Canadian Area Convention Marks Union Growth, Organizational Gains

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Growth, consolidation and a broadening of labor unity marked the Seventh Convention of the Canadian Area ILWU held here May 17-21, attended by 50 delegates from 12 locals, and representatives of the pensioners and auxiliaries.

A wide variety of issues were acted upon by delegates, including port development and world trade, safety, contract revisions, trade union unity, medicare, nuclear arms, the war in Vietnam and developing Canadian resources to provide jobs for Canadians.

The Officers' Report to the convention noted a “continuous upward swing in membership in the past 14 months,” with 750 new members bringing to 3000 the total membership of the Canadian Area.

SUBSTANTIAL GAINS

Among the locals making substantial gains were the former's Local 514, the Vancouver Harbour Employees Association Local 517 and the Canadian Pacific Railway employees Local 518.

With few exceptions, the report stated, all of the ports “have improved their membership rolls by increased work opportunity and expansion which over far outpaced mechanization and normal attrition.

All indications, it declared, are that “the northern end of Vancouver Island, the northern interior of British Columbia are going to provide a tremendous increase to the export tonnage from the West Coast.”

Last year set a new record for overseas shipments through British Columbia ports, with 19 million tons of cargo loaded. “This large increase in shipments,” officers reported, “reflects the high level of activity and growth in our province. . . . When it is realized that more than half of the total cargoes shipped out of BC ports are destined for east Asian ports, one can feel nothing but alarm over the war clouds gathering in Southeast Asia.”

THRUST OF WAR

“All Canadians are affected by the threat of war over Vietnam. In the case of longshoremen and other waterfront workers, the threat is immediate, direct and personal.”

The union pledged to “continue to strive for world peace and expanded trade with all countries regardless of their political complexion.”

The convention called on Canada and the UN to use their influence to give the Vietnamese people “the right to settle their own affairs without military interference from any country outside Vietnam.”

The convention also asked the Canadian government “to renounce any pact or treaty that allows the storage of nuclear arms on Canadian soil.”

Calling for a halt to the “giveaway of our natural resources,” delegates advocated that these resources be used in Canada “for the development of manufacturing industries . . . for jobs for Canadians.”

Strong support was voiced for a comprehensive national medicare program, calling upon the federal government to institute the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Health Services. “The labor movement should make it clear to all governments concerned that we will accept nothing short of the Commission proposals.”

Unity of all Canadian trade unions was declared essential to insure that labor secure “a fair share of the increasing productivity” being brought about by automation.

LONGSHORE SAFETY

Safety recommendations adopted by the convention included increasing the number of tackle inspectors, publication of an up-to-date safety rules manual.

1965 Review

ILWU Asks Improved Coast Pact

SAN FRANCISCO — Formal negotiations for 1965 contract review between the ILWU and the Pacific Maritime Association on an interim opening of the ILWU-PMA Pacific Coast Longshore and Clerks Agreement were well into the second week at Dispatcher headquarters.

Union negotiators are presenting demands for changes in the contract, most of which apply to one or more years. All contracts including pensions and the historic Mechanization and Modernization Agreement terminate in 1966.

The current demands — an instruction of the recent coast longshore caucus in Vancouver—include a wage increase of 21 cents an hour, improved work opportunity and enhanced welfare and health coverage, improvements in holiday and vacation provisions, and standardization and modernization of grievance machinery, several contract amendments in manning and elimination of extended hours of work.

Further, the ILWU is demanding an increase in monthly pension for men now retired and a lifetime pension for pensioners’ widows amounting to 50 percent of pre-retirement contribution.

Under the present contract all unresolved issues may be placed before the coast arbitrator except pensions and the M&M agreement. Under the ILWU-PMA agreement, the Executive Board, waterfront division members of the International Longshoremen’s and Warehousemen’s Union, chairs the union negotiating committee, consisting of International officers, area representatives of the Regional and Executive Board, representatives from the major shipclerk locals, and one representing the small ports.

June: Choice of Plan Month

SAN FRANCISCO — June is “choice of plan” month for eligible longshoremen, clerks and bosses in the four major ports — Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Wilmington, the ILWU-PMA Benefit Funds office reminded members last week.

They can change their health plan coverage if they want to. Dental plan coverage for children can also be changed in San Francisco and Wilmington.

June is choice of plan month for the Bridge Clinic Group in the Los Angeles Harbor area. Improved Group in the Los Angeles Harbor area.

Who Said It?

Instead of stopping another Cuba, they will make another Castro. They are also known Communists. There are going to be 53,000 Communists in the Dominican Republic because of the Marine intervention, and they will be US-made Communists. I became president in a free election. I ran my government with democratic methods. I have said many times I have no use for communism. But there are many people in public life in the United States who are afraid of democracy.

(Turn to back page for name of author.)
The Evil of Power

IT IS NOT that we are prophets of doom; it is, rather, that we believe doom can be avoided if the people make themselves heard and force reason to override reason. We are convinced that the unreasonable which guides US foreign policy today was what Eisenhower foresaw when he left the Presidency with the warning: "Beware the military-industrial complex!" Yet, Eisenhower himself, went along with the build-up of the complex. Many people were convinced that while he was yet in office the military and the giant industrial corporations pocketing the profitable defense budget had already grown so powerful as to make the President their prisoner.

To the defense contractors the goal is profit, profit above all love of country or concern for their fellow men—"Get mine while the getting is good!" In some cases for a million dollar airplane they cream off a half million profit. Because the General Accounting Office, an agency accountable only to the Congress, sometimes catches them in such extortion, the contractors are presently engaged in a lobbying smear to discredit that agency.

To the generals and admirals and near generals and near admirals the goal is promotion and aggrandizement. There is plus, of course, the big job that looms ahead for these military executives with a defense corporation when they retire at early age and almost full pay from the taxpayers.

IT IS EASY to see that the words "disarmament" and "peace" are to these people unpleasant to the point of being dirty, subversive and even treasonable. And behind them in their determination are all the loose nuts who are, not so curiously, anti-Negro, anti-Semites and anti-labor (and this does include the AFL-CIO hierarchy which endorses their adventures).

The military departments of the government, together with the FBI, Treasury and State Departments, and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) control all the information that funnels to the President about what is going on in the world. That these agencies do not give the President correct information, or information correctly interpreted, is revealed in the Bay of Pigs fiasco. In that case the administration was led to believe that the people of Cuba were ready and anxious to throw their armed around CIA-trained Cuban exiles. How close we came to nuclear holocaust! Only the superstatesmanship of John F. Kennedy and the now deposed Nikita Khroushchev saved us from it.

NOW WE HAVE a situation where the United States in Vietnam and in the Dominican Republic is in violation of the letter and spirit of international law and agreements made at Geneva and in the Organization of American States (OAS). The US blandly states that we will not allow any state in the American hemisphere to become communist, and our President names 53 Communists said to be connected with the struggle in the Dominican Republic to return to constitutional government— and most of the 53 "Communists" turn out to be dead or in residence abroad.

Again, we suspect, the President has been handed a red herring on a platter and he has swallowed it without examining its age and state of decay. There was once way back an official of the employer organization which preceded the organization that now negotiates with our own West Coast Longshoremen and Clerks who said: "Cry Communist for the fine effect it has upon the public." We now see this repeated in higher places.

The people, we hope, will understand and prevail.

Harry Bridges

On the Beam

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THERE IS MOUNTING criticism and certainty alarm coming in from all over the world—to which add some voices in Congress and many in the IN—concerning workite developments in the Dominican Republic and Vietnam. This alarm keeps mounting notwithstanding assurances in Washington that the Vietnamese war will be "limited" and not allowed to escalate.

But while we're concentrating our attention on Asia and the Caribbean, we better keep our eyes poised on the one nation that surely can and is willing to bring the whole world into a third world war. That nation is Germany. All history demonstrates this in two recent cases. In both, the United States were part of a scheme of war makers then when they were set back by a temporary defeat.

It's 20 years since the end of the war in Europe. Never to be forgotten are scenes of mass destruction of cities and entire areas; of millions of human lives snuffed out; of the use of deliberate mass extermination of millions because of their race and religion. It's called "Nazi terror." On the other side Jews were sent to the ovens and gas tanks, millions of other civilians deliberately slaughtered.

THERIN MURDERERS are still in the saddle, riding high, ruling the economic, political, and social life of Germany and hell bent for Armageddon. The German nation shall have its own nuclear weapons and the right to use them anytime they feel like.

Did the German general staff under Hitler, financed by the Krupps and other industrial barons—plan another war as soon as they saw defeat looming? Yes, I listened to a speech made by Joseph Stalin, on November 6, 1944, quite a while before World War II was ended in Europe:

"The German leaders are already preparing for a new war. History shows that a short period—some 20 or 30 years is enough for Germany to recover from defeat and re-establish herself. This was the case in 1914, when the German nation was ready and anxious to throw their weight into the war. The German nation never forgives defeat and will never again be held down. By their own words they'll not be satisfied until they have atomic weapons. Naturally they'll keep pledging—every hour on the hour—their desire never to be held down. But they'll use them anytime they feel like."

We're talking of course of the German Nazi leaders and military machine. They are still around, still as dangerous as ever.

When one wants to think about what motivates President Johnson these days—and why he acts so much like Goebbels—maybe current stories that one of his chief advisors is J. Edgar Hoover explains a great deal.

However you look at it, LBJ inherited the war in Vietnam. He also had an invasion of Cuba to go by—as a blueprint for the Dominican invasion.

We also recall in August, 1961, as a special envoy, and vice president, he went to Berlin to pledge to Germany "our lives, our fortune and our sacred honor."

For what? To rebuild a German nation and war machine? To do what Hitler went to Berlin to do? To designate and spread the hourglass that never again would a German general staff be allowed to come to positions of power and decision?

The Krupps and other industrialists who financed and profited from Hitler are back in power. By their own words they'll not be satisfied until they have atomic weapons. Naturally they'll keep pledging—every hour on the hour—their desire never to be held down. By their own words they'll not be satisfied until they have atomic weapons. Naturally they'll keep pledging—every hour on the hour—their desire never to be held down. But they'll use them anytime they feel like. Everybody knows that Hitler repeatedly promised he would only use such weapons for peace! Everybody knows that Hitler repeatedly promised he would only move in the interest of peace!

But we know that for a well-known San Francisco newspaper man, a skilled popular journalist still going strong on a San Francisco daily. He came back then as a captain in the Air Force. He made a point of telling me how it was such an open secret in the Air Force, that the General Eisenhower was planning another war—having not done so well in this one.

To be practical, no one can rule out the possibility of war in Vietnam escalating into a third world war in Asia—but it is probably won't! Not as long as that German powder keg is being stoked up—especially if it's fused with a few nuclear bombs. That will be the day!

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Per Capita Hike Now In Effect

SAN FRANCISCO — It meets more to the liking of the ILWU, delegates to the 16th Biennial Convention decided — a new per capita hike.

The new monthly rate of $1.50 is due and payable June 1.

Why the extra two bits? International organizers up.

"Following this . . . Convention even if no changes whatsoever in the scope of activities., . . we would barely break even or go in the hole by the end of the year," the recommendation for the adopted Constitutional amendment reads.

Cited in the Constitutional Committee proposal were costs of supplies, printing, services, travel, salaries subject to negotiation, and pension increases for officers — "items of cost over which the Union has no control."

STAFF EXPANSION

To meet plans for expanded staff personnel, to provide for continuity in the work of various departments, additional funds are required, the Convention has stressed.

Rather than see "the International's payroll substantially in the hole," the recommendation is "to be of paramount concern to more industry divisions;" the salary of the International president at $225 per week, and the other titled officers at $290 per week.

• Recommended a pension schedule for titled officers.

Oregon Labor Studies Early Retirement

EUGENE, Ore.—Representatives of half a dozen unions, including ILWU’s CRDC, were among the 90 delegates to meet at the Oregon Labor and Industry who attended a recent two-day Union-sponsored conference here on pre-retirement planning.

Mike Gahr, retired member of Local 509, represented Columbia River Pensions and the ILWU council. His edited tape recording of the meeting is available to locals concerned about what happens to their members when they leave the waterfront.

The conference was built on the premise that earlier retirement, under an industrial system "is going to be of paramount concern to more and more people, as we move into the 1970s," the union representative.

One of the main speakers, Charles O’Dell of the United Automobile Workers of Detroit, predicted that by 1973 the retirement age will be 65, instead of 70.

Of the various union-management transition programs in existence, O’Dell lauded the ILWU-PMA plan as superior.

"When you relate your membership, tell them thanks from the authorized workers of America," he told Gahr.

Unions represented at the conference, in addition to ILWU-CRDC and UAW, included the Teamsters, Machinists Council of Oregon, Communication Workers of America and the International Woodworkers.

Job Security in New Ply Panel Pact

LONGVIEW — A subcontracting clause to keep work in the plant from being shifted elsewhere is a feature of ILWU Local 43’s new contract with the ply panel employers.

The agreement, covering a three-year period, provides for a 7-cent hourly wage increase for the first year, retroactive to April 1; an 11-cent increase in 1966, and a 13-cent increase in 1967.

Other contract gains include a wage and improved contract language; strict seniority for job placement; a new safety committee set-up; and additional paid holiday and vacation benefits, featuring one week’s vacation to the point, plus three weeks after 57 months.

NINE HOLIDAYS

The ply panel workers will have a total of nine paid holidays in 1967.

The contract covers health and welfare benefits of 20 cents an hour retroactive to April 1 — to be increased to 21 cents in 1967 — plus an additional three cents cushion to cover increased costs; also a hike in pension provisions.

• Advocated that the provincial government take over all automobile insurance and run it on a nonprofit basis.

• Called for repeal of the Indian Act which permits changes in boundaries on Indian Reserves and the desecration of cemeteries and places of worship.

• Endorsed a recommendation that officers be elected for a two year contract.

• Defeated a proposal that conventions be held every two years instead of annually.

Nominated at the convention for the position of general secretary treasurer—A. H. Barker, Local 501; 1st vice president—B. Dumpy, Local 501; 2nd vice president—D. W. Ball, Local 504; Victoria and A. Kotowich, Local 502; New Westminster; 3rd vice president—F. Kennedy and J. Johnstone, both of Local 506, Vancouver; secretary—T. F. Mayes, Local 506, checkers.

Goldblatt Keynote

ILWU: ‘Partnership of Equals’

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Union “is based on a partnership of equals,” ILWU Secretary Treasurer Louis Goldblatt told the Seventh Annual Convention of the Canadian Area held here last week. “Canadian autonomy and the unity of our organization are built on this convention, this partnership of equals.”

As a further step towards Canadian autonomy, he noted that the Canadian Area has been designated the “unlimited support” of the Canadian Area.

“This is more than a change of title,” he said, “the International feels that the union in BC is thoroughly competent to handle its own problems.”

ORGANIZING GOALS

Congratulating the Canadian Area on its progress he said that the biggest step forward was achieved around the issue of “one area, one contract.”

Three goals were stressed in his keynote address: consolidating the jurisdiction, extending organization, and expanding the role of the ILWU in labor-management relations.

“All work inside that dock gate is ILWU work,” Goldblatt emphasized. “There are all sorts of industries across the province where longshore work is being done by others.”

Tracing the history of the efforts of the ILWU to work with other waterfront unions, he affirmed that the ILWU is continuing with its basic principle of working for an alliance between transportation workers.

Barge Blast

Firm Fined By US Court

SAN FRANCISCO — Charged with violating safety conditions when a barge exploded last year killing two workers, Pacific Coast Engineering Company was fined $5,000 recently on two counts of a criminal information filed by the government.

The explosion took place in the Oakland Estuary March 19, 1964, killing Paul Kramer, 50, of Newark and William S. Bauer, 51, of Albany, and injured 19 others.

United States District Judge A. J. Zirpoli ruled the company had willfully violated Federal law and regulations. The government contended that the company violated regulations issued under the Longshoremen’s and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act that state that no welding, cutting, or heating should be done where the application of flammable paints or the presence of other flammable compounds exists.

Donald Pickford, Labor Department district safety consultant, said Kramer and Sauer were directed by United States Maritime Administration to bring the work to the dock area.

Loud, Clear Message To Moonlighters

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Briefest resolution at the ILWU Convention here—sweet and to the point —was the following, in full:

"It is the policy of this International union to be absolutely opposed to all forms of moonlighting."

This Convention hereby instructs the International Officers to see to it that all our collective contracts contain provisions outlawing this loathsome practice."

"Submitted by Harry Bridges."
ILWU Convention Stresses Action Program

The following concludes the summaries of key statements of policy or resolutions adopted at the 16th Biennial Convention of the ILWU in Vancouver, British Columbia, April 5-9, 1965.

Automation

The scientific revolution will revolutionize the economic and social order as we now know it. With a million jobs being lost each year in the U.S. alone, due to rapidly growing productivity, the natural tendency when faced with a loss of work is a sense of growing insecurity and fear.

Trade unions are only beginning to adjust themselves to the changing situation. A few, like the ILWU, have already worked out plans to gain a share of the machine. Many, including the ILWU, are seeking to organize white collar workers. All must face the reality of shorter work time. Automation, if properly controlled and directed, can produce a far higher standard of living for everyone throughout the world, with a greater leisure time available to all. Wherever every man's potential for a creative and satisfying life will have the fullest opportunity for development. There must be a conscious recognition that what we know as the free enterprise system cannot be relied upon to the same extent as formerly to employ people with the jobs and the incomes they must have. Public employment is growing. Increasingly, the work that used to be in the private sector will be in the public sector, in providing health facilities and services, in recreation, in housing, in transportation, in pollution control, in urban and interurban transport.

Training and retraining are wholly inadequate. The objective should be to move freely about the earth is a two-way street enabling others to get to know us as we become acquainted with them.

The current demand for a further shortening of worktime is based partially on the need to increase the number of jobs to assure that automation is not the curse so many fear, but the blessing it can be turned into. These include:

1. Shorten the work week. Labor knows this is now fully realizable. There should be additional immediate protections for work displaced. Severance pay and unemployment insurance are not enough. Training and retraining are wholly inadequate. The objective should be to re-employment with at least as good a wage as, or better, as before the change.
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Shorter Work Week

The greatest success of the labor movement has been the reduction of work time. No longer do working people have to toil from sun-up to sun-down. The eight-hour day is the norm. With the exception of France, World War II has been more in the direction of reducing work time than increasing it. The push in this direction has been for extended vacations and early retirement. Today's man must be kept in the job if he is not going to be used as a spare part for his father used to work.

The current demand for a further shortening of worktime is based partially on the need to find a solution for unemployment. A 35-hour week has been on the record. This was a mandate for the ILWU divisions of the ILWU.

The Right to Travel

Every citizen of every nation should have a guaranteed, unlimited right to travel to every other nation, with no bars attached, and without discrimination as to race, color, religion, national origin, or political belief.

The right to movement has always been cherished as a fundamental civil liberty, built upon the democratic ideal. Denial of this right for citizens to go where they may have one of the most vicious of the hangovers of the McCarthy era which the State Department, a tremendous breakthrough was accomplished with the achievement of a three-year package amounting to 45c per hour, and substantial progress was made toward the accomplishment of a complete parity. Our readiness to strike for the union's demands and the pledges of support from Northern California locals of ILWU and key and key leaders at the first TVA-type project to be undertaken to bring economic benefits to all the people. Given modern technological advances, one might expect the reduction in the hours of work. No young person should be deprived of an education for lack of the economic resources necessary to maintain them. There are a number of specific steps which must be taken to assure that automation is not the curse so many fear, but the blessing it can be turned into. These include:

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We commend the congressmen whose patriotism and corporate income receiver, elimination of the 27½% of income tax, elimination of the 6% tax on dividends, elimination of the 10% tax on the first $100 of interest and dividends, and the 20% income tax on gains from the sale of securities. The aims of the coalition are to end the personal exemption so as to relieve the family tax burden. . . .By taxing according to ability to pay and spending the money to provide needed social services the Great Society can be achieved.
Crockett’s Union Pioneers Hailed

By Sidney Roger

CROCKETT—Sentimental memories flowed freely as the beer as Local 6 oldtimers—working at C&H Sugar here—were handed 25-year pins by ILWU President Harry Bridges.

The ceremony—accompanied by a never-ending drumfire of wisecracks and loud applause as each man stepped up to receive his recognition—was held at the C&H guest cottage on a hill overlooking the majestic brick plant on the water’s edge where the river meets San Pablo Bay, facing Vallejo across Carquinez Strait.

In addition to the Local 6 members from C&H, there were several young men representing the local at the H. K. Porter Company, in Pittsburg, California, who just won an NLRB election after a rough, red-bloc-bloc-bloc reign.

They, along with younger men from Kaiser Grapam who led the union through a tough strike not long ago—and won their spot at the bargaining table—were greeted back—certainly not on our backs,” said Robertson.

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“When our movement started we used to hold meetings in secret; never knowing when we’d be husted up by cops and vigilantes and company goons—when the going was really tough,” he said. “Today we’re holding this meeting in the guest house of C&H. “I hope 30 years from now those workers will be working in a plant under the control of workers, and meeting in a place workers own. Let the workers have it,” Robertson added.

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VANCOUVER, Washington—Three Hawaiian longshoremen transferred to

Local 4, ILWU, in this Columbia River port, were the recent subject of an article in the Washington, Columbia Journal.

The paper reported how the three men from the island of Kauai were welcomed by longshoremen here, after their work was reduced to zero by the growth of dock mechanization in the islands.

The machine age, the paper said, has affected the waterfronts of the entire world, and these men were displaced by machinery here, especially because Matson, the primary shipping firm to the islands, has led the field in mechanization.

The men are Rufus Kaukeni, Charles Halaupo, Jr. and Anastasi Villanueva. The three men are married and have families.

It was explained to the reporter by Ron Vail, Local 4 secretary, who said:

"It's a common practice of our union to transfer members who are out of work; the men find work displaced through one reason or another."

In addition to the three Hawaiians here, ten more are employed at Longview, Washington, and many more are working at the Puget Sound, Columbia River and Oregon Coast and California ports.

Dock Safety Bill Dying In California

SACRAMENTO—Only mass pressure from local unions can save the ILWU's dock safety law at the current session of the California legislature.

Otherwise, present safeguards, written into the state's industrial safety code in 1963, will expire in September and be eliminated from the statute books.

ILWU Legislative Representative Nate DiBiasi attempted to get the bill out of the Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee on May 12 and failed.

"I couldn't even get a motion, let alone a second."

MEMORIAL TO GAFFNEY

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"We'd like to say aloha to your people and to thank everyone for making us feel so much at home."

Halaupo added, "This local, everyone, has been a very swell bunch to us. It has helped us so much."

Bitter Fight Looms in 14(b) Repeal

WASHINGTON — The Nation's capital this week looks forward to one of the bitterest congressional battles of the year, after President Johnson called for repeal of section 14(b) of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act. To match this big business is pouring considerable resources and cash into the fray.

At issue is the union shop vs. so-called "right-to-work" states.

President Johnson expressed his stand in a statement to Congress:

"With the hope of reducing conflicts in our national labor policy that for years now has divided American industries, I recommend the repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act."

In 19 states, the union shop is outlawed, under this T-H provision which permits state legislation against labor. Repeal of the section will not mean automatic union shop agreements, but would allow union shop agreements to be negotiated freely in such states.

PLENTY OF MONEY

Mr. Johnson's union shop statement prompted two immediate reactions: cheers from the labor community, and opposition from such anti-labor forces as the National Right to Work Committee, the Citizens Committee to Preserve the Taft-Hartley Act (CCTHA), the US Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Associated General Contractors, and others.

Plenty of money is represented by the pro-(14(b) side.

One sign of the Citizens Committee to Preserve the Taft-Hartley Act, for example, is Leo M. Harvey, board chairman of Harvey-Aluminum—whom currently is being struck by 2000 Steelworkers for a first contract. (See story below.)

Another is Walter Knott, big-time backer of right-wing causes and campaigns, including the John Birch Society.

Fittingly enough, chairman of the CCTHA is Fred Hartley, former congressman who co-authored the Taft-Hartley Act. Since then he has spent much of his time promoting one from right-wing organization to another, including the National Right to Work Committee.

These men—Harvey, Knott, Hartley and many more 14(b) supporters—are firm call section 14(b) "an important safeguard of an employee's right to choose regarding union membership."

SUCH RIGHT

American labor recognizes no such right.

"Scratch a right-winger and you find a "right-to-work" advocate," says Lynn Glytis of the Officers to the ILWU 16th Biennial Convention.

Among the things on the ILWU's agenda: repeal of all anti-labor legislation, including Taft-Hartley.

Locals 13, 63 Aid Alum Strike

WILMINGTON—Longshore, Local 13 and Marine Clerks, Local 63 are presently aiding hard-pressed strikers at the Torrance plant of Harvey-Aluminum, by furnishing extra longshore and clerks work.

These workers, members of Local 13, 63, have been in a steel workers (CH) and Line Drivers, Local 224, and the United, are members of the "right-to-work" strike that may become a long struggle, according to A. L. Perisho, the indefatigable agent of Local 63 clerks.

ANTI-UNION COMPANY

Over 2,000 people are involved in the dispute. Unions have been trying unsuccessfully for 15 years to organize the plant. Last year 2,500 workers won a representation election. But the 2 to 1 majorities that last week the company had refused to negotiate. The strike started April 5.

Harvey Aluminum has a long history of anti-unionism. On May 2 in an attempt to intimidate strikers, ran a bold ad in the Long Beach Independent-Press Telegram offering a $5,000 reward to anyone furnishing evidence leading to arrest and conviction of any person "committing acts of bodily violence or threats of bodily violence against employees of Harvey Aluminum, Inc. and/or its representatives in order to prevent them from coming to work."

If there were any takers, Harvey's latest ad—May 23 in the same paper—does not say so. This latest pitch is a typical one, estimating that there is something unpatriotic about being part of organized labor.

"If you are a loyal American seeking to work among a family of free people to come to work at Harvey Aluminum where human dignity is respected, it says boldly.

Buried at the bottom of the ad, in the smallest type: "Trade dispute exists." This is as gentle as way of saying that Harvey seeks out a "right-to-work" setting for a "trade dispute," it would be illegal.

Here's a pic of Jim with his piano prize.

ILWU members in good standing—and the members of their family—and can earn power to elect a FINER SPOONER lures by sending in a clear snapshot of a fishing or hunting scene—and a few words as to what the photo is all about.

Send it to: Dept. TDSF, 0216 S.W. Iowa, Portland, Oregon 97201.
"Defend Man's Right to Dissent"

BERKELEY, Calif.—Introducing Senator Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) to a Vietnam Day teach-in, of 7,000 at the University of California, ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt drew strong applause for pointing out that dissent may be unpopular, but it is not un-American.

Goldblatt paralleled the neo-McCarthyite abuse dealt to those who disagree with American action in Vietnam with the powerful weekly vendetta waged against the ILWU in days of its dissent on American policy in the Korean war.

"Bridges was arrested and jailed because his was a lone voice, almost a lone voice," said Goldblatt, "calling for a ceasefire in Korea."

Thanking the assembled students and interested parties for inviting him to introduce Senator Gruening, Goldblatt added: "Only by open debate and broadside discussion to the right to speak and the right to disagree be preserved."

"Peaceful Settlement"

In his address, Senator Gruening said:

"The white man should have learned by now that this is one time we cannot settle an Asian problem for the Asian, any more than we can settle American war花纹, and so we must seek an honorable and decent withdrawal."

"It is a myth that we were invited in by the Vietnamese government—if anyone invited us, it was the Hanoi government worthy of the name. We invited ourselves in: into a position where people don't want to fight for themselves.

Earlier, Goldblatt read the recent ILWU resolution on Vietnam to the assembled thousand.

A recent conference on workmen's compensation legislation was attended by Thomas Pols, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation; Tom Harris of the Teamsters Union and Nate DiBiasi, representing the ILWU.

Junior Senator from Alaska, Gruening acknowledged applause of 7000 students at Berkeley Vietnam teach-in. On stage at the late-night meeting are Assemblyman William F. Stanton of San Jose and ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt.

Answer to Who Said It

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"Peaceful Settlement" - The Gang Steward on the Job Is the Key to Organization

The organizing process takes place — outlining what there is to organize and the structure of labor. We need to do the job effectively. As a starter, it is all that we understand and believe in when we emphasize organizing workers it's mighty tough work.

In this column let's continue on how the job can best be done, and the certain aspects of organization on the waterfront. Let's continue with a down-to-earth approach for the locals.

First, in order for a local to become most efficient it must strengthen itself internally on the rank and file level. Therefore each waterfront local needs to do the same to make sure that the stewards' power is functional. Once established, each local can start to look at the outside waterfront machines. (b) He has a key role in keeping his eye on the job. We need a true professional who can be accountable, who can be the watch dog to make sure that ILWU work is protected. It is the key that we are doing business in a very safe manner and that many workers are not being taken advantage of. (c) He is the watch dog that many employers who may be involved, and the category of work that is investigated is, and we know that the employers who are involved in the waterfront. (d) He is the watch dog that many employers who may be involved, and the category of work that is investigated is, and we know that the employers who are involved in the waterfront.

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Women Must Resist Snoops, Lie Detectors

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Women must be urged by their employers from using snooping devices and techniques as personnel tools on members.

In the May issue of The International Transport Journal, Teamsters Union general president James R. Hoffa, in growing concern of individual rights by those who invade personal privacy.

Men were urged to peep holes, listening devices, and so-called "lie detector" examinations were called clear violations of the right of search and seizure, “and better than any man’s right of privacy and freedoms of a man’s relationship with his fellow man,” Hoffa said.

"It is incumbent on all officials of this union to see that such practices are not utilized as personnel tools by the employers for whom our members work," he wrote.

If used as personnel tools, right of privacy and violations of constitutional rights are becoming common practice in business as well as government.

The Teamsters president concluded: "On the one hand, we have the right to fight for higher wages, better living conditions, and better working conditions. And, in gaining these things we have achieved human dignity for the man who has a job, who is able to maintain a living.

Do not intend that such human dignity shall be stolen away by the employer whose personnel policy is to follow through—through good judgment in hiring and trust in his fellow man.”

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