UE Develops Program for Jobs, Peace

LOS ANGELES—The forging of a united labor movement—a movement which could defend the right of collective bargaining, the right to strike, and fight for a revived US economy—was the key issue at the recent 36th Convention of the United Electrical Workers (UE).

The delegates were meeting in the shadow of President Nixon's declaration of a 90-day wage-price freeze and so considerable discussion was focused around the need to forge a united labor front to defeat the Nixon “New Economic Policy.”

UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald, in his keynote speech, told the delegates:

“At nine o'clock in the evening of August 15, the President of the United States came into the parlors of the American people and picked the pockets of every man and woman who works for a living in the United States.”

Bridges

The theme of unity to defeat Nixon's anti-labor policies was also voiced by ILWU president Harry Bridges. Bridges told the UE what the longshoremen's response to the crisis would be:


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INDIGNATION


Huge Labor Day Rally Pleads to Fight Freeze

HONOLULU—More than 11,000 people turned out for Hawaii's first United Labor Day rally and picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park.

They heard the island's top labor leaders call for labor unity to defeat Nixon's wage freeze, stop the war and turn America to peace and the improvement of life for all its people.

Earlier in the morning, with a bright Hawaiian sun, gentled by passing clouds and trade winds, 4,000 members of 46 unions paraded from the state capitol to the park.

Their theme: "Labor United for Peace, Progress and Prosperity." It was also a protest against the wage freeze.

Leading the march were AFL-CIO unions in the State Federation of Labor, including their newly affiliated APSCME locals, including the Hawaii Government Employees Association, Hospital Workers, and United Public Workers. They mounted many colorful floats.

Then came independent unions: Drivers, Helpers and Warehousemen Local 1, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Office Workers Union.

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INDIGNATION

Longshore Parleys Continue

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All longshore and clerk locals were urged by the Strike Strategy Committee to keep expediting meetings with local employers to try to settle these items.

MEET WITH IBT

In another action taken on August 27, the entire Coast Strike Strategy Committee met in Burlington with Teamster president Frank Fitzsimmons, Einar Mohn, director of the Western Conference of Teamsters, and a number of major west coast Teamster leaders.

Following this meeting, the Teamsters released a press statement which discussed differences which may arise between the two unions as a result of new methods of handling cargo, and suggested that these differences be submitted to final and binding arbitration.

To date, the Coast Strike Strategy Committee has not responded to the Teamster proposal.

The coastwise strike continues 100 percent effective. About 150 ships are tied up, and nothing moves except those exceptions already in effect, such as military cargo, perishables, passenger vessels, mail and baggage.

Morale among longshore and clerk strikers is remarkably high, as striking members vow to hang tough until their major demands are met.

A variety of strike committees are busy at work in all ports, conducting the strike on a rank-and-file level—clearing cargos from docks where suits are not distributing food, taking care of needy and hardship cases, dealing with local bureaucracies which are in trouble, unfair tactics are needed, and keeping picket lines tight.

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“We will be saying to these employers across the table, we don’t want you to do something illegal, but you can sit down and negotiate wages and any other matters, fines, work regulations, sick pay, benefits which are set up.

“When we get our job done, we will have signed a no-raiding pact, and we have agreed to avoid conflicts in organizing new plants.

United Auto Workers’ president Leonard Woodcock also called for a united progressive labor movement and discussed the UAW’s role in that movement.

The final speaker was Paul Jennings, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers, CIO, making his first appearance at a UE Convention. In introducing Jennings, UE president Fitzgerald announced that the UE and the IUE have signed a no-raiding pact, and had agreed to work out a program which can step up from wage and price freezes to putting handcuffs on us so we can’t operate, such as striking . . .”

“United”...
Many Unions Rally to ILWU

SAN FRANCISCO — The ILWU's tradition of assistance to other unions is paying off in the present longshore strike.

In a request to Steelworker locals on the coast to help the longshore strike, Frank S. McKee, director of United Steel Workers' District 36, writes:

"During the many strikes on the west coast (The ILWU) has generously provided work on the docks for our striking brothers whenever we asked. During the basic steel strike in 1959 which lasted over eight months, work on the docks was a blessing for our brothers in providing money to help feed their families and pay their bills.

