Hawaii Brochure Tells 'Our Story'

HONOLULU — Fifty thousand copies of a documented brochure aimed at turning "the spotlight on our cause before the nation," have been printed by Local 142, ILWU here and are being mailed to unions and friends of organized labor to let the public know the facts in the current sugar strike.

The illustrated brochure (front cover is shown above) tells the story of the mammoth corporations which own or control industry and commerce in the Hawaiian Islands, about the kind of people the strikers are; facts about the bloody struggles of the past when workers tried, often at the cost of their lives, to gain decent living standards and conditions; about the manner in which the Big Five gained control of the islands and how ILWU was organized to win a fair shake for the workers of the "Paradise of the Pacific;" and finally the story of the strike itself, its democratic conduct, the unity exhibited and the aid it received from other ILWU locals and from AFL-CIO and independent unions as well.

Against a giant concentration of economic power — the Big Five — 13,700 sugar workers and their families are fighting for decency. It is a fight for life, says ILWU.

The strike is 112 days old today. $10 ASSESSMENT

A letter forwarded to all longshore, shipclerks and walking bosses locals, signed by President Harry Bridges and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt on behalf of the officers, the Coast Committee and the longshore and clerks negotiating committee, recommended a $10 per month assessment to support the strikers.

The first to respond was longshore Local 10 whose members were outraged at the information that sugar employers, without warning, cancelled the medical agreement that protects the health of sugar workers and their families. They voted unanimously.

Even before the recommended assessment increase, Stockton longshore Local 54 had voted to give one day's pay per month per man — approximately $10,000 a month — to aid their Hawaiian brothers.

CUT OFF HEALTH PLAN

The letter to the locals recommending the increased aid said in part:

"The membership remains solid and determined, notwithstanding the privations in a battle of this duration. Morale is high, and solidarity is unshaken. More and more it is becoming apparent that this strike is shaping into a fight for the very existence of the union, with the employers on a campaign to drive the sugar workers into submission.

"The most recent action of the employers was to announce the cancellation of the medical agreements. Events (Continued on Back Page)"
The All-Out Struggle

WE'RE ALL BACKING YOU UP, BUDDY

The STRIKE of our 13,700 ILWU sugar workers on the 26 field factories in Hawaii is approaching the end of the fourth month with the Big 5 employers now plainly embarked on a starve out program.

It appears that the strike will have to go right down to that familiar bitter end that inevitably comes when the employers finally realize that a group of determined workers can hold on to their solidarity and possess the stamina to struggle on through the toughest of hardships.

No group in the history of American labor ever displayed greater courage, unity and determination than is being displayed in the Hawaiian Islands.

And no group ever deserved more help from their own union and the rest of labor, for their struggle is basic to the aims of labor—to advance the working man's standard of living. Insofar as the ILWU is concerned, the whole struggle is basic to the aims of labor—to advance the working man's standard of living. Insofar as the ILWU is concerned, the whole

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It has never been the policy of ILWU to build a huge treasury. The union has operated and built their own soup kitchens, and are supplying them with vegetables, meat and fish gathered by their own growing, hunting and fishing committees. There limits to these supplies, and rice and other commodities have to be purchased.

Just how crucial the situation is and how cruelly arrogant the employers can be was demonstrated when they recently cancelled the workers' medical plan.

The money-raising rally in our own union prepares us now to go to the rest of labor and say first what we have done. Now, will you help in this struggle which is also yours?

TEN YEARS ago the Good Neighbor policy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt was built on a respect for the people of South and Central America. The economic aid extended to these countries had as one of its purposes to help these countries build more democratic societies. There were no marines, no Big Stick and no Dollar Diplomacy.

