Kennedy Administration Blocks Mechanization Fund

Aiea Sugar Strike Wins Wage Boost

HONOLULU—ILWU Local 142 members at The California & Hawaiian Company sugar refinery at Aiea won a two-week strike for higher pay August 9. There are about 80 workers at the plant.

The strike succeeded in narrowing by 6 cents an hour the big gap between wages at the Aiea and Crockett, California, C&H refineries, both owned cooperatively by Hawaiian sugar interests. The Crockett plant is operated by ILWU Local 6.

As a result of militant strike action and pledges of Mainland support, the Aiea workers won an increase in the basic pay rate of 34 cents per hour. The $1.62 hourly rate is the same for both plants.

The strikers had voted to send two pickets to Crockett by August 18 to pressure the company to agree to the principal demands.

SUPPORT PLEDGED

In San Francisco, President Charles Duetsch of Local 6 had warned, “We are in full support of the Aiea workers. We will do everything in our power to back them up in their completely justified demands.”

The Aiea agreement expired January 3, 1961. The wage work continued on a five-day notice arrangement until the union decided on a settlement.

A strike leaflet had pointed out: “Workers at C&H Aiea Refinery are fighting another battle in the long struggle of Hawaii’s workers to end wage discrimination. Parity with mainland workers—equal pay for equal work—is still an unreached goal for most of Hawaii’s workers.”

The leaflet declared that the base rate at Aiea was $1.62 an hour against $2.25 a day at Crockett for the same job.

“Aiea workers are not trying to wipe this differential out all at once, the leaflet said. “They only ask that the company agree to the principal that the differential must be eliminated eventually and make a step in that direction . . . .”

Asking Equality

Unit Chairman Agapito Camarillo leads other Aiea refinery in their daily morning march on the picket line. The plant is shut down tight as workers demand parity with C&H workers at Crockett.

Treasury Stalls Tax Approval

San Francisco—ILWU President Harry Bridges charged August 9 that the Kennedy administration is “disrupting peaceful labor-management relations on the West Coast by stalling” on tax approval of the $5 billion a year mechanization and modernization agreement reached between ILWU and PMA on Oct. 18, 1960.

The agreement was approved by West Coast checkers and longshoremen by better than a two to one vote in a referendum here which concluded January 3, 1961.

DELAaed FOR MONTHS

Shortly after the parties submitted the mechanization fund agreement to the Treasury's Internal Revenue Service for approval, “Internal Revenue has had months to act, but has not yet done so,” Bridges declared. “The result is that longshoremen and shipwrights are not getting their share of the machine which was the guts of this agreement, and they are now in serious jeopardy.”

The mechanization fund agreement was contingent on tax approval. Issue at stake is whether the $5 million a year to be contributed by employers to the mechanization fund as a business expense is deductible as a business expense.

Fast government rulings have all ways held that contributions for employ fringe benefits, including severance pay, pensions and welfare funds, are treated as business expenses and exempt from income and profit taxes.

Who Said It?

It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and nazism and to insure that Germany will never again disturb the peace of the world. We are determined to disarm and dishonor all German armed forces; break up for all time the German General Staff that has repeatedly contrived the resurgence of German militarism; remove or destroy all German military equipment; eliminate or control all German industry that could be used for military production . . .

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The Armaments Boom

By Harry Bridges

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The West German Government under Chancellor Adenauer makes no bones about what it wants. They want more power; they want to expand to the borders of the Germany of 1937, the borders of 1937 where they were able to capture East Germany, and to seize back parts of Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the USSR. They want to control Poland and the history of the last sixteen years. They want to take up once more where they left off before they were defeated in World War II.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Dispatcher we have reprinted the statement by President Kennedy which he made in West Berlin in June 1957. He there was in 1959. The map was posted up in schools, bus stations and store windows. The copies were torn up. The peace negotiations were posted up in the West Berlin trade union headquarters. It is clear and unmistakable—get everything back under West German control. "Deutschland Uber Alles" all over again.

In business circles. These include the continuous development of an atmosphere hostile to unions and the less freedom of action we have to pursue our interests. The stronger they get the more dependent we become on big business, they are unfortunately quite ready to take a "voluntary" no-strike pledge—just as they might, we become on them and the less freedom of action we have to pursue our own policies and our own goals.

While we have read no reports of plans to curb profits, The Wall Street Journal said last August that the Administration is thinking of wage controls. And new legislation and administrative curbs on unions are said to be in the making.

