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SHIPOWNERS STALL THE WORKS

Here Are NLRB's Taft-Hartley Goose Eggs

In Cold Blood They Cry Red To Delay End of the Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—As cold-blooded as they were when they made millions of dollars out of shipping scrap iron to Japan to kill workers in America as they were, the shipowners were standing pat as The Dispatcher went to press on refusal to talk about settlement of the maritime strike.

Their excuse was the now frayed-at-the-edges cry that the union was "communist party line dominated."

To bolster their excuse the shipowners were issuing a daily press release setting forth fantastic figures on fancied work stoppages during the past ten years.

Mayor Elmer E. Robinson of San Francisco has offered to mediate the dispute.

The union has accepted the offer.

The shipowners have spurred the Army to sign up.

The Army has signed contracts with two stevedoring firms to handle cargoes for troops in the Far East.

The Army asked both the union and the employers to work at the strike. The shipowners said "no." The Army said "yes." As a result two independent stevedoring firms signed up with both the Army and the union. These were Sprague & Griffins in Seattle and Mutual Stevedoring Company in San Francisco.

The latter is handling Army cargoes in San Francisco, Stockton and Los Angeles.

To Mayor Robinson's offer to mediate, the union replied, over the signature of President Bridges, as follows:

"Because of our desire to hear the reaction of the Waterfront Employers of the Pacific Coast to your public-spirited offer to mediate a settlement of the waterfront strike, we have held off giving the union's official reply to the offer until this time.

"We note that the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast has publicly stated that it will not accept your offer. By this we are forced to conclude that the employers have decided we would be unable to substantiate their numerous irresponsible and false charges against the union before any genuinely impartial third party and that they are also unwilling to submit to the scrutiny of an impartial person their position on the real issues of the strike."

EMINENTLY FAIR

The union believes that you would be an eminently fair and logical impartial person to mediate the dispute. We know that you know the real issues of the strike, those being the union's demands

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The above is a copy of the official score on the no-hit game pitched against the Taft-Hartley slave law by ILWU's dock workers when they abstained themselves 100 per cent from the NLRB poll on the shipowners final offer.

Who Said It? "No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country... By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level—I mean the wages of decent living." (Turn to back page for name of author.)

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A Manufactured Issue

Like a small boy who draws a chalk-line on the sidewalk and announces "this is my fence" the shipowners, who are stubbornly refusing to negotiate settlement of the real issues of the maritime strike, have raised the old, old, shopwar and unimaginative cry of "Communism." Up to the last minute of negotiations the shipowners tried to trap the union into a false bargain. Seeing that it wouldn’t work so long as issues could be discussed, they pushed out twenty-eight pages of contract changes, flung it on the table and said: "This is it. Take or leave it as is. You have until midnight to decide."

They wouldn’t discuss any issue any further, and they walked out.

Faced with exposure of their complete barf, faith insofar as the real issues were concerned, and therefore faced with the anger of shipowners and those who depend upon shipping, it became necessary for them to invent something to obscure their double-dealing. So with the strike on, they pretended to discover that two of the unions were "Communist party line led," whatever that means.

There would have been no "communism" discovered or mentioned if the ILWU’s Coal Conference had negotiated. Negotiating Committee had decided to be good, that is, subversive to the shipowners, and willing to accept their sellout terms. Indeed, instead of crying "communism," the shipowners would have hailed the committee as "labor statement" or by some equally fallacious term.

What the shipowners wanted was a deal on their terms and to this day they would grab such a deal from anybody who would give it to them, and they wouldn’t so much as peek at their politics.

From the Latest press releases of the shipowners, who speak usually through an ex-FBI agent they have employed (FBI agents are notorious for seeing things under the bed), they appear undeterred on their actual position as to their own manufactured issue. One day they say they will not deal with our union until the optional provision of the Taft-Hartley Act have been signed (our rank and file has already given them the answer to that one), the next day they say they “can’t do business with communism,” and on the third day they water down the charges to “responsibility leadership.” Then they start all over again seeming unable quite to make up their minds.

It is either that or they are stabling around for a public position and grabbing for anything that will go over and continue to obscure their complete refusal to negotiate the real issues of the strike.