As a result, within five years Mexico nationalized all foreign holdings of Mexican oil, President Roosevelt insisted only that the foreign investors be reimbursed and the amount was set at $125 million paid in Mexican dollars. Then came the cancellation of all Mexican oil proposed by the international oil interests. During all this the United States never publicly questioned the right of the Mexicans to do as they pleased with their own resources. In fact, President Eisenhower made known to the US approval of any of these countries is how profitable a place it is for American investors in mines, oil wells and public utilities. And US banks and companies set the policy on social re-

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ILWU, ILA, AFL-CIO United in Common Cause at Safety Hearings

(From The Dispatchers' Washington Office)

Washington, D.C. — Legislation is authorize an enforceable stevedore safety law, and workmen's compensation and health and safety laws. The question is whether or not to amend the National Labor Relations Act to give the Board the power to issue rules and regulations that are enforceable under the Constitution. While the AFL-CIO has always been in favor of workers' compensation and safety, the ILWU has been a strong advocate of the same rights for workers at the ports. The ILWU has been able to get the Board to issue rules and regulations that are enforceable under the Constitution.

COMMON CAUSE

The hearing on the ILWU, ILA, and AFL-CIO make common cause, through their testimony, in urging approval of a strike-breaking bill dealing with administrative costs. While the AFL-CIO has been a strong advocate of workers' compensation and safety, the ILWU has been a strong advocate of the same rights for workers at the ports. The ILWU has been able to get the Board to issue rules and regulations that are enforceable under the Constitution.

Hawaii Sugar Employers Cut Off Medical Plan

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Most Hazardous Occupation

Main points brought out in the ILWU testimony were as follows:

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May 13, 1958

PHILIP BADALAMENTI, PRESIDENT
ILWU LOCAL 10
STOCKTON, CALIF.

THE PLEDGE BY LOCAL 54'S MEMBERSHIP OF ONE DAY'S PAY EACH MONTH TO THE HAWAII STRIKE IS A MOST IMPORTANT MORALE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE SUGAR WORKERS. CONSIDERING AS IT DID WHILE THE TERRITORIAL STRIKE COMMITTEE WAS IN SESSION, DEEMED IT WISE TO TIGHTEN UP THE STRIKE, THE PLEDGE OF LOCAL 54 MEMBERSHIP WAS A THREATENING SIGNAL TO THE TRADITION OF FRATERNAL UNITY. YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAN BE SURE THAT THE SUGAR WORKERS WILL USE THIS BATTLE THROUGH TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE REST OF THE UNION.

HARRY BRIDGES, PRESIDENT

Japan, China, Puerto Rico or the Philip-

Picket duty in paradise today in-cludes cultivating union gardens, hunt-
ing wild pig, sheep and goats and other
-game, fishing; union kitchens are serv-
ing more than 250 meals a day; and at approximatel y ten cents a meal; school
-children of the strikers are being fur-
mished with hot lunches.

The day the strike started, every offi-cial of the sugar union went off the pay-roll, other union members voluntarily reduced their wages and other workers in the islands cut their rates of one-third of per cent of their wages to the strike fund. The strike fund of the ILWU has been received from other ILWU locals, from the Central Labor Council and the ILWU is a member of the Longshore Caucus to pass a no-strike law. The ILWU is a member of the Longshore Caucus to pass a no-strike law.

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Endorsers

Part of the large group of ILWU legislative committee representatives from Local 2, 6, 10 and 34, on May 17, were asked pointed questions on a number of key items of interest to labor and the working community.

On their presentation of answers to these important questions hanging the endorsements that were finally made. Among the key questions were those designed to elicit “right-to-work” laws by federal government, California state or individual counties, as well as measures designed to control and regulate union activities, welfare and pension funds and union finances.

Other key questions dealt with the fight against depressions, including the question of the candidates’ attitudes toward tax reductions; public works expansion, unemployment compensation and other anti-recession programs; the question of social security benefits under the Federal Bill, unemployment and disability benefits, state compensation.

