NEW YORK—After more years than anyone would like to remember, the gangster-dominated International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) was under investigation this week by the New York State Crime Commission. Technically a probe of gangsterism on the NY docks, the "longshore kingdom dominated by Joe Bruno," lifetime of the ILA, will be the center of the crime probe.

In "protest" against the impending probe, ILA leaders called a strike last week of longshoremen on the 'front, in what they fondly hoped would be considered a "spontaneous" demonstration against the investigation, if not even set-up.

The "spontaneous protest" was called off after 24 hours, when it became obvious that it had been ordered by ILA higher-ups in a vain effort to take the heat off.

Bridges Speaks: The ILWU President was the main speaker at the ILWU dinner in Oakland on November 21. Over 400 guests attended. Mrs. Nancy Bridges is seated at the speaker's table.

Over 700 Attend BRS Defense Dinners. In Oakland, Stockton

Tony Rania
President of Local 142

HONOLULU, T. H.— Antonio (Tony) Rania, President of Hawaii Local 142, has been elected to lead Consolidated Local 142 for the current year. Rania defeated Joseph (Blurr) Kalasita for the post of local president in the recently concluded territory-wide election. He was elected to succeed Constantine (Sammy) Sampson, first vice president, and Newton Miyagi, secretary-treasurer. Both men were former pineapple sugar local in the same positions they were elected to in the consolidated organization.

OTHER RESULTS
Balloting results show all four Division Directors elected outright, and 21 out of 16 Division agents receiving outright election. Because no candidate received a majority of the votes cast for the five remaining posts, a special run-off election has been ordered.

Division directors elected are George Martin, Hawaii; Thomas Yagi, Maui; Mitsuo (Shim) Fujimoto, Oahu, and Ernest Arena, Honolulu, head of the Consolidated League in Oahu, where the strike was won.

Four out of five Oahu division business agents were elected. The winners are: Carlos Jung, longshore; and Dominador Agayon, pineapple. Gil Gallardo and Yoshitomo Morimoto will appear on the ballot in the run-off race for the remaining post.

Two out of three Kauai division business agents won election. They are: Primitivo Queja, longshore and Dominador Agayon, pineapple. Gil Gallardo and Yoshitomo Morimoto will appear on the ballot in the run-off race for the remaining post.

Main unionists selected three out of the four business agents assigned to their division. Victorians were: Masanori Yamashita, longshore; Pedro de la Cruz, pineapple and Kamoo Ichimura, salaried. Augustine (Chick) Baptista and Amador Del Castillo are competing for the post assigned to the sugar industrial group.

Hawaii Division balloting resulted in the election of two of the four business agents posted allowed by the constitution of the internationally affiliated local. The two candidates are Frederick T. Low, Jr., longshore and Yoichi Takami, sugar. The two remaining posts will be filled by election.

Most delegates to the 1953 International Convention are Edward de Molina, longshore; George Martin, sugar; Kamoo Ichimura, sugar; Pedro de la Cruz, pineapple; Calisto Damaso, longshore; Justin de la Cruz, sugar; Ernest Arena, miscellaneous, and Mitsuo Furumoto, pineapple. Six additional convention delegates will be selected in the run-off.

Who Said It?
"... it won't be long before the police have the West Coast longshoremen back in the AFL."

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Unity Can Move Mountains

By Harry Bridges

BY THE TIME THIS COLUMN appears in print, the CIO scramble to select a new president will be over. However, the dilemma of the CIO is not so much one of selecting a new president, but how to do it in a fair, open, and democratic manner. The CIO is facing the task of organizing its membership in order to create a stronger, more militant organization.

The United Mine Workers under the leadership of John L. Lewis have had a long and bitter struggle with the coal operators, who have been trying to suppress the miners' contract gains. The miners have been on strike for several months, and the situation is critical. The miners are determined to get their full contract gains restored immediately, and our new Hawaiian pension plan approved. Let's get on the job.

In demanding that WSB get off the situation. What it means is simple: the coal miners will get what they bargained for because the coal miners have made it plain that if they don't get it, they will refuse to mine any coal.

Either the government will overrule WSB, in which case the agency will probably dry up and blow away, or the government will "decontrol" the soft-coal industry itself.

And in connection with these maneuvers, the President's assistant, John R. Steelman, is said to be convinced that granting the full $1.90 won by the miners would have much

The ILWU Executive Board hereby reaffirms the position taken by its 5th Biennial Convention wherein it stated that the wage stabilization program was designed to guarantee the continuation of fabulous profits by compelling the workers to carry the burden of greatly increased war production.

The United Mine Workers under the leadership of John L. Lewis and with their own united economic strength have demonstrated once more that such unity and such strength can move mountains, as well as coal.

It is time that other unions, and ILWU itself, demonstrated in our own way that we have no intention of being pushed around for the benefit of the fat boys.

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In the early, formative and organizing period, National CIO was lucky to be able to scrape together 3,800,000. Therefore, in order to publicly pretend to a membership of 5,000,000, the convention voting roles have to be stacked, and stacked they are—plenty.

