Hawaii Talks Head To Showdown

HONOLULU—Time is running out in critical sugar and pineapple negotiations between the ILWU and the “Big Five” employers plus Del Monte. Contracts covering 15,000 workers in both industries expire Jan. 31.

“The tone of negotiations thus far,” says a bulletin issued by the Local 142 Pineapple Negotiating Committee, “reveals that tough times are ahead of us.”

In San Francisco ILWU President Harry Bridges said, “At this stage it looks like a shutdown of the two industries in the Islands.” (See “On The Beam.” Page 2.)

The union’s central demand is against layoffs as a result of diversion of pineapple operations to other countries and rationalization of sugar operations to reduce employment.

ONE EIGHT SPOT

The one bright spot in the situation at this time is the settlement of the Grove Farm dispute.

Grove Farm, heretofore an independ-ently owned sugar operation on the island of Kauai, is having its sugar operations divided between McBryde, which is a subsidiary of Alexander & Baldwin, and Lihue, which is part of Amfac, Grove Farm is retaining 1,000 acres for development.

Originally, Grove Farm was going to declare 100 workers surplus and lay them off.

So Grove Farm became the first test of the ILWU’s no lay-off policy.

As a result of negotiations with the union the figure of 100 was reduced to 89 and eventually to zero.

The matter was resolved as follows:

A total of 254 Grove Farm workers will go to McBryde. Another 24 will go to Lihue. A total of 45 will remain at Grove Farm for rock crushing and construction work. Some 13 workers will take early retirement. One will be returned to the union’s “Partial 1974 Legislative Program.”

The bulletin put out by the Pineapple Negotiating Committee says, “The union made it crystal clear to the employers that our first concern is jobs, and if the Big Five insists on continuing to phase down pineapple and is cutting back on their other operations, then new jobs must be found for the workers who are displaced.

“We told them every effort must be made to reverse the ‘phase down’ trend and to save the jobs that now exist. By this we mean keeping agricultural land in agricultural use. We said the problem is a 10-year development plan and if the Big Five insists on continuing back on their other operations, then new jobs must be found for the workers who are displaced.

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Hawaiian Legislative Program

HONOLULU — The ILWU here will support state legislation to protect jobs, agriculture and the economy of Hawaii, said Local 142 Legislative Representative Eddie DeMello earlier this month in releasing the union’s “Partial 1974 Legislative Program.”

DeMello also indicated that the union wants the state government to raise the state’s minimum wage to $2.60, to provide all needed social services, and will support equitable tax increases should they become necessary.

MINIMUM WAGE

The partial program, adopted by the union’s statewide Political Action Committee, includes union support for a $2.60 minimum wage, with no tipping offset; increased and improved workmen’s compensation benefits; and extension of unemployment insurance benefits to agricultural workers on farms with ten or more workers.

Local 142 has also demanded the passage of unemployment security measures to: a) require advance notice of cutbacks in operations affecting large numbers of workers b) expanded powers of eminent domain for the state to keep affected enterprises in operation; and c) manpower training and d) public service employment.

TOURISM

In addition, the union wants a permanent Visitor Industry Council, to prepare a 10-year development plan and implement other recommendations of the present temporary council; housing legislation; strengthening of present no-fault insurance laws; repeal of the dock seizure law; and a study of revenue raising by use of the state lottery and other forms of parimutuel wagering.

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About The Picture

Outlined against a wintry sky, ships ride at anchor off the port of Long Beach in the photo at the tip of the page, taken by Gordon, Perry, a member of ILWU Local 142.

Low against the horizon can be seen on this clear day the offshore轮廓 of Catalina Island. It is a picture suitable to the stormy winter season.
WE ARE INTO THE NEW YEAR 1974. It looks like it will be a tough year all around for workers in the world generally and for workers in capitalist countries in particular. And the USA is surely the leading world capitalist country. The signals are everywhere. There are mass layoffs in our basic industries, growing unemployment, higher prices, thus sharply increasing living costs. There are increases in everything a worker and his family needs to just scrape by. And all this is occurring under a federal administration that has been likened by political crooks and shot through with all kinds of corruption. It’s an administration already pledged and bound to implement schemes as wage/price controls to handicap and hobble the workers’ organizations of trade unions so as to block off effective use of the one weapon workers have, mass strike action.