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for contract changes concerning hours, wages and working conditions.

"Please be advised by this letter that we accept this offer," he said, "as a publicity stunt."" What the shipowners and those who depend upon shipping want is an opportunity to obscure their double-dealing. So they start all over again seemingly unable quite to make up their minds.

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WEA, NLRB Unite in Charging ILWU With Unfair Labor Practices

SAN FRANCISCO—There will be no negotiations with the present leadership of the union," a shipwrecker witness told the Taft-Hartley NLRB during hearings on charges of unfair labor practices against the ILWU here.

The Taft-Hartley board, acting on a shipowner complaint alleging the ILWU has refused to bargain through its insistence on continued refusal to register and dispatching. Acting on charges of violation of industry codes to give it authority, the board has also issued a cease-and-desist order.

OWNERS WON'T BARGAIN

The union is asserting that it is ridiculous, and the railroad workers, 

The union, it is said, has made no objection to the NLRB's determination that the union's refusal to bargain with the owners is a violation of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The third complaint brings up the case of J. T. Whittaker, a San Francisco longshoreman who has been working off the panel board after all union members are discharged in accordance with a strike. Whittaker, as a result of his discharge, says he was expelled from the union and refused to return to work because of his discharge. The NLRB found the complaint was not supported by evidence and discharged the union's charges.

Michigan Little T-H Act Outlawed By State Court

DETROIT (AP) — Labor lawyers in Detroit hailed the Michigan supreme court decision of September 7 in the Bonine-Tripp case as an unqualified victory for the union and the state.

The court ruled that the Taft-Hartley act is unconstitutional, as the greatest judicial labor victory in the state in years.

The act was killed in its entirety because it had been so badly drawn up by the Michigan legislature that it would have been impossible to make it constitutional under the compulsory arbitration clause, which was struck down by the court.

The board was still putting up in the case against the ILWU when the court decision was pressed.

How Shipowners Hate That Word "Solidarity"

Shipowners, according to a new study, find the word "solidarity" is a threat to their business. The study, conducted by the American Shipowners Association, shows that shipowners consider the word "solidarity" as a threat to their business. They believe that the word "solidarity" can lead to strikes and work stoppages, which will hurt their business. The study also shows that shipowners are concerned about the possibility of strikes and work stoppages, which can result in a loss of business.

An ILWU ad on the same day, exposing the union as a "power hungry" group, said, "We demand that the Bonoine-Tripp case be heard by the Supreme Court of the United States." The ad was part of a nationwide campaign against the union, with union officials saying, "We have no time to waste on this strike."
Strike Life in Portland

Members of the marshal's squad are talking it over and reading union papers on the night shift of their picket duty at the ILWU Local 8 Hall in Portland, Ore., during the first week of the strike. Left to right: Caleb White, Mose Davis (also known as the "Prune Rancher"), Gus Lambert (aka "Vancouver Bouncer"), and John Goertzen, a member since 1942.

ILWU Board Gears Union To Strike

SAN FRANCISCO - The ILWU Executive Board which met at Portland, Ore., September 16 and 17 called the strike "clearly a struggle against the present system of labor.

The board pointed out further that the right of American workmen to join organizations for their "mutual aid and protection" will be strengthened or destroyed as conditioned by the outcome of its present battle.

In another of its principal policies the board braced the Taft-Hartley Act - a delibe rate aim to wreck and render it impossible for the American trade union movement to function.

REAFFIRMS CONFIDENCE

At the same time, it unanimously reaffirmed its confidence in the Board's President Harry Bridges, who the board said, had been singled out for special attack by the shipowners, and that all labor are in sympathy with the action of the card checkers, that should continue as reactionary employers.

Regarding the Taft-Hartley Act the board noted that already "the large section of our membership has been reduced by an almost unanimous vote of all the membership to the Taft-Hartley Act and is on the way to proving that its effects can be defeated as before."

And the board agreed that the constitution of the union is "the democratic right of all races and nationalities to control the destiny of our own union." It is for the rank and file to elect those who can act as their representatives.

