Caucus Pledges Aid to Borax Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO — Delegates to the ILWU longshore caucus have requested the International officers to use any and all means within their power to assist the striking members of ILWU Local 30 in Boron.

Local 30 consists of about 900 employees of US Borax Co. who work at the company's huge open-pit mine and processing plants in the Mojave desert. They have been on strike since June 14.

Caucus Program

Acting after an address by Local 30 vice president John Lovett, and after extended discussion, the delegates also adopted the following program:

- The International officers are instructed to use the full economic power of the longshore division to win a settlement when, in their judgment, it can be done most effectively.
- The Coast Pro Rata Committee is instructed to print as many as 15,000 bulletins, to be made available to all longshoremen, clerks and bosses, describing the current situation in Boron.
- Every member of the Longshore Division — longshoremen, clerks and bosses — should voluntarily donate $5 to assist Local 30, and that such money be channeled through the International.
- A company-sponsored back to work movement has floundered, local officials report. A small number of Local 30 members have broken ranks and gone back to work, but a number of these have come back out, reporting that conditions in the plant are "too much like a concentration camp."

Richard Horie Dies in SF

SAN FRANCISCO — Richard Horie, Honolulu longshore unit chairman, died October 7 in San Francisco where he was attending the West Coast dock caucus. Horie and Local 142 President Carl Damaso were observers at the caucus which was called to discuss the effects of Alaska oil pipeline work on ILWU jurisdiction.

Horie, 49, apparently died in his sleep sometime after 1 a.m. Monday morning after he said goodbye to fellow delegates.

"A TRUE BROTHER"

"He was a good man, a true brother," Damaso said. "He always worked hard for union programs, beginning back in the 1949 strike when he headed the transportation committee. "The bosses respected him because he knew the work and knew the men and enforced the agreement."

Horie began waterfront work at Castle and Cooke terminals in 1947 and transferred to McCabe, Hamilton Henny in 1964 as a machine operator.

He served as unit chairman in 1964-65, 1965-71, and 1973-74. He has served on the local executive board and the Local Political Action Committee and as delegate to International Convention.

Horie also served as an ILWU Division Representative and as chairman of the island longshore negotiating committee 1966 and 1970.

An ILWU overseas delegate to Brazil in 1969, Horie was also the ILWU delegation which discussed affiliation with the ILA on the east coast in 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Kinue Horie.
On the Beam

by Harry Bridges

Inflation has become a nightmare for the US labor movement.

On January 1, 1975, our longshoremen on the Pacific Coast will get a cost-of-living adjustment of up to 12 cents per hour. If there were not a ceiling on our cost-of-living clause, longshoremen would be entitled under the same formula to an estimated $30 per hour increase. So we're 18 cents behind.

That's what it's all about.

The economy has got us all by the throat. That's all you hear. The figure the working stiff reads is the bottom line that comes up on the cash register in the supermarket as the economy has got us all by the throat.

And the item on the cash register that best exemplifies what's happening to the cost of living is sugar.

It's tripled in price in the past year. A five pound bag of sugar that cost in the vicinity of 80 cents a year ago now sells for over $2. The skyrocketing cost of sugar is, of course, sending up also the price of goods that have a high sugar content — soft drinks, canned food, candy.

The sugar situation typifies the bind in which the labor movement finds itself at this time.

It must happen that our union is on both ends of this sugar business. We organize longshoremen who work two or three days a week and unload it off ships. We also warehouse it at places like the California and Hawaiian sugar refinery at Crockett here in California. And our members naturally also are consumers.

And so when our members read in the newspapers that Lawrence Frischer, the president of Alexander and Baldwin, one of the Hawaii Big Five, has sent out an "apologetic" letter to his stockholders because profits will be three times as great as last year's instead of a predicted double, we begin to wonder.

Alexander and Baldwin's net earnings for 1974 are more than three times the $13.0 million reported for the year before. Sugar is the biggest piece of that. On the day the profit figure was reported sugar was selling at 10 pounds for $3.75 in San Francisco.

Three seems to be the magic number in sugar. The price is three times as high. Back in the spring our sugar workers struck in Hawaii. They were out a month and a half. The gains they won were unprecedented. The 9,000 workers won 75 cents an hour in four increments over a two year period — 25 cents on April 16, 10 cents on August 1, 25 cents on February 1, 1975, and 15 cents on August 1, 1976.

By then the lowest wage rate will be $3.60 an hour and the highest $5.55.