"In the Los Angeles area, our striking brothers at Harvey (Aluminum) in 1965 and 1968 were able to get a couple of days work a week on the docks to help support their families."

CHEMICAL WORKERS

S. S. Soros, vice-president of the International Chemical Workers' Union, with headquarters in San Leandro, California, also wrote the locals in his jurisdiction.

"As you know, we cannot supply jobs for them as they do for us when we seek help. They have always been generous with us in this respect. I am sure they would appreciate any help you could give."

In Honolulu, the State Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO has also extended support. Victor Kupau, president of the federation, expressed particular concern over misrepresentations of the ILWU's positions by the daily press.

"Needless to say, we in the Hawaii AFL-CIO are well aware of the various management tactics which would make it seem that labor is always the guilty party. If we could borrow your motto for a moment and paraphrase it, it is an injurious statement to your cause, harm us as well.

"To this end the Federation has gone on record in support of the ILWU on an existing strike situation against the Pacific Maritime Association, which Federation stands ready to support ILWU, Local 142 upon expiration of its current collective bargaining agreement. Please feel free to call upon me for whatever kokua (help) you may need."

And from overseas, Italian port workers "express profound solidarity with your strike and hope for full success."

From Asia, North Korean dock union have also sent their greetings, as has the Waterfront Workers' Federation of India, representing 300,-

LONGSHOREMEN AND CLERKS were honored guests at a Salinas port party hosted by the Farm Workers August 28 to celebrate the first anniversary of their Interharvest Lettuce contract. From left to right are Roberto Garcia and Jose Luis Rodriguez of the United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee (AFL-CIO), Local 10, artist Jake Arnoff, Ray Pacheco, Tom Lupher, and Jack Hogan, also of Local 10, and Don Watson of Local 34.

Dockers Greet Farm Union Anniversary

SALINAS — An official delegation of ILWU men from San Francisco attended a festive celebration of nearly 2,000 farm workers marking the first anniversary of the Interharvest lettuce contract. It was held here in Sheriff's Posse Park August 28.

A huge oil painting, a gift from Locals 10 and 34, was presented at ceremonies in the park. The gift was made in appreciation of the many truckloads of produce that have come from the farm workers to the striking longshoremen and clerks in San Francisco.

The painting, depicting two farm workers doing stoop labor during the thirties, was started by the painter Victor Arnoff and finished by his son Jake Arnoff, a member of Local 10. Arnoff presented the painting.

Local 10 speakers at the ceremony included Jack Hogan, vice-president; Tom Lisper, business agent, and Ray Pacheco, welfare committee. Speaking for Local 34 was Don Watson, Joint Strike Assistance Committee secretary. Speaking for the farm workers was Robert Garcia.

Other farm workers added words of support to ILWU in the fight against the wage freeze order of President Nixon.

Local 67 members are now members of the new Office and Allied Workers, was formally merged into Local 6 at a membership meeting, Thursday, September 9. Local 67 members are now members of the new Office and Professional division of Local 6. The merger had been approved by Local 67 members in a secret ballot vote held August 18.
LOCAL 26: Wage and Fringe Hikes Due When Freeze Is Over

LOS ANGELES—All wage and fringe increases due Local 26 members during the Nixon 90-day wage-price freeze "shall be . . . payable as the agreement is terminated," according to the Southern California warehouse local's secretory-treasurer.

In a letter to all employers under contract with Local 26, secretary-treasurer Lou Sherman said: "The union therefore proposes that your company take steps immediately to establish an escrow account in which necessary funds shall be set aside for all wage increases or other benefits due during the freeze period."

Approximately 1,000 Local 26 members are directly affected by the wage-price freeze—being entitled to a wage or fringe benefit increase during that period. This includes across the board increases or automatic raises for new hires or skilled employees based on seniority.

