Alioto Endorsed

FRESNO—Sixty-nine delegates to an ILWU endorsing conference decided by majority vote here April 13 to endorse Alioto for governor by majority vote rather than by the two-thirds margin recommended by the Southern California District Councils in his race for the Democratic nomination for governor of California in the state's June primary election. Delegates voted to endorse Alioto after spirited debate at an endorsing session in Fresno, April 13. Picture was taken when mayor addressed Local 6 convention.

No delegate spoke against Alioto. The issue rather was whether tactically it would be wiser for the union to put its chips on one candidate in the primary or to keep its options open by making no endorsement in the June contest for the Democratic nomination for governor to succeed Republican Ronald Reagan (who cannot run again after having served two terms).

The delegates first voted 28-19 to endorse recommending to the rank and file to vote for Alioto and others endorsed by the conference. Then they voted 33 to 25 to endorse Alioto.

The battle over the endorsement was hard fought, but the issue was not pro or anti-Alioto.

Tentative Pact
In Sugar; Talks Resume in Pine

HONOLULU — Some progress in efforts to negotiate agreements to settle a strike of 10,000 ILWU sugar and pineapple workers in Hawaii has been reported, but no details were being released on this issue of The Dispatcher went to press.

In sugar, where 9,000 members have been on strike since March 9, an enlarged meeting of the negotiating committee totalling about 100 — was considering recommending to the rank and file a settlement that was hammered out at 5 a.m. Tuesday, April 16 after two days of hard negotiations.

No details of the settlement will be released, however, until members have the opportunity to vote in unit meetings, which will be held throughout the islands, on each plantation.

And in pineapple, where 6,000 members pulled the pin two weeks ago, negotiations had resumed on Tuesday, April 16.

As things began to break, all four titled officers were in the islands to assist the Local 142 sugar and pine negotiating committees.

While the situation in pineapple remained sensitive, observers here were hoping for an important breakthrough victory in sugar. In his Dispatcher column of April 5, President Bridges said that the sugar workers "are not even going to vote on going back to work until they have one hell of a good contract on which to vote."

In the meantime, while news of possible settlements is awaited, strike morale remains high. Union strike committees are coordinating a variety of activities in each community, including family nights, gardening and community projects, and a union information and education program.

Other strikers are taking the basic issues to schools, churches and community groups with a 35-minute slide show entitled "The Crisis in Sugar and Pine," which was prepared with the aid of a student group.

Seatrain Leaves Hawaii Trade—Matson Takes Over

OAKLAND — Seatrain Lines has elected to withdraw from the West Coast-Hawaii service because of what it called "continued losses aggravated by rising costs and the uncertainties of the energy crisis."

Matson Lines, a subsidiary of Alexander Baldwin, Inc. of Honolulu, will take over the charters of three Seatrain container ships, as well as purchase thousands of 27-foot containers and chassis.

The full purchase price will come to $14.5 million, which will also include the takeover of a lease on Seatrain's Honolulu terminal.

"The deal," according to a recent comment in the official newspaper of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, AFL-CIO, "represents a considerable business coup for Matson, hard hit the past five years. Cargo siphoned off by Seatrain has often resulted in Matson ships being laid up for one, two and three week periods for lack of cargo."

SOLID — Garbed symbolically in a football jersey and wearing her walking shoes, an ILWU picket marches in front of the Dole can plant in Honolulu. Can workers are on strike along with sugar and pineapple. There has been no break yet in can situation.
Labor Can Be Organized

ORGANIZED LABOR CONTINUES not to keep pace with growth of the labor force when it comes to organizing the unorganized. This is one of labor's biggest challenges.

The numerical size of the union movement in the United States has never been larger than it is now, but its share of the work force is not growing. More than three-quarters of all the workers in the United States are unorganized.

There are 21.6 million organized workers in the country, but the work force keeps getting larger. Between 1968 and 1972 the number of organized workers increased by one million, but the work force grew by seven million. So the percentage of workers organized kept dropping. It's now at 24.3 percent. Twenty years ago 35 percent of the work force was organized.

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There are steps forward. The recent city workers' strike in San Francisco certainly reflects a new militancy in the labor movement. So have recent building, telephone, and warehouse negotiations of 1973 were wrapped up. But there are positive factors.

