of American and other fishermen were exposed and the remedies spelled out in a resolution on international fishery relations enacted by the ILWU’s Ninth Biennial Convention.

The resolution follows:

"The large expansion of the tuna fishing industry in Southern California, and the growth of the fishing industry in Central and South American countries, often with use of American capital, has brought our fishermen members of the International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union more and more into contact with the trade union movements of these republics."

"Many problems of a common nature confront our fishermen and the Central and South American fishermen. On the one hand our American fishermen have often been subjected to unconscionable treatment by certain Central and South American governments. In these instances, we have received little, if any assistance from our State Department. We have received a great amount of help and cooperation from the Central and South American trade union movement, the CTAL, DEPRIVED OF FOOD WORK.

"On the other hand, the State Department has made a policy harmful to fishery workers. It has permitted the U. S. from these Central and South American countries as well as from other countries such as Japan, Norway, Great Britain, etc., with the objective of giving these countries dollar credits to buy U. S. armaments. The result has been that the people of these countries have been deprived of food which they badly need, and this food has gone to the United States where the domestic fishing industry is more than capable of producing peace-time quantities for distribution and for export, as well. American fishermen have, consequently, lost, last fishing opportunities.

"Resolved: Since the U. S. State Department is committed to a policy of direct and indirect aid to Central and South American countries dollar credits to buy armaments, the ILWU’s Ninth Biennial Convention is committed to a policy of placing the interests of American fishermen and the Central and South America fishermen on an equal basis through cooperation with the International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union and for food shipments to be made from countries of law and living standards to the United States."

Puget Sound Locals Vote

The proposal to build one industrial union local at both fisherman and cannery workers on Puget Sound is now being carried to a vote of the membership, announced Secretary Robert Cummings of Local 3-3, Seattle.

The proposal is to place all cannery workers’ locals in a cannery workers’ division of Local 3-3, which now has divisions for fishermen and fishermen with autonomy in each division for their own special problems.

"The purpose of such consolidation is to accomplish more effective enforcement of our contracts and to fight back the attack upon our organization," said Cummings. "Such consolidation would give cannery workers in places like LaConner and Dungeness Harbor something to vote for in the coming contract board elections, where they do not have a local to vote for.

TO DEFEAT SPLIT

"The need for the proposed merger is further borne out by the fact that there is some indication that the employers may try to bring about the same kind of split among the cannery workers in Anchorage as in Bellingham."

National CIO has attempted to raid Local 3-3, but current indications are that the cannery workers there are overwhelmingly in favor of ILWU. The cannery contract is on a Puget Sound bargaining basis, with the ILWU’s Washington locals holding the contract.

Puget Sound was approved by delegates to the Ninth Biennial Convention of the ILWU.

Platform Shot

Line up left to right on the platform at the ILWU convention are Vice President Carmine Buica, Vice President J. R. Robertson and the Rev. E. C. Yadao of the ILWU Hawaii regional staff. Hallinan, who addressed the convention on the Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt frame-up, was made an honorary member of ILWU, now being one of three to hold that honor.

Convention Labels Frame Up Sordid Attack on Union, Vows to Defeat It

HONOLULU, T. H. — The frame-up case "was and is a sordid below-the-belt attack upon our union, its conditions and its rights," said a resolution adopted by delegates to the Ninth Biennial Convention of the ILWU.

The resolution pledged the case will be fought through until it is defeated. It said:

"President Harry Bridges, First Vice-President J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt of the ILWU are presently under high bail pending appeal of their conviction in Federal court on framed charges that they conspired to defraud the government in Bridges' naturalization in 1945.

"CIO in CONSPIRACY"

"The indictments and convictions and subsequent maximum jail terms decreed by the court were aimed directly at our union with malicious intent upon the part of known enemies of our union to divide and wreck it. That the prosecution had as one of its purposes the breaking of the International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union and a vice-president of the National Maritime Union and a vice-president of the CIO was openly admitted by the attorney to the court."

"It is further a matter of fact that National CIO officials had threatened just such action, and the evidence in this case was to convict and expel our union from CIO for fighting for its autonomy was tied directly to the criminal frame-up case.

CONSTITUTION DISREGARDED

"The indictments of Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt were, even if the charges against them had been true, they would not clearly constitute fraud in wanton disregard for the Constitution of CIO, and instruct it to continue its fight to divide and wreck the ILWU."

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End Politicking on Alaska

Statehood, Convention Says

HONOLULU, T. H. — Political chicanery which has balked statehood for Alaska was condemned and immediate statehood was demanded by delegates to the ILWU’s Ninth Biennial Convention here in a resolution which said:

"Cynical political leaders, in and out of government, and powerful corporate interests have made a political capital of the issue of statehood for the Territory of Alaska."