Certainly the situation deserves re-examination. It behooves the union to approach the problem with the following questions:

1. Does the sugar situation typify the bind in which the labor movement finds itself at this time? Or is just another example of the economic and social unacceptable in the United States, where the highest rate of interest is the highest in the world.

2. How do we organize sugar workers when the sugar business is making a profit and we're not? We have to organize sugar workers when the sugar business is making a profit and we're not.

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Ed Kelly: 'A Man Who Gave Full Measure'

by J. K. Stranahan

Clerks Local 40

LONG BEACH — Ed Kelly, retired member of ILWU Local 63, is dead at 60. Having helped win many battles for seamen and seafarers of the East for over 40 years, he lost his last one against cancer on September 20.

International Executive Board member Jim Herman told the large group of union members and others mourners at the October 1 funeral services that "Kelly was not just any worker with good instincts and an automatic affection for his brothers and the trade union movement," which was what he was, but he was a man "who during his lifetime had an abundance of love and affection for his fellow workers, a man who gave full measure of himself to the cause of the waterfront unions and to the struggles of workers everywhere."

Before the services Al Perazzo, Local 63 President, described Kelly as "a man who was always for the underdog."

A MONUMENT

Rev. John Howell, who joined Herman in paying tribute, said that "Ed Kelly was a fighter. He's a monument today in San Pedro, the Eastern seaboard and Honolulu. And every place that there is a union hall, Ed Kelly's presence will be felt."

Both active and honorary pallbearers represented several ILWU locals and just about every other maritime union. Pallbearers were Bob Miller, Charles Hanley, Walter Harris, Bill Monreal, Peter Goodman and Truman Thornton. Honorary pallbearers were John Alden, Frank Madigan, Jim Walsh, Pat Brule, Mark Donnelly and J. K. Strahan.

Ed Kelly first went to sea in 1928, at the age of 14 — six years before the great 1934 strike. Knowing first hand the shape-up and inhuman working conditions which had always been the lot of maritime workers, Kelly threw himself into the 1934 strike and following that the waterfront strike. He took part in every maritime struggle since then, including the 1971-72 longshore strike. For years Kelly was active in the Marine Firemen's Union (MFOW). At different times he was a Port Agent in New Orleans, Baltimore and other Gulf ports.

He was known in nearly every major port as an effective union official who successfully fought for higher wages and improved working and living conditions for MFOW members. He always advocated and worked for unity between the seafaring unions and the ILWU.

SCREENED OUT

Screening during the Korean war because of his militant unionism by a government agency working in collusion with certain reactionary security union officials, Kelly became a checker on the San Pedro waterfront in 1951. He joined Local 63 in 1962, served on the ILWU Southern California District Committee, and was well known all over the Pacific Coast by many ILWU members for his faithful voluntary attendance at nearly every ILWU convention and caus-

Pension Laws Affect Your Pension.

Speaker to be announced.

December 5: "Inflation — Labor’s Answer." Dick Lebow, Research Director, Service Em-

ployee Union.

December 12: "The Threat to Jobs — Automation, Multina-

tional Corporations." Louis Goldblatt, ILWU Secretary-Treasurer.

All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. at district headquarters, 23 Gough Street. Admission is free.
Pensioners Fight To Live in Dignity

ANDERSON, Calif. — Members of the ILWU Pacific Coast Pensioners Association, who concluded their seventh annual convention here Sept. 25, have declared "... the American, people are not to blame for inflation."

They place the blame on the Nixon administration’s "iniquity in the management of the economy."

In a series of resolutions and policy statements adopted during the three day gathering at the Shasta County Fairgrounds here the more than 300 delegates from up and down the Pacific Coast focused most sharply on the problems of the fixed income pensioner caught in the bind of an inflationary economy.

"They concluded "... we must all play a part in politics or be sunk" and declared the "... political scene is not an obligation but a privilege."

SEPARATE AGENCY WANTED

They called, for example, for the creation of a separate Social Security agency independent of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and denounced any efforts to cut back the Social Security budget or delay increases in benefits.

They pointed out that the "grossly regressive" payroll tax that supports Social Security "will rise over the next several years in the same ratio where a multitude of low income wage earners will be paying more in Social Security taxes than in income taxes."

The pensioners favor shifting the costs of Medicare, medical costs of the poor and other benefits that have been lumped under Social Security to the government’s general fund, which has a more progressive income tax base.

"We call upon Congress to increase their own pensions."

