SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU's big warehouse Local 6 has racked up three major victories in three independent houses since June 2, when it won a new contract with the Distributors Association of Northern California that brought warehouse workers a health and welfare plan and a wage boost, among other benefits.

The three new victories were won in the Bay Area at Chase & Sanborn, Purity Stores and Best Foods. Each brought an increase of 4½ cents in the basic rates, health and welfare plans the same as that won from DANC, and increases in the shift differentials.

An additional victory was won at California Wine after a strike lasting 6 hours.

The next day the victory at Purity Foods was announced by Local 6. It followed two and a half months of negotiations and the terms agreed upon are basically better than the DANC settlement. They include:

- Increase in all contract minimums of 4½ cents an hour; health & welfare plan the same as DANC; 8 cents on swing and 12 cents on graveyard shifts with a half-hour lunch period on company time; vacations of three weeks after 15 years; 60 days to qualify for seniority.

- banana men at Purity will get $1.05 an hour, the highest rate in the area, in the deli department, women will receive 7 days sick leave each year cumulative to 14 days, with no waiting period.

AND AT BEST FOODS: The Best Foods victory came on June 30 after three months of negotiation and also offers a better pact than that won from DANC. This will include:

- A 4½ cent increase in base straight time rates; an additional 3½ cents for all working foremen; the present shift differentials will go to 7 and 12½ cents; a $1,000 life-insurance policy including A & D coverage, effective on the first day of the month following (two half calendar months of.

Who Said It?

"Never since the days of the Alien and Sedition Laws of 1798 has there been a time when the freedom to think, freedom to inquire, and freedom to speak, were in greater jeopardy—never a time when pressures for conformity to the prevailing mores (customs) were heavier."

(Turn to Last Page for Name of Author)
How to Intimidate Jurors

DEFENDANTS and attorneys in Smith Act cases have been insisting for some time that it is impossible to get a fair trial in such frame-ups. The conviction of Jack Hall, ILWU's Regional Director in Hawaii and six other defendants last week, demonstrates again the truth of that contention.

TO ANYONE with a grain of common sense it will be plain why ILWU has insisted from the beginning that the Hall case was an attack upon the union—just as the endless persecution of ILWU's President Harry Bridges was an attack upon the union. In the Hall case, there were three vital pieces of evidence—among many others—on which ILWU's attorneys laid great importance.

The first was the revelation last year—by means of a hidden microphone—that two FBI agents (Burreas and Condon) were trying to make a "deal" with Jack Hall.

They approached ILWU's educational director, David Thompson, and told him in so many words that if Hall could be persuaded to lead a splitting movement in ILWU, they could arrange it so that there would be "six instead of seven" indictments in the Smith Act trial then pending.

Judge Wiig, in sentencing Jon Wiig, presiding over the trial, refused to admit this incriminating document in evidence.

DURING THE TRIAL itself the defense was prepared to show that a former ILWU employee, who had left the union for other work, was approached by the FBI and an attempt was made to induce her to return to ILWU and spy upon the union's mail. Judge Wiig again, for reasons best known to himself, refused to admit these facts into the record of the trial.

The chairman of the official Hawaiian "un-American activities" committee was also prepared to show that a former employee, whom FBI agents had found no evidence of a conspiracy to overthrow the government, in which Jack Hall was involved, was an attempt was made to induce her to return to ILWU, and spy upon the union's mail. Judge Wiig again, for reasons best known to himself, refused to admit these facts into the record of the trial.

We are more convinced than ever that the bosses have shown themselves to be tough enough under ordinary circumstances, it is even more dangerous to throw their weight around, now that they think they have won a victory in the Hall frame-up.

The unity of ILWU on the mainland and in the Islands is an example of exactly what is at stake in these negotiations in the Islands.

The solidarity that found such wonderful expression at our 10th Biennial Convention in April will have to be maintained and raised to a higher level. The unity that was achieved during the long years of the BRS frame-up must be sustained and extended.

