Violence Hits NY Waterfront

New York Shapeup:
Vincent Kucinskas (wearing hat), hiring boss, is shown picking members of the newly formed AFL longshore local for work at Pier 45 on the North River in New York as work resumed under the Taft-Hartley 80-day injunction. Man walking away has been picked for a job. The shapeup is due to be replaced by state-controlled halls similar to the old West Coast fire halls on December 1. At the same time the AFL is trying to get the East Coast dockers to exchange one set of gangsters and labor fakers for another. Included on the committee appointed by the AFL to raid Joe Ryan's gangster-ridden ILA are Dave Beck of the Teamsters and Paul Hall of the ILWU First Vice President. (Photograph by Wide-World.)

Hawaii Meet EyesDeadlock In Sugar

HONOLULU, T.H.—A “course of action” to resolve the deadlock in Hawaiian sugar negotiations was to be recommended this week to 17,500 ILWU members employed in the Territory's largest industry. Hideo (Major) Okada, chairman of the sugar negotiating committee, was to report to approximately 250 delegates at the annual convention of Local 142, that “the situation appears to be hopeless.” He said he would ask the delegates to make this decision on the major point taken up during the 3-day policy-making session.

ILWU First Vice President J. R. Robertson is attending the convention.

Any recommendation of the convention will then be taken to the rank and file for approval.

Even now a series of stop work meetings at 26 plantations is being worked out by officials of the sugar industrial grouping of ILWU Local 142.

HALL WARNS ROSSIE

Hawaii ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall warned employer negotiators during formal negotiations last week not to harbor any ideas about the union “not being serious” in its demands. He told the industry committee that the union has gone much further than many of its members believe it should have in “an effort to resolve our differences.” Hall urged the employer negotiators to make realistic proposals. The union had taken into the union prior to the time the convention machinery is set in motion, “agreement will be much more difficult to reach after October 15,” he said.

Hall’s request for realism came during the first “on-the-record” bargaining session between the parties since August 31. At 11:59 p.m. of that day the official strike was stopped by mutual consent, and the parties went into a series of lengthy “off-the-record” meetings.

The informal talks failed to produce an agreement and the union committee called for a formal session. Starting at 10 a.m., October 9, this first formal bargaining session lasted until late the next morning. Bargaining was then suspended “subject to call by either party” in calling for the suspension, Hall

A Fight That Needs Support

On October 1 East Coast Longshoremen went on strike from Maine to Virginia against the shipowners’ refusal to grant the union’s just and reasonable demands. On October 6 they were forced back to work by a Taft-Hartley 80-day injunction obtained by direction of President Eisenhower.

At the same time the union has been expelled from the AFL and the AFL is moving through a committee made up of the heads of its most predatory raid unions to split the ILA ranks. The ranks of the ILA have indeed grave and legitimate beefs. In each one of the beefs, as well as for their legitimate demands, they deserve the support of all labor—and certainly not the kicks in the teeth coming to them from several directions. Our own waterfront membership will have no trouble at all recognizing the legitimacy of the fight against the federally-backed New York and New Jersey waterfront “control” (Continued on Page 2)

Who Said It?

“Is a President the people’s choice? Only if he’s the politicians’ choice. Voters have little to say about what runs. The voters, every four years, as in 1952, only get a chance to decide which man, of those selected by the politicians, they prefer for the job. ... The show that candidates put on for the public, prior to the national convention, is mere shadowboxing . . .”

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NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO, politicians and so-called labor leaders, are pushing through the new forms of unionism that they believe will make the ILA and the longshoremen’s rank and file longshoremen, but announce their intention to beat some new form of unionism into the working stiff with hot batons while the longshoremen’s husbands are tied with a strikebreaking Taft-Hartley injunction.

These are the same characters—now suddenly pretending to be all hot up by racketeering and the desire of the ILA rank and file to stay with their unions and get rid of Joe Ryan—who over all the years have not only known all about the New York waterfront union racketeering, but have been associated with and supported Joe Ryan, lulled him to the skids and used the strength of the ILA rank and file to get a better position of the so-called democratic labor union. They are rubber-stamped by the AFL.

