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The building was purchased last December. Overlooking it is famed Cott Tower atop Telegraph Hill. The black and white photograph is taken from the top floor of the building, which is now an apartment building. The building is located at the corner of Chestnut and Sansome Streets.

Local 6 Asks Defeat of Butler Bills

SAN FRANCISCO — Vigorous protest against the assorted Brownell-Butler Bills being blitted through Congress this week has been signed by ILWU Local 6 here.

In a telegram to President Eisenhower, dated August 12 and signed by the big warehouse locals president, Charles (Chili) Duarte, and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lynden, Local 6 said: "This union and all labor are apposed to the Brownell-Fergusson-Butler Bills and all similar proposals. We urge that these bills be defeated no matter in what form they are voted out of the Joint Conference. "We cannot tell the world that we have free trade unions as long as we are on the same kind of licensing procedure that is set up against the labor unions of America. We point out to you that all branches of labor and all our conservative newspapers, such as the Wall Street Journal and the New York Sun, have been opposed to this type of bill."

Local 6 on the same date sent all its shop stewards a leaflet put out by the California Legislative Conference and the various union-hunting bills now being pushed through Congress, before it adjourns. (See Harry Bridges, on this, the issue.)

All the so-called Brownell Bills have to do with the banning of free trade unions out of business by labeling them subversive.

New ILWU Local 6 Hiring Halls Open

SAN FRANCISCO — The new ILWU Local 6 hiring hall for men opened August 16 at 80 Commercial Street.

The new hiring hall for women, 45 Clay Street, will dispatch its first women workers on August 21.

A "house-warming" party at 80 Commercial Street will be held on August 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. The building was purchased last month.

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Justice Dept. Plan Called "Dirty Deal"

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal Judge Oliver D. Hamlin last week ruled in favor of the Department of Justice's fifth try to denaturalize and deport Harry Bridges, President of the ILWU.

Immediate reaction among ordinary people on the street in San Francisco, according to reports reaching The Dispatcher was: "It's a dirty deal!" ILWU offices, in a statement issued immediately after Judge Hamlin's ruling, said: "Four times our union has experienced a continuing drive to decapitate it. In this fifth trial, it is to come about as result of the failure of Judge Hamlin to hear Harry Bridges the same constitutional rights as he has to others, our ranks will fight with the same vigor, determination and even to the last breath that turned back the other such unceasing onslaughts in this never ending case.

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L WEEK ILWU sent a telegram to President Eisenhower hailing what was the Congress this summer, the Joint Conference. We urge that these proposals. We urge that these proposals. We urge that these proposals.

The ILWU has been on record to endorse what seemed to them the President's domestic and foreign policies, went unanimously at the last ILWU Convention, having furnished Eisenhower the opportunity to test in our union the case is recognized for what it is, less an attempt to deport a union president than it is a direct attack upon the union, upon its members, its officers, its activities, its great potential.

Even if the parties hate each other's guts and finally sit down at the negotiation table only after a bitter fight and with a great deal of distrust and suspicion, the fact is that some way and some time this sitting down opposite each other to talk—must take place.

After all, the main purpose of the fight on the picket lines and the releasing of the union's power is to help convince the employers to come across at the collective bargaining table.

Sometimes the union wins all or part, sometimes the employers win all or part, but no matter who wins and who loses, the final settlement of the particular issue is reached in a negotiation settlement.

This SAME approach basically holds true in the relations between nations and great powers. With one very important and significant difference—this is that the disputes between nations can erupt into a war in which men, women, children, their homes and their livelihoods can all be destroyed.

It is because war, especially today with the new nuclear and bacteriological weapons, could be so destructive that it is important beyond everything else to try to get talks and negotiations going on between the great powers of the world.

Back in 1951, the ILWU Convention put the situation in words which are even more true today. This is what we said three years ago:

"Like the shipowners tried to tell the world about us, during the 1948 strike, we are often told that no one can negotiate with the Russians; we are told that the Soviet govern- ment will not keep its word, its promises, guarantees and agreements mean little or nothing. What is the alternative? After mutual destruction and slaughter,"

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CERTAINLY THIS IS a challenging and dangerous world in which we are now living. We would be the first to agree that the vast social, economic and political changes now sweeping across the face of Russia, China and many colonial countries are a challenge to the United States.

Instead of rejecting this challenge or foolishly suggesting exterminating it with H-bombs, we must recognize it for what it is—a challenge to ingenuity, know-how, skills and brains—and we must meet it on these terms.