A busy day in the dispatch office of the ILWU Local 8's hiring hall in Portland, Ore. Seated at the table, left to right: Picket Dispatcher Harry Green, Assistant Dispatcher Jack Reese (standing in the white hat), and Captain Clyde "Ruthless" East. Ship Scaler Thompson also wearing white hat can be glimpsed back of Light. Rear, left to right: John F. Faugenour, public relations director of Local 8; and Kenny Ford, head of the coffee detail, if publicity committee members rate toppings and a "cup of Joe." Seated at the extreme right is the regular dispatcher for the local, Andy Schopp.

TRIBUTE TO BRIDGES

No one has paid the continued attacks upon Harry Bridges by his shipowners and their allies in the press. The board is in an excellent position to contribute to the history and wider understanding of a great labor leader.

In the final statement of policy the board said that it regards the Taft-Hartley Act as a "date with destiny for the American labor movement..." and that the board was "fully determined to fight the labor movement against the entire labor movement and in reaching this conclusion, we are in agreement with the political views of the union's members.

These sentiments, it said, are shared at a time and in a manner that marks the anti-Communism which this nation has found to be necessary for the well-being of its people and our country. We are aware of the anti-Communism which has come to be the hallmark of the American labor movement against the ILWU is a direct part of this movement.

The board, calling upon the "right" and membership "to do everything" to assure their union's "to the dangers of the future..." and "to the dangers of the future..." and "to the dangers of the future..." and "to the dangers of the future..."

Clyde Munger, a longshoreman of Local 45, Ramler, Wash., was elected to the board to fill the unexpired term of Matt Meehan who was recently re-elected to become an international representative of the union.

Senator Taft's Frameup Attempts To Break Printers' Strike Assaulted

CHICAGO (AP) - The attempt by Senator Robert A. Taft, R-Ohio, to "frame" striking members of the International Typographical Union (Leaflet) through RFID action was bitterly assailed by Local 14 President John J. Polch.

It was recently revealed that on July 28 Taft asked NRIB lawyers to "put on the heat" to the Chicago NRIB staff in order to break the ILU strike that got underway November 24. At the July 30 meeting, Taft introduced the lawyers to publishers representing the maritime strike.

"The foundation of Taft's feeble excuse was his story that the Senate Finance Committee had authorized him to call the strike a "nuisance with the strike bound publishers, their lawyers, and the NRIB attorney."

Polch said Taft's story is refuted by every member of that committee whom we have contacted.

Pointing out that Taft wants to destroy the organized labor movement by "false means or false," Polch asserted, "We shall resist every tactic, movable, whether by open attack on the Senate floor or by sneak attack, from his private printing room.

Three members of the Joint Action Publicity Committee go into action on the daily strike bulletin while ILWU Regional Director Matt Meehan approves the copy. Left to right: David P. Pajewski, Marine Radio Officer, AFL; Kenneth Stranahan, Local 40; John J. Faugenour, Local 8, and Meehan. Photo by Don Brenner

"Lunatic Fringe" Joins Dewey Supporters

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Republican National Committee as announced here September 21 the signature of a group of one time Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania has declared himself for the renomination of Thomas E. Dewey, as vice president. Dewey, always a liberal, has hit the headlines in recent years for engaging in drunken brawl and in joining the atom bomb-bomb of the new Lunatic fringe of focke, shooters.
Maritime
The West Coast maritime strike in which a large and principal section of our union is involved is now clearly a struggle affecting all labor. There can be little question but that the right of working men and women in America to join or mutual aid and protection will be extinguished or strengthened according to the outcome of the present struggle.

In this struggle the shipowners have taken the lead for all employers in America in the use of the Taft-Hartley Act and the National Labor Relations Board to drive open shop. If successful on the waterfront the drive will be immediately taken up by other predatory interests and extended to wreck all unions which are not company dominated.

In order that all labor be forearmed against these plans of anti-labor employers, we instruct our officers to take every possible step toward informing the AFL, CIO, railroad and independent unions of the nature of the attack upon our union and the danger that faces all unions and the whole labor movement.

Bridges
Harry Bridges, President of our union, has been singled out for special attack by the shipowners and their allies among reactionary employers.

This process and racket, which by its nature and because of its ownership is sympathetic to the union-ruining ambitions of the foreign and American shipowners and allied employers, was attempted to build up the fiction in the public mind that our union is dictatorial and controlled in all of its actions by its president, Harry Bridges.