We are aware that there are many other issues and conflicts involved in the Berlin-Germany crisis which have been discussed and analyzed in prior issues of the Dispatcher. But they affect and color the picture, they are minor and secondary. If the two crises are analyzed as separate and unrelated, it is because the world does not understand that the two are part of the same crisis. If the essentials are faced up to and resolved, the rest will fall in place.
Scab Newsmen Merge in Portland

PORTLAND — Portland's newspaper cooperatives merged with the regular newspapers last week. The result is a new newspaper cooperative, The Oregonian, which will publish The Oregonian, The Oregon Journal, and The Oregon Register.

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Our proposals aren't to "back down" or "surrender." They are aimed at cutting into the economic base of the arrange-ment and providing a solution which can satisfy the U.S., the USSR, and the rest of the world.

The German people are being mis-led. We have been told the only way to stop the German people is to use violence and force. The stakes are too great and the cost of the war is too high. We cannot allow this crisis to be settled without the consent of the people of Europe.

The Oregon Journal last week published the following article:

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Portland Crane

The mammoth new crane tower at Pier 4 provides Portland with the Pacific Coast's fastest bulk unloading facility. Local 8 members are going through a paid training program financed by the commission of public docks. Work on the structure was begun in October, 1958. The tower looms 130 feet above the 1,200-foot pier. It will permit direct transfer of ore and concentrates from ships to rail, truck or open storage and has a rated capacity of 900 tons an hour. The giant bucket takes 13-ton loads of cargo at a time. The new $3.5 million crane, tower and pier is part of a building and modernization program which has seen the investment of $13 million since 1955.

Unemployment in Washington State

Still High Despite Upturn Reports

SEATTLE—In spite of the "economic upturn," the Department of Labor has added Seattle to the list of "substantial unemployment." They are Aberdeen, Anatola, Centralia, Port Angeles, Wenatchee and Yakima.

JOBLESS POOL REMAINS

During the same period the State Department of Public Assistance reports that the general assistance and aid to dependent children (ADC) rolls have shown considerable increases.

Six Washington state cities are in the category of "substantial and persistent unemployment." They are Aberdeen, Anacortes, Centralia, Port Angeles, Wenatchee and Yakima.

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This summer the seasonal "upturn" left a disquietingly large pool of unemployed. The Department of Employment Security reports that when the "non-seasonal" unemployed dropped by 13,841 between April and July, half of these were workers who had exhausted their benefits. At the end of the benefit year June 30 a total of 13,258 additional workers applied for the extended jobless compensation.

Although the distribution of federal "surplus" food did not get under way until mid-July, the program has already become an ecologic boomerang revealing what the econometricians were predicting when they talk about a "hard core" of unemployment.

DEMAND FOR FOOD

The first jobling report from the Department of Public Assistance was that the 62,000 persons receiving food from the federal "surplus" food centers represents only 20 per cent of those who are eligible. This mean, said J. T. Huff, director of the program, that more than 300,000 persons were receiving food by the end of the year.

Food now being distributed consists of butter, lard, cornmeal, flour, oatmeal, peanut butter, dried egg, beans, rice, powdered milk and canned meat. Each individual receives about $5 worth of food (wholesale price) monthly.

The department estimated that it has received $30 million in surplus food but has raised this to $40 million with the prediction that it will probably be much higher.

Teamsters Score

Business Profits

SEATTLE—In a lead editorial, The Washington Teamster points out that the Boeing Company's financial reports belies the claim that the state's labor, welfare and educational laws have created an "unhealthy business climate."

The Boeing Company, the Teamster paper points out, heads the Association of Washington Industries which is the lead group of businesses favoring liberal legislation and in the last session defeated labor's proposed improvements in the industrial insurance program.

"This week," the editorial said, "The Boeing Company revealed that its net earnings for the first half of 1961 equalled $56.3 a share, compared with $12.9 a share in the first six months of 1960."

Correction

There was an incorrect headline in the July 28 issue of The Dispatcher over the story stating that the ILWU Northern California District Council had urged two high US officials to join the Freedom Riders in the South. The headline said CRDC when it should have said NDCD.

Jobless Picket in Salem; Food Allowance Slashed

SALEM — Pickets carrying signs which read, "We won't starve quietly," marched in front of the Capitol building during a meeting between Governor and Multnomah county commission officials on the state welfare crisis last week.

The pickets charged they have been barred from the meeting, and said they represented the "Oregon Unemployed Organization."

The conference climaxd a two-weeks hassle between the Governor and Multnomah county commission officials over cuts in general assistance food allowances in the metropolitan area and at least 15 other Oregon counties.

BUDGET INADEQUATE

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Local 6 Wins

1-Day Strike in Oakland

OAKLAND—A quickie one-and-a-half day strike by ILWU Local 6 had shipyard workers at the West Coast Macaroni Company here for a day, then they struck again for several hours, then returned to work.

