Board Sets Overseas Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO — The ILWU International Executive Board met at union headquarters August 7-8, discussed and acted upon reports from the titled officers and disposed of a great deal of internal business.

The board selected a new group of 24 "overseas delegates" who, as authorized by the International Constitution, will be sent in the coming months to observe labor conditions and establish and strengthen contacts with organized workers in other countries.

The following delegates were selected:

- **Alaska-Puget Sound** — Sam Rosenberg, Local 18, Seattle; Gerald Huff, Local 27, Port Angeles; Phil Lella, Local 29, Tacoma; Tony Baruso, Local 37, Seattle.
- **Oregon-Columbia River** — Kenneth Swicker, Local 21, Longview; Everett H. Roberts, Local 40, Portland.
- **Northern California** — Chepmah Williams and Danny Castrillo, Local 18, San Francisco; Dianne Peterson, Local 18, Sacramento; Louise Dahlen, Ricardo Rivers, and George Booth, Local 6, San Francisco.
- **Southern California** — Sam Vargas, Local 29, San Diego; John McCoy, Local 15, Wilmington; Larry Jackson, Local 26, Los Angeles; Glenn Denman, Local 35, Trona.
- **Hawaii** — Verna N. Villaverde, Takenhi Yugawa, Juan Trinidad, Masashi Arinaga, Alfred Castillo and Ligorino Nono, all of Local 142.
- **Canada** — Vern Goodfellow, Local 500, Vancouver, Ken Gregory, Local 508, Chemainus.

Alternates are: Guy Williams, Local 7, Bellingham; David Woock, Local 19, Seattle; John E. Olson, Jr., Local 8, Portland; Gene Gervell, Local 34, San Francisco; AI Bailey; Local 17, Sacramento; George Kaye, Local 19, San Francisco; Ignacio Flores, Local 20-A, Wilmington; Julio Saldana, Local 22, Wilmington; John McKinney, Local 36, Los Angeles; Jim McDonel, Local 49, Wilmington; Pepito Ragusa, John Temoral and Benito Apostadiro, Local 142, Hawaii; and F. Vandenbrink, Local 508, Chemainus.

**DISCRETION**

According to the policy adopted by the ILWU 1977 Convention, it is left to the discretion of the titled officers, subject to the approval of the International Executive Board, to assign delegates to visit particular countries only so often as events and conditions in those countries warrant.

- Pledged the entire union's support to the Public Workers' Labor Energy Coalition — a broad-based group of consumer, labor and other public workers to be second-class citizens, they argue.
- Signed a three-year agreement.
- Voted to affiliate with and participate in the activities of the National Citizens Labor Energy Coalition — a broad-based group of consumer, labor and other public groups pushing for a rational energy policy.
- Donated $500 to the Western Institute for Occupational/Environmental Sciences, Inc., which is conducting tests on workers exposed to asbestos over the years; and another $500 for the establishment of a Wayne Morse memorial professorship at the University of Oregon Law School.
- Passed a report from former International Secretary-Treasurer Lou Goldblatt on his recent trip to the People's Republic of China (See Dispatcher, July 28).

**Wrapping up Longshore**

After the successful conclusion of the West Coast ILWU-PMA dock agreement, tentative pacts covering Alaska and Hawaii longshoremen have been negotiated and await membership ratification. California waterfront watchmen have already ratified an outstanding three-year agreement.

**Organizing Gains**

There's been some steady progress in Southern California, including an important victory in the San Diego area. ILWU organizers made a big breakthrough at an Alaska fish processing plant and there's a tough fight going on as employers try to stop an ILWU organizing drive in the grain elevators on the Upper Columbia River.

**On the Bricks**

A group of 136 employees at the Vancouver, BC, facilities of the federally-owned National Harbors Board went on strike August 25. Workers, members of ILWU Local 517, perform a wide range of tasks — clerical and maintenance work, for example — and are demanding parity with others who perform the same job. No reason for public workers to be second-class citizens, they argue.

**New Contracts**

The signing of warehouse Local 26's first contract at Ducommun Metals in Los Angeles marks the first time in its 129 years of existence that this company has ever signed a union agreement. The contract provides substantial wage increases and other benefits, including the union shop. Local 9 has also recently signed Salmon Terminals and the Port of Seattle.
In Robertson's Memory
In lieu of flowers for Bob Robertson, who died August 1 in San Rafael, California, Rosenberg's beneficiaries set aside $25 contribution in Robertson's memory for the Matt Meenahan Scholarship Fund.

