SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU President Harry Bridges at press conference here January 27, that the assassination of Jesus Menendez, head of the Cuban Sugar Workers Union was the logical outcome of U. S. State Department policies in Cuba.

Goldblatt was speaking as chairman of recently organized International Sugar Workers Committee, of which Menendez is secretary.

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ORGANIZING WAGE FIGHT

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CUBAN SUGAR WORKERS LEADER 

On January 26, the Cuban sugar workers' leader was on an inspection tour of mills with whom he had formed the new union, Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Caña de Azucar. He was attacked by someone in a white uniform, his mouth was opened and his throat was cut. He died on the way to hospital.

Goldblatt explained that the Mexican government was responsible for the strike and that it was a direct result of the United States' interference in Cuban affairs.

VICTIM

Jesus Menendez, leader of the 300,000-strong Cuban sugar workers, was murdered in January 26, the anti-union reign of terror instituted there by the Grau San Martin government. ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt, who is chairman of the International Sugar Workers Committee, said the killing was the logical outcome of the United States State Department policies in Cuba and other Latin American countries.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The ILWU Local 9 members against Sears, Roebuck Co. were returned to work on January 24, after four and one-half months of picketing.

The Taft-Hartley Law caused the strike and broke the strike. Our physical pickets, like in front of the Sears Roebuck & Co. Street store, that we have had for over 12 years, will now be there in our stead," said a statement of the ILWU.

SUPPLIED SCARS

Dan Tobin and Dave Beck of the AFL-CIO National Labor Relations Board, who represented the company, were both arrested.

The company's demand that we go back to work, they said, was based on the fact that we had violated the Taft-Hartley law by striking after the Board had decided the strike was illegal.

"The company is entitled to have its picket line up and its strike continue, but it is not entitled to have it continue indefinitely," said Tobin.

"We feel it is our duty to ourselves and all labor to enforce our rights. We will not accept the company's demands," Beck added.

ILWU Officer Cails Air On 3rd Party

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU President Harry Bridges February 2 stated to a press conference here that the ILWU position with respect to a third party is firm, and that no change in the third party and approval of the Marshall plan by the CIO national executive. At the same time that Bridges was telling the press that the ILWU would not change its position by its determination to give all-out support to the third party, national organizational committee of the Independent Progressive Party of California, key state in the Henry A. Wallace presidential boom—announced that it had obtained 330,000 petition signatures to put the party on the ballot and was extending its drive in four weeks to obtain at least 800,000 more.

A NEWSPAPER DREAM

To qualify the new party, 275,000 valid signatures are needed, and it is expected that 60 per cent of the total signatures obtained will be valid after changes of address, mistakes in style of signature, etc.

It was understood that the ILWU newspaper shifted emphasis on Bridges' remarks so as to make it appear that he predicted failure of the third-party drive in California. In response to a question whether the ILWU's Mr. Bridges expressed a national fear that the Republicans and Democrats would gang up to steal away the picket drive victory, the newspaper chose to interpret that remark as meaning that Bridges felt the third party didn't have a chance, which only goes to show that no matter what you say the capitalist press has its own meanings for words.

UNIONS ARREST

Bridges told the press: "At the recent CIO Board meeting there were really only two main points. The first was the situation in Henry Wallace and the third party. The Party's policy was that any change in the CIO Board's position was to take place only after the CIO Board had no right to take such a position, but that it was still not 100 per cent engaged in the guaranteed autonomy and rights of the affiliated unions.

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The Fake Liberals

THERE used to be an old song that went something like this:

One step forward,
Two steps back,
That's the nature
Of the liberal attack.

Our precise memory of the song may be fuzzy, but the meaning is clear, and it was never clearer than at this moment when fake liberals are vying with each other to be No. 1 Lockinvar for Big Business.

Long ago big business learned that it could not talk directly and convincingly to working people. At about the same time it must have learned it didn’t need to. There had come into being a polyglot class of double talkers who used working class slogans to cover anti-working-class actions.

There may be one, two or three or more sincere liberals in the country who aren’t going anywhere in particular, but who don’t aim any harm. The overwhelming number of persons who label themselves “liberal” are pure fakes.

Liberal are people who say they want a better standard of living for the American people. But as soon as anybody tries to do something about a better standard of living, it is this same false liberals who are in the forefront of the enemy’s counter-attack, the enemy being the big business profiteers.

It is the role of the fake liberals to convince the working class that it can gain more by fighting tight and letting miracles come to pass.

