**ILA WINS AGAIN!**

**Stewards Vote 64% For ILWU**

**San Francisco** — The ILWU National Department Organizing Committee has demanded a collective bargaining contract for its recently conducted NLRB representation election. The "neither" vote urged by ILWU won by 1,500 of the 4,347 votes cast — 34.5 per cent for ILWU, 17.9 per cent for NUMCS, and 47.6 per cent for AFL. The ILWU ballots will be sent to the NLRB to be counted later. The result from the challenged ballots is expected any day.

The ILWU has called a three-day strike which is to go into effect Sunday, at 12:01. The strike is expected to cost the shipping industry $10,000 a day.

The AFL will hold a meeting of its Executive Board this morning to decide on its line of action. The ILWU is prepared to go to court if necessary to obtain a bargaining contract. The ILWU will ask President Harry Bridges for $1,000 in order to pay the cost of the strike.

The ILWU has the support of the State AFL of which the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union is a member. The ILWU also has the support of the AFL's national executive board.

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**New York Dockers Dump AFL**

**New York** — For the second time in two months, the New York longshoremen have chosen the ILA Independent union over AFL in an NLRB election.

The vote in the second election, held May 26, was 9,110 for the ILA and 9,071 for the AFL, with 8,791 votes cast. The ILA secured 90.9 per cent of the vote, while the AFL won 90.0 per cent.

The ILA has the support of the AFL's national executive board.

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**TWIN VICTORIES!**

**Neither...Neither...Neither... AFL...**

The NLRB ballots in the cooks and stewards representation election were counted on May 17. As predicted, "Neither" (ILWU) won by a 64 per cent vote — 1,287 to 743 — over NUMCS-AFL. Above and on page 3 are two scenes taken during the actual count. Above, observers for the two unions on the ballot (NUMCS and AFL) are tallying as NLRB field examiner Roy Bridges (standing, right) announces each vote. The man standing, hand to face, is John Jennings, AFL-AFL; he was unhappy about it all.

**The Second Victory**

The ILWU has won its second victory in the NLRB elections. The ILWU has been successful in the representation election for the cooks and stewards. The ILWU now has the right to negotiate a contract for the cooks and stewards.

**The Next Step**

The ILWU will now move on to the next step, which is to negotiate a contract with the shipowners. The shipowners have been hesitant to negotiate with the ILWU, but the ILWU has made it clear that it will not tolerate any more delays.

**The Longshoremen's Strike**

The longshoremen's strike is expected to continue for several more weeks, as the ILWU will not accept anything less than a fair contract.

**The AFL's Response**

The AFL has responded to the ILWU's strike by calling for a nationwide boycott of shipping companies that support the ILWU. The AFL has also threatened to go to court to try to stop the ILWU's strike.

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The ILWU has responded to the AFL's threat by stating that it will not back down and will continue its strike until it wins a fair contract.

**Conclusion**

The ILWU's strike is a testament to the power of the working class. The ILWU has shown that it is willing to fight for its rights and will not be intimidated by the AFL or any other organization.

**Notes**

1. The ILWU is an independent union that has been successful in organizing longshoremen.
2. The AFL is an international union that represents longshoremen.
3. The NLRB is a federal agency that oversees labor relations.

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**Hawaii ILWU Quits Propaganda Body**

HONOLULU, T. H. — ILWU in the Islands on May 17 publicly withdrew from the Economic Education Advisory Council, an organization that was set up to help school children understand the economic system under which they live.

In a letter to the Department of Public Instruction, the Governor, teachers, members of the legislature and other interested officials, Antonio Ranis, president of ILWU Local 142, expressed the withdrawal of union participation in the council.

"The big business sponsorship of this council," Mr. Ranis wrote, "has made it impossible for labor to get the Council to agree to any clear-cut policy on the right of students to get full information on the subject of education in the Islands.

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**San Francisco** — In two months, the ILWU has gained in strength both here and in Oakland. On May 19 and 20, ILWU Local 6 overwhelmingly accepted a wage increase of 5 cents an hour across the board for all minimum offerings, offered by the Distributors Association of Northern California.