To mention here that the growing problems of our entire nation and the resultant hardships being brought onto the workers by the conservative government is surely true of all the other capitalist countries is merely to state a political and economic fact. Whatever may be the weaknesses or shortcomings of socialist nations as we view them, we do not see the workers of these countries having to worry about an energy crisis or inflation. Noise is short of fuel, near or far, and the situation is one of ever increasing unemployment, and above all, none has inflation, as we know it, meaning that the money or currency of a nation steadily shrinks in purchasing power—both in the home and world market places.

This is one thing that just doesn’t happen in socialist countries. And it should be noted that, whatever ideological differences there are between the US and the People’s Republic of China, neither of these two republics is bugged with energy shortages, unemployment or inflation.

This general view as to the economic difficulties workers will encounter during the coming year. And to get specific and closer to home, just where does our union and its rank fit into all this? And what does the year hold for us?

OUR FIRST TOUGH NOT is that the two main ILWU contracts covering the two basic industries of Hawaii—sugar and pineapple—terminate January 31, only a few days away.

The longshoremen’s contracts, like the pine and pineapple, have been a nightmare for us. We have to wait for some new contracts with better wages and other conditions covering jobs that are no longer there. So if it means we must shut down, well down it is.

HERE ON THE MAINLAND, our West Coast longshore division is facing a very serious contract negotiations Board. This is the suit taken to the Labor Board by a Southern California freight forwarding company named Cal Cartage.

The National Board is being asked to uphold a decision of the Regional Board here in California holding that the container provisions of the West Coast ILWU-PMA longshore contract add up to a conspiracy by the ILWU and the shipowners and stevedoring contractors to force shippers of freight to bring freight to the docks for stuffing into containers by longshoremen instead of teamsters.

Well the longshore contracts call for just that kind of operation by recognizing that a container is nothing but a sea-going box and not a truck or box car.

It should be noted that if the National Board’s decision is against us in this case, such decision comes down in the face of testimony and arguments before the board by both ILWU and the PMA and its management.

Furthermore, the Cal Cartage case and the Regional Board’s decision here were taken back East and used to get a lower court injunction against the East Coast ILWU-PMA longshoremen’s Association and that union’s longshore agreement covering containers.

The key clauses of both agreements are about the same. Both state the stuffing of seagoing containers is longshore work to be done by longshoremen, not by the dock workers. The ILWU argument is that the main reason the shipping companies use the containers is to have the longshoremen load and unload them, while the shipowners and stevedores say the containers are just one more item in the cargo.

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A Working Stiff On Seattle Port Commission

SEATTLE—Jack Block believes that he was elected to the Seattle Port Commission because “people are ticked off by the public and they want a change. The voters didn’t want a lawyer or a businessman or a steamship owner. Over 175,000 said they wanted a working stiff—a guy wearing a hard hat.”

LABOR SUPPORT

And so Block, 39, a member of ILWU Freeman’s Local 58, who started working part time on the Seattle waterfront at age 15, was elected with substantial labor support last fall, pledged to a platform emphasizing the need of the Port to be more responsive to the citizenry and to show more concern for trade.

According to a recent interview published in its local newspaper, Block has worked for the preservation and protection of the 55,000 jobs generated by the Port, and formation of a council of maritime and air trades unions to settle disputes before they cause work stoppages.

He has also emphasized development and expansion of facilities for small boat owners and commercial fishermen.

Block had made runs at the Port Commission post—in each case doing well in the primaries, but being defeated in the general election.

GIVES CREDIT

He credited his 1973 victory — over 75,000 more votes than his nearest opponent—to the hard work put in by the Puget Sound District Council, Teamsters Joint Council 38, Teamster Local 154, the King County Labor Council, Associated Republican Women and various Democratic groups.

He also had the endorsement of the major area newspapers.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Block has a degree in foreign trade.

Lay-Offs Hit Local 43

LONGVIEW — Twenty-four members of Local 43 employed at the Welsh Panel company plant were laid off November 30, due to cutbacks in building construction.

“These brothers are finding it difficult to exist on $61 a week unemploy- ment insurance.” CRDC delegate Ed Mapes reported.

Energy Crisis Hits California Workers

SACRAMENTO—Layoffs caused by striking oil workers and the energy crisis combined in December to raise California’s unemployment rate from 5.3 percent to 5.5 percent, it was announced today.

Dwight Geduldig, Director of the State’s Employment Development Department, said total unemployment rose from 456,000 in November to 488,000 in December, an increase of 32,000.