And solid guarantees must be given our Hawaiian brothers and sisters that their fellow-members in the mainland will not permit them to be exploited by the Hall frame-up. Those guarantees will be forthcoming.
Dockers in Hawaii Get 9 Cent Hike

(Special to The Dispatcher)

HONOLULU — An agreement between the ILWU and Hawaii's stevedoring industry, which provides for a nine-cent hourly wage increase, was reached here July 2. The agreement also calls for a six-cent hourly increase effective June 10 of this year. This will raise the hourly rate of stevedoring workmen to $2.81 an hour immediately, with the rate going to $2.83 an hour on October 16.

The settlement came after two days of intensive negotiations. Final talks took place at ILWU headquarters. Earlier sessions were held in the office of the Hawaii Employers Council and the YMCAs.

FURTHER TALKS

Spokesmen for both the union and the stevedoring companies stated that the negotiations were carried on in a “very friendly and cooperative fashion.”

Related contracts at Kahului Railroad, Honolulu Consolidated Terminals, and Mahana Railroad also made out arrangements to provide for wage adjustments.

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Arrival in Honolulu:

The ILWU mainland delegation to the special convention held in Honolulu last week was attended by Charles Appel (Local 19), Gordon Giblin (Local 13), ILWU President Harry Bridges and International Secretary Treasurer Louis Goldblatt, shown arriving in Hawaii on June 24. (See story in columns below.)

Special Convention in Hawaii Vows Fight to Vindicate Jack W. Hall

SAND FRANCISCO — Greet-
ings to Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt, occasion of their vindication by the Supreme Court have been received here, General Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions, and from A. Grunau, secretary of the American Federation of Maritime Union.

San Francisco, July 5—The ILWU in name of 80,000,000 members and 500,000 members was hailed before the committee with the words: “The hands that loaded the gun which killed Jack Hall and our union are going to be brought to justice.”

The quiet, dignified Kent refused to be badgered or pushed around. He brushed aside a fishing expedition into his associations with a positive declaration that as an American he had the right to express his political opinions that serve a good cause.

Returning to Kaplan in a discussion of his political views, Kent characterized McCarthy as the “leader” of a conspiracy “to overthrow our form of government by force and violence.”

The country’s leading book-
burner was haled before the committee with the words: “The so-called evidence that McCarthy is the ‘leader’ of a conspiracy ‘to overthrow our form of government by force and violence.’”

The report of the Committee of Unions Defense was read and approved by the delegates, and taken back by them in the various divisions of the consolidated Local.

A special resolution on the conviction of Jack Hall was approved, which read in part:

“The big employers of Hawaii cannot escape their responsibility for the indictment and conviction of Jack Hall.”

“Your acquittal and the support for the vindication of Jack Hall were your outstanding fight for labor who would silence you for your outstanding fight for labor.”

The convention also considered a resolution to be not passed at the 10th Biennial Convention in San Francisco last April, and acted on the following, among others:

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San Francisco, July 5, 1953

Here is One...

For the Book

WASHINGTON — The late great American author Mark Twain and the late great American poet Walt Whitman are being honored by book librarians.

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Resolution on Hall Conviction

THE CONVICTION of ILWU Regional Director Jack Hall for alleged conspiracy to violate the Smith Act means that another frameup attack upon the union has temporarily succeeded. We have positive proof in the baring of our evidence by the judge and the government that the case against Hall had its inception in an employer and politician program to split and wreck the union in Hawaii and to separate it from its mainland affiliation and support. We have the offer, in their own voices, of two FBI special agents, Richard Rurrell and James Condon, to drop the prosecution of Hall if he would lead a splitting movement in the union.