The new benefits, which will be effective July 1, will affect 5,500 members of Local 6 who work in houses represented by DANC, and will set the pattern for 2,500 other workers covered by independent warehouses.

The base rates for men will now be $1.85 an hour; for women, $1.65. (Original demand of the Warehouse local had been for a 10-cent across-the-board raise for men, 10 cents for women.)

**Action Needed**

"We consider this a very satisfactory settlement," Mr. Ranis said. "We are glad that it was reached amicably and without a threat of strike at a time when we believe that the community is in need of a peaceful settlement."
Union Busters Never Give Up!

By Harry Bridges

The US Supreme Court ruling that it is illegal to segregate children in the public schools was a victory for all decent and progressive Americans—whether Negro, white or any other color.

In ruling unanimously this way, the court is recognizing that in the United States of 1954 there is a powerful force growing and demanding full and complete equality for all Americans. As we in the ILWU have had occasion to learn over the years, judges and courts do not make decisions out of the air. When people, whether organized in trade unions or otherwise, are on the move the judges know this and they act accordingly.

Another and not unimportant reason for the decision has been the scepticism and distrust which Duples and Eisenhower have met as they parade to the restlessness and the bitterness of living in black ghettos and watching your children grow up under the humiliation and the cruelty of a Jim-crow life.

This system has been a cancer on America, ruining and twisting both Negro and white alike who live under it. Certainly the segregation and discrimination and the false issues that pit Negro worker against white worker, union worker against nonunion worker still remain today the great open-shop area of the United States, marked by low wages, illiteracy, poverty and misery. Who can count the cost to the workers—and the profit to the employers—of employing Negro workers at lower wages than white workers on the same job? This explains why we still don't have an FEPC law which would end discrimination on the job; it's a simple dollars and cents matter.

The Supreme Court hasn't solved any of this. The Court only ruled that segregation is one of its worst forms—in the education of children—was illegal. But recall that almost ninety years ago, as one of the outriders of the Civil War, the unionists went to the aid of the Negro.

The INTENT of the Fourteenth Amendment was never enforced in the Southern states. And there is no reason to expect that the Supreme Court's decision will be any different. Only the people and the forces in our country which helped produce the decision can guarantee that it will be put into effect by their own continuous pressure and efforts.

The problem moreover is not simply one to be worked out in the Southern states by the people who live there. After all, one of the Supreme Court's decisions struck down as illegal one of our most cherished democratic institutions. Negro housing authority right here in San Francisco to refuse to Negroes in "white areas." Negro longshoremen and warehousemen, members of this union, have been illegally denied housing which was built by taxpayers' money, solely on the grounds of the color of their skin.

There is no doubt that the Republicans hope to make political hay of this decision; already they are claiming to have done more for the Negro people than any administration since Abraham Lincoln—another Republican. On the other hand some of the bitterest denunciations of the Court's actions have come from leading Democratic politicians of the South, which won't hurt the Republicans either.

Governor Talma of Georgia has already announced that it will take federal troops in every school to enforce the decision.

A TRADE unionists we can't forget that it was the coalition built around the Southern Democrats whose political existence is built on Jim-crow and discrimination—which put across every crippling anti-labor law in recent years. Taft-Hartley, the attacks against the hiring hall and the vicious slander against our members is built upon the ground of the life of Negroes in America today, the decision reality of the life of Negroes in America today, the decision was on the Voice of America and beamed all over the world within an hour after the Court's decision.
Mama Unit Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO—The Olaa unit of ILWU Local 142 (sugar workers) was congratulated on May 14 on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

In a letter signed by ILWU President Harry Bridges, Vice-Presidents J. R. Robertson and Germaine and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt, the sugar workers were reminded of their organization’s “one of the most mature and stable relations with management that exists anywhere in the sugar industry.”