The candidates for office were also asked to present their views on such questions as expansion of trade with China, modernization of the port; civil rights and civil liberties, including federal and state law enforcement and the effects, attitude on the continuation of nuclear testing; whether or not they favor federal aid for school construction and increasing teachers’ salaries.

No pre-primary endorsement for United States senator was made by ILWU representatives.

The basis of their form records, their answers to the questionnaire and their presentation of a point of view, the following candidates for statewide offices were endorsed:

Look Out for the House Un-Americans

If You Criticize Mr. Hoover’s F.B.I.

NEW YORK — Can a citizen criticize the Federal Bureau of Investigation without getting slapped with a subpoena from the House un-American committee! It has happened to Cyrus Eaton, the noted industrial tycoon, who dared recently on the ABC Mike Wallace television show to denounce the FBI and other federal police agencies for “snooping, informing and creeping up on people.”

Richard Arnes, staff director of the committee, warned Congressman, demanded and won equal time from ABC to answer Eaton, and on the program announced that the House Francis Walter (D.Pa.) had signed a subpoena for Eaton to appear “at appropriate time” before his witch hunters.

The argument was reminiscent of ILWU Secretary Treasurer Louis Goldblatt’s in open hearing in San Francisco, when he called Ameins to his face as “a cheap, two-bit publicity seeker.”

Eaton said: “I assume that the statement (Arnes’) is for the usual publicity-seeking purposes.”

12c Increase Won in Local 17 Contract

SACRAMENTO — One of the best contracts ever written between a union and scrap metal industry was signed here recently by ILWU Warehousemen’s Union, Local 17 and three firms, City Iron and Metal Company, Inc., Associated Metals and Learner Company, it was reported by union business agent Frank E. Thompson.

A two-year contract, starting April 1, 1958, and expiring April 1, 1960, provides for a 12 cents an hour across the board increase, with 7½ cents as wages and 4½ cents increase allocated to classifications. In addition the one cent per hour across the board increase will be granted as a maximum in the event the welfare plan cost is raised by the insurance carrier.

Increased shifts differentials granted included a raise from 8 to 10 cents per hour on the swing shift and 13 to 15 cents per hour on the graveyard shift.

The contract was highlighted by a clause banning discrimination in the hiring, training, upgrading, promotion, transfer, layoffs, discharge or other discrimination because of membership in the union, or union activities, or race, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation or opinion, sex or marital status.

The agreement sets a 40-hour, 5-day week, with overtime after 8 hours and time and one half on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays. There are 7 paid holidays, also sick benefit allowances, up to 5 days sick leave with pay per year.

The employer paid welfare plan covers the entire family and paid vacations are guaranteed on the basis of one week for one year service, two weeks for two or more years service.

Other benefits gained in this contract include seniority protection, union security, no discharge without cause; a life insurance policy for $1,000 for each employee, paid for by the employer and grievance procedure.

"Want Any More Arguments For Nuclear Control?"

H-BOMB CLUB

USC Head Joins War Against Labor

LOS ANGELES — The Chancellor of the University of Southern California has stepped forward as a decided enemy of the organized labor movement.

Dr. Rufus von KleinSmid, Chancellor of USC, has become a member of the executive committee of an organization pledged to impose the community open shop on California workers.

The announcement of von KleinSmid’s action was made by Los Angeles headquarters of the anti-labor Citizens Committee for Voluntary Unionism.

Alameda County, Ben A. Minton; Contra Costa, Louis T. Ferrari; State Board of Equalization, second district, John W. Lynch; Alameda County Tax Collector and Treasurer, Elinor E. Petersen; Alameda County school board, Mrs. Charlotte Trouvault; board of supervisors; first district, no endorsement; second district — Francis Dunn; third district — Leeland W. Swonger, Five Democratic County Committee; 13th district — Kenneth D. Freeman, 15th district — Charles Murray, 17th district — Jim Nelson.