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The enormous growth of unions in public employment is one example. Another is the wildfire success of unions organizing hospital workers, who certainly rank (along with agricultural workers) among the most exploited of the national labor force. The labor movement is getting around to some unfinished business. More and more clerical and other white collar workers are joining unions. So are teachers and other public workers. The largest single group of organized workers in the city of New York is composed of public workers.

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And such threats are, of course, a part of the problem. The passage of the Taft-Hartley Act was a body blow to union organizing because of the so-called "free speech" privileges it granted employers.

This law gave employers the alleged "right" to use their influence, in effect, to threaten their workers with a barrage of anti-union propaganda. Previously the use of such tactics by an employer upon a captive audience was specifically illegal.

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LONGVIEW — ILWU Local 21 is campaigning to get widows of ILWU pensioners who “did not die on the right date and under the right contract” included in the industry pension.

A resolution adopted unanimously by the membership notes that the ILWU is well known “for taking up the cause of the oppressed, of those left behind and those scorned by other groups.”

But there is such a group within our ranks, the “left-behind widows,” (like old Hun Sen) who are almost Flipper left out, widows of men whose “service to the union was cut short on or after the 35th year bracket,” women left without benefit of a husband’s wage or pension, without access to the drug plan benefit, and subsisting on the penalization of some of society’s least exerted.

“This is a cruel and unnatural situation,” and should be corrected, the resolution says. “If they cannot be included in full widow’s benefit, they should be included as much as possible and a provision made for their locals to provide the remainder of the benefit, so these ladies may live out their remaining years in the dignity due any one associated with ILWU.”

The Columbia River District Council endorsed the intent of the resolution at a meeting in Astoria April 8.

Local 21 Gets Some Gas; Delivers Some Barbs

LONGVIEW — Through the efforts of ILWU Local 21 president Melvin Bannister, and Rep. Marilyn Representative George Glennis, an allotment of gasoline has been shipped into this area for the use of longshoremen, the union bulletin reports.

The bulletin states the timely (but up-setting) information for members struggling with income tax returns.

The Bulletin had the timely and new news, too. The Benevolent Association has purchased a new micrograph machine and made it available to the staff of the bulletin (Ralph Rider).

Ever wonder why the state government never issues postage stamps commemorative of labor? Longshoremen here have a theory. It’s because the state government hasn’t gotten around to satisfying the postmaster general, to whom, since the wrapper from a package mailed in Germany was brought to the office. I hate stamps depicting a dockside scene—a load of cargo in slings being unloaded, with a longshoreman giving signals.

Most countries recognize a vital industry as part of the life style, the bulletin notes, but in this country “it seems the only time your particular job is mentioned is if you have to use economic action to gain a benefit.” Then you become a front page villain.”

AFL-CIO Endorses Grape, Lettuce Boycotts

BAL HARBOR, Fla. — The nationwide boycott against table grapes and lettuce not bearing the port mark of the United Farm Workers has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

The boycott will be aimed at the products themselves—not at the stores that carry them. Therefore, the UFW has agreed to end its boycott against Seaway Stores or any other unionized retail markets.

The Council also declined to endorse a UFW boycott against two wineries because of opposition by the Glass Blowers’ Association and the Distillery Workers who have contracts with the firms.

UFW President Cesar Chavez said he was “extremely happy” with the AFL-CIO endorsement. “Our success is assured. It is only a matter of time,” he said.

Local 26 Wins Pact at Great Lakes Carbon

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Here on the edge of the Mojave desert, Local 26 members at Great Lakes Carbon have approved a new contract worth a total of $1.16 per hour over a three-year period. Negotiations were conducted by busi-

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Tune in for Job Safety

SAN FRANCISCO — A program on “Health and Safety on the Job” will be presented for San Francisco area listen-

ers on radio station KQED-FM this Thursday, April 25 at 9:30 p.m. The program is designed for workers, Community Workers, Chemical Workers and other unionists who will discuss some practical ex-

periences in improving health and con-

ditions, and their problems with the Occupational Safety and Health Admin-

istration, as well as other matters per-

ring to safety.

ILWU Foremen Negotiating Contract

VANCOUVER, BC — Canadian ILWU foremen, organized in Local 514, are negotiating their first contract. The local was recently certified by the Cana-

da Labor Relations Board at Vancouver Wharves.