The officers’ letter follows:

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“In order to hold the line against this onslaught and to protect themselves and their fellow workers, the Olaa members were forced to take a lockout lasting 69 days. Their unity and solid-arity forced the company to abandon its plans.

“Today the members of ILWU Local 10 at Olaa, tested and united, have developed one of the most mature and stable relations with management that exists anywhere in the sugar industry.”

“This relationship is one in which all members of the ILWU take pride. And it rests solidly on the basis of the strength, the unity, and the mature understand-ing of the Olaa workers.”

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SAN PEDRO—A fish-spotting plane is being used for the second season by Fishermen & Allied Workers (ILWU) Local 33. After considerable discussion as to the desirability of the project last year, a ten-man committee, consist-ing of five boatowners and the union delegate on the boats, will be assigned beats on a daily basis.

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The only time the plane is al-lowed to leave the boat assigned by the advisory committee will be emergencies such as man overboard, break down or boat sinking.

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The Warehouse Settlement is Reached

Negotiators for the Distributors Association of Northern California and ILWU Local 6 met to sign recommendation documents on May 18, which went to warehouse workers and were accepted by them on May 19 and 20. In left-hand side of picture, left to right, Eugene Bocock, [missing name], Fred Short (Local 50 DANC), Paul Kelly (staff member), J. Hart Clinton (executive VP, DANC), Joseph Blumlein (ILWU and Wesley Sacco (staff member); at the right, left to right, Joe Lynch (Local & BA), George Valter (negotiating committee), Louis Goldblatt (ILWU Secretary-Treasurer), Charles (Charlie) Duarte, president, and Richard S. Lyden, secretary of Local 6, and Lee Gonick (negotiating committee). Other negotiating committee members seated against the wall, in the usual order, are John Feinberg, Chris Pronovost and Gaetano Alessandro. The entire committee was present at the signing of the documents on May 18, 1954.

ILWU Man Nominated To Port Commission

ASTORIA, Ore.—A. E. "Pip" Rissman of Local 50 won the Democratic nomination for port commissioner in the primary election here yesterday. In so doing he had a sharp edge over the other contestants for the two vacant posts, both of whom were businessmen.

Rissman's campaign was handled in part by the local's "old timers" and had the support of a labor coalition including the machinists union. It climaxd with a three weeks' standing between Astoria labor groups and the do-not-unify election over a decline in cargo and the condition of port facilities.

SHEAR IS TRIED

The dockers' record vote was in spite of a vicious attack which the commission launched on the longshoremen's union in the middle of Rissman's campaign.

The attack, centering on the accusation that area dockers were pensioners that teenagers had fallen off because of high operating costs was front-page in the local newspaper.

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Local 61 Signs Pacts With Fish Packing Firms

KETCHIAN (Alaska)—ILWU Local 61 (warehouse) has signed a contract with Ketchikan Cold Storage, New England Fish and Seafood Co., and Nun, which brought wage raises of 7 cents an hour plus a 5 cent an hour contribution by the employers to the ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund in San Francisco, San Francisco, on May 21, by The Dispatcher. The man in the white suit, testing Japanese-caught tuna for radioactivity with the aid of a Geiger Counter, is employed by the Pure Food & Drug Administration of the U. S. Department of Health. The ship from which the tuna was unloaded was the Old Fishing Basin at the expense of the taxpayers.

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Oh, Yeah? Note the clipping in the corner of this picture. The picture itself was taken on Pier 40, San Francisco, on May 21, by The Dispatcher. The man in the white suit, testing Japanese-caught tuna for radioactivity with the aid of a Geiger Counter, is employed by the Pure Food & Drug Administration of the U. S. Department of Health. The ship from which the tuna was unloaded was the Old Country Mariner, Hatch No. 5. (See story from Astoria, Ore., below this picture.)

Negligence Charged In Testing of Tuna

ASTORIA, Ore.—Negligence in testing Japanese-caught tuna imported by the Columbia River Packers Association since the H-bomb explosions hit a recent meeting of the Astoria port commission.