We in the ILWU should be confident of the ability of this country and its peoples—if given the opportunity—to do better than hold their own in any international competition to improve the welfare of the peoples of the world.

For this is the stake in this competition—the peoples of the world.

It is in this light that President Eisenhower’s “good partner” statements and Vice President Nixon’s demand that we today capture the spirit of the American Revolution are accepted by the ILWU at face value.

We have no hesitancy in agreeing with Nixon that America must again become a symbol for men everywhere who want independence for their nations, equality and freedom for individuals and economic progress and a better way of life.

He could have lifted those words right out of the ILWU Constitution and proceedings and Executive Board resolutions.

Recall that the ILWU concluded long ago that the drives and the aspirations moving millions of people all over the face of the globe today could never be stopped by arms.

Men like President Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie and Justice Douglas have said the same thing. And only a few weeks ago an aging and tired Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, traveled to Washington to say the same thing to President Eisenhower and the American people.

It escaped no one that although Churchill was refused an invitation to appear before Congress to bring his message of peaceful co-existence to the people’s representatives, such an invitation was readily given Senghman Rhee for his message of “get into an all-out war right now.”

Rhee left Washington discouraged. He was applauded and feted. He was assured of more piece-offs for himself and his political followers. But he was just as positively told that his program was not one which could be sold to the American people.

Did Churchill leave convinced that he had sold his program to Eisenhower and the Administration? Probably not. But if he did much, we believe, to convince the leaders of this country that a reappraisal of their policies was in order.

It is this reappraisal which is now taking place.

As union members we should welcome this for it can only mean a lessening of the chances of war and a renewed effort to negotiate and to bargain in the direction of a “live and let live” world.

ONTHE BEAM

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BY Harry Bridges

AT THIS WRITING it appears that by practically a unanimous vote the Congress has enacted the entire package of Brownell Bills, along with a bill to outlaw the Communist Party which the Administration had not, in fact, demanded.

The same hysterical unanimity which swept Congress into such an unprecedented and un-American action as the quashing of a legal and constitutional political party carried into the passage of a bill that means that all trade unions and place them under the supervision of the Department of Justice and the Subversive Activities Control Board.

As one lonely Congressman pointed out as he vainly tried to stem the tide, this same kind of legislation might be used one day by the Democrats to legitimate the Republican Republicans to do the same to the Democrats.

There are sufficient laws on the books to punish people who commit illegal acts. Then why this unanimous enactment of a bill which is aimed at a party with few followers?

It certainly can’t be that the Congressmen and the Senators believe that the Communist Party is a serious threat to America, so serious that even the Constitution and the Bill of Rights must be overridden in the course of illegalizing this party.

WHEN WHAT is the danger? Probably the main danger, as by the Senators see it, is the danger that they might not be on record voting “against Communism.”

At the same time that they have legalized the Communist Party, they voted to illegalize other organizations with “international connections” or which could be shown to be “furthering the Communist cause.”

Any unionist who remembers how every strike and every militant union action is invariably labeled as aiding the Communist cause” can figure out who is the target of this one.

Why, the CIO even charged in its kangaroo trial of the ILWU that our organizing and bargaining efforts on the waterfront and in Hawaii, Alaska and elsewhere were primarily to advance Communist interests. And the 1946 maritime strike was, according to our enemies, a “Moscow plot.”

Not satisfied with this the Congress proceeded to place the entire American union movement under government supervision and extended the screening program to cover workers engaged in the defense industry.

According to reports on the actions of the Congress, labor unions which had been found to be “Communist infiltrated” by the Subversive Activities Control Board, were removed from the list. Then the Congress passed the Brownell Bill.

As things are shaping up in the United States today the labor movement is scheduled to play a very important role. But it can be a docile and harnessed labor movement led by leaders who will maintain a political company union set-up in American industry.

For such labor leaders there is a promise of economic security, prestige and even government posts. For the rank and file? Well for the rank and file there is the promise of the usual fruits of company unionism.

JUST RECALL 1950 and the developments which accompanied the outbreak of the Korean war and the waterfront screening program. The pressures then almost overwhelmed the ILWU. Fortunately the good sense, the dedicated leadership and the ability of workers to fight for our union program—then we’ll be able to work out policies and programs of action to meet the needs of the months ahead.