“There is about 20,000 more unemployment than we would normally expect at this time of the year,” he said.

The transportation equipment industry felt the largest effect of the fuel shortage, he said.

Kaiser Opens New Pediatric Ward in Its SF Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO—The first pediatric ward constructed in San Francisco in many years was dedicated Tuesday, January 15, on the third floor of the Kaiser/Permanente Medical Center, 2135 Market Street. Several current and former young patients participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Those youngsters represented 125,000 San Francisco children, 25% of the city’s population, who are Kaiser/Permanente Health Plan members, many of them ILWU members.

Although the number of pediatric beds will not increase, this new 34-bed unit has many innovative features. Two special education teachers—Lulu Cottar and Lillian Bartlett—administered the ward.

Dockers on Stockton Port Commission

STOCKTON — Retired longshoreman Frank J. Jaworski, Sr. has been re-appointed to board of directors of the Stockton Port Commission to serve a four-year term. A long time member of Local 54, Jaworski was first named to the port body in June, 1973 to fulfill the unexpired term of another commissioner who decided to resign.

Jaworski was active in union affairs throughout most of his many years on the waterfront, as a delegate to the Northern California District Council, the Stockton Labor Relations Committee, and as a caseworker and convention delegate.

The Stockton City Council also named local businesswoman Cyril Sellman to the board. She will be the Port’s first woman director.
ILWU praised on China trade

"There are limits to human folly as well as to human wisdom," says a January 19 editorial in The Nation magazine. "Despite all obstacles and difficulties, the people's health clinics 'established under the duly elected Popular Unity government have been dismantled,'" the report says, "that the rate of inflation will moderate in 1974 and consequently the real purchasing power of consumers is likely to continue to decline . . .

"In view of the recent slowdown in economic activity and the energy crisis, unemployment will certainly increase during 1974. This situation of higher prices and fewer jobs will further erode consumer income and confidence which in turn will add substantially to recessionary prospects in 1974.

"The last week the government also revealed that for 1973 as a whole the wholesale price index was up by 18.2 percent, the biggest increase since 1946. In December the index was up sharply, but the percentage increase.

Higher wholesale prices, of course, mean higher prices to the consumer—every government economist is likely to predict that overall consumer prices will be moving up at an annual rate of 8-10 percent; they were up by 8.7 percent in 1973.

The December rate of joblessness was 4.9 percent, an increase of two-tenths of one percent over November, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

And the January figures are likely to be even higher, according to even Nixon administration economists.

The December figures did not even reflect the hundreds of thousands of job lay-offs caused by the 'energy crisis.' These figures will show up in the reports for subsequent months.

Book Review

BLOW FOR THE LANDING

By Fritz Timmen

"Blow for the Landing," a record of steam navigation on the waters of the West, reached Portland bookstores more than a year after it was first mentioned in The Dispatcher. But ILWU members who ordered it for Christmas giving in 1972 say it was worth waiting for.

Fritz Timmen, public relations director for the Port of Portland, knows his subject. The profusely illustrated, 235-page, hard cover volume reflects the hundreds of thousands of international union members who created a union which was "an engine of progress for the whole society, as it developed solidarity between workers of all races, won the world's highest agricultural wages, negotiated pioneer solutions to the human problems of mechanization, medical care, retirement and housing and took political action to make Hawaii a leading state in labor and social legislation . . ."

Locals 26 aids Farm Workers

LOS ANGELES — Local 26 members joined a caravan of Southern California unionists in a trip to Delano December 15 to express their support for the United Farm Workers Union's efforts to achieve recognition. In addition to delivering a truckload of food, Vice President Max Aragon presented a check for $401.57 collected from Local 26 members in various plants around the country.
Impeachment Demand Finds Solon Skittish

PORTLAND — Edith Green, D-Ore., elected to Congress 20 years ago with people support, no longer listens to her constituents. "You used up 95 percent of the time. You didn't listen. Now you have to take a position until, and it, the impeachment resolution (under consideration) under the rules they dared to fight for their rights—the right to organize." she said on January 25, 1974.

Impeachment Demand—Lois Stranahan, wife of an ILWU ship clerk, handed windship skippers. Perfumed, hands and assorted waterfront characte- rers... Rumor had it that a tunnel was dug under the river boats were nut. The T. J. Potter, Local 40 ship clerk, members of several AFL-CIO unions, and others. Ms. Green brushed aside the AFL-CIO's 19 points for impeachment, main- taining it has ever been in. We have a right to organize," said the late Mrs. Stranahan, who was cleared, the elevator got stuck on the second floor, then went to the basement, where it remained for some time, forcing reporters and pho- tographersにくい equipment to walk up three flights of stairs.