They won’t hesitate to put big goons and racketeers on the West Coast waterfront to break up a strike. They will use the Taft-Hartley legislation and strong-arm methods to break up a strike. They will use the Taft-Hartley legislation and strong-arm methods.

The ILA RANKS want a 10-cent an hour wage boost; they want another 3½ cents for welfare; they want an 8-hour guaranteed work day. These are modest demands.

They also want to set up their own hiring procedures, including some form of jointly-agreed upon hiring halls. They want a coast-wide union and coast-wide coverage covering all ports, and all stevedoring and shipping companies.

Out to thwart these demands and smash whatever solidarity and unity the ILA ranks might have are lined up the racketeers, Beck, Hall, Lundeberg and his goons, the anti-labor politicians of New York and New Jersey, including the anti-labor of all them, Davey, Dewey, the New York City police and, of course, the shipowners.

None of these forces has shown any real interest in eliminating gangsterism on the East Coast waterfront. Too many of them have sticky fingers in the pie in one way or another. Nor have any interest in democratic trade-unionism. Certainly not Dewey, certainly not Lundeberg, or Beck and Hall or certainly not the shipowners.

As to the joint interest of Dewey and the AFL in industrial peace, the New York Times stated on October 4: “The pattern of events plainly indicates that the AFL and the governor’s office were working hand in glove to block a contract.”

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LOS ANGELES—Delegates to the ILWU Local 26 Pinecrest Convention, the largest in the local’s history, last Saturday reviewed the work of the union since the last convention and hammered out a constructive, union-building program for the coming year.

Twenty-two plants under contract to the local were represented by 158 delegates, and ten fraternal delegates were present from the newly formed ILWU Local 27. Convention rules adopted by unanimous vote gave the Auxiliary delegates the right to participate in the work of the convention, with voice but not vote.

CAPLAN KEYNOTES

After the opening session, in which Local 26 Vice-President George Lee was temporary chairman and during which President Al Caplan gave the keynote address, the delegates were divided into four panels and prepared recommendations later presented to and adopted by the convention. Margaret Anderson was secretary of the convention.

Caplan’s remarks, he reviewed the history of the local since the last convention, pointing out that 200 Bert Metal workers, tired of misrepresentation and incompetence of the AFL-Teamsters, had returned to Local 26. Drake Steel workers, despite the efforts of the employer to get them into the AFL, overwhelmingly selected Local 26 to represent them.

“Economic and social gains made by Local 26 members in the last year amount to more than a half million dollars,” Caplan said, “but we have done more than make economic gains.

“The local and its members are actively fighting to protect the rights of its members in every field. We have successfully defeated, so far, the attempt of the Immigration Department to deport two of our members, Ed Mark of L. A. Drug, and June Mores of Friedman Bag; and we fight discrimination wherever we find it.”

TRADE WITH CHINA

Caplan called for increasing trade with all nations, including China. He urged that we protect our dock workers and our ware house employees. He pointed out that even the Chinese Trade Commission is calling for trade with America.

On behalf of the officers and executive board members of Local 26, Caplan urged that the panels include in their discussions the following points:

- Full recognition of the Women’s Auxiliary and its work, and every effort to continue to build it. He pointed out that the Women’s Auxiliary had opposed the fare increase, that the First Annual Picnic (held the next day) had been sparkplugged by the Auxiliary, and that the establishment of the Credit Union had been forwarded by the Auxiliary.

- A complete understanding of the union, and an understanding of the reason why there must be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, politics or sex.

- The building of greater unity and solidarity in the local.

ORGANIZE UNORGANIZED

Continuation of the program of organizing the unorganized.

- To continue the fight for wage increases and other benefits.

- Independence from any political party, but to continue to fight for fair employment legislation and other progressive laws.

- The building of the loyalty of the members of the union. To make constructive criticisms where necessary. “When the union’s right, keep it right; when wrong, make it right,” Caplan said.

- Consideration of a new home for Local 26.

After the panels adjourned, delegates were served lunch by the union, and the afternoon session opened with a talk by ILWU First Vice-President Bob Robertson.

ROBERTSON TALKS

Individual responsibility to the union was stressed by Robertson, who urged more rank and file activity.