Ship-side testing has been the practice in other ports since some of the tuna caught in the vicinity of the blasts was found to be radioactive, a longshoreman charged at the meeting. But in Astoria the fish is not being tested aboard ship.

The dockers: Anthony Walsh, a member of Local 50, asked the commissioners, one of whom is Jose Wright, a CPA executive, why the suspect fish was not being tested as soon as Jackson Wright said it was tested in cold storage. He said his statement could not be verified, but even if correct the practice was unwise and exposed longshoremen and possibly other handlers to radiation, since the fish reaches cold storage after unloading.

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At least three cargoes of Japanese caught tuna have come into Astoria since the H-bomb explosions, longshoremen here said.

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Is Won by Local Six

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DANC took place April 23, and spokesman for the warehouse employers seemed to offer nothing.

Mobilization of Local 6 members began immediately thereafter for a series of house meetings that would have extended through May and June, if a settlement hadn't been reached. The house meetings were canceled when the recognition order was suddenly offered, and at a meeting between the Local 6 negotiating committee and DANC spokesman, Mr. At 150 Golden Gate Avenue on May 18, recommendations were signed by both sides.

NEGOTIATORS NAMED

Members of the DANC were: San Francisco: Betty de Losada (Hiram Walker), Louise Zuber (United Grocers), LeRoy King (Hills Brothers); also, Oakland: Melody Tuyser (McKesson), Bob Ashley (California Wine), Hazel Peterson (Independent Paper), Curtis McClain (Schmidt Litho- graphs), Al Harman (Herman's Rice), Keith Eckman (Zellerbach Paper), Gustavo Alarcia (United Grocers), and George Valter (Hills Brothers); also, Stockton: Henry Nors (Port of Stockton), Mrs. Reuben Mauer (Poultry Producers), Redwood Cowboy (United Grocers), and Tom Lutte (alternate).

The negotiating committee was augmented by other Local 6 officers and business agents, as well as Louis Goldblatt, ILWU Secretary-Treasurer.

10,000 Seamen Lose Jobs in Nine Months

MOBILE, Ala.—Over 10,000 maritime officers and seamen in the American merchant marine have lost their jobs since last August, according to President C. T. Atkins of the Masters Mates & Pilots (AFL). He said a recent survey by the American Merchant Marine Insti- tute showed American private fleet employed less than 72,000 seamen and officers. In the last two years, he said, shipboard employment has been cut by 31,000, or a third.

"The recent reductions result largely from layup of government-owned Victory ships which formerly supported the military forces," he said.
ILWU-Longshore Negotiators at Work

Longshore Negotiators

The coast-longshore contract was won on May 17 for "action by all ILWU locals on the worst union-busting and blacklisting legislation so far endorsed by this administration."

In a union-wide letter Goldblatt had reference to two bills. US Attorney General Herbert J. Brownell has asked Congress to pass immediately. One would order any union out of business which the Attorney General found was "Communist-infiltrated." (See the editorial, this issue). The second would extend "screening" to almost every industry in the USA. If S.1327 (the first) is enacted into law, the ILWU secret-tary-treasurer wrote, "an entire trade union, not one individual member or nominee, can be put under the gun and the union can be ordered to go out of business."

"To make the law 'fair,' it also provides that communist-infiltrated businesses or corporations can get the same treatment."

Calling on all ILWU locals to send letters and wires to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees, protesting the bills and asking them to vote Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt, Goldblatt. "Our information is that every step will be pulled to rush these bills through the Senate for a possible per-sonal vote in the Senate."

The decision, the Alsops say, is to review the Smith Act trial going on in Philadelphia, where the profes-sional informer identified a David Davis as a man with whom he had been active for years in the Com-munity Party.

