New CG Regulations In Effect

SAN FRANCISCO—Any ILWU member who has been "screened," denied a Coast Guard pass or had his pass revoked may now appeal his screening under new regulations issued by the Coast Guard on November 3.

Pressure of many unions, including the ILWU, brought about this revision of CG procedures, which had not been revised since 1950. The new rules, however, do not amount to due process of law.

Regulations have been made in the regulations which have been in effect for ILWU workers. Under these new regulations:

**NEW RULES**

1. Any member may now appeal his case, any time up to January 2, 1954. (The CG must now be asked to review his case at the member's request, even if the denial has already been appealed under old procedures.)

2. When a man is denied a pass (or his pass is revoked), he must now be given a written statement of the basis for the CG's decision that he is a "screened" man. The statement of charges must be sufficiently detailed so that he will be able to collect evidence to refute them.

3. When a man appeals the denial or revocation of his pass, he must now be given a written bill of particulars "setting forth the allegations of which he is accused, or beliefs, or other data which formed the basis for the determination that the appellant is a person whose conduct or employment will be against the national interest or is not entitled to security clearance."

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The ILWU's warehouse division for West Coast ships and membership books are now being audited.

Politicians Are Set To Do a Job on ILWU

SACRAMENTO—The ILWU is to be treated as a full-fledged job by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, beginning on December 5.

The House Committee hopes to be able to do the job on ILWU that its enemies—particularly Local 13 of the Teamsters Union, Dave Beck and Harry Lundeberg—have so far been unable to do. Local 13 has been trying to raid ILWU's warehouse division for years, and has been regularly dumped by the membership. Beck and Lundeberg announced the time and again that they were about to take over the waterfront.

PATTERN SEEN

The House Un-Americans have a habit of sitting by while an union is approaching or is in negotiations with its employers, considering strike action or is actually on strike, is being attacked by jurisdictional rival unions.

There have been many occasions, however, when these attacks have exposed the true objectives of the attacks and made possible for publicity-seeking politicians, achieved through through the aid of individuals and unions.

On October 28, ILWU's big warehouse local's executive house of ILWU's local house of the UF, recognized what the committee was about to do.

Later it prepared a statement which was unanimously adopted by all its officers—a public statement for circulation among the press and to all members of the Union. ILWU ACTIONS

In the statement, issued November 10, the ILWU officials said: "The Committee has been so notoriously disregard the political, judicial, and ethical rights of the people... that its charges are based on unverified reports or on unfounded statements condemned by Americans everywhere.

"The only protection for the Individual, for the Union, and for all Americans is to be refrained from being tried in any political case, to stand on your constitutional right."

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Supreme Court to Test UnAmericans

WASHINGTON, D. C. —The right of the U.S. government to force witnesses to reveal their political beliefs and trade union associations will be tested here when the Supreme Court hears arguments on November 15 in the case of Julius Emspak, secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, Hugh Bryson of the National Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards, Ben Gold of the Fur & Leather Workers, Earl Larsen of the International Woodworkers of America.

SUGAR STRIKE VOTE IN HAWAII SHOWS 95 PERCENT IN FAVOR

HONOLULU, H. T. — Over 95 percent of ILWU-organized sugar workers in Hawaii have voted to authorize a strike if such action is necessary to carry out the agreement from the Big Five.

By actual count, 11,311 workers voted "Yes," 112 "No," and 39 ballots were void on 26 plantations organized by ILWU's Local 142.

It is expected that negotiations between the union and the sugar producers will be resumed with the return to the Islands of ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall.

Hall has been on the mainland, attending the ILWU Executive Board meeting in Seattle, where he gave the board members a rundown of the status of negotiations here.

The ILWU Executive Board voted full support of Local 142 sugar workers in the event that they are forced to strike. The board statement said:

"This executive board declares that the national union is solidly behind the sugar workers in their struggle against the Big Five for security, dignity, a better life and pensions, and for the right of their union to live."

Negotiations with the Big Five began in June of this year and have been deadlocked for some weeks.

Who Said It?

"Under the plea that the structure of American society is in imminent peril... dangerous developments are taking place in the national life... Some congressional inquiries have revealed a distinct tendency to become inquisitions... Treason and dissent are being equated and the line of conscience and private gain lies in the same place... is being invaded. Un-American attitudes toward ideas and books are becoming current... Our national house... could... in the high-sounding name of security, be occupied with ease by fascist tyranny."