These slanderous attacks upon our union and upon Bridges are not new. The whole world knows that he was for years persecuted on false charges perpetrated by the shipowners and their allies and was denied citizenship in the United States until the Supreme Court of the United States finally threw the case and denounced as completely unfounded and indefensible for which the taxpayers' money had been freely wasted.

Militant Struggle
The Executive Board of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union takes note of the fact that a large section of our membership has by an almost unanimous voice repudiated all of the principles of the Taft-Hartley Act and is well on the way to proving that its objectives can be defeated when real fight is shown.

We commend the spirit of the longshoremen, shipper's aides, watching bosses and watchmen members of our union and on behalf of our whole union we thank them for the leadership they have taken and the inspiration they have given us in our noble and militant struggle.

We believe that the time has arrived to use the Taft-Hartley Act against the legitimate aims of the ILWU, to demonstrate its unfitness for public office of all politicians who voted for it. We demonstrate also the unfitness for public office of all public officials, such as Harry S. Truman, who gave to service to its repeal but who makes enthusiastic use of the law against the labor movement.

Spy Hunts
The entire country is presently victimized by spy and an atmosphere of fear.

This drive which threatens the liberties of all American people is being conducted with particular ferocity against the labor movement and against all organizations which favor social progress.

We regard the indictment of twelve leading Communist Party members in connection with an extended drive against the entire labor movement, and regard the persons thus indicted as those who, in their defense of the ideals for which our union stands, have been forced to take a stand.

In this country we are in no wise concerned with the political views of the indicted persons. We note that the indictment occurs in the midst of manufactured anti-communist hysteria which can quickly be turned into anti-labor hysteria, as it was so turned in Germany and as it has been so turned in America in times past. The attack against the ILWU is a direct attack on the rights of the people.

Truman Denounced
In denouncing the Truman administration for bringing about this persecution, here carrying out and amplifying the resolution unanimously adopted at the Seventeenth Convention in 1947 in which it was stated in part: "Communism is not an issue of the United States only over economic, political, democratic or civil liberties threatened by agents of the Soviet Union. The real threat stems directly from the greed of totalitarian American trusts and monopolies. These trusts are determined to depress the living standards of America's workers in order to smash all forms of workers' organization and control the liberties of the people so that no effective voice can be raised against them. The real issue is the issue of retrogression: of the attack against the status quo . . . of one for more of those who have the least and less for those who have practically nothing to work for."

Aroused To Danger
The ILWU, the voice of the spy hunts of the so-called Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives and the various initiative committees of the state legislatures such as the Tenney Committee in California and the Canwell Committee in Washington. The purpose of these committees patently is to hamper, annoy and through fear to immobilize labor unions and organizations by which the people seek to protect themselves against monopoly interests. Many labor unions are at the moment undergoing attacks by these committees and the unorganized workers can expect to escape their smears.

We call upon our locals and our membership to do everything possible to arouse their communities to the dangers inherent in the spy and witch hunts pursued by the administration and Congress and to raise their voices in protest before it is too late.

We instruct the Secretary-Treasurer to send copies of this statement of policy to President Truman, Attorney General Clark, Governor Warren of California, Governor Wallegren of Washington, Congressman Parnell Thomas and the various legislative committees presently engaged in anti-democratic drives against the people's rights.
ILWU and Community Chests

ILWU officials from Honolulu locals toured the city of Honolulu, on a trip sponsored by the Honolulu Community Chest, recently to see where and how the money the union contributes is spent. Shown above, left to right: Mother Marcella, Superior of the St. Anthony's Orphans Home in Kalākī Valley, a leader of the orphanage, Constantine Samson, vice president of Sugar Workers Union Local 142, and Edward H. Wong, Secretary of Miscellaneous Workers Union Local 150.

Officials of ILWU Hawaiian locals stop off at St. Anthony's Orphanage, in Kalākī Valley, to chat with some of the youngsters. Seen below with the boys groups are Levi Kealoha, from longshore Local 136, and T. Oshiro, secretary of Pineapple Local 152.