The simple fact is that we’re getting back to where we were twenty years ago—with nothing else to do but to fight and with no weapon but our own unity and understanding.
Columbia River Hires Fifth Frameup of Bridges

PORTLAND, Ore.—The death grip in the Northwest lumber industry—lumber—entered its ninth week on August 16. The tie-up has affected the ports from Eureka north in varying degrees. At Astoria, with three mills strikebound, ILWU Local 50 reported cargoes hours on wheel, flour and tons. But in North Bend, lumber capital of the world, where lumber is practically the only cargo item, work has been almost at a standstill.

STRIKE SOLD

The Oregonian this week intimated the big strike is here to stay. But IWA International office has warned lumberheads in the Portland dollars' misleading or absolutely untrue, and longshoremen by being in experienced with headlines during strikes themselves that work is being done. Resolving and reports that workers went through the picket lines at the Tillamook Mill at Redwood. Ore, were absolutely false and said only a handful of scales were going through one poor mill, which was reported by the pickets to be in full operation.

STRIKERS SAY NO

At Coos Bay last week AFWU, Weaverhouse workers turned an army of off the strike. They are working to make a wage increase, and pressure from AFL and CIO demands, an IWA District 7 Council spokesman said.

CAPITOL PICKETED

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What the Judge Heard—And Denied

Highlights of Gen. Taylor's Argument on Motion to Dismiss 5th Bridges Frame-Up

(Editor's Note: Within eight days after hearing the argument of Telford Taylor, which is extracted below, Federal Judge Oliver Hamlin ruled that Harry Bridges must stand trial again—for the fifth time—over the issues whether he was a Communist.)

This is the fifth legal proceeding before either a court or an administrative tribunal which has turned upon this accusation that Bridges is or has ever been a member of the Communist Party.

One of these proceedings was initiated by the ILWU President Harry Bridges obtained his citizenship in 1945, immediately after the US Supreme Court reversed the third frame-up aimed at "getting" him. The man administering the oath of citizenship is Superior Court Judge Robert J. Jackson, now a Justice of the Supreme Court, and he pointed out (in discussing a bill in Congress especially providing for the deportation of Communists) that Bridges was not a Communist. The government did not oppose his naturalization.

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In the case raised by the government, the Supreme Court decision was finally and conclusively taken as conclusive in this proceeding with respect to the factual issue of Communist membership. This present proceeding to revoke the naturalization and cancel the certification, with the Government's appeal from the judgment of Judge Sears, not then and had not previously been a member of the Communist Party.

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It is our contention that these repeated proceedings violate judicial principles of justice and fairness embodied in the due process clause of the Constitution. The Government cannot conduct proceedings against an individual in such a manner as to offend principles of justice that are deeply rooted in our traditions and must be regarded as fundamental . . .

If this complaint is allowed to stand, then it means that the Government in any case can follow this procedure and exhaustively proceed with another—some- time there will come a proceeding, whether it is the third or the fifth, as here, or the seventh, when the Government may get the result it wants . . .

this record shows the evils and difficulties which follow as inevitably as the day follows the night when the Government itself ignores the law and the principles that the Government should abide by. Wire tapping, solicitation of evidence under pressure, perjured witnesses—this is a very sorry way for any Gov- ernment to proceed . . .

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Dean James M. Landis: "The evi- dence hereaddicts neither that Harry Bridges is a member of the Communist Party of America." The date was De- cember, 1939; the occasion, the first "full-dress" hearing on the charges against Bridges. Landis is shown here disembarked from an airplane to begin the hearings.

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STRIKE TALK IS MOUNTING

As They See It

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The ILWU has worked out such a program, and here it is:

"All existing stewards department employees should elect their stewards as stewards, regardless of union affiliation, so that our representatives can attend meetings called for the purpose of negotiating an agreement."

"Individual ILWU members aboard PMA ships have already drawn up and signed resolutions stating that they are willing to strike if necessary to get an agreement." The ILWU's position is that it is the most important thing to do at present is to get a signed agreement and the back pay for the stewards' department.

"The matter of what union is to be recognized as the sole collective bargaining agency for all stewards' department employees is a secondary issue which can be settled fairly at a later date by an election."

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"The agreement can be signed by the stewards' representatives of the rank and file stewards and the shipowners—and neither the name of ILWU nor AFL need appear on it. As we said above, the question of whether the stewards want ILWU as their union or the AFL can be determined after the shipowners have been forced to give you what you have had coming for the past two years.

