Coast Contract Talks Under Full Steam

SAN FRANCISCO—Negotiations for new ILWU Coast contracts are proceeding under full steam as the June 15 expiration date of the old contracts approaches.

ILWU and Pacific Maritime Association negotiating committees and subcommittees are meeting daily, and all demands are in from both sides.

Major longshore demands presented by the ILWU Coast Negotiating Committee are as follows:

A 15 cents per hour increase in the base rate is advocated.

A pension plan toward which the employers will contribute 10 cents per hour, straight and overtime, with the workers contributing a pro-rated share, and administration of the pension from a trust fund.

FRINGE DEMANDS NAMED

An increase in the employer contribution toward the ILWU-PAC Welfare Fund of 5 cents per manhour.

Retention of the hiring hall.

Dangers fringe demands include:

Modification of premium pay regulations, perhaps giving premium pay for a longer period after leaving a job.

An increase in the number of days for which a man is paid for vacation time.

Information is sought concerning the last of the 1950 strike.

Bridges Speaks

Harry Bridges to the Convention:

May 2, the MCS's 50th birthday, and the MCS has millions of friends throughout the world, and that with the deep bonds between the two unions, "if we do the job and understand the issues, we can stand up, carry on, win through, protect the members and make greater gains."

Local 13 Approves Hawaii Convention

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—At a stop-work meeting May 2, ILWU Local 13 longshoremen packed the Whittier Inn Springs to hear a report of their delegates to the ILWU Convention in Honolulu and roundly approve the entire program mapped out by the Convention.

Members of other locals in the area sat in at the meeting, swelling the attendance to over 3,000.

Who Said It?

"If the human race is a whole to survive, the world must find the way by which men and nations can live together in peace. It cannot accept the doctrine that war must be forever a part of man's destiny."

(To turn back page for name of author.)
The Meaning of Willie McGee

Way back in October of last year the International Executive Board of the ILWU, meeting in Seattle, adopted a resolution which was concurred in by a caucus of longshoremen, shipsclerks and newspapermen at the National Press Club.

The resolution said:

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The present basis for all control legislation, namely the Defense Production Act, will expire on June 30. The administration's proposals for amendments of the law are now just reaching hearings. Until recently there has been no regulation of meat prices or of food generally. A little over a week ago Price Administrator DiSalle announced that meat price regulations would go into effect May 14. According to his proposalerv the successful there will be no price control of any kind whatsoever on any farm products.

That the Truman administration's proposals for amendments of the law are now just reaching hearings is indicated by a statement made by the Administration's spokesmen who was quoted in the Washington Post of May 6 when he said, "I would not be surprised if the campaign succeeds." Nineteen powerful groups representing cattlemen's associations, livestock producers, country stores, meat packers and butchers, and farmers have their lobbyists in Washington today working to destroy all the vestiges of controls over the price of meats and other food products. Only this week they gave a lavish steak dinner to 250 members and congressmen and newspapermen at the National Press Club.

At an indication of the power of these groups among legislators who are supposed to represent the interests of the people in their states and districts Senator Jackson of South Carolina adopted an amendment providing that to put too much money into the pockets of the workers is almost certain. For political reasons, the administration can't afford to break their promise to the workers. There won't be any beef on the dinner table if it isn't."

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Tired of 'Revolting,' CI0 and AFL Top Brass Is
Back Riding On the Mobilization Band Wagon

(Washington, D. C. — Those Washington observers who have been waiting to see what kind of a truce Big Business would get before they crawled back into the war mobilization agencies are still waiting.

The labor leaders are back as far as they went before. The "freeze" is over. But there was no deal, and there are now no promises to make the boys look like winners. They're back in their lush jobs with no promises, no pledges, and no deals; they're back doing the SAME thing as the last time without even the cloak of a phoney victory to cover their return.

So far have the labor fakers faltered enough to recall their angry statements of the past. And how? They resurfaced in the empty hands with which they had returned in order to pick up the crumbs brushed off the White House table.