At the International Institute, a Community Chest agency in San Francisco, sons and daughters of ILWU scalers and warehousemen and younger members of ILWU locals are among those of Latin American and other national backgrounds learning to take their place in the city's life. Above is a club, the Midgels, gathers round staff member Louis Feder at the piano for a singing session.
Docks & Tariffs

Walking Bosses

ILWU walking bosses Local 91 has signed the first walking bosses agreement in Pacific Coast maritime history with the Independent Maritime Stevedoring Co. of San Francisco.

Announcement of the successful deal was made on September 24.

The Waterfront Employers Association has always fought the right of walking bosses to organize and continuously refused to bargain with them. De-

fiance of U.S. laws by the WEA has been made in the face of offi-

cial certification of the ILWU as the bargaining agent for the bosses.

After signing the 1948 longshore contract, the shipowners
terminated negotiations over the bosses until the Taft-Hartley Law could be passed and become effec-

tive, disbanding supervisory workforces under the labor management act.

Troopers Unwanted

Stanley E. Oral, Oregon State CIO secretary, presented its strike

worded messages to President Truman and Oregon Governor

Hall against U.S. involvement in Oregon State police strikebreaking activity.

Karl said last week that the waterfront Employers Associa-
tion was taken by surprise by the "Taft-Hartley Act" to destroy the maritime longshoremen's unions and to get the employers alone for holding up of Army cargoes before the Army made the agreement with the indi-

vidual stevedoring contractors.

The CIO has sent the telegram to Truman not to permit either the Army or the Navy to be used in a strike breakers. Karl stressed the present Oregon longshoremen's strike in connection with the Marine Firemen's and Marines Cooks' strike and the lumber ship Rolanda which was a part of the formu-

lated agreements that a former government held in disper-

sion of longshoremen's strike, "We want to get the Governor to withdraw such a show of force and permit the people to exercise their rights without unduly depress-

ing the wage level," Karl said.

ILA Support

Roscoe Craycraft, member of ILWU Local 9 in Portland, Ore., endorsed the call for the picketing of waterfront property on the ILWU picket line in the strike for wage and working conditions.

Pickets Molested

According to "The Strike Bulletin," the policeman are pushing around night pickets. The police officials told the union pickets it would not be con-

sidered for the next time; they would continue to search them.

If these night pickets are mo-

ted in the future by the police, the union said it will take the matter up with the Wilmington City Council.

No More Scabs

Longshore pickets from Local 18 show how they felt when the Army sought by direct hire September 13 to recruit civilian per-

sonnel to work their ships after WEA stevedoring companies refused to call longshoremen from ILWU hiring halls and seamen from recognized maritime unions on strike against the WEA and the PASA since September 2. After these days of futile effort to get enough men to go through union picket lines, the Army abandoned its strikebreaking attempt. It signed an agreement with independent stevedoring firms, Mutual of San Francisco, and Griffiths and Sprague, of Seattle, Wash., to handle Army cargo under a cost plus, fixed fee basis. Hiring practices and wages in force before the strike were recognized and maritime union pickets were withdrawn.

Navy Bypass

The U.S. Navy is working ships in Port Hueneme in its own civil service longshore gangs, by-passing the ILWU dockers because Associated Stevedores, the contract stevedoring company, will not order gangs.

Associated Banning is follow-

ing the Waterfront Employers Association pattern of refusing to deal with the ILWU even as far as to perform their agreement with the Navy. Meanwhile, the Navy has canceled its contract with the company but is continuing to use its own personnel for strikebreaking purposes.

Guards’ Jobs

ILWU Contract Watchmen and Guards, Local 75, is working directly with the Waterfront Property for pay in keeping jobs as watchmen.

Due to lack of vigilance on the part of some pickets, members of Harry Langerberg’s guard outfitted through maritime strike picket lines and replaced CIO watchmen.

The situation is particularly serious at American President Lines docks. So ILWU Shop clerks Local 34 on September 22 asked its pickets to be more careful in the future in checking brick cards.

Meal Chits

The Marine Cooks and Stew-

ard Union kitchen opened for business September 18. It is located at 42 Clay street, San Francisco. Reports from other ports up and down the Pacific Coast confirm that MCS is carry-

ing on the kitchenฐาน in most of them.

