SAN FRANCISCO — The International Executive Board of the ILWU has called for a "complete revision of tax laws" and "a drastic cut in military spending" as a means of combating "a crisis of runaway inflation and rapidly growing unemployment."

Text of a resolution adopted by the Board follows:

WHEREAS: The capitalist nations of the world are caught up in a crisis of runaway inflation and rapidly growing unemployment that threatens to become the worst manifestation of depression since the 1930's and;

WHEREAS: The invention of trick words like stagflation and the substitution of the word recession for depression cannot mask the true horror of this situation for the millions of working people now jobless or facing loss of their jobs, and;

WHEREAS: The United States continues to pour billions of dollars into military expenditure, spending $30 billion annually to keep 500,000 troops overseas and amassing a nuclear stockpile equivalent to 615,365 Hiroshima bombs, and;

WHEREAS: In the words of Pope Paul to delegates attending the recent World Food Conference in Rome, "No more war, never again! No more hunger, never again!" should become a clarion call to action by the unions of the world.

WHEREAS: The factors that have created this situation are built-in to the profit system and can only be remedied by drastic reforms:

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the International Executive Board of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, meeting in San Francisco, calls for the following remedies:

• A complete revision of tax laws to transfer the tax burden from working people to corporations and those individuals best able to bear it. This means especially closing tax loopholes that are criticized by even conservative sources, and it means eliminating favor- itism such as the oil depletion allowance;

• A drastic cut in military spending, which in the United States is consuming 60 cents of our tax dollar and diverting billions of dollars that otherwise could go into constructive social programs;

• Absolute opposition to any reimposition of wage controls. Our union has been that route, and we know that it is the working people who take it on the chin.

• A program of government support for reduction of interest rates and encouragement for new housing starts. The sluggishness of the construction industry due to high interest rates is one of the key factors in the high unemployment rate. This is an area where the government must act.

SAN FRANCISCO — The ILWU's Pacific Coast Longshore, Ship Clerk and Walking Boss Caucus will reconvene here December 9 to consider a procedural proposal from the Pacific Maritime Association.

The proposal, which will not be made public until after it is presented to the Caucus, is in response to the earlier action by the Caucus in October asking PMA to reopen wage negotiations.

The previous Caucus, which met Oct. 7-12, voted to ask PMA to reopen wage talks because of fear that some form of wage controls might be reimposed before the regular expiration was of the present contract on June 30, 1975.

NEW LOCATION

Following several meetings between the ILWU's Walking Boss and the PMA, the ILWU caucus will be moved to a new location the Delegates to the ILWU's Executive Board meeting in Washington, D.C. on November 18-20. The board voted to send delegates to Chile to investigate reports of the complete destruction of the labor movement and the massive left-wing political parties.

The delegation will be composed of one member from Hawaii, one member from California and one member from the Northwest.

A previous ILWU overseas delegation in 1971 visited the then-President Salvador Allende as well as leaders and rank and file members of the Chilean labor movement.

At that time, they reported, Chileans were moving optimistically toward a future which would enable them to freely destroy the Chilean labor movement and the massive left-wing political parties.

In a related action, the board members approved the payment of a financial contribution to assist the legal defense of numerous Chilean political prisoners.

The Board members also discussed the question of putting a memorial plaque on the new ILWU International headquarters in San Francisco. The plaque outside the building will dedicate it "to the memory of the men and women who shaped the ILWU into a vital force in the labor movement of the United States and Canada.

An inside plaque will list the International officers, past and present, as well as the names of International Board members at the time of authorization and dedication.
The Elections

The real test of what the November 5 elections mean for the people of the United States — and most particularly working people — will not come until the new Congress convenes and the various state legislatures begin their deliberations.

The tide of Democrats who were swept into office across the nation on a wave of public re-sparks against the Republican Watergate mache-rinations will face momentous problems when they convene — with inflation, unemployment and the general economic instability of the capitalist world leading the field.

But it must be remembered these victories were achieved with a very small percentage turnout of voters. This is the most important index of potential change — the people who did not vote this time but who may vote the next time out. So it is dangerous to overestimate the positive aspects of the just-completed election.

There is a vast cynicism about politics in the United States, and this is a fact that one day help some right-wing man-on-horseback.