$1,000 From Local 26 Fund to Hawaii

LOS ANGELES — A contribution of $1,000, taken from the local’s strike fund, to support the Hawaiian sugar strikers, was voted by the last membership meeting of ILWU Local 26.

In addition individual contributions from members total more than $250. Women’s Auxiliary 28 raised $73 for the sugar workers by giving a dinner.

"With the strike of the Hawaiian sugar workers, contributions from our rank and file are coming in from all parts of the country as a sign of our solidarity.

"The Hawaiian sugar workers are fighting to have their rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."
Labor-Backed Men Gain in Demo Primary

PORTLAND—Oregon's labor-backed incumbent governor Robert D. Holmes swept to an easy victory over his opponents in the state's Democratic primary yesterday. He will face Mark Hatfield, present secretary of state, in November.

In three of the state's four congressional districts, the Democratic incumbents, Edith Green, Charles O. Porter and Al Uhlman, were unopposed. All three were endorsed by labor.

In District 4, attorney general Robert Y. Thornton — backed by the unions — defeated Don Matheny, Brooks farmer, in the Democratic primary. Thornton will face the incumbent congressman, Walter Norblad, this fall.

GOOD TRY BY BAKER

At the legislative level, Local 1 member and CRDC lobbyist, Ernest E. Baker, was unsuccessful in his bid for the Democratic nomination from the Southeast Portland city subdistrict. However, he piled up 6,454 votes, a tremendous total considering he was the only candidate whose picture was not in the Voters' book.

In the Democratic primary, labor-backed candidates to the legislature were nominated in Curry, Coos, Columbia and Clatsop counties. From Multnomah County, a number of labor-endorsed candidates, including Portland Labor Council secretary, Ed. Whelan, were nominated in both Democratic and Republican primaries.

Ballots for ILWU Answer R-t-W Bid

SAN PEDRO — When an employer tries to pressure workers in his plant into signing the so-called "right-to-work" petition a week before a collective bargaining election he is likely to find himself at the wrong end of a boomerang.

That's exactly what happened at Westoll Terminals, an oil storage and pumping operation here where the vote was 16 to 0 for ILWU Local 26 in an NLRB election last week. "We believe the reason for the overwhelming victory, despite the employer's...

World Trade Makes Sense, and Jobs, Too

We said it in 1950.
We say it again today.
With, we believe,
More people on our side.
Where do you sit in American life?
Druggist, stenographer?
Bus driver, bartender, grocer?
Doctor, dentist, nurse?
Baker, dry cleaner, shipowner?
Banker, florist, auditor?

Is this to be a trade
That goes one way?
The bowels of the earth in China.
Are rich with things we need,
And the people of China hunger.
For things we grow and make,
And abundance for all.

And stow on ships
And warehouse and load on trains
And steer across the sea.

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And the people of China hunger —
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Needing the stuff
And trade some more,
And put back to work
Those who are still employed.

Let mechanization mean safety,
Let us make "right to work"
Namely, to every man a job.

So, come let us boom our ports!

Fiesta), Peggy Johnston, Shirley Kimbrell and Juanita Gomez. There will also be a Whiskerino contest at the ball and the winner of it will escort the elected queen in the grand waltz. Dancing will be to the music of Manny Harmon and his Mrs. Universe Band with comic Bill Sargent of Las Vegas acting as master of ceremonies. The centennial commemorates the founding of the village of Wilmington.
Unloader Airvayors unload alumina from Japan at new dockside facility

Mechanized Ore Unloader Has Trial Run In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. — A brand new dock facility here, designed for transferring alumina from ships to waiting freight cars, may be the means of bringing much new cargo to Portland. James Fantz, ILWU Local 26 international representative, reports:

The facility, built by trial, is in operation three years later.

The alumina, it comes from bauxite — was joined in the Dutch East Indies and refined in Japan. From here, it was taken to The Dalles for storage in silos until the new plant of the Hawaiian Aluminum Co. is in operation there later this year.