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Union-Busting by Witch-Hunting

By Harry Bridges

The UN-American Activities Committee, chaired by Congressman Harold Velde, a real anti-labor politician of the Chicago Tribune stripe, is coming to San Francisco to get some cheap publicity and newspaper publicity, and to do a job on the ILWU.

It's really been going on for some time. It's been the old pay-off. The members of Congress, and of this Committee especially, have power and influence, and they've used it to great financial advantage. They want to get another turn—^as a result of so-called investigations they are conducting all over the country.

Take Velde for example. He used to be a poorly paid high school teacher who supported himself by using his influence with a local newspaper in America. He makes $15,000 a year, with about 3 months' vacation out of 12. Only 1 out of 33 families in America can make ends meet; the average per cent of the families must live on much, much less.

In his last election to Congress, in course of all over America, and to other parts of the world if he can wheangle those. His free office space, both in Washington and at home, free secretarial service—usually Congressmen use wives and relatives on their payrolls—and free mail service.

When in Washington, he stays at a special restaurant where prices are kept low by a Congressional subsidy. He enjoys all of the privileges and immunities of Congress, and can deduct his expenses for most of the year in Washington from his income tax as "residence away from home."

Like the majority of Congressmen, he is opposed to what he calls "socialized medicine" and "government-financed medical care."

But like all Congressmen, he and his family get the very best medical care at government expense—meaning out-of-pocket, of course.

The pension program for Congressmen and Senators gives them, after only one term in office, an annual pension larger than a longshoreman gets after 25 years of hard labor on the waterfront.

The headline hunting and TV shows, which are the big pay-offs for the politicians, are made by the witch-hunting which they practice. Anything goes to get a load of publicity.

Right now people are lining up for blocks in Paris, France, to see an old stuffed whale. Many a Congressmen would give his right arm to get that old whale, along with the publicity and the crowds, before him for investigation. But lacking this, they have to search for other fish.

That's what pays off in TV programs, news stories and klieg lights.

The scramble gets so intense at times that the competing investigating committees of Congress, and suits of law, will make up some story, however far-fetched, and will put Harry Truman on the griddle and he will tell with Trum.

The scramble is for a foreign country? What distinction makes it do to self-seek pleasure for the politicians with the subject whom they wish to attack?

Harry Truman, who is so ready with the present red hysteria, is the latest victim. To continue taxing the American people for war—cold or hot—yes you need war, spies, saboteurs, and cloak and dagger stuff.

The technique of the politicians is to set the stage with "friendly witnesses" who can only testify secret. Then the witnesses are made the stool pigeons, the union renegades, and their testimony is used to pressure the newspaper and the radio and television and the politicians into giving up the "socialized medicine" and government-financed medical care. But, in the meantime, the politicians are using the Bill of Rights to clean up and to save their records, their payrolls—and free mail service.

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Bulcke Speaks in LA

At Foreign Born Banquet

LOUISIANA—Over 900 dinner guests heard ILWU Sec- nior Vice-President G. S. Bulcke speak before the Los An geles Committee for the Propor tion of Foreign Born banquet held on November 6. Two hun dred people who were unable to attend from the annual affair, held in honor of foreign born workers who specialize in the protection of civil liberties in this area.

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“In the past the ILWU has successfully fought off attempts to require the foreign born member to ‘Americanize himself’ and to enter the union in the same way.”

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Heardings on Butler Bill
Begin in Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Special to The Dispatcher)

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Senator John M. Butler (D., Md.), author of a bill that would make all unions subject to the control of the Subversive Activities Control Board, opened hearings on his bill here November 9.

"Billed as an "investigation" of "Communist influence in labor unions," the hearings are being conducted by a "lack force" at the Senate Internal Security subcommittee and has as its aim an accuracy purpose. . . . To lay a background for proposals related to the non-Communist with proper vision of the Taft-Hartley law."

Butler was recently in San Francisco as a member of Senator Charles Potter's sub-committee on Maritime Subsidies, and heard testimony on the maritime industry and its representatives, Harry Bridges, among others.

Butler at that time was lavish in praise of S.U.P. Harold Lungeberg, and invited him to Local 94

Local 94 Pitches
For Dental Care

WILMINGTON, Calif. — Progress in the attempt to add employer-paid dental care to the ILWU Health and Welfare program in Los Angeles harbor is being made, according to Local 94 President Jim Luten, who is also the local's welfare officer.

