Coast Dock Caucus Seeks Substantial Wage Increase; Negotiations Start Soon

One out of Five Dockers Are Sick—and Don't Know It!

SAN FRANCISCO—One out of five longshoremen who took multiphase health tests at their disposal in March, 1961 were sick—and didn’t know it!

This was revealed in a report on test-findings submitted last month by the State Department of Health to a meeting of the California Medical Association.

Here is what happened:

- 331 men took the multiphase tests,
- 1210 with suspicious findings later saw their doctors,
- 659 of these found they were sick and didn't know it.

Another 879 men who had one or more positive health tests have so far refused to go to a doctor.

At least 200 of these men may be sick—and don't know it—the basis of these statistics!

Among diseases turned up among the men who did see a doctor as a result of the tests were high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, glaucoma and lung cancer.

All these men had been working and thought they were in good health until they had the examination.

The ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund has long emphasized preventive medicine and maintains that a health and welfare program should do more than pick up bills after a person is sick.

Dr. Nehmat Borhani of the State Department of Health who was medical supervisor for the tests, said the group of longshoremen who have been warned they may be sick and who won't see a physician are a challenge.

"Now we're trying to get them to their doctors and to find out why they don't go. It's an interesting problem."

Innovation in Seattle

At the right, dominating the Port of Seattle's Pier 28 is the newly installed $250,000 level-luffing, travelling crane, with its 60-ton cab assembly and giant hook in lifting position. This type of crane, now in general use in western Europe, handles cargo faster and works in more restricted areas than other types of equipment. To the left, back of the sheds, is a 101-foot beeche-skeleton-shaped structure that usually results in surprised "what is that?" reactions from waterfront visitors. It is Puget Sound's first drying tower for wet hatch nets and tents.

Kids' Dental Plan

$5,400,000 Package in Pine Pact

HONOLULU—Terms were approved here April 26 for a new three-year, $5.4 million wage and welfare agreement covering 6,500 pineapple workers at thirteen locations. Negotiating Committee approval is subject to referendum. The full membership vote is now taking place.

Hawaiian Governor William Quinn mediated the off-the-record negotiations which produced the settlement just in time to meet the deadline. Monday, April 22, had been set as the make-or-break day, and the membership was fully prepared to strike.

The settlement package included wage gains ranging from 14 to 28 cents per hour per week, totaling $1,090,000 over the three year period.

DENTAL PLAN

A new children's prepaid dental plan will go into effect February 1, 1963, and will be open to dependent children of workers 2 through 18 years of age. Pension plan benefits, approximately 25 percent above former levels, and an improved medical plan were also included.

The settlement was made gener-

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Language of Pact Ready For Printers

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILWU Coast Longshore, Ship-clerks and Walking Boss Caucus, comprised of 3,000 waterfront locals of the union, ended a nine-day meeting here April 24 by instructing the coast negotiating committee to seek a substantial increase in base pay.

The precise amount to be asked was left to the negotiating committee, which will start talks with the Pacific Maritime Association in the middle of this month.

The caucus unanimously approved the contract language drawn up for the 1961 Coast Agreement and ordered it printed. The document, which runs 65 typewritten pages double-spaced, is expected to be in the hands of the waterfront members in printed form not later than the middle of July.

RANK AND FILE AWARE

ILWU President Bridges told the caucus the agreement was a good one. He indicated that the delegates, convinced as he was that the agreement was a good one, should convey this to the rank and file and make the agreement work to their benefit.

"Our rank and file is not asleep," he said. "They know that one of the burning problems before the working people of this country is unemployment.... Millions and millions of workers in this country have had it, and don't know it.

"Tell them this is a good contract, a good good contract. Tell them the truth, that it is a contract they can't find anywhere else.

The caucus adopted a number of instructions for the negotiating committee. One of these is that note be taken of "the acute problem alcoholism presents within our union."

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TO THE VAST non-Christian world, most of it neutral, it must seem a strange cross-breeding of symbolism that the United States people should be going about the business of an island named for the Prince of Peace to display the weapons of destruction. Or is it that the administration deliberately chose the site for its name in the delusion that the world might believe our resumption of testing has peaceful portent?

Regardless of what religion or what non-religious conscience one bas his morals upon, there must be some queasiness on the part of even the most ardent advocate of bomb testing over the fact that it has to visit damage upon millions of people who have no political say over it and who have nothing at all to gain by the pursuit of the cold war.

We said it was immoral when Russia resumed testing. We say now that it is immoral for the United States to resume testing. It all leads us to two alarming suspicions. One of these is that the military has achieved ascendency over civilian control. The other is that in the mass the people of the nuclear-club nations have become stark, raving mad—doing things collectively that they would not do as individuals. Indeed, if they so acted as individuals they would be put away.

WHY TESTING?

It poisons the atmosphere with deadly fallout. It instills fear around the world, and with fear walks its constant companion—hat. So, what are we gaining? What are we proving?

All competent authority on both sides of the cold war are agreed that each side has no political say over it and who have nothing at all to gain by the pursuit of the cold war.

Teller will be able to compute from the tests how long the earth will remain barren—after which it will be a little too late to appeal such orders, they can go to court. The new Presidential powers would authorize him to directly recommend terms of a strike settlement.

FUTURE, IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BECOME LAW.

In all the hoopla surrounding President Kennedy's action for the rank and file steel worker, it still added up to no good settlement of its demands. If President Kennedy is sincere in a desire for peace, he genuinely needs our voices to come through loud and clear. In silence with demand, that a green tree will be al- ready planted when the living have ceased to exist. As to our own government, let us not be asleep and inactive.

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O NE OF THE NEXT places we can expect to see this program used is against East and Gulf Coast longshoremen, who签订 contracts expire June 30. An ILWU official on record against it, and pledged, at least on paper, to its outright repeal.

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And the pledge and program to repeal Taft-Hartley has been buried. Instead of the AFL leadership, in their blind, insane desire to wreck Jim Hofa and the Teamsters, helped "amended" Taft-Hartley to retain its legal tenor, and labor monstrosity—the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law.

THERE, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF this committee include giving the President power to direct unions to resume work for periods up to 80 days, and if they refuse to appeal such orders, they may go to court. The new Presidential powers would allow the administration to act in terms of a strike settlement.

With the demonstration of the use of all out Presidential powers in the steel negotiations and settlement, anyone with half a brain and a heart can get a picture of what's happening to us. Break the back of Britain's economy. We must come through loud and clear. In silence we have no political say over it and who have nothing at all to gain by the pursuit of the cold war.

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We want to see East and Gulf Coast longshoremen get the same treatment as West German and Japanese in- dustry for America's competitors, we would have to take wage cuts, and more.

OUR PREDICTION is they will go into negotiations with the President, to a direct recommendation to force settlement on any employer.

Maybe the ILWU wasn't too stupid after all signing up a contract of 5-year contracts. It at least looks like we won't have to be trying to figure out what is a noninflationary wage increase, or to be coping with a Presidential order to back up with a wage freeze, so that business may be in a position to compete with West German and Japanese industry for American workers competing, we would have to take wage cuts, and more.

Slice of the Beam

By Harry Bridges

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A Tree for Christmas Island

Lady-in-Waiting LOUIS GOLDBLATT, Secretary-Treasurer

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ILWU-PMA Project

FHA Okays

Cooperative Dwellings

SAN FRANCISCO—Final approval of $40 million in Federal aid for construction of 299 units of cooperative housing sponsored by ILWU-PMA Pension and Welfare Fund was announced recently by Housing Commissioner John F. Shelley.

The Government money was made available under the Housing Act of 1961, which grant is offered in the San Francisco-Oakland area, and more than two in this state stood at 7.7 in February.

March was highest of any state in the country.

Jose to direct

Kennedy-Landrum

Department has announced appointment of an ex-FBI agent.

Nelson claimed that in Korea.

... loans.

... must be approved by the FHA, but the whole process is well underway, Dunleavy asserted.

... plan submitted.

... guaranteed under the Housing Act of 1961, with approval granted by the Federal Housing and Home-Finance Agency.

... for the ILWU-PMA International Longshoremen's Redevelopment Corporation, pointed out that this was a pioneering project in which all unions worked together and in which the FHA guaranteed 40-year mortgage.

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... Construction is expected to start in the fall.

... agency to utilize every union-busting trick and maneuver in the coming weeks to split our ranks. Our continued solidarity will defeat any such efforts.

... people.
**District Level Political Action**

The San Francisco Bay Area locals of ILWU kicked off political action on a district level April 24 with a pre-meeting and the submission of candidates for nomination for both the Republican and Democratic parties appeared and answered, or attempted to answer, four key questions which had been conceded by the ILWU Joint Political Committee. Key among these questions was "What are you prepared to do for workers in reuse of so-called urban renewal programs, which are inhabited by families with housing on a low cost rent basis and interim housing while new low rent housing is being built?" The ILWU-PMA Western Addition Cooperative Housing Project is located in the 18th Assembly District. Members of the union committee thought the turnout was relatively good for a pre-primary meeting. Endorsements, if any, would be made at a later meeting.

**Hawaii ILWU Wins Bills in Legislature**

HONOLULU—Three major ILWU-backed bills came through the budget session of the 1st State Legislature in good shape. They are the ILWU tax reduction for sugar and pine, and an increase in the legal minimum wage. Over the session, ILWU did a good job for the people of Hawaii, according toaddy DeMillo, Local 142 legislative representative. The bill helps people of low income to obtain land by drawing lots instead of by public auction in which they have no chance. It also provides a much needed comprehensive law covering land, tenancy, and sales transactions.

ILWU pushed from the start to keep the bill, and it is expected to declare an urgent measure. Two ILWU officers, Representatives of Small Nations, Tatsuro and Pedro Dela Cruz, are members of the legislative committee.

**ILWU HELPS MANY**

A bill raising minimum wages from $1.00 to $1.15 July 1, 1962 will bring wage increases of -und Union workers who are not covered by the Federal Wage and Hour law. These workers will get another dollar an hour. ILWU hopes for an amendment initiated by ILWU, which will pass the minimum will then be $1.25.

**Local 142 Officers Oppose Atom Tests**

HONOLULU—Officers of Local 142 said they approved the collective statement of President Kennedy April 24, urging him to cancel the series of nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere scheduled to be held in the Pacific. The statement said, in part: "Our membership—25,000 workers in sugar, pineapple, longshore and general trade industries in the Hawaiian Islands voted approval of a similar plea to Premier Khrushchev of the USSR last fall which declared that "It is an intolerable crime against all humanity to poison the earth's atmosphere, destroying more of the heritage of us and our children, each day. In every land, to death, leukemia, bone cancer, and monstrous births."

For either side to talk of armament, as far back as 1763 maritime employers. The call for support, issued in Tokyo in March, asking for worldwide one-day action on March 27 wherever Japanese ships were in port, was responded to by Hawaii longshoremen at the last date when the first two Japanese ships hit port. The other ship longshoremen in British Columbia area on a similar protest march the day that this country resumed nuclear tests in the atmosphere. They passed out similar information during last year's TVA tests. They oppose all tests. Recently forty American Women for Peace arrived in Geneva to plead for an end to tests, and for a positive agreement. Hullabaloo of small nations cheered them. But the two great powers delegate treated them politely, but gave the request a cold shoulder. Radioactive iodine 131, they warn, can cause serious damage. Children and babies are far more vulnerable to this poison than adults. But kids need milk, they say, even though fresh milk carries this material in abundance. Don't feed them milk—fresh milk, only canned or powdered, for at least eight days after a test, say the Women for Peace.

**Help the Kids**

Women for Peace, the national movement primarily made up of mothers anxious to preserve the lives and health of their children, passed out above leaflet during a protest march on the day that this country resumed nuclear tests in the atmosphere. They passed out similar information during last year's TVA tests. They oppose all tests. Recently forty American Women for Peace arrived in Geneva to plead for an end to tests, and for a positive agreement. "We are in agreement with many others who feel resumption of tests would destroy confidence in the ability of the American people to find peaceful solutions to world problems."

**Valerie Taylor Asks Kennedy to Halt Tests**

NORTHBEND, Ore.—Valerie Lee Taylor, president of the Pocotep援助s, asked President Kennedy to halt resumption of atmospheric bomb tests, either in our country or on Christmas Island.

She wrote: "We are in agreement with many others who feel resumption of tests would destroy confidence in the ability of the American people to find peaceful solutions to world problems."

**Walk-Off in Honolulu**

Longshoremen in Honolulu walk off the Japanese freighter Tensai Maru, April 10, in support of Japanese dockers' demand for decasualization and an end to anti-union actions by Japanese government and employers. The call for support, issued in Tokyo March, asking for worldwide one-day action on March 27 wherever Japanese ships were in port, was responded to by Hawaii longshoremen at the last date when the first two Japanese ships hit port. The other ship longshoremen in British Columbia area on a similar protest march the day that this country resumed nuclear tests in the atmosphere. They passed out similar information during last year's TVA tests. They oppose all tests. Recently forty American Women for Peace arrived in Geneva to plead for an end to tests, and for a positive agreement. "We are in agreement with many others who feel resumption of tests would destroy confidence in the ability of the American people to find peaceful solutions to world problems.

Japanese Trades Big in Portland

PORTLAND—Commerce with Japan accounted for $139 million in export-import trade over local docks in 1961.

**TV to Explore Men's Lives On Waterfront**

SAN FRANCISCO—A television-eye view of the human side of the waterfront, of the men who work the ships and docks, will be presented on "Assignment Four"—KRON-TV, Monday, May 7. Channel Four newcomers covered the waterfront around the clock, from Alviso to Sausalito, exploring the great variety of life and activity on the wharves and docks and ships, and even some of the dives, on the historic Embarcadero.

On Waterfront

The camera-eye follows longshoremen at work, studies cargos and handling, and interviews several ILWU members for their impressions of the life they lead, and why they came to the front. In addition the daily work-lives of bar pilots, dispatchers, skippers, crane operators and warehousemen are explored in the weekly series.

As far back as 1923 maritime workers in New York City organized the "Zions of Neptune" for political action to oppose British rule.

**CALL FOR ACTION**

The telegram to the Japanese consul said: "We representatives of the long-shore unions of British Columbia call on your good office and your government to give consideration to the demands of the Japanese dock workers. The provisions to de-casualize the waterfront and to establish security and safe working conditions has been put before the Inland Transport Committee of which we understand your government is a participant. We call on your government to give assistance in their struggle to improve their conditions."

The wire was signed by R. C. Smith, president, Local 501, A. Smith, secretary, Local 505, V. Shannon, president, Local 510, J. Urquhart, secretary, Local 511, H. Summers, warehouse division, Local 510, all of Vancouver; and L. Labinsky, president, Local 502, New Westminster.

The action was taken in response to a call issued by the Japanese consul, secretary of the All-Pacific and Asian Dockworkers Conference, which asked for a world-wide one-day response on March 27 wherever Japanese ships were in port.
Despite a heavily-financed opposition to the national health plan launched by the American Medical Association (AMA)—"the Anderson-King bill for medical aid to the aged under sound social security"—the Senate Sub-CommitTEE on Aging recently showed that for the majority, old age is a time of deprivation, anxiety, and often needless suffering.

"A major problem for millions of older persons throughout the nation is how to maintain a decent, independent, self-respectable standard of living in an income below or barely at the subsistence level," the Sub-CommitTEE reported. "One of its greatest, positive campaigns is the need for health care bill co-sponsored by the American Medical Association and the National Council of Senior Citizens, which is working to eliminate the Social Security and the Railroad Retirement systems as the only sources of income for those over 65 already have some form of health insurance.

This is the biggest distortion of them all, King claims. In fact, about the same number do not have any form of health insurance whatever. In addition, the vast majority of those who do have health insurance are not adequately protected. Why more, insurance premiums for those over 65 are excessively high, and an increasing number cannot make these payments.

When the AMA's spokesmen are at a loss for anything they can say, they are used to screaming "socialized medicine." Back in 1957 when Representative Aime J. Forand, a Democrat from Rhode Island, was working for similar liberal social legislation to help the aged, the American Medical Association said its goal was "socialistic, communistic, radical." This was how the National Council of Senior Citizens responded to the AMA's "coldly calculated campaign of lies and deception" in its nationwide newspaper advertising to discredit the bill. One of its greatest, positive campaigns is the need for health care.

The measure would require most workers earning $2,500 or more to choose his own doctor and hospital service, other than doctor services in one spell, for up to 90 days each year. If the patient's hospitalization is continued so that each legislator can be forced to stand up and be counted.

"I think He Should Have A Choice of Doctors"
Shot or Scallow? How About Oral Polio Vaccine?  
By W. A. MacColl, M.D.

The immunity produced by the Sabin oral vaccine seems to protect the individual in much the same way as a mild case of measles or mumps would do by the natural method of immunization. Only time will tell if this has good results.

Many Questions Need Answering

There are several other questions which need to be answered by intensive research before the oral polio vaccine can be recommended for general use. Can this modified strain produce in highly susceptible persons a real case of paralytic polio with nervous involvement? Can it revert to a dangerous type while passing through a series of people? Will it lead to the development of new strains just as violent as the old?

Until New Way Is Proved—Get Shots Now

The day may not be far away when the Sabin oral vaccine will be preferable, but at present it is best and safest for everyone up to six years of age. The complete series of Salk vaccine immunizations is required. When the Sabin type is available for those over six, anyone who can be on a fixed weekly basis for at least a period of time, and when it is demonstrated that the particular strain is safe and effective, then it will take its place in the program of primary immunization.

If this method is successful for polio, it may well be adapted for other viral diseases for which we now have neither preventative nor curative measures. If there is more hope in the method of Salk than in the more immediate prevention it represents, the vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin consists of a live, but weakened strain of polio infection which cannot be administered by mouth. However, it might cause a mild polio illness and confer a long-term immunity. At present, each of the three major strains of the polio virus must be given as separate doses at about six-week intervals, although in the future it may be possible to use a protective single vaccine. But the Sabin vaccine sets up a barrier which prevents the toxins of the disease from reaching the brain and spinal cord, and it does not seem to stop the process of paralysis in its early stage. But there is still more hope in the method of Salk than in the more immediate prevention it represents.

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Proved—Get 'Shots Now

The agreement provides for wage increases for all employees, including adjustments for truck drivers, sewers, trimmers, turnoos, inspectors and other employees covered by the agreement. The agreement sets in motion a council of the British Trade Union Congress (TUC) and chairman of its production committee. In addition to being on many other labor and civic boards, Mr. Wright has alternated extensively and broadcast for the BBC. His home office is Manchester, England. While in San Francisco he also spoke to professors and students at the University of California and was featured at a luncheon meeting of the Commonwealth Club on the subject "What Does British Labor Want?"

Local 26 Wins New Wage, Welfare Gains at Bag Firms

British Caucus Visitor

Lewis Wright (at right) is seen with Local 10 dispatcher Mike Samadoff outside of the focii area building to observe a night dispatch. The caucuses made him a formal delegate to a future meeting building to observe a night dispatch. The caucuses made him a formal delegate to a future meeting building to observe a night dispatch.
Julius Empask, Militant UE Leader, Dies of Heart Attack

NEW YORK—Julius Empask, secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers of America (Independent), and one of the nation's outstanding militant labor leaders, died at his home in New York City last night, May 4. He was 57 years old, and had been secretary-treasurer of UE from its founding in 1936. Earlier, while working as a tool designer, he played a key role in organizing the Chicagoland chapter of the American Players Union.

STRIKE LEADER

He was an active leader of the RCA strike in 1940, and in all other divisions, were anxious to act early if they had confidence in the importance of the long and careful preparations of the union organization. In April 1943, Empask was selected by President Roosevelt to serve on the National Labor Victory Committee. He presented the CIO expeditionary force with a statement that the union had prepared the right to strike the whole country.

According to this carefully prepared campaign, Voice of the ILWU, official newspaper of Hawaii Local 142, commented, "The 'strike' committees were ready. All the committees had carried on with their usual zeal and enthusiasm, and had paid their medical plans dues this month, to help finance the strike fund."

Local 142, in addition, took the issues to the public April 15 in a newspaper advertisement. "We expect a strike with the protection of the demands of the people," the advertisement read.

On May 16, Hawaii's State Legislature voted tax relief for the pineapple industry, a measure backed by the pineapple unions. The tax relief would have turned 25 percent of earnings into a strike fund. A letter from A.C. Ellington of 326 Arroyo Avenue, Santa Barbara, asks about pensioners' fishing licenses. We are among the many groups that have retired in good standing, and would like to have a place to fish. This would be a new activity for me, and I enjoy the outdoors. If possible, I would like to fish in the mountains, but I am willing to consider any other location.

Wanna' ear a pair of killerdiller fishing hats for trout fishing? All you have to do is send us a photo of a fishing or hunting scene—and a few words as to what the photo is all about. A pair of the illustrated TDIC will be sent to the person who sends us the best photo.

The offer is open to members of the ILWU, their friends, and members of the family and members who have retired in good standing.

Please state your local affiliation and send snapshot to:

Fred Goetz, Dept. TDF
Seattle 8, Oregon
Pensioners Are Often Eligible For Unemployment Benefits

SAN FRANCISCO—After retirement, which union members are eligible for unemployment insurance benefits and when does this eligibility cease to exist?

In an attempt to provide clarification of a complex problem, Percy T. Hall, chairman of the ILWU-Ford Fund director, outlined some principles that govern these situations under the California law.

In general any member whose re-employment is not subject to disqualification for unemployment insurance benefits, and who in the opinion of the Department of Employment, is physically able to work, willing to accept full-time work suitable to his skills and experience, his wages and actively looking for work.

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