The strike was due to a proposal for a one-year agreement with a seven cent wage increase accompanied by elimination of the ten per cent differential for swing shift workers.

The company had answered with a 24 hour picket line around the plant and with pickets at the company's offices in San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

The picket was set up on the basis of the ILWU Teamster warehouse area contract which provides for a ten per cent wage increase and a seven cent increase for swing shift workers.

The picket charged that Hatfield was at- tempted to use federal surplus food—unavailable, in the Portland area, in any event, until September 10—when they had not even turned over, it was said, so much as a cent of the food grants.

The pickets claimed that food allowances for children fostered home care, had been slashed to 70 cents per day, with additional allowances being cut.

"We can't even feed at the jail for that," one reported.

The welfare crisis first came to public attention through a series of newspaper stories and other statements by the Governor and Multnomah county commissioners and others published in the Portland Reporter.

NEWBURGH PLAN FAVORED

Since then, welfare recipients in the Portland metropolitan area have revealed they are not only without food, but in some instances without clothing and even without homes. The cuts have been turned over to delays in purchasing and distribution or removal of the state welfare office from Portland to Salem.

Several agencies, including the Salvation Army and San Diego Police Dept.'s Sunshine Division have reported unprecedented demands upon their resources. A Navy commander said his ship's crew had collected money to feed Portland's hungry children.

CANADIAN UNIONISTS Back Peace Plea

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The "No Nuclear Arms for Canada" peace petition being circulated by the Committee for the Control of Radiation Hazards is receiving widespread support among liberal unions.

Already endorsed by hundreds of local unions and by city Labour Councils, it has now given the support of the 1,100,000 member Canadian Labour Congress.

So far over 40,000 people have signed the petition, which objective is to keep all weapons except those necessary to maintain life and health in human body, caseworkers said. The pickets were ordered when it become apparent the welfare budget the Governor gave to the Legislature for the biennium was insufficient to meet increasing needs.

"We won't starve quietly," the Governor and the Multnomah county commissioners charged, "We have been forced to do this, but the cuts are necessary in the budget, and this will be a temporary solution to the problem."

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The Chinese People's Republic is building new harbors, modernizing old ones and improving the conditions of dockworkers and seamen, according to these photographs brought back from the recent Pacific-Asian Dockworkers Conference in Tokyo by George Kuvakas, ILWU Local 13 president. Kuvakas, and Jack W. Hall, Hawaii regional director, represented ILWU at the conference. The photographs were presented to the ILWU delegates by Tang Chang, general secretary of the Chinese Seamen's Union, and Chen Yu, head of the International Department of the All China Federation of Trade Unions. Kuvakas said that he was impressed on the basis of the photographs and of discussions with Chinese delegates that rapid progress is made in the Chinese longshore and ILWU Northern California District Council went on record August 3 to give full support to the Africa Week observances planned here September 17-23. On behalf of the Council, NCDC Secretary Michael Johnson commended Mayor George Christopher and the Board of Supervisors for "San Francisco's recognition of the people of Africa in their move for independence and world citizenship. "We are sure that the hospitality and welcome the city gives our visitors from Africa during Africa Week will help create a lasting friendship among Africans and Americans."

Mayor Christopher has appointed a committee of civic, business and labor leaders to plan and conduct the Africa Week program in the city.

SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK:

The African representatives are expected to see how people live in San Francisco, to visit homes, schools and college classrooms and to talk with industrialists and traders. Scheduled on their program is an ILWU reception and a visit to the Local 10 hiring hall on the waterfront. Several briefing sessions have been held for members of the Mayor's Committee with State Department and private experts to familiarize them with Africa and its problems. At one such session recently, members of the committee received a vivid insight into the new Africa by Chikwunwike Nwafor Ekwuyasi, national publicity secretary of the African National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons. "If you don't treat the American Negro well, you cannot talk of friendship between yourselves and our country," he said. He added that Africans "don't think very much" of the new US Peace Corps. The Peace Corps, Ekwuyasi asserted, "should stay strictly away from our politics." While stating that Africans "welcome your investments, your interest," he said: "The future of Africa is left—in an economic sense. Africans are afraid the Americans will exploit them in an economic sense."