Working closely with Johnny Fisel, Local 63 president; Ben McDonald, Local 13 vice president, and Loyd Lundeberg, Wilmington business agent for Local 94, Luten announced that he has finally arrived at a plan which will cost about the same as the current medical plan, and that as soon as employers and the unions agree on the plan it can go into action.

Legal action on the Butler Bill, as Lundeberg will undoubtedly be a star performer at this latest inquisition.

In his testimony before the Potter committee, Lundeberg called for the outlawing of ILWU and its contracts and may be expected to repeat hiscost, tainted performance in Washington.

Los Angeles Pensioners
Honored at Big Picnic

SNA PEDRO—More than 450 persons turned out for the first annual picnic honoring pensioners of ILWU locals in the Los Angeles harbor area on November 7. Members of ILWU Women's Auxiliary 2 and members of Seiner Fishermen Local 33 presente the proceeds of a recent jamboree and a fish feast, pasta and vegetables.

Pensioners honored at the all-afternoon affair numbered 209 from Local 12 (Longshoremen), 43 from Local 63 (Ship Clerks) and 7 from Local 94 (Walking Seiners), members of these locals participated in the planning and the work of the picnic.

Hawaiian music, songs and dances were provided by Joe Knauf (member of Local 33) and his group.

MANY GUESTS

Guests introduced to the crowd after the entertainment included ILWU Executive Board Member Harry Schmidt, Hawaiian Regional Director Jack Hall, Stand-up comedian Charlie Belau (Local 33 secretary) and George Invankovich (Local president.)

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 26 had added its voice to the many unions and organizations seeking executive clemency for Wesley Robert Wells, Los Angeles Negro worker now under death sentence for throwing a cuspidor at a guard.

Secretary Louis Sherman, on instructions of the local's executive board, wrote Governor Knight, "On behalf of more than 2,000 warehousemen in the Los Angeles . . . area, we respectfully urge your office to grant executive clemency to Wesley Robert Wells," Sherman's letter read in part.

"It seems unbelievable that the state should want to take a man's life when he has actually never himself taken anyone's life.

"We cannot but believe that he is the victim of prejudice and discrimination..." etc.

"The State has organized "all but two" stewards' department employees aboard the SS Baranof, a Dispatcher photographer went aboard the vessel in Seattle to see if it was so. He found the above members of the stewards department at work.

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The ILWU Executive Board and Its Work

Support East Coast Longshoremen

The ILWU sympathizes with and supports the East Coast longshoremen in their fight for a new and improved contract with the shipowners and in their opposition to the stringent government waterfront regulations directed at the East Coast longshoremen and their union.

We take this position despite the fact that the majority of East Coast longshoremen are organized into the ILA. In doing so we see no way mean to sympathize with or to support the undemocratic union policies of the ILA International Union and the racketeering practices of International President Joseph P. Ryan and many of his associates ILA officials. We have fought to expose and have strongly condemned such policies and individuals for years.

As a union, we face the economic facts of the East Coast situation. These are:

(a) The rank and file longshoremen of the ILA are not to blame and do not deserve to be victimized because of the gangster elements in ILA officials.

(b) The East Coast working longshoremen of the states of New York and New Jersey have been placed under an anti-labor law which requires their registration and licensing through special government commission, and their hiring through government-controlled longshore fink halls.

(c) Anti-labor politicians, the shipowners and some AFL labor leaders, the latter notorious themselves for the racketeering and goon squad policies existent in their own unions, have ganged up on the East Coast longshoremen. This unhappy combination is supporting the use of the Taft-Hartley Act and injunction against the longshoremen and their union, and by such means and others, attempting to raid and wreck the ILA and to defeat the rank and file chances of building a decent, democratic labor organization.

(d) These same labor officials, namely Dave Beck, Paul Hall, and Harry Landeberg, openly and publicly have declared their intention to move upon the West Coast longshoremen in a similar fashion at the first favorable opportunity.

The East Coast longshoremen have so far shown their determination to stay with their union, the ILA. They neither respect nor support Joe Ryan and the hoodlum elements of the ILA. They have hung tough despite a Taft-Hartley injunction, police intimidation, ILU and Teamster baseball bat, organizing squads, and a terrific newspaper and radio campaign against the entire ILA.

We, the rank and file of the ILA see in the present situation the possibility and an opportunity to reorganize their union into a democratic union free of control by either sell-out or gangster officials. They see neither hope nor promise in the program of Beck, Hall and Landeberg, whereby much of their longshore work will be turned over to unemployable teamsters and seamen.