STEALING WAGES

The Local 26 executive board last month denounced the Nixon policy in strong terms, pointing out that the 90-day wage freeze and a 10 percent tax will industrialize Local 26's efforts to drive up profits of large corporations. The company designed to increase profits and income of corporate owners by "legally stealing" wages and fringe benefits that workers are entitled to under their union contracts.

In a resolution adopted at a general meeting last month, the Council urged ILWU officers to take prompt action to deal with the "most drastic controls and restrictions ever imposed on American workers in the history of our country." It was called upon to sacrifice the first, the majority, the most of their earnings in order to set aside funds for future use.

UNITE LABOR

"The executive board directed Local 26 officers to coordinate and negotiate the establishment of escrow accounts for the affected members, and to coordinate Local 26's efforts with any actions taken by the labor movement to fight these injustices, be it nationwide stoppage or any other concerted union action.”

In a letter to all members of the union, Local 26 president Joe Ibarra also pointed out that one way to cite these injustices was to stand behind the West Coast waterfron strike.

"Remember, a big part of this fight is being waged in our behalf on the docks," said Ibarra. Local 26 has just begun a plant by plant fund raising campaign to assist the strike fund.

Guide to New Safety Act

"Work Without Fear," a pamphlet put out by the AFL-CIO to explain the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 has mailed out to all ILWU locals.

The pamphlet, published by the AFL-CIO's Industrial Department, briefly sets out what is provided by the act, describes the duties and obligations of workers and employers, and spells out enforcement and procedures.

For additional copies, write the ILWU Research Department in San Francisco.

DOCK PATROL—In Coos Bay and North Bend, Oregon, Local 12 does all its picketing by means of a roving patrol. Patrols make a tour of all waterfront installations every two hours. Driving the jeep is Larry Huntsucker, his partner is Frank Harvey.

In Hawaii

Labor Unites Against Freeze

HONOLULU—Representatives of most of Hawaii's unions met here August 24 to express strong opposition to President Nixon's wage-price freeze.

More than 150 delegates turned out to a night meeting at the call of Walter Peterson, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

They adopted a policy statement denouncing the freeze as an arbitrary and discriminatory attack on working people. It declared that they would not be a party to denying the people of Hawaii into belie the promise of the program if the president is fair, equitable, or workable. They called for a "united front to protect the rights of the working man."

The statement declared: "Unless and until the President and his aids come up with something equitable to all, he can expect no cooperation from organized labor in Hawaii."

ILWU SPEAKER

Lead-off speaker ILWU Regional Director Robert McGrath said the freeze was an issue which could unite all unions present.

He said: "We may have our differences on many matters," he said, "but when a burglar tries to break into your house, you stop fighting the landlord and try to throw the burglar out."

But ILWU and the AFL had opposed President Truman's 1950 "emergency control program" during the Korean war, McGrath recalled. Harry Bridges called it a "declaration of war against the living wage and basic rights of all working people", and noted that the "most drastic controls and restrictions aimed at labor are those on the people of small income."

"The war," the speaker observed, "that with very few exceptions, whenever there is a real or imagined national emergency, labor is called upon to sacrifice the first, to sacrifice the most and to sacrifice the longest."

He said that "we in the ILWU are going to do business as usual . . . I don't want to imply that we are going to break the law. But until we really know what the law is, we intend to go to the law as we now know the law."

Another speaker was Jack C. Reynolds, head of Reynolds Steel, a local business organization, recently appointed director of Labor Relations and Negotiations for the State to implement the new public employees bargaining laws. Speaking as a hard-hat, he said, "The war is the major contributor to inflation, unemployment and the impossible tax burdens. It has slowed or halted progress in decent housing, health, education, transportation, care for the aged and many other things."

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ILWU Wives Stage 'Women's Day' on the Portland Docks

PORTLAND—Last week wives and children of longshoremen and clerks helped set the record straight on what the dock strike is all about.

Their message got through to press and public. It's a message some sincere, public-spirited women who came up from the farm belt September 2 are not likely to forget.

It started when Operation SWEEP (Simply Women for Ending the Emergency in the Ports) converged on Portland with brooms for sweeping the nine weeks' strike into limbo.

