International Election

Ballots Are On Way to All Locals

SAN FRANCISCO — Beginning this month, ILWU members will elect four International officers, a new executive board, and two Coast Committee members. Ballots will go to all locals on the West Coast, British Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii for the secret referendum which will name the international leadership for the next two years.

The balloting committee, appointed by the 18th Biennial Convention to conduct the 1969 referendum election, met here April 28th, to assign ballots to the various locals on the basis of their per capita payments, and to set the election machinery into motion.

The committee includes Cleophas Williams, Local 10, chairman; George Lucero, Local 11; Claude MacDonald, Local 6; and Joseph Campion, Local 34.

TIME IS SHORT

The balloting committee, in addition to assigning the proper number of ballots, sent a letter to instruct all ILWU locals on proper balloting procedures. Time is short; all balloting must be completed by June 1 — less than a month away. The International office must be notified of the results by June 11. Returns not received by June 11 will be declared null and void, balloting committee members stated.

Because of past confusion concerning balloting procedures, the committee carefully reviewed the constitutional rules governing International elections.

• All candidates must be nominated and ballots in possession of local secretaries 25 days after the adjournment of the International Convention, which ended April 12. Thus May 7 is the first deadline.

• Within 50 days after adjournment, each local union conducts secret elections. The ballot must be counted in the local unions, by local balloting committees. This balloting must be completed by June 1.

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• Seventy days after the conventions, the committee tabulates all local union ballots and reports the results.

• Ninety days after adjournment, the new executive board and officers meet.

The balloting committee stressed that if this procedure is not followed, it will lead to improper use of the tally sheets, certified by the local balloting committee. Locals will not be officially notified by the international of the results of the election.

Three official tabulation sheets were with each letter of instructions to the locals — one copy to be submitted to the ILWU secretary-treasurer, one to the balloting committee, and the third placed in local files.

Container Talks Re-Open After Nine-Day Caucus

SAN FRANCISCO — Container talks between the ILWU and the PMA were re-opened Friday, April 25 immediately following nine days of intensive longshore coast caucus meetings and a six-day convention. The next negotiating meeting is set for Tuesday, May 6.

The coast caucus, meeting five days in Los Angeles, and completing its work here, adopted a set of demands and a program of going right back into contract talks with the same 22-man negotiating team.

Union negotiators, in a brief meeting with the employers, called for an agreement covering the staffing and unstuffing of containers and vans on docks and dock areas, which is longshore work.

This would be a coastwise container freight station contract in the form of an addendum to the Pacific Coast Longshore Agreement (PCLA) — which runs until 1971.

A joint press release announced resumption of negotiations on the subject of a container agreement and added:

"There is no threat of a West Coast dock strike. The parties fully expect to resolve their differences by negotiation."

"It was also agreed not to enter into public discussion about the specific negotiations or demands except by joint agreement. This avoids negotiating in the public press. This joint agreement, of course, can be --Continued on Page 2
WE ARE PRACTICALLY drowning in a sea of taxation, and the best that's been offered in the way of tax reform is a small highly publicized package offered by President Nixon aimed at taking the edge off growing public anger, but a long way off from the kind of meaningful reform demanded by the ILWU convention. The American taxpayer is getting damned mad as he sees billions of dollars drained away in tax loopholes, and big business corporations not paying their share.

Nixon's proposals nevertheless have opened the door, and it's up to the people, certainly the labor movement, to keep driving to win a broad tax reform program aimed at providing direct and immediate tax relief by closing loopholes and ending tax-saving gimmicks by which the rich avoid paying their fair share of taxes.

The average working person now puts in at least a day-and-a-half out of each five-day work week just to pay his taxes!

W E CAN AGREE with at least two major items in the President's proposal: One is the immediate repeal of the investment tax credit—which allows a company to deduct from its taxes 7 percent of the money it spends for new machinery and equipment; two, the elimination of the tax break for a company's subsidiaries. We also agree in part, with the President's tightening of loopholes for so-called "gentlemen farmers," tax-exempt foundations, charitable deductions, and several others.

The President proposes that low-income people be exempt from paying federal income taxes, and we agree this is a step in the right direction. But if all this saves poverty-stricken Americans only $14 to $74 each year, it merely puts a little saucer on the wound, but doesn't begin to heal the disease of poverty or put the tax burden on those most able to pay. His plan needs a lot of beefing up.

For example, Nixon recommended the surtax be continued at the ten percent rate to the end of 1969, and then be cut to five percent at the beginning of next year. We call for immediate and total repeal of the surtax, a war tax that has added to inflation.

We want to see the President really move in on some of those loopholes. He closed a few, but his "mini-reforms" avoid facing up to the real issue—which is closing all tax loopholes! Our convention called for repeal of the capital gains provision of the tax law, which allows owners of stocks and real estate to pay only a 25 percent tax on their profits. This is probably the largest of all loopholes depriving the government of billions, which working taxpayers have to pay for in higher taxes.

Nixon sidesteps the unjustified and outdated oil and mineral depletion allowances, which should be entirely repealed.

T HE ILWU CALLS FOR direct and immediate tax relief. We mean, in addition to abolishing the ten percent surtax, increasing personal exemptions from $400 to $1,200. We mean raising the standard deduction of ten percent with a $1,000 maximum up to 15 percent with a $2,000 maximum.

Even though President Nixon is using a small bucket instead of manning the pumps to stem this floodtide of taxation, he is at least moving in the right direction. It's up to all of us, trade union members, neighbors and friends, to put the pressure on congress to broaden and extend tax reforms, to shift the tax burden from the pocket-books of the working class to the bulging bank accounts of the wealthy.

Keep putting on the heat—write to your congressman, your senators, to the House Ways and Means Committee. What you want is genuine tax reform, real tax relief, and no halfway measures!

The Dispatch, May 2, 1969

ORGANIZED LABOR is the single largest organized group of people in the country. No real solutions for the benefit of all the people will be found unless organized labor steps up the job of fighting back into the community and into the sound trade union grounds. What is good for trade unionists will better the lives for all in society.

Much of labor's involvement in community issues has been through the Congress, state legislatures, and so-called "political action" committees, which are not as familiar with the problems of the working class. And unfortunately, for the most part, labor organizations have fought without the active involvement and participation of rank and file members. Some labor leaders have surrounded themselves with grandstand plays in the halls of Congress, and have surrounded themselves with public relations specialists and image makers.

Any programs, however, whether they be on ending the war in Vietnam or winning unemployment, winning the guaranteed annual wage, or whatever, will succeed only when they have the full support of labor's rank and file. They are the backbone of strength and commitment of the organized working class.

The National Economic Policy and Essential Attitude Survey done in 1966-67, are steps in determining the interests of the rank and file and the directions in which they are willing to move, and in involving the ranks in the day-to-day work of the union and in formulating and carrying out ILWU policy and program.
Guests from Mexico Greet Convention

LOS ANGELES—Fraternal delegates from dock workers’ unions at various ports of Mexico were present at the ILWU’s Biennial Convention at President Harry Bridges. Four of them spoke briefly, expressing fraternal greetings and hopes for closer ties with the dock workers of the US and other countries.

Those who spoke were Armando Huerta Capula, representing the Co-ordination of Maritime and Dock Workers of Mexico; Juan Cayetano Melche, secretary of the Veracruz longshoremen’s union; Luis Orozco from the Port of Mazatlan; and Luis Orozco from the Port of Guaymas.

They spoke in Spanish, with translations by several ILWU members: Tony Garcia of Local 46, Richard Chávez of Local 27, Ray Barra and Ray Ortega of Local 26; Larry Ledbetter of Local 28.

They presented to the ILWU two large blow-up pictures—of the Port of Veracruz and of the longshoremen’s union headquarters in that city. These were accepted with the understanding that they will be displayed in the ILWU headquarters in Los Angeles.

MEXICAN FRATERNAL DELEGATES at the ILWU convention presented copies of their contracts to ILWU President Louis Goldblatt. With them are ILWU workers and Amalgamated Clothing Workers and ILWU Joint Council 42 have joined other sections of organized labor in backing Bradley.

In convention discussion from the floor and from the officers there was approval of the opposition of the officers. Deliberations had to be held in the convention hall. Many delegates transferred from other committees to constitution when a choice was offered during the opening convention session.

Committee chairman was Michael Johnson, a member of the executive board and Local 54 Secretary to Carl Smith of the executive board and Local 16. There was an assistant secretary, Abigail Estacio of Local 142.

Two Vice Presidents

Article VI, Officers, was changed to provide for two vice presidents instead of one. Their titles will be “Vice President-Director of Organization” and “Vice President-Assistant to the President.”

This constitutional change also provides that “The titled officers shall comprise the National Organizing Committee and shall be responsible for the selection and assignment of personnel.” Formerly, these duties were assigned to the one vice president.

Voting by Officers

Article X, Conventions, was changed in Section 7. Formerly it provided that “titled officers who have been elected delegates to conventions to which their respective locals shall have voice and vote in the convention, except on roll call votes.” Executive board members now are included in this restriction.

A new sentence was added to Section 7: “But each executive board member shall in no case be a candidate to succeed himself unless he is an accredited delegate from his own local.”

In the event that an executive board member is not elected by his local union as a convention delegate, he is to be paid by the International for attending the convention, at the same rate as for attending executive board meetings. This is ordered by addition of new wording to Article VII, Officers, Section 14 (formerly Section 13).

Convention Date

Section 1 of Article X was altered to set the opening date of biennial conventions as “the second Monday following Easter Sunday. In the past, it was the first Monday in April. Board, for the change is to avoid having the convention open on the day after Easter Sunday, as it did this year. Hotel and travel accommodations are difficult to obtain on the Easter weekend.

Constitution Alters ILWU Constitution

Initiation Fee

The ceiling on local union initiation fees was set at $25 to $30, in Article V, Powers and Duties of Locals, Section 3.

Officers’ Salaries

Salaries of the titled officers were increased by $5,500, to $25,000, for the president; $21,000 for the vice president; $20,000, for the secretary-treasurer; $18,000, for the general counsel; $16,000, for the assistant general counsel.

Overseas Travel

Consent of two-thirds of the executive board now will be required for any officer to go on an overseas trip. Article IX, Per Capita and Assessments, Section 1a, was altered by addition of the following sentence: “The International officers shall not be eligible to go on overseas trips at less cost than two-thirds vote of the executive board.”

The Dispatcher

The publication schedule of The Dispatcher was changed to require 24 issues a year instead of 26 as before.

Endorsements

A new section was added to the constitution as Article XXXII, Endorsements, prohibiting the use of the union’s name without authorization. The new section, in full: “No local or International officer or International staff member shall be allowed to use the name of any local or the International in connection with any political campaign, committee, social, community or other activity unless use of the name of such local or the International has been authorized by the local or International executive board.”

“This section shall prohibit the unauthorized use of the local or International name for the purpose of ‘identification only.’

Officers’ Retirement Pay

The other new section will assure equal retirement pay for International officers. It authorizes “payment of $13,000 to all titled officers who do not have it coming from their employers upon their retirement, which is the equivalent of the $15,000 paid to International officers who are in the longshore division. Payment shall be made in a lump sum or monthly payments, as provided in the longshore agreement, as long as that agreement exists.”
ILWU Auxiliaries Share Union Struggles, Goals

Constitution Calls for National Health Plan

Los Angeles—A national health plan covering all Americans was called for in a resolution by the ILWU 18th Biennial Convention. It cited figures showing a shocking lack of medical care by big sections of the population and lack of preventive care by all but a few. It concluded that organized labor should expend every effort toward the prompt enactment of a national health plan.

The resolution follows, in part:

In 1968 Americans spent over $50 billion under the care of doctors. Despite such huge expenditures, however, the general level of medical care provided is far below the standards for industrialized nations.

For instance, 15 other countries have a higher rate of doctors, a higher rate of infant mortality, and the citizens of 19 other countries enjoy longer life spans. If we are to be in the 10% of the world's population, we will need three times the rate of infant mortality among poor people; an increase of 1% in the white-to-black ratio; and the age rate among poor blacks is three times the national average.

Fifty percent of our nation's poor are not immunized against common childhood ailments, 64 percent of the poor never see a dentist, and 46 percent of the female poor who have babies get no prenatal care.

We are working with the No Sales Tax League and with citizens opposing the sales tax in helping to organize petitions, raising funds for publicity and registering voters to defeat the sales tax bill in the polls in the special election June 3.

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We have protested the violation of Indian fishing rights and land rights, the recent court decision concerning the rights of Indians and Eskimos to the vast mineral and oil deposits of Alaska; and contributed to an ad hoc committee for the education of California ghetto children.

We have spoken out against police brutality in ghetto neighborhoods and demanded that courses in black history and Afro-American culture, as well as labor history, be included in the public school system. We are campaigning to strike racial wording from state constitutions of Oregon and Washington.

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PROTESTED ARM

We have protested the addition of the IBM system and the danger to our people and livestock and to the word from chemical and biological warfare research.

The unrest on many university campuses stems from students' dissatisfaction over money channelled from the Pentagon into war research grants, to recruiting programs on campus for Dow Chemical and other businesses of the military-industrial complex.

The cause of retarded children also requires our working effort. In this connection we learned only recently that retarded young men now in our country will be exempt from the lowering of army standards.

"BEST INFORMED" In closing, we give special thanks to Alan Gerson for the information from Washington and to the ILWU lobbyists in Olympia, Salem and Sacrament, that the work of our auxiliaries are the basis of our legislative programs.

We compliment Sidney Roger for a great job in the pages of The Dispatcher. We know the ILWU is an informed group of trade union men and women in the country.

At our convention the delegates went on record to express their appreciation for the long years of service by President Harry Bridges. We are currently in the process of raising grants to the ILWU Research Library Fund. Presentations will be the high point at our June 1969 convention.

End Army's Mutiny Trials

The ILWU condemns the trial of 27 men in the Presidio stockade for mutiny by the Army. It does not consider their peaceful sitdown a sufficient basis for sentencing the men to long prison terms at hard labor.

Richard Bunch, whose murder by an Army guard the men were protesting, was mentally ill. If the guard had showed the slightest indication of prehend him, Bunch might have been recaptured and the sit-down arrested.

Testimony by Army personnel at the pretrial hearing confirms that many of the conditions the men were protesting do exist in the stockade.

Bunch accepted the judgment of the Army hearing officer, Captain Richard Millard, that the mutiny was "an overreaction by the Army and a misapplication of a statute which could lead to a further miscarriage of justice."

The ILWU calls on the Army to end this punitive trial at once, reverse the convictions of men already convicted and forget the show trial all together. We denounce the murder of Richard Bunch, and make the Presidio stockade the last bastion for hard habitant.

Submitted by Local 142.

Convention Policy

Strengthen Teamster Ties, Support Hoffa

Los Angeles—"Every effort should be made to continue and strengthen the alliance" between ILWU and the Teamsters' union, declared a resolution adopted by the ILWU 18th Biennial Convention. "The alliance has borne fruit for the ILWU members know you can still unionize, in spite of the strike goals—and hardships." We realize that each era brings its own problems but one remains. There is no last best in this business, Francis Murnane used to say. So we, the wives, mothers and widows of ILWU members know you can still use our help. We are here to pledge that help.

You are on a job all day. Auxiliary members and pensioners have time to develop union-supported actions. We are natural allies.

In brief summary of some activities of the past year, we are proud of the Canadian auxiliaries in speaking out against the compulsory arbitration bill, for reduction of sales tax and action on low cost housing and rent control.

Against Sales Tax

In Oregon, the CRDC labor lobbyist, Ernest Baker, told the other resolution: "We presented them that the ILWU auxiliaries were a real weapon in fighting the sales tax. We helped him defeat the tax of the special session two years ago and again we are now in a full-scale fight against it.

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Anti-Labor Legislation

Since 1935 and the passage of the Wagner Act, union activities have been eroded by new restrictive laws. All of the anti-labor laws on the books hold our national and state levels, the Taft-Hartley and the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Acts pose the greatest danger of a minimum effective trade union movement.

Besides sanctioning the enactment of open shop law among the states, Taft-Hartley is designed to destroy the effectiveness of strike action through the 80-day "cooling off" injunction. Taft-Hartley is, furthermore, meant to prevent mutual aid and support among unions. The Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act supplements Taft-Hartley by prohibiting a mass picket election or further harass unions and union leaders.

American business interests are not satisfied with these laws, and are now pushing hard to limit the right to strike even further. President Nixon has asked his secretary of labor to go the measures and recommend means to add to the President's "arsenal of weapons" to be used against the unions.

There are bills in congress now that would establish labor courts and make strike-breaking or "management prerogatives" and determine fundamental concepts emancipated by the Taft-Hartley Committee of which Senator Eastland is chairman. This bill is a rightist, racist and anti-labor legislation which will further limit the rights of workers to organize, bargain collectively, and strike.
The Convention Committee Report

Publicity and Education

The convention adopted the report of the Publicity and Education Committee following its reading to the convention and submission. The report is reprinted below.

THIS REPORT OF the Publicity and Education Committee is dedicated to the goal of closing the "generation gap" in the union, both on the job and in the community. We believe that this convention will go on record to devote its attention to the following programs:

WORKSHOPS

We recommend adoption of the Officers' Report section on workshops. The workshops have played the most important contribution to closing the communication gap, not only between leadership and the ranks, but also between different generations and crafts. Leadership and crafts, and between the various industries and crafts that make up the union in each area.

This committee is dedicated to closing the generation gap and contribution to the vitality and future growth of the ILWU and its members, as well as bringing to the fore the young leadership that exists within our ranks. The workshops are designed, together, to make each of you aware of our efforts and give us an opportunity to develop greater confidence in the "feedback" process between the participants, and in the behavior of an atmosphere that brought out the feelings and thoughts we so often keep to ourselves in forums.

We believe the workshops should be continued not only on an area basis, but on the local level as well. In fact, the workshop method may be the only way to overcome the poor meeting attendance, and we suggest that individual locals consider continuing the workshop as substitute for membership meetings.

One criticism of the workshops concerned the overload of officers and insufficient rank-and-file representation from the job level. We agree, and encourage areas and locals to emphasize the broadest representation.

The committee believes the workshops should include more education and training for the working and history of the ILWU. Many young people went to the workshops for the first time, many were disappointed with what was presented.

The general workshop format, including voluntary participation, with only travel and subsistence paid for, is recommended for the future.

If the number of applicants in an area exceeds the capacity of a single workshop, then more than one should be held. Any meeting or committee which wants to participate should have the opportunity, sooner or later, to do so.

THE DISPATCHER

The Convention Committee reports the section of the Officers' Report dealing with The Dispatcher. We recommend adoption of the report and the suggestion that widows of our former members be continued to the full extent possible, and that they be allowed to participate in their work if they choose to continue working. The committee recommends that The Dispatcher devote a series of columns to the union's history.

Younger members often ask questions about the union's history and structure, and we think it is important to relate our relations with other unions, about Harry Bridges' many trials and appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court. They would like to know what our union is all about.

How do we answer them? The young people have a right to know why the ILWU bears the badge of the honor of being called radical, and on.

Our young members should be told about trailblazing in hiring halls, in developing a building in civil rights program that pre-dated the national civil rights movement, that we were among the first to push for pensions, medical plans and many more economic and social gains for working people.

They should be told why the ILWU has always been a union that makes an unapologetic stand if we thought it was right.

The Information and Research department and The Dispatcher should combine their efforts to continue this informative, up-to-date and modern "The ILWU Story."

MEETING ATTENDANCE

We recommend the continued analysis of the workshops stating that leadership and the universally recognized problem of meeting attendance are closely related. Some of the liabilities include tremendous around-the-clock competition with the mass media — TV, sports, etc., that the point, many of our younger members apparently feel that the meetings are not relevant to their lives.

The committee recommends that the locals try new ideas in their meetings and forward the information to the International Union as a case for clearing house for all innovations to be published in The Dispatcher. It is the feeling of the committee that meeting procedures followed from time immemorial should be changed to meet the needs of today.

The ILWU has always been one of the most creative unions on the West Coast and because we have always changed the rules when they were outdated. We can change the old rules so to involve more people in direct participation. We believe that everyone who works in our industries should be involved directly in union activity.

The open-ended workshop format can contribute to the freshness of union meetings.

The committee recommends a bold approach on the part of our leaders at all levels. This is a quality which has marked our union from the start—a willingness to try new ideas, to take the risks of leadership to fail occasionally, but to keep trying.

Every contact between officers and members should be an educational experience for both. Officers should look upon in advance that members are fully aware of the background, history and development of the ILWU from its trade union movement — for new leaders — for the issues of the day. As we

The Publicity and Education Committee’s meetings were conducted like a workshop, with lots of give and take of opinions and ideas for action. Seen here is Robert Peebles, Local 11, Vancouver, BC and (right) secretary Cleophas Williams, Local 10. Speaking on floor is G. Johnny Parks, Local 8 president.

Protection Is Demanded for US Fishermen

LOS ANGELES—The ILWU convention demanded "forthright, immediate action by the US government to protect our fishermen from illegal harassment in international waters by Ecuador, Chile and Peru."

These countries, which claim a 200-mile territorial limit off their coasts, "have seized, fined, shot at and otherwise harassed US fishermen on the high seas," states a convention resolution titled "Fishing Boats Seizure." The International officers were instructed by the resolution to "take proper action and follow up on the matter." The resolution endorses the action taken by the International president in pressing the matter against the above-named individuals.

ELECTION NOTICE

Los Angeles, Calif.

Local 63, ILWU, Wilmington, Calif., will hold its election June 5 and 6 at 9 a.m. at the convention hall.

Nominations will close May 15. Polling will be between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 201 W. C St., Wilmington.

Suit Against ILWU PMA Is Condemned

LOS ANGELES — The ILWU 18th Biennial Convention adopted a resolution condemning a group of prominent men against ILWU, Local 10, the PMA and the Coast Labor Relations Committee.

The resolution follows, in full:

A lawsuit instituted nearly five years ago by deregistered "B" men against ILWU, Local 10, the PMA and the Coast Labor Relations Committee.

This lawsuit charges the union with racial discrimination and deprivation of individual workers without good cause.

The ILWU record for racial equality and democratic union process protecting all members and workers, is well known and speaks for itself. The ILWU, commitment to racial equality and trade union prines was further established by prevailing in an NLAB charge of racial discrimination brought by a local chapter and a group in another redirected and wholly unwarranted attack on our hiring process.

Many of the deregistered men in the first mentioned lawsuit were either chiseling on their fellow workers by violating dispatching and registration rules, and were afforded all opportunity to appeal all decisions through the grievance procedure and any action which they chose not to do.

These deregistered men were misled into suit, although they were otherwise supported by a national committee of so-called prominent persons composed of: Michael Harrington, Bayard Rustin, Daniel Bell, Herman Benson, Dr. Thomas A. N. Burridge, Malcolm X, Michael Harrington, Rev. Wm. Shirley, Harvey Swados, Norman Hill, Herbert Hill, Paul Robeson, Don Haskell, Jacobson, Slay-More Lipton, Herbert Gold, Gordon B. Dean, Don Haskell, Robert Peebles, Local 10.

Chairman: Robert Peebles, Local 10.

Secretary: Cleophas Williams, Local 10.

Resolution: This convention recognizes that the purpose of this law-suit is to destroy the longshoremen's hiring hall as it has operated for over 30 years, thereby threatening the well-being of our union and we condemn this action and the committee composed of the above-named persons and the continued growth of discriminatory actions by the above-named persons to the continued growth of discriminatory actions by the above-named persons.

Resolved: The ILWU take all steps publicize this resolution and to forward it to representatives of the workings working the nation—including the APL-CIO, its affiliates and central bodies—for the purpose of carrying these issues and the purpose of carrying this resolution to the above-named persons to the continued growth of discriminatory actions by the above-named persons.
Convention Nominees for ILWU Executive Board

Northern California ............................................. 3 to be elected

Paul Haide, Local 6  David Littleton, Local 10  Carl Smith, Local 10  Duane Peterson, Local 18  James Herman, Local 34

Southern California ............................................. 2 to be elected

L. L. Loveridge, Local 13  David Womack, Local 20-A  Paul Parlin, Local 26  Albert Perisho, Local 63

Puget Sound - Alaska ............................................. 2 to be elected

Leonard Benard, Local 9  Oliver Olson, Local 19  George Ginnis, Local 23  Donald Gilchrest, Local 32

Hawaii ............................................................. 3 to be elected

Fred Paulino  Eddie Wong  Yoshitaka Maeda  Carl Damaso
General Trades Division  Pineapple Division  Pineapple Division  Longshore Division

Ore. & Columbia River 1 to be elected

G. Johnny Parks, Local 8  James Byrne, Local 40  Robert Peebles, Local 500  William Foulds, Local 508

Canadian Area ............. 1 to be elected

Ballots Are On Way to All Locals

"Your Balloting Committee urges every local to encourage all members to vote," the letter said in closing.

In Northern California two members from the same local (Local 10) are running for the Executive Board. The balloting committee stressed that the constitution provides: "There shall not be over one Executive Board member from any one local."

The tally sheet will be read as follows:

At the top there is a place for the local number, address, city and state.

Then below, the sheet reads:

President: Bridges, Harry.
Vice President - Director of Organization: Hall, Jack.
Vice President - Assistant to the President: Chester, William.
Secretary - Treasurer: Goldblatt, Louis.

Below there are places for names of the International Executive Board nominees in each of the districts.

For longshore division locals, the ballot will also include Coast Labor Relations Committee, two to be elected, one from each area:

Washington and Oregon Area: Forrester, William and Jakovac, Joe.
California Area: Rohatch, Robert and Ward, William.

At the bottom of the tally sheet there is a place for signatures of the local balloting committee, and a place to tally the used ballots, unused ballots, and spoiled ballots. Finally, at the lower left hand, a place to affix the local seal.

It was re-emphasized that the tally sheet must be used and properly signed, and that these sheets will be used to determine who was elected. The committee said the used or unused ballots or stubs can be returned later by fourth class mail.

They must have, and they re-emphasized, MUST HAVE these tally sheets.

On this page are the pictures of all nominees for the International Executive Board. On Page 8 are the pictures of the four men running for Coast Labor Relations Committee.

There are contests in every area except in Hawaii, where two men are already elected because they each represent a separate division. The only contest is between Yoshitaka Maeda and Eddie Wong, both of the pineapple division, with only one to be elected from that division.
Oregon Labor Steps Up Fight Against Sales Tax Measure

PORTLAND — Speakers against the sales tax, on the Oregon ballot in a special election June 3, held the floor at a meeting of the Columbia River District Council in the Clerks Hall last week.

William Grannell, state chairman of the Oregon Citizens Opposing Sales Tax (SAD) said proponents of the tax have amassed a big slush fund for a last minute advertising blitz based on misleading gimmicks such as: "If you care for your schools, ... or your old age, vote no." 

Such slogans, combined with public apathy toward voter registration could make this year's election, unless a campaign is mounted against it," Grannell said.

Until the rush of property tax "relief," it transfers a huge chunk of the tax load now borne by big property owners to working men and women, with people in the ILWU wage bracket being hardest hit. Ruth Dailer and Rosalie Tamarin of Seafood Processing & Allied Workers Union Local 42, ILWU, Coos Bay, represented the council at a state wide conference of sales tax opponents in Salem last week.

POLICESTATE BILL

The dangers of HB 1860, a police-state bill, were discussed last week, were brought to the delegates' attention by CRD lobbyist Ernest E. Grant, said the bill is specifically aimed at student unrest and "outside agitators" on campus could easily be used also against labor. It gives the governor emergency powers to deal with situations described by the nebulous phrase "imminent danger." "This whole concept could be tailored in such a way as to be used in a labor beef, with a legitimate strike situation presented as 'imminent danger'" and the 'outside agitators' could be the International president or other officers of a union, or even a long standing friend of labor addressing the membership," Baker charged.

CRANE BEEF

International Representative James Pantz discussed the misleading stories planted in several publications recently concerning the claim of the Hoisting Engineers that ILWU has taken away jobs belonging to Engineers Local 701.

"The handling of all equipment for the loading and unloading of ships has been ILWU work under contract ever since the union started," Pantz said.

The fact that in a few instances engineers were permitted to drive cranes dates back to the old days when cranes were used only occasionally in heavy lifts, and the stevedores rented these cranes with the driver by permission of ILWU. 

As the cranes became a more popular means of handling cargo, the longshore locals developed training programs and sufficient drivers to handle this work themselves, Pantz contended.

In other actions, the CRDC: • Heard a report from Local 8 delegate Henry Landes on the ILWU's recent convention in Los Angeles. He came away with a feeling "the union is strong and its prestige is high, but we have a job to do in the political field.

• Voted full support to Local 42 in its efforts to make a seafood processor in the Coos Bay area live up to contract security provisions.

• Heard clerk's Local 40 member Jim Byrne report on the progress of container negotiations with PMA, slated to resume in San Francisco May 6. Byrne, a member of the negotiators' committee also, added he supported candidates from this area for the International Executive Board.

• Rejected candidate for the Non-Proliferation Treaty administration's support for the proposed anti-ballistic missile program violates the spirit, the letter of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. 

The CYO resolution on the war calls for a cease-fire, negotiation of a political settlement "with the people who are doing the fighting" and withdrawal of all support for the Saigon government if it does not cooperate in peace negotiations.

It also demands "No more Vietnam," strengthening of the United Nations and "End the cold war.

Far Too Many people I've talked to in the last few months seem pretty discouraged over the general trend of events. They're talking about a union election in the local union, or the entire ILWU or some community or regional or national or worldwide situation. This is important to me because as I look at the present situation and try to peer into the future I'm actually very encouraged.

Do we have problems? Of course we do. We have problems everywhere. Within the union, the community, the state, and throughout the nation, yes, and over the entire world there are serious problems.

When I look back over my more than 36 years of association with the labor movement I can't think of a period when we didn't have problems. The union survived, we've actually moved forward. The