The first cry of the liberal when action starts is: “No! It is not the time!” They’re in favor of action only when it is projected for the comfortable, unforeseeable future.

Currently the liberals—the same who gave lip service to the New Deal—are screaming bitter invective at Henry A. Wallace and pretending that Wallace’s campaign for the presidency on an independent ticket will help reaction. It is precisely because the fake liberals want reaction to retain its power that they try to stop Wallace. They pretend that Wallace’s candidacy will defeat Truman, as if that would be any disaster. The fact is that Truman is already defeated, no matter who runs against him. Nor is Truman any less reactionary with Wall Street guiding him than he would be with a Republican Wall Street guiding him.

Wallace may not be elected, but every vote he gets will be a brake on reaction. Moreover, every vote he gets will go able to a progressive Congress and a progressive cabinet. Despite the defeat of the Florida Progressive ticket to the contrary, was to go on record at this time in support of the Wallace campaign. Daily call of action, in my opinion. But that of other board members constituted a law of political double talk. I stated at the time of the ILWU that it might be true that the rank and file of the ILWU would be a better political situation. The editorialists of the Daily Call were right to oppose to a third party and Henry Wallace and for Truman even though his record was not as clear as the record of the various Wallace groups to get a place on the ballot for President. I personally and officially believe there is any chance of electing Henry Wallace President through either of the major parties or a third party, but I do believe, and I am sure that most of our members agree with me, that large numbers of people and the American voters. For Henry Wallace should have a chance to do. Neither the national CIO nor the ILWU has the right to deprive our rank and file voters of any American vote of this country.

The same thing goes for the CIO Board’s endorsement of the Marshall Plan. The reports have attempted to distort the whole affair even to the extent of fake liberals and other union leaders from national CIO. Such accounts merely reflect the fact that we wish to do the things that hang on the back of the CIO who have a healthy fear of any form of democratic trade unionism and the democratic leadership that the CIO can stand for democratic differences of opinion. The effort to let matters be determined by democratic voters of the working rank and of the National CIO. We believe that such an accommodation is impossible, and the situation is and it is time we found it out. In the process of finding out the CIO will become stronger and the occasion not arise where any union must need make a choice as to whether it must remain within the CIO or pull out. No such action is ever thought of by the ILWU nor is it ever thought of. The National CIO has a voice and file and the voice and file of some of these important political matters before it and the National CIO will broadcast to the country and the world as to what the position of the rank and file is.
Unions Protest Efforts To Weaken Wage-Hour Law

CLEVELAND, Ohio — ILGWU members along with 100,000 other CIO workers here have assured the House Committee on Labor and that their employers misinterpreted the facts when they told the Committee that workers wouldvolunteer the end of the day (or any change to work a sixth day at straight time to earn more money.

Nineteen Cleveland employers, including the Great Lakes Barge Company, which is under union shop contracts, appeared before the House Committee to demand weakening of the wage-hour law. They want to substitute a 48-hour week at straight time in the present—40-hour week in any plant where a majority of the workers vote, approval, remove hundreds of thousands of so-called fringe employees from the Wage and Hour Act, and train new workers on the job without pay.

SPEARHEAD DRIVE

Spearheading this employer group is the notorious Thompson Products Company with a long record of antiunion actions against the CIO. United Auto Workers. The present law, the employers say, "chokes off the nation’s productive capacity... destroys works.

U. S. Seamen Blast Ship Transfers

WASHINGTON (FP) — There should be no further transfers of American seamen to merchant vessels and by relief cargoes under the Marshall plan, seamen’s organizations said at meetings of the House Committee, and the use of seamen from American vessels, and the threat of unemployment for those whose transfer holds for them and for their families would WOULD BRUTAL EDWARDS

Bradley, a member of the House maritime affairs subcommittee, said that the proposal to transfer 500 American seamen to foreign vessels is not workable, in order to lower Marshall plan costs, as proposed by President Truman. The plan would adversely affect the livelihood of thousands of American seamen and share owners. The $200 million which the administration hopes to save by making American seamen work for foreign operators would be more than made up by the cost of unemployment compensation for men left on the beach, he said.

According to figures of 372 vessels from the active American fleet, 620 men per month would be released to work on foreign ships, and 2000 ships to other flags under the Marshall plan. The Maritime Union would add an additional 8,000 jobs in the seagoing branch of the maritime industry.