SOON FORGOTTEN

In the Washington of big crime and big war, and World War III, the state domination of the leaders of the AFL and CIO are no longer the eyesores of the Prohibition party. They come off the scene as though there had been a phoney victory and are forgotten the next day.

On February 28 with a blast and a flourish, the United Labor Policy Committee, speaking for the CIO and the AFL, resigned from all the war mobilization agencies. They were led up, or so they said, with wage freezes, runaway prices, Big Business control of the war agencies, no ceilings on rents and no taxes on lush war profits. They shouted that all of this would be changed, or they were through. And they threatened to mobilize their ranks and all of the ordinary American people to fight the war mobilization show.

ALL BACK

But the truth is that in or out, their influence in Washington is no greater than it was two months ago and their influence in Washington is forgotten.

They took their痂 from the cars and across the tables between their cars and across the table to the press. They walked out two months ago and now they've walked back in.

They are back in their jobs without even the cloak of a phoney victory to cover their return. And what are they doing? The same old things as big crime and big war.

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William S. Lawrence

May 11, 1951

Unopposed

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA NOMINEES FOR ILWU BOARD

Two of the three members pictured above are to be elected to the ILWU executive board to represent Washington and Alaska. Left to right are Frank Andrews (incumbent) Local 47, Olympia; Joe Guy, Local 16, Juneau; and Jason Hopkins, Local 19, Seattle.

Delay Mensalvas Deportation Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO—Immigration service hearings in the deportation case against ILWU Local 7C President Charles Ross Mensalvas have been postponed to June 11 in Seattle, June 15 in Portland and some later date in San Francisco.

Mensalvas was prevented from going to the ILWU Convention in Honolulu because of hearings held here the first week in April. But he will be represented by the union attorneys and not required to be present at the mid-state proceedings next month.

Date Set for Alaska Dock Negotiations

SEATTLE—The first negotiating meeting for the Alaska longshore agreement will be held at 10 a.m., May 14, at the ILWU hall here, 84 Union Street.

Demands, where applicable, will be the same as those submitted to the Pacific Maritimes Association; the major ones being a wage increase (the Alaska longshoremen earn a $15 per cent cost of living differential over Coast rates) a pension plan, and more money for welfare.

ILWU Second Vice-Pres. President Gerald Bulcke will be in Seattle for the negotiations. Localts involved are 16, Juneau; 39, Seattle; 62, Ketchikan; 76, Cordova; 82, Seward; 83, Pelican; 94, Sitka; and 87, Wrangell.

When McGee Was Alive

Mrs. Rosalee McGee visited the ILWU two weeks ago with the hope that her husband, Willie McGee, could be saved from execution on a framed rape charge. Mississippi killed him May 8. McGee was shown above in the ILWU building with a group of San Francisco Local 10 longshoremen.

The Rev. Warren Lang and Joe Lawrence, standing left to right are Albert James, John Walker and Alec Waters.

Charles Ross, Local 8, Portland, is the only candidate on the ballot for ILWU executive board member from Oregon and the Columbia River area.

"They hired so much inefficient, non-union labor that they finally have a closed shop!"
U.S. Seeks
Pay Bias in
Territories

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Under the Internal Department's appro-
priations bill, the government proposes to pay discrimination
between resident workers in Alaska and Hawaii.
Alaskans employed by the 
government on the West Coast would receive about 23 cents less per 
year than Alaskans employed in the United States and sends to the 
Treasury an unemployment assessment.
In Hawaii residents would re-
ceive almost as much as residents
from the mainland.

FIGHT COLONIALISM
The greatest sin in the history of the discrimination practiced against 
the rights of man. That's why it stan-
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workmen.

The beef started to come out in the open recently when Secre-
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Order No. 90 to the State Department with AFL
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Industrial Union Fights CIO Backdoor Agreement in Puget Sound Fish Canneries

SEATTLE — In order to meet the threat of raiding attempts by National CIO, with accompanying settlement demands by the new seamen workers division of Local 3-17, formerly comprising only fishermen and tendermen. The fishermen's Local, formerly in Local 3-17, Alcanorte; Local 3-18, Seattle; and Local 3-15, Bellingham.

