Hawaiian Dockers Win Health Plan

HONOLULU, T. H.—Hawaii's 12,500 international longshoresmen signed the plan, with no waiting period, on March 15. Out of the $115,000, 6,000 individuals will be covered by the plan. The companies and the union agreed to the original memorandum of agreement on the medical plan, except that the companies were granted an amendment for the reversion of funds contributed.

To terms which the two parties have agreed include:

**I. The Companies Will Pay Six Dollars ($6.00) Per Month to the Plan for Each Employee, Single Employees Will Pay Three Dollars ($3.00) Per Month, and Employees With Dependents Will Pay Four Dollars ($4.00).**

**2. Medical Visits, For Both Employees and Dependents, Will Be Covered From the First Visit.**

**3. There Will Be No Waiting Periods;**

**4. Chronic Conditions Will Be Covered;**

**5. Maternity Care Will Be Provided Immediately With Installation of the Plan, With No Waiting Periods, Giving Employees Selected Choice of Doctors.**

Under the terms of the plan will be the New York Life Insurance Company.

Steps which must be taken include signing of a formal medical plan agreement, execution of a declaration of trust, appointment of trustees, in turn to represent the companies and the union, paying of medical plan funds to the trustee, and signing of contract with the insurance company.

If the documents cannot be prepared by March 1, the plan is expected to take effect on April 1.

The original memorandum of agreement on the medical plan was signed last May 16, and both employees and the companies have made three-month contributions to the fund.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The plan provides surgical, hospitalization, and medical coverage, X-rays, laboratory services, ambulance service, and supplemental hospital services, according to a schedule of fees and maximum benefits included in the plan.

Spokesman for the Hollywood committee was Paul J. O'Connor, and for the New York committee were Philip Maxwell, vice-president of the Hawaii Employers' Council, union officials were Lawrence Goldberg, International secretary-treasurer, and Jack W. Hall, ILWU regional director.

**ILWU Men Visit NY; Call On VP Nixon**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An ILWU delegation from the major West Coast ports left New York and Washington last week after completing an investigation of the waterfront and lobbying operation on behalf of the union. The delegation included ILWU Locals 12, 21, 50 and the Auxiliary of Local 26. The locals involved were: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 33, 36, 46, 47, 62, 63, 68, 69, 91, 142, 207, and 209. A similar motion had been filed earlier by ILWU Locals 8, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 48, 52, 53, 57, 98, and 402.

The Department of Justice had an opportunity to observe the operation of the New York port and to dispose of 1,000 acres of waterfront property purchased by the companies years ago.テストを通過しました。

ILWU & 34 of Its Locals File Brief in B-R-S Appeal

WASHINGTON — Thirty-four ILWU locals joined their parent body on February 2 in filing with the Supreme Court of the United States a motion for leave to file a brief as "friend of the court" in the Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt case.

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**Blew $250,000 of ILA Funds at Stork Club, on Shirts, Suits**

NEW YORK—Joseph P. Ryan, life-time president of the International Longshoremen's Association, and one time boss of the West Coast ports now in the ILWU, was the final witness as the New York State Crime Commission concluded the latest phase of its investigation of crime on the New York waterfront last week.

Ryan, under questioning, revealed that in the past five years he had spent over a quarter of a million dollars on himself—and it all came from the union.

Ryan's salary amounted to $115,000 or over $20,000 each year.

Ryan's expenses over the same five year period amounted to an additional $126,097. For every dollar in salary the ILA paid Ryan they forked out another dollar in expenses.

But that's not all. Out of the union's funds or out of the secret "anti-Communist" fund to which the steamship and stevedore companies contributed Ryan drew $12,494 to buy himself and his wife custom-built Cadillac cars.

Other items for which Ryan drew along the way were: $140 for a cruise in Guatemala, $1,335 for paid club dues and charges, $75 for the burial of his sister-in-law, and $850 for his life insurance.

It was from these funds that Ryan paid the taxes on his real estate, bought himself $250 worth of shirts and spent $810 on tailored suits. When he had a special group for luncheon at the exclusive New York Stork Club, the tab of $565.13 was paid for out of the employers' contribution to the ILA fund "to lighten Company." It was

KNOWS NO CRIME

Before making these embarrassing revelations before the NY Crime Commission, Ryan claimed that he knew nothing about anything —as far as crime on the waterfront was concerned, or the employment by ILA of known criminals as union officials and hiring bosses.

Ryan had been preceded by a parade of ILA brass and shipping and stevedoring officials who admitted to handsome payoffs to the "Kings" mobsters. The role of those paid off was endless and the sums of money tossed around were astronomical.

An affirger of the firm of A. Costa, Jr. & Co., which trucks vegetables, admitted to cutting one mobster (Robert Baker) out of his payroll for 25 per cent of the profits of his operation.

"What job did you give him?" the Crime Commission's special counsel, Theodore Klined, asked.

"I didn't give him any," said Baker, "I just gave him $250 a week to do the work. He was to come up here for a job. All he did was pick up the checks. I had to use an agent to collect the checks." Testimony about waterfront murders, largely unolved; the history of the criminals in which local ILA officials were the operators; "stogie payoffs" to non-existent workers who slept into the pockets of mobsters; trial-licking in nickel, sulfur, bananas and airplanes went into the record.

On January 25 the State Crime Commission will adjourn, the formalization of a permanent "watch-
A Danger & An Opportunity

By Harry Bridges

The situation is one where we can either dump wage controls or we can miss the boat.

F OR ACTUALLY, with the dumping of wage controls, militant unions have a chance to fight. The handcuffs are off. We no longer are dependent on our last convention for gains negotiated in collective bargaining from the Wage Stabilization Board, charact- erized by John L. Lewis as a bunch of "dilettantes."

We therefore have a job to do and that job involves the following:

1. To see to it that every cent of wage gains, pensions, welfare and health program we can get are put into effect.
2. To recognize what is behind all this—that what we get from now on in wage negotiations will depend on our own ability to fight in collective bargaining and in economic actions, if they are indicated; we have got to remain one of the exceptions noted above—of those unions who never depended on deals with the politicians but insisted on maintaining its autonomy and independence and the unity and strength of the rank and file; and
3. We must move fast to tighten the reins of our union and step up its fighting strength before the government turns its restrictions of collective bargaining, which are on the books, are brought into play.

F OR THERE IS NOT much doubt that the big business boys have every intention of using the many anti-labor executive and legis- lative weapons forged by their predecessors, and by such Republicans as Senator Taft, author of Taft-Hartley.

We will have to beware of a move that is in the making to merge the entire U.S. labor movement into a gigantic company-union movement, which is on the books, are brought into play.

All is not lost by a long shot. The going in future months may get tough, but we can handle it if we keep our ranks tight, our heads cool, and stay wise to the ways of politi- cians and labor fakers.

This blockade proposal is full of dangers for us as union people, and for all American workers and the American people. It not only carries with it the possibility of a suddenly flaring hot war, but in its economic sense will lead to more drastic restrictions against freedom of action by unions in the field of collective bargaining and strikes.

P ASSING BY for the time being the order giving Chiang Kai-shek the green light to raid the Chinese mainland, and the fact that any such raids undoubtedly will bring retaliation against Foreign oil companies from the Communist Nations, at which time the United States Navy and Air Force is expected to help Chiang Kai-shek's fight—it is a clinch that na- tions such as Great Britain, France and the Dutch East Indies will not agree that ships of their merchant marine cannot trade where they like and enter any port they wish to enter.

The only way to stop such ships from trading is, as Landeberg says, to make them unprofitable or else "blow them to hell out of the water." Such acts have brought on wars for the unexpected, as in the case of the German naval blockade of the British King, George III, to blockade the American Colonies. The Declaration of Independence contains, as one of its charges against the Crown, "... For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world."

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**Delegates Call Hall Trial a Fraud**

HONOLULU — "Modern witchcraft, brewed with hysteria, lies, malice and murder," was the characterization of the Smith Act trial of ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall, in a resolution adopted by the annual convention of consolidated Local 142 held here January 28-31. Said the resolution: "Everything the membership of the ILWU and every fair-minded resident of Hawaii has feared about the 'trial' of Jack Hall has come to pass. It is not a trial. It is modern-day witchcraft, brewed with hysteria, lies and murder, with incantations about 'revolution' without as much as a single specific statement or charge on the record concerning Jack Hall. Only the blind or the incorrigibly prejudiced would fail to see that America that has been disgracefully abused in this case is trial by prejudice, trial by hysteria. It is not trial by justice. "Meanwhile the membership is put to enormous expense by the defense. Government attorneys dip again and again into our coffer to press their anti-union crusade. The only aim of their intention to make defense against a Smith Act indictment so expensive that unions will find it is too much to carry. "The case has fooled no one in the ILWU. More than ever does the union recognize it as union-busting—courtroom attack on the workers' right to organize. "Throughout, Jack Hall has emerged as the leader we knew and respect—honest, devoted to the ILWU and the other workers of Hawaii, unfailing in his re- fused to sell out the workers in exchange for personal protection. "We salute him. We resolve to pledge to him our continued un- staining support."

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**Convention Backs B-R-S, Hall, Baggs**

HONOLULU—In a unanimous hand- ing down of the first annual Territorial convention of the ILWU, the delegates to the ILWU demonstrated determined adherence to the principles of progressive trade unionism.

Delegates to the ILWU Local 10 in Honolulu on February 28, 29, 30 and 31, served notice that the ILWU, "in the interest of the membership, the ILWU and every fair-minded resident of Hawaii, unfailing in his re- fused to sell out the workers in exchange for personal protection. "We salute him. We resolve to pledge to him our continued un- staining support."

**Keep Hands Off Our Union! Say Delegates to Hawaii Convention**

HONOLULU — "Keep your hands off our union," was the obvious message handed to the enemies of the ILWU by approximately 300 delegates at last month's convention of Hawaii's largest labor organization.

The delegates, assembled in Honolulu for the annual policy-making sessions of the union, made it clear by their actions and the resolutions passed that the union is "here to stay."

From the keynote speech delivered by ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt on the morning of January 29, until the final adjournment on the evening of January 31, the delegates represented every section of the Territory, and all of Hawaii's basic industries, gave proof positive that they didn't intend to take a kick around by the Big Five, politicians or any agency of government that takes its orders from the Big Five or its hirelings.

The delegates, elected from ILWU units in sugar, pineapple, longshore and miscellaneous industries, handled their duties in a workmanlike manner. There were no smoke-filled rooms; no behind-the-scenes deals. Every item coming before the convention was brought to the floor, referred to committee and then returned to the floor for final action.

**Standing Ovation**

Hawaii ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall received a standing ovation from delegates and observers when he was given the floor in the afternoon of the first day of the convention when he was denied the opportunity to attend the opening day of the hearings before Federal Judge Jon Wieg, was finally allowed to attend. He said the committee of delegates called personally on the judge and he told them the committee would refuse to proceed with the convention. He received an ovation as he told the delegates that he didn't need to tell mature trade unionists the score about the case against him and its true issues. (See convention stories on this page.)

**Other Actions**

The committee voted to send $25 to the Wage Stabilization Board, opposed the Taft-Hartley suits, demanded unemployment benefits for agricultural workers, denounced the proposed sales tax, called for a constitutional amendment for the defense of civil liberties, opposed the Bill of Rights and Naturalization Intimidation Acts of 1952, and approved a resolution sending $25 to the Anti-Nazi League.

**New Heads Installed By Auxiliary No. 5**

A special resolution on the Hall fram-up trial, which has fooled no one in the ILWU, was passed on February 16. More than ever does the membership recognize it as modern-day witchcraft—courtroom attack on the workers' right to organize. The January 30 issue of The Dispatcher, in its story on the Local 10 election, carried the phrase: "Major posts in the coming last December's election are not in contest." This is an unfortunate error.

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**Back B-R-S, Hall, Baggs**

"We know that the relentless pressure from the Red Hunters, Bob Roberton and Henry Schmidt; the threat from Brother Simeon Bagasol; the fram-up trial of Jack Hall; the perverted purpose; the FBI and the Department of Immigration and Naturalization are part of our alien members; the Taft-Hartley suits; demands from our enemies that we cut off our heads when we turn our backs; that we yield to the threats of violence, that our leadership, have become more fanatics. We will not yield. We will fight the combined efforts of the enemies of the ILWU by approxi- mately 30 percent of our members; the Taft-Hartley suits; demands from..."
Who Believes in Autonomy?

BACK in 1918, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson issued the famous Fourteen Points. It was one of the principles upon which the United States was fighting its war. "Self-determination" is the name given to the right of any nation to govern itself and to make its own decisions.

President Truman reiterated this position in his last report to Congress on the operations of the United Nations.

The analysis of the voting record of United States representatives at recent sessions of the UN General Assembly shows right or not we have implemented this principle.

The accompanying table shows how the various African countries voted on a series of issues involving steps toward political independence. The self-determination for African and other colonial peoples.

The member states have been placed under the Western bloc, led by the US (19 votes), the Latin American bloc (13 votes), African countries (3 votes), Arab-Asian (13 votes), pro-Soviet (5 votes). In the table, "Y" represents support, "N" opposition, "O" abstention, and the blank denotes absence.

1. Resolution upholding "the exercise of the sovereignty of any State over its natural resources," and aimed at promoting the nationalization of raw materials industries in less developed countries. (Assembly, December 21.)

2. Resolution requesting the colonial powers to "voluntarily" furnish information on the extent to which self-determination is exercised and fostered in territories not yet under the jurisdiction of any foreign power. (Assembly, December 21.)

3. Resolution recommending that member states should "uphold the principle of self-determination of all peoples and nations" and facilitate the exercise of this right in territories under their administration. (Assembly, December 16.)

4. Resolution approving the recommendation of the Trusteeship Council that the Joint Council should be reconstituted by means of direct elections. (Assembly, December 3, 1952.)

5. Resolution criticizing the British government for its continued retention of the mandate over Palestine. (Assembly, December 21.)

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(Applied to full text)
LUNDEBERG SHOWS HIS CARDS

HARRY "the Lunchbox" Lundeberg, boss of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, is an ambitious man.

On the basis that he was one of the very few so-called labor "leaders" to back the candidacy of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lundeberg imagines he has an "in" with the new Republican administration. He expects to get administration support for his union busting and racketeering plans.

LUNDEBERG wants nothing less than complete control of the West Coast maritime unions, along with "King" Joe Ryan of the International Longshoremen's Association-AFL and Dave Beck of the AFL-Teamsters.

These three characters hope to carve up and piece out amongst themselves the ILWU, the MCS and any other union that offers them a chance to bring to West Coast waterfronts the rotten setup as recently exposed by the NY Crime Investigation.

A union busting from way back, Harry Lundeberg has made no bones about his determination to take over ship-store loading and even some loading of cargo itself, if he can get it.

He has called openly for the cancellation of ILWU contracts and for investigations of both ILWU and the Marine Cooks and Stewards, as "communist dominated unions."

He opened a raid on MCS last year and is still stalling an NLRB election to determine who shall represent ship-boarding department members on West Coast ships.

The reason for the stalling is obvious, because under an NLRB order issued last March, cooks and stewards have been registering 10 to 1 in favor of MCS, as against the paper organization of the IA.

This beef came to a head after Lundeberg successfully got the NLRB to order the Pacific Maritime Association to "cease and desist" from recognizing the independent Marine Cooks on the grounds that the majority of all stewards department personnel "preferred" the Lundeberg outfit.

Then on May 2 he wrote a letter to NLRB, which his good friend William Knowland, the Senator from Formosa, inserted in the Congressional Record for May 9, 1952.

In this scandalous letter, Lundeberg demanded that the NLRB institute hiring off the docks, or through the US Employment Service, in a frantic effort to head off the ultimate destruction of his phony stewards' union that will come about whenever an NLRB election is actually held.

He charged in this letter, as he has many times in his obscene sheet, "West Coast Sailors," that the MCS was "in collusion" with the PMA, and even further, that the PMA is involved in "a conspiracy with the Communist party" to bar good men from stewards' jobs on West Coast ships.

Imagining He Has 'In' With the New Administration, the 'Lunchbox' Dreams of Taking Over the West Coast Together with Dave Beck and 'King' Joe Ryan of the ILA-AFL...

LUNDEBERG has written a number of these letters (demanding decertification of MCS and ILWU) to the worst witch-hunters in the country, men like Knowland, McCarran, Mundt, Ferguson and McCarthy.

He has charged a "Communist conspiracy" between ILWU, MCS and the shipowners, and demanded the use of Taft-Hartley and Coast Guard screening to outlaw his opposition.

In one such letter, written on January 14 of this year, he asks the Coast Guard to "require that every representative of every maritime union boarding an American vessel must possess validated papers from the US Coast Guard."

With the assistance of Ryan of the ILA and Beck of the Teamsters, he hopes to bring back to the West Coast the racketeering and gangster control that existed here before 1934, and which has so recently been exposed for the 99th time by the NY State Crime Commission on the East Coast. (See Page 1 story.)

ILWU got a taste of what Lundeberg wants during the Isthmian beef of 1951 when Lundeberg, with the aid of Curran of the NMU and Ryan of ILA organized scabs and imported armed goons to take over the job of Marine Engineers on strike against the Isthmian Steamship Company.

During the recent Crime Commission hearings in New York the tie-up between the gangster-dominated ILA and Isthmian was demonstrated again, in payoffs made by that company to ILA gunmen for "good relations" with the union.

LAST SEPTEMBER Lundeberg tipped his hand even further when he signed a joint statement with Dave Beck that made front-page news in all the papers.

The two AFL placards "declared war on ILWU" — a war that has curiously enough refused to break out ever since.

"Recognizing that Communist influence here has disrupted the West Coast waterfront and related industries too long, we hereby pledge ourselves to full cooperation to drive these leeches of the Kremlin from our harbors, docks and our warehouses until the workers of the industries are once more under the standard of the AFL."

The "leeches of the Kremlin," of course, Lundeberg and Beck made plain are the ILWU dock and warehouse workers. Lundeberg (and Ryan) hope to split the longshore work, Beck gets warehouse, Lundeberg the MCS shipside jobs.

In October the two held another conference in Los Angeles and announced they were planning to set up a "maritime council" with the aid of the ILA to raid ILWU.

Lundeberg has stepped up his cold war by calling on the Army, Navy and Coast Guard to bar ILWU and MCS officers from ships and piers and hopes to create a situation which would, if it worked, end with these government agencies deciding the officers that anti-Lundeberg unions could or could not elect.

Actually "The Lunchbox" is not after "Communist" unions (none such exist); he is out to bust any union he cannot take over.

He is attempting to pressure companies to resign from the Pacific Maritime Association (Isthmian has already left), and, if possible, destroy that organization of shipowners.

If such an insane plan could be made to work, of course, ILWU pensions and welfare could go down the drain together with our contracts and gains we have won since 1934.

Lundeberg is quite prepared to call on everybody from Taft down to the village dogcatcher to bring pressure for what he wants, and it is up to us to realize what he is after and to strike it.

ILWU is on record as being determined that East Coast conditions of gangsterism and racketeering backed by hired gunmen will never be returned to this coast.

We greet with pleasure the policy announced last week by the Executive Council of the AFL, demanding that ILA clean itself up or be suspended from the American Federation of Labor as a "danger to the American labor movement."

ILWU will continue to support militant unions like MCS. We have done everything in our power to assist them, and there has been no evidence in which they have been involved and we will continue to do so in the future. (See page 8 for story on MCS."

ILWU is irrevocably committed to fighting the kind of union-busting, scab-hiring, open shop movement promoted for so many years by Lundeberg, Ryan and Beck under the phony guise of "fighting Communism." That banner is getting worn out these days and every honest union man or woman should by now know it for what it is.

Three of a Kind: In the usual order, Harry Lundeberg, boss of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, "King" Joe Ryan of the International Longshoremen's Association-AFL (who spent his "secret anti-Communist fund" at the Steer Club among other places) and Dave Beck, ruler of the Teamsters, who are still hitting the pipe in dreams of taking over ILWU and the Marine Cooks & Stewards Union. (They can dream, can't they?)
The next day, [Name] the Teamsters, [Name] from his job and threw the local union funds and tapping producers. He revealed that Teamsters Local 202 were "sanctimonious shipping rackets and laid the blame at the hierarchy itself."

"I've got to have a few vices," admitted [Name] himself. "Self I like silk shirts best." He said he "didn't know" that [Name] had ever been a silk shirt salesman. "I've got to have a few vices," he continued. "I've heard of" such things on other occasions.

The boss loading racket came in the form of a "new look" in its hunting body and it was revealed that [Name] had been found in his pants in a room in a Sumner jewelry store. [Name] lisped so softly at the feet of the ILA, to the point that [Name] would have it put into a newspaper story. [Name] had a change of heart when he had learned no other way of getting out.

Meaney promised he could testify about crime, pilferage, shake-downs, loan sharking or rackets. On the very first day he appeared before the AFL Executive Council in Miami, after [Name] was subpoenaed to appear on that Friday in Florida on March 2. The AFL asked for a "clean-up," a sort of "ultimatum" in the ILA, and said it would lay the blame on the ILA. [Name] was determined to get ILWU members into the AFL, ILA brass got this out of the ILA, and from the "secret anti-Communist" fund he has been collecting for the last several years. [Name] Sampson said he knew nothing of "grievances, cargo thefts or other water problems" in the ILA, he did not exist on the list. [Name] was, he believed, becoming the biggest "character" on the ILA.

On January 21 [Name] and [Name], a former ILA rank and file, were subpoenaed to appear on that day before a NY grand jury investigating waterfront crime. [Name] refused to answer questions in December because of illness. [Name] had attempted to shake down a stevedore company and can't remember either. [Name] had been found in various shipping firms but could not be traced. [Name] [Name] was [Name] the Jarka [Name] Big" of the NY waterfront; multi- million dollar ship traffic in the harbor, he had been charged with [Name]. He had a 2-year perjury rap to contend with his [Name].

Other witnesses included [Name], [Name] and [Name]. [Name] was a former ILA Local 6 steward and executive council member, who spoke on the key demands made by the union. [Name] proposed Local 6 health and insurance negotiations.

The ILWU research aide then outlined the ILWU's plan realizable. As preparation for the forthcoming negotiations, the ILWU Local 6 members were provided with information about the various benefits they might be entitled to under the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan. It will be followed by the Local 6 convention, June 1, 1953, which guarantees solid contact with the ILWU. The ILWU research aide then brought in the films and showed it to the ILWU Local 6 members. It was a complete new film. As preparation for the forthcoming negotiations, the ILWU Local 6 members were provided with information about the various benefits they might be entitled to under the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan. It will be followed by the Local 6 convention, June 1, 1953, which guarantees solid contact with the ILWU. The ILWU research aide then brought in the films and showed it to the ILWU Local 6 members. It was a complete new film.
THE FORMATION of a co-operative book club for ILWU members is being announced by the International officers. The problem of bringing good books within the reach of working men and women is not an easy one to solve. The book publishing industry, like so many others, is rapidly becoming a monopoly, apparently more interested in profits than in service and factual information to readers.

Starting with the four titles announced on this page, the ILWU Book Club will try to bring its members books written in the spirit and practise of American democratic and union ideals. But it must be understood from the outset that many books recommended and reviewed do not necessarily—and in some cases do not at all—reflect the views and policies of ILWU.

The opportunity to get books and to read them is comparatively new to working people and one for which we are all grateful, for it is a simple fact that the majority of the world’s people not only cannot buy books but cannot even read them.

ILWU officers believe that the more sources of information that are available to our members and the more information they can get hold of, the better and stronger our union will be. The ILWU Book Club was set up for the sole and profitless purpose of bringing to its readers good informative books by writers devoted to the cause of advancing in many ways the welfare of working men and women everywhere.

—Harry Bridges

As a New Service to Its Members, ILWU Announces the Formation of the ILWU Book Club

The Big Strike, by Mike Quin. 50 cents.

ANY ILWU members will recall Mike Quin as a working class writer and at all times a supporter of ILWU. This book’s title, of course, refers to the 1934 West Coast longshore strike that developed into a general strike and shook the entire nation. Some real early history of ILWU may be found in the exciting story Quin tells. He did an astonishing job of remembering the strike, in which he was personally involved, and in re-searching the background and the way the newspapers “covered” the story.

An excellent book for all members of ILWU—old-timers or newly-joined workers—“The Big Strike” will give every reader greater pride in his union and the militant fight it has waged since 1934 to maintain the gains made in that historic year. (Profusely illustrated and originally published at $1.00.)

John L. Lewis, by Saul Alinsky. $1.00

THIS IS an “unauthorized” autobiography of the man who has led the United Mine Workers of America for so many years.

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**New Officers of NCDC**

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**MCS Hits Senate on Smear**

SAN FRANCISCO — A biased report on the ILWU, drafted by a lam-duck subcommittee was condemned by the National Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards President, HD. Bryan, on January 21 as being “unfounded” and “venomous.”

Bryan quoted the committee statement that “free maritime unions must show increased resourcefulness in organizing” as an invitation to a newly formed AFL organization now raiding a respectable union membership who “want no part of AFL waterfront gangster role.”

Bryan pointed to an article in the San Francisco Examiner, charging with shooting with intent to kill George G. Carne, president of the independent union; Renio Heja, Daniel “Lefty” Reed Tucker, all members of the opposing group picked off San Francisco waterfront last year for carrying guns; Jimmy Tarentino, now facing indictments, who attacked the independent union, for pay from the AFL, almost weekly on his radio broadcast.

“And who does this subcommittee attack,” demanded Bryan, “The gangster counterfeit union? No, the independent Union. And the shipworkers for dealings with a democratic union, the members want, instead of a gangster outfit.”

“Not have we been accused, let alone convicted of graft or gangsterism,” Bryan pointed out, “The same cannot be said for AFL waterfront officials.”

“Our union is dominated, all right,” Bryan said. “Membership dominated.”

“Unthinkable that every attack against unionists attempts to convey to the American people that unions must be either gangster-controlled or Community dominated,” the union’s secretary-treasurer, Joe Johnson, said, “These false charges against us are mere blackmail.”

**The Joint Session of Northern and Southern ILWU Districts Held**

FRESNO — The first joint session of the Northern California District Council of ILWU was held here at the Fresno Hotel on January 22 with the newly formed Southern California District Council of ILWU also in attendance. Sixty-nine delegates from 14 ILWU locals attended the meeting, which is the first of what will be regular series of conferences between the two groups of the union in California, looking to closer coordination between all ILWU locals.

**Schmidt & Love in Chair**

Henry Schmidt of Local 10, chaired the Fresno meeting together with George Love (Local 11). The former is the president of the Northern California District Council, and the latter, head of the Southern body.

Two secretaries presented at the meeting the report of Local of 14 (San Francisco) and Mike John- son of Local 34 (shipbuilders).

The joint meeting devoted most of its time to consideration of bills that will affect labor, that have been dropped in the hopper at the California Assembly, which convene on the 24th of this month.

A special memorandum was prepared for the benefit of council delegates, outlining the bills the state assembly is expected to consider.

Convened by ILWU First Vice-President J. R. Robertson, the joint body considered a score of bills before the assembly and voted endorsements and protestations, including the following:

- **Endorsements Voted**
  - The joint body voted endorsement of 5 unemployment insurance bills that will extend coverage under the act to employers of non-profit organizations, agricultural labor, increased weekly unemployment insurance benefits from $25 to $40, repeal the present 7-day waiting period for unemployment insurance and give each unemployed worker with dependents an extra $5 a week for each dependent up to the maximum of $35.
  - The joint body also endorsed four bills increasing disability insurance from $20 to $25 per week, eliminating the 7-day waiting period, and providing disability pay during pregnancy for 10 weeks (AB-113, AB-143, AB-1718).

- Four bills dealing with workmen’s compensation by increasing weekly payments during temporary disability to $40 a week; and for permanent disability from $30 to $35; providing $5 extra a week to injured workers; covering agricultural workers;
  - Fierce fair employment practice bills were also endorsed by the NCDC-NCDCC meeting. Numbered AB-847, 409, 1768 and 404, they would: establish a state fair employment practices commission with enforcement powers; repeal the California Jurisdictional Strike Act which permits companies to unionize to be denied any legitimate organizing campaign; and end the Hot Cargo Act; establish a $5,000 minimum wage for male and female employees in harvest; limit the hiring agencies’ fees to 10 per cent of the first month’s wages.

- Among a number of pending bills aimed at the labor unions are several by Assemblyman H. K. Levering, author of the “loyalty oath” recently passed and mandatory on all state employees, which would make it practically impossible for workers to receive unemployment and disability insurance, and would result in millions of dollars in tax savings to employers (AB-1797, 1825, 2670-2671, inclusive).

- Also opposed were bills (AB-1325) which would permit employers to refuse to hire aliens subject to deportation; a bill, McMillan Act for California (AB-1572) to set up a wage and hours advisory board; another which would make it a felony for persons to loiter around public places while carrying “criminal weapons” (proposed by Jack Tenney, California’s outstanding witch hunter); a 2 cent a package bill in cigarettes (AB-1368).

**Viciously Anti-Labor**

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- The joint meeting also voted to send an amicus curiae brief on the Sunflower mining law to the Supreme Court of the United States (the McCarran v. Carbon Oil case).

- The joint meeting also passed a resolution calling for the establishment of an ILWU committee to work for the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

- Following the joint session of the two councils, the NCDC met and accepted the resignation of its executive secretary, and appointed in his place W.K. Bassett, administrative assistant to the president.

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**Convention Says, ‘Hands Off ILWU’**

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People behind the investigations were trying to send him to jail for perjury instead of trying to get him for perjury, which carries a heavier penalty.

**Racketeers**

ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt received a resounding ovation from the delegates when he addressed the convention on the morning of the first day.

Goldblatt, invited to deliver the keynote speech by the executive officers of Local 142, reviewed the history of the ILWU in Hawaii and congratulated the delegates and members on "a job well done." He cautioned the delegates that the Ku Klux Klan had attacked as a result of the work done by the local in the recent election in the national election. But he said there is "no need for any feeling of hopelessness.

Goldblatt predicted that Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) will dominate the administrative machinery toward organized labor, and said the Taft-Hartley Act will be amended "for the worse.

He scored the local newspapers for their refusal to give sufficient space to the racketeering and anti-labor bills now being exposed as the New York-New Jersey waterfronts, while at the same time taking out of their way to smear the ILWU.

**Message from Mayor**

W. K. Bassett, administrative assistant to Honolulu Mayor John H. Wilson, extended the city chief executive’s greetings to the delegates. Mr. Bassett, a veteran newspaperman, said his remarks expressed the views of Mayor Wilson, and then he laid into the “forces trying to destroy your union.”

He said the “persecution of Jack Hall, Harry Bridges, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt is all a part of a camouflaged effort to weaken the union. Bassett praised the union, its officers and members as having done much to improve the economy of Hawaii.”

**Answer to Who Said It?**

Antony Anastasia, strike-breaking ex-convict ILA hir- ing hall, quoted in the N.Y. TIMES, January 14, 1952.