ILWU Board Raps AFL-CIO Kennedy 'Fix' Duplicity And Cant' Are Cited

San Francisco — The ILWU executive board meeting in regular quarterly session this week denounced efforts of AFL-CIO top leadership to build up Senator John Kennedy as labor's candidate for president as "a cynical and dishonest maneuver growing out of deals which originated in the early days of the McClellan Committee hearings."

"Specifically in this regard," said a board statement unanimously adopted, "for Kennedy the 'fix' is in."

The statement continues:

"Senator John Kennedy, with his pious cant and duplicity, and with his misrepresentation of the labors of the labor officials tied to him, should be exposed. No one denies his right to stand for any office in the land, but let him run on his record and his convictions and not under the false colors of a 'friend of the working people.'"

Concluding a full statement on international relations, the ILWU board called for a five-point program as follows:

1. "A summit meeting of the leaders of the major powers.
2. "No resumption of the testing of nuclear weapons.
3. "A settlement of the German and Berlin issues along lines which specifically deny nuclear weapons to any German state.
4. "Exchange of trade union delegations between the USA and the USSR, China and the other countries of the Socialist bloc.
5. "A step-by-step relaxation of the boycott of trade, looking toward the elimination of all obstacles to the full and complete exchange of goods between all nations of the world."

Court Ruling Deplored

The board deplored the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upholding the authority of court-appointed monitors over the International Brotherhood of Teamsters as "a blow to the entire American labor movement."

"The precedents being established," said the ILWU board, "will destroy every union which tries to pursue an independent rank and file policy or...(Continued on Page 5)

Who Said It?

Whoever, employed by this corporation, votes the Ben Butler 10-Hour ticket on Monday next, will be discharged.

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THE IDEA IS TO REMODEL THE CUSTOMER

THE DOUBLE-DEALING corruption of the AFL-CIO hierarchy in selling out the American working people may go far deeper than we have heretofore had the temerity to suppose. For instance, we have not up to now allowed ourselves to think that the top leaders actually collaborated with the National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce to deliver over the American labor movement bound in the straight-jacket of Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin. The history of events, however, and certain day-to-day revelations lead us awfully close to that conclusion.

Such would not in the least cause us to abandon the already reached conclusion that the men at the top of the hierarchy are power-hungry and of sufficient moral corruption consciously to subvert the labor movement into a politically dominated labor front.

WHAT ARE WE to think as we learn that the leadership of AFL-CIO gave the original go-ahead to the McClintic Committee which subsequently furnished the headlines and inflammatory material for editorialists to pace the public into fear and hatred of all organized labor? And further learn that AFL-CIO President George Meany sent out a letter absolving himself from any blame for voting for the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act?

And who is the darling of AFL-CIO being permitted to run the labor movement with the full intent to rob it of its life of labor with the full intent to rob its rightful voice in the setting of wages, hours and conditions of work, an inherent right already re-stricted by the Taft-Hartley Act.

The act, it was said, was to protect the working man from crooks in labor leadership. What a colossal fraud to foist upon the American public! As in other walks of life, the crooks will find a way to make the act pay off—for them. Meanwhile, the rest of us will do the paying and find it ever more difficult to get the wages necessary to do the paying. It is the honest men who will be hurt, not the crooks. In the department of crookedness the act makes nothing illegal that was not already illegal and subject to successful prosecution of the guilty. Moreover, what a handful of crooks in the labor movement took out of the workers' pockets will be tenfold exceeded by what lawyers and bonding companies will now take.

For the first time in history we are to be told by government, under pain of fine and/or imprisonment, what we must write into our union constitutions, what we can and cannot demand in collective bargaining, what strikes we can or cannot actively support and who we may or may not elect to union office.

Such internal regulation of voluntary organization is imposed upon no other walk of American life. The theory is that out of all groups in the country there is one—labor—whose members are not competent to determine for themselves what is in their own best interest. That is the theory implied. The aim is to make any self-interest determination impossible, and illegal if attempted.

And over this there is falsely hoisted the banner of democracy!
Junket to Puerto Rico Turns into Nightmare For House un-American Activities Committee

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — If the House un-American Activities Committee expected a pleasant little vacation here for the Christmas holidays last week, it was badly disappointed. The committee's attempt to escape the present bitter controversy over Senator Joseph McCarthy's nest of opposition and unified Puerto Rican public opinion more than any other event this year may well be placed as the most disheartening experience of the year's political debates.

Representatives William Tuck (D-Va.) and Gordon Scherer (R-0), who are on the committee's 21-year history did it once, but there was no such unified and absolute resistance. Neither Tuck nor Scherer, members answered a single question other than to identify himself. The committee was unable to interview the local's prestigious witnesses. It had to rely on staff writers who wrote in many cases on times before in earlier hearings.