For a long time in the history of this nation we have been playing this yo-yo game of the two-party system. When things go badly under the Democrats, the people vote for the Republicans. In. Then, when things go adversely with the Republicans, the people replace them with Democrats. Soon or later this has to change. The string on the yo-yo has to wear out.

The labor movement in the United States traditionally has taken a skeptical view toward this see-saw pattern. Labor, including the ILWU, has endeavored to remain non-partisan, endorsing Democrats when they deserved it and Republicans when they were deemed worthy of support. This year, as it turned out, precious few Republicans were deemed worthy of support, and so there was a big Democratic sweep — although many of the margins in individual races were much closer than had been expected.

The point, of course, is that a Democratic victory is not any guarantee of social reform or pro-labor legislation. Democrats, in fact, seem to be more disciplined when they are in a fight situation with the Republicans. When they get big majorities they tend to get feisty and independent.

For example, there is fear in many quarters that wage controls are more likely to come out of the new Congress than out of the White House.

In some cases, such as California, things cannot help but get better. After eight years of Ronald Reaganism there is no place to go but up. That’s one reason the ILWU and California labor supported Jerry Brown.

The greater danger really is in Washington. Working people of the nation, who are facing the enormous problems of inflation and unemployment, are going to want some answers — and there is considerable doubt as to whether the present political structure can give such answers.

This would seem to indicate some sort of partisan realignment in the United States is becoming increasingly inevitable. The end result of this election could be to hasten that process.

Remember to use it wisely, O Mighty One"

Ken Alexander, San Francisco Examiner

On the Beam

There has been a very important conference just concluded in Rome —The World Food Conference —sponsored by the United Nations. Our union was urged to send a delegate or delegates, but that happened to be beyond our means at the moment. Like everyone else, we are tightening our belts.

The event, however, has been well covered by press and television.

One of the most remarkable speeches in connection with the conference was made by Pope Paul. When a Pope tells a gathering of delegates from the entire world, “No more war, war never again!” it is an important statement in our time.

And when the Pope’s speech happens to coincide with the views of the Soviet Union and the People’s Republic of China, that is even bigger news.

The newspapers chose to focus attention on the birth control aspects of the Pope’s speech. He accused the rich nations of imposing birth control on the poor and kept them poor. That’s an interesting point, but it wasn’t the thing about the speech that impressed me the most.

I was most impressed by the fact that he appeared for cuts in military budgets with the savings being channeled into food aid.

That’s where we really have to fight in these times of inflation, depression and strife.

At a time when President Ford is asking the working people of the United States to “bitch the bullet,” we seem to be more interested in producing enough bullets to bite than in producing food to eat and bringing the price of that food within reach of working people and pensioners.

Already 60 cents of every tax dollar goes to the military, and they want more. That would bring the total to over $100 billion.

The United States has a nuclear stockpile stored all over the world that is equal to 615,365 of the bombs that wiped out Hiroshima. We spend $30 billion annually to keep 500,000 troops overseas. We spend vast amounts to support military dictators, including the criminal junta in Chile.

So when a Pope pleads with leaders from all over the world for “no more war,” it is the kind of a call that must be heeded. The Pope said the rich nations do not give enough food aid to poor and underdeveloped nations and seek “to impose restrictive demographic policy on nations to insure they will not claim their just share of the earth’s goods.”

Meanwhile, the major socialist nations—the Soviet Union and China—say that neither face an acute problem in feeding their millions.

The Soviet Union says the world has the potential to produce enough food to feed up to 40 billion people. China blames the food crisis on “plunder by colonialism, imperialism and superpowers.”

It was a similar approach that led the Pope into his remarks about birth control. He said, “It is inestimable that those who have control of the wealth and resources of mankind should try to resolve the problem of hunger by forbidding the poor to be born or by leaving to die the hungry children whose parents do not fit into the framework of theoretical plans based on pure hypotheses about mankind’s future.”

I don’t want to get into a big discussion here about the Malabian (population control) theories. I’m not particularly well-known for having been in agreement with various Popes, but I sure agree with this particular speech when it comes to the business of no more war and no more hunger. “Never again” should be the cry of every union of workers anywhere in the world.

When the Soviet Union and the Chinese say they can feed their people, I believe them.

And I am confident our country can produce more food, particularly if some of the resources that go into the production of arms can be channeled into agriculture.

