COAST STRIKE VOTE IS ORDERED

Joint Conference of Maritime Unions Recommends Common Action Program

SAN FRANCISCO - The Joint Conference of Maritime Unions, preparing this week to submit to their memberships for approval a recommended program for common strike action, has set June 15 demands for contract renewal.

A program agreed upon for submission to the memberships was reached in a Tuesday joint conference of the union held April 9 and 10, immediately following the ILWU longshore and ship clerks caucus.

Delegates to the Joint Conference of Maritime Unions, the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, the Radio Division of MERA (formerly a part of the American Communications Association), the National Unions of Marine Cooks and Stewards, and the ILWU, all CIO affiliated, met in conference with the Marine Casualty, Oil, Paint, and Water Tenders Union and other officials of the ILWU, April 9 and 10.

The conference delegates urged the participating unions to adopt and submit to their memberships the program for approval, and with a view to convening a joint conference not later than 30 days before June 15.

WEA Dreams Up “Accord”

SAN FRANCISCO — Accord has been reached on working a contract agreement involving the Fireman’s Union, Watermen’s Union, and the ILWU.

The agreement was reached after a four-day meeting in the ILWU headquarters.

The agreement includes a provision for a four-day meeting in the ILWU headquarters.

FBI Recruited Labor Spies, Broke FTA Strike

SAN FRANCISCO — The FBI broke the labor strike in Filipino labor by recruiting labor spies, according to a report issued by the ILWU.

The strikers were challenged to a meeting by the ILWU, which the strikers turned down.

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Shipowners and Fink Halls

THE shipowners, God bless their selfish souls, are currently trying to make believe that they have no designs on the hiring hall.

They hand out statements and call press conferences so you read in the commercial papers that the hiring hall is in no danger, that the shipowners are just anxious to keep it as it is.

But if you cut through the double-talk you find what they mean is they want to eliminate it.

The trouble is the shipowners know that any attempt to return to fink halls or the shapeup will bring out all the fight in the dockers, who compose about one third of our membership.

They have a dilemma. They must convince shipowners that there will be no fight next June 15, at the same time they are making preparations for a showdown fight to get rid of what they hate, rotation of hiring in a fair manner and maintenance of union security.

LET US not forget that the shipowners were in the forefront of those who plugged for passage of the Taft-Hartley Act. The shipowners and their Congressional buddies had maritime hiring halls in mind at the time. Destruction of union security is one of the key provisions of the act they were in there pitching to get.

The motive of course is profits. If the shipowners can knock over the hiring halls the rest will come easy. If they can bust the union, they can get back to the shapeup, the trick back and all the corruption that puts more money in their pockets.

Low wages and the speedup will prevail on the waterfront. If you have doubts, ask an oldtimer how he likes his work before 1894 and the hiring hall.

‘War Scare, Rumors Of Battles Harm U.S. People’

BY ISRAEL EISENBERG

Everything involving the west and the Russians, with the exception—a far from bilingual dictionnaire—is a “battle” these days. We will scrutinize this pleasant custom of headline writers and the better-paid (than we) columnists in relation to the late “battle of Berlin.”

If a new “battlefield” hasn’t already been found, you’ll still remember how American papers ran about the American “beignets” in that city. That was the land “battle” that followed the so-called “crisis” of those “Russian submarine” and immediately preceded the tragic Anglo-French blow. All because the headline snatched the air. With the advantage of hindsight, let’s see what really happened.

Back in 1939 the Allies agreed, their planes and vehicles belonging to great ones of them and traversing the zones of others would be immune from economic punishment they carried only their own nationals and natives. Thus Nazi war criminals and other undesirables could evade the control of one ally by hiding under the immunity provided by the flag and military markings of another.

On March 31, 1948, the Russians, claiming violation of the agreement, announced the right to check passengers on U.S., British and French trains crossing their zone into Berlin. U. S. General Lucius D. Clay and his Anglo-French colleagues said they would run no trains at all until the dispute was settled. They cancelled even food shipments by rail (with which the Russians proposed no interference). Men and materials were therefore stopped, without Russian objections, by air alone. Thus the five-day “sojourn” began.

On April 5, after the many days had been ironed out, but not before the big business press and radio had screeched war to high heaven, the New York Times Berlin correspondent let out that western inter-allied military trains had indeed moved Germans Americans hadn’t, he said, but the British and French had transportedwhole “sojourns” of them.