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IN APPRECIATION — When Harvey Hart (left) retired as manager of the port of Longview, Wash., ILWU Local 21 presented him with a plaque and a certificate of honorary membership in the local. The presentation is being made by Secretary-Treasurer Ralph Rider (center) and President Mel Banister (right).

Handbook for Clerks
Makes Job Simpler

PORTLAND — The new information handbook for Portland clerks, compiled by officers, past and present of Local 20 and edited by J. K. Stranahan, was distributed at a recent stop-over meeting.

The handsome, indexed, blue-bound, six-ring booklet contains phone numbers, tobacco cub, foot and meter foot tables, and other information of use to clerks and supercargoes, as well as space for keeping track of one's "time," and room for new pages to be added as necessary.

Price of the directory or handbook is $2.50, says the local's outgoing secretary-treasurer, Bill Winans.

Local Election Results

VANCOUVER, BC — These are the ILWU Canadian Local election returns for the coming year. Local 266, Vancouver, has not yet submitted their results.

Local 500, Vancouver
Roy Smith has been elected president and Donald R. Ewen, vice president. Robert Peebles, Irv Foster and William Kemp are the business agents.

Local 502, New Westminster
President for the coming year will be James Sikma. Garry Gidora is vice president and Bruce Ferguson, secretary-treasurer (re-elected). Jack Diell of 13th Floor Parcells is business agent. Norm Macdonald is the dispatcher.

Local 503, Port Alberni
Robert Duthn has been re-elected to Local 503, W. Galie. His first vice president and J. Binns, second vice president. J. Wayler is the third board. Sub-dispatcher is Brian Hemmingsen.

Local 504, Victoria
A. A. Hay will be president and business agent. K. Nitt vice president and R. J. Dewey (re-elected), is secretary-treasurer.

Local 505, Prince Rupert
President for the coming year will be Roy Martin. Vice president will be B. Dahlgren and secretary and dispatcher. G. MacKeever, C. Bemeton is the business agent.

Local 508, Chemainus
Re-elected president for the coming year is A. Tomsky. The first vice president is R. Omin. F. Vandenbrink will be the second vice president. H. E. Irving was re-elected secretary and dispatcher and first dispatcher. James Irvine is the second dispatcher.

Local 514, Vancouver
Veteran, Mike Sickinger has been elected president, with George Hallinan as first vice president. Allan Eastman is second vice president and Glynn Evans (re-elected), secretary-treasurer.

Local 517, Vancouver
Re-elected president for the coming year is Fred McKinney. T. Wong is first vice president and L. Falk second vice president. James Jackson will be secretary-treasurer (re-elected). Recording secretary is D. Boer.

Local 518, Vancouver
President for the coming year is Vladek Cherney. R. Davis will be first vice president and Dick Ion (re-elected), is secretary-treasurer.

Di Biasi is Vice-President
OF LA Harbor Commission

OREGON CITY, Ore. (The Oregonian) — Steve DiBiasi, the Oregon State Representative, was appointed to the Board of Commissioners. He is the thirteenth member of the board.

DiBiasi has been a member of the Oregon State Legislative Committee for many years. He is a member of the Southern Oregon District Council.

Stockton Improves

STOCKTON—Inbound and outbound cargo through the port of Stockton for the first 11 months of 1973 was up by more than 25 percent, port officials have announced.

CRMPA Re-elects
Sickinger, Baker

PORTLAND — Mike Sickinger and Ernest E. Baker were re-elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Columbia River Maritime Memorial Association. This will be the veteran Sickinger's 12th consecutive term in office.

Other CRMPA officers for 1974 are: Charles Copeland, first vice president; John L. McQuaid, second vice president; and Charlie Smith, executive board.

Local 75, San Francisco

gate and Waters' Union 75 here in San Francisco report the following election results for the year 1974:

President; Joseph McElhanon; vice-president, John Burch and assistant secretary-treasurer/BA chairman Roy D. Ewen.

Joseph D. McLaughlin (also convention delegate), was re-elected as secretary-treasurer/BA and dispatcher. O. L. Davis will be the local's number-two.

Also selected were four LRC members, three members of the board of trustees and auditing committee and nine members for the executive board.