Keenan recalls being at the CIO National Convention in 1948 with Meenahan, then ILWU International Representative to England, and Robertson who was visiting International Vice-President at the time. "They were two of the men in our section I admired most," Keenan said.

I then wrote two more checks in "memory of Bob," one to the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Lou Goldblatt on China
Louis Goldblatt, retired ILWU International Representative to China, on his visit to Mainland China, on October 4 at the May Star of the Sea High School in Wilmington. The event will be from 11:30 am and 1:30 pm and admission tickets are invited. Donations are $4 for lunch with the proceeds going to the Steamer's China Fund.

Morse Chair Fund
Members of Local 21 at their August meeting voted a $1 assessment to help establish the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Canada Health Plan OK
Eighty-four percent of the Canadian public support their 10-year old National Health Service to be "the most valuable government service," according to a poll taken there last year.

The federal government pays 50% of the cost of health care in Canada, and a variety of tax and fee systems are used by the provinces to pay the balance costs, even lower than health care services in the United States.

Francis Murnane Honored
The Portland City Council has authorized a plaque in honor of the late Francis Murnane, for many years president of longshore Local 8, at the foot of Ankeny Street, site of the city's first commercial dock. Commissioner Mildred Schwab sponsored the resolutions following a conference with representatives of area locals and auxiliaries.

Support for Controls
A majority of the public favors controlling wages and prices. Three consecutive polls by George Gallup show 53% of the American public oppose controls, 3% against and 13 undecided.

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WASHINGTON, DC—In a major political step, UAW President Douglas A. Fraser reigned from a labor-management advisory group, composed of some 300 top employers, "a revolutionary class war" against working people, called President Carter's administration "ineffective," and branded Congress an "inhuman failure."

His statement reflects labor's rising anger at corporate policies that Congress and the White House have either condoned or compromised with to the point of capitulation.

The UAW leader's stinging criticism came at a July 19 press conference and in a letter announcing his resignation from the Labor Management Relations Board. It was the third recent call for labor and management leaders set up five years ago to seek "cooperative" solutions to social problems. In the letter to Secretary of Labor John T. Dunlop, the UAW formally passed along economic advice to the White House.

A WAR AGAINST WORKERS
"I believe leaders of the business community, with few exceptions, want to wage a one-sided class war today in this country—against workers, people, the unemployed, the poor, the minorities, the very young and the very old, and even many in the middle class," he said. "The leaders of industry, commerce, and labor in the U.S. have broken and discarded the fragile, unwritten compact previously existing over a long period of growth and progress..."

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WASHINGTON, DC—The Carter administration will intervene in the 1979 Teamster Master Freight negotiations to prevent "a change in the wage structure" unless key government spokesman said last month.

Speaking before an audience of trucking company executives who will be involved in bargaining, Barry Boxworh, Director of the Council for Wage Price Stability re- fused to specify exactly what steps the administration might take.

But coming on the heels of a recent address in which he urged supermarket operators to resist their employers' demands, the statement was made by AFL-CIO President George Meany to mean that Boxworh "has done everything he could to come down on the side of the employer in wage negotiations. This is unprecedented..."

"Labor leaders are growing increasingly fearful that Boxworh's statements fore- shadow a growing tendency by the Carter administration to interfere in important negotiations..."

The Teamsters, new contracts will be negotiated in auto, rubber and construction next month. The administration is stepping up preparation for new anti-inflation proposals because of the US dollar's difficulties.

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"All of the options under study by White House and economic and political advisors for 'Phase II' income policy they hope to announce within the next several weeks..."

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The article, are determined to hold major unions — Teamsters and Auto Workers for example — to increases of no more than 4% in the coming round of bargaining.

"It is the aim of the deceleration pro- gram that in the new round of major con- tract talks, that there be significant de- velopment in major union wage increases, and that they be brought back in line with the wage increases of the average Ameri- can worker," Bosworth said.

"For all these reasons, I have concluded there is no point to continue sitting down at Labor-Management Group meetings and philosophizing about the future of the country and the world when we on the la- bor side have so little in common with those across the table. I cannot sit there seeking unity with the leaders of American industry, while they try to destroy us and ruin the lives of the people I represent."