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The Straight Dope About PMA Pension

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Sigue Aumentando la Discusión Sobre Huelga; Los Trabajadores de Camarás Exhortan a la Acción

En San Francisco, los cocineros y demás miembros del departamento de cámara ILWU, que residen en la costa de la parte occidental, han empezado a levantar un fondo para apoyar a los marisqueros de la costa del Atlántico, que se encuentran en las negociaciones con los representantes de la Asociación Maritima del Pacífico (Pacific Maritime Association).

Los tres más grandes pueblos de esa clase, el Laborde, Presidente Cleveland y Presidente Wilson, organizaron ya dichos fondos huelguísticos y los mantendrán abordo de los barcos en caso de cualquiera eventualidad.

Sobre una acción similar, fue comunicada por los miembros del departamento de cámara ILWU-SDOC, que se encuentran en el numbre 24 de la calle Market de esta ciudad, sigue mejorando el embarque.

Teniendo la ILWU-SDOC 69 trabajadores de embarque, comparado con los 33 trabajadores que fueron a dar al equipo fraudulento y falso de la MCS-SIU de Landerberg, (Estabando el Lur- line en puerto).

La edición pasada del The Stewards Paper informó acerca de los 54 trabajadores de embarque, conjuntamente con los 14 trabajadores de embarque, que solamente fueron a parar donde Landerberg.

Asimismo, la Oficina de Bienestar Social de ILWU-SDOC, informa que allí se está manejando y tomando a su cargo la mayoría de las demandas por Bienestar hechas por los obreros cocineros y demás personal de cámara abordo de los barcos y las cuales fueron expuestas por ellos mismos.

En todos los puertos de la Costa del Este y del Oeste, los representantes de SDOC continúan informando acerca de la creciente solidaridad que existe entre los marisqueros obreros que navegan los barcos y desarrollada determinación para obtener un contrato, como también, de la ascen-

Dentro de las actividades de la Comisión de Bienestar y de los trabajadores, la cual ha trabajado durante algunos días en el asunto, se ha llegado a un acuerdo en un punto, de dete-

minación y empeño en este género, se podrá ver en la Página D de esta edición, cuando los cocineros y demás personal de cámara que tra-

bajo abordo del Old Colony Mariner como también los del Hawaiian Packer fueron em-

revistados y fotografiados en su trabajo.

En el Hall de ILWU ubicado en el número 24 de la calle Market de esta ciudad, sigue mejorando el embarque.

President Buchanan (Bob) Robertson, notifying him of the contents of a letter he received from the President of the Pacific Maritime Association, reported that they were pleased to hear Robertson's latest statement.

“President Buchanan said it is ready to take strike action if necessary to secure a contract.”

“All the members of the department stated that they were pleased to hear Robertson's latest statement, and are determined to follow through with job action.”

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Off the Pier

The Journal publishes a report from its Tokio correspondent, Stuart Griffin, headlined: "Businessmen Clamor for More China Trade."

"Japan is being paralyzed," writes Griffin, "by what several times (parliamentary) members have branded as 'America's unfair and indefensible attitude' at the censure of US spokes-

men that the amount of goods China would buy from Japan would be small. Japan needs to sell whatever and wherever it can, they insist."

Pointing out that Japan's trade with China (formerly its biggest customer) is hampered by the US embargo on such trade, the Journal writer says:

"The (Japanese) Trade Promotion Society wishes to accelerate Japan's ability to ship vessels, machinery, heavy machinery, communications parts, and anything that Japan feels it has need of these."
Letters from the Ships

(Letters of 200 words or less from ILWU-SDOC members aboard the ships will be printed in the Stewards' supplement, in accordance with space available. Send them to Editor, The Dispatcher, 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2, Calif.)

(At Sea) — We, the members of the ILWU Stewards Department aboard the Walt Herman, are sending this letter to you in order that you can be updated as to the status of the ILWU-SDOC campaign.

The ILWU-SDOC campaign is in the early stages of its development. The members of the department are working hard to achieve a victory for the ILWU-SDOC members. The campaign is being led by the ILWU-SDOC representatives, who are working closely with the ILWU-SDOC members to secure a fair contract.

The campaign is being supported by all members of the ILWU-SDOC, and we are strongly urging all members to support the campaign. We believe that the ILWU-SDOC campaign will be successful if we all work together.

We urge all members of the ILWU-SDOC to join the campaign and to support the ILWU-SDOC representatives in their efforts.

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Working Stewards

A general shot of the August 4 meeting of Cleveland and Pierce stewards who met to hear a report on the ILWU-SDOC campaign to win a contract for West Coast stewards. An account of the meeting appeared in the August 6 issue of The Stewards Paper. See pictures above.