Meal hours in San Francisco are from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m. Any striking maritime union member can get chits for meals for 55 cents each ILWU Local 34 says that its members will be loaned the money, if needed, to buy chits with, but the members must repay these loans within 90 days after the termina-

tion of the strike.

Oil Tankers

One of the results of the Oil Workers strike against the Big Four oil companies in California is that it has forced Co. to renew its contracts with the National Mar-

itime Union for its tankers.

WU crews worked to refuel the oil tankers carrying crew oil from one California port to another. Instead, they were treated to the spectacle of seeing Harry Langerberg’s guards manned these vessels.

In retaliation for the company cancellation of contracts, the NMU joined the picket lines of the striking oil workers. This action was taken in San Pedro when four Union Oil Co. tankers were picketed.

Farmers Help

On September 22 a truckload of frozen food was received at the MCS soup kitchen in San Fran-

cisco, a gift from small farmers in Santa Clara county. Offers from other produce have been received by the Joint Action Committee from Shafter, Sonoma and Petal-

uma county farmers. Arrange-

ments are being made by the JAC to get trucks to go and pick up the gifts from farmer friends.

No Consideration

A meeting of the Oakland City Council on September 23 was con-

sidered to fix a simple reso-

lution presented to it by the Bay Area Joint Action Committee, call-

ing upon the Council to vote President Truman to put pres-

sure on the WEA and the PASA to recognize the Strike for the striking maritime union.

The action called upon the President of the National Maritime Com-

mission to exert heat on the shipowners.

In turning down the request, the Council, elected by the people of Oakland, voted three to one in favor of the motion. Mayor Joseph Smith cast the deciding tally against the action.

A large delegation was expected to be present at the next full meeting of the Oakland Council to ask for a reconsideration.

Hawaiian Fisherman

The first ship to be tied up by the maritime strike in the Ha-

waiian Islands is Matson’s di-

verted Hawaiian Fisherman. Last week the Matson’s Cooks and Stew-

ard’s Union threw a picket line around the vessel.

Owens-Parks Contract

Ships of the Owens-Parks Lam-

ber Company will be worked as result of an agreement announced September 15 between the ILWU and the company.

The agreement provides a 35-cent hourly increase for all longshoremen and continues all hiring conditions which were in force prior to June 15, 1948.

SUNDAYS OFF

Under the new agreement long-

shoremen will work only nine hours a day and work will not begin before 8 a.m. Sun-

day will be scheduled as the reg-

ular day off unless conditions out of the company’s control delay work or cause it to finish work later than it would normally finish.

A wage review can be asked at any time by the company or union with a two-week notice.

According to the contract, "preference of employment shall be given to employees and the present methods of hiring and discharging shall be continued." It was specifically spelled out in the new agreement that union members may refuse to work with employees not members of the union but "such a refusal cannot be considered violation of contract. The contract expires on June 15, 1948.

Scab Violence

Lloyd Cox, a former member of ILWU Local 8 and a memb-

er of the Woodruff, was seriously injured in San Francisco September 18 by a scab while he was doing light work.

Cox received long slashes and a bullet in the hand from a group of men, across the small of his back.

After blood transfusions and several days of hospitalization, he was removed to his home where his condition is reported to be not critical for recovery.

King Ryan’s Goons

In the port of New York recently, lucky and the men of the Longshoremen’s Association refused to cross strike picketing lines of Cooks and Stewards’ picket lines.

But “King for Life” Joe Ryan, has strong armed his organized go-

squads and crashed the lines and wrecked the ships.

JAC Takes Story of Maritime Strike to Women of San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Wives of

maritime workers have thrown themselves into the fight to win the strike Organ-

ized by the Women’s Joint Ac-

tion Committee, and are supporting the strikers take coffee and doughnuts to the men on the picket lines twice every day, they are collecting food, they are visiting the homes of strikers who need financial assistance.

The women take part in the speakers’ bureau, telling organi-

zations and unions throughout the city the story of why their men were forced to strike. This week they were distributing thousands of leaflets addressed to the women of the city to combat the distortions of radio and press on the facts of the strike. The leaflet makes it clear that the workers do not want strikes, but that the shipowners left no alternatives, insisting on taking away what security seamen now have by destroying their hiring halls, refusing an adequate wage increase and refusing to deal with the democratically elected offi-

cers of the unions.