Callaghan Requests Trade With All

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU La-local 10 president Martin Callaghan was one of the speakers at a special radio program on May 16 devoted to the problems of the port of San Francisco and produced by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Callaghan represented ILWU on the program, which included Calif-ornia Governor Knight, Con-gressman John Shelley, SF su-pervisor George Christopher, Na-tional TFCU chairman, and other dignitaries. Callaghan told the radio audi-ence that ILWU looked forward to the revival of trade with all nations of the earth was badly needed to maintain jobs for all nations of the earth. He said, "It is made to be the... so far as is known, of any member of this new group that has come to play a considerable part in American national life."

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More Contributions to Old-Timer's Fund

SAN FRANCISCO—Pensioned dockers belonging to ILWU Local 34, 10, 13, and 7800; $2 from 7557 and $1 from 493; also, $5 from 493 and $1.50 from 3034.

The letter pointed out that present Social Security legislation was inadequate. It called for the liberalization of payments, and for provision for payments for a period of years rather than for a fixed term, whether for a short or long term.

Oldtimers Will Picnic

WILMINGTON—A dance hon-oring Los Angeles City Council- member Roybal's record as a candi-date for Lieutenant-Governor of California, will be given at the ILWU Local 13 Hall, Saturday evening, June 5, by the local Committee to Elect the case of the Mayor- of Los Angeles.

Roybal's record in the LA City Council of Crouch's testimony and that revival of trade with all nations of the earth was badly needed to maintain jobs for all people associated with water front shipping.

Stool pigeon Paul Crouch May Face Investigation

NEW YORK—In a copyrighted story published in the New York Herald-Tribune on May 10, Joseph and Stewart Alsop, well-known columnists, say that US Attorney General Herbert J. Brownell, in a Smith Act trial going on in Philadelphia, where the profes-sional informer identified a David Davis as a man with whom he had been active for years in the Com-munity Party. They oppose the junking of Crouch's perjury during the BRS case, when he (and Manning Johnson) both claimed to have seen the ILWU president at Communist meetings in New York, at the very same time Bridges was proved to be in Stockton, California, at a union meeting.

Pointing out that Crouch is one of the government's major wit-nesses in such trials, the Alsops say the investigation of Crouch is "if it is made to be the... so far as is known, of any member of this new group that has come to play a considerable part in American national life."

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Betty de Losada to Run for Demo Post

SAN FRANCISCO—Betty de Losada, ILWU Local 6 member and shop steward at Hiram Wright, has entered the race for the San Francisco County Com-mission of the Democratic Party.

She received a letter on May 14 from Richard Graves, Demo-cratic candidate for Governor of California, congratulating her on making the race.

12 More Dockers Retired May 1

SAN FRANCISCO—Twelve ILWU dock workers went on the retired list on May 1, the ILWU PMA Pension Fund announced last week.

Local 16: George Hogan, Joseph E. King, Vincent A. Ludden and Thomas Roehler.

Local 13: Julius Malanush, Earl Millburn and Magnus V. William-
sen; also: Local 16: Joseph A. Antich; Local 19: Anselm K. Fred- erickson and E. A. Wood; Local 34: Richard Bolcke, Jr.; Local 47: Gordon Giblin (Local 13); hidden behind Giblin, L. B. Thomas (Committee man), Louis Goldblatt (ILWU secretary-treasurer), Howard Bodine (Coast Committee- man), William Bolcke (Local 34 secretary vice president), and hidden behind them, Martin Callaghan (ILWU Local 10 president), Howard Lehman (N. Y.), which would 310B, 3034, 3373, 3539, 3584, 3731, 2628, 3247, 3410, 5905; $1 each 3027, 3034, 3041, 3050, 3070, 3102, 3171, 3192, 3200, 3272, 3351, 3398, 3473, 4679, 5040, 5353, 5710, 5909, 6145 and 7800; $2 from 7821 and $1 from 4308; also, $5 from 493 and $1.50 from 3034.