“Build a constructive program,” he said, “and begin building it at the shop level. Strengthen your rank and file on ‘job’ machinery, and you’ll make the whole local strong.”

He pointed out that the struggle was becoming sharper, and that the fight for pork chaps issues alone was not enough. “We must face political issues as well,” Robertson said.

Robertson said that even the so-called conservative labor organizations are beginning to realize that the Taft-Hartley law and other laws are destroying labor. He quoted AFL President George Meany, who said, “the proposed Butler Bill will get rid of the ‘red’ element, but it will also destroy the unions themselves.”

Delegates were urged to be prepared to fight, to make the union strong.

“If we are prepared to fight when we have to, we’ll know how,” Robertson said.

Retired Docker Lives After 27 Hours in Mud

ASTORIA, Ore.—A 71-year-old retired laborer who lived to tell the tale, after being half buried for 27 hours in Columbia River mud, was the most famous person in Western Oregon this week.

Sharing the spotlight with Local 26 member August Kivisto was 11-year-old Patty Kivisto, credited with saving her grandfather’s life.

It all began when Kivisto, who hoisted his first slings load in 1917 and his last in 1952, thanks to the ILWU Pension Plan—set out from his home in Astoria, October 4 to visit a son, Toivo, 20 miles up-river.

He had expected to return to Astoria that evening and when he failed to do so, his wife was alarmed. It was not until Monday, however, when Mrs. Kivisto called-to her son, that she was able to verify the old man’s fate. Shethen called the police to ar-rive at his destination.

Toivo at once notified local and state police and a search was begun for the missing man and his 1952 Dodge. When 12 hours passed without the authorities finding any trace of the senior Kivisto, the son set out himself to comb every inch of the highway between Astoria and Seaside. He had made several trips, inching along curves and over fills, when his sharp-eyed young daughter, Patty, cried out that she saw something black over the river bank near Ramo-side.

Toivo scrambled down to the water’s edge and found his father, stuck waist deep in mud. He had been thrown from his car the afternoon before when it failed to make a sharp right curve.

At the hospital in Astoria, where Kivisto was taken from Kivisto, although suffering from shock, exposure, superficial partial facial and cranial concussion, a fractured rib and possible fractured cervical vertebral, was making hospital attendants described as an "excellent recovery."

"I got a little hungry at times," was his comment on his long ordeal in the mud.
Left to right: Thomas Rajala, Local 13 pensioner, his wife, family and friends at the retired docker's 50th wedding anniversary party in Rendon Beach, Calif., to which the Rajalas have moved from San Pedro; Local 19 (Seattle) pensioner George Y. Hurr and his dog, Miss Spot, who are now living in Carnation, Washington, where he has a shack and a bit of an acre on a lake; from San Francisco to the Azores Islands went Local 10's John C. Lime, where he reports he is walking, eating, sleeping and drinking "some beer." Most pensioners report that they feel their lives have "just begun."

O THE 1,516 ILWU dockers who have retired since the Pension Plan went into effect on July 1, 1952, many have moved away from their home ports, and even to other lands. On this page are pictures of typical oldtimers, which they have sent to Pension Director Henry Schmidt, together with brief comments on what they are doing or what they are planning to do.

The majority seem, by all accounts, to be enjoying themselves and not one of them has complained about advancing age or feels he has been put on the shelf. To the contrary.

Take Lars Larsen, of Local 91 (San Francisco walking bosses). Larsen has moved to Sandnes, Norway, where he has bought a large and beautiful house and plans to spend the rest of his days. He reports that he and his wife are living comfortably on their pension and social security monies (totaling $121.60 a month), and he keeps busy "keeping up my home, repairing and working in the garden, visiting my friends, with a little fishing now and then."

Then there is Valentine Drayson, who is visiting in South Rhodesia (Africa) and has not yet decided whether he will stay for good. Drayson writes: I heard the good news of your verdict (the BRS victory) and I recollect that the result would be favorable. It must have been a great relief to all of you, nevertheless.