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This is nearly two million more members than the National CIO actually has. The two million non-existent CIO members, each one of which is supposed to vote in national CIO conventions on a per capita basis, which means that the largest unions got the greater percentage of additional votes and the smaller unions the smaller allocation.

There is a great difference between that period of the CIO and now. In recent years, the reason the national CIO has constantly claimed upwards of two million more members than it actually has, has largely been to impress pontifical personal satisfaction and power.

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Many CIO unions which work hand and glove with Haywood pay sums of money for per capita tax and have it sent right back in turn to the government and the CIO. This is one reason why Haywood has been so successful, and why he was able to gain such a strong following among coal miners.

The CIO has a long and bitter struggle with the coal operators, who have been trying to suppress the miners' contract gains. The miners have been on strike for several months, and the situation is critical. The miners are determined to get their full contract gains restored immediately, and our new Hawaiian pension plan approved. Let's get on the job.

The ILWU's Board not only called for the immediate contract gains restored and the new Hawaiian pension plan approved, but also reaffirmed the position taken by its 5th Biennial Convention wherein it stated that the wage stabilization program was designed to guarantee the continuation of fabulous profits by compelling the workers to carry the burden of greatly increased war production.

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Elaborating on the resolutions passed by the Executive Board, the article criticizes the McCarran Act and its impact on citizens, particularly those of Filipino descent. The editorial comments on the Act's severity, stating it is more restrictive than previous legislation and mentions the deportation of Harry Bridges, a victim of Smith Act persecution. The Act provides for the annual registration of all aliens, which is considered a threat to individuals in the United States. The editorial expresses the need for vigilance and action against the Act's detriments.
The Hickman trial is the subject of this article. It states that the Hickman trial is significant because it is the first trial where the defense has the opportunity to present their case in an imaginary position. The defense attorney, Myer C. Symonds, testified as follows: “We do not advocate overthrow of the government. We do not advocate armed rebellion. We do not advocate any illegal action.” He also addressed the issue of plots, conspiracies, and cops. The prosecution introduced books, pamphlets, and other materials to the jury, out of context, and told a scary tale of digging up information and elicit the testimony. The judge ruled that the defendants should be kept from the jury, and the jury should be instructed to forget anything prejudicial matter it is told. The jury was instructed to consider the evidence in the case and to analyze it independently. The judge also ruled that the defendants should be kept from the general public as a meaningless fiction. The court discarded all of the evidence and rendered a judgment of acquittal. The defendants were set free, and the prosecution was declared a failure.
Claiming Social Security Benefits

When a worker retires or the survivor of a deceased worker collects Social Security retirement benefits, the monthly payment is calculated. The application must be filed at the Social Security office in your locality. Lump sum benefits are payable in certain situations where the worker dies or if the survivor is entitled to receive those benefits. Therefore, when a worker who has received Social Security retirement benefits of $85.00 per month dies, the widow or widower, they are equal to three times the worker's monthly benefit. If paid to other persons, they are paid in the amount of burial expenses, but never more than three times the worker's monthly benefit.

Grievance Machinery Under Health Plans

Under the Health Plans, such as Permanente or Seattle Group Health, or should they all be brought to the Local for claims forms and sending them in for reimbursement of medical care? For workers who are members of any organization of the various contracts which the health plans have.

Disability Payments in the Northwest

Why is it necessary to know in claiming disability benefits whether my disability might be considered a Workmen's Compensation Claim? Because the weekly indemnity is not payable under the山西省 Compensation program. In "Section 3, Employees Statement" of the claim form, you are asked if your disability is due to accident, and if so, if you were at work when injured. If you answer "No," the insurance company cannot pay you weekly indemnity.

The role of big contributions is "antiquated," Boggs said, and as no candidate could handle it directly or don't get satisfaction with the health plan.

WASHINGTON—Now that the election is over, Congress is going to the House elections committee scheduled hearings for December 1 as a new wrinkle in political persecution became known.

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**Oakland Dinner**

Left to right, ILWU first vice-president J. R. (Bob) Robertson, addressing the BR3 dinner guests at the Hotel Leamington on November 29. In the center is "Patreon" Joe Ryan, co-defendant with Bridges and Robertson in the frame-up, and Executive Board member of ILWU.

**A Goon Meets His Local End**

Los Angeles—A professional union-buster and em­ployers' goon named Richard Flaxer shot himself through the head here December 25, when he was at the point of being cap­tured by police.

The dead man was expelled from ILWU back in 1937, and two weeks later over to the bosses as a hired thug, organizer of company unions and provocateur.

**PROFESSIONAL GOON**

After a brief filing in politics last year, 2009, Flaxer formed a com­pany union called the American Union Alliance.

Trammed up with Dies Commit­tee infernaries, the AUA set about to raid and wreck AFL and CIO unions, wherever organized, and replace them with its own company-dominated organization.

During World War II Flaxer wrote threatening letters to vari­ous newspapers, in which he repeatedly demanded that the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees Negro suf­frage, be repealed, and threat­ened to "hang every Communist and CIO organizer in California in the highest tree we can find.