He predicted also that the "bottom would be pulled out of the repair work in the United States if the plan goes through, claiming that the 100,000 shipyard workers would be driven from their jobs. The U. S. Department of Labor, which estimates 20 million workers are covered by the Federal Wage and Hour Law.

Marshall Plan Is Intended to Keep European Countries On the U. S. Dole

BY WILLIAM GLASKER

The Marshall Plan called the European Recovery Program around Washington these days, has been considered for months, and is the talk in Washington and at the sessions of both the Senate and the House. Each new meeting adds something to the long list of countries that will receive aid from the plan.

The European countries have already received aid in the form of scrap, crude, and semi-finished steel. It is the free flow of steel that makes the difference in the plan. The United States has decided to sell or charter about 500 vessels to countries that will receive aid under the plan. New construction of the ships is not to exceed 100 vessels a year, and the plan is to be phased out by 1951.

The State Department recommendation is to ship no scrap or semi-finished steel. The plan is to ship crude and semi-finished steel only. The United States will sell or lease to the European countries that will receive aid.

Requirements for shipping the ships are as follows:

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Rap New Rules On Jobless Pay

SAN FRANCISCO — Protest against the latest in a series of unemployment compensation and insurance checks and the resulting hardships for members of the CIO by ILGWU Local 6 at a general meeting here.

The wage health benefits on this follow: A percentage of the California’s unemployment insurance fund as a percentage of the fund is to be paid out by ILGWU Local 6 instead of from local offices.

The warehousemen took action following changes in the California unemployment law, which rose "more than 3 per cent" from mid-January to mid-December 1949. That left average single check of $3.60, the latest Congress.

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Einstein, Other Leaders Warn of Militarization

WASHINGTON (FP) — The grave concern of a group of 17 prominent citizens over the road America has taken in allowing military men to infiltrate into key positions of government, was expressed January 19 in a 32-page booklet entitled "The Militarization of America."

Dr. Albert Einstein, President James P. Heiskel of the National Farmers Union, and writers, educators, leaders of national groups joined in sponsoring the report, which was published by the National Council Against Conscription, 415 14th St., Washington, D.C.

"Because of our deep conviction that America cannot remain democratic if the present trend toward military control of our institutions continues," the group wrote in a joint introduction to the peppy, illustrated booklet.

APL Predicts Nation's Biggest Strike Wave

MIAMI (FP) — "Government prosecution of the legitimate activities of unions now threatens to break out into a rash all over the nation," the APL executive council declared here January 29, warning that the worst strike wave for a decade is being incubated in the coming spring and summer.

The Taft-Hartley act, the council asserted, is the root of the impending crisis. Under the act, employers can expect unions to function and industrial production to proceed smoothly only if labor-management relations are tied up with legal red tape is beyond reason and common sense, the council said.

March of Dimes to Get $1 Apiece from Dockers

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. J. C. Geiger, director of the San Francisco Department of Health, spoke at ILWU Local 10, January 28 urging union members to contribute to the March of Dimes. After Geiger's appeal was made, the workers voted an assessment of $1 per member to support the fund.

In the New York area, 4,111 disabled veterans are seeking employment.

Aunt Minnie Grě By ARAM

Group Vows: End Thomas Committee

WASHINGTON—Plan ning a nationwide educational program to blast the House un-American activities committee for its "waste of public life," the Committee of One Thousand was announced as organized January 19 by the initiative of Dr. Horace Shapley, world famous Harvard University astronomer.

About 50 nationally known persons in the arts and sciences, labor and religious worlds lent their names to the opening declaration of the new group, which is devoted solely to putting an end to the committee as called by Representative J. Carnell Thomas (R., N.J.)

PULP BUNKERS

Pulling no punches, the statement calls the committee "a trap operated by American Ideals, those who use terror, innucdence, hearsay and secrecy, ignoring the committee's own evidence and the precepts of fair play. We call on the American people to save these subversions of our basic freedoms as it is in the proceedings of the Committee of One Thousand."

Among the signers, with Shapley, are: Dr. Albert Einstein, Frederic March, Archibald MacLeish, John Hope Franklin, Oliver Downes, Mrs. Marshall Field, Ralph Bunche, Donald Kagan, Norman Corwin and Frank Andelastek.

 arbitrating Rules Out ILWU Claim

SAN FRANCISCO—Deep-tanker loading operations at the Alna-Menasha supply depot is unsafe, Coast impartial Chairman Arthur C. Miller ruled here January 15.

Two ILWU gangs had refused to work at the depot since July on the USS-Andromeda last August on the grounds that it was unsafe. The court ruled that they were discharged.