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Left to right: Gustaf Helmersson of San Francisco has built himself a two-room cottage in Glen Ellen (Jack London country), where he has a flower and vegetable garden; Knud Anderson of Local 13 moved to San Jacinto where he is taking it easy for another year, he says; Ed Benner (Local 24) of Aberdeen has moved with his wife to Olympia, Washington; can't seem to stay away from the waterfront; but Simonco Yavor has moved from San Francisco to Zlmen Dulm, in Yugoslavia, where he goes fishing with other elderly friends and has a farm. Most oldtimers say they are doing alright.

ILWU Pensioners Away From Home

From Avio, Italy, Zomer Francesco writes that he has "no productive occupation" but finds the pension and social security enough to live on.

IN COTATI, CALIFORNIA — a long way from Italy, but not too far from San Francisco where he put in long years as a Local 10 longshoreman, George W. Gates writes that he has "a large garden, large back and front lawns, Painting house in and out, being generally useful, visiting new friends found around the countryside, a couple of them Local 10-ers. I do a little fishing, sightseeing, television, radio, reading—and a few beers. A full life—thanks to the members of Local 10.""I

Fred (Scotty) Foster, formerly of Local 40 (Portland checkers) is living now in Portland, Oregon, where he has a house "mostly bought out of overtime money, thanks to the best working conditions which I owe to the ILWU."

"Scotty says he is combing the beach, "sleeping and eating plenty, read a lot, visit around the place, painting, fencing, remodeling. Hang around the docks and plague the longshoremen and fishermen. I thumb my nose at all non-union steamers which pass my front window, fight and beef with my partner (not very bad), visit around and beef over the merits of ILWU (this is a definitely Republican town)."

From Seattle, where Truman F. Abernathy was a Local 19 longshoreman, he has moved to Key West, Florida, at the opposite end of the continent. He says, "I am trying to regain my health. I go swimming every day in the ocean and walk so far every day ... I sleep about two hours in the afternoon if I can ... cloathing, food and rents here are very high, so I have to be careful what I do."

JEWEL DICKSON of Local 54 (Stockton) has moved to Monticello, Arkansas, and has not yet decided whether he will stay for good. Says he is "taking it easy, enjoying life."

West Coast or mid-west, Florida or Yugoslavia, ILWU pensioners keep in touch with their union and express their gratitude for what the union has been able to do for them.

Typical of these letters is one from Fred L. McDonald who will retire from Seattle docks on November 1. "When I started on the Front in 1918," he writes, "little did I ever dream a pension and vacation was possible, but under the ILWU leadership, it is a fact and not a promise. And so I want to voice my appreciation to all who made it possible."

NCDOC Backs Defense of Wesley Wells

CROCKETT, Calif.—At its last regular meeting on September 26 the ILWU Northern California District Council voted unanimous support of Wesley Robert Wells, Negro prisoner facing death in San Quentin for throwing a cus-"pider at a guard.

The Council sent a letter to Wells and his attorney, Charles A. Garry, in all Northern California ILWU locals, and to Governor Goodwin Knight, announc- ing its position.

In another action, not reported in the last issue of The Dis- patcher, the Council called on all ILWU locals to protest the Butler Bill.

The letter to Wesley Robert Wells, which was signed by NCDC President Henry Schmidt, Secretary Michael Johnson, followed.

"Dear Brother Wells:

"At the last meeting of this Council, held on September 26, the delegates went on record unanimously to support you in every way possible."

"A report was given at this meeting by Brother Ace de La- nada of Local 10, of San Francisco, outlining your case fully. It is our conscious feel- ing that you are a victim of injustice and you have our moral support, and we intend to do all in our power to help you."

"There is now a tremendous ground swell against the Butler Bill in your case ... in the entire State of California and we feel sure this will have some effect on those who are responsible and are in a position to do anything about your case..."

"After hearing Brother de La- nada's report regarding you and your situation, we feel it is necessary for us to keep you in touch with the fact that the good work you are doing there, to the best of your ability, is not in vain. We feel that this Council supports you in every way possible."