We have proof of the plan to plant operators in the union in order to tap the phones, turn union records over to the prosecution and otherwise to inform on our officers and members. When Charles Kauhane, for many years Chairman of the Territorial Joint Committee on Subversion, attests to testimony that over the years he had discovered absolutely no evidence of any plot or conspiracy in Hawaii to overthrow the government, the government and judge kept his testimony from the jury.

Jack Hall was offered his freedom if he would lead a move to bust the union. He is to be commended for his loyalty to the union and to its principles.

We decry and condemn the witch-hunting character of the Smith Act trials and the gimmick of "conspiracy" which has been used in these trials.

The smell of burning books that is in the atmosphere of the Smith Act convictions is symptomatic of our times. We reiterate and intend to carry out the pledge made by the last biennial convention of the ILWU to fight this thing to the end in order to expose the real purposes behind the frameup.

We pledge our full support and resources to continue to fight for the vindication and freedom of Jack Hall.

Action on Trade With China & Far East

THE GROWING probability that a cease-fire is imminent in Korea again forces us to face up to the fact that the war in Korea has in a substantial degree been responsible for the work holding up on the West Coast waterfront.

Not only the longshoremen but many other groups of workers in the country will soon be confronted with the slackening work opportunities that had developed in 1949 and 1950 just prior to the outbreak of the fighting in Korea.

A sharp dropping off in national and maritime economic activity which will follow a cessation of hostilities must be mitigated by finding some new source for commercial and shipping enterprise. One practical substitute for war cargoes, on the West Coast waterfront especially, which can sustain and expand shipping and maintain employment and earnings in commercial trade with the Far East.

Right now, trade in an ever-expanding volume is going on between the mainland of China and many countries of the United Nations. This trade, which will probably grow by leaps and bounds as soon as an armistice is signed, is by-passing American shipping and industry as a whole. When we lose the trade, we lose the jobs that go with it.

Many American industrialists, shippers, and shipping operators — through their organizations such as the: San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco and S. Chambers of Commerce, Propellor Club and World Trade Association of San Francisco — have indicated their recognition of the need to open up trade once the hostilities cease.

We reiterate these signs.

The officers of the ILWU are instructed to forward their best efforts in cooperation with shippers, shipowners, and any other interested group — trade, commercial or union — to bring about the re-establishment of unrestricted peacetime trade between the United States and the mainland of China.

(See story on page 8, this issue.)

Resolution on BRS Victory

THE RANK AND FILE members of the ILWU can congratulate themselves on smashing the fifth and final frameup leadership.

The action by the Supreme Court in deciding that the case against Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt should never have been brought in the first place is a full and complete vindication of the policy of the ILWU.

In responding upon the solidarity, unity and understanding of our ILWU Local and of our own membership first, we were able to build a support for BRS which was largely responsible for the eventual victory.

The ILWU Executive Board, as the official executive committee of the BRS Defense Committee, after weighing the evidence, indicated to Attorney General Brownell put the Defense Committee on the subversive list in a last desperate attempt to sway the Supreme Court. The Brownell action was tantamount to putting the entire membership of the ILWU and all of our supporters on the subversive list.

The support of other unions and of individuals and groups outside of the ILWU reinforced the unity of our own ranks around the case.

The action by the Supreme Court, following the frameup indictment in 1949, the leadership of the ILWU has not once permitted this effort of outside forces to detract us from our adherence to the basic trade union policies and principles of the ILWU.

As a result, despite the attack through the courts, the day-to-day work of the union continued unaffected. And more important, new and greater gains were chalked up in longshore, including the longshore pension in Hawaii, and in warehouse, during the very time that the attack against the union was most intense.

The fact is that at the very time some of the greatest gains in the history of the union were won, the BRS case was being pressed by the enemies of this union. They were never successful in forcing us to place the case and the eventual fate of the defendants in the way of carrying out the convention and Executive Board instructions to the officers.

Among the significant actions which helped put across the victory were the rank and file delegations to Washington on the BRS case. These delegations were primarily responsible for bringing the true feelings of the membership of the ILWU to the attention of the administration.