Seattle COPE to Work On Year-Round Basis

SEATTLE — The Committee on Political Education of the AFL-CIO King County Labor Council has announced that it is going into business on a year around basis. Chet Ramage, executive secretary, said experience has shown that labor "must make politics our business twelve months a year every year." COPE has set up a 16-member screening committee which will meet weekly to review issues and actions of elected officials.
New Book Exposes Drug Advertising

TWO American people are being taken every year for billions of dollars in worthless quack remedies for every possible malady from athlete's foot to cancer. They are taken by old-time charlatans, cure-alls and by streamlined, heavily advertised, expensive drugs and creams. They are being taken be exag-gerated claims for new wonder drugs that create a sensation for one year or two—until clinical tests show there are no miracles in med-icine.

This is probably the major point that emerges from a thoughtful, informative and highly interesting paperback book (The Medicine Show, a Consumers Union Publication, by the Editors of Consumer Reports, published by Simon & Schuster, New York, $1.50). The book arms the consumer to protect his health and his pocketbook from the drug hustlers. That he badly needs such protection is made evident on practically every page of The Medicine Show.

One of the most flagrant examples cited is the survival, in the face of repeated government attempts to correct, of a quack cancer cure, rheumatism, originally known as Dr. Hooper's Patent Specific. In 1919 the Post Office Department issued a fraud order against this promoter. There have been no actions by the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, But Consumers Union has cited the Post Office Department in 1958 and 1959. Some new preparation was sold on sale in only slightly disguised form. The Post Office Department and all government proceedings had ac-complished over thirty decades in "to take the color, flamboyance and verve out of the Case material."

Billions Wasted On 'Needless' Remedies

Govermment regulation has failed somewhat to keep up with the peddlers of quack cures to op-erate. But it has by no means suc-ceeded in stamping them out. Billions of dollars are spent every year in cancer cures. The situation has failed almost completely in curbing the more respectable, but also unscrupulously exploited for profit, over-the-counter drugs and remedies. The reasons are that the Food and Drug Administration and similar agencies are starved for funds and unable to keep up with the latest drug discoveries and put pressure on the tactics of the patent medicine promoter now hold sway over the drug hucksters.

Doctors receive on the average about 4,000 pieces of fancy direct mail a year from drug companies, most of it in the form of elaborately illustrated "re- tail men," drug salesmen, who tell about new products achieved by this or that new pre-prescription product.

Many consumers just don't have the time to keep up with the latest developments in the drug field, and they are taken in by the slick tech-niques of the hustlers. Consumers also read a lot of the latest drug discoveries and put pressure on the packaged do-it-yourself products which often has not been sufficient-ly tested and which can have dan-gerous, side effects.

The net result is an overuse of antibiotics, tranquilizers and other drugs which can be ex-remely useful under specific circum-stances—yet dangerous in others. The harmful, Doctors and patients both are victimized by drug advertising and often pay for side effects.

And the entire nation pays the pen-alty as illnesses, worries and fears are unscrupulously exploited for profit by drug companies.

ILWU members and other trade unionists who read The Medicine Show will be better equipped to pro-tect themselves against the hazards of drug advertising. They will also gain new understanding of the need for supporting the Kefauver bill designed to tighten regulation of the drug industry.

Howard Bodine at Work on Contract

SAN FRANCISCO—Howard Bo-di ne, member of the Coast Labor Relations Committee stricken several weeks ago because of a heart attack, is recovered and back at work.

Bodine is working full time, in collaboration with James A. Rob-tins, chairman of the Labor Con-tract, language of last year's tac tract of the new dockers' union.

Van Brunt of Local 21 is continu-ing to serve in Bodine's place in the committee business.
Canadian Unions Back Start Of New Political Party

OTTAWA—In the broadest political convention ever held in Canada, 3,000 enthusiastic and choosy delegates gathered in Ottawa last week to establish a new political party and make it the New Democratic Party. Sponsored jointly by the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and the Canadian Labor Congress, the founding convention, with trade unionists in the majority, marked Canadian labor's most ambitious venture into politics. It elected as its first national leader the 56-year-old one-time printer and preacher, "Tommy" Douglas, Premier of the CCF government of Saskatchewan.

The election was a victory for the policies adopted by the convention, which avoided identification with left wing or socialist voters away from the Liberal party. It placed the new political party to the right of the CCF and somewhat to the left of the Liberals.

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DEMILITARIZATION URGED

The New Democratic Party believes that the extension of nuclear weapons to any further states and alliances threatens disaster to the world.

"It therefore opposes Canada's troop's being supplied with such weapons at home or abroad. At present, except for those nations which have independently developed atomic capacity, neither NATO itself nor its members individually possess or control nuclear weapons. Should they do so, Canada must make clear that it cannot remain in the NATO.

To relieve tensions, Canada should press for a demilitarized zone in Central Europe, and to the ultimate disbandment of the Warsaw Pact countries."