In a further move to publicize the case of Wesley Robert Wells, the Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt on October 7 sent letters to all local California trade unions, CIO, AFL and independent. The letter was similar in con- tent to the letter sent to all ILWU locals by Secretary- Treasurer on September 25, and called on unions to tell Governor Goodwin Knight and Attorney General to stop the cruelty meted out to Wesley Robert Wells, asking that they cease and desist and all efforts to have Wells executed."

Local 6 to Explain Its Welfare Plan

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Lo- cal 6 announced last week that it has in preparation two separate booklets explaining the workings of the new welfare plan recently won by the big warehouse local.

These booklets will be sent to all members of the local whose choice the Kaiser (Perma- nee) Plan receiving unit, those who choose the Continental Cal- nality (inserted) Plan, the other.

The booklets are being put out under the auspices of the Ware- house local itself, and it was emphasized that "information (on the two plans) can be considered reliable."

Similar material is being put out by the Distributors Associa- tion of Northern California, a letter sent on October 8 to all Local 6 stewards by Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lynden stated. But Lynden pointed out that this material has not been submitted to the union for approval.

"We believe the only safe pol- icy for our members to follow," Lynden wrote, "is to await the arrival of the union's booklets and keep to this material handily in your files. You can call upon me for any questions on welfare prob- lems, phone the union office and you will get straightforward and reliable information from your officers."

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Bridges is Invited to Senate Probe

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU President Harry Bridges, along with other West Coast representatives of labor and management, has been invited to testify before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce when that group holds hearings here next week.

Upon assurances from Committee Chairman Charles Potter of Michigan, communicated through Congressman John Shelley of San Francisco, that this was to be a serious investigation of the West Coast maritime situation, and not a headline-hunting and fishing expedition, the ILWU has prepared an exhaustive statement along with details of a program which will increase the flow of ships into West Coast ports and increase the work available to all maritime workers.

The committee has indicated that its main emphasis upon labor-management relations will be in the context of joint efforts for the promotion of the merchant marine.

According to reports, Senator Potter will be accompanied to San Francisco by Senator Warren Magnuson, author of the waterfront screening act, and Senator John Butler of Maryland.

Butler is the author of the bill which would bring unions under the direct control of the Subversive Activities Control Board, which would decertify a union declared "subversive" by that board.

Congressman John Shelley of San Francisco, a member of the House Merchant Marine Committee, has announced that he has been invited to sit in as a guest of the committee while the hearings are being conducted here.

According to Shelley, the committee is in a position to implement a program which would be to the benefit of everyone whose livelihood is dependent upon the economic health of the waterfront.

Corrections

The October 2 issue of The Dispatcher, in a photograph of the Local 12 Labor Day picnic, identified William Harris as president of International Woodworkers of America, Local 140. Mr. Harris is financial secretary and business agent of the local. Al Dorsey is its president.

In the same issue, The Dispatcher erroneously stated that copra (dried coconut) was a penalty cargo for ILWU longshoremen. Copra is not a penalty cargo, but is loaded by shovel gangs. These gangs receive a 20-cent an hour differential, not because of the nature of their work, but because of the union's demand for this "bullying" the plate into its stowage place.

Goldblatt to Talk At L.A. Banquet

LOS ANGELES—Louis Goldblatt, ILWU International secretary-treasurer, will be one of the featured speakers at an annual banquet to be held here on November 8 at the Park Manor, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

The dinner will honor 25 Los Angeles attorneys who have been prominent in the fight to protect the legal rights of aliens.

Hawaii Convention Considers Sugar Deadlock

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1. Wide disagreement on the establishment and administration of a wide contributory pension plan.

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3. FLot rejection by the industry of the union's demand for the payment of overtime for work performed after 40 hours per week.

4. No progress toward meeting the union's demand for a "moderate" wage increase.

5. The parties are near agreement on the establishment of uniform medical plans for the various plantations.

6. The industry has agreed to pay premiums of 5 cents per hour for the second shift and 10 cents for the third. The current agreement provides for a 3 cent premium for the third shift and 5 cents for the third.

7. Agreement has been reached on 2 paid holidays per year. Hereafter, the sugar workers have had only 2 holidays with pay.