The Executive Board hereby instructs the national officers as follows:

(1) To make known our thanks and gratitude to all other labor organizations and individuals in all walks of life who supported the case from the outset. We want to take special note of these trade unions in foreign countries who protested the frameup officially and formally to the US Government officials.

Executive Board Late Night Call For Trade With the East; Scores Praise of West Coast Window

Statement on East Coast Longshore

THE PROPOSALS of New York State's Republican Governor Dewey and his political State Crime Commission to clean up the New York waterfront add up to the most sweeping anti-union program ever suggested for any part of the maritime industry in the United States. The working longshoremen will bear the full brunt of the proposed restrictive regulations which have received the full support of the shipowners and the endorsement of AFL President George Meany.

Taking advantage of the admittedly rotten situation on the New York waterfront, the anti-labor politicians have moved in for the purpose of preventing the rank and file from solving their problems in their own best interest. The new regulations would provide, among other things:

(1) That a state agency lay down the rules for the operation of all waterfront unions and provide "Employment Information Centers" where registered longshoremen can be informed of work where it is available.

(2) That a special constabulary, accountable only to the employers and the state agency, be set up to police the waterfront.

(3) That all longshoremen be registered and fingerprinted.
Candid Portrait: Above are candid camera shots of the ILWU Executive Board in action, June 22 and 23, 1953. In San Francisco, in order from left to right: President Harry Bridges, First Vice-President J. R. Robertson, Second Vice-President Garnet Rule, Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt (just rising to speak, so that he almost popped entirely out of the picture); and Walter Stuebenberg, Local 801 Van- couver, B. C.; Charles Becker, Local 34, San Fran-
cisco; Gordon Giblin, Local 13, San Pedro; James Fantz, Local 8, Portland (who attended to be sworn in as standby president as provided by the amended constitution); Charles Ross, Local 8, Portland; Frank M. Andrews, Local 47, Olympia, Wash.; Charles Appel, Local 19, Seattle; Ernest Arenas, Local 142, Hawaii; Andrew Nelson, Local 207, New Orleans; Charles "Chili" Duarte, Local 6, San Francisco; Al Caplan, Local 25, Los Angeles and Henry Schmidt, Local 10, San Francisco. Not attending because of the situation which developed in Hawaii after the framps conviction of ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall were Primitivo Queja and George Martin of Local 142, and Joseph BLur Kealalio, who was elected standby first vice-

Resolution on
Hugh Bryson

The recently concluded convention of the ILWU, in pledging support to Hugh Bryson on charges of anti-maritime activity, alleged to be a Taft- Hartley anti-communist affidavit, pointed out that that this indictment of Bryson was part of a plot to wreck the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

We have since witnessed an attempt by Langen- berg and the SUP to delay an election in the stewards' department—which the SUP will lose—on the grounds of the indictment. This can only perpetrate the chaos which is to the disadvantage of everyone—seamen, longshoremen, or employer—those who live through the maritime industry.

We pledge full support to the fight to vindicate Bryson, and we urge the same policy on all the ILWU locals.

West Coast Waterfront Investigations

Senator Charles W. Tobey, Chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, has announced plans to investigate "crime and corruption" on the West Coast waterfront.

(1) In doing so the Senator has implied that a situation has existed which can be found in the West Coast ports. Such a vicious comparison is completely irresponsible and can only be attributed to the fact that he and his advisors are misled or publicity-hungry, or both.

(2) Some of Senator Tobey's operations in the past, along with his remarks and Biblical quota-
tions, indicate to us a more than passing interest in the value of newspaper headlines and TV ap-
pearances.

(3) It is a sad but true commentary that every politician today seems bent on investigating every-
one and everything to keep himself in the public eye.

(4) The facts on the particular situation as it is on the West Coast are as follows:
   a. There is no organized crime on the West Coast waterfront;
   b. There is no pattern of political deals between any section of the union and political agen-
cies, parties or rulers;
   c. The West Coast dock-workers enjoy the best wages, working conditions, welfare, pensions, and security on the job, of any workers in the American maritime industry;
   d. The West Coast dock-workers control and run their own union from top to bottom.

We admit that there have been scattered in-
stances of petty pilfering and chiseling on the job. But these situations have arisen in violation of our collective bargaining agreement. They are not condoned or supported either by the offices or the employer parties to the contract. Both groups are working together to mitigate and to prevent the repetition of these occurrences.

Statements and charges emanating from Con-
gressional anti-labor sources and from newspaper and commercial periodicals have fed many people to believe that organized crime, corruption, and subversive activity exist on the West Coast.

This we emphatically deny and do not believe.

We call upon Senator Tobey and his committee to cease making such statements and inferences about the West Coast ports. If there is an honest desire to obtain a true picture of the situation in the West Coast ports from people who really know the facts, the ILWU Executive Board will assign someone to appear before this or any other commit-
tee to comment the record without any head-
lines or TV appearances out here.

Appreciation to Stand-By Officers

James Fantz and Joseph Kealalio, the stand-by officers elected International President, pro-temp, and First Vice-President pro-temp, respectively, received a full vote of confidence from the rank and file members of the ILWU in the recently concluded referendum.

The willingness of these two members to serve in these posts in the face of the most adverse and difficult circumstances to boost the ILW in many years is an act deserving the greatest praise.

At the same time that we commend Brothers Fantz and Kealalio for their generosity, we of course welcome the fact that in view of the Supreme Court's decision it will not be called upon as yet to serve the union in these particular capacities.

We feel secure in the knowledge, however, that Brothers Fantz and Kealalio will continue to serve the ILWU both nationally and in the locals in whatever way they can to further strengthen the union and to advance the interests of the rank and file.
Victory at Walgreen

In the left-hand photograph, Local 208 president Bernard Lucas checks the volume of a sound-truck run by Gerald Day and Frank Lacoco, as they go out to blast Walgreen Company in Chicago for their unfair labor practices. In the right-hand shot, the standing vote is unanimous for the strike-settlement won by the Chicago warehouse local. (See story below on this page.) Local 208's secretary-treasurer, Aaron Bindman, is in the foreground, Left to right, front are Estelle Buce, vice-president Joe Owrevel, Alya Dawson, former chief steward Bruno Bulick, Gerald Day and Frank Lacoco. The 30-day strike won major victories. (Another win was scored at Maxwell Brothers Box Company.)

Local 6 Scores Again in Four Independent Houses

(Continued from page 1)

employment, the present sickness and accident program to be continued—it is substantially better than the master contract sick leave provisions; a health and welfare plan the same as the DANC arrangement;

June 23 saw another victory at California Wine after Local 6 workers went on strike for 6 1/2 cents an hour for the first time, of 3 3/4 cents an hour increase, bringing her up to $1.92 1/2. Hose men in the plant 6 1/2 cent increase, bringing her up to $1.84.

CRDC Women Meet; Praise Senator Morse

NORTH BEND, Ore.—The Columbia River District Council of ILWU auxiliaries, of its meeting in June, complimented Senator Senate Morse for his action on the Hells Canyon project and protection of natural resources. A letter will be sent by the Council to Secretary of Interior McKay, protesting the give-away of Hells Canyon site to the Idaho Power Company.

The women's council recommended all auxiliaries select members to participate in joint meet- ings with their local union's Health and Welfare Committees.

BODIES GROWING

Reports from the five auxiliaries present indicated definite growth in membership and community affairs. Members are attending city council meetings, consisting in affairs to raise funds for the Federated Council and making possible summer camps for Brownie and Girl Scouts.

Plans were in the making for observation of a historic ILWU date, "Bloody Thursday," the 5th of July. On this date the Longshoremen's auxiliary will participate with their Portland sisters and brothers in a parade in Portland.

The Federated President, Valerie Taylor, reported on organizational progress in Los Angeles, California and Everett, Washington areas.

Delegates were reminded by the Federated Secretary, Norma Wyatt, to have the necessary information for the Federated UNIONPET, in by August 15, deadline for June Federation bulletin.

Auxiliary No. 1, North Bend acted as hostess and served a luncheon to the men and women delegates attending both CRDC meetings.

ILWU Local 208 Members in Victory at Walgreen

CHICAGO—A 30-day strike of ILWU Local 208 members, employed here by the Walgreen Company, ended on June 21 with a major victory for the union.

If all started on May 21 when Neil Krepp, William Huggins and Edward Wagner, who had 23, 19 and 9 years seniority respectively, were fired by the company because they had refused to work overtime.

Although there were many other workers who had not worked overtime that day, the company singled out these three ILWU members and fired them.

ALL WALK OUT

That happened at 3 in the afternoon. At 3:30 all the workers walked off the job in protest.

Meantime, since January of this year, Local 208 had been making strenuous efforts to secure a contract under a wage-reopenor clause. No contract had been made by the company since the talks began.

The firing of Krepp, Huggins and Wagner sparked a high level of militancy among the Local 208 members, and as a result of the unity achieved, the company came to realize that it would have to settle.

PUBLICITY HELPS

A well-organized publicity campaign was worked out by the warehouse local, which included the distribution of leaflets in front of all Walgreen stores (25,000 were handed out), several sets of sound-equipment circulating through the city, and regular picketing of the warehouse.

The settlement, when it came, included the re-employment of the three men who had been fired, with restoration of their full seniority rights. A wage hike of 6 cents an hour across the board was achieved, as well as several inequity adjustments ranging from 2 to 28 cents an hour, all effective June 24, 1954, with an automatic increase of 5 cents an hour effective on March 5, 1955.

The new contract will run for two years.

Local 208 members at Walgreen have asked The Dispatcher to thank all ILWU locals on their behalf for the cooperation they received and the donations sent to support their successful strike.

The Walgreen workers also wish to express their gratitude for donations made by Local 208 members in the Chicago area, according to Bernard Lucas, president of the warehouse local here.

In another victory that was finalized on July 1, Local 208 made a settlement with the Macc- well Brothers Box Company.

An 8-cent across-the-board in- crease was won for the 135 workers involved, as well as a 5-cent inequity adjustment for certain classifications, 3 weeks vacation after 20 years and an increase of $7 a week in sick and accident benefits.

This brings the minimum bene- fit to $28 a week and the maximum to $48.

The new agreement will run for 2 years with a wage, inequity and vacation plus welfare re-opener after July 1, 1954.

Second Message: This is the front page of a second message to Bay Area Teamsters, being circulated by members of ILWU Locals 6, 10 and 14. Centered around an announcement of the gains made by Warehouse Local 6 in its recent negotiations (wage-raise, $1,000 insurance policy and a prepaid medical plan for all workers), the ILWU bulletin says: "We'll Help the Teamsters Get What They Want." The plea for unity warns the Teamsters that a strike in Korea will mean fewer waterfront jobs, but adds, "...we are ready to help you win the same or better gains in health and welfare, pensions, wages and other conditions, just as they have been won in longshore and warehouse."
The Dispatcher sent to his new address: Dalmacija, Yugoslavia, school at Seaside. The U.S. al-

Oregon Farmers
Call for Trade

Oregon Farmers, Inc., is preparing to ask its members to oppose the current crop control program. The group, which has been active in the state for several years, is expected to file a petition with the state Supreme Court in the near future.

Christian Brothers

Call to Order

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Christian Brothers of the United States have called a special meeting of their members to discuss the current situation in Latin America.

Back to the Old Country

Here is Steve Grubich, Local 16 pensioner aged 70, who is going to Yugoslavia, his native land, after working on the San Diego waterfront since 1911. Steve has been out of work since 1920. He intends to stay in Yugoslavia and take care of his land.

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New Stools
Testify vs. Ferguson

PORTLAND, Ore.—A new stool piper joined the informers' circle at the conclusion of the proceedings of the Portland ILWU hearing. John J. Ferguson's departure hearing.

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Trade With China, East On the Rise

NEW YORK—Despite American reluctance to trade with the Soviet Union or other socialist "countries," and attempts by our State Department to restrict such trade on the part of our "allies," the tempo of East-West trade has been increasing, according to a report in the June 29 issue of Expert Trade & Shippers, weekly publication devoted to the export and importing trade.

In a signed article by David Scoville, "Expert Trade & Shippers" says that a British trade mission is in process between the Soviet Union and Red China, also, Japan has been importing Chinese coal (at $6.20 a ton less than the American price), and a Soviet trade mission in Tokyo has been negotiated to supply Japan with 500,000 tons of copper, together with coal and timber, in exchange for fishing boats, electric cables and sulphur.

Trade between Western and Eastern Europe has also been picking up, the authoritative magazine reports. Russia has been discussing a planned West trade, having signed a $150 million agreement for industrial goods and steel products, farm machines, small equipment and other capital goods.

In Eastern Europe the Soviet Union has signed a new agreement with Iran providing for a barrier of tractors and other industrial products for rice and raw materials. Turkey has accepted a similar offer to bear half the cost ($400 million) of a dam on Russian territory that will provide fresh water for the rivers of Turkey.

More East-West trade deals are in process between Russia and China and between China and West Germany. A Greek-Hungarian deal has also been reported.

See ILWU Executive Board resolution on "China, Korea & Far East, in this issue.

T-H Act Won't Be Amended Till 1954

WASHINGTON, D.C.—It's all too soon, says the AFL-CIO, for Congress to begin thinking about T-H Holiday Act.

This welcome news was finally conceded by Senator Taft after a series of conference committee hearings. The all-powerful Senate majority leader explained that the main to be expected from T-H legislation is the introduction of a bill to be acted on in 1954.

Taft forecast that Labor Secretary Durkin will be able to agree with Congressional leaders on some amendments to the T-H provisions to be offered as the Administration's program.

These are expected to include minor changes in the bill's own amendments, but little chance of getting the AFL-CIO housing provisions into the final bill.

The Senate bill has already been introduced, and is expected to receive a hearing on the floor of both Chambers by the end of July.

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ILWU Announces a Program for West Coast Stewards Department

San Francisco—In a new leaflet distributed last week to West Coast seamen, ILWU announced a program for stewards department workers in its drive to organize them into unions.

The leaflet, a two-color job called "The High Coast of Lundeberg," offered a five-point program:

1. To help the stewards' department workers get an honest chance to select the union they want, and to get a real contract between their union and the shipowners;
2. To help set up a new stewards' union which is autonomous, runs its own affairs and elects its new officers from its own ranks;
3. To fill the stewards' department jobs, priority will be on the basis of: seniority and length of service; current employment in the stewards' department registered;
4. To negotiate a long term contract covering wages, hours and conditions, plus vacations and pension plan.
5. No merger or affiliation between the present MCS (Ind.) and the ILWU.

Cost of Labor

The title of the leaflet is justified by a breakdown of the wages last West Coast seamen as a result of the Lundeberg tactics. The figure of $68.43 shows only how much a seaman has lost. Higher ratings, says the leaflet, are out that much more.

"Lundeberg's raids," says the leaflet, "have lost the job for all the stewards' unions. Carpenters have gone to the rails and to foreign ships. More jobs have gone to the non-union MSTS..."

"The men in the Stewards' Department want a new deal and a program to meet their needs. There is such a program, and it works for the longshoremen. It can work for seamen too."

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