Automation Issue

Parity Key

In Hawaii

Dock Talks

HONOLULU — ILWU Local 142 longshoremen are demanding a $600,000 a year mechanization fund in current negotiations with the Longshore Employers Negotiating Committee.

Jack Hall, the union’s Hawaii regional director, told the employers group August 11 that ILWU is “getting discouraged” by their delay in reaching agreement.

“We are going to fight to get as good a deal as the West Coast,” he declared.

Hall said that the $600,000 figure is required for parity with the $53,000 a year West Coast mechanization fund.

PARTY DEMANDED

“As far as we are concerned,” he said, “the principle of parity was stated at the beginning. We intend to get, or we intend to fight unless we get, to what the West Coast got previously with reference to the mechanization fund. We are not going to accept any tentative mechanization fund figure.”

Employer spokesman Allen Wilcox called the union’s mechanization fund demand “completely unjustified,” and said the amount should be developed on the basis of needs and benefits.

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Truck Strike Looms in 11 West States

SAN FRANCISCO — A “final offer” by the trucking employers of 11 Western states was rejected in foto August 23 by the Teamster Union negotiating team headed by General President James R. Hoffa.

Hoffa said the truck drivers throughout the 11 states might strike as early as August 30 unless the operators immediately offer something more suitable by that time.

The negotiations have been for a new five-year agreement covering about 100,000 drivers, helpers, office workers and yard workers.

The “final offer” was not made public, but it was understood that the concern wages only, whereas the mechanization fund figure.

SECRETARY-TREASURER Louis Goldblatt (left at end of table) and Administrative Assistant William Glazier (seated at Goldblatt’s right), took them to lunch and on a tour of the longshore dispatching hall and the docks.

Overseas Visitors

Six university students of Japan spending the summer on a cultural exchange program at Stanford University visited ILWU headquarters in San Francisco last week. ILWU and the students are also bargaining for a new master agreement covering 142 longshoremen.

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(From The Dispatcher’s Washington Office)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Retail Liquidation Trust Board has ruled that a Denver Teamsters union did not violate the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act when its members passed out handbills asking the public not to buy tobacco distributed by a struck wholesaler.

The board held in a four to one opinion that the “publicity” provision of K-L-G protects the distribution of substantially accurate handbills that are directed to the general public.

4 TO 1 RULING

However, the Board found that members of the union did violate the Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt (left at end of table) and Administrative Assistant William Glazier (seated at Goldblatt’s right), took them to lunch and on a tour of the longshore dispatching hall and the docks.

Act when they made oral appeals to employes of drug and food stores not to order or buy products from the struck concern.

The decision was signed by Chairman Frank W. McCullough and Members Boyd Leedom, John H. Fanning, and Gerald A. Brown.

Ray Rodgers dissented in part.

With respect to the handbilling, a major issue in the case was whether the secondary boycott proviso permitting publicity other than picketing applies only in situations where the primary employer is a manufacturer, or whether it applies also where the primary dispute is with other types of enterprises. The four-member majority took the latter view.

TEAMSTER ACTIVITY INVOLVED

A “final offer” was made out of a labor dispute between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 1097, and Sears, Roebuck and Co., Chicago, involving 300 members of the union.

The Teamsters visited several drug stores and supermarkets in Sears towns and did not buy any of the Sears products.

PENSIONS BACK

Reconsidering his new bill, the Drug Industry Antitrust Act, club president Claud Harreschou reports.

The bill aimed at bringing down the excessive cost of prescription drugs, through monopoly control of drug patents, is opposed by AMA and the drug industry moguls. It hasn’t drawn a chance of passing in Congress—Reuschel fears “unless those of us most concerned—the old timers, whose need for medicine has increased, while their income has decreased—lend a few cents in postage, and a little time in writing our senators and congressmen.”

Local 21 Mourns Riding

LONGVIEW, Wash.—The Local 21 flag was at half mast in July for Oscar Riding, one of the best known old timers in the port. Riding, who passed away July 1, worked on the docks here for many years.

Who Said It?

Most people in this country as well as in other countries appear to be unaware that the governments of East and West are solemnly preparing by mutual vituperation to create a general state of mind in which the public will acquiesce in a large-scale war. If it were not happening, I should have thought it inconceivable that Ministers hitherto unacquainted (for insanity) could calmly contemplate this wanton and merciless disaster. Yet it is so. Statements have recently been made on both sides of the Iron Curtain claiming that in a nuclear war the side to which the speaker belonged might achieve victory.

This is utter nonsense and must be known to be nonsense by those who utter it unless they are criminally ignorant of things which it is their duty to know. The peril is imminent and deadly. If you do nothing during the coming weeks of crisis you will have, to your share in the blame. You will have your part in the crime of killing all those whom you care for. The governments can be stopped in their mad folly, but they can only be stopped by a vast movement armed of the public. (Turn to back page for name of author)
NOT since the nation's first Secretary of Defense ran down the street in his nightshirt, or the time when 'the war is won' were common expressions, have we witnessed such lunacy as of recent days:

People in Las Vegas preparing to shoot dead any people from Los Angeles who mail free 'like hordes of locusts' to Nevada in the event of a nuclear attack. A civil defense director in Riverside advocating similar fate for the Angelenos.

Grown men arguing before a congressional committee over whether people should evacuate into or out of cities before attack. Volunteer bands of guerrillas being organized in California to turn back fanatical invaders.

The Army digging a hole at Hyannisport for a Presidential bomb shelter, which, no doubt, is a sign that the new man in charge of Civil Defense Mobilization is looking toward the strengthening of the National Will to symbolize 'our determination, solidarity, loyalty to the Soviet challenge.' (Before Hollifield sub-committee on Government Operations.)

IN LIGHT of a statement made by General Carl Spaatz, retired Air Force Chief of Staff, the method in the madness begins to make nightmarish sense. Said the General: "It will be a pretty important factor for us to know now on whether the Soviet Union is going to recognize its own people or not. I see this as being the biggest factor in the world's condition."

This can be one of the most significant factors in the world's condition. Some of our politicians on the subject of civil defense. Few among them seem to understand that even a well-trained and sheltered population would suffer 68 million deaths from a single nuclear attack. This can be one of the most significant factors in the world's condition.

"It will be particularly important for us to solve the problem of unemployment by getting Russia to have a nuclear war," said: "We believe that civil defense preparations will make us tend to rely on war and toward such security we want negotiation."

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Local 9 Members Lose Jobs
In Sudden Albers Shutdown

SEATTLE — Mechanization hit suddenly and hard at the Albers Milling Company plant here August 15, 1961. Feed operations are expected to continue until October 1, 1961.

TECHNOLOGY CITED

"The closing of the Albers mill has become necessary because of changes in the methods of production and distribution of feed and new technologies in the production of Frisco's. About 180 workers are involved, 47 of them members of Local 9, and about 100 members of Local 89 of the Grain Millers."

The announcement gave many workers only a few days notice that they were out of a job. Company sources start at two weeks pay from one to five years of service and down to a maximum of seven weeks pay for 55 years of service.

Brady said, "The whole move came as a complete shock to the workers. Albers' was undertaking a modernization and over-baking plan which was taking shape and it looked as if the Seattle mill would really be moving ahead."

RECENT AGREEMENT

"Local 9 has signed an agreement only two weeks ago with the Curna-"tion-Albers Company giving wage increases and other fringe benefits and looked forward to relations and employment for the coming year."

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Unionism in Action

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Delegates of African Nations To Visit ILWU Local 10 Hall

SAN FRANCISCO — A visit to the ILWU Local 10 Hiram Hill by representatives of the new nations of Africa will be one of the highlights of the Africa Week in San Francisco program September 17-23.

More than 100 delegates of African nations, including both diplomats and private citizens, will be guests of San Francisco during the week.

They will be familiarized with trade and business opportunities here, and will be given an opportunity to meet and talk with typical San Franciscans.

William H. Chester, Northern California ILWU regional director, is a member of Mayor George Christopher's committee in charge of the week's events.

The African group will start a tour of the Golden Gate waterfront Sept. 18 at 3 p.m., with a briefing session at the ILWU hall. They will be filled in on aspects of the port and its facilities by ILWU President Harry Bridges, J. Paul St. Sure, president of PMA, and Ralph Dewey, president of the Pacific-American Steamship Association.

On Sunday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m., eighteen representatives will be welcomed to the city at ceremonies at Golden Gate Park.

Drive for Oregon T-H Law Feared

PORTLAND—Oregon ILWU locals were warned this week to look for an attempt to put over a state little Taft-Hartley law at a projected special session of the legislature which the governor of Oregon is being urged to call on daylight saving.

The warning was put out by Ernest Baker, lobbyist for the Columbia River Electric Power Co., to State Senator Anthony Sturti of Oregon who announced he intended to introduce legislation if a special session is called.

Yursi said he wanted a law that would give the governor power to end strikes by injunction for a 60 to 90-day period.

Committee to Help Aged Obtain Surplus Food

SAN FRANCISCO—A major service committee to assist the aged and veterans to obtain Federal surplus food has been announced by Tom Smith, King county director of the program. Smith said many elderly persons have the mistaken notion that all surplus food is no longer available to them and will mean reductions in their grants. Many eligible persons find it almost impossible to visit the distribution centers.

Sugar Old-Timers

Members of the newly organized Walluku Sugar Plantation ILWU Pensioners' Club enjoy some refreshments following their first meeting held at Walluku, on the island of Maui, on July 7. Standing at right (in ball cap and shorts) is Makato Kanemoto, who serves as the club adviser. He is head of the Walluku ILWU Unit 31 Membership Service Committee. There are now 17 pensioner clubs organized in the state. Three more are currently in the process of being formed.

The union's Membership Service Department, which has sparked the formation of the clubs, is getting the program moving since it was adopted by the 1959 Local 142 Convention, is presently working out plans for the first state-wide conference of ILWU pensioners slated to be held in Honolulu over the December 1-2-3 weekend. (Lucas Rys photo)

Leading Canada Daily Fear Hots Of Pentagon Could Unleash War

By ART HOPPE

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EVERY TIME we get a crisis among the allies, which is very often lately, Mr. Kennedy dispatches Mr. Johnson to Asia. I mean in Asia has not been able to solve any crisis in Europe. He says he'll never retreat, climb on a water buffalo, get clobbered and then fly back to Moscow with flowers, hands out balloon pens and everybody would cry. I thought Mr. Johnson brought us very close to another war but we collect be a very experienced Non-Re-Treating Allies Appeaser.

A Columnist Pledges His All Along with LBJ & Ladybird

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**Olympia Port Busy**

Ships have been lining up for lumber and logs all summer long at the Port of Olympia, Washington, and ILWU Local 47 longshoremen have been kept busy. Four ships are shown here loading capacity cargoes at the Georgia Pacific plywood plants. Logs for Japan have been a major export item.

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**Washington Meeting Tackles US Transportation Problems**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — All segments of the transportation industry, including labor, management and state agencies, have been asked to help the Government draw up a program for legislative and executive action aimed at giving the industry a boost ahead.

The call for help came from Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges at a two-hour meeting here August 17 attended by around 180 representatives from railroad, trucking, inland waterways, maritime and airline organizations.

Invited along with other unions to participate in the briefing session, the ILWU was represented by Washington Representative Jeff Kibbe.

Hodges said the Commerce Department had asked him to prepare a report for the White House by November 1 which would be used as the basis for Presidential recommendations to Congress next January.

The report, said Hodges, would be concerned with action proposals designed to remedy the ills afflicting all modes of the nation's transportation system.

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**LA Scrap Industry Negotiations Start**

LOS ANGELES — ILWU Local 26 has opened negotiations with the scrap industry here, presenting union demands to the representatives of thirteen companies in the Los Angeles area.

The demands outlined by union spokesmen at the first joint meeting included three weeks vacation after ten years, an additional paid holiday, improvements in the leave of absence clause, higher allowances for travel and subsistence, increase in pension contributions from five to six percent of last year's earnings, and an improved seniority clause dealing with promotions, transfers and overtime.

Local 26 wage demands are being submitted at a subsequent meeting with the employers.

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**Sudden Death Ends Elmer Rudstrom's Dream of Retiring on Local 9 Pension**

SEATTLE—August 4 should have been a happy day for Elmer Rudstrom, a long-time member of ILWU Local 9. Instead, it ended in his death.

Rudstrom retired that day after 25 years in the Fisher Flouring Mills on High Street. He had a wife, two grown children and seven grandchildren.

His body was found at his home with only a mile left to go, a car driven through a stop sign at high speed and smashed into Rudstrom's car. He was killed instantly and his car was demolished.

Bradshaw said Rudstrom had been dreaming for years about retiring on his union pension.
US Anti-Trust Indictment Hits
3 Wonder Drug Manufacturers

(From The Washington Office)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Three of the nation's largest manufacturers of antibiotics were indicted today. The three of their top executives have been charged with price fixing and monopoly in the production and sale of the drugs since November, 1953.

The Justice Department crackdown against the wonder drug industry followed the Kefauver Anti-Trust and Monopoly hearings on the drug trade. The far-ranging report covering investigations into "Administered Prices in the Drug Industry." The revelations in the report, many of which had been published at earlier public hearings, are believed by some to be the impetus for the anti-trust inducements.

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Maximum penalty for conviction of the three defendants is a fine of $50,000, a year in prison for each individual and a $50,000 fine for each corporation.

New Board to Handle Aged Bias Complaints

On August 10th, the new law prohibiting discrimination in employment of older workers in the 40-65 age bracket will be handled by the State Board on Aging, according to the newly appointed Board, which was reconstituted by the Legislature. The Board, on which is represented the House Ways and Means Committee, the Department of Social Welfare, the Sub-committee on Labor Relations, the State Board on Aging, and the Federal Board of Governors, is currently botted that the board and its members have the bill and wants it improved.

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Canadian ILWU Joins Union Fact-Finding Visit to Cuba

SAN FRANCISCO—A list of ILWU Local 6 and 17 members recently returned within the past few months has provided the opportunity to hear from their own rank and file. The delegation leaves September 15, and the ILWU has asked for the permission to send an ILWU delegation to Cuba. However, many BC trade unionists have never before heard of any such delegation, and are determined to see for themselves and bring the truth back to their fellow-unionists. When the CIO national executive instructed the delegation to send out a large trade union delegation to Cuba, a number of unions got together on their own and decided to send delegates. The September 2 delegation is the result of this action.

Coos Bay Families Sign up for Food

Coos Bay, Ore.—More than 800 families, representing 2,169 persons, signed up for federal surplus food during the first week’s registration period in charge of the program, as stated here.

Of these, 700 families were on public assistance, and 124 on social security or other marginal income.

The following are the rules to apply, the Coos Bay World said. Distractions of the food will be distributed gust 7 from the county’s new surplus food center in Coosville.

ILWU Auxiliary 1 leaders played a leading role in the fight to bring the food to Coos County.

Bay Area Pension Picnic Sept 17

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Bay Area pensioners are holding their annual picnic Sunday, September 17, at Spreckels Park, Stockton. All pensioners and members of Local 6, 10, 34 and 91 and their families and friends are invited to attend the picnic.

Sports, games, refreshments and dancing are planned. Busses will leave on the day of the picnic from San Francisco Bay to Long Beach.

Chioccino

The inside of the chinook’s mouth is all black or dusky, while the silver has no gum or tooth lines. There are other distinguishing characteristics but the foregoing are the sharpest and easiest to identify.

We commend the California Department of Fish and Game for their recent airlift of 100,000 rainbow trout eggs to Brazil. This is the second year in a row that similar shipments have been made to help Brazil establish a natural trout fishery in the central and southern parts of the country.

Now we hear that the Brazilian government will furnish various kinds of fish, native to their country, to California, which is determined which of these will be adaptable.

Right now the California fisheries are doing an excellent supervisory job. There are several kinds of kingshark fish, one of the most spectacular being a marine catfish which reaches a length of 40 inches and a weight of 100 pounds. It is thought this fish may be adaptable to the bays and coastal waters of southern California from San Francisco Bay to Long Beach.

We hear that Roy Alexander, retired member of Local 19, Seattle, Washington, has been knockin’ out limits of rainbow trout from Perch lake, one of the lakes in the Sun Lakes State Park in Grant County, Washington. The secret is to hit ‘em early in the morn’ and get those soft, wet flies right in the middle of the water and build up the fire down near the bottom.

EVENAL users have requested information about the repair of a fiber glass boat. Here’s some repair information we’re throwing on the fire for what it’s worth:

1. Take a metal file and clean out any debris.
2. Prepare an area to paint and remove any and all dust from area which paint will contact.
3. Cut new fabric or mat to shape and place on cellophane.
4. Mix up enough epoxy to spread the area and place on cellophane.
5. Paint the area to be repaired with resin and put the patch in place. With your hands and the spreader, form the mat thoroughly into the cellophane firmly into all contours.
6. After the resin has set you may remove the patch. Be careful not to use too much force.
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You’ll get a boat out of this:

Illegal sale of cans to an under-5 family cost a San Francisco Bay to Long Beach. 

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Parity Sought

In the present period is greater than it has been in the past ten or fifteen years," Robertson said.

"Our Oregon and Washington as well as other West Coast local unions are in a position to take advantage of our past organizational experience, and make changes necessary in the local unions, structural and administrative, to push a program of this kind. This is so because of their immaturity, organizational speaking, for many years past."

Robertson said that the organizing objective "requires making it possible for every unorganized worker to bring into our ranks to become a first-class citizen in the ILWU. Further, it means the complete elimination of racial, religious, political and fraternal prejudices. (Is it possible that one of the stumbling blocks to organization in ILWU locals where progress has not been made is a result of racial discrimination, etc.)"

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of meetings

Local 8 Opposes

Seaworthiness Bill

PORTLAND—Local 8 last week wired the 6-member Oregon Congressional delegation, re-emphasizing the local's opposition to HB 377. The bill would nullify the time-honored doctrine of seaworthiness in the maritime industry.

"This would not only do a great injustice to the individual seafarer, but, in trying to secure damages for injury aboard ship, would permit a return to the days of faulty or ill-equipped shipboard safety devices," secretary Fred Houghton said.

Where Do the Workers Go?

A new 'robot' rolling mill where a three-man shift will turn out 217 miles of copper rod a day, more than twice the old rate and at one-tenth the labor cost, has been opened in Linden, N.J., by Continental Copper & Steel Industries.

The Lowdown in Samoan

cannery workers, the guards won a substantial victory. The Samoans, many of whom have migrated to Hawaii for employment, are getting an explanation of the issues in their own language.

When the ships are down the most effective campaigns to organize the unorganized are done on the local level. That is where the greatest trust and confidence can be found; where the message can be put through a worker-to-worker level—with the cards on the table, the way workers like it best. Robertson went on to say that today—day-to-day work is naturally the most convincing when it comes to speaking to another worker on a job. In this way the information about the benefits and gains to be won through unionism (wages, conditions— and organizer, job security) comes right from the "house's mouth."

Therefore, it is up to all of us to set sights on this most essential area of organization — from the ground up, e.g., the local level.

The East Bay Division of Warehouse Local 5 is to be congratulated on setting up a rank and file organizing committee within the division to stimulate bringing in new members.

At a recent stewards' council meeting of the division, the question of organizing was discussed at great length.

The stewards recommended establishing a full-time organizing committee.

They didn't just content themselves with a "talk-test" about the value of organization, but got down to the "rock-bottom" with their discussion of the problems of organization, fully aware of the sweat and tears when you try to organize the unorganized.

It is the only way to do things, and they all have a pretty good idea what is involved when you undertake such a campaign.

The entire plan was enthusiastically approved later on by the division's executive board. Former ILWU member, Ole Parehaug, was recently elected chairman of the organizing committee. Now, they're on their way!

HE'S hope all, other locals will carefully examine their own situations. Wherever locals have been organized on a progressive plan, organizing is easy. Wherever there are local problems, organizing is a lot harder. The practice is to bring new members into the union from the new operations. The Executive Board and stewards of the East Bay Division of Local 5 have set a powerful example.

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I T IS necessary that we—collectively—remember that the history of the ILWU is in the Northwest. A series of organizing efforts in the Northwest has been emphasized in this column many times. We have pointed out repeatedly in recent months that there is declining in jobs as a result of various forms of modernization (mechanization, automation, rationalization, new plant operations, etc.) in almost all places under contract with ILWU.

Modernization in its most simple terms means more production with fewer workers; but organization means less job opportunity for our members. Modernizing is now proving the problem of the decade of the Sixties, the normal attrition due to retirement is being replaced by a steady flow of persons for people to leave the industry — thereby depriving people of a noticeable increase in membership.

This loss is bound to continue, and even to multiply, unless we can mount a continuously active, hard- hitting, aggressive campaign to bring new members into the union from the new operations.

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Answer to Who Said It

Bertrind Russell, noted British philosopher, as reported by Reditor.

"ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED!"