In money the parties are about 9 cents apart. In laying down union's final position on the table, Hall said a settlement could be reached for a package that would cost the industry only 12 cents per man hour. Two cents of the 12-cent package would be earmarked to supplement existing pension plans, the balance to cover all other cost items, including an across-the-board wage hike.

Management's last offer shows a package worth 2 cents has been offered to the union, in addition to a promise to "talk about pensions" after an extended agreement is signed. This "pig-in-a-poke" proposition was offered after the union said it would be willing to enter into an agreement that would not expire until March 1, 1956, in exchange for the ILWU package and a uniform pension plan.

Speaking for the industry, Philip Maxwell, vice president of the Hawaii Employers Council, said his principals were thinking of minimum pensions in terms of $100 per month, including social security. "This union won't even consider pensions tied to social security or anything else," was Hall's reply.

ILWU Cargo Handling 2. Steel Plate

Steel plate, also called long steel, is both shipped in and shipped out of West Coast ports, and is handled by ILWU longshoremen.

It can be a dangerous cargo if it is not handled with experience and skill.

The most skilled dockers are dispatched to the work and they develop unusual working knowledge of the problems involved in handling this clumsy cargo.

The steel can bend out of shape, or it can slide out of the sling and go bouncing over ship and dock to the peril of life and limb.

To prevent such things from happening, the steel is carefully handled by everyone, including the winch-driver on deck, the "men on the dock and in the hold.

Proper gear must be furnished, as the heavier parts cannot be stowed by hand.

Once the steel is lowered into the hold, the winch-driver is directed by the men below-decks in "balling" the plate into its stowage place.

Upper photo shows West Coast steel plate being loaded aboard a ship bound for Manila where it will be fabricated into a ship. Lower photo shows steel plate from an Eastern mill being unloaded in San Francisco. The plate is carried to and from the docks in open coal or flat cars.

(Dispatcher staff photos.)
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Left to right aboard the SS Japan Transport in San Francisco October 1 are L. Jeong, L. Burkhardt, Chief Cook Jack Level, Assistant Cook Lester Pearson, J. Jordan, W. Bills, L. D'Hoedt and W. Tance. They all received their ILWU books at San Francisco.

It took a wide angle lens on a Leica to get this picture in a crew bedroom aboard the SS Hawaiian Packer October 5 when ILWU Regional Director Bill Chester and Organizer Johnny O'Connor went aboard to issue ILWU books to stewards department employees. Left to right are Joe Bulgo, Jr., George Kamakahi, O'Connor, J. P. Smith and Chester. The porthole looks out on a hatch where cargo was being worked at Pier 38, San Francisco.

Quick, effective and sure has been the organizing drive of the ILWU Stewards' Department Organizing Committee. Better than 90 per cent of the stewards' department employees on the ships have signed ILWU pledge cards and books are being issued to these as fast as the ships put into major ports.

Machinery has been set into motion to handle expeditiously dispatch of these employees who have designated ILWU as their agent. This will be carried on through halls set up in Seattle, Portland, Wilmington, and Hawaii, and to be set up in San Francisco. The addresses and phone numbers are listed below.

PAYING DUES

The stewards are meeting the acid test of trade union loyalty by paying their dues up to scratch with three months in advance to the ILWU Organizing Committee. This money, all of it, will go to the stewards' own organization when they are ready to do business through their own democratic structure.

Meanwhile, the ILWU Organizing Committee is in motion, setting belfs and attacking the many problems that have piled up for stewards' department employees. Beef settling results have been uniformly good.

Critical problems of the stewards are the hiring hall mess, loss of collective bargaining with resultant economic conditions frozen below going rates, and unemployment which grows more serious by the hour.

Since June, 1952, as result of a court order, the cooks and stewards have been forced to go through a fink hall for their jobs. This was for the sole purpose of giving aid to the attempt of ILWU's Landesberg to raid the stewards' department with the almost open collusion of the National Labor Relations Board.

ILWU HALLS LISTED

The ILWU moved into the picture when delegates to a Coast Longshore and Ships' Clerks Caucus last April became convinced that Landesberg and the labor board were out to destroy ILWU as well as other maritime hiring halls, and to break down all the conditions which maritime workers have fought so hard to gain over the years.