**NEPARDY STEPS**

The National Labor Relations Board has ordered the McGraw-Edison Company to make new hiring agreements that the company unions were un­able to meet.

A judgment of a picket grand jury has no legal effect whatever, but it can cause a lot of trouble for the workers it represents as well as all other workers not yet organized in our industry.

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Gen'l Motors Is Now In Command

DETOUR—The General Motors family, which was instrumental in having General Eisenhower nominated at the Republican convention in July and in having him elected President in November, seems to be moving into the advance of the January inauguration.

Eisenhower's cabinet announcements November 20 included two General Motors men, GM President C. E. Wilson for Defense Secretary—most important job next to Ike's—and Governor Douglas McKay of Oregon, the Cadillac man, as Secretary to the Interior, Development of defense contracts, most important job, will be handled by the Republican national committee to see him through, especially financially, to victory.

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GM Anti-Labor

Recent publicity about 5-year contracts with the unions may have obscured the record of General Motors and its executives as bitterly anti-labor over most of its history, ready to use machine guns and tear gas of need be to prevent unionizing of its plants and eagerly obtaining the services of notorious industrial espionage firms. It has a record of treachery and reactionary appearance.

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Plantation Visit: ILWU Executive Board members went to the country while they were in Hawaii, and they talked about a lot of things and earned a lot of things. Here are some scenes at Waialua, Oahu, where some of the board members addressed sugar workers and their families in the town gymnasium November

Sardines Gone; Mackeral Sought

SAN PEDRO—The sardines have "disappeared" for the first time in southern California waters and members of Fishermen's Local 333 (ILWU) are taking the boats out for mackerel and bringing in small catches. Although this "disappearance" of the sardines has happened in past years in the San Francisco and Monterey areas, this is the first year that the sardine boats could not find the fish. The southern sardine season started October 1.

The "disappearance" of the sardines has been cited by "sports" fishing interests as evidence of "overfishing" and these interests are trying to railroad "control" of commercial fishing through the state fish and game commission.

This control would prohibit the catching of yellowtail in California waters by commercial fishermen and would limit the catch of sardines.

Both the union and the boat-owners are opposed to such control.

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Checks go to $1.75 an hour: warehousemen to $1.69 and sweepers to $1.64

The foregoing 2 cent wage increase is the remainder allowable under the provisions of Section 4 of the General Wage Regulations, computed on changes reflected in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumers Price Index.

Gains in Cleveland

Members of ILWU Local 209 employed at the Adler-Rosenkow Company (Cleveland, O.) have executed a new agreement providing them with a 5 cent per hour general increase effective December 2, 1952. The new agreement also provides for wage review and renegotiation of the vacation program any time after April 27, 1953. Negotiations were conducted by the ship company, Webster Stanley, Leona Robineson and Jack Jones.

In another renewal agreement, signed by ILWU Local 209 with the Reliance Steel Division of the Detroit Steel Corporation (Cleveland warehouse), a 16 cent per hour general wage increase was won, together with the establishment of 6 paid holidays when not worked, and the modification of the vacation program providing 3 weeks vacation after 15 years service.

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Rubber Wages Stretch

ILWU Local 26 members at Gates Rubber, last week added another dime an hour to their wages through negotiations after just having pocketed 12 cents an hour retroactive to December 1, 1951, which was only recently approved by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The 12 cents increase had been cut down to 7 cents by the regional WSR in San Francisco, but the national board reversed the decision.

The total U.S. debt is expected to rise to around $317 billion by the end of 1952. Of the total debt, $84 billion is held by commercial banks and federal reserve banks, nearly $37 billion by insurance companies and mutual savings banks, $21 billion by other corporations and associations, $60 billion by individuals, mainly in the upper income groups. They will receive the bulk of the $6.3 billion in interest budgeted for the 1953 fiscal period.
American Minorities
and the Case of Harry Bridges...

"Therefore, we, who have the common objectives to advance the living standards of ourselves and our fellow workers everywhere in the world, to promote the general welfare ... to banish racial and religious prejudices and discrimination, to strengthen democracy everywhere and achieve permanent peace ... do for ourselves and for one another, individually and in concert, aim to Constitutionalize the International Leftist & Workers' Union of...

New BRS Leaflet: This is the cover of the new 4-page leaflet published last week by the BRS Defense Committee, and now being distributed on a nationwide basis in a first edition of 50,000 copies. (See story in right-hand column.)

Negro Council Hits BRS Frame-Up: Chester Re-Elected Western VEEP

CLEVELAND, January 1. At its second national convention, held here last weekend, the National Negro Labor Council (NNLC), which was incorporated last year in Chicago, elected Chester Robert Smith, international director of the ILWU, to the post of secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Chester presided over one of the two main sessions of the convention, which was held in Cleveland's Municipal Auditorium. On the last day of the convention, he reported to the ILWU Northern California locals that the NNLC is "coming to grips with the problem of integration." Chester told the delegates that the NNLC is now working "on a national scale" to achieve this goal.

The NNLC was formed in 1950 as a result of a mandate by the ILWU's international officers, who attended as delegates from the ILWU, to form an organization for Negro workers.