"I cannot assure you that we will be prepared to participate in any guidelines and forming new coalitions to help our nation find its way. But I can assure you that we will try..."
JUNEAU — Negotiations for the new three-year Alaska longshore contract were concluded August 13. The talks were preceded by a four-day caucus.

The negotiating team, headed by NW Regional Director G. Johnny Parks, Coast Conference代表 of the ILWU, Local 26, Larry Cotter, president of the ILWU Alaska Council, said the main thrust of the talks was to overcome the company's unwillingness to add money more on the wage line and liberalize pensions.

"This is the best longshore contract we've negotiated up here," said Parks, concluding the talks.

He predicted that ratification of the agreement "would be practically unanimous." The pact is retroactive to 3/1/78.

WAGE PARITY

The agreement includes the wage increasedefinied in the ILWU-PMA coast contract, plus a boost in Alaska's incecalrational from 25c per hour to 35c per hour. (The inclementweather is paid to all hands, across the board, all year around.)

The Alaska differential of 35c on top of wages remains the same.

The increase will improve benefits by 50c the third year, bringing the base rate up to $1.10 for crane drivers; and from 75c to $1.10 for gang bozes.

On welfare, the new contract calls for "full coverage of benefits" (no out-ofpocket expenses), plus transportation costs for the covered person and an escort, when required by the attending physician. Other contract provisions include:

• No-work holidays were increased from five to seven.

The agreement spells out that to qualify for holiday pay, registered longshoremen must have worked 50% of their check-offs in his port during the current year. Holiday pay for the year is paid in a lump sum December 15.

• All pension provisions in the ILWU-PMA agreement were adopted, plus amendment of the plan to include 30 years and out, regardless of age. Maximum pension credits were increased to 30 years. The normal retirement age is now 56 with no reduction in pension for having less than 35 years. The bridge of 300 per month, on top of pension, was extended for 48 months, between the age of 58 to social security age (62).

• New manning was established for vessels carrying strictly fish products to permit the number of men determined necessary by the employer, subject to the provisions and conditions of the agreement protecting the health and safety and onerousness of the employees.

The new manning clause was agreed on to help capture the work in Alaska's booming new bottom fish industry. There are no steady men under the Alaska agreement; all longshore work is "on a day to day basis." The negotiations ended with the compromise of happy hands, along with the Glenwood negotiating committee points.

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First Contract At Ducommun

LOS ANGELES—It took an overwhelming strike vote, but after nearly eight months of negotiations some 160 members of ILWU Warehouse Local 26 have negotiated and ratified their first contract at Ducommun Metals.

The group first voted to join the ILWU on September 11, 1977, ending 120 years of non-union operations within the firm. The two-year contract was concluded on August 15.

The negotiating committee consisted of John Valenzuela, John Harper, Lloyd Adams (who retired during the course of negotiations and was replaced by Richard Dou-

The negotiations were held with some variations to fit local needs. On August 31, International president Carl Damasco, Int'l, president Jim Herman, International vice president, Bernard Semon and John Karlock, Local 142 negotiators agreed August 4 on tentative contracts with Cal 9 have ratified a new agreement with Island longshoremen at Salmon Terminal and the West Coast longshoremen at the Port of Seattle.

The agreement is retroactive to 1/1/78, and was concluded for all groups. Island longshoremen have traditionally insisted on terms as good as the West Coast on basic items, with some variations to fit local needs.

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In this Dispatcher feature, ILWU attorneys Norman Leonard and Rich-ard Patsy contribute articles of legal interest to the rank and file. An important word of caution the dispatchers will deal with legal problems in general terms. The subjects related to the specific situation, to be, advice on any specific subject for any specific person in any specific situation.

In all cases in which a person has a legal problem about longshore, where the attorney for assistance. This is particularly true for persons out-of-state. Leonard and Patsy are licensed only in California.

13,000 Pulp and Paper Workers Strike Major Firms in Three States

PORTLAND — The Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers has been attempting since July to wrest new contracts from giants in the pulp and paper industry.

“We have 13,000 people on the street,” Bob Rogers, an AWWP executive vice-president, told The Dispatcher.