"Both the Democratic party and the Republican party are officially on record in favor of statehood for Alaska. However, the Administration called up the statehood bill in Congress in December at the request of the Senator from Alaska and the Administration has since then been asking the Congress to pass the bill."

Republicans in Congress, Trauman Democrats use the bill for vote-getting demagogy. Behind the scenes are the lobbyists of the Alaska Salmon Industry, shipping interests, and other industrial interests which have long plundered the Territory without regard for the residents of Alaska. They have used the Statehood bill for political purposes and to maintain the status quo."

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The delegates in the foreground of this ILWU convention shot are mostly from the San Francisco Bay Area Warehouse Local 6.

Local 6
Delegates Blast the Wage Freeze Program As Intended Only to Guarantee Fabulous Profits

HONOLULU, T. H.—In a resolution adopted by the Ninth Biennial Convention of the ILWU called on the membership to support all wage fights and to see that all contracts are scrupulously lived up to.

The resolution said:

"We are told that wage stabilization, price control and the present tax policy are all necessary to fight inflation. The economic stabilization program as a program to fight inflation by price control, by a wage freeze and by heavy taxes. There is even talk now of forced savings. Consumers, it is explained, are getting too much money. If they spend it, inflation is inevitable. So the idea is to limit income by a wage freeze, and to siphon off some more by taxes and forced savings.

WAGES CARRY BURDEN

"Actually, it is a program to guarantee the continuation of fabulous profits by compelling the workers to carry the burden of greatly increased war production.

The price control law is full of holes. Most basic food items, plus rents, gas, oil, kerosene, and transit, are not exempt from controls, and prices on these items have skyrocketed. Price control administration is in the hands of businessmen who

Local 8 Helps Polio Victims

PORTLAND, Ore.—ILWU Local 8, one of the most civically minded labor groups in Oregon, donated $100 to the National Foundation for Infantile paralysis.

The longshoremen contributed from their Columbia River District Council to purchase an Iron Lung for use in this area. The lung will be domiciled in one of the larger hospitals so that families will not be unable to carry the portable equipment to and from the home. The donation was made over the objections of some of the local's members, to whom another union supplied a portable equipment.

"Effective unity of labor is the most pressing political issue. The ILWU must and can build such new and strong alliances of labor in every field and area, to the end that we can find a militant and active ally for that part of the working class which is being exterminated by unemployment and lack of relief.

The ILWU and all of labor must be the first line of defense for the struggle for economic and social freedom. All of labor is obligated and duty-bound to work in every place where the economic needs of labor are so great as to put forward the need of better working conditions..."
HONOLULU, T. H.—As long as the present McCarran Act is in effect, the ILWU's Ninetieth Biennial Convention in a resolution demanding immediate repeal.

Here is the resolution: 

A local stratified jacket has been tailored to fit the American people to bind them with restrictions of their liberty—the McCarran Act. Measures which all Americans thought were outlawed but which were dismissed as diseases of diseased minds when introduced in Congress in past decades, have now been rolled up into one compact law of repression and given the approval of Congress. This is a one-package deal combining all the worst features of the Land-Grant-Nixon Bill, Hobbis Concentration Camp Bill, anti-trade union legislation and anti-foreign born legislation which have been in Congress for years.

TEETH ARE THERE. 

"At the moment the McCarran Act is being used exclusively against the foreign-born, but the teeth are there for native born citizens as well.

"Leaders in ILWU have been singled out for attack under this law for the crime of 'belonging to a group working to raise the wages of Alaska canner workers from $20 to $250 per month. Ernesto Mangasang and Chris Menasalvas, officers of our Local 7-C, and others were picked up under this law. Menasalvas won release on a writ of habeas corpus, but Mangasang served 70 days in jail before winning bail.

"Even as Hitler came to power on a slogan of combating un-German 'subversives,' the McCarren Act uses the veil of protecting the U. S. from un-American organizations of which our union was lately a part of was born of fear and hatred with the fulfillment of the needs of millions of workers and nation to find a most unpleasant welcome. CIO, a blue chip utility, can do little for us, for its economic strength is nought.

"So we are now an independent union. The contracts, funds and properties belong to the union and the membership. Anyone who tries to interfere in our affairs or bring injury to our union will find no one to protect us.

"The principles of rank and file trade union solidarity and the democratic process are the key to our strength. CIO has been active in the union ever longer as it has been in the union ever since 1934. Mr. Stevens was reelected secretary.