The ILWU Organizing Committee halls are:

Seattle, 84 Union St., Main 0858; Portland, 734 NW Glisan St., Capital 5152; San Pedro-Wilmington, 332 1/2 Broad Ave., (Wilmington), Terminal 4-6075; Honolulu, 451 Atkinson Drive, Phone No. 8-1135. San Francisco's hall will be on or near the Embarcadero.

Assistant Cook Lester Pearson relaxes in the galley on the SS Japan Transport and studies the next day's schedule after paying up three months dues and receiving his new ILWU Book from the ILWU Stewards Department Organizing Committee. Pearson said: "This is the best thing that has happened in a long, long time."

Chief Cook Jack Level starts dinner aboard the SS Japan Transport after getting his new book from the ILWU Stewards Department Organizing Committee October 1. He uses a King Size frying pan. He was pleased to see ILWU in motion on stewards' problems.

The SS President Van Buren will be headed for Far Eastern printer's ink. It was taken last week while the ship was in San Francisco. Nine of the twelve stewards department employees, all ILWU members, were aboard to pose. In the first row are Albert Villafane, Francis Springfield and Manuel Rosa. In the back row are Joe Williams, Wayne Williams, Ray Wilson, Robert Grey, Thomas Green and George Cereilla.
Peel Arbitration Over; Decision Is Awaited

BEEKLEY — Arbitration hearings in the case of four ILWU Local 6 men fired by Colgate-Palmolive-Peet last year — were concluded after a week of meetings on October 2 and are under consideration by the panel.

The four men are: Sneed Reynolds, acting chief steward at CPP; John Major and Sam Bilton (both stewards), and Joe Cerdo- rela, rank and file worker.

The union contends that these men were fired for their legiti- mate union activity at the Peet plant here, before the local went on strike on June 11, 1952. The strike was settled after more than 8 months, with a new contract that runs to 1955.

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The case for the four men was heard by Herbert Wyckoff, an at- torney from Watsonville (Calif.), who also represents the employ- ees; Louis Goldblatt, ILWU secretary-treasurer, and Philip Erlich, San Francisco attorney, representing the employers.

Briefs are to be filed in the case by October 15.

The local has several other grievances pending arbitration at Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, including allegations of speed-up, violation of the work-week and seniority rights, according to Bill Burke, Local 6 business agent in the East Bay.

Union Grapevine, a new Local 6 bulletin published here by the

Larsen Is

Acquitted in Smith Rap

SEATTLE—Early Larsen, for- mer official of the International Woodworkers of America-CIO, on October 10 became the first de- fendant in Smith Act trial to be acquitted by a jury.

Larsen was acquitted in Fed- eral Judge William J. Lindberg's court as five other defendants in the same case were found guilty of "conspiring to teach and advo-cate the overthrow of the govern- ment" and jailed pending sen- tence and argument on bail.

Larsen, who put on an inde- pendent defense, dissociated himself from the other five de- fendants from the beginning of the trial and testified that he had left the Communist Party in 1936, after having been a member for 25 years.

The five convicted were: Henry P. Huf, state chairman of the Communist Party; Perry Pettus, northwest editor of the Daily People's World; John Dusharre, chairman of the Washington State Civil Rights Congress; Paul W. Bustom, Negro leader, and Mrs. Bob Covert, white worker.

A seventh defendant, who died suddenly during the course of the trial, was William Pennock, long- time head of the Washington State Penologists.

Last July a series of moves against Larsen in IWA suc-ceeded in removing him, first, as first vice-president of IWA, then from his post on the executive council of the interna- tional union. Larsen is appealing both moves.

First week in October, claimed that the firing of the four men was intended: "... to precipitate a strike and allow (the manage- ment) the opportunity of soften- ing up our members to the point where they could destroy... working conditions, eliminate the hiring hall, reduce wages and worsen conditions generally..."

The Local 6 bulletin said these facts emerged clearly during the course of the arbitration hear- ings. It pointed out the fact that Sneed Reynolds was the first Negro chief steward in the his- tory of the CPP plant, and was highly regarded by the members- ship, the majority of whom are white.