OFFICERS REELECTED

Officers of the Association were re-elected—President William S. Lawrence of Local 15, Vice-President Ernie Baker of Local 8, Honorary Vice-President Mike Sickinger of Local 8 and Secretary-Treasurer Albert R. Bertani of Local 10.

The executive board, in addition to the officers, is composed of Rosco Croycraft of Local 19, Lee Barker of Local 23, James Rainey of Local 80, Glenn Titus of Local 12, Geman Bulcke of Local 19, Medley Smith of Local 54, Roy Braasted of Local 94, Al Quittenton of Local 6 and Joe Werner of Local 8.

The convention bestowed on former California Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown an honorary membership. Brown, after he addressed the convention, was given an ILWU pin by R. J. (Dick) Christian, retired member of Local 19 in Seattle. Christian, known as "Cigar Chris," says the pin was inlaid with gold nuggets from a mine on Quartz Creek in the Bitterroot moutains of Montana.

OTHER ACTIONS

In other actions, the convention:

• Called for the writing into law by Congress of basic safeguards to individual privacy.

• Urged an end to closed door meetings in Congress.

• Supported the Griffiths-Corman national health security bill.

• Called for termination of various "national emergency" proclamations made by previous Presidents.

• Supported the Central Intelligence Agency for its intervention in Chile and other Latin American countries and for using the US labor movement as a front for such activities through the American Institute for Free Labor Development.

Perhaps the most brutally worded resolution, however, was the one on inflation, which wound up by saying, "We call upon Congress to buck up and get this great nation out of the horrendous situation we find ourselves in."

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Senate has passed by a 51-39 vote an amendment by Sen. Alan Cranston (D., Calif.) that could cut anywhere from $62 million to more than $1 billion from foreign military and economic aid spending over the next nine months. US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who visited Havana last summer and held extensive talks with Cuban leaders.

"With the help of massive assistance from the Soviet Union and high world commodity prices, the Cubans are on the verge of making their system work — that is to say, the construction of a socialist showcase in the western hemisphere," Halt reported.

Indeed, the Cubans’ international position has never been stronger. "Cuba is now trading with every developed country. Her credit rating is high," reports Herbert Matthews of the New York Times. "There has been far greater progress than in any Latin American country in education, public health and social services. The regime has never been more popular."

As one State Department official put it last summer “the question is whether the policy of economic denial has led to the isolation of the United States rather than Cuba."

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"On-the-job" SUGAR BOOM

Soaring sugar prices tell part of the story. The price of Cuba’s chief export has never been higher: at the end of September it was 37 cents — two years ago it was 64 cents.

WASHINGTO...
are partially responsible for renewed

With the two billion dollars they ex-
pect to bring in from sugar sales this
year, the Cubans are ready to make
substantial purchases wherever they
can make the best deals.

Returns from other Cuban exports —
fish, nickel, citrus fruits, tobacco and
some beef — have also been good this
year, which only increases Cuba's at-
tractiveness. Latin American nations,
as need of export markets, have there-
fore moved to throw off US-imposed re-
strictions and readmission of Cuba to the OAS.

Argentina led the way last spring,
estending a $1.2 billion line of credit
to the Cubans. The low interest loan
will be used to purchase cars, trucks,
railway equipment and other materials.
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**Betty Roberts Challenges Packwood in Oregon**

PORTLAND — State Senator Betty Roberts is slugging it out with incumbent Charles Jordon, the Democrat for the US Senate seat Packwood wrested from the late Wayne Morse six years ago.

She looks like a fashion model, but in reality is a tough, knowledgeable campaigner, the veteran of six legislative sessions.

She has debates with her opponent slated in Coos Bay, Salem and Portland.

Two weeks after she was nominated to replace Morse on the November ballot, she said in a hard-hitting speech in Astoria that she is opposed adamantly to compulsory arbitration.

She opposed sponsored a bill on the subject during the 1971-1972 deck strike. Because of the strike, "and the support for a national health care plan, all the unions in the state, AFL-CIO and independent, have rallied to her side.

**INFLATION TOP ISSUE**

She told Astorians she favored creation of a federal energy commission to control the large oil companies and support for a national health care plan, all the unions in the state, AFL-CIO and independent, have rallied to her side.
A Poem
My name is Eddie Ferreira. I am a brother of Local 54, Stockton. I am sending you a poem written by my wife Carol. You may want to put it in The Dispatcher.