The hostile witnesses were supported by a committee of lawyers appointed by the Bar Association of San Juan in their challenge to the jurisdiction of the committee to operate in Puerto Rico.

During the hearings, pickets marched outside the committee in protest. Lawmakers signed a protest which was carried on the front pages of the papers, and 69 members of the faculty of the University of Puerto Rico issued a communiqué declaring a complete political demonstrations against the Committee. The hearings were held throughout the island.

While alleged for the hearings with the local's headquarters, 255 Ninth Street, San Juan, the Bar Association in Puerto Rico, with headquarters in New York, issued a communiqué: ‘The hearings themselves may well prove to be the most significant event in US relations with the Latin American countries, as they may influence the landing of the marines in Nicaragua.'

Committee procedures gave Puerto Rican labor leaders an opportunity to denounce the Committee as an attack on civil liberties in the US and in Latin America.

The committee revealed that it had obtained the diary of Joe Enamorado Cuesta, a local labor lawyer, from the local's headquarters, 255 Ninth Street. On November 29, 1959, Cuesta was questioned for two hours about his activities, which included an indication that he had done anything illegal.

It was also revealed that mail addressed to another witness at his US Post Office Box 772 had been opened and read, and made available to the Committee of Congressmen.

After Cuesta refused for two hours to answer any questions, Representative Tuck threatened to have him arrested and said that he accused Clark Foreman, the director of ILWU Research Director, declared, "You can hang the key step needed to eliminate the evil of experience rating, the case against the amendment of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act which makes this plan mandatory on the unemployment compensation program".

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ILWU EXECUTIVE BOARD STATEMENTS

Following are texts of the policy statements adopted by the ILWU Executive Board at its quarterly meeting November 30 and December 1:

International Relations

The world is today on the threshold of peace. The first signs in the thawing out of the cold war have been taken as the result of the Khrushchev visit to the United States, the discussions with President Eisenhower and Eisenhower’s own projected trip to the USSR. The negotiations in Geneva on the control of atomic testing seem to be close to a settlement, and a summit meeting of the world’s top leaders next spring seems to be set.

The change in the climate of relations between the USA and the USSR has set off a chain reaction which can begin to bring about world-wide disarmament and thereby further lessen the change in the climate of relations between the USA and the USSR has set off a chain reaction which can begin to bring about world-wide disarmament and thereby further lessen the tension while reducing the burden of the enormous cost of war preparations. In every country on the face of the earth, ordinary people have been made hopeful by all of these signs of change.

ILWU RECORD CITED

We have no illusions that all outstanding issues can or will be settled easily or quickly. At this stage the big step forward is the recognition that there is no alternative to the negotiation of differences.

The ILWU has never departed from this position. We have insisted in our International Executive Board and in convention resolutions that negotiations must mean mutual concessions. Negotiations between nations, like negotiations between labor and management, cannot proceed if one side insists upon the unconditional surrender of the other. Each side must be ready to give, each side must have a flexible position if negotiations are to mean anything.

The danger, as we have pointed out, is for either side to talk negotiations while standing pat on its own frozen demands, or for either side to insist that the other side all down to negotiate its own continued existence.

The opportunity now is for changes on both sides, and those changes will inevitably be to the benefit of the peoples of the major powers and of all mankind.

AFL-CIO ASSAILED

The members of ILWU can take pride in the integrity the union has displayed during the years of the cold war. When, for example, the 1953 ILWU Convention spelled out a program for helping to lessen the war danger our proposals were a voice in the wilderness. Today, with a few minor exceptions, each of the recommendations adopted by the convention delegates in 1953 have come to pass.

Most recently the ILWU in its hospitality to Prime Minister Khrushchev helped change the tone of his visit to the USA. In this, as in our general approach to international relations, the ILWU has consistently differed with the AFL-CIO leadership who now find themselves to the right of the Dulles policies and isolated from what the American people desire and are helping to bring about.

TRADE UNIONISTS MISSING

At this stage, the USA and the USSR renewed their agreement on exchanges and visits of people from both nations. Engineers, scientists, businessmen, actors and actresses, orchestras, government officials, farmers, teachers and professors, and just ordinary tourists are going from one country to the other. Only trade unionists are excusable by their absence.

Not to join in such exchanges, not to take advantage of every opportunity to improve understanding and to break down barriers, between nations is a crime. It is a disservice to our own people and a misuse of the leadership entrusted to certain trade union officials. The more people meet and talk, the more they see of each other in their homes and at their places of work, the more understanding there will be. The more we trade and exchange goods and ideas, the more we will see how much alike all people are in their hopes, their aspirations and their desires.