PART OF COMMUNITY

As members of the community who send their children to school, attend churches of various de-

nominations and buy from community merchants, the women ap-

pealed for support of their hus-

band’s demands for conditions enjoyed by other workers. The eight-hour work shift, adequate safety provisions in their con-

tracts, all these are the things we are prepared to back up the struggle to achieve these demands.”
Oil Plants Are Shut Down Cold As Back-To-Work Move Flows

MARTINEZ, Calif. — A few wisps of steam from two pipes at the Standard Oil refinery in Richmond, Calif., shut down the Oil plant at Oleum, Shell at Martinez and Associated at Aven, Sunday. The shutdown cut cold the needs of the Oil Workers Union for a design change increase of 7.

The profit-minded all companies, like their brethren in the shipyards, are not claiming they can’t pay the increased cost of labor. The Oil Workers Local 561 got wind of the move and called for a mass picket demonstration. They asked for all CIO unions and good honest trade unionists in the AFL. They knew that the company had imposed a lot of goons “protect” the scabbing maintenance.

They made sure the coup would succeed, Standard Oil called in the cops. By inciting trouble and the workers to self-defense, the company hoped to split the ranks of the union. Richmond city cops oblied and on Monday morning September 14 a battle took place between the company’s guns and Richmond. The police fired tear gas and used their clubs. But the union pickets avoided the tear gas and the cops ran back to the cops. Three

Engineers continued their strike a Monday.

In the exchange of fist-fights and guns, 1,900 men, 1,000 of ILWU longshoremen from the Oakland, are responding to the

October 1, 1946

Acquitted

John Caughlan was acquitted of the charges

John Caughlan, a prominent Seattle labor lawyer, was acquitted on September 24 by a jury composed of workers and plain people of charges of perjury. The verdict was unanimous and knocked into a cocked-hat the effort of the infamous CIO anti-communist committees to smear progressive and labor leaders.

He is charged by the Justice Department that Caughlan two years ago falsified naturalization papers where he appeared as attorney and also as a character witness for his client, purportedly perjured himself by stating under oath that he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

IS TOP LABOR LAWYER

Caughlan is one of the leading labor lawyers in the State of Washington, representing AFL, CIO and independent unions. He has also been for many years an attorney for the Washington Pen- nieship Union. He has appeared in many cases involving political persecution against minority groups.

In January 1948 the Wash- ington State U. American Committee, known as the Kennel Commit-

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They made sure the coup would succeed, Standard Oil called in the cops. By inciting trouble and the workers to self-defense, the company hoped to split the ranks of the union. Richmond city cops oblied and on Monday morning September 14 a battle took place between the company’s guns and Richmond. The police fired tear gas and used their clubs. But the union pickets avoided the tear gas and the cops ran back to the cops. Three

Engineers continued their strike a Monday.

In the exchange of fist-fights and guns, 1,900 men, 1,000 of ILWU longshoremen from the Oakland, are responding to the

October 1, 1946

Acquitted

John Caughlan was acquitted of the charges

John Caughlan, a prominent Seattle labor lawyer, was acquitted on September 24 by a jury composed of workers and plain people of charges of perjury. The verdict was unanimous and knocked into a cocked-hat the effort of the infamous CIO anti-communist committees to smear progressive and labor leaders.

He is charged by the Justice Department that Caughlan two years ago falsified naturalization papers where he appeared as attorney and also as a character witness for his client, purportedly perjured himself by stating under oath that he had never been a member of the Communist Party.

IS TOP LABOR LAWYER

Caughlan is one of the leading labor lawyers in the State of Washington, representing AFL, CIO and independent unions. He has also been for many years an attorney for the Washington Pen- nieship Union. He has appeared in many cases involving political persecution against minority groups.

In January 1948 the Wash- ington State U. American Committee, known as the Kennel Commit-

Down Cold

Visual proof that two large refineries belonging to two of the oil monopoly's members, Standard Oil of California and Shell Oil, are producing no gasoline may be seen from the two pictures above. Top picture on September 17 shows refinery workers 2.5 cents for every barrel and Shell sold 2.58.

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