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The annual banquet for the members of the stewards council of ILWU Local 34 (San Francisco shipclerks) was held May 18 at the Italian Village where Dorothie Miller headed the floor show. Among guests from the International union were, upper left, left to right, Second Vice President Germain Bulcke, Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt and Coast Labor Relations Committeeman L. B. Thomas,Toronto Bodine. Talking to them is Regional Director Bill Chester. Upper right shows guests from Local 6 (standing), Swede Carlson, Local 6 President Charles (Chili) Duarte and Dispatcher Billy Lufraoze. Seated are Clerks Stewards Harry Rice and Lee Orange. Bottom left are Norman Fyock, Robert Miller and Dorothy Ellis, who seats chair of the Local 6 stewards council (Oakland Division). Bottom right are John Fesl, president of the Wilkinson clerks (Local 63); Local 34 President James Russo and Local 34 Business Agent Charles Becker. Inset center is Dorothy and her accompanist during her act. She posed specially for the picture.

The Dispatcher Goes to a Shipclerks’ Party

Japanese Are Fishing Off USA, Claim

The decline in the fishing industry in Alaskan waters and in Puget Sound, which is so drastic that an estimated 50 per cent of workers normally employed in the industry (including the canneries) will be jobless this year, is blamed by the Pacific Fisherman, a monthly magazine, upon the spreading of Japanese fishing fleets into the vicinity of Kiska and Attu. Estimated unemployed in the industry is given as 12,000.

As soon as the Japanese, United States and Canadian governments signed the peace treaty, which included fishing rights, the Japanese sent an expedition of 50 catcher boats and three mother boats into the area, according to the Pacific Fisherman.

A total of 2,102,787 salmon were reported taken in 1952, and the catch increased in 1953 to 7,700,775.

Canadian and US fishing interests claim that the salmon were heading towards North American waters, but were intercepted by the Japanese, who, for their part, claim the salmon would have gone to the Atlantic mainland.

Pre-war catches of salmon by Japanese expeditions ranged from 52 million up to 238 million a year.

Local 8 Moves To New Quarters

PORTLAND, Ore.—On June 1 ILWU Local 8 headquarters was moved to new quarters at 422 N. W. 17th Street. The building will be called the Common River Terminals Association Building.

Formerly a church, the new Local 8 headquarters has been re-modeled and will house the long-shore local’s hiring hall, penim¬mers’ quartes, the secretary and earning clerk’s office.

Striker’s Wife

Clorinda Alderette, who plays a major role in Salt of the Earth, union film that just opened in Los Angeles at the Marcal Theater (Hollywood Boulevard, near Gower), is the Mine-Mill sponsored hit, most of whose actors are actual members of Local 890 (Silver City, N. M.), is in its fourth week in San Francisco at the World Theater (Broadway near Columbus), just opened in Chicago and will soon be seen in Portland and Seattle. Union members and their wives are raving about the movie, which is the first American film to put real workers on the screen—as they actually exist. Even the commercial press praised it. Don’t miss it.

The ILWU-PAC Conference Issues Recommendations

SAN FRANCISCO—The Political Action Conference of Northern California ILWU locals on May 26 released its recommendations for endorsements of candidates running for public office.

On the basis of replies to questionnaires and personal appearances on a candidates’ night, the following were recommended:

ILWU-PAC Conference Issues Recommendations

1. All ILWU members who are candidates to the County and State Central Committees be endorsed.
2. A vote of “No” on City Proposition “E” in San Francisco. Proposition “E” would abolish most of the cable cars.
3. Chairman of the Political Action Committee is Ken Hansen, ILWU Local 8. Reino Rikala, ILWU Local 10, is secretary.

3 Year Pact Won by 13 In Catalina

WILMINGTON—A three-year contract with Catalina Steamship Company, guaranteeing a minimum of $94,000 in wages for six months of each of the three years to 14 members of ILWU Local 13 was closed last week.

In addition, the company agreed to add to pay rates any increases won in Pacific Coast contract negotiations through the 3-year period.

Workers were also covered by the Welfare Plan and the Pension Plan.

Members of the negotiating committee were Slim Heber, Los Angeles, Bob Amsden, Paul Youngs, Spokesman for the group was Local 13 President Bill Lawrence.

Catalina Steamship only operates for 6 months each year, the duration of the island’s resort season.