The ILWU claimed that it was unsafe because it would have a full day's pay from the Waterfront Employers Association.

Miller declared that he had been misled as to the safe working of the depot and the court had been misled.

In Portland Nobody Wants to Be A Cop

PORTLAND, Ore.—So few applicants showed up to take a police exam here that it had to be postponed. With a monthly salary minimum of $240, it's more profitable to be a ditch-digger or a welder than to wear a policeman's badge in Portland. Furthermore, the law's lax on the use of lead and terrors against strikers in the past has made its record unsavory that even the six-year-olds no longer "wanna grow up and be a cop."

Local 6 Exec. Board Calls for UMT Defeat

SAN FRANCISCO—The executive board of ILWU Local 6, which cleared union record after the United States Attorney's office sought to quash the charge, has called for the United States military training January 28. The board will recommend to the entire membership "strong, action against UMT."

Pillsbury Tells Workers They Mustn't Speculate

ASTORIA, Ore.—ILWU members employed at the Pillsbury Flour Mills were told by management that they be forbidden to speculate in the commodity market.

The note punished the members considerably. After all, they only got a note and might suddenly be required to pay the price of their shares. The workers are forbidden to speculate in the commodity market.

"Flour mills are notorious speculators in the grain market, which business is not the present time, as they are well aware. The rules have been under attack by the United States government as the outstanding example of the present inflationary trend."

"Pillsbury's profit record hits the flour market in the pocketbook every time they buy a loaf of bread."
Henry Wallace Tosses Red Herring
Back Into Teeth of Red Baiters

COLUMBUS, O. — Independent
presidential candidate Henry A. 
Wallace today threw the red herring back into the teeth of the red 
baiters.

In a letter to President Tru-
man and other presidential ap-
signers, he accused them of indi-
vidual advocating domination of dem-
ocratic action for any other indi-
vidual or group.

He further called upon his 
readers to “resist the cogging of any 
individual or group which would 
restrict the liberties of the group itself or 
creed.”

Wallace then denounced and 
asked other candidates to follow 
him in so doing “the support of any 
individual or group advocating 
the overthrow of the govern-
ment of the United States.”

FORESEES RED BAITING

Predicting that the campaign 
against his third party movement 
would “see the most intensive use of 
redhating in all history,” Wal-
lace said his challenge to all 
Communists advocating violent 
with the U.S. government and 
and added:

“Any Communists who support 
the U.S. government in any way 
supporting our program, not the Communist program. I am not 
Communist as Socialist or Marxist 
of any description, but I find 
nothing criminal in the advocacy 
of diffusing economic and social ideas, however unpalatable 
with them.”

TR ACREERS RECONCO

Excluded by this pledge would 
be the supporters of the Taft-
Hartley law. Wallace would make 
“white supremacy” and those 
who went to Congress to close 
the flood of ideas in the United 
States.

On January 17 Wallace had al-
ready warned that the Taft-
Hartley law would be one of 
his major labor plank. At the 
same time, he hacked America’s 
Mrs. bairr’s demand for wage in-
creases as something that 
needed to meet increases in liv-
eability and “are a national 
ecessity.”

The former New Deal aid of 
FDR made his remarks to the na-
nional convention of the Progres-
sive Citizens of America, follow-
ing its unanimous endorsement 
of him for president in 1948. (CPA, 
however, refused to give its 
chapters to merge, or affiliate 
with Wallace’s new party organiza-
tions for Wallace.)

NAT’L OFFICERS PICKED

Top officers elected by the 
convention were: Robert W. Kenny, 
former attorney general of Cali-
nia, as president; Dr. Paul M. 
Singer, as vice-president; Hugh 
Gill, Dr. Harlow Shapley, Ira 
B. Schneider, George R. W. 
Gardner, Jr., Gregory Peck, Leo Kryzys-
ki, Quentin Burdick, Paul Robeson, 
and W. A. M. Root.

A national Wallace campaign 
headquarters was set up in New 
York and a committee selected to 
handle his bid for the presidency. 
Former Governor of Minnesota 
William J. Ded与时 was chairman 
of the Democratic-Farmer Labor 
party. Wallace was大全 chosen as 
chairman. C. B. Baldwin, from the 
PCA, was picked as campaign 
manager.