ILWU Dockers Stand Behind ILWU Cooks

ILWU-SDOC cooks and stewards aboard PMA vessels are getting to know their brothers on the longshore division of ILWU. Gang bosses and individual longshoremen up and down the Pacific Coast and in Hawaii, who work the ships, are making it their business to become acquainted with the men and women in the galleries and the stackhouses.

Attention: MCS-SIU

Reports from all ports on both East and West coasts indicate that ILWU's Stewards Department Organizing Committee is shipping per cent of all jobs aboard freighters. This fact confirms a tendency that has been obvious since ILWU ("Nether") won the NLRB election by an overwhelming majority. AFL members are flocking to join ILWU-SDOC on all coasts.

SF Representative Uses Tape-Record

SAN FRANCISCO — Joe Harper, ILWU-SIDOC representative here, has come up with a good idea that will probably spread from port to port.

Harper made a tape-recording of news items and happenings aboard various vessels touching the ship. He used the tape to keep the membership informed about the ILWU-SDOC campaign.

The Billion Dollar Club has grown from a dozen to 47 members in the past 11 years. In one year alone — 1952 — six corporations joined the diamond-peeked heights of companies with assets of $1 billion or more.

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Working Stewards

A general shot of the August 4 meeting of Cleveland and Pierce stewards who met to hear a report on the ILWU-SDOC campaign to win a contract for West Coast stewards. An account of the meeting appeared in the August 6 issue of The Stewards Paper. See pictures above.

ILWU Dockers Stand Behind ILWU Cooks

ILWU-SDOC cooks and stewards aboard PMA vessels are getting to know their brothers on the longshore division of ILWU. Gang bosses and individual longshoremen up and down the Pacific Coast and in Hawaii, who work the ships, are making it their business to become acquainted with the men and women in the galleries and the stackhouses.

In their deliberations looking toward a contract, ILWU-SDOC members are assured that every longshoreman and the entire waterfront division (including shipshippers and walking bosses) know the score.

They are interested in seeing that the stewards department is secure, so far as wages, hours and working conditions are concerned.

ILWU Northern California Regional Director Bill Chester said this week: "The men on the docks are solidly behind their brothers and sisters in the stewards department. They are aware of their problems and what must be done to solve them."

"Any action taken by the cooks and stewards will be in the best interest of all longshoremen involved, as an overdues contract, retrospective pay, wage raise and improved conditions will have the unconditional support of their brothers aboard."
On the Ships
Pete McGoldrick and Dick Bishop, ILWU-SDOC representatives in New York, have been putting out a lively mimeographed bulletin for the membership touching that port. The bulletin carries names of ILWU stewards who have shipped the week preceding; news items of interest to men and women aboard the ships; news from the ships themselves and a register of vessels in port during the week.

Members aboard the Hawaiian Planters want a bulletin thrown out in the direction of Joe Kolb, ILWU-SDOC chief steward. Here is it, Joe.

Arthur Carter, saloon pantryman aboard the Arizona, had to rush out of the first week of the month, for he is called upon to ship out of Delmar. He is suffering severe pain, and was confined to his bunk for treatment.

The AFL chief steward aboard the SS Lute (135 aboard) has been handling ILWU stewards in his department. Threats have even been made to Charles Yevitch, SDOC representative in Portland, warning him to stay off certain ships, and if he goes aboard: nothing happens. Small- ship stuff, but only to be expected from Lumichau’s musclemen.

During its recent trip into NY, the crew of the President Maff, 250 per cent ILWU ship, had a birthday party for the room steward. The cook and engineering department prepared the food and the men were served by the officers. A good time was had by all and personnel relations were cemented.

A meeting of the department followed 100 per cent support for the ILWU-SDOC program was voted.

ILWU-SDOC Delegate Kent Taylor of the Catalina has done a good job on his ship. Of the 53 aboard, 24 are ILWU, and the lone AFL man will eventually come over to SDOC, it is reported. The 24 ILWU members are very proud of their affiliation and want every off-shore ship all to know it. Ned Neume, SDOC, representative in Wilmington, reports.

The Horace Irvine is laid up at Portland, and the George B. Lang. The men were told to go to their home ports and register for medical benefits at once. Joe Irvine. They understand that, after the ship is laid up and activated, they will lose her.

The one AFL-rater aboard the Horace Irvine is a 100 per cent ILWU man, and the one AFL-rater aboard the Lute is a letter. They are not only willing to go along with the Union, it’s our duty to fight for a contract.