One of the downed plants is at Toledo. It was struck August 17. Strikes in some of the other plants in the three-state area where AWWP has locals have gone on much longer. Rogers listed them as follows:

- Locals in Pomona and Orange, California on strike since July 3 against POT-CH.
- LONGVIEW FIBRE, down since July.
- Two GEORGIA-PACIFIC plants at Bellingham, down since July 17.
- GRAYS HARBOR PAPER at Hoquiam, down since July, MENASHA at Coos Bay, down since July 19.
- ITT-RAYONIER plants in Port-An-geles and Hoquiam, down since July 20.
- Two NORTHWEST PACIFIC PAPER mills at Bellingham.
- LERBACH plants in Camas, Port An-geles, Wash., Oregon City and Lebanon, Oregon and Antioch, California struck August 5.

In Ketchikan, Alaska, AWWP Local 5 struck Louisiana-Pacific on September 5.

At the news deadline for this issue, Zellerbach Corporation was pressing to open a number of its struck West Coast paper mills with “supervisory per-sonnel.”

Agreements have been won at Kimberly-Clark in Fullerton, California, Western Kraft in Albany, and at Publishers Paper plants in Newberg and Oregon City, Oregon.

A front page headline in the August 29 Oregonian said: “Pickets Hurt Rocks — Violence Strikes Toledo Plant.”

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Picket Killed, Teamsters Break-off Supermarket Talks

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IBT spokesman William Grami said that leaders of the eight locals involved would not return to the bargaining table until the companies quit using guard dogs at picket sites and send home out of state scabs and supervisors. Grami also announced an ex-ecution of picketing to the chains’ South- ern California distribution centers.

In the days preceding the breakdown, there had been reports of progress in set-ting the strike-lockout at Safeway, Lucky, Albert, and Alpha Beta. On strike are some 3,500 Teamster drivers and ware-housemen belonging to eight locals in Joint Contracts 7 and 38.

PICTURED KILLED

Striker Randy Hill was struck down on the picket line on August 21 by a Safeway guard whose weapon, which police reported was speeding out of the Vacaville Lucky distribution center, missed Hill’s side of the head with its head-lights. The driver of the car which hit Hill, strikerleader Glenn A. Sobolik, 22 of Fairfield, was arrested by police and later charged with reckless driving and manslaughter.

Another Teamster picker, Robert Loven- gier, 36, of Winters, was seriously injured when he was hit by another car as he hur-ried to aid Hill.

Some 2,000 rank-and-file Teamster mem-bers and their families, other labor union officials and members, representatives of congressmen, the church, and various civic and fraternal groups were joined in the national, said, “the employers obviously are attempting to open a number of their struck West Coast paper mills with ‘supervisory per-sonnel.”’

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SEATTLE—Labor Locals united as never before in the city’s Free World. The strike against 52 metropolitan car dealers, to date the largest in the country, has refur-bished worker solidarity in the trade down to a slow dribble. Three of the restaurants have closed, supposedly for renovations.

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Local 6 Statement on Grocery Strike

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WASHINGTON, DC — We are optimistic here that Congress will soon produce reason- able health legislation for its constituents and support for their health care needs.

Bob Fowler and Dr. Philip Polakoff of the Western Institute of Environmental & Occupational Sciences helped administer free asbestos screening to nearly 3,000 San Francisco Bay area workers last month. At right, Local 10 member Joel Hernandez reviews his medical and work history before taking chest x-ray. See story below.

WASHINGTON, DC — The AFL-CIO and affiliates whose members are ex- posed to the multiple hazards of grain dust pressed at House hearings for a continuing, high-priority program to train elevators and mills to get surplus grain from producers.

Carter Sells Out on National Health, Labor Charts Independent Course

WASHINGTON, DC — President Carter's July 29 statement of national health insur- ance principles signaled an end to his sup- port of the Kennedy-Corman bill, provoking a split between the administra- tion and the House Ways and Means Committee on a national health insurance program.

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Highland Spirit
Haunts Local 6

For centuries, the Scots Highland ancestors of Daniel Wallace, a Local 6 warehouse worker at Nasbun-Levy, have had little use for the British. But the 20th-century Daniel directly forebears--in his Scottish tradition a frenzied battle at the hands of the redcoats for his part in leading a guerrilla struggle for independence.

"You can see all this, and become a part of it, at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire, held at Black Point California, every weekend in September. Visitors to the Faire, held at Black Point California, every weekend in September, will be 'in the spirit of things.'"