Craig Pritchett, Canadian Regional ILWU director, is assisting the local with its negotiations. The local is progressing with steps to secure certifica-

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It was revealed during the course of the strike—which was marred by the use of heavily armed private guards and police dogs to protect so-called “neutral” port employees—ended on a de-

liberately campaign to destroy Teamsters Local 692.

Special meetings in Hawaii and Colo-

rado led to the establishment of a huge war chest—with Oakland distributors putting $10,000 each into the pot.

The Coors distributor in Oakland was the lone holdout against the pact, and the Teamsters are asking that consumers avoid buying that brand in that area. The Berkeley distributor of Coors, however, signed.

Seattle Safety Award

SEATTLE — ILWU longshore Local 29 has again received the perpetual trophy from the PMA for the lowest disabling injury frequency rate among the large longshore units on the West Coast. For the year 1973.
ILWU Recommendations On California Races

FRESNO — Candidates for statewide office in California’s June primary election endorsed here April 13 by a joint meeting of the ILWU’s Northern and Southern California District Councils are as follows:


*POSITION 8—Ne.

*Positions on other ballot propositions were referred to the officers of the joint councils. Positions will be included on state cards.

LA Advisory Group Seeks Labor Peace

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Thomas Bradley has established a 66-member Labor-Management Advisory Committee that, it is hoped, will play an important role in improving labor relations in this city.

The committee, Bradley said, will act in an informal capacity to help forestal or shorten strikes which have an impact on the entire community, and also take a look at the whole question of public-employee bargaining.

“If we had had a committee like this during the Herald-Examiner strike,” said ILWU Regional Director William Piercy, “that situation might not have been so difficult.” Piercy will serve as one of three labor members on a ten-member executive board composed equally of unionists, management people and “public representatives.”

Other labor members are UAW Regional Director Jerry Whipple and Los Angeles County Labor Federation Secretary-Treasurer Sigmund Arzyw. The tenth member of the executive board will be its chairman, UCLA law professor Benjamin Aaron, an outspoken advocate of collective bargaining rights for public workers.

Register and Vote

SAN FRANCISCO—All Californians should remember that they cannot vote in the June primary election unless they are registered on or before May 5.

ILWU Arrive

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The vote for Alioto came after ILWU President Harry Bridges and Vice-President William H. Chester, among several speakers, made vigorous pleas for him. Southern California District Council President Nate Dibiasi, speaking under some emotional difficulty (because he had just been informed that his brother had suffered a heart attack), made an impassioned plea for no endorsement.

Bridges praised Alioto as “a social thinker” and as the “outstanding candidate” among the Democratic hopefuls. He called him the “first politician to come along in a long time” who understands “the power of the rank and file in the labor movement.”

Chester, in his remarks to the joint meeting, listed Alioto’s many labor pointments to various boards, commissions and staff jobs in his administration, including a considerable number of ILWU members.

ALIOTO’S REMARKS

All candidates were subject to rigorous and informal questioning by the ILWU delegates, some of whom actually forced the candidates into I-don’t-know kind of answers.

Alioto, who was the first candidate to appear before the one-day gathering in the Fresno Town-House, told the ILWU members he proposes “to do at the state level what we have done at the city level.”

The mayor said “working people must be in a position to exert influence in the high councils of government.”

He said he would support at the state level the same kind of anti-scam law that the city of San Francisco has and generally took a pro-labor stand on virtually every question that was put to him.

Dibiasi and Northern California District Council President Joe Lynch shared the chair during the long day, Lynch handling the morning and Dibiasi most of the afternoon.

DUAL ENDORSEMENT

The delegates endorsed by the joint session were all Democrats.

There was only one dual endorsement. That came for the office of state controller where the delegates were torn between San Francisco Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn and Orange County Assembyman Kenneth Cory, both of whom appeared before the gathering. So they said, in effect, to the members: Vote for the one you prefer.

One endorsed candidate is at least technically non-partisan. That is Supervisor William Riley.

Outside of the issue of Alioto vs. no-endorsement there really were no contests, although charges between the two candidates were sharp in the attorney general race.

In the end the endorsement for attorney general went to Vincent T. Bugliosi, former Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney and prosecutor in the Manson murder trial. Bugliosi is being supported vigorously by Paul Perlin, secretary of the ILWU’s Southern California District Council.

Dole, Del Monte

U.S. Grip on Phil Workers of Both

HONOLULU—Unfair treaties between the US and the Philippines have hurt the people of both countries and have enabled Dole and Del Monte to “betray the people of Hawaii,” Local 1760 spokesman Paul Perlin told legislative candidates this month.