Santa Juana Says
Correction for Welfare Report
SAN FRANCISCO — An indifferent error was made in the last issue of The Stewards Paper, in the Welfare Officer report for July.

Welfare benefits totaling $58,952.92 were paid out to ILWU-SDOC rank and file stewards (not $58,930.92, as reported).

The total claims initiated for month of July, 1954, with interviews being held.

Alexander Mark, San Francisco Welfare Officer, reports.

Rank & File Support Helps to Settle Beef on Ships
SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU-SDOC representatives in all port groups call to the attention of the membership aboard all vessels a simple fact: that if the rank and file will participate in the settlement of shipboard beefs, the beefs will be settled more rapidly—and generally in favor of the membership. Working stewards, when asked to stay aboard by their port representatives, in all in no breach and see how they are settled, should do so. Every time they do, the company representatives get the idea: that the ranks are behind their spokesmen and intend to have their grievances settled.

This sort of action—seemingly unimportant—is what ILWU means when it calls for rank and file participation, all the way up and down the line. The presence of the working membership always convinces port stewards and other company representatives that the men are not only ready to back up their demands,
ILWU Pensioners Picnic on Peninsula

Over 800 Bay Area ILWU pensioners, their families and friends, attended the first annual picnic run by the Committee to Promote the General Welfare of Older Workers. It was held in the Park in San Mateo County, August 15. A rip-roaring good time was had by all. The arrangements committee met on July 19 to count the guests; their meeting will have a full report on the finances. The pictures below show the exciting upper right hand picture is Frank Santos, Jr., son of an ILWU Local 10 docker. Center top picture shows the dance floor, and right below it, the guests watching the dancing. Children were much in evidence (upper and lower left hand pictures). In latter, they are listening to the record player. Lower right, food being served. Charles Hammer (Local 10) put in a hard day's work tucking in fresh loaves of bread and bakes hundreds of cars at the gate. Erick Johanson of Local 50 came all the way from Seattle, Washington, and addressed the crowd.

Henry Schmidt Picked Again by ILWU-NCDC

EUREKA, Calif.—All officers of the ILWU Northern California District Council were re-elected on July 31 during the Council's regular meeting here. They are: Henry Schmidt (Local 19), president; Lovyo Ring (Local 4), vice-president, and Michael Johnson (Local 34), secretary.

In a number of actions concerning matters affecting the ILWU Northern California membership, the NCDC:

1. Adopted a resolution supporting the AFL-CIO lumber strike in the Northwest;
2. Called for amendment of the California Unemployment Insurance Act (a 15-point program was outlined; see below);
3. Approved action by the council's officers in writing to all California congressmen protesting the Brownell-Ferguson "package" which would license unions or liquidate them if they did not meet political tests set up by the Subversive Activities Control Board.

"We point out again," said the NCDC leader, "that the members of this union will fight to hold onto the gains made over the past two decades ...

"The American trade-union movement needs no 'breathing down-the-neck.' In short, the American trade-union movement should be left alone, and the good judgment of the American working people will exercise all the controls and directions necessary."

Seven Local 26 Workers Reclassified; Pay Raised

LOS ANGELES—Seven members of ILWU Local 26 at McKesson and Robbins Drug Company will receive a 6-cent an hour increase beginning July 31 as a result of reclassifications negotiated by the union. Workers who will receive the pay boost were reclassified as assistant shipping clerk and receiving clerk.

The Fifth Amendment On Its Last Legs?

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was written to prevent Americans from being forced to testify against themselves. On August 11 the Senate passed and sent to the House the Brownell-Ferguson bill, under signature, a hill that will force Americans to testify against themselves (and others) by granting them "immunity" from Federal prosecution. It will not grant them immunity from prosecution under state laws, and if they still refuse to testify, they may go to jail for contempt of court or any Congressional committee.

The grant of "immunity" is extended to people whose testimony is sought on "treason, espionage, sabotage or other forms of subversion"—a phrase that can be stretched to cover anything, including legitimate union activity.

Bill On White House Picketing Killed

WASHINGTON—Stung by pointed references to the bill of rights guarantee that the American people shall have the right peaceably to assemble and petition their government for a redress of grievances, a Senate judiciary subcommittee has indefinitely postponed further consideration of HR 3044 which would ban picketing near the White House. The bill, which has passed the House, was made by Senator Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.). Police officials supported the bill.