ACTION PROGRAM LISTED

As for the ILWU, we intend to proceed along the path to a more peaceful world already marked out by past union conventions and international executive board actions. Today this means the following:

• A summit meeting of the leaders of the major powers
• No resumption of the testing of nuclear weapons
• A settlement of the German and Berlin issues along lines which specifically deny nuclear weapons to any German state
• Exchange of trade union delegations between the USA and the USSR, China and the other countries of the socialist bloc
• A step-by-step relaxation of the boycott of trade, leading toward the elimination of all obstacles to the full and complete exchange of goods between all nations of the world.

We see this program as a challenge to the union and to all the American people. The opportunity for putting the whole world on another course is at hand. It is an opportunity no one should dare let slip by.

John Kennedy

The efforts of the top leadership of the AFL-CIO to build up Senator John Kennedy as labor’s candidate for the 1960 presidential nomination is a cynical and dishonest maneuver growing out of the deals which originated in the early days of the McChesney Committee hearings. Specifically, in this sense, for Kennedy the “fix” is in.

Senator Kennedy is more responsible for the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law than any other lawmaker. This bill which is recognized as the worst setback for labor since Taft-Hartley could have been blocked if Senator Kennedy had joined Senator Morse and others in the last ditch fight. The record is clear: he refused. Kennedy’s crime against labor is greater than any other single politician because of his hypocritical posing as a friend and savior of the rank and file of American labor. But in truth we know him—and we know him to be motivated primarily by his personal presidential ambitions. He holds the rank and file unionists in contempt.

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The Teamsters’ Union

The recent US Supreme Court decision upholding the authority of the monitors over the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Independent) was a blow to the entire American labor movement.

The ILWU has consistently opposed being established by the legal means against the Teamsters’ Union and its general president, James R. Hoffa. We are certain that Kennedy is one of the leaders, had joined Senator Morse and others in the last ditch fight. The record is clear: he refused. Kennedy’s crime against labor is greater than any other single politician because of his hypocritical posing as a friend and savior of the rank and file of American labor. But in truth we know him—and we know him to be motivated primarily by his personal presidential ambitions. He holds the rank and file unionists in contempt.

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THE REAL FACTS

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which tries to buck the pattern of conformity which has become the domi-
nant trait of the union movement today.

Pledging full support and energies toward exposing the real purposes of the attacks on the Teamsters, the board concluded with reaffirmation of "our support to President (James R.) Hoffa of the Teamsters' Union in his battle to maintain basic trade union principles which would guarantee the

the wholesale onslaught against the Teamsters. These are the facts:

1. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters is the largest union in the USA.

2. Teamster support is decisive or dispensable to nearly all other unions, especially smaller and weaker unions if organizing, collective bargaining and strike struggles are to be effective.

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The Mine-Mill
Conspiracy
Trial

THE ever-continuing efforts to wreck

claims taken by the Mine-Mill and Smel-

ter Workers' Union has entered a new

phase, a delayed conspiracy trial of eleven offi-

cials of Mine-Mill. The trial, on the charge that the officers conspired to

get the services of the National Labor Relations Board for the union, is under-

way at some time when some 35,000 copper miners have been on strike since mid-

August.

Mine-Mill is under attack and its

resources, time and energy are being di-

verted to an expensive litigation when

every moment at the union's disposal

should be thrown into the support of the rank and file in the battle with the powerful copper industry in America. Now that a trial of this attack on the union the strike is solid, and with help from the rest of the labor movement victory can be assured.

The ILWU is well-familiar with this

kind of a tieup of anti-union forces with congressional and governmental agencies," said the ILWU statement. "We recognize that at stake here are the wages, hours and working conditions of the copper workers despite the usual claims that these moves have the best interests of the rank and file at heart.

The Executive Board reiterates this support to the defendants in the trial

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and to the striking copper miners, and states that all ILWU local unions will do whatever they can to help out in this battle.

Local Elections

Local 21, Longview

Local 21 will hold its annual election for offi-
cers on Tuesday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Polls will be open at the union hall, 1714 S. First Ave., Longview, Washington, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local 25, Aberdeen

ILWU Local 25 will nominate officers at its December 16th meeting. Nomination meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Opera House at 8 p.m. The next meeting of the union is December 11, at which time officers will be elected.ilwuk

Local 52, Seattle

Chapman, Secretary-Treasurer of the ILWU Local 52, Seattle, announced the union's vote to send a delegation of rank and file to Russia.