If the new procedure proves successful — and profitable — already-existing aluminum plants at Vancouver and Troutdale may use the facility, also. Three new aluminum plants bring alumina up from the Gulf by barge.

The unloading and shipping of alumina is done by water; the powder-like substance was unloaded from the Canadian stripship Luke Barnaby.

The aluminum is loaded into bauxite — was joined in the Dutch East Indies and refined in Japan. From here, it was taken to The Dalles for storage in silos until the new plant of the Harvey Aluminum Co. is in operation there later this year.

The plant is one of five in the San Joaquin Valley and is under contract with the Chemical Workers who have asked ILWU to represent them. A 200-yard试试 assumed by the operation to the plant's output.

At the present time, six alumina compresses are under ILWU contracts.

Strikers Join Boss To Fight Cane Fire

WAILEIKU, Maui, T. H. — Striking ILWU sugar workers joined their employers recently long overdue, long wanted and won a battle against a common enemy — a cane fire.

Twenty-five union members turned out to help fight a cane fire in a Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar ILWU paper field near Kahului and strikers, joining with employers and firemen, extinguished the fire after it had burned a proximately 14 acres of cane.

The fire is believed to have started when an overheated emergency brake drum of a truck disintegrated scattering pieces of hot metal along Pukalani Highway. Pieces of the metal were found scattered for a mile along the highway in the vicinity of the blaze.

Lynden Endorsed For Demo Post

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Local 6 Secretary-Treasurer, Dick Lynden, has endorsed the 23rd A. D. Democratic Club, Bill Carpenter, and Marlin Bell, for the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Carpenter, Secretary-Treasurer, Dick Lynden, and Marlin Bell, for the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Carpenter, Secretary-Treasurer, Dick Lynden, and Marlin Bell, for the County Board of Supervisors.

Paul Robeson Triumphs At Carnegie

NEW YORK—After an absence of eight years, Paul Robeson, a fairly recent return to his old haunts to the top of the trade of the teaching profession. When people were asked to evaluate various teachers, there was a scholarly history of the country or an expert who had written on the subject. A study made by Opinion Research Corp. for Life magazine discloses that only 20 per cent of the teachers were able to read two living scientists. Moreover, when a survey of a number of scientists by the World-Telegram and Sun reporter, Paul Robeson was more than a folk singer, actor and commentator. He was obviously a symbol — and greeted as such.

Two Dockers Elected Port Commissioners

ASTORIA, Ore., May 18 — Al Riseman, a vice president of Wallenboos Local 92, and Bert Polb, longshoreman long active in Local 50, both came off winners in the contest for port commission seats in this primary election here May 18.

Detention of Heikkila Angers Canada; Police Hit

VANCOUVER, B. C. — When William Heikkila, 55-year-old Finnish-born man, Francisco draftsmanship, was kidnapped by immigration agents, held incommunicado without being able to call his wife, attorney or friends, and departed with his美金 or money, it raised a storm of protest not only throughout the United States, in editorials and in the halls of congress, but also by the press and public here.

Local 26 earlier this month. They asked the local to negotiate a new contract with them when their present contract held by the AFL-CIO Chemical Workers expires July 15.

The signed cards were presented to the Local 26 executive board by Maurice Perschetz and Melvin Bell, AFL-CIO Chemical Workers, and sustained by ILWU Local 26.

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Paul Robeson triumphs at Carnegie Hall.

Paul Robeson, American singer and actor, was one of the greatest basso voices of his generation, and an honorary member of the ILWU, returned to Carnegie Hall to face a face filled to capacity.

Robeson came home to a sellout house and greeted as such.

For a large part of last night's concert, the World-Telegram and Sun writer, "Paul Robeson was more than a folk singer, actor and commentator. He was obviously a symbol — and greeted as such.

From the New York Herald Tribune.