A Garden Rest

Between the morning and afternoon sessions most of the delegates sunned themselves at the beautiful garden of the Queen's Surf and watched the waves break over the coral reef off Waikiki Beach.
SAN FRANCISCO—The immigration service piloted five of its busiest ports through a deportation hearing against ILWU Local 7-C President Chris Mensalvas in the last two weeks.

None of the stoolpigeons admitted their real records are unusu-ally incriminating, excepting such activities as slashing people, theft, forgery, and proving lying. Was so unimportant the government itself moved his testimony if he stricken.

The government virtually conceded it has no case against the Alaska Cannery Workers' mili-tants. The new and different charge after a decision of the United Ninth Circuit is deportation law.

None of the stoolpigeons came even close to proving the govern-ment's charge that Mensalvas is a Communist and disloyal.

The government virtually con-Admitted he failed to report his naturalization is pending and he has been deported.

He was a participant in the American Legion's AFL Sea-farers' raid for Local 7-C.

On his record is a conviction for theft, forgery, and one for flame-up.

This belated recognition of the Natalie labor federations extending sympathy and other gains secured through our union for its membership.

AFL officials raiding plans of our International, the Hawaiian membership from the Main-land groups, and to attempt pernicious, warehouse-by-warehouse, company by company, and plant by plant elections and contracts.

The CIO seeks to work through so-called 'right wing' can-didates to build up its membership outside our union and through such groups to sponsor anti-Communist dis-ensuring sympathetic amendments to our local and national union constitu-tions.

1. To work with employers' groups, government agencies, and companies for passage of a bill to prevent the bringing of aliens on our members, to challenge the settlement of labor disputes in every way, and to deport and fine those who participate in them.

2. The CIO seeks to have the U.S. Attorney General sign an order excluding our union, along with several others, on his list of so-called 'subver-sive' organizations.

3. To block, through phony governmental, wage stabilization boards, wage increases, pensions and other gains secured through our union for its membership.

Congressmen of the AFL, namely Dave Beck of the Team-sters, Harry Landberg of the SUP-SIU and Joe Ryan, life-time president of the IA, have long made clear similar plans to bring our members to the gallows, to split them into their cliques, or to split it and wreck it.

4. To work to establish a national labor federation, of which the CIO is a part, announced it will be held in September, 1951, to urge the membership to be-regarded in all that we do.

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Superior Court Rules That Sacramento River Fishermen’s Contract Is Legal and Binding

The Sacramento River fishermen’s contract, prepared by ILWU Local 3-35 and signed with Storelli Fish Company of Martinez, Calif., officially became a legal document with the sanction of the Superior Court of California on April 4. This is a model contract for small-boat fishermen.

In essence, the court ruled that the ground out from under the fish companies’ attempts to refuse to deal with the union and the illogical ruling that the contract was “illegal.” Superior Judge Edward Molkenbuhr, in his decision, ruled emphatically that this contract, drawn between the union and the company, is legal and enforceable under California law. Judge Molkenbuhr issued an initiating opinion that Storelli Fish Company “comply with all of the terms of the said contract.”

LEGAL CONTRACT

In a separate memorandum opinion, Judge Molkenbuhr said, “In my opinion the agreement attached to the complaint is not in itself violative of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, and I have therefore no hesitation in finding that the agreement is legal and enforceable under California law.”

Taking up the European companies’ claim, through their attorneys, that the contract is a “masquerade,” Judge Molkenbuhr pointed out that the contract is determined by acts in the future. If the threatened strike is not a legal strike, then the legal strike is determined by acts in the future. The strike is determined by acts in the future.

In a separate memorandum opinion, Judge Molkenbuhr said, “I would be very much surprised indeed if they would say one of the reasons for the strike is ‘Funny WEN haven’t been indicted.’”

Alioto Complained bitterly to the fishermen. He argued that the contract is a violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The judge ruled emphatically that this contract was part of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Molkenbuhr of San Francisco Superior Court Rules That Sacramento River Contract Is Legal and Binding

“The same rules apply to every- one of these companies,” said Mr. Crook, commercial fisheries chief of the state. “They are all unlawfully restricting their business. They are all violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.”

Judge Molkenbuhr commented, “They couldn’t change it.”

The fishermen marched to the court. “With the clear establishing of legality, since the river contract was patterned on our dragnet contract and changed to meet specific river conditions, we should immediately sign and put this contract to work. We fishermen negotiated in good faith, and demand the same good faith from the dealers.”