Local 13, Special Election

Bruce Krieger was elected welfare officer at the Local 13, Wilmington special election held January 7-8, 1974. The results were: Bruce Krieger — 1125; Raul H. Oliver — 61.

Local 24, Aberdeen

Bundy C. Vokat was re-elected president of this local at the December 22, 1973, election. Max M. Vokat was also re-elected as number-two dispatcher.

George Wakefield is the vice president. A dispatcher and two relief dispatchers were voted on. Don Werttenan will be the first vice president and George Irwin and Walt Wilson will be relief dispatchers. Walt Wilson, also a delegate and Anthony Zohobnow is the secretary.

The following officials were elected for various committees: Labor advisor, Roy Blum; LRC secretary, George Wakefield and Glen Curtiss; commissary, Max M. Vokat, Don Werttenan and Richard C. Yekovich; labor advisor, Walt Wilson; and Anthony Zohobnow is the guide.

The nine-man executive board was selected: Walt Wilson, Russell Irwin, R. C. Gillman, Ted Rusaw, H. J. Pinsky, Reavis, George Wakefield, Anthony Zohobnow, Charles Reaves, Richard Mundell, B. P. "Barney" McNamara and Doug Crawford. Jack A. Puljan will be district council delegate.
Dear Editor,

I think Al Perillo's letter in the Dec. 1 issue of The Dispatcher made a timely point about the oil shortage that deserves study.

DENNIS MCCARTHY
Retired, Local 19
Las Vegas, Nevada

Greetings From Israel

I deeply appreciate your effort in sending me The Dispatcher to Israel. It is about time we see our loved and honest Brother Harry on the beam. I wish him many more years to be on the beam. I wish Brother Lufranko a complete recovery after his open heart surgery and to have the strength and the courage he needs to do as he does.

I wish Billy Lufranko complete recovery after his open heart surgery. If I were in San Francisco I would join him with three-mile hike that he is supposed to do every day, but since I am in Israel I walk alone in the sun.

I wish the editor and his staff and to all our brothers and sisters season's greetings and a very happy new year.

SOLO ROSEN, (Ret.)
International, Retinita Remex
Haifa, Israel

Big 5 Articles

We have two duplicates of copies of the editor's articles about "The Big Five" in Hawaii.

The series ended with the December 21 issue. I gave my copies away before I realized they were valuable international articles for anyone interested in Hawaii. After reading these articles it became easy to understand the anger, bitterness and frustration of the native workers in Paradise. Is The Dispatcher considering publishing these articles as a pamphlet? We could give to friends and relatives who are interested in the islands and the dispute with the longshoremen, sugar, pineapple, etc.

LAWRENCE E. WINDOFFER
P.O. Box 7435
ILWU Local 19, Seattle

Thanks From Billy

I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to each and every one of the members who have sent me get-well cards and monks and who have been right hard and I won't be long before I will be back to work.

BILLY LUFRAUKO
Dispatcher, Local 6

Wives Write

We are concerned wives of Local 10.

This letter represents viewing of views and recommendations which we feel need looking into:

These conditions have placed a hardship on families of Local 10. Since Local 10 is in such turmoil, it seems the international would step in and give the union some constructive assistance.

We are interested in a strong union, one that's building for the future. We would like the high esteem of the ILWU to continue and see a follow-up on the decisions made. We need the support of the International in helping to make this a reality.

MRS. EVA HILLS
For Wives of Local 10 members

Local 6 Pension System

I got my statement from the Distributors about my increased P.D. It sure looks good in these days of inflation, thanks to all our Good Union negotiations.

We hope the Warehouse Unions will continue to build up the working force in all warehouses.

I think all pensioners should contribute anything they can afford to the building fund at 1188 Franklin Street.

ILWU Local 6 has been one of the best things that ever happened to me—lives—a real good organization that sticks together and makes a real difference.

Yes, I remember them all—Lynch, Muso, Clarence, Rickman and Good, one of the best in a union could ever have—a real worker.

Yes, we saw some rough times in the 1930's—the strikes and picket lines of 24 hours in a cold winter, but they all paid off bit by bit. In Hawaii the skippers and owners helped a lot with food and money. It is going to take Union Solidarity to help straighten out our economy in this world of multi-national corporations.

GEORGE H. HALL, Retired
ILWU Local 6

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Do you know some workers who don't read The Dispatcher? Who are being pushed around?

Who have no security on the job?