Local 3-17 Secretary Bob Cummings reported that a majority of members were in favor of the proposal to the National CIO affairs workers division of Local 3-17, formerly comprising only fishermen and tendermen. The fishermen's Local, formerly in Local 3-17, Alcanorte; Local 3-18, Seattle; and Local 3-15, Bellingham.

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ILWU Gilnetters: Hardy Men in Arduous Occupation

Commercial fishermen, members of the ILWU, supply the salmon industry with a significant portion of the nation's supply of salmon. Their work is dangerous and arduous, especially when they operate in Bristol Bay, home of the red salmon. These fishermen are known as gillnetters and operate on the Columbia, Oregon, and other rivers. They are skilled and hardy individuals who work long hours on end to catch the salmon.

Drive Against Gilnetters
On Columbia

An attack on the livelihood of fishermen of the ILWU may mean a hard road ahead for the fishermen. The Oregon Conservation League is taking action to stop the operation of gillnets on the Columbia. This organization, headed by John Vigon and Bill Colvin, is asking the Coast Guard to help enforce the law. The fishermen are not likely to be deterred by the threat of action from the Oregon Conservation League. They are used to dealing with these organizations and will continue to operate their gillnets.

Spring Columbia
Salmon Run Puts
Puny

The spring salmon run on the Columbia River was puny this year. The production was 51,801 pounds, which is only 20% of the average production. The salmon were not as abundant as they have been in previous years, and the fishermen suffered a financial loss.

Fisherman Drowned In Severe Storm

A fisherman was drowned in a severe storm on the Columbia River. The fisherman was operating a purse seine boat when the storm hit, and he was unable to escape the danger. The storm was so severe that it caused a lot of damage to the boats and equipment.

Fishing Hazards

The dangers of Bristol Bay gillnetting are shown in the photographs above, taken in the summer of 1947. In the photo above, John Vigon and Sven Olsen are clinging to the hull of their sailboat, overturned by big swells. Below, another boat is rescuing them from the icy Alaskan waters.

Time Ripe for Purse Seine Fishermen to Get Pay Hike

Economic prospects in the tuna and swordfish industry look promising for the fishermen. The catch is expected to be high, and the fishermen will receive a pay hike. The Coast Guard is planning to arrest any operators who fail to comply with the new regulations.

Gill Netting — This is a typical gill net fishing boat drifting with a set net. The biggest proportion of the big United States salmon production is caught in this manner by members of ILWU.

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Marine Fishes
Price Index Is Climbing Fast

Wholesale fish
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rose—nearly 4.8%—in March as compared to February. A study by the Washington State Fisheries Department shows that these prices are being driven up by increased demand and limited supplies. The prices have increased due to the popularity of certain species like salmon and halibut, which are in short supply.

Special Research on Washington Shellfish

A new study conducted by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife shows a decrease in the number of shellfish harvested in the state. This is due to a combination of factors, including overfishing and changes in the migration patterns of certain species.

Seiner Local Analyses Activities of 'Sports' Lobbyists

Unlike most American workers who are being laid off due to economic downturns, fishermen are not being laid off. They are still at work, albeit under different conditions. Many fishermen are working longer hours and facing increased costs for living expenses. This is because the government's economic measures have not been sufficiently effective in providing relief to the fishing industry.

Marine Fishery

The situation is dire for some fishermen who are experiencing a significant decline in their income. This is due to a combination of factors, including changes in the demand for certain species and fluctuations in the market prices.

cold Storage Workers Win 4-Day Strike

A solid strike of the marine warehousing executives against the fishing industry has been called by the local union. The workers are demanding improved working conditions and fair wages. This is the first time that such a strike has been called in this industry.

Lesser Okains Political Knifing of River Fishermen

Political deals are replacing scientific conservation in the California fishing industry, with consequent loss to the public in the form of smaller catches and higher prices. As well as loss of thousands of jobs, the ILWU Fishermen & Allied Fishermen's Employees charge this week following Gov. Earl Warren's approval of the Sacramento River anti-net bill.