1. We support to the best of our ability the East Coast longshoremen in their fight for a new and improved contract with the shipowners and in their opposition to the stringent government waterfront regulations directed at the East Coast longshoremen and their union.

2. We hereby authorize the national officers of the ILWU to take such steps as their judgment warrants to aid the East Coast ILA rank and file longshoremen in cleaning up and democratizing their union, and to defeat the combined efforts of the politicians, sell-out labor officials, government agencies and employers, to fasten a new form of labor slavery on working longshoremen under the pretense of fighting corruption.

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Opposing NLRB Outlawing Unions

The effective and democratic functioning of American labor unions and the right of the rank and file to the free right to choose and run their unions, elect their officials and adopt union policies in their own interest, are under the most severe forms of attack today.

Legislation like the Goldwater-Rhodes bill and the Butler bill are specifically aimed at forcing company-union policies and frightened, subservient officials on union organizations. Under the guise of riding the trade union movement of "communist domination" these suddenly-appearing, so-called "friends" of the working men have set themselves up as the arbiters of acceptable union practices.

Meanwhile, without even waiting for Congress to enact such vicious union-wrecking legislation as the Butler bill, various agencies of the federal government have been proceeding on their own to bring about this same kind of weakening and splitting labor, which is the aim of such bills as that sponsored by Senator Butler and already endorsed by Attorney-General Brownell.

The National Labor Relations Board, the Department of Justice and the Immigration and Naturalization Service have all—in their own ways—been carrying out policies to silence and intimidate first one group of Americans and then another. As a result of the activities of agencies such as these and their operations, the unity of the American people around a simple program in their own interest has so far been checked.

Now the ILWU has come up with a new gimmick to wreck unions which won't conform. They propose to deprive a union of its rights under the NLRB if any of its officials are indicted for violating the Taft-Hartley provision for non-communist unions.

More indication, not conviction on the charges, is to be accepted by the NLRB as grounds for depriving a union of its bargaining rights. Any union could thus be crippled and busted by indicting its representatives— an easy job for the Department of Justice, since it requires no hearing by the accused—no proof in court, and no trial, to get an indictment.

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A third statement called for a world in which people can "live and let live," in which we need fear no nation and no nation need fear us. The Board reaffirmed the 10th Biennial Convention's platform for world peace, an end to economic blockade and free trade for all nations.
ILWU Board Hits NLRB & Screening

(Continued from Page 1)

Local 26 Credit Union Starts Work

LOS ANGELES—Final organization of the ILWU Local 26 Credit Union was completed last week and officers and committee members were elected. Officers are President Bill Tamayo, Second Vice-President J. M. Howard, Treasurer Lou Sherman, Secretary John Clark. Members of the Credit Committee, who will act on applications for loans, are Sophronia Moore, Dave Babush and Lou Sherman.

The Supervisory Committee is composed of Boss Everline, Jack Steinbart and Joe Medina. Interest of 1 per cent per month on the unpaid balance will be charged for loans under $100. Larger loans will have an interest rate of 1% of 1 cent a month on the unpaid balance. An initiation fee of 50 cents was also established.

ILWU Kids Camp Close to Reality

LOS ANGELES—Plans for a summer camp for children of members of ILWU Local 26 and their friends were started last week by a special committee elected by ILWU Women’s Auxiliary.

Members of the committee, which will seek the counsel of experts and decide the location of the children’s camps, are Chairman Marie Dennis, Lula DeVanese, Helen Seffinger, Bertile Howard, Luba Bundy, Rose Williams, Rita Buntin and Friends Callan.

A similar committee will be selected by Local 26 to meet with and work together with the Auxiliary’s committee.

Stewards on the Alaska Run Get ILWU Books

Here are stewards department employees aboard the SS Alaska as they paid up and received their ILWU books in Seattle October 30 and 31. Standing are Justin Day, Amos Harris, M. K. Smith, John Clayton, Alvin Harden, Ruff Winn, Walter Adams, A. Richardson. The latter issued books to the department at pay-off time, week before last.

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Strike Call Authorized by Local 26 Thrifty Workers

LOS ANGELES —Latest wage offer to Local 26 born by Thrifty Drug Company is an 8 cents an hour across the board increase. Negotiations continued on the wage issue, for which the contract was opened, with the negotiating committee authorized by the membership to call a strike if forced to do so by the company’s refusal to meet union demands.