The blueprint of the broom brigade included a rendezvous with the news media at the Memorial Coliseum, another rendezvous with newspaper and TV cameras at Terminal I, where the lone ship in the Port of Portland is now moored, and a descent on the Local 8 Hall with a proposal for "ILWU leaders and members to immediately seek means to permit the free flow of goods through our seaports."

SWEEP also proposed, should its back-to-work demand fail, to petition the President to invoke Taft Hartley and to seek a new procedure for resolving nation-wide and regional labor-management disputes . . . to protect the general public . . . from prolonged strike situations.

The event did not move according to plan.

Instead of the five or six busloads of wives scheduled to arrive from the farmbelt, less than 60 women in two buses showed up at Terminal I.

TELL THE PMA

They were met at the gates of Berth 8 (conveniently opened for them by Port of Portland brass), not only by the expected camera-men, but by several hundred longshoremen (the wives were twice as many as children carrying signs, one of which read "WHY PICKET HERE? PMA is Downtown.

Wordings on other signs was equally to the point: "My Dad Supports Me; I Support My Dad!" "My Daddy Needs Dental Care, Too!" "ILWU Women for Job Security;" and "ASK PMA WHY THE DELAY."

Some signs were embellished with Bob Nixon's inimitable cartoons. One depicted a child, puffed up, headed for a lumber pile. She read: "ILWU DOG ON THE BEAM."

Another banner, and one which fascinated The Oregonian reader: "BOW WOW for ILWU." It was carried by Mary Fougerouse, wife of John J. Fougerouse who was leading Cindy, the fluffy, blue-eyed dog once the inseparable companion of the late Local 8 leader, Francis J. Murnane. A balloon attached to Cindy's collar bore the inscription: "ILWU DOG ON THE BEAM."

The women from the grain belt (their leaders were not farmers', wives, as it turned out) were headed by Mrs. Meredith Wiley, wife of an Albany, Ore., seed broker, and Mrs. Pat Blackwell, wife of Joe Blackwell, an economic consultant.

MIABLE

A Page 1 Oregonian story by Ann Sullivan called the confrontation between the longshore wives and the farm belt women "amiable and unusual."

The longshore women and children followed Mrs. Wiley and her cohorts across the terminal's empty loading area to a lumber pile. She tacted up a sign charging the dock strike with "killing markets," but the longshore children scrambled onto the lumber with their banners, and it was these signs television viewers saw Thursday evening.

The day's news coverage caught some people by surprise, including one city editor who apparently was out to coffee when the dock story, with its banner headline, went to press.

The Oregon Journal's late sports final told the world: "LONGSHORE WIVES, PROTESTERS "ILWU": Women Put Blame on PMA." The headline was killed in a later edition and implications in the paper's front page story denied.

Some things couldn't be covered up. For example, a startled radio newscaster said, that "after a 15-minute chat, the two groups of women went off to have lunch together."

LET'S HAVE LUNCH

They did—at the invitation of ILWU auxiliary members, who had been making sandwiches since dawn.

The scene in the Longshore Hall as the farm belt women piled in for coffee, sandwiches and cookies with the ILWU women and children was flushed far and wide.

An old fashioned "Town Meeting" followed, with Dick Wise and Everett Ede, president and vice-president of Local 8; J. K. Stranahan, chairman of the Area Publicity Committee; Yeva Phillips, president of Auxiliary 5; and Lois Stranahan of Auxiliary 5-A speaking for ILWU, and Mrs. Wiley, the seed broker's wife, speaking for SWEEP.

From Vancouver, Wash., Local 4, President Ben Bailliff joined in to remind the women that farmers in the past were also forced to organize against oppressive conditions.

By the time SWEEP's leaders had hustled the farmbelt women into their buses, claiming there wasn't time to visit PMA (as they had been urged to do by the longshore wives), it was apparently many visitors returning to their Willamette towns with new insights.

"I'd never have got on that bus this morning if I'd known then what I know now!" one woman said.

WE TALKED

Mrs. Victor Bell, wife of a docker, described the reaction of another visitor from the farm belt.