Or, and what more, this can be done without changing our present system. I’m not talking about revolution. I’m simply saying that capitalist countries, despite their difficulties, have the potential for all kinds of changes and adapting themselves to the realities of today’s problems.

The capitalist nations of the world are in bad financial trouble. We are in a crisis, featured by inflation and rapidly growing unemployment. This is the worst economic situation since the depression of the thirties.

Here in the United States we need a lot of things, including some drastic tax reform. But most of all we need some major cuts in military spending. That’s the place to begin. Let’s follow the line of, “No more war, war never again!”
DOGS YET — Members of ILWU Local 6 on strike against KNC American Tempering, a glass firm, were permitted to contend with police dogs, as the above picket line photo shows. The Alameda county firm has employed the dogs as an additional form of “security” against peaceful picketing.

Local 6 Signs with Japan Publishing

SAN FRANCISCO — Local 6 members at Japan Publishers and Trading Co. have approved a three year agreement with a first year wage increase of $1.02 and a reopening on wages in the second and third year, with the right to strike.

The contract — the first with this new house— is retroactive to October 1. Workers in shipping and receiving will also receive an additional 20 cents per hour.

The members also won a holiday schedule which calls for eight days the first year, nine days the second year and 10 days the third year; sick leave of five days per year; and vacations of one week after six months and two weeks after one year. Also negotiated were other contract language items such as union security, bulletin boards, steward system.

The agreement was negotiated by Local 6's steward, Keith Eickman. Union security items included: union security, bulletin boards, steward system.

Grown dogs will be used to help in the picketing line. Dogs Used Against Pickets In Local 6 Strike

UNION CITY — A small company called KNC-American Tempering hit a new low in labor relations several weeks ago when it became the first company in Local 6’s history to bring guard dogs out on the picket line.

Despite the intimidation, reports Business Agent Paul Martin, the workers are hanging together and willing to take this thing as far down the pike as they have to.

The dogs — along with a truckload of armed guards — appeared only about 30 minutes after the 24 workers at KNC walked out on strike after unanimously rejecting a company offer of a three-year wage increase of 25 cents, 25 cents and 30 cents.

The handlers were given a five minute on-the-spot course in how to handle them.

New Local 6 Members

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO — Six office workers and two warehousemen at Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. have voted to join ILWU Local 6. The organizing was conducted by the Northern California Regional staff with an assist from the local.

OLD FRIENDS — ILWU President Harry Bridges discusses common problems with James Matles, secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, during a recent visit by Matles to San Francisco (October 21). The two unions have a long and close association. Matles is the author of a currently popular book on the struggles of UE called “ Them and Us.”

Help for Boron Local

Continued from Page 1— in their place during the last weeks of the strike.

(Full a full discussion of the strike and its conclusion, see The Dispatcher, November 8, 1974.)

The program voted by the Board is as follows:

• Local 30 will be excused from per capita payments to the International until January, 1975. This will allow the local to rebuild its depleted treasury. It will also allow these strikers who have still not been called back to work to remain in the local without paying dues to the International until they get their jobs again.

• The International will look into the possibility of helping Local 30 pay the Legal fees for some 115 strikers who were arrested during the course of the strike.

Local 30 members, the two officers reported, were subject to constant harassment and intimidation by Kern County deputies, who enforced something approaching martial law in Boron during the strike.

FINANCIAL AID

ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt informed Board members that the various locals had responded generously to requests for financial assistance, both during the strike and to assist in the rebuilding of the local. Local 30 has received a total of $33,195 from locals directly, as well as an advance against assessments by the International of $20,000.

More About Dec. 9

Coast Dock Caucus

Continued from Page 1— headquarters at 1158 Franklin Street. It will convene at 10 a.m., Dec. 9.

Basically, what the prior session of the Caucus proposed was that wage questions be settled prior to the expiration of the present contract — with other matters to be left for the regular negotiation period, which starts 50 days before expiration.

LETTER SENT

The Coast Committee has sent a letter to all locals involved urging that resolutions relative to re-opening of the contract (on economic as well as non-economic items) be in the hands of the International by the day the Caucus opens.

The dramatic rise in the cost of living is a key factor in the need to obtain reopening. Longshore workers are scheduled to get a 12 cent cost of living increase in January, but if there were not a ceiling on the present contract formula, that figure would be 30 cents.