Last year Ohio, Iowa and South Carolina led the states in the disqualification rate for unemployment compensation. States where it was easiest to get jobless benefits were Pennsylvania, Florida and Kentucky.
Live dairy cattle are a sometime cargo from the mainland to Hawaii. They are driven from truck to ship through portable cattle chutes. Frightened, the cows tend to jam up in the chutes, are reluctant to go forward. Their place of stowage is in sheds specially erected on the main deck. Once in the sheds they develop a strong desire to disembark before the voyage begins and have to be driven back with sticks. When all head are aboard, carpenters wall up the shed end against wind and rain and escape. The portable cattle chutes are towed away and loading of other cargo is continued. The Islands raise their own beef cattle, mainly on the big island, Hawaii, where the cowboys are every bit as colorful as any encountered on the legendary western plains or in the Pampas of the Argentine.
Portland Dockers
Back IWA

PORTLAND, Ore.—The fullest possible support to the International Woodworkers of America in their present wage negotiations had been given by ILWU Local 8. The action was taken at a stop-work meeting of the local and was unanimous.

The union offers the union both “moral and financial support to the end that their splendid record of achievement in raising the living standards of the woodworkers may be extended and preserved,” Robert Mustead, Local 8 president, said.

Wage scales in wood, largest since the war, are in the Northwest and a major crop item in most Oregon and Washington forests. Western Oregon ports, are of “vital importance to related groups of workers,” and the two unions, IWA and ILWU, have forged bonds of unbreakable friendship in a score of encounters with the boss over the years, longshoremen explained.

Several in November have been deadlocked since the employers some weeks ago turned down all the union’s demands and tried to get the woodworkers to remove contracts at 1953 wage rates—actually 1952 rates, since less than one-third of the workers received any pay adjustment last year.

The union then took a strike referendum, which was the largest majority in the history of the union. May 29 is set as the deadline for strike action, but no plans have been announced when the employers asked for more “time to restudy their position.”

They are given the time, but to date have come up only with the same old offer no cost increase.

And this despite the fact that the number of men in many cases sitting on profit increases in recent years has been doubled to 6 to 32 per cent.

Union Man Since ’40

John Spencer celebrated his 81st birthday May 20 at his bedside in the Marine hospital in San Francisco. His most distinguished achievement has been since 1948 when he became ill aboard the Lurline.

Now a member of ILWU, Spencer became a member of NUMCS in 1904. He came from Portugal, remains a loyal union man, though he isn’t sailing any more.

Joe Ryan Gets A Hung Jury

NEW YORK — On May 14 in an all-male Blue Ribbon jury tried Joe Ryan, former President for-Life of the International Longshoremen’s Association, failed to agree and was discharged by the judge, who declared a mistrial.

“King” Ryan was originally indicted on 41 counts of grand larceny, charged with misappropiation of his own using some $45,000 of the ILA’s money. The charge was reduced to 43 counts alleging theft of only $17,000.

The government said this money, taken from Ryan’s anti-communist fund, has been used for haberdashery, drink, and business expenses.

A strong anti-Communist pack was thrown against Ryan’s lawyer, Louis Waldman, which may account for the hung jury.

The district attorney, at recent report, was undecided whether to ask for a retrial.

Kaiser Nurses Get Pay Raise of $10

SAN FRANCISCO—Nurses in five central California Kaiser hospitals and medical plants have been granted a $10 monthly raise to a new base salary of $280.00, retroactive to April 11.

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Boy Labor Leaders

On National Boy’s Day (May 4) in Wilmington, three San Pedro high school lads were assigned to ILWU Local 13 to serve as "acting officers" for the day. They learned something about the problems of a labor union and its leadership, and expressed great interest in the work. Left to right, we see Jerry Gershon and Bill Lawrence, acting and actual president of the local; next, George Van Hoosier and Local 13 Vice President Adrian Finch; then Richard Carter and Business Agent George Kurukis. The boys spent the entire day with the officers whose jobs they "took over."