The ILWU joined with Filipino groups testifying before the State Senate judiciary committee last month against a proposal that the Legislature ask Congress to renew the un-ion Lau-Langley Trade Agreement which expires in July, 1974.

HOW TO HELP HAWAII

ILWU spokesman Dave Thompson said that if Hawaii’s Legislature wanted to make the most of its influence in Congress, which would help Hawaii, it ought to suggest that any new treaty between the US and the Philippines should include these features:

* Require a decent standard of wages and conditions for workers producing sugar for the US market. (Philippine sugar workers are some of the worst paid in the world.)

FORWARD MARCH—That’s the word as striking ILWU sugar and pineapple workers in Hawaii continue their struggle against the dominant Big Five corporations in Hawaii—plus Del Monte. This photo shows Mrs. Bobby Lecomp, leading a mass demonstration of family solidarity at Waialua Sugar on Saturday, March 16. Wives and children carried placards saying, “We support our husbands” and “We are strong to help daddy,”
40 Years Ago

SAN FRANCISCO — The meeting of April, 1934, was a tense one on the waterfronts of the Pacific Coast.

But federal intervention forced employers to the bargaining table with the International Longshoremen’s Association (which later became the ILWU) on the Coast, and the strike was delayed.

The month of April tension mounted. The Waterfront Worker, a crude mimeographed paper that had become the voice of rank and file ILA members in the Port of San Francisco, began appearing with greater and greater frequency.

KEEPING PACE

Whereas the paper had been showing up on the average of twice a month prior to April, it began appearing every week. There were issues on April 2, April 9, April 14, April 23 and April 28.

The Waterfront Worker is not much of a scholarly thing. It is only a handout for what happened when and what was decided at such and such a meeting. Its writers were not trained journalists.

IN SECRET

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When It Comes To Wiretaps, Memories Are Long

FRESNO — It was a perfectly proper question, but only a handful of those in the room knew how to answer it.

It came during the questioning of candidates at the joint endorsing conference of the ILWU, Western and Southern California District Councils in its race for secretary of state in California, by saying he represents a new "voice" in politics.

When the delegates expressed a desire for dual endorsements (and actually decided to avoid one in the Sillas-Pong situation), they concluded they couldn't avoid it in the Mendelson-Cory competition. Mendelson has a long record of good relations with the ILWU in San Francisco and, as DiBiasi pointed out, Cory was of great help to the union during the last longshore strike.

Personal appearances were made before the delegate by only Alioto and Brown among the gubernatorial candidates, although Republican Ed Reinecke sent a representative.

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Columbia Council Adopts Program For Tighter Ship

AOSTORIA — ILWU District councils must become more responsive to the rank and file if they are to retain their local power, and grow in membership, Regional Director G. Johnny Parks told a meeting of the Columbia River District Council in the Local 50 Hall April 8.

He expressed concern over "your fall-off in attendance." (Two Washing-
ton-side locals disqualified a year or so ago; the Oregon affiliates were unrepresented.)

The personal arm of the locals. The locals negotiate the finest contract in the world and have part of it taken away by the politicians through legislative and judicial action. What you do today or do something to make you do because you read your minutes. But the rank and file doesn't know."

Many locals do not have a place on their agendas for delegates' reports, he added.

CARE URGED

He urged more care be given in the endorsement of candidates for public office. "Many of them don't deserve our support. They are connivers and cut-throaters. They'll promise the moon to get your vote, and even say they once belonged to a union when it's a fact they never packed a bologna sandwich in a lunch pail in their lives."

As an example of politicians' double talk, he cited the fact "every single member of the Oregon delegation in the Congress voted for the Parkwood bill when we were on strike." "We must leave no stone unturned to unseat Sen. Robert Packwood," Parks said.

The only politician who laid it on the line when the ILWU was on the bricks, he noted grimly, was Portland City Commissioner Frank Ivancie.

Wayne Morse was not in the Senate at the time, "but we have a chance to get our old friend back this year." Parks urged all locals to work for Local 8 member John Olson, running for the Legislature from District 28, describing him as a "new-type candidate all labor is backing."

International Representative George Ginnis, who was with Parks, said Washington has two ILWU members at Olympia, Chuck McNichol of Local 47 and Paul Conner from Port Angeles.