Major Pension Gains Won by Local 9

SEATTLE — After long and difficult negotiations, members of Local 9 has worked a new three-year pension package with its employers.

The new agreement, effective July 1, 1974, will provide for a full pension increase to $60 per month, based on an increase of from $10 per credit to $16 per credit.

The present post-retirement benefit will be extended to 60 percent ac-

cred benefit to widows of active em-

ployees who die after age 55.

Employees will begin vesting after 10 years, as opposed to 16 years under the previous agreement. Finally, the early retirement reduction factor was increased to 65 percent at age 62; 90 percent at age 63 and 65 percent at age 64.
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British Columbia Adopts Labor Plan To Fight Inflation

VANCOUVER, BC—What should labor do to meet the threat of mounting inflation? to fight the severe housing shortage and to develop a economic re- 
cession? 

What should be labor’s attitude to the labor-backed New Democratic Party provincial government, now under growing attack by big corporations and right-wing political forces? 

These worries were foremost in the minds of 750 delegates representing 250,000 workers, gathered at the 19th annual convention of the British Colum- bia Federation of Labor held in Van- couver Nov. 4-8. The ILWU was repre- sented by 11 delegates. 

The demand for solutions and actions found greatest expression in the resolu- tions adopted and in the speeches from the floor of the convention. 

CONVENTION ACTION 

Noting that profits were both steadily increasing, the convention called for: 

• A national Prices Control Board with power to roll back prices and in- 

crease wages. 

• A national housing program to pro- 

vide low-cost publicly-owned housing with low interest rates to finance mort- 

gage. 

• Tough, new anti-combines legisla- 

tion. 

• Meanings excess profits tax. 

• Opposition to any form of wage freeze or control. 

Demands for government take-over of the forest industry (where almost half the work force is laid off) and action to develop secondary and manufacturing industries based on BC’s rich, natural resources were also endorsed. 

The convention also supported an ILWU sponsored resolution calling for a long range plan for the development of West Coast ports with assurances that labor will be represented on port administration. 

RIGHT TO CRITICIZE 

The Federation's attitude to the pro- 
vincial NDP government was defined as one of “support while subject to the right to criticize government legislation or actions considered undesirable by labor.” 

"We have strongly supported various measures which were under fire from the vested interests," the Officers' Re- 

port declared. At the same time it noted that conflict with the government had developed where government policies and actions “adversely affected the le- 
gitimate efforts of the trade union movement to improve wages and work- 

ing conditions.”

Single out for criticism was the ac- 

tion of government in legislating striking firemen back to work under terms advantageous to the employers. Re- 
gressive features of the BC labor code also came in for strong criticism. These included the union's right to strike and organizational picketing as well as picketing the employer’s place of busi- 

ess unless it is, compulsory arbi- 

tration in first agreements, making union and employer representatives which can be used by the employers, the failure to include farm workers and domestic workers in BC labor legislation, and denial of the right to strike when technological change re- 

quires it. 

The Political Action Committee’s re- 

port warned of the danger posed by a 

step in that direction it demanded that a Canadian merchant marine, build a dry dock in Vancouver capable of lifting ships of over 125,000 tons, a guarantee that a significant proportion of export trade in Canadian raw materials will be carried in Canadian built and Canadian manned merchant ships, and national- 

ization of the grain companies. 

GARCIA REELECTED 

Don Garcia, Canadian Area ILWU presi- 

dent, was re-elected Canadian Area ILWU presi- 

dent of the Federation. 

"All the signs point to tough times in the near years with a continuing high rate of inflaiton, lay-offs and a slowdown in the economy. On top of that we’ll likely have another provincial election. The trade union movement will need unity and determination to win to retain what we have won and to make advances, in both the economic and political fields. I’m confident that the Federation will provide the leader- 
ship needed and that it will continue to grow.”

The PACKAGE 

If the tentative pact is approved, wages will go up nine percent the first year, three percent the second year and three percent the third year. This would raise the average miner’s pay from the current $6.63 per hour to $6.67 per hour. 

Coal-offering language was included for the first time. Miners could receive an additional one cent per hour for each one percent increase in the Consumer Price Index, up to a maximum of eight percent. There would be an additional 40 cents per hour for a paid holiday. 