The dragnet fishermen intend to carry this through, he said, and use the contract as a basis for negotiations with the remaining fishermen of all fish companies in the bottom fisheries. The fishermen of the drag fleet also intend to wage an all-out battle against the announced intentions of the fish companies to cut their wages now that the Lent season is over.

The fishermen voted to work together toward a solidarity of all Pacific Coast dragboat fishermen as the hard-rock basis for this battle.”

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Boats Warned of Bedford-Fack—Northern California fishing boats are warned of a naval aircraft bombing target area north-west of the Farallon Islands—2½ nautical miles with its center 20 miles north of the reporting point—Fanny Shoal at latitude 37 degrees west of the Farallon Islands—his many points, the fishermen have been fighting against the construction of fish dams and the establishment of fishery monopolies. As far back as 1550, fishermen near Berne, Switzerland, banded themselves together to protect the fishermen. The fishermen of the drag fleet also intend to wage an all-out battle against the announced intentions of the fish companies to cut their wages now that the Lent season is over.

Last year, 35,000 Americans got killed in traffic accidents.
**Bargain as Employes to Defeat Anti-Trust Attacks**

A bargaining policy for fishermen as employees of the fishing industry has been approved as the best means to defeat anti-trust laws against union fishermen. The resolution reads:

"WHEREAS, the attacks on labor have taken on a new character through the use of Anti-Trust laws and the first victims of this attack are fishermen affiliated with the ILWU;

WHEREAS, a new bargaining policy is urgently needed, and

WHEREAS, the employers have deliberately fostered the illusion that fishermen are rugged individuals, and not wage earners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That to defeat these attacks and advance the interests of the workers, this Convention goes on record in support of a bargaining policy which clearly defines fishermen as employees of the fishing industry."

"Submitted by Alaska Local 1.

**Strike Vote Forces Gains For Eureka Plant Workers**

Armed with a solid strike vote, the plant workers' division of Local 3-33, Eureka, Calif., has forced a contract union demands with full negotiations to follow on April 24, it was announced by Secretary John PastoHton of San Francisco Local 3-34.

Pastorho, who has been assisting the plant workers, said that the fish dealers agreed that vacation pay shall start APRIL 15, instead of the former 1,000 hours in one year, and to negotiate on a "cost-of-living" increase in wages on April 24.

The plant workers, who fill bott兼顾i and pack crab and handle salmon during the season, have not received a piecework increase since 1947 and are demanding a 30 per cent increase.

Approximately 80 workers are included, employed by M. E. Peterson, Fishmen's Union, and Edward D. Tobey, representing the Inter-Office Union.

The convention was addressed by Bill Gettings, ILWU Northwest area representative; Bob Cummings, Local 33, representing ILWU's Fishermen's Union in Washington, and Joe Lavelle, president of the ILWU.

B. C. Union Fights Dams

A campaign to ensure that power development does not interfere with the salmon fisheries, and especially to win the salmon fishermen court case, brought the ILWU to Washington, D.C. for a branch meeting.

The ILWU branch addressed the Interior subcommittee of the House of Representatives and the Senate committee to ensure that power development does not interfere with the salmon fisheries.

Local 3-34 secretary, reported this settlement following a strike by the plant workers. The settlement includes a 54-hour week, increased fees, under a new Ecuadorian fishing license, and increased wages.

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**Ecuador Ups Fishing Fees**

American fishing boats desiring to fish for tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean off Ecuador will now have to pay increased fees, under a bargaining policy which has been in effect since 1947.

The Pacific Coast tuna catch set a new record of more than 400,000 pounds.

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The offshore waters of Ecuador are claimed by the United States since the lowest tide to a distance of 12 nautical miles off the coast, and also for 12 miles from the nearest point of land measured as a unit from the farthest points of the exterior islands, rather than around each island.

Fishing boat permits from California, valid for 100 days, are now at a record high, and the permit fee per net ton of registry for coastal fishing, and for cod, fish, $50. The permit fee per net ton of registry for coastal fishing, and for cod, fish, $50.

Many members of San Pedro Local 3-33 fish in Ecuadorian waters.

More and More Imports of Fish

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Imports of fish fill the problem with American dragnet fishermen ever since the Marshall Plan, are increased. According to the latest figures, the exports from countries of Latin America, for fish, amounted to $19.00 million in 1960.

The imports come from the Marshall Plan countries seeking to obtain more fish for credits to pay for arms. Since the fish come from countries of Latin American seas, the result has been to put a number of American fishermen on the beach.

**Shark Livers Are Auctioned**

For the first time in several years, a lot of 118 cases of mackerel shark livers was sold at auction in the office of San Francisco Local 3-34.