FULL EMPLOYMENT URGED

The New Democratic Party plans adopted by the NDP convention include:

• Full employment with jobs for everyone.
• An end to monopoly control of Canadian industry.
• A capital gains tax and increases in corporation taxes along with redistribution in taxes on low income groups.
• Price controls.
• A fixed limit on interest rate charged on consumer credit.
• The dismantling of all government co-operatives.

The NDP is expected to be an important force in the coming federal elections, expected next spring or summer. However, as Canadian ILWU locals of the ILWU have pointed out in the past, its effectiveness will be limited if it continues to exclude large and powerful unions such as the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union which have been expelled by the CLC leadership.

The Canadian ILWU, although it is not barred from the new party, did not participate in the founding convention. The last Canadian ILWU convention voted to withhold action on support or affiliation until the new party was formed and adopted its program.
**ILWU Auxiliary News**

**Seattle Auxiliary**

**Hits Parking Meters**

**SEATTLE**—The city's proposal to install six-hour parking meters along the waterfront while longshoremen and clerks work an eight-hour shift is protested by ILWU Auxiliary No. 3.

In letters to Mayor Gordon Clinton and the City Council, the Auxiliary called Portland as an example of a port city that provides parking facilities for its maritime industry.

**Auxiliaries Greet Tokyo Peace Parley**

**NORTH BEND, Ore.**—Greetings from the Federated Auxiliaries to the 7th World Conference Against A and H Bombs went to Tokyo this month in care of Bob Moore, ILWU's official delegate to the world-wide meeting.

Stapled to the letter was a check for $279 for victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, as a "token of love and friendship from the auxiliaries of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

The letter assured the victims that for the "sake of peace and happiness and ultimate victory there will be an unbreakable friendship bridge between our nations."

**Local 4 and Auxiliary 11 Cooperate on Scholarship**

**VANCOUVER, Wash.**—ILWU Local 4 and Auxiliary 11 have cooperated in awarding a $300 scholarship to Miss Paula Beers. She comes from a union family. Her father is a member of Teamster's Union Local 174 in Seattle.

**Coos Bay Women Win Surplus Food Fight**

**COQUILLE, Ore.**—Coos county is one of four Oregon counties now distributing federal surplus food.

Others are Klamath, Clatskanie and Josephine. A food package with a wholesale value of $35,641 went to 7,400 persons in this area in June, the Association of Oregon Counties said.

The battle for the surplus food into hungry stomachs was spearheaded by a visit of ILWU, IWA and COPE auxiliary women to the county welfare office in Coos Bay last spring.

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**ILWU Auxiliary 10**

Winner of a local Babe Ruth League championship was the team sponsored by ILWU Local 502 in New Westminster, British Columbia. The Local has sponsored a team for the last six years in the league which consists of boys 13 to 17 years old. Members of the team are left to right front, Ken Merkley, Brian Kennedy, Larry Barnes, Dave Wilson; second row, Robert Hoeing, Earl Carter; third row, Gordon Parker, back; Cliff Blount, coach, Rikka Maaron, Bob Cameron, Don Blount, Phil Parker and Bill Kopr, manager.

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**Auxiliary 16 Backs**

**Repeal of Walter Act**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—In a resolution sent to President Kennedy, to California Senators Thomas Kuchel and Craig Erskine and to Congressman William Millard and John Shelley, ILWU Auxiliary 16 has urged action to ease discriminatory features of the Walter-McCarran Act.

The Auxiliary urged Congress to repeal or amend the immigration law "in order to eliminate all discriminatory features of the Walter-McCarran Act."

**Clemency for Braden Urged by Federated**

**NORTH BEND, Ore.**—The Federated Auxiliaries has asked President Kennedy to extend executive clemency to Carl Braden, who is serving a year's sentence in Atlanta prison.

Secretary's pool was the President it was the feeling of ILWU women that the jailing of white southerners of "to speak out" in behalf of Negroes. The President should establish a fact-committee which would enable those others to "reform from taking a stand against segregation."

**Auxiliary 33 Aids In Successful Picnic**

**PORTLAND, Ore.**—Auxiliary 33 cooperated with ILWU Local 503 in conducting a successful annual picnic July 16 at Batsheerac Bow. Outstanding event of the day was a softball game between the union members and the Auxiliary ladies. The ladies won. Families and friends of ILWU enjoyed swimming and refreshments. The picnic was followed by a dance July 22 at the ILWU hall.

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**Answer to Who Said It**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt, Wharton Whittier, President**

The nation and Joseph Stalin in the Yalta Declaration issued Feb. 11, 1945.