The conduct of Reynolds and the other three men was never questioned by the company during the time they were rank and file members. The moment they began to act as representa- tives of the union, the company discovered all kinds of reasons to compel them, the Union Grapevine said.

Local 6 Elections

Next Week

SAN FRANCISCO — Elections for 1954 officers of ILWU's big Warehouse Local 6 will take place next week throughout all divi- sions of the union.

President Charles (Chile) Duarte is running unopposed. Only one candidate for executive vice-president is being run.

Local 6 members will vote in five divisions, in which they belong, and an election bulletin carrying statements of all the candidates for local posts has been sent to all members.

Local 6 Elections

Next Week

The San Francisco division will go to the polls October 20 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Polk Hall (Civic Auditorium).

In Oakland on the same day, voting will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Idea Hall, Hayward. On October 22, votes may also be cast from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at United Nations Hall, 160 Grand Avenue, Oakland, and during the same hours at the Cer- rito Theater, 470 San Pablo, El Cerrito.

Elections: Election dates are Saturday, October 20, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 160 Grand Avenue, Oakland. The elec- tion will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the C. & H. Smoke House (7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and at the Port Costa Brick Works (9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

In Redwood City on October 22, voters will go to the polls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Forte- esters of America Hall, Middle- field Road.

All ballots will be counted on Saturday, October 24.

Local 26 Pickets: Members of ILWU's Los Angeles warehouse local picketed last week to raise fares. Members of the Thrifty Drug Negotiating Committee left the plant to take part in the picket-line."
Local 26 Picnic: Two scenes taken at Local 26's first annual picnic at the Chevy Hill [Los Angeles] playground on October 11. More than 2,500 people turned out for the festivities. In lower shot, members of the National Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards serve dinner of barbecued beef and spare-ribs to the starving multitude. In the upper shot, ILWU children and their friends are having a field day on the playground where three registered nurses were on duty to supervise their play and take care of any casualties.

San Francisco—The picnic was sparked by the new ILWU Auxiliary in Los Angeles. Several ILWU oldtimers and their wives have already made the trip. Several ILWU oldtimers and their wives have already made the trip.

Kennelly Screening Case Is Thrown Out of Court

San Francisco—The "screening" case against ILWU Local 6 member William Kennelly was dropped October 2 in Judge Louis Kaufman's courtroom here.

ILWU Hero: Bill Heidler (left), who jumped into the Columbia River when his gang foreman, Melvin K. Clarke, fell overboard and was being swept out by the stream, Heidler reachedClarke with two life-rings and both men returned to the state of Delaware, and insisting he there before a grand jury.

ILWU Executive Board to Meet

San Francisco—A meeting of the ILWU Executive Board has been called for October 29 and 30 in Seattle, Washington, at the ILWU Local 13 Building.

Goldblatt Testifies in Trial of Hallinans

San Francisco—ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt appeared as a witness under subpoena on October 1 in the trial of Vincent and Vivian Hallinan.

The Hallinans are being tried for alleged evasion of $65,000 in income taxes over the period of 1946-1956. They have called the trial a frame-up and pointed to their political and trade-union activities as the actual basis for it.

Hallinan was chief of counsel for ILWU President Harry Bridges, First Vice-President J. R. Robertson and Board Member Henry Schmidt during their famed trial in 1949-1950. As a result of his vigorous defense of the three union defendants, Hallinan spent 6 months in federal prison for alleged "contempt" of Federal Judge George R. Harris.

Goldblatt, who was secretary of the defunct BRS Defense Committee, was subpoenaed by the government to find out how much Hallinan was paid by the committee.

He told the court that Hallinan's firm received $15,000 in fees and $3,975 in expenses. He also testified that Hallinan himself spent a good deal more on the trial than he had received in fees for defending the three ILWU leaders.

Goldblatt said Hallinan made frequent contributions to the BRS fund, went on several speaking tours in connection with the case, paying his own expenses and asking for no compensation.

During "constant" in-chambers conferences during the course of the five-month BRS trial, Goldblatt testified, "... Mr. Hallinan invariably picked up the check. In fact, it was almost embarrassing."

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(copies) The Bending Crow, by Ray Ginger, @ $.75 (cloth);
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