My hat's off to Jim Herman and the men of the San Francisco Waterfront for taking a firm stand against shipments of wheat from Chile. It's high time the nation stopped pumping up these types of governments with aid to get access to the ports, or with the release of trade unionists who strive for a better life. ILWU Local #13, 11383

Dockers, Widows on Pension List

Following are the August and Sep-
tember, 1978 listings of dockworkers retired under various ILWU-FMA plans:

August

Local 8, Portland: Charles Dye, Milton Millard, Local 10, San Francisco: Esekkel Boyanton, Sebastian Di Mare; Local 10, San Francisco: John Reyez; Local 19, Seattle: James Brower, Stanley Miah, Harry Wivart; Local 21, Langview: William Everman; Local 23, Tacoma: Fred Forgery; Local 41, Olympia: Gene Haag; Local 52, Seattle: Clayton Nye; Local 63, Wilmington: Daniel Capala; Local 92, Portland; Virgil Baker; Local 94, Wilmington: John Post; Local 99, Seattle: Robert Bremmer.

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*Names in brackets are those of deceased husbands.

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LOCAL 13 MAN HEADS LA PORT COMMISSION

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA--Nate DiBiasi, a member of ILWU Local 13, was elected to the board of the Long Beach Port of Harbor Commissioners, replacing Roy S. Pinker, a San Pedro Attorney and civic leader.

DiBiasi, a member of the Board since 1973, and re-elected in 1977 as well as vice-president in 1974 and President in 1975, had been serving his term as Commissioner on a part-time basis. He was elected to the full-time position June 30, 1981. He is also President of the Pacific Coast Association of Port Authorities.

Local 34 Golf Tourney

The Third Annual Jack W. Hall Golf Tournament was held on July 30 at the Skyview Golf Club in Hayward, Califor-

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Local 34, Portland:

"THANKS TO ILWU"

"We had no qualms about joining the ILWU," said David Olson, a former mem-
ber of Local 40's Unit "B." We had worked side by side with longshoremen at the grain elevators for years. The vote to join was unanimous.

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**Pinata Party**

Three-legged races, bubble-gum blowing contests, sack races, Frisbee contests and pinatas were among the high-lights at warehouse Local 26’s well-attended picnic, held August 26 at Elysian Park in Los Angeles. Pedro Avila, who works at Central Bag, won the drawing for a color committee was headed by Local 26 vice-president George Lee. Many others won prizes too. The committee was headed by Local 26 vice-president George Lee.

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**Solidarity in Coos Bay**

Damp weather which forced longshore Local 12’s Labor Day picnic indoors didn’t depress spirits or decrease numbers — some 700 still showed up to enjoy a delicious barbecue beef and salmon dinner, the music of the Inter-tribal Singing Drums led by Frankie Sweetwater and Bob Collier, and the Local 12 Dance Band with Delpha Jakovac, Dave Willis, Earl Kramer and Carl Brantch. Among the guests were members of APPW Local 1000, on strike since July 17. That’s Local 1000 President Lenard Roberts, inset, with Local 12 President Joe Jakovac. The committee consisted of Bob Collon, Bonnie Piatk, Nip Montgomery, Nally Robbins, Chuck Forbus and Irene Bailey.

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**Wait ‘Til Next Year**

The big surprise at Local 6’s picnic at Blackberry Farm in Cupertino September 2 was that the two teams put together by the big bay area warehouse local actually stayed in the ballpark with a classy team organized for the occasion by members of Local 17, Sacramento. Top photo shows Local 17 president Obie Brandon, surrounded by his team, accepting winners’ trophy from Local 6 BA Henry McKnight. The fuzzy group down below really gave it their best shot. The picnic, put together by a core of members at Saf-T-Pacific drew several hundred participants who cheered for the good guys, whoever they were, downed ribs, chicken and franks, played volleyball, below, and generally laid back for the day.

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**Acres of Clams**

Tacoma longshore Local 23’s August 1 bash at Spanaway Park was another big success, with more than 1,000 folks in attendance. They ate, literally, a ton of clams. “One of the most enjoyable features for the members was meeting and getting to know our 68 transfers from San Francisco, San Diego and Stockton,” says Larry DaPaul, who chaired the committee and took the pictures — those are Local 23 kids on top of this page enjoying a race.
Southern Cal Organizing Forges Ahead

SAN DIEGO — Among a substantial group of new members coming into the ILWU in Southern California last month were 18 workers at the Container Corporation of America. Workers here, involved in the reclamation of waste paper, voted 10-2 to join the warehouse division of Local 26.