Local 54, Stockton

Nominees for the offices of vice president, secretary-treasurer, labor representative, and general foreman will be elected at the regular union meeting on December 16, at which time officers will be elected. 

December 4, 1959
Ike Aides Take Second Look At Forand Bill to Help Aged

(Washington, D. C.—A hint that the Administration may yet retreat from its stand against the Forand bill was revealed here recently by Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Flemming told a press conference that his agency, after failing to come up with a workable alternative, was now engaged in "reviewing our position" in the light of new principles embodied in legislation like the Forand bill.

SOCIAL SECURITY EXTENSION

The Forand bill, strongly backed by organized labor and social security beneficiaries with hospital, surgical and nursing home care. It would be financed by an increase of one-fourth of one percent in the social security tax.

Flemming's announcement that he was studying this program is a decided change from his previous statements before the House Ways and Means Committee. At that time he urged the rejection of the Forand bill because, as he argued, it would undermine private efforts to solve the problem of health care for the aged.

The HEW Secretary admitted to newsmen that his agency had so far failed to "come up with a plan to supplement voluntary insurance programs."

REPORT TO WHITE HOUSE

Flemming's press conference was called to take note of a report he had just submitted to President Johnson entitled, "Developments and Resources for Older People."

The report had been prepared by the President's Committee on Aging, on which Flemming is chairman.

A 130-page document summarized federal activities in meeting the problems of older people, listed the "challenges facing the millions who are coming, and how the federal government and state and local governments can best cooperate to meet them.

In noting "growing concern over the problem of older people with low incomes in paying for modern medical care," the President urged further study by the Social Security Administration on means to encourage voluntary plans and to supplement them in "practicable" ways.
Cutter Labs Slap Damage Suit On ILWU, Dim Strike End Hope

BERKELEY — Cutter Laboratories cast a shadow over the prospect for settlement of the 10-week-old strike at its plant here by sacking ILWU Local 6 with a $63,946 damage suit in Federal District Court in San Francisco November 9.

As the Dispatcher went to press December 3, negotiations between the company and Local 6 were scheduled to open. But union spokesmen indicated hopes of a speedy settlement were "dim" in view of company strike-breaking moves.

The company conducted attempts to get an anti-picketing injunction against the local at Pacific Plastic Products, a Cutter subsidiary in San Carlos, under secondary boycott provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Strikers also reported that the company has been spreading rumors that it plans to resume operations here with scab labor.

The damage suit, also under the Taft-Hartley Act, alleges that a secondary boycott by the union was responsible for the sacking of $8,964 of drugs at Em- terinal Terminals. In addition, the company is seeking $50,000 for alleged loss of good will of customers because of the strike.

The company and Local 6 were scheduled to sign anti-picketing injunction against the union here December 7.

NLRB has also issued a complaint against the union. It will hold hearings on the complaints December 15.

In the meantime, NLRB asked for a temporary injunction against the union in Federal Court in San Francisco.

Local 6 Business Agent Bill Burke reported that morale among the strikers continues high despite the concerted legal attack against the union by ILWU and the company.

Senate Hearing on Drug Prices Set

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Senate Antitrust Subcommittee Chairman Ernest F. Kefauver (D., Tenn.) told a press conference there is "some strong indication" of uniform pricing among the larger manufacturers, and one purpose of the investigation is to find out if similar prices are the result of anti-competition policies.

Both Cutter Lab and its Pacific Plastic subsidiary have filed complaints that Cutter is the subject of a primary boycott under the Taft-Hartley Act, secondary boycott provisions. The NLRB has also issued a complaint against the union.

Guild Wins At Knowland's Oakland Trib

OAKLAND — The San Francisco Oakland Newspaper Guild has won bargaining rights at Oakland's new Trib, the last anti-union holdout among major Northern California newspapers.

The Guild won hands down in an NLRB election held November 19 among the Tribune's editorial department employees. The Guild won 105 votes as against 51 for the Oakland Tribune Editorial Employees Association, which has held editorial bargaining rights among editorial workers for the past 20 years.

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US Aims to Halt New Steel Strike

From The Dispatcher's Washington Office

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Negotiations between the Steel Strike mediators and representatives were resumed here this week after being adjourned by the Federal Mediation Service.

The 30- to 40-person conference panel met on the heels of an appeal from AFL-CIO President George Meany calling for the steel industry to contribute funds to provide the Steelworkers with financial support if they have to strike again.

