Officers Renominated Unanimously

VANCOUVER, B.C. — The 16th Biennial Convention of the ILWU adjourned April 9 after unanimously nominating without opposition the three principal officers, President Harry Bridges, Vice President J. R. Robertson and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt.

The nominations will be placed on a referendum ballot for election by the rank and file along with the names of men nominated for the ILWU International Executive Board. (The candidates from each area are listed, with photos, on page three.)

An emotion-laden closing session was chaired by Bill Lawrence, Local 13, now retired, and a veteran of many conventions and caucuses.

Bridges delivered a short address of thanks for himself and his fellow officers, saying:

"The achievements of this union stem from the strength and unity of the rank and file—not from the officers. . . . The workers are the real power in this world . . . The working class is the force that gets things done . . . We appreciate the honor of being renominated."
A GREAT QUALITATIVE change has come over our union. How great it is, how far it will reach, how much it means to the future of the union and what it will spell in terms of bread and butter, peace and the general good must await the verdict of time.

Our editorial instinct is not entirely devoid of the emotional element. It requires that we discount wishful thinking and base it on the observable facts and tested principles. Bear this in mind, then, as we discuss the 16th Biennial Convention of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, held in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, April 5 through 9, 1965.

The Dispatcher has been alive reportorially to cover and to comment upon eleven of the sixteen conventions, and in all these years we have never seen a more unified, dynamic and meaningful meeting, nor one that need not have been, for it was plainly determined will of 65,000 trade union members of the membership of ILWU and other labor breasts of the rank and file and officialdom organizing at a dizzying pace. It is easy to see that the spark will start the fire in the minds of determined will of 308 delegates representing upwards of 65,000 trade union members who look to the union as the union could contribute to the understanding of vital events, and obscures the fact that China is the real threat to world peace. For the United States to co-exist with her, even while she has become a great world power, is the only way to proceed.

For the first time in inspiring and meaningful way US-Canada trade with that gigantic nation emerged from the shadow of war. For the first time, the delegates from Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California (and one from Ohio) will forget the magnificently dramatic and meaningful meeting, and the delegates from Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California (and one from Ohio) will forget the magnificently dramatic and meaningful meeting.

A PROGRESSIVE is the progress made by the ILWU in British Columbia in the past few years. It is alive and alert and organizing at a dizzying pace. It is easy to see that it also contributes to the political climate of Canada, which, as President Harry Bridges put it, is "crazy enough to recognize that 750 million people in China exist and that trade with that gigantic nation emerging from feudalism will contribute to the peace of the world."

The 16th Biennial Convention was in itself a great success. How great depends upon how fast the spark will start the fire in the minds of the rank and file and officialdom of the membership of ILWU and other labor men and women who look to the ILWU as an independent peace-setter.

THE CONVENTION committees were hard working. The delegates debated, and through debate sought understanding of the issues and the best possible answers insofar as the union could contribute to the answers. These ranged from international relations and domestic problems besetting the US and Canada to the simple and basic problems of the union in its day to day work of winning and maintaining improved wages and conditions.

If the oldtimers were worried by the youths who were plentifully present, they need not have been, for it was plainly discernible that a resurgence of the spirit of the union's beginnings is here to stay and grow.

On peace and civil rights—the burning issues of the day—young and old delegates were one, and their orations to the speakers on these subjects were followed by hard-hitting resolutions.

If there is one thing that the union needs and that is the contribution of lasting peace, I ask you to keep up your faith. I measure the sound, solid achievement that can be made at this time by the straight edge of your own confidence and your resolve. And to you, and to all Americans who dedicate themselves with us to the making of an abiding peace, I say:

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

UNITED STATES foreign policy, the officers stated, "is peace. More than an end of this war—an end to the beginnings of all wars. Yes, an end, forever, to war's insanity, to the unequal distribution of the world's well being and security.

While we support all governments wherever we place in power in South Vietnam, they wrote, we must emphasize that what is happening there is not just a war, but a truly a civil war, and we should pull out. We are the victims of managed news that distorts our understanding of vital events, and obscures the fact that China is the real threat to world peace.

There is only one choice that the United States must make, along with its allies, which is to co-exist with all other nations—as they are in fact and not as we would like them to be in our image. Any efforts to halt basic changes in other countries are doomed to failure. And so we go back to what remains our best hope—United Nations.

The officers concluded:

"We cannot remake the world, we cannot be the world's cop. We shouldn't want to. Everyone had better hurry and use the United Nations, as it was meant to be used, before the people of the world decide to do the job themselves, at the cost of many lives and incalculable wealth.

"We reaffirm our position that a plebiscite for self-determination, under UN auspices, can reduce world tension, and serve the same basic purpose that rank-and-file union democracy serves to represent working people here at home."

"We believe in world wide disarmament, and the withdrawal of all foreign troops wherever they may be stationed.

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Convention Nominees for ILWU Executive Board

Northern California
Charles (Chili) Duarte, Local 6; Michael Johnson, Local 34; Carl Smith, Local 18, all of San Francisco Bay Area, and Frank Jaworski, Sr., Local 54, Stockton.

Hawaii
Nominees, all of Local 142, are Frank Mendoza, Jr., longshore division; Wayne Higa, miscellaneous division; and Haruo (Dyna) Nakamoto and Josey Lunasco, sugar division. No more than one from each division may be elected.

Southern California
Eddie Mondor and L. L. (Chick) Loveridge, both of Local 13, Wilmington, and Louis Sherman, Local 26, Los Angeles.

Puget Sound and Alaska
Jack Price, Local 19, Seattle; William Forrester Local 51, Port Gamble, and George Ginnis, Local 23, Tacoma.

Canada
Nominees are Bev Dunphy and Roy Smith, both of Local 501, Vancouver.

Oregon & Columbia River
1 to be elected
Nominees are (top) Charles Ros Local 8, Portland, and (below) Euger Bailey, Local 12, North Bend.

Run-off Vote Set for Local 34 Secretary
SAN FRANCISCO—A run-off election will be held by Ship Clerks' Local 34, ILWU, to name a secretary-treasurer. Veteran secretary Pat Cosgrove died recently. Contestants will be Clyde Dors and Arthur C. Rosenbrock.

Dates of the run-off election will be April 26-27. Members can vote between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. those days at the San Francisco and Oakland hiring halls.

All candidates for the International Executive Board pictured on this page will be on the ballot for the biennial referendum election to be held within fifty days. No more than one candidate from a local or from a division of Local 142 may be elected. Barring write-in upsets this means that at least some of the candidates pictured are assured of election. These would be Louis Sherman of Local 26 and Frank Mendoza and Wayne Higa of Local 142.

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Editor's Note: T. C. (Tommy) Douglas, MP, the first major speaker at the ILWU's 10th Biennial Convention held in Vancouver, was known for his witty remarks and cogent arguments on various economic conditions. His speech focused on the need for organized labor and international conventions to address global issues.

**Excerpts from Douglas' speech follow:**

It is a great honor for me on behalf of the New Democratic Party in Canada to welcome you all to the delegates who are attending this convention. I want to say that wherever the differences we may have between people in Canada and the United States, as the best of neighbors. You know, everyone goes around the world talking about Canada and the United States as the example of good friends. We have a lot of the same national characteristics. . . . We know the United States will never invade Canada once they ever look at our roads! We would never invade the United States once we would look at our national debt (Laughter and applause).

**WORKERS ARE BROTHERS**

As a matter of fact, the farmer and his wife in Canada and the United States have 4,000 miles of unguarded border. . . . We know the United States will never invade Canada once they ever look at our roads! We would never invade the United States once we would look at our national debt (Laughter and applause).

**SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION**

I want to talk to you for a little while about what I think, next to the problem of the danger of nuclear war, is the greatest issue facing those of us who live in the western world. I refer to the fact that we have now entered the great era which will know as the scientific revolution.

The scientific revolution is merely an extension of the industrial revolution which started a little over 150 years ago when Jimmy Watt invented the steam engine. Man learned how to turn this power—steam power, electrical power, the internal combustion engine, the diesel engine, and now atomic and nuclear power. As a result of this discovery we launched the industrial revolution, which has brought man more technical advancement in one and a half centuries than he had in all the previous thousands of years that he inhabited this planet. But let’s not forget that it also brought with it dislocation, unemployment and misery.

Now we have started another revolution. It is called the “scientific revolution.” Because the electronic computer has given us automation and cybernetics. The industrial revolution replaced man’s muscles with a machine. The electronic computer has replaced man’s brain. It is now possible (and it is being done) to build factories that can be completely controlled and operated by electronic computers.

I can take you through the meat-packing industry, take you into your own business, to the field of ship-loading, in which new automated ships are now being produced so completely automated that they can load the cargo with comparatively no staff at all.

Oh, manure! That’s all. Lots of manure!

The girl was very embarrassed, and left her father and Eddie, went into the kitchen and said: “Mother, you have got to do something with father. . . . He is down in the garden, and it seems that every other word he uses is ‘manure.’ Call if you teach him to say ‘fertilizer’—” (Laughter and applause.) “Mary, it takes 25 years to teach him to say ‘manure’! (Laughter and applause.)

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true of farmers. And I say to trade unionists that you have to have the principle that if the farmers have been milked even more than the workers, it's time to do something or the farmers will try to make us milk them too.

If the farmer hasn't any money, he is not going to be buying any cars, trucks or farm machinery; he is not going to be able to ship his goods through the ports, upon which your living depends. And if the farmer is trying for 25 years to sell the labor market through the prices he gets for his goods, and the prices he has to pay in terms of the Blue-collar workers and the white-collar workers. And the worker's ability to buy, and the farmer's prosperity depends upon the worker's ability to buy, for the widows, orphans and, above all, for the old retired.

We are spending (billions) every year on defense, most of it on equipment that was obsolete before we got it. Nobody said we couldn't afford that. But when you come to the question of buying a few votes, I say, 'We can't afford it.'

One of the ways that we distribute purchasing power is a Medicare program. The Liberal party and the Labor movement are in the midst of a battle to get a comprehensive Medicare program for all Canadians. And it will help everyone.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Every man, woman and child is entitled to complete medical care when they need it, irrespective of ability to pay. In every developed country, except for Canada and the United States, the cost of medical care is paid directly by society as a whole and not by individuals. We can't afford not to do it! (Loud applause.)

We have a system in this country where health services should be paid for out of general revenue. It does not mean that the cost of medical care is paid directly by society. It is paid by everyone as it is generated and grown, and away in their mouse holes the mice would say to one another, "Do you think it would be a good idea to make laws for mice? Why don't we do something about it?" And they locked him up and they kept him there, and he died. But I want to remind you, you can kill mice and you can kill men—but you can't kill an idea! (Loud applause.) And I think we want the people to understand the importance of the trade-union movement when we go to make common cause with the farmers of other countries and through-out the world, that would make laws for mice, that would make laws that are good for mice and for cats.

I close by telling you a simple, little story that I have often told my friends in Cape Breton Island. I sat in the House of Commons a few weeks ago, and there was a bill to make laws for mice. And the farmers of other countries and through-out the world, that would make laws that are good for mice and for cats.

Well, there was one little guy who had an idea, and he got on the floor concerning his last trip to China, when he travelled some 5000 miles. He was greatly impressed by the standard of living in China. "Your cooperation with man and nature is the key to development," he added. "I think I have made a few friends in your union. I think we want the people to understand the importance of the trade-union movement when we go to make common cause with the farmers of other countries and through-out the world."

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First we want to live peace and work in our country, and then we want to go around the world to make friends all over the world. Not only is such a policy in-divisible to peace, but it takes some of the load off our conscience. One of the ways to do this is to educate people. Moral people are independent. They prefer their own keep, rather than the others.

"Your union can help spread the knowledge of the principles of trade unionism, nationalism, all take second place to the consumer. I think we should take a hand in joining the biggest battle yet, to help the new-developing nations."

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After his formal speech, Mr. Hamilton answered questions from the floor. "I am very struck by the size of China, when he travelled some 5000 miles. He was greatly impressed by the standard of living in China. "Your cooperation with man and nature is the key to development," he added. "I think I have made a few friends in your union. I think we want the people to understand the importance of the trade-union movement when we go to make common cause with the farmers of other countries and through-out the world."

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Delegates stress broad problems

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the US- Vietnam policy; from a con-

servative MP, Alvin Hamilton, for-

mer Canadian Minister of Agriculture

and the man responsible for

starting the flow of wheat from Can-

da to China; and from Harold Gib-

bons, Teamster Union vice president

who called on labor to take another

look at itself and start to live up to

its original promises.

BRIDGES KEYNOTE

Delegates listened to ILWU presi-

dent Harry Bridges in keynote re-

marks on state of the union who pre-

dicted that President Johnson would be

“cheered throughout the length and

breadth of the land” if he or-

dered withdrawal from Vietnam.

“President Johnson does not know

of the tremendous amount of under-

standing he has among the American

people,” Bridges said.

“Although this is a good opportu-

ty to be critical of some policies of

our government, we commend some

of its good actions. It was inspiring

and encouraging to hear President

Johnson’s declaration and his deter-

mination to wage unremitting war

on poverty.”

“We are a strong, fighting outfit,”

Bridges said about the ILWU, “but

we have been lying on our oars in

the last few years—things have been

coming easy. The officers do not feel

that we are out of the woods; we

have plenty of work ahead of us. One

of the main reasons we are here is to

change the situation where the rich

get richer and the poor get poorer.”

Bridges also noted that the ILWU

is the only union able to get the

same wages for workers in Canada

as their brothers receive in the USA.

He also asked why it is that Ameri-

can farmers can’t do what Canadian

farmers are doing, by sending sur-

plus grain to China. And he ques-
tioned, “Why can’t a couple of Ameri-

can workers visit China without go-
ing to jail when they return?”

“We will all benefit by having our

convention in Canada,” Bridges said.

“We are a forthright, hard-hitting

organization, but we have been dis-

turbed in the last few months be-

cause the drive is not there.

“We don’t get good attention at

meetings or the old interest in union

affairs. Living in the past is useless,

but we hope to point up some goals.

“We have not found a nice way to

ask for a wage increase. We want to

get back in fighting trim, in fighting

shape. We have to decide on policy

for the next couple of years.”

FRIENDLY CRITICISM

Bridges’ remarks were preceded by

the welcoming address of Canadian

Area ILWU president Barker, who

praised Canada’s neighbors from the

United States, and said:

“Another factor we have a right to be

critical at times. For example, we

don’t exactly agree with your sit-

uation in either Selma or Saigon!

And we think you are a little goofy

about world trade! Of course, some

of my brothers up here suggested I

don’t encourage you too much, be-

cause we enjoy having those ships

for China and Russia.”

The 16th Biennial Convention,

Barker said, “is truly a melting pot

and that too is the ILWU at its best.

Some of you come down from our

neighbor Alaska; some from our

neighbor Washington; and from Or-

egon and California, and across the

Pacific waters from Hawaii.

“Together we are brothers and sis-

ters in the ILWU.”

The convention opened with sing-

ing of the Canadian and United

States National Anthems, and an in-

vocation by Rev. Phillip A. Hewett of

the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.

The convention was greeted by Van-

couver Alderman Aeneas Bell-Irving.

Barker said, “is truly a melting pot—

and on old-fashioned, tried and tested

worker solidarity. From its birth, the

ILWU has built bonds of friendship and

understanding with the trade union

movement around the world. ILWU

teams of overseas delegates in the last

two years who proved every continent,

and found friendship in scores of coun-

ctries, were told that when our union is

under the gun their unions—even in

some of the most impoverished coun-

ctries—would lend whatever support

they could. And our “overseas ambassa-

dors” assured them that when they

needed help they could call on us. This

is the substance of solidarity.

Dockworkers at the bargaining table

always have an added source of strength

by the assurance that a struck ship, if

loaded by strikebreakers, may sit till it

rots in foreign ports before it will be

discharged. The ILWU’s cooperation with

other waterfront labor organiza-

tions, and particularly the All Pacific

and West Coast Dockworkers Confer-

ence, has brought our reserve of friendship

and solidarity to a new high. It has helped

waterfront workers in Japan to make

more effective their demands for better

wages and conditions and safety pro-

grams, and ultimately to reassert their

industry. We have assured the Mexican

longshoremen of our support in their

drive for uniform contracts in

Canada.

After greetings and speeches, the

first morning session ended with a

reading and summarization of the

Report of the Officers, detailing the

record of the union for the past two

years, the economic situation, the

trade union movement in general,

foreign policy, the American political

scene, civil rights and liberties, and

perspectives for the union during the

next two years.
In this item we find a more profound friendship must be continued, and whenever possible we must seek to extend it. The American labor movement may end its affiliation with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. The ICFTU was said to be "running downhill to the point of total ineffectiveness." The dissatisfaction of the AFL-CIO leadership apparently combines at least two levels: (1) There are differences over ideology and the cold war, implying that Meany doesn't think the ICFTU is sufficiently conservative to suit him. (2) The world organization has a "slack record of accomplishment in building independent unions in Africa and other underdeveloped areas." -a project for which the AFL-CIO contributed $2 million in the last four years.

In this item we find a more profound truth: When an American union organization sets its sights on shoring up US foreign policy, opponents of full world trade and a number served on more than one. The following is a list of all regular and fraternal delegates, broken down by committee assignment:

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**
Local 6, Jim Nelson; Local 9, Gile F. Packard; Local 10, Charles W. Myford; Local 19, Oliver S. Olsen; Local 34, Leonard Sherman; Local 39, Dover Davis; Local 50, Arthur Barker; Jim Boler; Local 84, J. L. Field; and Local 125, New York.

**RULES COMMITTEE**
Local 6, Lyle King; Local 9, Charles L. Hevener; Local 10, Walter Sheahan; Local 13, James H. Mackin; Local 16, Al Nixon; Local 21, Frank O'Brien; Local 23, Tacoma Pensioners Club; Local 24, Donald Lin, Gordon Haff; Local 26, Sid London, Chet Johnston, Curt Johnston, Louie Eastwood; Local 28, Leo Maricchi; Local 30, Ralph M. Abel; Local 31, Charles St. Onge; Local 32, Donald A. Gilchrist; Local 34, Gerald Flores, Curt Johnston, L. L. Loveridge, Louie Eastwood; Local 35, Henry Schmidt; Local 36, Walter Sipes.

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**
Local 5, John F. Rydell; Local 10, William C. MacDonald, Albert Simonson; George Valley; Local 13, Robert T. Hevener; Local 16, Al Nixon, Jack A. Novak, Robert Schantz, Carl Smith; Local 19, Joseph J. Janosik; Local 20, Alfred M. Crispell, William Conklin; Local 23, Curtis Miller, Donald Van Brunt; Local 25, Marshall Baughen; Local 26, George Lin; Local 28, Leo Maricchi; Local 30, Ralph M. Abel; Local 31, Charles St. Onge; Local 32, Donald A. Gilchrist; Local 34, Gerald Flores; Local 35, Henry Schmidt; Local 36, Walter Sipes; Local 38, John St. Onge; Local 39, Rockwell; Local 40, Edward Covert; Local 42, Vincent Lombardo, Oldar Marikchi, Frank Mendoza, Jr., Atanacio Miyagi; Local 43, Eddie Wong, Tadashi Yamashita.

**EDUCATION AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE**
Local 6, Evelyn Johnson; Local 8, Ray Keehn; Local 10, W. Oates.

**PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
Local 6, Garilyn Johnson, Local 3, Ray Krueger; Local 9, A. Winter; Local 10, Gary S. Bailey; Julius Stern; Local 11, Eugene S. Bailey; Local 13, A. L. LaBrecque; Local 17, Joan Laffitte; Local 19, George Gilchrist; Local 21, Frank O'Brien, D. Ogden; Local 23, Ernest Shimizu; Local 28, Sid London, Clet Johnson; Local 30, Brian Cook; Local 31, Clarence Simonson; Local 35, Floyd pillows; Local 36, Peter Skrieman; Local 37, Jesus Guzman; Local 42, Albert Perttola.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**
Local 6, William Allen, Ralee Ando; Local 9, Aubrey Caskedog; Local 10, William Hille, Nicolas Ignacio, Harold Kawamoto; Local 13, Allan Brown, Markus Mainak, A. Tejada, Elizabeth Takao, Samu Tanaka, W. Oates.

**OFFICERS’ REPORT COMMITTEE**
Local 1, Joseph P. Purcell; Local 2, Ray Hee; Local 3, Charles I. Graham; Local 4, Gerald Jobs; Local 5, Charles W. Myford; Local 6, Evelyn Johnson; Local 8, Ray Keehn; Local 10, W. Oates.

**ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE**
Local 6, William Allen, Ralee Ando; Local 9, Aubrey Caskedog; Local 10, William Hille, Nicolas Ignacio, Harold Kawamoto; Local 13, Allan Brown, Markus Mainak, A. Tejada, Elizabeth Takao, Samu Tanaka, W. Oates.

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Local 1, Norwalk, A. Mattson; Local 4, Leslie E. Kay; Local 6, Charles St. Onge, Frank P. Jones; Local 10, Richard Louden, Joseph Lynch, Local 7, Gay F. Williams; Local 9, Thomas R. Duggan, Roy T. Johnson; Local 7, Ginn C. Bierkamp, Frank Crosby; Local 7, Alco R. Brown, Henry Schmidt; Local 11, George Lerner, Local 12, Harold J. Lohrey; Local 13, Harold Williams, Henry McKenzie; Local 16, J. G. L. Bonfield, Alex G. Caso; Local 17, John W. Ayers, Raymond Low; Local 18, Joe Guy; Local 20, Alex Pang; Local 26, Joe Ibarra, Henry Schmidt; Local 28, Joe Dugg; Local 30, Alex G. Caso; Local 31, Francis A. Wise, Fred Tanioka, Albert Quitevis, Saturino Beach; Local 32, Albert Quitevis, Ken Yoshida; Local 33, William Forrester; Local 34, Gerald Flores, Curt Johnston, Louie Eastwood; Local 35, Henry Schmidt; Local 36, Walter Sipes; Local 38, John St. Onge; Local 39, Rockwell; Local 40, Edward Covert; Local 42, Vincent Lombardo, Oldar Marikchi, Frank Mendoza, Jr., Atanacio Miyagi; Local 43, Eddie Wong, Tadashi Yamashita.

**FRATERNAL DELEGATES**
Columbia River Pensioners Memorial Association: Mike Sikes, Charles Cornish; Columbia River Pensioners Club: Ray Fisher and James Claxton.

**FEDERATED AUXILIARIES**
Abridged Natives, Nanaimo Women’s Auxiliary, Saanich Women’s Auxiliary, Saanich Women’s Auxiliary, Saanich Women’s Auxiliary, Saanich Women’s Auxiliary.
Senator Ernest Gruening

President Bridges and friends of the ILWU. Of course I know a lot about your organization. And I have been very proud to see how it has developed, how it has consistently served not only the interests of its members but the larger public interest, finding those two interests to be almost identical.

On the subject we are going to discuss today, I shall have to render as far as the Government of the United States is concerned a minority report. I find myself in total disagreement with the policies in Southeast Asia.

In order to understand why I am in disagreement with our Government's policies in Southeast Asia, I shall have to explain why I am in disagreement with our Government's actions in Vietnam.

When we came into the war in Vietnam we were subjected to a civil war. We were not subject to an armed force, but subject to the force of aggression, and that is aggression by the French and they were subjected to the French under the leadership of General De Gaulle.

We came into the world of aggression in the Forties and it began to be settled. The aggression was in the conquest of the Japanese and again, their resistance against the French, by the French, which rebellion we had greatly with the Chinese, we fought against the Chinese, and the Chinese fought against the French, and that is aggression.

The aggression was a request made at our convention to a friendly government to repel aggression. That is the official version.

And that is the thing that we have to bear in mind all the time.

We have to distinguish between Communism as a social and economic philosophy and Communism of the imperialistic type, which is aggression. If the people of any nation desire that is aggression. If the people of any nation desire to win, they will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace. They will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace, they will have peace.

Thank you.

WRITE, PROTEST
VANCOUVER, B. C. — The 1965 Report of the Officers was read and summarized by Secretary-Treasurer Louis Golightly during the first session of the 16th Biennial Convention.

The report details the record of the union for the past two years and the general economic situation in the United States, and focuses on the trade union movement in general, as well as US foreign policy, the American work ethic, and the social and political environment.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In addition, the officers placed special emphasis on the union's expanded legislative and political activities, including growing participation in community activities, cooperation with other unions, and special emphasis on the union's educational activities, including growing participation in community activities, cooperation with other unions.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN CANADA

The work of the union in the past two years, the officers reported, continues to make gains in established areas of collective bargaining, settlement of grievances, administration of various benefit plans, and organization.

The officers emphasized the need for the union to be a voice for the working class, and the importance of organizing and educating the community.

In the officers' view, the union's role is to advocate for the community and to ensure that the voices of the working class are heard.

Policy Statement on Vietnam

This 16th Biennial Convention of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union calls upon President Johnson and our Congressmen to stop the killing in Vietnam.

We agree with UN Secretary U Thant's statement: "I am sure that the great American people, if it knows the true facts, will agree with me that further bloodshed is unnecessary and that political and diplomatic negotiations alone can create conditions that will enable the United States to withdraw gracefully from that part of the world."

We say, let the Vietnamese people decide. They have suffered war and foreign intervention too long already: first from France, then from the US. Let them have the supervised free elections which they were promised by the Geneva Agreement of 1954 which ended their war with France. Those elections were prevented by the corrupt Diem regime which we supported.

The Geneva Agreement promised freedom from foreign arms and interference. There would be no war today if the agreement had been lived up to. Our country violated it for years, calling our troops "advisors."

United States' policy now follows the incredible path of "negotiation through escalation." This terrifying concept is but one step removed from escalation to a world holocaust!

For that reason we join with a vast number of notable individuals, including senators Morse and Gravel, and influential political and religious organizations, in calling for an end to the war by any one of several processes—alleviating disparity and ending the war.

There must be a cease-fire. This is self-evident; nothing can ever be decided while the fighting rages. Foreign troops must be withdrawn—if not immediately, then by some planned, internationally controlled procedure. The alternative is mutual destruction. The exact formula for negotiations is less important than the agreement to negotiate.


Convention Condemns Gas Warfare

VANCOUVER, B.C.—"We condemn the use of gas warfare in Vietnam," delegates to the 16th Biennial Convention stated in a resolution adopted unanimously.

Noting that the 1954 Geneva Convention stated the use of gas has "been justly condemned by the general opinion of the civilized world," the convention scourged the cynicism that "sells the mythology that the United States didn't use the gas—only the South Vietnamese used forces—and therefore it is their responsibility."

The statement pointed to the fact that it was US-manufactured gas, tossed from US-built helicopters, by men wearing US-type uniforms, with the consent of US "advisors."

It is an inherent, uman weapon," they stated, "and today the American people have become its worst victim—for we have lost the respect of the world."

The statement concluded: "We condemn this use of gas today—while there is still time to change our course of action, with the hope that it is not too late."

Three Canadians

Watchmen at the gates, these three Canadian ILWU men seen serving in the tough job of sentinels—"at arms. Left to right, Vincent Shannon, Local 510, Vancouver; Ralph Ohon, Local 505, Prince Rupert, and John Urquhart, Local 507, Vancouver. Others serving in the all-important job included Charles (Slim) Murray, Local 6, Oakland, M. Tony Garcia, Local 46, Port Hueneme, Ernest Clark, Local 57, Fresno, Lawrence Kelly and Benny Apostadiro, both of Local 142, Hawaii.

Mine-Mill Head Al Skin- dent of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, indepen dent of the Seattle Biennial Convention about the long fight his union and ILWU have waged in com mon to guarantee rank and file control. He brought greetings and thanks for the many times ILWU gave support when Mine-Mill was under the gun.
Big Vote Can End East Bay School Crisis

OKLAHOMA -- "Crisis in Oklahoma Schools" is the subject of a leaflet which ILWU Local 142 is planning to distribute, and which was mailed to 3,000 ILWU families in Oklahoma by the East Bay Joint Legislative Committee.

The ILWU legislative group, calling for a resolution program for the education of our children recommended the election on April 20 of school board members.

William T. Belcher, Jr., Joseph Moranami; Alexander S. Jackson; and Electra Kibbemi Price. Also recommended, in addition to the school board, was the election of Joe Rose for city council.

The ILWU "crisis in education" leaflet (15,000 to be distributed) points out that the Oklahoma school board over the years has done "one of the worst jobs of any school board of cities comparable in size to Oakland in the assignment of highly qualified educators."

The present school board, the East Bay ILWU, according to a letter, refused to bring the Oakland school system up to date, disgracefully backward and out of step with the times...and stubbornly insists on continuing policies based on segregation, poor facilities and inadequate teaching personnel.

The East Bay Joint Legislative Committee represents Locals 6, 10 and 34.

OREGON Free Textbook Bill Passes

SALEM -- The labor-supported free textbook bill, passed by the legislature last week, eliminates the $7 book rental fee for high school students.

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Mexican Dockers Salute US-Canada ILWU

VANCOUVER, B.C. -- Warm greetings from the longshoremen and maritime workers of Mexico were shown to the 16th Biennial Convention by Mr. Armando Huerta Capula and Mr. Juan Cayetano Melche, representing the Mexican Coalition of Maritime Workers and Longshoremen and the longshoremen of Vera Cruz.

The two visitors presented a silver pitcher to the ILWU as a symbol of unity between waterfront workers of the two nations.

They told delegates that, for the first time, a confederation of longshoremen and maritime workers in Mexico had been created.

The ILWU was credited with helping in the achievement.

Mr. Capula explained that for the past 20 years, the Mexican maritime unions have been fighting the national administration to gain full bargaining rights and equality with other unions.

Four years ago, the government passed a navigation act which drastically curtailed the unions' power.

In the course of battle against this law, through collective political action, the 16th Biennial Convention they needed to form the coalition, he said.

At the ILWU convention, he said, he became aware of what real progress means.

"In your committees, the delegates forge the policies and principles that your union will follow. The union man expresses himself and this gives dignity to the working man. The people expressed here should be projected to all workers all over the world," he said.

Mr. Melche explained that Mexican workers are interested in how the ILWU works in the interest of its members, and that he appreciated the opportunity to watch the convention.

"We are here," he said, "because we want to know you better, and to build unity and solidarity between us, even though there are great distances between us."

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Alabama Boycott Backed; Action in Honolulu

VANCOUVER -- In a unanimous finding vote April 8, the 16th Biennial Convention resolved to refuse to handle any Alabama products on Pacific Coast docks and warehouses, "until the rights of all the people in Alabama are recognized and fully protected."

Discussing the resolution, one of the most widely supported to come before the convention, President Harry Bridges said the state of his knowledge was Alabama cargo was moving out of West Coast ports. Such cargo is then trans-shipped through these ports.

"If anything is being moved, it is being done accidentally," Bridges said. "We have told the employers that this is the way the ILWU feels."

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Following is the full text:

Whereas: This course is in defiance of the rights of all the people in Alabama and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and is an act of violence, and brutal action against peaceably assembled citizens seeking realization of their right to vote; and

Whereas: The State of Alabama, itself, has pursued a course of violent and illegal action against peaceably assembled citizens seeking realization of their right to vote; and

Whereas: This course is in defiance of the Constitution of the United States and the Civil Rights Act; Therefore Be It Resolved: That members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union will refuse to handle any goods or merchandise from Alabama coming across the docks or through the warehouses until the rights of all the people in Alabama are recognized and fully protected.
**Warm Gift**  
ILWU Canadian Area president Arthur "Bud" Barker gives a final pat to the woolen ski cap on President Harry Bridges’ head, while Secretary Cook, Fred McKinstry, and Vice President J. R. Robertson look on. These are British Columbia Indian sweaters, specially made for the occasion, with the initials “ILWU” knitted into the back. The event, one of many entangled with ILWU’s 16th Biennial Convention in Vancouver, took place at a night club taken over entirely by the union for a banquet, show and dance.

**ILWU Women Confer, Tour BC**

VANCOUVER B.C.—Discussions of the war in Vietnam at right angles to the United States, and an all-day tour of Vancouver Island and Victoria, were highlights of the meeting of the British Columbia District Council of ILWU Women April 3. Over 40 delegates and visitors were welcomed to the special reception by Vancouver women at the Fishermen’s Hall by Kay Pilfold of Prince Rupert. Among the Federated Auxiliaries officers attending were Valerie Taylor, president; Norma Wyatt, vice president from Washington; and Gertrude Eichhorst, vice president from Canada. Among the ports represented were Port Alberni, Chemainus, New Westminster, and Vancouver, B.C.

The all-day bus and ferry tour for auxiliary members and wives of delegates to the 16th Biennial Convention started at 8 a.m. on April 4. The group stopped for lunch in Victoria, then were hosted on a tour of the world-famous Butchart Gardens by G. W. Ball, president of Victoria Local 504. The trip returned to Van-

**Dockers, Widows On Pension List**

SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the April, 1965 list of dockworkers retired under various ILWU-PMA plans.

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**BIG SHOTS AND LITTLE FISHES**

*By Fred Goetz*

C O R N E L I A N T J O N of Seattle, Washington, favors the Chelan-
Okanogan ridge of his home state. This ridge separates the two counties and is great hunting terrain.

Here’s a photo of Tom with a four
goose, as keyed out on what he de-
scribes as the wheeled donkey on the
right. The big buck field dressed at
150 pounds.

According to recent information from the Department of the Interior,
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3 Year Pact At Colgate For Local 6

SAN FRANCISCO — Local 6 production and maintenance workers at the Colgate-Palmolive Company plant in Berkeley ratified a new 3-year agreement at a stop work meeting April 3.

The agreement calls for 39 days of meetings between Local 6 and Colgate negotiating teams.

"Substantial gains have been made," said Paul Heide, Local 6 business agent.

"Average wage increases for production workers will be $1.15 an hour for the first year, $1.10 for the second and $1.15 for the third. Maintenance employees will average $1.15, 11c and $1.15 increases over the three year period."

The new agreement also eliminated the lowest basic wage rate for women.

WELFARE GAINS

In welfare, Colgate agreed for the first time to allow the employees a choice between the union and company plans.

Other highlights of the agreement include:

- 4 weeks vacation after five years;
- Extension of medical benefits for retired workers;
- Improved contract language on promotions and transfers;
- Improved shift scheduling arrangements;
- Deletion of a contract provision that refused to work overtime constitutes cause for discharge.

THERE ARE many items in the three year pact for Local 6, San Francisco. Shipclerks, walking bosses and promotions for retired workers; extension of medical benefits for 4 years; 3 weeks vacation after five years; improved shift scheduling arrangements; deletion of a contract provision that refused to work overtime constitutes cause for discharge.

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Everything to Gain, Nothing to Lose When Ranks Are Involved

Editor's note: These are the concluding remarks from the Organization section of the Officers' Report to the ILWU's 16th Biennial Convention, Vancouver, B.C., April 5-9. Vice President Robertson was in Vancouver attending the Coast Longshore Caucus, The Dispatcher went to press. His regular column will be resumed in the next issue.

The Organization department of the ILWU has spoken often of that essential ingredient, without which we can only go so far and no further, which is membership participation.

New ideas and techniques must be found to involve the membership in the day-to-day work of organizing in each area, especially in view of the challenge of white collar organizing. Here are some steps in order to help meet this goal:

- At every local meeting some time must be allotted to the discussion of organizing. It should involve the membership as a whole as well as the local executive board, the stewards' council, and any other grouping that could be involved.
- Whenever possible meetings should be called by a member of the organizing staff, and the membership concerned should be invited to the meeting.
- Publicity should be given by each local bulletin and by The Dispatcher, including news about any organizing meetings, particularly encourage membership participation.
- The International union, working through regional staffs and with local union officers, should also schedule regular monthly meetings devoted to organizing. At these meetings, any members in the immediate area interested in the organizing program, and especially those who would like to become organizers, should be invited to attend. Free and open discussion, self-criticism, and projected plans should be invited.
- Such meetings should enable the ILWU to develop leaders from the ranks. This could bring a new kind of knowledge of the organizing picture, because many of our organizing members have little or no knowledge of current local problems, and many would like to try to meet these local challenges as rank and file organizers should. They should have opportunities to work on the field with experienced organizers—and develop capable, dynamic future leadership for the ILWU.

There are many items in the foregoing report that are open for further discussion, changes, revisions, etc. But this should give us some perspective on means and goals.

It is well, above all else, to keep in mind that there are new fields to organize, and old fields that have been waiting for trade union development.

Harold Gibbons function. It is amazing, as we know the history of the labor movement, to sit in today’s world and find a two-bit politician screaming for additional legislation to bind the labor movement and put it into further shackles.

Tracking the history of the labor movement, Gibbons pointed to the great labor movements of the last century, and noted that it was a movement that brought to our side all men of goodwill.

"We were a movement serving our memberships needs. That isn’t necessary so today. It isn’t enough to concern ourselves only with negotiations for the next contract."

POVERTY, JOBLESSNESS

Gibbons listed some of the main problems facing labor and the nation:

- There are 20 million jobs in America with wages under $50 per week; millions upon millions of underemployed workers, for whom very little concern is expressed by most labor leaders; millions upon millions of unemployed.
- The percentage of unemployed is close to ten percent, he said. Negroes and Mexican-Americans suffer almost 20 percent joblessness.
- "And back of each of these statistics are millions of personal tragedies," he added.
- He said automation is destroying 3 to 4 million jobs a year. He pointed to the cities with miles of slum areas, "and yet labor doesn’t seem to worry about that." It is a great danger. There isn’t an employer in the United States today who wouldn’t like to see the labor movement abolished.

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Local 6 has grown too respectable and runs for cover whenever challenged, he said.

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Stop Running for Cover

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