This is the fourth offer made by the company, which opened negotiations with a 2 cents an hour proposal. The others each followed preparations of Local 26 members to stop work, and were for 4 cents, 6 cents and the current 8 cents an hour.

Negotiations are Tom Chapman, Cliff Gilbert, Jean Hinson and Ben Goldstein. Alternates are Jack Berman, Morris Arbenman, Joe Archev and William Murphy. They are being assisted by Local 26 President Al Caplan.

Full support of the ILWU was pledged to Thrifty workers, if forced on strike, at last month’s quarterly meeting of the executive board in Seattle.

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ILWU Cargo Handling

4. Bulk Wheat

These pictures taken in Longview, Wash. (ILWU Local 21), and Portland, Ore. (ILWU Local 28), show the handling and storage of bulk wheat. The sheat is shipped to the Columbia River ports in box cars and stored in huge dockside elevators. In Longview a giant machine (top right), picks up the box car, turns it first on one end, then on the other to spill the wheat into a funnel to feed a conveyor belt. Previously sixteen shovellers were required to unload cars. The wheat is chuted into the ships. The chutes are guided by a deck gang and the flow of the grain to the corners of the hold is controlled by boardmen. The dust requires the wearing of masks to protect eyes and lungs. The hatch is shared up between the grain handlers receive extra pay and boardmen receive a premium.

Anti-Labor Senator Likes Lundeberg

HONOLULU, T. H.—The chairman of the Senate Subcommittee which held hearings in San Francisco three weeks ago, has gone on record in favor of Harry Lundeberg’s phony Marine Cooks & Stewards-AFL. The chairman is Senator Charles Potter (R., Mich.) who recently arrived here aboard the SS Lurline. He confirmed reports that he had addressed a shipboard meeting of Lundeberg men and praised the raiding union’s members as being “... on the firing line against Communism, and may God help you.”

There is nothing “neutral” about Senator Potter, so far as labor unions are concerned. A former member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which has scheduled a probe of ILWU early next month, Potter has voted “wrong” on practically everything of interest to working men and women. He has voted to weaken the wage-hour law; to deny funds to OPA and weaken rent-control; for Congressman Hartley’s anti-labor bill; to emasculate price controls. Potter has voted against social security; for the Tidelands Oil grab; for segregated schools; against the TVA; for the McCarran Act; favors rearming Germany and Japan; for the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

Potter’s statement was a direct implication that the independent Marine Cooks & Stewards was a “communist” union, and while he highly praised SUP head Harry Lundeberg at his San Francisco hearings, he did not permit representatives of MCS to testify.

Local 26 Waterfront Guards Are Now in Separate Division

WILMINGTON, Calif.—Waterfront guards and watchmen here who belong to Local 26 have been established as a separate division, following the pattern established by the 1952 convention of the local. This brings to eight the number of divisions of Local 26. The divisions were created so that members working in the same fields could meet together to better deal with their own industrial problems, and has greatly increased participation in union meetings and affairs. The guards and watchmen, who have $5.00 dues per month, receive $1.50 attendance credit for coming to meetings, and it is reported that attendance is near 90 per cent. The new division has its own job dispatcher. Other divisions of Local 26 are Bag, Milling, Wilmington, Scrap, Drug, and General Warehouse, North Hollywood, and Puente.
Abandoned at Bandon: The SS Oliver Olson climbed the rocks at Bandon, Oregon, week before last. The schooner was a lumber carrier and has long been worked by ILWU longshoremen in the lumber parts of the northwest. Efforts to refloat the vessel were unsuccessful and the Olson Lumber Company abandoned her to the insurance underwriters late last week. (Dispatcher Staff Photo.)

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Skin cancers very seldom kill, but skin specialists advise medical attention if any sore on the face or hands stays more than a couple of months.

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Pensioners Picnic in Pedro

Three of the Hawaiian dancers provided for the ILWU Local 13 pensioners' picnic held in Pack's Park (San Pedro), on November 7. The entertainment was furnished by Local 13 member Joe Keawe and his troupe. Over 500 ILWU oldtimers, members, their friends and families attended.

Members of ILWU Auxiliary 9 take a well-earned rest after serving lunch to 500 guests at the pensioners' picnic. ILWU women shown here (not in order), are: President Viola Lanham; vice-president Helen Rokela; secretary Razel Larsen; treasurer Rose Arian; also Frances Bailey, Pearl Risler, Dorothy Chason, Marie Stief, Mollie Orange, Olga Brown, Adele Solinsky, Muriel Seelig and Mary Rodin.

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