Others serving on the com-
mittee will be Ralph Nader, 
former secretary of agricultu-
re; now a professor at the Uni-
versity of Chicago, and William A. 
Davidson and Paul Robeson, 
members of the left front of 
Little, Brown & Co. publishers, is

FOLSOM BREAKS

One of the interesting results 
of the campaign was the break 
between Tru-
man and Governor James E. Fal-
sin of Illinois. He threw 
his hat into the presidential ring 
by announcing that he would chal-

enge the present occupant of the 
White House in the Democratic 
primaries in Alabama.

He said the Governor:

“and not a demagogue, the 
broadsheet, the grind speakers 
and politicians who try to get 
hold of him (Truman) the 
only way to keep him. 
They are going to try to 
hold on to the third party 
state. A move to that 
plan is in Pennsylvania. 

There is a statewide convention 
next week to discuss the 
The name of the organization to be Penn-
sylvania Progressives for Wallace. 
This week a statewide petition drive to get 
35,000 signatures of qualified 
electors was started.

Wallace charged that “multi-

tilation should be re-
duced from a more 
will be driven out. They 
are afraid they will lose their 
jobs if they speak out now 
and election time.”

Lynden Talks for 
Spanish Refugees

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU’s 
Warehouse Local 68 in the 
Midwest will talk at an 
Emergency Work 
Conference of the Spanish 
Refugee Committee to save Spanish 
Refugees from deportation and 
light world fascism. 

The refugees are 
landlords who are trying 
eight in exile in 
“Trade Union versus Fascism,” Dr. Thomas Adams of Stanford; Harold Ickes, 
friend of Gladstein, Anderson, Rea-
W. A. M. Root.

Workers’ Unity
Nips Team Raid

OAKLAND, Calif. — Unity be-

tween Automotive Machinists of the 
IFM and ILWU Local 68 here 
Team raiding a setback 
at International Harvester last 
week.

In an informal conference at 
The NLRB office in San Francisco, the Team agree to 
with their demands for an 
formal hearing.

Workers met with the 
demand for a set of rules for 
the company. The 
refused to go into 
govt. at the 
meetings.

The employers refused 
rate the other 
rested to open 
again before 
February, 1946.

Pineapple Workers Vote
On Employers’ 7c Offer

HONOLULU, T. H.—The 
Pineapple negotiating committee 
of ILWU Local 132 recommended 
members that they accept the 
industry’s final offer of a 7 cent 
per hour increase though it is “paltry” and “the standard of 
living of thousands of workers 
are in serious jeopardy.”

The pineapple workers were 
scheduled to complete a refer-
endum on acceptance January 28. 

The union’s recommendation on “considered judgment . . . as to the balance 
of economic strength between the 
companies and the union at this time.”

Strengthening the union 
the bottom with both sides 
in making single worker 
the industry a member 
the way to obtain adequate 
and security, a union 
statement said.

Hawaii Sugar Bosses Offer Grading Scheme Aimed At Splitting Union

HONOLULU, T. H.—Sugar indus-
ty proposals on changes in the 
industry classification system 
be discussed at meetings 
the ILWU Local 142 negotiating committee 
on each plant starting January 
28.

The employers’ proposals, 
though described by the industry 
as “relatively insignificant,” 
would reverse the present 
approach of setting up common 
jobs in the entire industry and 
subdivided individualized 
company systems in line with present 
practices of trying to split the union.

Negotiations on a general wage 
increase will begin after all clas-
sification adjustments have been 
disposed of. Increased costs of 
and increasing 
and productivity brought about by 
merger of companies 
mechanization back up the 
union’s stand for 
higher wages.

A new ILWU position calls for the juggling 
the old system, demonstrated 
be full of inequities since the 
strike of 1946.

The plan wants an industry-
wide system which would 
unions be below which 
planification could rate a job and pro-
vide for grading of 
above the 
minimum with a simple 
and practical job description.

Under the industry proposal it 
be possible for jobs 
the same title to be in different 
labor grades at different rates of 
ню.

Local 208 Signs 50 New Members
At Walgreens in Face of T-H Law

CHICAGO.—Members of ILWU 
Local 208 at Walgreens Drug 
warehouse here have signed up 
additional 50 members of the 
union in the last 15 days.

The new members joined the 
union at an 
many more than the 
letter to all employees at 
the warehouse in which it 
 hired “with the law of the 
land.” This is part of Walgreen’s 
“Drive” for the ILWU.

Local 208 announced January 
28 that a real job of reorganiz-
ing is being conducted presently 
under more favorable 
the contract through a 
strong contract for 1948.