"I talked to this woman at Terminal 1, and we sat together when we were having coffee at the Hall. They paid $100 to charter that bus! Several organizations were behind it. Her friends begged her not to come, said it would be dangerous, longshoremen were toughies."

"I said, well, some of us were afraid of you, too, at first. You had brooms—She was so nice; her husband's a seed industry technologist; she has four children. So does Mrs. Heatslie who was with me at the dock."

"When she left, she said: 'I feel just terrible I came up here. I was so uninformed. I see now you are caught in the squeeze, just as we are.'"

At the Hall, the visitors learned for the first time that the union had opened negotiations with PMA eight months before the contract expired, hoping to avert a strike; that in the past five years in the Oregon-Columbia river area one million more tons of cargo had moved over the docks with $10 million less in wages to toil, due to the technological revolution on the Front, and much more.

A leaflet distributed by the ILWU women informed the visitors that "we are taxpayers and homeowners; we help to run the PMA. That is what you do, and many of us attend church. . . ."

"We have supported with dollars and hard work, every land bond issue to expand our port so that more agricultural products can be shipped around the world. This strike ended, but it must not be at the expense of our men's jobs, any more than yours."

Local 8 vice-president, Everett Ede, told the visitors: "The people who run the ships are big business. They pay for the big ads; the main ports of our story are given out of context or relegated to the back pages. So this is the first chance you have had to hear why we are on strike, after months of negotiations failed to get PMA down to meaningfull bargains before the contract expired."

It was the first time most of the women had heard of PMA. They listened intently when Ede said the only dock in Portland which has refused to release cargo unloaded before the strike is a PMA dock.

They seemed equally surprised when he mentioned that longshoremen at elevators in six ports (Portland, Vancouver, Longview, Astoria, Seattle and Tacoma) had started unloading grain from boxcars and wheat barges, under an interim agreement, and were not in fact working with the Pacific Northwest Grain Elevator Association.

He also explained that talk about high pay on the docks simply isn't so. "Without equalization of earnings—that board you see over there—many of our people would be out on the street . . . our average annual wage is only $7,900, on which we must feed and clothe our families and keep our children in school."

"The only way we have to secure our just rights is to withhold our labor power," Ede stated.

LITTLE JULIE BURK, 2, daughter of a striking Local 8 member, made her position clear at the longshore wives' picket line. She is carried by her mother, Mrs. Steph- any Burk.
A Guide to Some Job Hazards: Chemicals and Gases

September 10, 1971

Last spring, the Dispatcher published the first two in a series of four articles by Washington Representative Al Fong. The articles were on the possibilities and problems of what to do about them. The press of business when the longshore strike broke out in July 1 prevented us from concluding that series.

The first two articles dealt with the overall safety picture, and the problem of dangerous and toxic dusts. The last two dealt with changes in standards and health caused by dangerous chemicals and gases and noise. —Editor's note

Over 600 new chemical products come onto the market each year, and often we have little or no knowledge of their dangers. Some may burn, or cause skin maladies; others are deadly if inhaled. Some may cause cancer, or injuries to lungs or internal organs like the liver and stomach. Major industries facing these dangers include plastics and rubber, and, of course, the chemicals.

The safety limit, the maximum amount of chemicals in the air to which a human can be safely exposed, is known as a threshold limit value, or TLV. Of the thousands of chemicals in common use, there are TLVs for only 450, and the book listing them is out of print and hard to come by. Anthony Mazzocchi of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union has discovered these TLVs in the US are about ten times higher than Russian standards allow for their industries.

Effects of gases and chemicals on workers can also vary according to the heat or humidity in a plant, or mixture of other elements in the air. The TLVs, however, are the only standards currently available for federal regulation, and there is a huge amount of research needed in this field alone.

The oil workers have pinpointed high rates of cancer, heart trouble, asthma and general respiratory ailments in the chemical industry. Ab.

In-plant noise levels, especially over long periods of time, are a form of pollution and a health hazard. Many workers have problems they find themselves growing hard of hearing over long periods of time, are a form of pollution and a health hazard. Many workers have problems they find themselves growing hard of hearing. Some report of the air.
Local 6 Votes on Dues Hike To Help Longshore Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO — During the month of September, members of Local 6 will vote on a temporary $3 per month dues hike in order to assist the longshore strike.

Members will be asked to vote yes or no on a proposal that "Effective September 15, the regular monthly dues will be $18 a month for the duration of the ILWU longshore strike." Additional dues money, if approved by the membership, will be turned over to the Coast Longshore Strike Committee and at the termination of the strike, the regular dues will be $7 per month.

Here are the dates and places for balloting:

San Francisco: Tuesday, September 14, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m at Local 6 Hall and Steel Workers Hall, 208 Miller Avenue in South San Francisco (between Linden and Cypress).

Dockers, Widows On Pension List

August

SAN FRANCISCO — Following is the August, 1971, list of dock workers retired under various ILWU-PMA plans:

Local 5: Dean C. Starke; Local 10: Ted Thomas; Local 12: William Melcher, Ivo Nye; Local 23: Louis W. Rice; Local 34: Karl N. Cornell; Local 14: Howard W. Borgeson.

Out of the Mouth Of a Business Mag

Forbes, the magazine for business executives, has gotten weighed up about child labor. It editorializes: "Would you believe that today throughout the US tens of thousands of kids from seven to 11, 12, 13 spend from dawn to dark, 12 hours a day, at the stooped, backbent, hard, hard labor of picking cotton for relatively few cents an hour?"

"... Often they start with the season's beginning, which is long before schools close, and continue to season's ending, long after schools begin."

It's incredibly outrageous, inhuman and almost inexplicable that this exists on a scale and under conditions that I can only describe as diabolical. The government has long ago factory barbarities of mid-19th century America."

"If there's any conscience left in us these days, let's stir our stumps, and out of America's thousands of communities, to find out if this is permitted. And don't be fooled off by assurances of exceptions and standards and so forth."

September

SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the September, 1971, list of dock workers retired under various ILWU-PMA plans:

Local 18: Philip I. Farrelly, Martin Lewis; Local 13: Desiie Stanfield; Local 46: Nelson H. Hughes; Local 30: Fred K. Bausch.

The widows are:アメリカ Beversdorf, (Ernest); Marie A. Com- cato, (Charles); Helen G. Parthe- ling, (William B.); Madeline Foggioato, (Antonio); Martha J. Maffei, (Andrew); Helen L. Mero, (Dave); Lillian N. Miller, (Burford); Amy E. (Richard); Carol M. Phillips, (Calvin); Mary Schurr, (Jacob); Evelyn Wood, (Valney).

A letter and several photographs from Mrs. M. Avila, wife of Manuel Avila, a longtime member of Local 10, brings us up to date on the fishing in the San Francisco Bay Area:

"Manuel started working as a longshoreman back in May, 1922, and continued on the job as a winch driver 'til he retired in July of 1966. Since then he's been a member of Local 10. He now has lots of time to spend in his favorite pastime of fishing, and our friends tell me he is good at it."

"He's a well-rounded veteran fisherman, having brought back large stripers, salmon and striped bass from Bay waters.

Aberdeen, Washington longshoreman Crawford and wife Freda with steelhead catch by their party from Chehalis River.

On a recent junket to the Chehalis River this past February, the Crawfords found salmon and snow on the river's bank. But the steelhead fishing was hot! Here's a look at the Crawfords with the weekend's catch for themselves and companions.

Columns correspondent Jim Fos- ter, a member of Portland's Local 8, and his wife Vicky have both scored on Chinook salmon in the Willac- ette River below Oregon City, but according to Jim the overall spring Chinook season has produced less than a fair return.

Jim says that many of the fisher- men he's talked with are in favor of moving the deadline downstream a bit, at least far enough below the present deadline to the old Oregon City-West Linn bridge. He says they feel that this would cut down considerably on the chance for illegal snagging in the Grinders,"Black Point," and "Wet Hole" section of the river, an area where the fish customarily school up and mill around in concentrated numbers before ascending the fish ladders at Oregon City.

Any Portland-area salmon fisher- men like to comment on this?

Can your tackle box hold another fishing lure? We'd be happy to trade one of the illustrated BOLO fishing lures for a clear snapshot of a fishing
Notes from the Picket Lines: ‘The Beat Goes On’

Following are some vignettes from ILWU West Coast Strike Bulletins:

**DOG BITES MAN DEPARTMENT.** When the story is favorable to the employer it becomes front page news with banner headlines, says the Oregon-Columbia River Strike Bulletin. But if the story is good to the union, the story gets the deep six—or at least on inside page six. A case in point was a superior court ordering the Port of Vancouver, Washington, to release cargo.

When the strike committee told the port its members were ready, willing and able to deliver cargo on the docks, the stevedore company and the port said no dice. When the judge ordered the port to open the warehouses and make the cargo available and use the “personnel now available” (longshoremen, checker and workers) the story got buried so deep most people never heard about it.

“That’s Freedom of the Press,” commented the bullet.

**SOMEBODY LIKES US!** Local 10’s president Shaun Maloney received a letter from NASA, praising the “good job” done by Local 19 longshoremen to work, workers at the San Rafael shore. The “honorable and reputable businessmen” let the military-industrial complex, Wall Street and insurance companies run wild and free, while working people are blamed for the inflation.

“Who all should know what has caused most of the inflationary ills of our country. . . . Yes, that’s right—that damn ‘civil war’ in Vietnam! That endless and senseless conflict has blinded our government as to where our priorities and responsibilities really lie. Yet, the Administration is endeavoring to place all the blame on this mess on labor. . . . The workers of America!

“One thing we all have learned during this period—how to exert our right to vote—a vote that will sweep out this anti-labor administration and elect people that will represent the workers!”

**EQUAL RIGHTS?** Seattle’s Local 19 Strike Bulletin notes that every time the Boeing Company—a very big employer it becomes front page news! However, when jobs at Rivergate and Swan Island in the jurisdiction of other unions, are threatened, the waterfront in Portland closed after the coast-wise strike is settled.

In a wire to the AFL-CIO State convention in Eugene which ad-journed September 3, Wise said:

“For weeks Port of Portland officials have been feeding stories to thepapers—reports that longshoremen are after all present and future jobs at Rivergate and Swan Island in the jurisdiction of other unions. But what happens if we follow the lead of the ILWU. . . ."

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**TALENT, TALENT EVERYWHERE:** With thanks to Barbers Union Local 1000 and the donation of Eddie’s Marine Barbershop at 4574 S.W. 5th Availon, Wilmington, and Fidel’s Barber Shop, 516 West Anaheim, Wilmington, the longshoremen and clerks here are getting free haircuts. Watch your Bulletin for these Goodies!

**WITH A SMILE**—this notice appeared in Local 63’s Strike Bulletin as follows:

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**RUMMAGING**—For $5, a few Sundays ago, you could rent a table at the Local 10 hiring hall parking lot to sell your old junk. You got the profits from the sales, the Local 10 strike fund got the $5, and everyone was happy.

Setting the Record Straight

PORTLAND — Local 8 president Dick Wise moved swiftly to counter a newspaper column that claimed workers at Boeing or any other big industrial company have no political power and skills to move cargo. . . .”

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In Local 13’s Strike Bulletin. An edi-

Robert Tinsley received a congratulatory telegram from Secretary of Labor Hodgson.

Commented the union official:

“I’ve got a goddammed good mind to

thousands of workers, throw them on the welfare rolls, hurting the economy of the entire area. But no politicians line up to demand that Boeing hire back all those people to continue building parts at a loss “until something can be worked out.” No newspapers accuse Boeing of creating terrible damage to the economy. No one buys full page ads to try to inflame the public mind against Boeing.

Well, says Local 19’s strike scribes: “Longshoremen, like teamsters, railroad workers, Boeing workers, are also in business. We sell our labor power and skills to move cargo. But what happens if we follow the same business principles followed by Boeing? Or any other big industrial business? ‘All hell’d break loose.’

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