"If anybody has a doubt that there is something radically wrong with the education, these are the people who can name two living scientists. More- over, when a survey of a number of scientists by the World-Telegram and Sun writer, Paul O'Neill, does disclose, one-third of the population still doubts that scientists "can be trusted with the secrets of 'importance' — even though it would seem obvious by now that there is no other scientists discover them."
Local 13's Welfare Service Wins Praise

WILMINGTON—Local 13's outgoing second vice president and welfare officer, L. S. Rindfleisch, was the recipient of a letter from the United States Department of Labor praising him for his "diligent cooperation in the interests of the union members."

One feature of Rindfleisch's work has been a child welfare program that he has set in motion. He builds a fund to take care of the children of the deceased union members, and he has started a program to help young people who are in trouble.

The letter from the USDOL Department of Labor signed by David R. Laney, and has a gang. His father was a char-

Eureka Honors Old-Timers; Wreck-Law Fight Pledged

EUREKA—The Third Annual Pensioners' Dinner, sponsored by ILWU Auxiliary 29 here, heard guest speaker L. B. Thomas, of the coast labor relations committee, pay high tribute to pensioners.

"The pensioners form the foundation of our union," said Thomas, "for it was through their efforts that our union was held together during the early years, and they justly deserve and earned every penny of their pensions in this industry."

Thomas told the assembled pensioners that the members of Longshore Local 14, and guests of the auxiliary that it is their responsibility to see that the "efforts of the pensioners have been accomplished so much in the way of decent working conditions, welfare and pension programs. They have the best pension program in the country," he said, "but we are not going to rest until it is even better."

Members of the union, auxiliaries and pensioners were encouraged by Thomas to redouble their efforts to "get out and work to see that this state does not elect Senator Knowland for governor and to defeat the right-to-work campaign against unions."

Mrs. R. K. Knowland, president of the auxiliary 29 was Mistress of Ceremonies for the dinner which was held at the Vasa Hall, and her assistants present were introduced by Ed Suriland. Pensioners present included William Bowle, Emil Matson, Andy Wilter, Mr. and Mrs. Brons Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearce, Albert Walser, Bert Baill, Oscar Sisk, and John Sundell who substituted for his husband who is visiting in Europe.

Other pensioners in the area who were unable to attend were John Mosby, Tom Toczynski, Nic Nelson, Ted Birkland, George Mitchell, Oscar Nelson and Andy Cagney.

The Joint Legislative Committee of ILWU Local 14 composed of Chairman, Johnson L. Brown, At Barthelmeim, Henry Swanson and Roy Roselli and the Executive Board of Auxiliary No. 29, have actually had a concentrated campaign to defeat the so-called right-to-work initiative and the campaign of the Federation of Labor. Senator William F. Knowland, Republican candidate for the governorship of the State of California.

On May 9, the Committee sponsored the "only scheduled appearance before a labor union group of Cem Miller, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives from the First Congressional District. Many labor union members in the area have participated.

Recession hits the ex-Communist

Circuit: C of C finds no interest

NORWALK, Conn. — According to the New York Times the subject of communism in Norwalk leaves local townsfolk cold.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce here, announcing they were performing "a public service" arranged a series ofmatic "Facts about Communism,"

The first speaker, Mrs. Bellarose Dodd, former communist, gave the first lecture at the Norwalk High School auditorium.

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Book Review

Robeson Writes About Ideas He Lives By and Lives For

PAUL ROBESON, "Here I Stand," Othello Associates

ILWU Book Club price, $1.00

The ILWU Book Club is offering to ILWU members Paul Robeson's "Here I Stand," for 25¢ per week.

Paul Robeson may well be considered one of America's most distinguished intellectuals. A world-wide Galapagos Pild would show him to be the working people of Asia, Africa, South America, and Europe. He is the best known and the most honored. To him have been added to the Americans which Messrs. Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Dulles do not represent—the Americas in the age of Franklin Roosevelt.