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The beef started when the 
cooperating companies 
San Francisco and Oakland 
set up master contract terms with the 
Distribution 
San Francisco and 
the DANC to the 
refused to sign 
the 

The employers then 
their offer 7c cents to 
February, 1946.
ILWU Spurns Disruptive Wage Offer

HONOLULU, T. H.—According to last minute information received from Local 136 in the Territory, members have rejected an employer offer of a 7½ cent an hour wage increase.

ILWU longshoremen throughout the Territory balloted on a proposal from the Hawaii Employers Council to dispand their consolidated Local 136 and split up into separate units in different parts of the Territory for a wage offer of 7½ cents per hour.

Unanimous recommendation for new pact by Local 136 negotiating committee. 

The issue at stake is the recognition of the longshore agent for dockers in the Islands.

Though the longshoremen have already taken a Territory-wide referendum on consolidation effective officers of the newly formed local units were started to prepare against the efforts of the shipowners to impose a new constitution, the employers insist that the local units must offer a wage increase and offer work under separate contracts for separate locals.

The union decided to take action at a meeting Sunday afternoon.

The local publicity committee reminded members that earlier strikes in the Territory had been smashed through separate locals and coalitions.

Puget Sound Unity Urged

SEATTLE, Wash. — At the January meeting of the ILWU Puget Sound Sub District Council held last week, the delegates were urged to establish a unity committee with work being done.

The ILWU Council urged the formation of a separate committee to carry out the White Union (CIO) program and getting better wages, hours and working conditions.

Bellingham Dockers for Executive Board Program

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — The program set up by the ILWU International Executive Board in its last meeting got unanimous approval from the members here in a January meeting.

The dockers endorsed the third party movement and condemned the Marshall plan.

Award Upholds ILWU: Sailors Must Stay In One Hatch On Schooners

SAN FRANCISCO—Coast Imperial Chairman Arthur C. Miller ruled that though dust and odor place all a body in a class apart, for legal purposes all are not offensive enough to warrant the higher rate.

The ILWU contention was that even though bones have been treated by law are unpleasant and offensive, men handling them should receive the $2.50 per hour rate for untreated and offensive bones.

Miller found that treated bones have a "distasteful odor which is quite strong and is definitively offensive to most people.

He said he did not doubt that a claim for some measure of additional compensation for handling all such bones in a methodical, collective bargaining proposal, but that a claim to support that union claim that the penalty clause in the present contract should apply to all.

The case arose on the SS Clearwater Victory last October. Union and Waterfront Union Association witnesses disagreed as to just how much of each day were spent on bone work, and Miller found that the facts of the case lay somewhere between the two extremes of opinion.

Local 19 Discusses Merger of All CIO Maritime Unions for June 15

Local 19 discusses merger of CIO maritime unions for June 15.

Promoting Unity: Typical of dockside meetings held regularly in San Pedro, Calif., is picture above showing ILWU, NMU, MCS and ACA members gathered around an wharf to hear speakers from Committees for Joint Action. Rank and file leaders set up committee to work for merger of all CIO maritime unions as part of the important flight of these unions to resist the shipowners plans to destroy their hiring halls and maritime organizations next June 15.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Coast Im- partial Chairman Arthur C. Miller ruled that the dust and odor place all a body in a class apart, for legal purposes all are not offensive enough to warrant the higher rate.

The ILWU contention was that even though bones have been treated they are unpleasant and offensive, men handling them should receive the $2.50 per hour rate for untreated and offensive bones.

Miller found that treated bones have a "distinctive odor which is quite strong and is definitively offensive to most people.

He said he did not doubt that a claim for some measure of additional compensation for handling all such bones in a methodical, collective bargaining proposal, but that a claim to support that union claim that the penalty clause in the present contract should apply to all.

The case arose on the SS Clearwater Victory last October. Union and Waterfront Association witnesses disagreed as to just how much of each day were spent on bone work, and Miller found that the facts of the case lay somewhere between the two extremes of opinion.

Local 19 Discusses Strike Fund

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Local 12 Votes Support To Henry Wallace

NORTH BEND, Ore.—Full support for Henry Wallace and the Third Party was voted by Local 12.

The action passed by the local, reviewed recently by the bureau in the betrayal of F.D.R.'s program and that of the Four Freedoms by President Truman and the Democratic Party.
Hazard Builds Negro White UNITY

OAKLAND, Calif. — Horace Hazzard, new ILWU International representative assigned to the East Bay Division of Local 6, went to work January 15, to build stronger unity between Negro and white members of the union and to strengthen the friendly relations between the ILWU and the Negro community.