Political Parties in Sacto Hear ILWU Voice

Sacramento—The four political parties holding meetings here of their platform committees, as provided under California law, gave hearings on August 8 to delegates from ILWU Local 6, the Northern California District Council and the Joint Legislative Committee of Northern California ILWU locals.

A 15-point program, formulated by the ILWU delegation and based on the action of several divisions of the union, was delivered to the platform committees of the Republican, Democratic, Independent Progressive and Prohibition Parties.

The 15-point program, which was printed in the August 6 issue of The Dispatcher, was aimed at current restrictions on the rights of the jobs, under the Californiain Unemployment & Disability Insurance Laws.

It called, among other things, for an increase of unemployment benefits to $45 a week, an extension of coverage to workers not previously covered, elimination of the waiting period and other liberalizations of the law that would prevent employers from choosing on the rights of the unemployed.

A short resolution was also introduced calling for an end to repressive, anti-union legislation, and for legislation that would protect the interests of minority groups.

The ILWU delegation also called on the political parties to go on record for a program of full employment, including world trade through peaceful negotiations.

Legislation guaranteeing the rights of workers on both sides of the Mexican-American border was also asked for, in order to eliminate the current, vicious exploitation of Mexican workers and American workers alike.

This point, the ILWU members said, was of particular interest to a delegation from the Salinas Valley who represented United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) and were there 500 strong to protest the situation that has arisen in the agricultural valleys of the Southwest.

All four political parties received the ILWU delegates. Ken Hansen (Local 6) presented the ILWU program to the Democratic and Republican Party platform committees, and Laura Kelley (Local 6) spoke to the IPP, and Max Rock (Local 6—Redwood City) addressed the meeting of the Prohibition Party.

All ILWU delegates were impressed by the fact that the majority of the political party delegates were young, enthusi-astic and representative of the grass-roots.

A delegation from the AFL and its Teamsters, led by Wendell Phillips, succeeded in getting a liberal labor plank into the Democratic party's platform.

Long Term Prison Capacity Planned

WASHINGTON—James Ben- nett of the US Bureau of Prisons revealed in testimony released July 16 that the Bureau is plan-
ing increased long term prison capacity to take care of persons convicted under so-called anti-Communist legislation now before Congress.
**Death of Paul Schnur Loss to Labor: Bridges**

SAN FRANCISCO—"The death of Paul Schnur has been another shattering attack on labor. Paul was a thinker and a doer. He was active in labor's cause nearly all his life. All honest union people will miss him and his efforts toward making a better and more peaceful world for everyone."

Schnur was born in Germany in 1894 and came to the USA at the age of five with his mother. Schnur's father was already a miner in Illinois and young Paul went into the mines himself at the age of 14. He joined the United Mine Workers of America, EARLY LEADERSHIP.

Before he was 17 Schnur was a delegate to a convention of his union and tangled with John L. Lewis on a question of mine legislation.

Lewis smiled at the young miner and told him he was "twenty years ahead of his time."

Leaving the mines somewhat later, Schnur learned the craft of the telegrapher and worked for Postal Telegraph and Western Union as a company representative. He joined his second union, the Commercial Telegraphers.

By the time he was 21 he had been elected International President of the C. I. T. and 24 was international vice-president of the union with headquarters in Canada.

Movers to Oregon

He failed of election to the presidency of his union at the age of 31 and moved to Oregon, met a young girl,没钱 and hired her and became the father of a son and daughter. He worked as a small businessman, a mobile salesman, newspaperman, until the depression. In 1938, after recovering from a serious illness, Schnur and his family settled in Santa Cruz, Calif., where he joined the Postal Telegraph Company, and became active in union affairs.

He became so active that a vigilante movement was organized to "run Schnur out of town."

It flopped, but it made living difficult for the Schnurs.

**Alternate Health Plan Designed**

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU-PRA Welfare and Pensions Board, describing the new "Alternate" Insured Plan, said yesterday that it was "aimed chiefly at workers on lower wages, longshoremen and walk-in hunger houses in the Seattle area."

Some of the locals are mailing the booklet to the homes of families in the Portland-Vancouver area.

Whoever reads will be his monument."

Schnur left his wife Ida, his son Paul, Jr., and daughter Norma, when he died at the untimely age of 61 as the result of a brain tumor.  

**Labor, Colon, Marcantonio Dies At 51**

**NEW YORK —** Vito Marcantonio, former American Labor Party Congressman and outstanding fighter for the interests of the worker and the poor, died here on August 9, on his way to his home in New York after his latest appearance in a badly bruised condition.