"Where the imposition of the injunction is concerned, I'm in his letter to offici- ers and legislators of all city central bodies, the companies have made no satisfactory offer to the union. There is every indication that the Steelworkers will be forced to strike again on January 26," Meany said in his letter to offi- cers of the Mediation Service. President Eisenhower's three-man steel inquiry was summoned to Washington after high profile negotiations it has been determined to wipe out indus- trial democracy.

Union-industry negotiators were summoned to Washington after high government officials decided that for the time being settlement efforts would be directed by Joseph Finnegan, direc- tor of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Eisenhow 's three-man steel inquiry has had no effect on the sidelines, available for help.

"Make no mistake about it: Management wants to go back to work through a process that is to be speeded up by the industry," Meany added.

Local 26 Wins New Eureka Iron Pact

LOS ANGELES—ILWU Local 26 members at Eureka Iron have ratified a new contract with the company which provides for wage and welfare increases.

"We've worked hard, met with the management and we're satisfied with the outcome," said Scott Elzean, business agent of Local 26. "It's a good contract for the workers and it's a good contract for the company.

Workers received an eight-cent wage increase retroactive to October 1. For the first time in 16 years, the sick leave provision was 10 cents. The contract provides that all employees will get the same increases automatically on October 1, 1960.

The new contract also carries an additional $1 for health and welfare increases and agreed to no layoff of workers. The contract also assures present health and welfare ben- efits for the duration of the contract. The new contract also provides leave up to 10 days and pre-rated vaca- tion days for all employees.

Pey Hike Wins at United Metals

LOS ANGELES—Pey Hike of United Metals Local 26 has won an increase of seven cents across the board and a seventh holiday in negotiations with United Americans Metals. The general wage increase in a scrap settlement which will also apply at United American.

Dinner Display

MRS. WAYNE E. MOISO, veteran Seattle auxiliary worker, prepares a display of handicrafts by auxiliary members. The display was one of the features of the Thanksgiving dinner given by the Seattle Pensioners Club. The dinner was attended by about 250 old-timers and their friends and will be held in the ILWU Hall, 6th and 17th, and will be held in the ILWU Hall, 617 34th Avenue. Included will be auxiliaries from Washington, Oregon, Canada and Alaska. All are urged to send representation.

The California Conference will be held in the ILWU Hall, Local 26, 5255 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, on January 19 and 20. All auxiliaries in the state are eligible to send delegates.

Delegations to these conferences are figured the same as in convention representa- tion. Three regular delegates and one alternate or votes, for each 50 members and one delegate or vote for each 100 members thereof or fraction thereof, per capita tax to the Federated Aux- iliaries must be paid through December 1, 1959 for auxiliary to be in good standing at the Conference.

Each auxiliary is responsible for transportation and subsistence expense of delegates and for any necessary hotel or motel reservations.

Seward Auxiliary Draws Up Bylaws

SEWARD, Alaska — Secretary Blanche Clark reports that Auxiliary 37 has completed drawing up bylaws for approving a new constitution and bylaws, which will be printed and made available in booklet form.

Answer to Who Said It

Sign posted on a Lowell, Mass., mill gate in 1851 as recorded in Leo Huberman’s “We, The People.”

THAT is why all mankind feels a part of this. Representatives of different countries are wont to tell us that international talking is peaceful ways of settling disputes; talk- ing about a change in attitude; about the choice between guarantees and mutual security; a key sentence in our statement on interna- tional relations.

“In every country on the face of the earth, ordinary people have been made hopeful by all of these signs of change.”

There is hope and we in ILWU have for many years encouraged that sense of hope. For many years our conven- tions have held forth on the necessity to negotiate differences—to find some common meeting ground which all people understood.

Our experience as trade unionists has taught us the fact of life. We’ve always known that no matter how bitter the conflict, sooner or later there was only one alternative to complete destruction — negotiation of differ- ences. We’ve always known — and it has been proved in many strikes—that sett- tlement gives great satisfaction.

We see great satisfaction in them. Of course. But being hopeful is not enough; all is not well with the world. We also must stand ready to implement our hopes through action. It is possible to be hopeful enough, when some men watch their families starve to death, while in our part of the world, people have enough, when some people have enough, and another is fed there is a world of dif- ference between the rich and the poor; the community of man cannot remain half-fed and half-fed, anymore than it can remain half-slave and half-free. We recognize that each man who is ordered to shoot at another man could sit down and talk things over, they would soon be shooting the breech about their families and jobs and cursing out the landlord and comparing notes about all kinds of things they have in common. They’d easily reach a better understanding and view of our own in- tellectual understanding of how shooting against hunger and want and indignity and against men whenever they may live. We have to be proud of our long tradition of speaking up against hunger and want and indignity and against men whenever they may live.