The International appointed Hazzard, formerly a steward at McCarrei Barrell Company, after the membership voted in December to ask for a full-time Negro officer. More than 80 members of the Oakland members are Negro.

Seeing splitting along racial lines at the employers' first opening for discussion in a union, Hazzard says that now more than ever it is vital for union members to forget their petty beliefs and prejudices and band together.

Heller Says Working Girls' Costs Doubled

BERKELEY, Calif. — Heaven protect the poor working girl from high prices! The Heller Haseltine Company has discovered that her living costs have doubled since 1941.

A young woman needs at least $180 a month to obtain food and services, and is said to need $217 in March, 1947, the committee said, pointing out that its sample budget was extremely modest.

ILWU Asks Community Support in Petaluma

PETALUMA, Calif. — Sunset Line & Twine Company strikers, vindicated in all charges brought by the company and the Association of California Employers, has asked the community to help settle the job.

In full page ads in Petaluma's two newspapers, the company has distributed to workmen, their families, housewives and all other members of the community, the ILWU

Wages Go Up 10 Cents

WILMINGTON, Calif. — Western Compress Company here has granted a 10-cent hourly wage increase in all classifications, according to Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's Newsweek 26, Lloyd Seeliger.

The new wage rate went into effect March 1st, following the months of negotiations on wage review. It brought the basic rate up to $1.25 per hour. This new rate represents the highest basic wage scale in the entire cotton compress industry - the United States.

Local 6 Proposes Joint Dried Fruit Parlors

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A proposal for the formation of joint and joint groups of support for the AFL-Tarft-Hawley law came from the ILWU Wins Raise At Continental

CHICAGO — A new contract was signed by the ILWU and Continental Products, the union announced January 25, giving the workers a 10 cent per hour raise. The new contract expires January 24, 1948.

The agreement was signed under the aegis of the AFL-Tarft-Hawley law.

CANNERY WORKERS BARE WOUNDS

It was voted down by Santa Clara County cannery workers got to 60, but the AFL leaders signed anyway.

Back in 1945 the AFL signed the 10 cent raise at the same time Local 6 members won 15 cents.

The ILWU workers asked that a committee be set up in both the growers' and the cannery's offices to work out mutual agreements between the two unions under the Tarft-Hawley Law.

T-H Law Breaks Sears Strike

Leaders of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific supplied Sears with a $5,000 bond, according to the contract settlement.

They also said: "We have translated the fight on the political front has been fought and, after many improvements in the contract."

Hillard Picked

MORRO, Cal. — ILWU Local 6 at Morro Bay has re-elected last year's president, Louis Hillard president for 1947. New secretary of the union will be Emmett Holmes.
Bridges Says: Don't Tell Us How To Vote; Clears Air on Third Party

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free to do as they pleased. No one has suggested that the unions are supposed to be attempted. The negotiations are to be good intentions of a lot of people in that regard in the lead- ing up to the present period. I think there will be punit- ing of the employers, and forms of compulsion resorted to that will be resisted by our union.

GIDEON HORN

The stand of our union was that although we had not taken formal action, we did not endorse Henry Wallace— that is, the union nationally, al- though a majority of our lo- cals have acted as locals—in our last Board meeting did take a posi- tion on the Third Party. That was before the Wallace announce- ment.

Separate and apart from the merits of the issue, I believed the working people of the CIU should have a voice in the decision. At first, I did not think we were in the danger of an executive board some two or three thousand miles away denying to the various states who they should vote for and how they should vote. The danger is no- where near as dangerous as in Washington. There will be tell people in California, for example, in labor, or outside of it, the type of people who they should belong to, who they should vote for and against. The CIU will then be in control of its own structure has never attempted to tell the union how to vote. As a matter of fact, although there has been no na- tional formal action taken by the union, we have discussed it at its last December meeting it is quite evident that the union gives all possible support to third party movements. We look at the stand taken by Henry Wallace as well as support of progressive candidates in the other parties, and we will continue to do that.

REFERRAL PROPOSED

I speak now because I am speaking again for the union I was representing, that one of the efforts that was made was to have the CIU, and no matter how it turned out, I pledged to do all I could to keep the union alive and ready to be called into action by the members of a third party, it was my job to be by the vote.

I also proposed that the third party might be, that is, there was a third party that might be called into action by the members of the union abide by such a vote. If it was not a national third party, it was my job to be by the vote.