Both fishermen and plant workers involved, however, but will also be felt in the public pothook. Fish available, prices will go up, and the highly prized salmon of the Sacramento will become a luxury item.

All fishermen, acting secretary of the Pittsburg local, also received personal information from Warren.

Other fishermen against S. B. 387 were Gerald Delap, chairman of the Republican state central committee; and John R. Kelley, board member and former fishing boat company owner, and J. Rufus Klawon, representing other fishing companies.

"All fishermen scientists concur that S. B. 387 is not a conservation measure."

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\[ Or: DISPATCHER \]

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Warn Trawl Fishermen of Dangerous Trap by Dealers

The ILWU Fishermen & Allied Workers Division last week called attention to the illegal maneuvers of the Southern California fishing fleet, particularly on the Farallone Islands, where illegal catches were reported.

Negotiations
On Harring Under Way

The annual negotiations in the herring industry are now underway in Seattle. The initial meeting was held April 28 when the Fishermen & Shippers Committees met with the industry representatives in the office of Albin Peterson, cancellations service.

Wage Policy
Fish Reduction & Saltery Workers, Local 3-7, Seattle, chose the following wage policy committee: (Sitting, left to right) Alice Lawson, John Lyng, Walter Eyedam, Secretary, Winnie Thomson, Gina Hasselberg, (Standing) Lawrence Johnson, Max Engbergetsen, Roy Trout, John Beckman, Harold Reif.

Columbia Gillnetters Fish
But Continue Wage Fight

Gillnetters of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, ILWU, went fishing April 30 in order to harvest some of the salmon in the spring run, but voted to continue negotiations with the packers for upward revision of the price schedule. The current price is 21 cents per pound for small and 25 cents for large. The action of the CRFPU follows the pattern used during the past two years. In 1950 the fishermen managed to secure substantial wage increases on this basis, but in 1951 the industry offered a price to 25 cents. In 1949 the gill-netters didn't work during a four week period of July and early August, and secured a slight increase in the spring wage scale on a retroactive basis.

Tuna Seining
Below Par

Tuna deliveries by the San Pedro purse seine fleet have been lagging, with the tuna deliveries for the same period last tuna season, reports of 523. Very few capacity loads have been brought in to date, and consequently the wages of the fishermen are diminishing.

Tuna Canning
Up This Year

More tuna was canned in Southern California through April than during the first four months of 1949, according to figures released by the California State Department of Health. For example, on May 2, gill-netters fishing above St. Helena reported average catches of 700 pounds per boat. Earlier in the week, however, the average was about 1,500 pounds per boat.

On the Lower river, catchers have reported catching about 150 pounds per boat per day as the fish move upstream and become more scarce in the Astoria area.

Edited Martin Pedersen
Seattle, Wash., who has just been chosen to serve this year as president of the ILWU Halibut & Fish Reduction Workers, Local 3-7, Seattle.

Reduction Local
Elects Officers

Saltery & Fish Reduction Workers, Local 3-7, Seattle, has announced the results of annual election of officers, with Martin Pedersen, Seattle, being chosen as president; Alex Larson as vice-president and Winnie Thomson, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Executive board members chosen are John Beckman, Martin Pedersen, Walter Eyedam, Joe Long, Martin Peterson (Seattle); Martin Pedersen (Seattle) and Walter Robinson. Alternates are Gina Hasselberg, Dennis Jones, Alex MacFarlane, Maria Magnusen, Engebretsen, Winnie Thomson and John Lyng.

A large number of the fishermen use company-owned boats on this rental basis. "CPRA has also let the union know it is considering the placing of a rental on bluestone tanks, nets, racks, warehousing, and water in the past available to the fishermen on a free basis."

More Pay Needed

Because of these increases, the union wants a substantial pay increase above the present scales, declared Secretary Henry Nie- mela, plus a 5% differential for fishermen owning their own boats.

The negotiators will seek an increase retroactive to the beginning of the spring salmon season, and further will negotiate for the wage-price schedule for the big fall run which begins the Columbia toward the spawning grounds after Aug 10.

The negotiating committee is composed of Albert Keranen, Chris Henrichson, Harold Bor, Paul Lastich, Victor Hendrickson and E. L. Morgan.

Fishermen Burned
In Boat Fire

SAN PEDRO—Ichthyol Moris, 65, suffered second degree burns this week when fire broke out aboard the 45-foot fishing boat "Renee" at inner Fish Harbor. Moris was painting the hull when the fire broke out.

Alaska Seiners
Negotiating committee for Southern Alaska purse seine salmon, ILWU Local 3-7, Seattle, is composed of (standing, left to right) Loren Vail, Mikey Magnaciano, (seated) Sec'y-Treas. Roberts, Cunningham and Josue Lee.

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Tuna Seining Below Par, Wash.

Tuna deliveries by the San Pedro purse seine fleet have been lagging, with the tuna deliveries for the same period last tuna season, reports of 523. Very few capacity loads have been brought in to date, and consequently the wages of the fishermen are diminishing.

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**Health Committee** — Meeting regularly to go over all the details involved in the ILWU Local 10’s pioneering health test program in a large and busy committee, part of which is pictured above in the Local 10 office in San Francisco. Left to right in front are Business Agent George Cahill, Annie Wayburn of the ILWU Research Department, Local 10 Welfare Office Secretary Orphie Stahlhede, and Recording Secretary Albert Bertani, chairman of the committee. In the back row are George Miller, Coyt Mason, Frank Davis, Joe Aymes, George Walsh, the Rev. Warren L. Brousard (hidden behind Bertani), Jack Hogan, and Business Agent Reino Ekrlka.

**Oakland Warehousemen Approve Convention Acts**

**DARSTON, Calif.—** Warehousemen of the East Bay division of ILWU Local 6 at their April 20 membership meeting approved the royalty program adopted at the ILWU Convention in Honolulu, as revised by their delegates, Charles Doak, Paul Gaffney, and Charles Murray.

**Candidates for Coast Labor Relations Committee**

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**Only contest for membership on the Longshore Labor Relations Committee is between Howard J. Bedina (incumbent) Local 8, Portland, at the left above, and Hal Simpson, Local 19, Seattle, in the center. Both were nominated at the convention in Honolulu. Incumbent L. B. Thomas, Local 13, San Pedro, at the right, faces no contest since he was the only nominee from California. All three candidates are voted on by the entire coast.**

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**Local 6 Gets $5,000 Back Pay at PVO**

San Francisco - A group of ILWU Local 6 warehousemen at Pacific Victor Oil Company were taken to court by the government agency, furnished more than one-third of its payroll, in violation of a court order, and received $5,000 in back pay that had been withheld for more than two years.

**Jury Splits Verdict**

The union answered PVO objections that the beef was too old with the defense that it couldn’t penalize workers because people like the workers. The jury couldn’t find for the government agency, advising the workers to press for their rights, and the court ordered a new trial to see if the workers were individua.
What's Welfare?
Questions and answers on the ILWU longshore, shipcapers and walking boss Welfare Plan.

Q. How can I get continuing coverage for welfare bene-
fits if I travel to another port?
A. If you work in another port but are not a formal trans-
ferred to the plan under the rules of the plan. If you are covered by the plan in your home port, you are covered by the plan in the port to which you travel.

Q. How can the secretary of the local to which I am going
know that I am eligible?
A. Make certain before you travel or transfer that your travel or transfer shows your eligibility for welfare benefits in the port to which you travel.

Q. How do the benefits for my family members differ from one— for care in the hospital?
A. The main differences are these:

Physician and surgeons fees.

Laboratory tests:

Blood chemistries;

Blood transfusions, PROVIDED

Use of operating rooms;

Private nurses, if required;

Room and board;

Tissue and blood;

Private room and special diet;

Medicines and drugs;

Care of the child in the hospital;

Medicines after discharge;

Medication in a one-man house;

Medication in an ‘institutional’ hospital.

A. Yes. You can get coverage in the port to which you travel based on the contract existing with the carrier in your home local. That is, if you are covered by Permanente, in your home port you can get Permanente coverage in other ports where Permanente facilities are available. If you are under a different plan, you can get insurance in any port. If you travel from a Group Health or Permanente port to an insured port, you are only covered for accidental injury up to the amount of $25,000 unless you are in actual transfer to the new port.

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Local 6 Settlements

In negotiations with 14 houses represented by the San Fran-
sisco Employers Council, Local 6 and the Health and Welfare Plan are still on the bargaining table. The negotiations reached the 10th day of the strike and the union is pushing for a settlement.

Durkee's Agreement

Settlement was reached last week on a 7% cents per hour retroactive raise for nine members at Cold Metal Products in Los Angeles. The unit, whose members are covered under the Health and Welfare Plan, will go on the air every day.

Upgrading at Crocker

With a strong union the workers' living standards can be pro-
ected from the freeze. One way, pushed by the Local 6 members at H. S. Crocker in San Bruno, California, is by upgrading. They've pushed so hard that only 8 of the 26 workers in the unit were deducted the $1.57% raise. Unit negotiations have re-
sulted in shipping clerk classifi-
fications for all workers at $1.06% per hour; there are three "b" foremen, increased from $1.87%, to $2.00 and an "A" foreman at $2.05.

Stockton Warehousemen Endorse Quaker Palace on Peace Proposals

STOCKTON, Calif.—The Stock-
town Warehousemen Local 6 has endorsed a conference sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) on the subject "West Asia and the Middle East Peace Conference." The conference will be held at the Central Methodist Church, Miner and San Joaquin Streets, Stockton, starting at 7 p.m. May 18, and at 9 a.m. May 19.

Local 6 delegates will be joined by delegates from the AFL Cen-
tral, the National Local, the Bay Area Local, and the State Local 78. Sponsors with the Quakers will include: "Building a Peace Economy," "Building Democracy at Home."
It's Weak Profits Tax

minimize by all lawful means the tax consequences of business decisions.

Ruml described the excess profits tax, which organized labor has sharply criticized for merely shaving the surface of huge corporate profits, as an "evil brew of inequity, exception and privilege." He predicted it would not be reenacted by Congress when it expires on July 1, 1952.

"A high tax law had created two kinds of money—"cheap" dollars and "expensive" dollars." Expensive dollars, he said, were taxes which are to be paid on ordinary corporate rates, while cheap dollars are those which will be taxed at excess profits tax rate if not paid in full. Existence of cheap dollars, he went on, "makes prudential business activities" that would not otherwise be advisable. "The excess profits tax is in the double position of not being a burden, but a subsidy. It provides cheap dollars to the profitable and established company, dollars which can and must be used by a responsible management to underwrite and extend the position of such a company."

In Sacramento—ILWU Northern California Regional Director Bill Chester, a member of Longshore Local 10, pointed out the similarities of a screening program to AB 269 and SB 55, except that there are 297,000 employers in California, each of whom would have to register to screen any worker merely by virtue of his position to the use of such cards.

The stewards urged that if any company pays an excess profits tax in 1952 it will be a sign of weakness, financial expert Boardman Ruml told the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association.

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Answer to Who Said It?

Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The laws always bore scars after we previewed our new contract demands."

GM Head Gets $40,200 Pay Hike

NEW YORK (FP)—President Charles Hummert of General Motors Corporation was paid $40,200 more in 1951 than in the previous year, an increase which was much more than ten times as much as average increases of all employees throughout last year.

William "Bill" would receive $63,300 in salary, director's fees and bonuses, $28,000 over what the highest-paid executive of the biggest car company in the United States earned in 1951. The stewards urged that if any company tries to put over such a fingerprint—photograph procedure the stewards and the union will be satisfied, and if the meanest sign anything but your paycheque."

Warning Against Blacklists

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A few of the many others...

1. The ILWU Negotiating Committee took the position that safety is not a matter for collective bargaining, that the employers a subcommittee which was supposed to be responsible for the Safety Code.

2. The employers delivered to the ILWU Agreements Section a new printed book which would prohibit picketing.

3. AB 1712, forgiving any fear of union security, including the hiring hall.

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