But at home, in the U.S.A., Paul Robeson is looked upon as a radical. A great many people are given to admit, but in the eyes of the State Department not fit to live abroad. In a brief in Robeson's passport case, the State Department explained its cancelation by saying that "he has been for years extreme in his attitude toward the independence of the colonial people of Africa."

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ILWU has shown what we think of him by making him one of the three honored Guests of our Book Club, along with Father Duff and with that other great artist Rockwell Kent. For Robeson is a lawyer, Vincent Hallman. During the 1946. CMU strike, Robeson sang "Joe Hill" to 5,000 longshoremen and seamen gathered at the foot of Clay Street in San Francisco. Robeson has made a tour of the Hawaiian Islands, under ILWU auspices, singing on the plantations to ILWU members.

Speaking on the Embarcadero in 1954, Paul Robeson said: "I'm here to be free. This last year I've been on picket lines all over the country. And on those picket lines Negro and white together united for the things all men want. Before that I was overseas. And I saw the workers there. They are with us all. Over the world we are on the same side."

These convictions are among those you will find when you read "Here I Stand," the most thorough, the most free, the most full statement of the things Paul Robeson believes, would show that in the eyes of the ILWU, the last longshore caucus, which rejected the strike.

The policy of the union officers down through the years has always been to advise the membership very calmly, exactly how arrival of the Board of Conciliation and Adjustment means the end of the strike. The real "experts" in any strike situation are those who must do the fighting and suffering, those who walk the bricks and the families who must tighten their belts and stand solidly side by side of the broadminded.

T HE BASIC THEORY of the ILWU is that if the strike is long enough, if it is active, it is a low cost of living. It costs more to live in Seattle than it does in many cities elsewhere in the United States, providing you want what is called an American standard of living. It might be interesting if some of our members who are living on public assistance or workers most of their lives on plantations, could tell mainland workers that they are living too low. We on the mainland would hear the story of workers' struggle, read the use of whips, the kicking around the people received and had to take in order to live. We'd learn how so many workers were once forced to supplement their income by hunting wild pigs and goats and other game, fishing the streets, scavenging, even though they were working full time.

The union has changed all this and with better conditions and a comparatively better living standard there has also been added the dignity and self-respect we and all the State Department explained its cancelation, but in the eyes of the State Department not fit to travel abroad. In

Every detail was carefully planned with the human element in mind. The ILWU is the only union that has shown consideration to the children of the houses for the children in school; the diets in the kitchens so that small goods, simple and plain, mass produced as they are, are nevertheless attractive. None of the diets contained any necessary nutritional elements. Credit arrangements were carefully looked into so that workers could pay for their or other major items they own and are still paying for. They have come in a careful and wise way, with organized sports, group picnics, entertainment, and much more.

Finally there's no question that our brothers and sisters have made a fundamental sense of security and strength because they know that no backroom deals were done. The December 10, 1958, agreement was a deal to end a strike.

After the agreement of January 27, 1958, between the Governments of the USA, and USSR on exchange of missions in cultural, technical and educational fields, several technical and cultural missions have been exchanged, but this is only the start. We can only be aware of the heartaches involved and are prepared. But it has been with the 17,000 sugar workers in Hawaii and their families, who have long been experts in knowing how to tend the garden and hunt and fish. These people have their hands to the soil, they have real reason for concern. They have real problems to face. They have understood that their problems are shared. They have come and work together as one family—one that is fighting a common battle.

There is no standing above all else in the view of the ILWU. The battlefront is everywhere. There is no more important battlefront than the one the ILWU is fighting.

Every artist, every scientist, must be an expert in the techniques of his trade. This is the only profession in which a man can be called an expert. For the artist must elect to be here. This last year I've been on picket lines all over the country. And on those picket lines Negro and white together united for the things all men want. Before that I was overseas. And I saw the workers there. They are with us all. Over the world we are on the same side.

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