In other words, do you know who are being pushed around, who have no security on the job? We could get organized into the ILWU? If so, please write or telephone information to one of the following:

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Storms Raise Harass With Dock Work

SALEM — US Senator Mark Hatfield joined Governor Tom McCall January 18 in declaring that eastern Oregon be declared a federal disaster area as a result of flooding and mud slides, triggered by the recent torrential rains.

Rail service between Seattle, Portland, and California was shut down by mud slides at Dunsmuir and elsewhere, and Amtrak officials said they did not know when it would resume.

Many highways were washed out, including Highway 138 between Elkton and Wauna, trapping superstructure and checkers, dispatched from Portland to the scene, in a brief stage run through Mapleton. Local 40 secretary Bob Harvey said rail service between the main line and Coos Bay also had halted for a time.

High winds up to 180 miles an hour off the Oregon coast snapped the cable by which a grain barge was being towed, setting it adrift of the Bay’s north jetty.

Lower deck levels at both the Crown and American Steel Mills in Portland were flooded. Roll-on/roll-off and barge unloading facilities were under water at the Willamette Slough Bridge, and the stern wheeler Portland was required to maneuver the motorship Yvonne into place at the LDC grain dock, ILWU members said.

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The subject also was aired at a Port Commission meeting and before the Coos County Democratic Central Committee, where a resolution calling for nationalization of all fossil fuels was considered, but did not pass.

Instead, the central committee urged citizens to contact their Congressman and demand an adjustment in Oregon’s present fuel allocations.

State Senator Jack Ripper charged at the meeting that Oregon is receiving only 65 to 75 percent of last year’s allocation from the oil companies.

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SAN FRANCISCO — About 55 students in San Francisco City College’s brand new Labor Studies Program attended class January 17 to hear ILWU Local 6 Secretary-Treasurer Keith Eckman and Local 34 President James Herman deliver presentations on the state of the ILWU and its future and its role today.

The ILWU presentation, part of a continuing series is a class entitled “San Francisco Labor Today,” was described by program director Jack O’Connor as a “best we’ve had so far.” The class, composed entirely of union activists and officers, representing 23 to 24 separate unions, will hear from a broad range of San Francisco labor leaders who will discuss the activities and problems of their own unions in some detail.

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SAN PEDRO — Art Almeida, active member of ILWU Local 40, has been named treasurer of the Pedro Redevelopment Group and their families were treated to an excursion around the harbor last month aboard the cutter Highland Light by its owner, Tony Mignana, area Ft. Bragg Fishery Inspector.

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San Francisco Mayor George Gilb: “Most of the brothers that went on this sailings trip. They loved it. Tony and pilot Giulio Benedetti were great to us. We got a ‘come back’ and we all want to do it again and we will.”

Local 26 Inks New Contracts

LOS ANGELES — Local 26 negotiators have tied up a series of new contracts in recent weeks, including a three year contract with Central Terminal and Warehouse Company bringing this newly licensed commercial warehouse into line with the rest of the industry.

Included in the contract are substantial wage increases each year, 25 cents per hour for the industry pension, and a new prescription drug program, a tenth paid holiday and maintenance of benefits for health and hospital services.

The negotiating committee included business agent Hy Orkin, John Maestas and Gary Garrison.

LA SALLE—DIETCH

The big warehouse local has also negotiated its first agreement with LaSalle-Dietch Company, a recently organized distributor of carpets and linoleum. LaSalle-Dietch — A Magnavox subsidiary — has agreed to wage increases of 25 cents, 25 cents and 25 cents in each year of the contract, with a majority of the employees getting an additional $15 to 25 cents beginning the first year. Other gains here include two additional holidays and improvements in sick leave and vacations.

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Fueled Shortages Anger Workers


“People are really getting stirred up,” said Forrest Taylor, vice-president at Local 26, one of several ILWU members at the meeting.

PORT COMMISSION

The subject also was aired at a Port Commission meeting and before the Coos County Democratic Central Committee, where a resolution calling for nationalization of all fossil fuels was considered, but did not pass.

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Reminders—Bridges on TV

SAN FRANCISCO — An interview with ILWU International President Harry Bridges will be aired on Bill Moyers’ Journal, 8 p.m. on Tueday evening, January 29, on all National Educational Television Network stations. That’s KQED in the San Francisco Bay Area; KCET in Los Angeles; KOAP in Portland; and KCTS in Seattle.