SOMEDAY
I cannot understand what "Tomorrow" means,
as I am slow in many things
I want to speak, but cannot be heard,
the feeling inside is stronger than words
I am part of the human race,
but I have to learn at my own pace
I wish I could yell, strong and loud
but I am known as a retarded child.
To my family, both near and far,
I will always be, their personal scar
Mothers weep, and Fathers cry,
Yet if I could talk, what I would tell,
All must be born, all must die,
Why? is the question you ask about me,
Before my birth, others laugh and still others sigh
Some may have been your Son.

KATHLEEN RUUTILLA
Dispatcher correspondent,
Portland

Letters To The Editor

An Error
I regret the error in the Local 50 Labor Day picnic story in which the names of the winners of the annual horseshoe tournament were scrambled.
Two Local 4 brothers won first place, Don Lael and Wayne Mayer, with Frank Geisler and Gordon Kinca of Local 40 coming in second place.

KATHLEEN RUUTILLA
Dispatcher correspondent,
Portland

Bob Hustead, ILWU Veteran, Taken by Death
PORTLAND—Funeral services were held here recently for Bob Hustead, one of the legendary figures on the Oregon waterfront, with many of Local 8’s old timers and strike veterans at the rites, and of them serving as pallbearers.

Calling All ILWU Members
Do you know some workers who don’t make union wages? Who are being pushed around? Who have no security on the job?

In other words, do you know workers who want to be in the ILWU? If so, please write or telephone information to one of the following:

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405 N.W. 18th Ave.
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LeRoy King, Regional Director
1188 Franklin Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94109
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Canadian Area Office
Craig Pritchett, Regional Director
2681 E. Hastings St.
Vancouver, B.C.
Phone: (604) 734-8114

Hawaii Office
Robert McElrath
Regional Director
351 Alakea St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Phone: (808) 949-416

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New President — Columbus River District Council’s new president is Jim Platt, local 50, Astoria. With him, next to flag, is Ed Mapes, Local 43, Longview, who was recalled as a new delegate at meeting in Newport Sept. 8.

Southwest McKenzie, Carl Sloan, also of Local 40; and Parks, Deene Notdurft of the Transportation and Office Employes, are two of the contract’s negotiators—are women.

UNIFORM WAGE
The contract ups wages to $5.80 per hour, time and one-half for work performed on a holiday.

3. We also picked up an additional paid holiday and dental coverage. It’s a very good first contract,” said Parks.

4. We already had vacation benefits, health and welfare, a pension plan, life insurance and sick leave, but these are now spelled out in writing.

6. Discrimination in hiring because of race, religion, age, national origin, physical abilities or sex is prohibited; and several of the berth agents—including two of the contract’s negotiators—are women.

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Two-Year Pact At Holland Hitch

MILPITAS, Calif. — After a brief strike last month, ILWU members at Holland-Pacific Hitch Co. have signed a new two year agreement.

On wages, the membership won a 10 percent increase retroactive to September 18, 1974, plus an additional 10 cents March 18, 1975; another 10 percent September 18, 1975 and 10 cents March 18, 1976.

The employer also agreed to eligibility provisions based on 80 hours work per month — this will provide hospital-medical-dental insurance and drug-vision coverage for the following month. Holland Hitch also agreed to provide medical coverage up to 12 months when an employee is off the job due to injury or illness.

On pensions, members will begin vesting after ten years, as opposed to 15 years under the old agreement. There were other improvements in seniority and fringe leave provisions. The contract was negotiated by Local 6 Secretary-Treasurer Keith Eckick, Business Agent Roland Corley, and Holland Hitch committee members Joseph Paines, Adolph Ontiveros and George Madrid.

Local 37, Seattle

SEATTLE — The following officers have been chosen by the members of ILWU Cannery Workers, Local 37.

President/Business Agent, Gene Q. Navarro; Vice-President, C. T. Hatten; Secretary-Treasurer, Ponce M. Mensalves; Executive Board, Pantal Cabuena, Salvador Del Mensalves, Jose F. Cacho; Executive Secretary-Treasurer, one LRC member, one Rob Ramirez, Marian C. Baustista, and Fred Arviso.

Local 22, Seattle

SATTLER, Wash. — Petitions for nominations to office in Clerks’ Local 22 will be available at the union office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the stopwork meeting to be held Novemb.

All union offices will be on the ballots: president, vice-president, business agent/secretary-treasurer, LRC, executive board, trustees and sergeant-at-arms. Primary and general elections will be held in December.

Local 49, Crescent City

Longshore Local 49, ILWU, will hold its final election December 11, 1974, to fill the offices of president, vice-presi,

dent, secretary-treasurer, recording secretary and two members of the executive board. Nominations will be made for the above and will be held between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the longshore shore, Brookings, Oregon.