SICK LEAVE 

Sick leave was also added to the miners’ package, for the first time, up to five days yearly. 

The UMW also won a pension re- 

crease, which would bring present re- 

tirees’ income up to $250 per month by 

1977, as opposed to the present level of 

$150. 

Other fringes include additional vaca- 

tions, paid holidays and sickness and accident protection of $100 per week up to 53 weeks based on length of service. 

On the important issue of safety the 

UMW won the right for individual min- 

ers to stop work if unsafe conditions ex- 

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Oregon Voters Back Labor Choices With Few Exceptions

PORTLAND — Labor-backed candidates in four Congressional districts swept to victory Nov. 5, as did Bob Straub, labor-backed candidate for governor. Straub outpolled the GOP nominees, reactionary State Senator Victor A. Atiyeh, by a five to four margin.

Another labor-endorsed candidate who came off winner was State Senator Bill Stover, elected to the metropolis third district, stamping ground of Edith Green, who is retiring; and James Weaver, who unseated the Republican incumbent in the fourth district, in a cliff-hanger race.

ROBERTS LOSSES

However, Betty Roberts who challenged U.S. Senator Bob Packwood for the seat he wrested six years ago from the late Wayne Morse, was defeated.

Columbia River District Council Legislative Representative John Olson said in commenting on the senatorial race: “Considering she got off to such a late start (after Morse’s death) and that her opponent started campaigning, and piling up funds before she even declared herself as the primary (in which he had no opposition), Roberts ran a very good race indeed,” said Columbia River legislative Representative John Olson.

The Democraticotte broke the record of the .09-cent years has been shorn of many of its powers, he told the CRDC.

The new session includes Les AuCoin, first Democrat ever to win voter approval for the first district seat. At Umatilla, reelected in the second district; Bob Duncan, a former Congressman, elected in the metropolis third district, stamping ground of Edith Green, who is retiring; and James Weaver, who unseated the Republican incumbent in the fourth district, in a cliff-hanger race.

REPUBLICAN LOSERS

A one-termer and member of the Firefighters Union, Ed Linstedt, went in as House majority leader.

GOP react sometimes who lost out Nov. 5 included L. W. Newbery, a longtime “hardliner” on ways and means and pillar of agribusiness from the pear belt; and George Rivers, a senator from Clackamas County, defeated by a political unknown, Walter Brown, who went to a CRDC meeting last spring looking for answers to some of Oregon’s economic problems.

CRDC’s voting recommendations in most cases paralleled those of the AFL-CIO. However, Charles Jordan, elected to the Portland City Council, was not endorsed by AFL-CIO, and did have CRDC support. He is the first black to occupy such a post in Oregon.

The voter turn-out topped expectations. Newspaper pundits had predicted 70 percent of the voting strength would stay home. However he went to the polls.

The longshoremen will “break” this year’s election. The only industrial dispute that existed was the waterfront disputes that were to occur up and down the Coast but were peculiar to the port.

The faction that claimed the maritime strike was “broken” by the employers — and there is that school of thought — are wrong. It is true some strikers went back to work after the end of the strike in 1934, but they had achieved less than the demands they were entitled to. But they had their foot in the door, and they had their own unions.

As Quin says, “The longshoremen knew well enough that they would not be able to enjoy the advantages they had were it not for the solidarity support that they received from other unions and other sections of the pop u lar. Thus they persistently backed up every organized labor anywhere in the world and were in favor of developing unionism generally.

There was more than sentimentality involved here. They realized that organized labor became everywhere everywhere when people would be their gains.

They would not place their hand on any cargo which came from a strike area and had previously been handled by “scabs.”

47 Years Ago

SAN FRANCISCO — In late November of 1927 an event occurred in the Bay Area which typified the antagonism that remained after the great maritime strike of the previous year. This was the strike of the waterfronts of the Pacific Coast maritime workers.

The Dollar Line President Taft was preparing to sail for the Orient in his flagship, the River Queen. He was scheduled to take aboard the University of California football team, which was to play two games in Hawaii.

When the team and its baggage arrived at the dock it found a distinctly hostile reception. Some California football players had scabbled as longshoremen during the strike of the previous summer, and the Golden Bears were less than the favorite team of Bay Area maritime workers.