The delegates later endorsed Morse, who now is running against Packwood. "I win the Democratic primary," Olson,rank Ivancie, running for re-
nomination to the Portland City Council, Mil-
drew Schwab and Charles Jordan, ap-
pointees to the city council who must be elected to hold their posts; and a few other candidates.

A five-point CRDC voting recommendations will be pub-
lished in an upcoming issue of The Dis-
patcher.

PROGRAM ADOPTED

The delegates approved a five-point program put forward by Parks for clos-
ing the communication gap between the CRDC and the membership and strengthening the council's effectiveness as the locals' political arm.

The points stressed included swapping minutes with other councils, hold-
ing occasional joint meetings with the Oregon Consumer Council, arranging agenda time at local union meetings for reports from CRDC delegates, and the issuance of flyers on council activi-
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The meeting heard a report from its legislative consultant Olson on the fall-
out of the Oregon legislature's attempt to come to grips with the land use bill.

"They whittled it down to make it palatable to the real estate people. Nothing was done in the session to strike a balance between ecology and economics. Now a new governor (Mc-
call cannot run for a third under Ore-
gon law) and a new legislature will have to wrestle with the problem."

"The Port of Tacoma, Ginnis said, floated bonds at the lower interest rate available to public bodies to help a refiner and the St. Regis Paper Co. and Kaiser Aluminum clean up polli-
tion in the air and the water. "Now every industry, and even the heads on the pier are hooked up to the sewage treatment plants. Eventually the bay will be cleaned up."

OTHER ACTIONS

In other actions, the delegates:

• Endorsed a regional CLUW (Coal-
ition of Labor Union Women) confer-
ence slated to be held in Portland June 15.

• Took up a tarpaulin collection to

help with initial conference expenses. The motions were in the form of con-
currence with requests in a letter from Sharron Farrell of the Amalgamated
Clothing Workers Union.

• Sent greetings and best wishes to

Veteran ILWU leader Matt Meehan, re-
ceived in a serious eye surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland, and to CRDC delegate Jim Platt, who suf-
f ered stroke while at work on a local

dock.

Platt, who has represented Local 50 for many years at council meetings, is a veteran ILWU leader.

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Port of Oakland Sets

Port Record

OAKLAND—The Port of Oakland es-

tablished new records during 1973 for both containerized and total cargo handled, according to figures an-
nounced today by Port Commission
President Thomas L. Berkeley.

Last year 7,707,149 revenue tons of foreign and interstate trade cargo entered Oakland, including 3,709,044 revenue tons in con-
tainers, as total tonnage rose by 10 per-
cent over 1972 totals and containerized
quit volume grew by 80 percent over the previous year.

In 1973, the Port of Oakland handled 6,652,034 total revenue tons of which 4,557,000 was containerized, both new pro-
vious Port records.

The Port's fifth year figures mark the whale consecutive year in which the Port has established a new high in han-
dling both containerized freight and en-
ters Oakland's position as the largest container port on the Pacific.

During the year, 436,590 loaded 20-
foot container equivalents were shipped through the Port, surpassing the previ-
ous high of 349,652 achieved in 1972.

Orange County, which represented 86 percent of all Port general cargo and 75 percent of total Port tonnage.

Port of Vancouver Plans

Continued Growth

VANCOUVER, BC — Tonnage going through Vancouver's Port continues to in-

crease by more than 80 percent in the past five years, and port officials are ex-
pected to continue this growth in the next decade.

Several major expansion projects are underway or are in the planning stages. These include:

• A $30 million dollar container facili-
ty at Roberts Bank, Construction will be

begun this year.

• A $30 million dollar container ter-

al with three berths is to be com-
pleated by 1977.

• A $25 million general cargo facility is also to be completed in the fall of 1977.

A $17 million general cargo terminal at Prince Rupert was also scheduled for

completion next year.

Queens Mary Employer

May Be Scuttled

LOS ANGELES — The owner of the restaurants aboard the now-abandoned Queen Mary will have to show up in court April 22 to prove cause why an NLRB charge that it has engaged in "fringe violation" of US labor law should not be granted.

The NLRB action came in response to charges by the Maritime
Cooks and Stewards Union—which has been operating the ship since May, 1973—th at the employer, Queen Mary Specialty Restaurants, Inc. has "engaged in alleged acts as strikes, lockouts, and used physical intimidations, threats of discharge and spring against pro-
muntry workers.

The ordei to show cause was issued by US Judge William D. Gray, and was considered highly unusual.

MAKING THE RACE — Portland longshoreman John Olson will be on the Democratic ballot in the May primary as a candidate for the state legislature from District 20. Shown here with his wife and ILWU Northwest Regional Director John Parkwood at an recent fund-raiser, Olson has been legislative consultant for the Columbia River District Council since 1971. He is a member of Longshore Local 8.

Parks Tells Why Log

Exports Are Essential

SALEM — Regional Director G. Johnny Parks was a trail worker at a hearing on log and lumber exports April 3 before the Legislative Interim Committee on Trade and Economic De-
velopmen.

He charged that the log-banners once now argue all exports should be stopped, regardless of the form the log may take in processing, it's now clear what we've been after all along was to create a captive market for a few.

He termed their war cry, Stop Ex-
porting American jobs, a "catchy phrase, but I know of no jobs to be gained in cutting off the exports. Just the opposite—cut off the exports and there won't be any jobs around!"

SOME EXAMPLES

He listed timber surveyors, truck-
drivers, both company and independ-
ent haulers, log sorting-yard workers, sawmill workers, boomer and raft-
ers, tugboatmen, longshoremen, check-
clers and super cargoes, port employees and others in related employment as the jobs worth taking.

Not only would these jobs be lost if you could cut off the exports . . . there's no saving the jobs, it's now clear what we've been after all along was to create a captive market for a few.

May a lumberman cited in a precedent hearing in an upcoming issue of The Dis-
patcher.

"I challenge anyone who wants to re-
strict log and lumber exports and who claims we are exporting jobs to come up with facts and figures to substanti-
te that charge. It cannot be done."

ILWU POSITION

The ILWU, he said, is opposed to any fur-
ther legislation that would:

• Restrict trade with other countries.

• Bring about a trade deficit.

• Destroy Oregon's economy.

• Cause the collapse of port commu-
nities.

• Increase Oregon unemployment

rolls.

In our research we have determined that by diverting the log through the sawmill, handing it and trucking it to the assembly yard for eventual loading on the ship, we have gained all the tax revenue potentially possible out of the rounded log.

Parks' views were supported by Port-
lumber merchant Charles C. Callif, who said, also, that last year when log exports reached a record three billion board feet, some nine billion board feet of timber died or was destroyed by natural causes.

"Three times the amount of logs that were exported simply fell to the forest floor to rot," he added. That Cong-
ress should take steps toward maxi-
mum efficiency of harvest, charging this efficiency now is less than 50 per cent.

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China Trip
Why beg?
It came to my attention that sending an ILWU delegation to the so-called People's Republic of China is definitely off.

I don't understand why ILWU should get on their hands and knees and beg those conceited demigods to be admitted into a land of unpredictable government.

I've been reading The Dispatcher for years and never saw any anti-Chinese material that appeared in The Dispatcher.

On the other hand, the ILWU, The Dispatcher and Brother Bridges (old workhorse) are mighty good and have honesty, it seems, on what they write in their reports.

I know the ILWU has played a major role in bringing detente between the US and China.

N. SEMICH
ILWU Local 6—Oakland

Bedtime Reading
Just had to share this story with you.

My husband who has just shed 50 pounds and has become full of "living"

English Government Would Nationalize Ports
LONDON—Although no specific plans have yet been drawn up, the new British labor government is still considering nationalization of the country's port facilities, according to Transport Minister Frederick Mulley.

"We remain committed to bringing all genuine ports and all port functions into the government," he said to the "extension of worker participation in the industry," the Minister said.

But he added that the nationalization legislation would not be ready for this session of parliament.

Local 11 Dues Increase Approved
SAN JOSE—Membership has voted for a Local 11 dues increase. The vote was 11 to 1. April 1, Tally is: Yes 215—No. 158. The dues will be $3.50 per month.

Local 37 Official Election/Nomination Notice
SEATTLE—International Representative George Ginnis reports the election notice printed below is in accordance with an agreement between Local 37 and Department of Labor District Director John L. May, under the amended Organic, and in accordance with governing elections of Officers of Labor Organizations (People's Register, Volume 30, No. 130, Part 11).

This agreement was signed by Norm Leonard, attorney for the ILWU, by the authority of the International Officers.

Election Notice—Election to All Members of Local 37, I.W.U.

Ballot boxes for the office of President/Secretary-Treasurer and the office of Trustee, Vice President, Patrolman, Dispatcher, and 9 Trustees are now in any post office in King County between the hours of 10 a.m. on April 22, April 24, May 3, and May 5. The closing date for the receipt of nominations will be the 28th of each month.

The committees will open on the 1st Monday of each month at the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer in writing by June 30 of their respective nominations in order to appear by the Secretary-Treasurer by May 31, 1974.

The election will be held on August 17, 1974. At the time, the return from Alaska, which comes first, until September 30, 1974. Postcards from members of the Board, District Directors, and local officials will be accepted by the Election Committee through this period.

Immediately investigation and public disclosure of the committee's findings was asked for.

MISSON TO CHILE — William N. Ward (left), ILWU International Executive Board member, and Don Ronne, president of Local 8, were on hand to wish J. P. Johnson (right), Oregon attorney, "success in your mission," when he left recently for Santiago to help defend Chilean political prisoners. Another Oregon attorney, former Congressman Charles O. Porter of Eugene, left earlier for Chile.

Letters To The Editor
energy was reading the New "Pacific Coast Longshore Contract Document 73-75," in bed the other night. I said, "Honey, what are you reading?"

"Well," he explained, "if you read this you'll learn how to get screwed." Would you like to read it?"

Don is a longshoreman from Local 24 in Aberdeen, even though we live in Raymond. He was once the dispatcher for Local 1 before he transferred. Next year we will be 20-year members and really appreciate the union's workings.

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Local 12 Pledges Aid to Attorneys Going to Chile
NORTH BEND — ILWU Local 12 at its last stopwork meeting concurred in a recommendation of the Columbia River District Council that financial assistance be given to lawyers willing to go to Chile to defend political prisoners.

The local has invited former Congressman Charles O. Porter, one of two Oregon attorneys now in Santiago, to report on conditions in that country, upon his return.

A resolution adopted at the meeting noted that the ILWU delegation that visited Chile in 1972 reported the lives of working people improved greatly under the late Allende regime, "but now the democratically elected Chilean government has come to an end by a bloody coup . . . .

Unions throughout the world "have declared their solidarity with the working people of Chile and denounced the military junta," the resolution said.

"Of 20 Latin American states where there is a US embassy, 16 are ruled by military junta . . . the role the US has played in these 'governments' is undisclosed."

A governmental body set up to investigate this situation has been "sitting on the issue," the resolution charged. Immediate investigation and public disclosure of the committee's findings was asked for.

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US Approves 10¢ Hike at Sacto Safeway

SACRAMENTO — Some 187 Local 17 members working at Safeway Stores distribution centers in Sacramento here will receive a 10-cent per hour cost-of-living adjustment effective to last December 1 under a decision and order handed down by the Cost of Living Council earlier this week.

The cost-of-living adjustment was negotiated as part of a three-year agreement patterned after the master contract in the warehouse industry negotiating unit the ILWU-Teamster Northern California Warehouse Council. Planning over months of bureaucratic delays in Washington, DC, this is the last of the ILWU independent contracts related to the Northern California master agreement which came under the jurisdiction of the Cost of Living Council.

Ironically, Local 17 received the ruling the same day that the Cost of Living Council announced the elimination of controls in both the wholesale and retail grocery industries.

The written appeal to the Council was handled by Research Director Barry Silverman with the assistance of Local 17 Secretary-Treasurer Lupe Martinez.

New ILWU Organizing

SAN FRANCISCO — A number of new members have been won for the ILWU as a result of a series of successful NLRB elections conducted over the last few weeks in small Bay Area retail grocery industries.

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The organizing in these plants was conducted by the Northern California Regional Office.

General Strike Paralyzes Japan—Major Ports Close, Too

TOKYO—A 24½-day general strike—joined by as many as 8.3 million Japanese and resulted in wage increases of approximately 30 percent for six million workers by the time it ended April 13.

Stoll and Hansen: The vote at this last week was taken at new International Headquarters at 1188 Franklin Street in San Francisco.

New English Gov't Repeals Anti-Labor Laws

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The US News and World Report, Patolichev argued that US tariffs on Soviet exports are prohibitively high. It is impossible for the USSR to correct its unfavorable balance of trade with the US and therefore to increase the trade between the two countries.

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