Further north, in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area, some 18 workers at Freight Handlers, Inc., a subsidiary of Crescent Wharf and Warehouse, voted 19-4 to be represented by ILWU warehouse Local 26 in an election held August 31.

At DUCOMMUN

Earlier in the month, an additional 10 workers at Ducommun Metals joined Local 26. These workers were production and maintenance employees involved in the Koppel Dock & Storage finally has been represented by ILWU Local 26. These workers were production and maintenance employees.

Finally, five office-clerical employees of the ILWU credit union here have become members of clerks Local 83 through a recognition agreement.

All organizing was conducted by the Southern California Regional staff.

Local 26 Pact at Koppel Dock

LOS ANGELES—After negotiations were extended over the July 22 deadline, a collective bargaining agreement between ILWU Warehouse Local 26 and Koppel Dock & Storage finally has been signed and ratified.

In addition to substantial wage increases, covering the period July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979, there were improvements in the rest periods from 10 minutes to 15 minutes, an additional holiday was added, and improved language dealing with vacations, work hours and overtime, leave of absence and other miscellaneous provisions.

The negotiating committee consisted of Local 26 Vice President George Lee, Chief Steward MacArthur Frazier, Bobby Brown and Kerry Herr. The committee was assisted in the final stages of negotiations by President Joe Ibarra.

Koppel processes imported cars on the docks in LA Harbor.

Newly organized cold storage workers at Cordova Bay Fisheries in Hydaburg, Alaska, celebrate NLRB election results which brought them into ILWU Local 62.

Another Cold Storage Unit Joins ILWU

HYSADURG, Alaska — Renewed efforts to strengthen organization in the Alaska fisheries industry paid off last month as employees at Cordova Bay Fisheries here in this remote southeastern town voted overwhelmingly August 31 for collective bargaining representation by the ILWU.

The vote was 21-4. New members here, who process bottfish, will become members of cold storage Local 62, headquartered in Ketchikan, 60 miles to the east.

ILWU Takes on Key Struggle in Grain Elevators on Upper Columbia

PORTLAND — An enthusiastic group of ILWU members are fighting a last-ditch effort by an employer coalition seeking to frustrate an ILWU organizing drive on the new upper Columbia River inland port system.

"The amount of money at issue in both cases is small," said International Vice-President of Organizing George Bitz. Shade and Bitz are newly organized ILWU Alaska Council.

"Though the plant is currently a seasonal operation, there is talk of expanding to include a cannery." The organizing drive was conducted by the officers of the newly organized ILWU Alaska Council.

Current wages at Hydaburg are between $5-$6 per hour. Adoption of the ILWU Alaska cold storage contract would mean significant pay increases—as much as $3 per hour in some cases.

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Local 517 Strikes Harbors Board

VANCOUVER, BC — A strike by 136 members of ILWU Local 517 is effectively causing operations at the port of Van- couer to grind to a halt.

Employed by the National Harbors Board, a federal agency, the members do both clerical and maintenance work including manifesting of ships' cargoes, customs, wharfage, port charges, maintenance of container cranes, repair of docks and the cold storage plant and servicing boats with ice.

The contract expired May 31; the strike began on August 25 when discussions ceased and a stalemate ensued. Picketing has been extended, shutting down all NHB facilities in this port.

The main issue in dispute is the demand for parity for members of Local 517 as longshoremen working under the master contract with Ducommun in docks; another major issue is an ever-increasing number of employees who are not employed a full week, but are merely filling in for others.

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Local 142 Auto Takeover

HONOLULU — Local 142 negotiations for new agreements with Honolulu auto dealers are continuing as The Dispatcher went to press. At this time, the Pacific are on strike. Their picket lines are solid.

"The strikers have turned down an offer from one company who has re- fused to meet as an industry group. Even though some of them have employed Council spokesmen, they insist on separate negotiations, which makes for dificult bargaining."

"Separate Negotiations"

The Union committee, working day and night, 7 days a week, as of this report, has held 41 negotiating sessions since negotiations began June 27.

Because cumbersome individual negotiations made it impossible to wait until the July 22 deadline, the union offered to extend the agreement, subject to the right of cancellation by either side. Universal, Aloha, Honolulu Ford, Schu- man and Volkswagen agreed to extend the negotiations at those companies on the job, with all terms of the agreement, including mediation if necessary.

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Negotiating committee chairman Jesse Baker says, "At the outset the companies had varying proposals to take things away, and negotiations resumed August 7. Mean-

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