“CARRY YOUR OWN”

So the team was told by longshoremen to load their own baggage — including the heavy trunks containing uniforms.

Mike Quin, in his book, “The Big Strike,” writes of the football players, “How they had to suffer…How they had to carry their own luggage, grope along the wharves, and feel the joy of buying their groceries fresh from the waterfronts of the Pacific Coast maritime’s strike’s breaking out again in greater force than ever.

UNITY WAS KEY

Today there are elaborate arbitration plans that have been evolved over the years to impose controls on job action. But back in 1934 it was indeed guerrilla warfare. Quin says, “The longshoremen knew well enough that they would not be able to enjoy the advantages they had were it not for the solidarity support that they received from other unions and other sections of the population. Thus they persistently backed up every organized labor anywhere in the world and were in favor of developing unionism generally.

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PORTLAND — More than 100 pensioners, wives, widows and guests of ILWU Local 40 were wined and dined on the historic old sternwheeler, moored on the Columbia River Nov. 9. It was held this year on the River Queen.

The pensioners banquet Nov. 9 in Portland. It was held this year on the River Queen.

Tentative No More

Bargaining continues.

Oregon United Mine Workers’ Journal gives...
Columbia Council Says Politicians Must Deliver

PORTLAND — Assessment of the November election in terms of the upcoming session of the Oregon legislature occupied the attention of the Columbia River District Council Nov. 10.

It was brought out that the Democratic sweep gives labor an opportunity in government to work for the people, "but we need someone at Salem to see the politicians don't go back on their promises.

Georgia Martin, International Vice-President in charge of Organization, here to attend a banquet for Local 40 pensioners, told the delegates that it is "more and more necessary for the locals to use their political arm."

Says Politicians Must Deliver to get over bills of benefit to the people, President in charge of Organization, River District Council Nov. 10.

"Our politicians are being pushed around? Who are they? Who don't make union wages? Who have no security on the job? Who are being pushed around?"

In other words, do you know worker who want to be organized into the ILWU? If so, phones: (213) 753-5594, (415) 775-0533 and (604) 254-8141.

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Which call Bussi de Allende's visit, of the former president of Chile, Mrs. Hortensia Bussi de Allende, made her visit to the Pacific Northwest, members of the ILWU in the Seattle area welcomed her in an enthusiastic, as those in Portland earlier. The above photo, taken in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Seattle, shows (from left) Vivian George, Robert Rohar, who was a member of an ILWU delegation to Chile before overthrow of the Allende government; Rohar's daughter, Linda; Mrs. Allende, and Shaun Maloney, president of Local 19, Seattle.

Calling All ILWU Members

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Talks: Principals and Delegation

Columbia Council Says Politicians Must Deliver

for the purpose of drafting a legislative program.

Secretary Ed Mapes was instructed to write all affiliates asking them to "submit their legislative goals and indicate the measure of support the Vant prepared to give to the legislative effort to the people."

Part of the morning session was given over to a discussion of organizational work, lead by Martin and International Representative George Gialas.

The two stressed the importance of organizing activity in and around the waterfront.

It was the consensus of the meeting that ILWU members should be more alert to the possibilities which exist, and that organizing should be a regular agenda topic.

In other actions, the CRDC: • Voted full support to the United Mineworkers in their negotiations with the Bituminous Coal Operators Assn., and pledged opposition to government intervention in the event UMW's 120,000 soft coal members are forced on strike.

• Lodged a protest against the detention in Santiago of Laura Allende, a sister of the slain president of Chile.

Request for the action came in a telephone call from Ken Rohar, of Local 23, who indicated that Miss Allende's arrest occurred during the visit of her sister-in-law, Hortencia Allende, to Seattle.

From Seattle, Mrs. Allende, who had spoken earlier in Portland (see Dispatch, Nov. 7), flew to New York where she hopes to appear before the United Nations. Rohar and Shaun Maloney, president of Local 19, saw her off at the airport, "with Shaun carrying her luggage.

The CRDC's wire of protest went to the Chilean ambassador in Washington, D.C., Walter Heitmann, with copies to the US ambassador in Santiago, David Pepper, and to Karl Waldheim, secretary-general of the UN.

OTHER ACTIONS

The Council also: • Asked Congress to suspend all economic and military aid to the junta, and requested the State Department to declare political asylum to Chilean refugees.