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Bridges was that some newspaper clipping had convinced him the FBI was not anti-union.

"Honig was never prosecuted for the book incident and when we reached the hearing that the FBI was responsible for having charges against him."

"According to press reports of his recent testimony, Honig ap- parently has embezzled his story a little more by claiming that a Communist Party book was issued to Bridges. Of course, now, before a legislative witch-hunting committee, he had to confess that book was never issued to him."

"Bridges, himself, called Louis Honig before the Daily Worker, testified January 29 that Bridges was a 'pet' of the Communist Party."

"Bonnie never saw or knew me, nor any other officer of the "ILWU," he said. "I am now being forced to do some of the committee's work in order to spread upon legislative hearing records anything desired by the union member."

They demanded that those re- sponsible be brought to justice. Even the most conservative, semi- liberal newspapers and news- papers condemned the crime "reportable assassination." Bridges because of his immi- nently of a few Cuban sugar union leaders who escaped arrest in the recent wave of ter- ror conducted by the Gran San Martim government. It was thought to take over labor unions from those who were elected democratically-official public officials.

The Sugar Workers Union has 350,000 members—the bulk of whom are employed by Ameri- can farms which produce 70 per cent of the sugar consumed in the United States. And Cuba, it is recalled, is a con- stitutional country. Biggest of the U.S. sugar unions is the United Cuban-American Sugar Co., all of which have refused to allow union members to have posted military guards armed to exterminate their leaders.

Ever since 1941, when the Sugar Workers Union won im- portant gains for the depressed workers, the union has grown in strength. One man, Menendez, is another step in the high-powered drive to smash the union.

"I can't help it—I just don't like the idea of being raised in jungles that are filled with wild animals!"

Shipowners Open Slander Attack Against the ILWU

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"I don't know how to vote; it is a war plan; it conflicts with the National CIO resolution and the war effort of the United States, and it is an open invitation to destroy the United Na- tions. It says so not only the United Nations but the international agreements that were reached at these various agreements which the United Nations were founded. We are pledged to a policy of non-aggression and principles of the United Na- tions. They are clear. The Marshall Plan is a violation of all these principles from the principles of the United Nations and inevitably leads to war, as well as, although we do not put it on this basis, having the effect of seeking to force people, particularly the government, to go on strike, to be expelled. The Marshall Plan is a conspiracy of the half world.

The ILWU has been first and always for aid to needy people—without interference in their own particular political way of life such as they determine to be the right one for them and stick by it over the opposition of a lot of CIO people when we were preparing for our GMU strike in 1946. There was no desperation then. I think we said even if a strike took place the food ships would go through. We said the same thing and opposition to that position by some of the very forces that are against the ILWU in the CIO, including the AFL and the CIO, I believe.

THE MORE THE BETTER

"There is no issue so far as the Cubans are concerned. The rumour is that the sugar unions are feeding the needy people of every nation. The more the better for them."

Goldblatt Raps U.S. State Dept. In Menendez Killing

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shooting is "part and parcel of the whole Gran San Martim govern- ment policy toward our workers who dominate the country and the U.S. State Department plan to destroy the unions of the workers and destroy the last vestiges of democracy in Cuba."

Grass of the Cuban Government, who is the State Department's financial assistant, said the government was going to be defeated again for another four years. He said the Army, however, will not dis- cern a state of emergency, vo- ting no-confidence and dis- m antle a military dictatorship in Cuba."

The ISWC in San Fran- cisco, said that in March it was informed that a powerful storm of protest resulted in Cuba from the ISWC. At Memen- dez's home, close to 350,000 people swept into Havana, shouting "Down with the last respects to the martyred labor- leader."

The time of his death Menen- dez was serving his second four-year term as the Cuban Con- gress as a Communist. Congress- ional protests signed by leaders of all political parties pointed out that the Army in shooting him had violated every funda- mental right of a Cuban citizen."

"We believe we face a struggle on the West Coast to maintain the gains the workers have won, that the third party will seek to destroy the third party. They won't be backward about seeking to destroy the workers. In the third party and the unions with the ILWU understanding that the third party would support progressive candidates and not only candidates of a reformist character, not communists."

In response to other questions, the ILWU president said it made no sense, and "he's not even thinking of any organizing or planning. He has already thought of organizing. The ILWU has an understanding that the third party would support progressive candidates and "they won't be backward about seeking to destroy the workers."

"I have the choice between what the CIO wants and what my union wants. I have to stick with my union."