Marcantonio had just announced his candidacy for Congress on an independent ticket, and had initiated his campaign in the Harlem district which sent him to the House of Representatives in 1934.

In a wire to his widow, ILWU's titled officials said:

"Vito, ILWU convey to you our profound sense of loss. Your memory will long be with us.

Marc was a fearless and incorrigible spokesman of the American working people whose passing will be deeply felt in the difficult days that face us.

If we had only had a hundred like him, our people would since have been able to face the attacks of the reactionaries who honored him with their hatred.

We honored us with his love and his love for the common man will be his movement.

Marcantonio was 51 years old.

A similar wire sent the same day by ILWU Local 8 President Charles (Chili) Duarte and Secretary-Treasurer Pedro Orkin read:

"Marc has gone. His memory will long be with us."

**Correction**

The Dispatcher deeply regrets the omission from its August 6 list of ILWU Inter- national Executive Board members the names of James Fant (Local 8) and Joe (Blond) Kovalsky (Local 142), standby president and first vice-president, respectively.

The Board will hold its quarterly meeting at 124 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on September 14.

**Scrap Plants Face Strike By Local 26**

LOS ANGELES—Two major companies in the Scrap Industry here are faced with threats of strikes by ILWU Local 26 members because company representatives fail to make acceptable offers.

Berg Metals and Berg Pipe and Steel, and Eureka Iron and Metals are under the gun, after workers at both companies voted negating committees power to take any action deemed necessary to win a satisfactory agreement.

Pattern for the scrap industry has been established at 8 cents an hour across-the-board; with some higher gains, and improvement in health and welfare pay- ments. Contracts have been signed with Finkelshtein, Economy Steel and Eureka Bottles.

Worker Can Nix Lower-Paid Work

LOS ANGELES — A worker's right to refuse a lower-paid job, even though within the same company, without being disquali- fied for unemployment benefits, was established last week by ILWU Local 26 in a hearing conducted by the State Department of Employment.

Pearley Cummins was offered a job paying some 20 cents an hour less than her classification by Thrifty Drug Company, and when she refused to take the lower-paid job she was disqualified for jobless pay.

Local 26 President Al Caplan and Charlotte Perloff of Union Research and Information Service presented the case, and the hearing officer ruled in favor of the union.
All kinds of wine is blended and aged by ILWU Local 6 members at the winery of the California Wine Association, a grocers' cooperative, in San Francisco. The raw wine is shipped in by tank cars. After it is blended and aged, it is bottled and packed and shipped out by box car. The ornate, hand-carved storage tank with the grapes and cupids at lower left contains aging sherry. The tank was made for exhibition at the last World's Fair in San Francisco. The legend says “Good wine, good cheer” and “Good health, long life.”

ILWU Local 142 Hits NLRB Vote Tactics in Representation Election for Hotel Workers

HONOLULU, T. H.—In a letter to the local office of the National Labor Relations Board, the International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union on August 3 protested the recent representation election conducted by the federal labor agency at the Royal Hawaiian, Moana and Surf Rider hotels.

The letter of protest, signed by Newton Miyagi, secretary-treasurer of ILWU Local 142, lists four reasons in support of the protest:

1. Past practice of the local NLRB has been to notify the various unions who might have an interest of all requests for labor board elections.
2. Either the AFL Hotel & Restaurant Workers Union, the Matson Navigation Company (Hotel Division) or the NLRB, or all of them are responsible for the failure of the labor board to inform the ILWU of the election held on July 27.
3. Notices advertising the election were not adequate in that they were posted in the English language only.
4. Employees of the hotels have approached the ILWU seeking a change in union affiliation.
Ruby Heide, Organizer, Dies at 43

OAKLAND—Ruby Heide, wife of ILWU Local 6 East Bay Business Agent Heide, died August 13 after a long illness. Can-

Can Workers' File Cuts in Tuna $$$

San Pedro — For the first time in history, local fishing boats are becoming so unprofitable that fishermen are fighting to defeat the canners' attempts to cut the price of American canned tuna.

The direct answer of both the union and its members is that boats will not go out for the reduced price offered by canneries. At the same time, however, the fishermen insist that all local crew receipt full payment for their work, and ship owners, according to the owners and based on the collective bargaining agreement.

Although, canners are working, often to capacity, on tuna imported from Japan and South American countries, they are continuing to impose prices as the local catch would cost them, according, to Secretary Anthony Sokolich.

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