Victory in Cutter Strike

ILWU Board Warns on Nazi Criminals

SAN FRANCISCO — The ILWU Executive Board, meeting here February 15 and 16, unanimously instructed the union's officers to fight for extension of the statute of limitations on war crimes.

The board was told that unless the statute in West Germany is extended by May 8 of this year, all Nazi war criminals who haven't been caught and prosecuted will go scot-free.

The board also went on record in opposition to any program to embargo or restrict the export of logs. The resolution said that log export is currently supplying 90 percent of the employment for ILWU members in the small ports of the Pacific Northwest. Also, that an embargo on their export would cost the economy $30 million with similar loss in Oregon.

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Don't Shoot -- Negotiate!

Harry Bridges

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man of the Dissident Mem-
bers Committee at Orville, Calif., left, and Leo Rose, speak-
ing, appear before the quarterly meeting of the ILWU Executive Board to handle charges of improper balloting pro-
cedures or an assist given.

The McNamara-Fuller Co., hired by steel workers working on other tunnel projects in the state struck in sympathy and the scabs were fired.
ILWU Raps Curb on Log Exports

OLYMPIA—Four measures imposing some restrictions on the export of logs from the state are now before the legislature, it is reported by James Costa, legislative representative for the ILWU Puget Sound District Council.

The ILWU is opposing all such restrictive legislation, but labor generally is divided on the issue.

One division is between two major AFL-CIO lumber unions. The International Woodworkers of America is in opposition while the Lumber & Sawmill Workers is in favor.

The four proposals are:

- Trial Joint Resolution 11 calling for an amendment to the state constitution prohibiting the sale or exchange of any state timber unless there is a contract to process it in the state.
- House Joint Resolution 17 similar to HJR 11 except that “primarily processed” is defined.
- HB 90 which requires that all timber sold by the state must be processed in the state. Those timber officers of the Department of Natural Resources issues a permit for processing elsewhere.
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A public hearing on the House measures opposition was voiced by State Land Commissioner Bert Cole, member of the Council of Union of Log Exporters; Pres. James Fudding of the ILWU of British Columbia.

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The British Columbia Federation of Labor has long been opposing the log exports. The Canadian ILWU, on the other hand, has always been a strong supporter of log exports.

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- Enforcement of Rule 262 of the shipping Federation Safety book dealing with the setting up of preventers and guys.
- The poor shape some of the machinery is in and the necessity for drivers to fill out report forms on defects noted, as required by Rule 123 of the Workmen’s Compensation Regulations.
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It also noted that there had been a “West of William” clause in the use of hatch boards to prevent damage to loading beams and cautioned members not to use hatch boards.

Canadian ILWU Spurs Drive To Enforce Waterfront Safety

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Following on the tragic death in a crane accident of five men, including two ILWU members in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Canadian ILWU is stepping up its drive for safer working conditions.

Pointing out that the time to enforce safety is “now, not after something has happened,” Canadian ILWU officials called on the members to “continue to think and practice safety so as to make the waterfront a safe place to work.”

Members were reminded that “we have the best safety contracts in BC” including the provision that “if a job is unsafe, we stop work and get paid until the employer makes it safe.”

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Fantz spoke of the important role the paper union would be playing in the economy of the Northwest, since paper is a vital segment of the area’s main industry—lumber.

Other union heads addressing the convention were Harold J. Penney of the United Mineworkers and Richard Hills of the Inland Boatmen.

Dockers, Widows On Pension List

SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the latest list as of February 1, 1965, of dockworkers retired under various ILWU-PMA plans:


Local 12: Lester M. Hitt, Local 13: John L. Cameron, George Dicks, Floyd W. Finch, Marvin Garbar, William J. Greenfield, Sanford Ingleich, Louis Meja, Francisco Toscano, John George, 1st. Sear; Local 19: Arthur Devillier, Matthew Falcon, Orin G. Swarts.


Retired under ILWU-Alaska Benefit Funds:

Ships discharging cargo to lighters in Nigeria. It's cheaper to double-handle cargo than to pay wharf charges.

Nigeria & Ghana

Introduction

Although the team of Walker and Shannon spent five days in Nigeria, they only made one trip to the docks looking for work. They were told in glowing terms of the great benefits which would make unionized workers feel they were "in" Lagos and would include a daily uniform, free food, and free housing. But when they were turned away from the docks, they realized that their expectations had been too high.

First Taste of the Tropics

We flew into Lagos, which is one of the largest cities in Africa, on December 20, 1964. We were flying on an African-bound plane out of San Francisco and headed for New York. At the time of our visit the port of Lagos was the most important in Nigeria, and was the busiest in West Africa. It is a major seaport, and handles a large proportion of the country's trade.

On Sunday morning we made inquiries about union officials. We were told in glowing terms of the great benefits which would make unionized workers feel they were "in" Lagos and would include a daily uniform, free food, and free housing. But when we were turned away from the docks, we realized that our expectations had been too high.

Backbreaking Dock Labor

On docks visited, we met many dockers, who were very friendly and helpful. We were told that unionization of docks was being actively encouraged by the government, and that dock workers were being given many benefits, such as free meals, free housing, and free uniforms. We were told that unionization of docks was being actively encouraged by the government, and that dock workers were being given many benefits, such as free meals, free housing, and free uniforms.

In many categories the minimum-maximum is 84 cents per day. Employers eagerly latch onto the government-set minimums and make them maximums.

Fairly comprehensive medical coverage is offered to dock workers. We were told that the government also has a social security program for dock workers, which provides benefits for old age, disability, and death.

Poverty vs. Plenty

We saw evidence of extreme poverty, of bare subsistence levels, and indicated that Nigerian workers have very little cause for optimism. Perhaps our observations of dire poverty and extremely low living standards would be more palatable if Marina, Lagos, was not considered with charity-driven Mercedes Benz cars carrying Nigerian aristocrats, whose affluence is unmistakable.

Westward into Ghana

Moving westward from Nigeria, across the bay of Bight to Accra, Ghana, we flew by air, but getting by customs and immigration on the way out also required an hour. Our first impression of the city of Accra was very good. Many of the streets were wide and clean, and the people were friendly and helpful. We were told that the city of Accra has a lot to learn about the way to entertain foreign visitors.

Ghana has moved rapidly in the fields of education, medicine, public housing and industrial diversification and expansion since independence in 1957.
In conclusion, we must say that despite frustrations and inconveniences, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that is much appreciated.
Last week.

Democrats charged in Washington
has already approved a measure to
establish a revolving fund for use by
cities and counties waiting federal
help for flood damage repairs.

Flood Victims
week flood would be allowed a three-year period to write off flood losses
under the state income tax law, if a
bill in preparation at the legislature
becomes law.

Four More White Collar
Pacts Ratified in Hawaii

HONOLULU—The ILWU an-
nounced membership ratification
this week of four more contracts
covering office and clerical em-
ployees on Molokai, Oahu and
Maui.

The previously announced settle-
ments for Calpak employees on Mo-
lokai and Mililani Cemetery offic-
estaff on Oahu were unanimously ac-
cepted.

The union also held ratification
meetings for Castle & Cooke Data
Processing employees on Oahu. This
is the second contract for that group.
It provides for a $45 per month wage
increase for the next two years, in
addition to the $65 per month in-
crease won last year. Other improve-
ments include:

- Four weeks vacation after 20
years of service (previously a three-
week maximum).
- Night shift differential in-
creased to $2 per hour for work per-
formed on the second shift and $2
per hour for work on the third shift.
- All employees assigned to a
Tuesday to Saturday workweek will
receive $2 more an hour for the first
7 hours on Saturday.
- Union and company agree to a
training program at the company's
cost to train people presently on
the payroll to fill higher paying jobs
as vacancies occur.
- A reduction in the number of
time employees whereby an employee
would reach his maximum rates
sooner.
- Improvement of the Separation
Allowance Section to provide more
coverage to a greater number of peo-
lies.
- Dental Plan — The company will
contribute to the area dental plan,
not exceeding $8.50 per month per
employee for family coverage begin-
ning May 1, 1967.
- Vacation improvements provide
for three weeks after seven year
employment, retroactive to Septem-
ber 2, 1964, instead of the current
provision for three weeks to start in
the 11th year.
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- Other improvements were made
in holidays and promotions.

This company will make necessary
additional contributions to meet the
area medical plan benefit improve-
ments, retroactive to September 2,
1964.

The severance pay agreement, in
case employees are laid off due to
transfer of operations to another
part of the country, provides one
week's pay for each year of service.

Cutter Strike Victory

ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis
Goldblatt, who sat in on the final
weeks of negotiations with Local 6 presi-
dent Duarte, pointed out that the
strike became a 'good strike'
because the company agreed to make
additional concessions.

"We thought they realized they could
take no more shots at you strikers,
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The HARD WAY

Duarte pointed out that this company
gave us nothing — remember that —
"We had to work day in and day out,
and our fighting spirit is going to be
felt by every other part of Local 6,
and every other division in theILWU.

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ILWU Southern California Council

Rep. Roosevelt Endorsed In Hot LA Mayor’s Race

LOS ANGELES — Congressman Roosevelt was en
dorsed for his race for mayor against incumbent
Tom Yorty at the ILWU Southern Cali-
ifornia District Council’s Feb-
ruary meeting last week.
Roosevelt, the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, ap-
ppeared in person at the enlarged cul-
cil meeting. Yorty
decided to appear be-
cause of "political commit-
tments," and the city
councilman, Pat
McGee, also a can-
didate, appeared as a
"conservative Repub-
can."

Congressman Roosevelt received a standing ovation when he arrived, which was consid-
ered a tribute to his many years of devoted service to the legal goals of organized labor.

Among the guests of honor at the council meeting were a number of rank and file union defense commit-
tees staffed by both ILWU and Teamsters, who also rose to support Roosevelt. Both men honor-
stands on labor, and his courageous position in demanding an end to attack
on labor.

"NO HOLDS BARED"

Roosevelt called for a "no holds barred" investigation into his "elimination represent-
tive," the best interest of the labor
leader." He also had high praise for Joe
Johnson, ILWU luminary who said Roosevelt was "unanimously carried in the best inter-
est of the labor movement."

Roosevelt noted that Yorty was elimin-
ated by less than one quarter of the registered voters of Los Angeles, indicating that an ef-
fective, well organized drive to get out the vote could be decisive in the coming election.

One of his main considerations in deciding to run for mayor of Los An-
geles is the element of his having a"dedicated service" in the best inter-
est of the labor movement.

The ILWU endorsement for Roosevelt is the black bear, although it's a

Another popular off-season target is the raccoon. If you once hear the
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Main ILWU-Backed Bills Readied in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — All major components of the ILWU's legislative program were introduced before the current session of the California Legislature, ILWU legislative director A. B. Johnson and state and national DI
dias told the report.

The session's opening was adopted at a joint meeting of the state's Northern and Southern California District Councils at Fresno on Dec. 15, 1964, covers a wide range of issues from social insurance to dock safety.

Some of the bills in the program have been introduced jointly with the

TOUGH SLEDDING

GeneralTk, of the West Coast, say Johnson and DiBiasi, is for tough sledding for labor legislation.

The ILWU is also trying for prospects for improvements in the state's social insurance program — an area where labor got nothing at the 1963 session.

Other bills will extend coverage to agricultural workers, non-workers in non-profit institutions and domestic as well as retail will the per-

AUTO INSURANCE

In another field of insurance automobile, it is resuming its campaign to prevent discrimination against to put insurance companies under some form of effective regulation as to rates.

On the same day that insurance companies announced they were again raising auto insurance rates in the Bay Area, Assemblyman Brown introduced AB 241, an urgency measure by Assembliesman George Zenovich (D - Los Angeles) to freeze rates. The other bill (AB 1036) would freeze rates. The other one to put auto insurance under regulation of the Public Utilities Commission.

Brown charged companies are "racing" buyers and called the.

Local 34 Secretary Paul Cosgrove Dies

SAN FRANCISCO — Paul E. Cosgrove, veteran waterfront trade unionist for 17 years secretary-treasurer of Shipwrights' Association Local 34 died Monday, Feb. 6, 1965, at the age of 61.

He first came to work on the San Francisco waterfront in June, 1919, as an office worker for the Admiral Line. He helped organize office workers on the docks. In the 1934 waterfront strike he respected and supported picket lines, which resulted in his being laid off by Admiral Line. He transferred to Local 34 and worked as a civilian pier superintendent, since overseas bases for the U.S. Army.

Elects secretary-treasurer of Local 34 in 1938 and continued in that position until his death. During his funeral, Thomas H. Cahill, organizing director, offered a eulogy to his fellow workers. He stated that Paul Cosgrove was universally liked and respected, would be sorely missed by all of us on the waterfront."

Mrs. Carroll Says Thanks

SAN FRANCISCO — The following was received from Mrs. William S. Carroll, whose husband, a long time Local 10 member, was killed on January 4, in the Alameda estuary crane tragedy.

"There were many people who attended and paid respects to my husband. William Carroll. I do not know your home addresses so I would like to thank you now for your floral sprays and sympathy cards."

First Group Completes Winch Class

SAN FRANCISCO — The first class in the newly inaugurated winch-driving program at the Naval Supply Center in Oakland was concluded January 29.

The first class of eight trainees received certificates after four weeks of instruction and practice in driving winches, and four hours of classroom instruction on rigging and trimming of gear, stresses and strains and safe operation.

Kenneth Austin, representing the ILWU in organizing the training program, said, "I am very satisfied with the cooperation of the Navy.

Simmons also added that the present three-day course may be too short for the most effective training but 'this is a start and a historical event.'"

The second three-day class was scheduled to begin February 15.

Orihaging Leaflet Tells ILWU Aims

ILWU members everywhere might begin receiving a leaflet of the Union's press of the front cover of a four-page leaflet being distributed right now on the ILWU's "Dock Safety Program."

The ILWU in its “Three Decades of Militant Unionism” has brought in the area of job safety: higher wages and job conditions, fringe benefits—and, something else—self-respect and dignity!

In its inside pages it points out that in joining the ILWU, workers become a member of a democratic family, controlled and run by rank and file, who vote to guide their union and representatives on every subject, for that the right to organize is the law of the land, that employers or their agents have no right to initiate sympathy, discriminate or discharge any worker because of his union membership or affiliation.

And potential members are reminded about that old ILWU slogan — "An injury to one is an injury to all!"

The leaflet ends by pointing out the fact that “with the ILWU you are no longer alone.”

Local 8 Members Act to Ban 14(b)

PORTLAND — The membership of Local 8 has embarked on a letter writing campaign for repeal of Section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Act, CRDC delegates Henry Lunde, R. J. Keenan and J. D. Foster report.

Local 8 was commended by the Commission of Public Docks for adding the movement of cargoes from danger-spots during the recent floods.