An ILWU Member Is Invited To White House

SAN FRANCISCO — There was considerable excitement around ILWU headquarters here on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 18.

First, the White House called. Later the building next door caught on fire.

This story is about the White House call. It came from one of President Ford’s social secretaries. She wanted to know the address of a retired longshoreman from San Francisco named Silas McGee. She wouldn’t say why except that it involved a special invitation to the White House.

Normally, the call stirred considerable speculation among in the ILWU head-

quartes and ILWU-FMA Benefit Fund offices on the third floor.

ALL EXPLAINED

Eventually, it was all explained — mostly by McGee himself . . . when he appeared at 1188 Franklin Street about a week later, bearing an engraved invitation from the White House re-

questing his appearance for a Thanksgiving Day breakfast at 11 a.m. on Nov. 30.

The answer turned out to be quite simple. McGee played high school football with Ford in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The President remem-

bers him and invited him.

“We were,” says McGee, “kids together in Grand Rapids.” McGee was a ballhawker on the football team on which Ford played center. They were also on the track team together. McGee was a quatermiller and Ford was a weightman.

McGee is a retired member of Local 10. He is 61, the same age as the President, but he has been retired because of a heart ail-

ment. He is better known to many of the guys he worked with on the waterfront as “Seatlle” because he transferred to Local 19 from Local 19 in Seattle in 1953.

ONLY BLACK MEMBER

He avoids political judgments of President Ford — partly for the obvious reason he is flattered by the invitation from his old high school teammate.

He acknowledges many of his union brothers may not have too high an opinion of the new Presi-

dent based on his congressional voting record, but Silas McGee— the only black member of the Grand Rapids football team that was a state champion back in the thirties— isn’t about to turn down an invitation for Thanksg-

ing breakfast at the White House.

Ruling Extends Dock Comp Coverage

PORTLAND — As a result of cases initi-
ated by ILWU Local 8, two millwrights working in local grain ele-

vators have been ruled eligible for ben-

efits under the Federal Harbor Workers Act, Secretary Everett Edc reports.

One of the men, Ronald A. Palmer, sus-

tained burns to his neck, face and hands last February while repairing a lift at the Kerr Grain Terminal. The other, Richard H. Crampton, suffered a severe laceration in January, 1973, while lifting a bucket necessary to rig a tank at Cargill Grain.

Administrative orders in both cases ruled the claimants entitled to have the employer-carrier pay medical and

attorney fees. Crampton, who lost no time from work, was not awarded dis-

ability benefits. But Administrative Law

Judge Samuel J. Smith that Palm-

er, who was off work for more than five

weeks because of his injuries, was en-

titled to $1,200 in benefits, plus interest at the rate of six percent.

NO VACANT RAIL

CARGO RULING

The rulings, Edc points out, have sig-

nificance for millwrights in grain ele-

vators only in Portland, but in Van-

couver, Longview, Seattle and Tacoma.

There are seven elevators in the five

ports.

As spelled out by Judge Smith, claim-

ants’ duties “were essential and vital to

the loading of grain aboard vessels” at the grain terminals.

The claimants, he said, were “clearly . . . part of a group of longshoremen . . . employed as part of a total operation of moving grain from barges, trucks and

railroad cars onto a terminal and onto vessels. Some of the long-

shoremen were necessary to load the equipment inside the terminals, others were in the terminals, and still others were outside the terminal assisting in the unloading of the barges, trucks and railway cars. The efforts of all of these longshoremen were necessary to move grain on the ships and vessels . . .

NO DISTINCTION

To have denied the claimants “the protection and coverage of the Act, while granting it to (their) fellow em-

ployees who may have been in a differ-

ent location or performing a different job” would, the judge said, have been a “desirable distinction.”

He further held that “valid distinc-

tion” could not be made between the “longshoreman working as a millwright . . . and another longshoreman not des-

ignated as a millwright who operates the equipment inside the tank” (already covered under amendments to the Act).

Such a finding, the judge said, would not be within the Act’s “humanitarian goals.”

Don Wilson of the labor law firm of Pozzi, Wilson and Atkinson represented the local 8 men at the hearing, which was held in Portland.

Local 21, Longview

Longshore Local 21, will hold its elec-
tion of officers on December 13, 1974, to name a president, secretary-treasurer, one LRC member, one trustee, marshall, five guard and seven members of the executive board. Polling will be between the hours of 4 a.m. and 6 p.m., at 67 — 10th, Long-

view, Washington.