• Voted to pursue its crusade to have the Freeway Bridge, highest span in Portland, re-named the Wayne L. Morse bridge.

• Urged State Senator Betty Roberts to institute a suit for unfair campaign practices against US Senator Bob Packwood, by whom she was defeated Nov. 5. She has such a suit under consideration because of her opponent's misrepresentation of her position on social security and her attendance record at Salem, it was reported.

• Decided that letters on national issues in the future would go automatically to the Washington delegation in Congress, as well as to the Oregon delegation.

• Asked political asylum for a Vietnamese graduate student at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

The young man, Nguyen Dong, came to this country on a scholarship sponsored by the Agency of International Development (A.I.D.), but "soon realized he was being trained to serve as a token in the Vietnamization program, and has actively protested the anti-democratic regime in Saigon," a speaker said.

"If deported, Dong would probably end up in one of General Thieu's tiger cages."

SAFETY QUESTION

Under safety, Jim Chrest of Local 40 charged that cars at Terminal 6 are "ripping through the gate into the container yard at excessive speed." He accused the Coast Guard of "being one of the worst offenders."

Norm Lowrey of Local 8 reported that a check sent the longshore local by the Welcher Corporation in Longview) are "The weather is good in Astoria, and Joblessness is not confined to the waterfront. The situation is reflected in the tidal wave of applications for "B" registry received by Local 21. The local advertised that there would be 50 new "B" openings and got 896 applications.

Plea Made for Law on Deceptive Campaign Tactics

PORTLAND — State Sen. Betty Roberts says she has decided not to challenge US Sen. Bob Packwood's Nov. 6 election win in court, although she has grounds for such a suit.

Instead, she will introduce a bill at the 1975 Oregon legislative session, seeking to amend the state's election laws.

Oregon has a law (which Roberts helped to draft) giving the consumer some protection against deceptive trade practices.

"Why shouldn't the voter have protection against deceptive campaign practices?" she asks.

Packwood, she charges, misrepresented Roberts' position on Social Security as well as her attendance record at the Legislature. She was, she says, unable to purchase advertising space in local papers to answer his last-minute campaign slurs.

Local 46, Port Henueme

Local 46, ILWU, Port Henueme, will hold its final meeting on December 19, 1974, to fill the offices of president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, recording secretary and 11 secretaries of the executive board. Nominations will be made December 6 (noon deadline) at the regular membership meeting.

Polling will be between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at the ILWU Hiring Hall, West Main Street, Port Henueme, California.
Welfare Benefits

We always thought it could never hap- pen in our house but it did. Mrs. Palter had to have surgery for breast cancer, but we feel fortunate that it was discovered early and there were no complications.

She was at Kaiser Hospital in La Mesa and we were enough for the care that she received. The surgeon and all the nurses that attended her were the greatest. She has had a good recovery and is feeling fine.

We wish to thank you and the rest of the negotiating committee for the benefits we are receiving from your efforts. Without these benefits we would be broke and back looking for a job. Thanks again.

ROBERT PAINTER

Local 23, San Pedro

This letter was sent to Al Portico, presi- dent of ILWU Local 23 in Wilmington, Editor.

Chile delegation

A very high consideration regarding the most recent post political farce in Chile, which brought about the

takeover of the government, which was trying to do a fair job for the people, I believe that no such thing as we had hoped for is possible. Delegate visitors to Chile will serve

their conceptions and we have been discussing possibilities of sending again observers to get a first-hand viewpoint, we should send the same delegates that the Chileans want prior to the coup, because of their previous

This, of course, is if we really do send another delegation.

L. L. (CHICK) LOVERIDGE
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DOCK SAFETY ENFORCEMENT DENIED AT HEARINGS

PORTLAND — A hearing before the Select Subcommittee on Labor was held here today on the ILWU's activities while lighting what has happened to maritime safety under the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Everett Ede, secretary of Local 8, who made the formal presentation for ILWU, told the stand, made it clear the policy of the union is to support OSHA. He emphasized, however, that since OSHA hit the deck, "we have no choice but to support OSHA in the implementation of safety standards and accident reporting procedures in the longshore industry."