Once a thriving industry, the liver fishery is now virtually extinct due to large importations of cheap livers from occupied Japan and Spain, and the development of synthetic vitamins.

Last month's auction was of 118 cases, valued at $1,000, 000. The highest price was $2.95 per pound. Sellers were the "Merman," skippered by Peter Haugen.

Food prices in Canada went up 0.8 per cent in 1950, according to a report by the Bank of Canada.
Convention: Fight Wage Freeze; End Disruption; Speak Out for Peace

(Continued from Page 1) Bridges, Capt. Ed Shields and Robert-son
.. until it ended once and for all.

5 To fight for world peace, for the cur- rent fire in Korea and economic
.. for peace.

To expose the war machine in its entirety; to expose the political corrup-
.. in the nation's economy, and to
.. in a pursuit of independent political
daction.

Editors note: The full text of several of the resolutions adopted by the convention are contained in this issue. Others will be printed in

SESSIONS START EARLY

A full house of delegates was held in the Queen's Surf on Wai-
.. sides. Delegates could look out over the surf break over coral, and be-
.. it was typical of Hawaii's luxurious

SESSIONS

Sessions of the convention be-
.., Hawaii, at 8 a.m. They recessed at noon and resumed at 2 p.m., and the
delegates who chose could eat at tables set up on one side of the
.. of the meetings.

Robert Bridges stated that the delegates heard welcoming addresses from the temporary chairman, Joe-
.. of Longshore Local 136; Honoulu Supervisor James K. Frank; Secretary-Treasurer Mayor John H. Wilson, who could not
.. the Rev. E. C. Yadao, ILWU Phil-
.. public relations director in Hawaii. The invitation was given by the Rev. Fr. Paul Moran, Diocesan Coordinator of the
.. of the Crossroads.

Opening remarks by Bridges opened the convention when he took over the chairmanship from Governor Gruening. He
.. tremendous gains made by the union after what he termed a "phoney
.. the first conventions.

THEY GET ALONG

"We made the gains and the independents the union and the American people have made have been made because of our organization—its hard-hitting rank and file and its splendid vice-presidents and officers and everyone else work-
.. the union.

He pointed out the many races served during the two years before the union's existence and the variety of officers and everyone else work-
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ALASKA WAGE INCREASES AT STAKE

"Stabilization measures" new bill before convention by the Office of Price Stabilization in Wash-
.. and other workers in Alaska and other ma-
.. for tenders, boat workers, etc.

While we recognize that your agency has no jurisdiction over collective bargaining contracts for fishermen and other workers in Alaska, we are concerned over the possibility that proposed stabili-
.. interface with current collective bargaining and thereby jeopardize peaceful settlements.

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ILWU Convention Hits Strange Line Of Propaganda Peddled for War

Delegates Demand End to Immigration Service Frameups, Union-busting

Conference ILWU President Harry Bridges is shown with Delegate Sallie Kearney and Conlin Thompson during one of the sessions of the ILWU convention in Honolulu.

Longshore June 15 Demands Include 15c and Pensions

(Continued from Page 1) must be convincing if we are to speak the truth. We might not be convinced ourselves if we are to believe that there is no work in the world, despite differing systems and governing forms, and must exist side by side peacefully. We sincerely believe that the question is not of who are the enemies, Germany and Japan, at the expense of the workers and working people from all over the world makes a mockery of the lives lost on our country's battlefields in World War II. OPPOSE WORLD POLICING. We oppose any country applying to be the world's cop and fire department. We oppose any organized movement of people to break free of colonial bonds here, and quashing a revolutionary fire there.

And finally, we are of the firm conviction that the draining away of labor from Europe and America, Armenians in Korea should be ended.

4. If the American people have just expressed themselves it is a criminal act to dominate the national poll for a cease-fire and peace conference in the Far East and Korea, and the removal of all foreign troops from Saigon.

7. That we demand that the free world be given the right to speak the truth. AID TO NEW ZEALANDERS

The caucus voted to recommend that the international officers of the ILWU, the members of the Coast Labor Relations Committee and two from each of the four coast areas, there being Frank M. Anderson, Local 42, Olympia, and John Maletta, Local 21, Seattle, Wash., for the Port of Seattle; Charles Ross, Local 50, Portland, and Harold Laherty, Local 12, Coos Bay, for the Columbia River; Henry Schmidt, Local 10, San Diego, and Joe Prudencio, Chris Menendez, Local 14, Esquimalt, for Northern California.

AID TO AUSTRALIAN WORKERS

The caucus named the titled officers of the ILWU locals to support the demands of Australian workers for freedom of association. Their names are Charles S. Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt...