The nation's organized workers, from coast to coast, were in action last week—strike action. Close to 900,000 AFL, CIO and independent union members were involved in almost a dozen industries, and they were demonstrating by their militancy that the "war emergency" propaganda of the corrupt Truman administration has left them cold.

A breakdown of the major wildcat strikes would include 650,000 CIO steelworkers, who hit the bricks when Federal Judge David A. Pine ruled that Truman's sequestration order was not legally justified. They are currently back at work "status quo" while the Supreme Court considers the Pine order.

Another 90,000 AFL and independent all workers; 90,000 employees of Western Union; 45,000 lumber workers in the Pacific Northwest; 2,000 truckdrivers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 5,000 CIO Communications Workers in North Carolina; 12,000 AFL carpenters in the San Francisco Bay area.

One major strike has been settled recently, when the nationwide telephone strike came to an end on April 28 after 3 weeks, with the CIO workers (75,000 of them all together) winning wage increases ranging from 11 to 18 cents an hour.

MORE MONEY NEEDED

Rock-bottom reason for all these strikes is the root necessity of American workers to get more money in the face of the wage freeze imposed by a war-economy minded administration.

Faced with "price stabilization" that holds down their wages and "price stabilization" that has cost the cost of living rocketing out of sight, the workers are not respecting the so-called national emergency or demonstrating any willingness toوار مع "حالة مليئة" or any kindness, whose profits are rivaling the cost of living in stratospheric altitude records.

One example will suffice to set the pattern. The CIO, AFL and independent all workers who are on strike, representing a coalition of 22 unions, want 25 cents an hour and fringe benefits. The best offers they have been able to get, so far, have gone to 13 cents, from an industry that upped its profits 21 per cent in 1944 to an all-time high of two and a quarter billion dollars.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, 12,000 AFL carpenters and pipe-drivers have been on strike since April 5 and are deadlocked in negotiations with the contractors, who threatened May 7 to lock out more than 200,000 construction workers in Northern California. (See story this page.)

Meanwhile, the steel situation remains the key to the entire picture, since steel affects the entire nation's economy. The picture is somewhat confused, and developments are coming so rapidly, that nobody can make any certain predictions about the outcome.

STEEL IS KEY

Phil Murray, head of CIO (and also head of the CIO steelworkers) has been acrimoniously fighting over steel contracts. Nobody can make any certain predictions about the outcome.

If w e r e s t r e e t a l e r w o r k e r s themselves have been growing increasingly restless, and have been...
The President wants his powers enlarged in a dangerous manner, and Representative Howard Smith of Virginia, possibly the most anti-labor man in congress, has hustled up to the hopper with a bill and dropped it in.

The bill is designed, of course, to put legislative authority behind Truman's seizure of the steel industry, for which he has claimed only an "inherent" power. That seizure is currently sticking despite a low court decision against it until the Supreme Court hears the matter on May 12 and decides it. Meanwhile the high court has ordered the government not to raise wages or change any conditions.

No matter how badly we want the steel workers to get their long overdue wage boost—and that we surely do because their present wages and conditions are a drag on the national interest, order improvement in wages and conditions, is no satisfactory solution. The real issue is not calling it in San Francisco because someone might say he is playing the anti-Communist game; or not calling it in California because his rank and file and their leadership—war or no war—the strikers not only will not be won, but in some cases the striking unions will be disastrously weakened or even broken in the process.

ILWU has always found that if a strike is effectively and militantly fought in order to win the workers' demands, something is likely to happen which we have always pointed out time and time again.

In fact that "something" is already happening. These leaders and unions, notwithstanding their conservative policies and their super-duty respectability, and their purge of any member or leader who is a Communist or who has only been smeared by some phony Congressional committee as "subversive"—will themselves be targeted by the government and the bosses as "Reds."

In the case of the Steelworkers (CIO), the Government is already arguing in court that their en-a gain-off-again strike is a "threat to the security of the nation."

On the other hand, up to date, nobody has called the "steel workers" strike "subversive." They have definitely fought it, and it has already resulted in the rationing of aviation gasoline to the airlines and the cutting down of military flying at Air Force bases.

The reason is not hard to find. Their President, Jack Knight (incidentally, the chairman of the CIO "trial" committee that expelled ILWU for such subversive activities as striking for better conditions) is wrecking his own strike and his own union. He has called a strike everywhere but in California, in the second largest steel-producing state in the country. And he is not calling it in California because somebody might say he is holding up the shipment of oil to Korea.

This would be equivalent, in ILWU terms to our calling a West Coast longshore strike everywhere but in San Francisco. Or a sugar strike on the Big Island, that produces most of the sugar. In fact, ILWU's refusal to conduct a strike in the way Knight is running his, is the main reason our union has been called Communist and Communist-dominated. And, in reverse, it is true that to conduct a strike in such a way as to weaken the union, and not do the most that can be done for the workers, will always guarantee that you are "respectable" and 100 per cent American.

There is a real and horrible danger that Truman will get from the Congress the legislation he wants, and no one should be fooled for a minute that he will do anything with that legislation for the benefit of labor. It will be quite to the contrary. Certainly the steel workers must now be beginning to realize that a political deal by which their leadership was to win them better wages and conditions, is no satisfactory substitute for the picket line where dealing with the steel barons.
ILWU Bodies Protest Opera House Ban on Paul Robeson

San Francisco—The ILWU Northern California District Council and ILWU Local 10 went on record last week in denunciation of the refusal of the board of Trustees of the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House to rent that building to Paul Robeson for a concert on May 22.

Robeson is internationally famous as a concert artist, actor and leader of the Negro people, and was given honorary membership in ILWU in 1945 by vote of its convention.

Our ILWU Protest

The Opera House was originally rented by the San Francisco Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council on April 21, when its director, Edward Sharkey, polled all the trustees by phone and reported that they agreed to its rental.

The application had been made by William Chester, Western Regional Vice President of the NLNC and Northern California Regional Director of ILWU.

The next morning Mayor Elmer Robinson denounced the Opera House trustees for renting the hall to the singer, claiming it would be a “desecration” of America’s war dead, and practically inviting to violence by stating that wherever Robeson sang there had been “riots.”

Robeson sang in the Coliseum Bowl and 321 Divisadero Street and 2337 Mission Street.

Under pressure of the Mayor and the San Francisco Legion, the board of trustees announced an emergency meeting to “reconsider” its former acceptence of the application.

Quick Switch Noted

This meeting was held on April 23 and the small room was crowded with people who wanted to be heard. The microphone failed and several letters from organizations were read aloud.

Three later were: the Baptist Midtown church, the New-Reformers, Americans for Democratic Action, the Northern California Democratic Council of ILWU, ILWU Local 2, the East Bay council of the Arts, Sciences and Humanities, and the San Francisco chapter of the Independent Progressive Party.

In addition to Chester and the Reformers, 20 members of the Baptist Ministers Union, who up to the present against the obvious intention of the trustees to reverse themselves, Ernest Beig, president of the Salvation Armies and Walter Stich of the ILWU, introduced the appeal.

Two speakers against the Robeson-tenant—one a lawyer and the other an insurance underwriter—and the trustees immediately took a vote on a motion substiuted by Trustee Milton W. Kleiter, to deny the application.

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The vote to deny was unanimous—9 to 0.

In addition to the National Negro Labor Council issued a statement blasting the trustees of the Opera House for reversing themselves “under pressure of the reactionary forces in this city.

The NNLC stated that Robeson “will sing in San Francisco next month; and... will be enjoyed by thousands of citizens of our city.”

Robeson to Sing

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You are in the Smith Act conference, characterized as a federal anti-labor act, and pledged a campaign against all political candidates who refused to fight the law. The JAC conference cabled the United States District Attorney in San Francisco, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of Labor, respectively, demanding the immediate release of all Smith Act defendants, that no more prosecutions be commenced.

On motion of Don Watson of the Marine Cooks & Stewards Union, a letter was presented, offering the Attorney General of the United States an opportunity to be heard upon the Attorney General’s plea to the District Court to award attorneys fees to the counsel of the defendants. The motion was amended, and an agreement was reached by the District Attorney and the counsel of the defendants, that the District Attorney would agree to pay the counsel fees for the defendants. The defendants were not released.

The JAC conference determined the motion for the release of the defendants, that the defendants be released, and that the motion be referred to the full conference for a decision.

Local 3 Seeks US-World Peace Pact

SEATTLE—ILWU Local 3 Executive Board on April 30 concurred in the action of the ILWU Local 183 in Seattle, that the workers shall be for a negotiated, peaceable, and peaceful exis-tence with other nations regardless of their political systems. In short, and on the fight against the first people have had an opportunity to make their ideas heard in the court of public opinion and for peace.

In the meantime, the Social Security Administration has revealed that the Social Security retirement plan will provide for a minimum of $100 per month plus $80 in social security benefits, for a total of $180 per month.

The conference will be followed by an open letter (in two weeks) to the ILWU and the AFL-CIO, asking for support and cooperation in the campaign for the repeal of the Smith Act and other anti-labor legislation.

And Screening Negroes in the petition of second class citizens.

The conference has been called by the Trade Union Committee for Repeal of the Smith Act and other anti-labor legislation. It was formed 6 months ago, and has since developed considerable support among local unions in Northern California.

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Local 8 Licks

Grain Job

PORTLAND, Ore. — ILWU Local 8 met at an arrangement by the Coast Guard to "screen" longshoremen working a grain boat in Portland at the time of 15 hours on this April 26.

Men had been dispatched to the North Ganges on that Saturday morning. When they got to the boat, they were told by Coast Guardmen who demanded identification existed.

Many men didn't have them, and those who did had them in their instep. They had left them at home. No ID card, no work, said the Coast Guard.

The Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), a joint labor relations committee meeting last week held, Local 8 notified PMA it was going to call the next union meeting the next day, Sunday, at 2 p.m., to consider the situation.

By the same flight (Saturday) at 7:30, the Coast Guard port control office had changed his policy and notified those that ID cards were no longer required for the commercial vessel.

Men went to work the next morning at the regular dispatch. Which shows what can be done when the men were on their toes and refused to be intimidated.

BLS Says

Employment Decreasing

WASHINGTON — The substantial upturn in nonfarm employment which year after year has come easier and earlier, and is brighter, has materialized to materialize the year and the failure to capitalize on the expected upturn.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics had forecast seasonal expansion in trade, construction and durable goods manufacturing. The year employment in these fields showed little signs of the normal.

In addition, over-the-year gains in meat were not anticipated since 1950. The same year, sales for new homes also failed to capitalize to materialize this March. The bureau reported that employment was the same in March, 1952, as it was a year earlier, March, 1952, employment was the same as February, 1952. The figure was 12.9 million.

Concern was heightened by the existence of too many more industrial areas as having "surplus of means, a patient with conditions, serious unemployment. The areas were the result of "nonfarm employment and the demand for the job of the workers."

As a result, some employers slowed the work, but, until now, laborers have been able to hold their jobs. In the dollar volume of trade.

CIO Marches

On Dept.

Lawrence, Mass. — The giant American Federation of Labor has formed a new committee to work on the problems of the union labor unions.

It's a committee made up of the CIO unions and the AFL, the two main labor unions in the country.

A committee of the CIO employers' councils had met in January, an old-time labor practice. The union held a meeting to discuss a strike vote by secret ballot.

The CIO employers' council in New York City.

What's Welfare?

Medical Care Plans for Locals

Q. This Question and Answer Column on Welfare refers to a number of medical plans under which eligible members and their families are covered for hospital-medical-surgical benefits. How many different plans are there for medical coverage of locals under the medical welfare program? A. There are five different medical care plans in effect covering various locals under the Welfare Fund program.

A. The Permanent Employment Plan covers the locals in the San Pedro area, the San Francisco Bay area and the Portland and Vancouver area.


C. Seattle Group Health Cooperative covers the locals in Seattle. Their families are covered under the Insured Plan.

D. The Insured Plan covers all other locals in California, Oregon and Washington which are not under one of the four group welfare programs.

Ordinarily, questions and answers about any one of the five plans are answered under a one-page plan which lists all the provisions under, such as "Eye Care under the Permanent Health Plan," or "Payroll Savings under the Insured Plan," etc.

Permanent Coverage & Insured Plan Benefits

Q. What printed information other than what appears in this column is available about the medical care coverage for myself and my dependents, either under the Permanent Employment Plan or the Insured Plan?

A. All the locals under the Welfare Fund have printed information under the following plan and welfare program. Locals covered under Permanent Welfare Plan have supplies of a green pamphlet called "Hospital-Medical-Surgical Care for you and Your Family in The Permanent Health Plan," dated August 1, 1951. For locals under the Insured Plan, a separate yellow pamphlet on family benefits is available called "Family Benefits for Hospital-Medical-Surgical Care Under the Insured Plan," dated August 1, 1951. These pamphlets are available under the terms of welfare contracts presently in effect for the year July 1, 1951, through June 30, 1952.

Q. Is it possible to get more information about the benefits, forms, procedures, etc., at my local, or should I contact the Welfare Fund?

A. You should normally contact your local about any problems or questions you have about the Welfare Program. Every local has a welfare officer, and Seattle Family Members ask the Welfare Officer or a Welfare Committee to handle the problem. To help you and your family with information, filling out forms, handling grievances, etc.

X-ray & Laboratory Services Under Permanente

Q. What are the x-ray and laboratory services covered under Permanente?

A. Yes, Your family members are charged at one-half the private rates for x-rays and laboratory tests.

Q. Are there any medical plans available that cover laboratory services for your family members?

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Health Tests Set for Local 10 Wives, Families

SAN FRANCISCO — A complete health test, similar to those given ILWU Local 10 Wives and Families, will be announced at the conference. The new plan was approved by the Executive Board.

Three tests were included in the new plan. The tests are: the complete blood count, the urine analysis and the blood pressure test.

The conference will meet at the beginning of the conference in the city. The tests will be given to the wives and families of the ILWU Auxiliary in this city.

A cancer-detection test was made for women under 50, and will be part of the new service, and all tests will be given at the park on the island and in Oakland.
Local 26

Aids Freedom Of Religion

LOS ANGELES—The right of a man to practice his religion and attend church, even though he is a Jew, was upheld on April 14, by ILWU Local 26.

The employee, union steward John McAllen, asked for Good Friday to be a paid holiday, that he would be allowed only one hour off to attend church.

McAllen left the drug warehouse at noon, Good Friday and took his family to services.

When he reported for work Monday morning, April 14, McAllen was given a two-day "disciplinary leave" for having violated the one hour allowance.

Local 26 Wins at Purepac

The American Candle Company's government-conducted election on April 26 saw the ILWU scored a victory over the Teamster Union (Local 356). Workers voting for the Purepac Drug Company were voting 24 in favor of Local 26 and 21 for Teamster Union.

On April 16, an election being held in the area of the apparent switch of Teamster Union votes to ILWU votes, the Purepac Drug Company declared 26 to 21 for Local 26. The result of the run-off election, declared by the Board for this purpose, was for ILWU.
The demand for trade with the Soviet Union, China, and the countries of Eastern Europe is becoming loud and insistent.

The recent Economic Conference of the United States and Europe has shown that the Soviets offered to buy several billion dollars worth of goods—food, raw materials, and manufactured goods. This is only one symptom of that demand.

Fact of the matter is, refusal to trade with Russia, China, Poland or any other socialists is being felt right now by the millions of American workers.

STEVENSOUT COMES OUT

Governor Adlai Stevenson, Democrat from Illinois and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, recently made a speech at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.

"If we do not have war money, millions, perhaps, will be driven back into basements," he said.

Stevenson was echoing the sentiments of the San Francisco businessmen, who were greatly concerned that the sons and daughters of frontier farmers be made to pay the State Department, the Department of Economic Warfare, and the Economic Conference, and attend it.

Mr. Vickery, who made a speech of his own, declared that the whole capitalist system, came back against us, and said that if any American wants to trade with the Western world, but that such trade would be both profitable and helpful to all concerned.

SF CHRONICLE SPEAKS OUT

Correspondent to Governor Stevenson's speech and the growing demands for trade with Russia, San Francisco to trade with Russia, and Japan to trade with Russia, the San Francisco Chronicle on May 7 said: "The American policy is to succeed in the next few decades will depend largely upon whether the American and the American government and the people of the world will be affected by the effects of their national policies.

"If there is not to be a war, if there is to be peace, our country can long enjoy the working of the facts of life, and, by our stubborn, drowning in the sea of knowledge, we shall have to be acquainted with many different methods, and these will require negotiation, without any desire to trade, or exchange conditions...

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