Speakers for several employer groups, including the Washington Farm Bureau Federations and the Associated Oregon Industries, advocated the enactment of the Act, others more emphasis on safety education instead of fines for disregard of safety rules. (See story on page one.)

TESTIMONY SUBSTANTIATED

Ede's testimony was substantiated by other members of the ILWU delegation, including J. H. Jiang, coast commis-

sioner of Labor from San Francisco area, region-

al director G. Johnny Parks; and Pat Tobin, the union's Legislative Representative in Washington, D.C.

Parks later praised Ede for his presentation and the way in which he secured the support of the other ILWU members to speak for the record. Tobin described the present situation as "traumatic." Accident frequency and severity rate are no longer published by the Department of Labor. Such figures enable the union to pinpoint where most of the accidents occurred, and this facil-

itated getting equipment inspected, and "consultations" at the workplace.

Formerly, Ede said is answer to a question of whether the ILWU has had five or more men are reported.

"What we are saying here," Parks said, "is that injuries are up and in-

spection are down." The union, he indi-

cated, is persubted about safety in the Northwest "where we have a lot of break bulk cargo like logs that is more dangerous than other types of cargo."

SETTING BACK CLOCK

Stressing that he feels it was not the intent of OSHA to set back the clock, Parks said, "We are just not getting what we deserve in a high risk indus-

try... today in Oregon and the Colum-

bia river we have only one part time marine inspector."

"How many inspectors did you (for-

merly) have?" Rep. Daniels asked.

"Oh, the times increased since," said Parks.

"We feel something has happened to longshore safety that is not known to Congress," Tobin told the committee.

"The Department of Labor under Nixon represented the employers, not the employees," Ede told the witness stand. Another stir was 

"We are just not getting the proper enforcement of the law."

This was one of the points Hunterston had emphasized. "We do not support any amendments that would allow em-

ployers to be exempt. Even one or two workers are entitled to the equal pro-

tection of the law."

When the Committee moved to San Francisco for hearings November 18, ILWU Organizing Director Ed. Ward testified that during the Nixon ad-

ministration, agencies responsible for enforcing safety on the docks had be-

come "totally deregulated because of lack of any leadership and systematic enforcement of the law."

Ward recommended that "the long-

shore industry with its continuous high accident rate should be considered as a separate entity," and urged the creation of a Maritime Operating Division within the Department of Labor to have exclu-

sive jurisdiction over longshore safety problems.

Ford Admits Recession — Auto Workers Already Knew

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After several weeks of incredible verbal gymnastics, President Ford broke down last week and made it official—there’s a recession going on.

This startling revelation was made on the eve of release of new statistics for the month of October, which are expected to show industrial production continu-
ger and unemployment moving up past six percent.

"Just pick any measure of economic activity, it’s up, and it’s for real con-

cern," says one government economist.

"It’s a recession and it’s going to go deeper."

AUTO LAYOFFS

Most spectacular have been the in-

creases in mass layoffs by the auto-

industry—as inventories pile up and the blue chip auto makers experience a 38 percent drop in sales.

By the end of the year, some 75,000 auto workers will be laid off. Ford in particular has been "un-

burdened" by the industry and thousands more may be subject to on-again, off-

again layoffs at particular plants.

Chrysler, for example, has announced plans to shut down most of its US auto production between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

Temporary layoffs are being reported at an increasingly rapid pace: in the week of November 11, Ford idled 3,300 workers temporarily, General Motors approximately 6,000 and Chrysler, 12, 600.

PERMANENT "FLUFLUGS"

"Perhaps more indicative of the state of the industry, however, are increasing numbers of permanent layoffs and indefinite closings of various facilities."

Chrysler has closed its Newark, Del. assembly plant and is also making plans to permanently close its Jefferson Avenue assembly plant in Detroit. Gen-

eral Motors spokesmen have also in-

dicated they may go that route. Ford has had one of its three subcontract auto dealerships already have had a several-week shut down, while another is expected to be idle in December.

SUN RUNNING OUT

Finally, it is reported that the indus-

try’s Supplemental Unemployment Ben-

efit fund (SUB) which supply laid off workers with up to 95 percent of their take home pay for one year after lay-

off, are sorely pinched.

General Motors’ SUB fund is reported to be drained, and many laid off-

workers will not get the year’s benefit which was negotiated. Chrys-

ler is experiencing similar difficul-

ties.