Meanwhile, another incident occurred in Berlin. On April 5 a British airliner and a Soviet fighter planes collided right over the border of their respective occupation zones. All aboard both planes perished.

New headlines built up the accident by recalling a Russian World War II combat technique. The headlines read “Red Pilot Busts British Craft.” No one can read this story but he should have chosen this method of suicide or picked that kind of target.

Russian commander Sokolovskiy agreed his pilot had been careless.

He apologized. The western allies then ditched a plan for fighter escort for their trains. New York Times man, in a calmer mood, said he wasn’t sure whether the dead Russian had buzzed the British planes “on orders” or had been scouting on his own account, simply to observe a Russian airstrip adjacent to the British. This was the first mention of the Soviet side.

In the third incident on April 5, a Soviet lieutenant was shot dead in the British zone, presumably by a German. Some U. S. papers went in for their cliches. No “costs” were shown. What was clear was that with all the inter-ally excitement, even the Allies were safe to travel.

April 6 both big New York papers—they and Herald Tribune—took a new tack. They now thought the Russians had stirred up the British. They forgot the agreement the Marshall plan. It was a “Soviet propaganda triumph.” Reads were solemnly shaken. Those reds “infiltrated us” again.

Unfortunately for this theory, the same issue of the Times reported that the Soviet army’s own Berlin German-language paper had whipped down the city square with a headline saying: "All This a ‘War of Fools’?"

The Times explained that Berlin was a “battle of fear.” The paper said the Russians could not boast the will to fight the west. But if so, why did the Russians apologize over the plane and lest the murder of one of their officers occur? It can’t be said that the writer feared and raved. "While freight trains were running, the Russians still insisted on checking passenger credentials.

It seems that our lack of fear is stronger than a Bolshevik/columnist said that these would certainly come, both in Berlin and elsewhere, since "the Italian elections were only 13 days away." A good head for losses for one of their colleagues, it seems that we think in America, and the consequent danger of conflicts and clashes, does much more harm to the people of the U.S. than to anyone else.

MORRIS WATSON, Editor

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FRANK P. FOISIE, president of the Waterfront Employers’ Association, told the press that he and the union had reached agreement on certain things concerning the hiring hall. This is not true. He thinks he can mislead our rank and file shipyard workers, and those who depend upon shipping. He is trying to split the other maritime unions away from us. This disregard for the truth, so characteristic of Foisie, should be no surprise to our members.

Foisie’s advertising is good and good will, while he tells the union “You can keep your hiring hall, but...” If he means it, why have maritime unions had to put up with such struggles in the past to win their union security. The shipowners have not had a change of heart and attitude. Their aim is life is still profits and more profits.

The strategy of Foisie is clear. It is to present some fancy language for a hiring hall which would seem to mean a hiring hall, but really means no more than a fink hall, which he invented, which he wanted.

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SMITH, whose calm assessment should have been heard by the whole country, is the only one who heard the voice of reason. In crisis point Czechoslovakia there are no Russians and no Americans. In Trieste there are Americans, British and Yugoslav troops but there are no Russian ships or naval bases but there are no Russians. The same is true of China. Vietnam the “captive” country is not a captive land but it is controlled by government so long as we stay so the U.S. tells Trieste they can’t control it and we must go by the people of government. So long as we stay in the U.S. tells Trieste they can’t control it and we must go by the people of government. So long as we stay in the U.S. tells Trieste they can’t control it and we must go by the people of government. So long as we stay in the U.S. tells Trieste they can’t control it and we must go by the people of government. So long as we stay in the U.S. tells Trieste they can’t control it and we must go by the people of government.

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COURAGEOUS SOLIDARITY: Above is the answer of the Italian labor movement to a most pressing demand: to keep their present government in power and institute no reforms on pain of receiving no aid from this country. He asked for a rally on the elections so that the ILWU membership need not depend solely on American big business-controlled press and radio to learn facts.

Slave Law Roundup: How Taft-Hartley and State Anti-Union Acts are Working

FTA Officials Arrested in Seattle

SEATTLE—Warrants ordering the parole and arrest of Secretary of Labor F. T. French, Assistant Secretary T. Jones, and Attorney General F. T. French, are out for the impeachment of former FTA officials. The warrants are based on allegations of fraud, mail fraud, and conspiracy to defraud.

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HARLEY THINKS T-H ISN'T DRASIC ENOUGH, WANTS SCAB PROTECTION

DETROIT (FP) — Chairman Fred A. Hartley of the House Committee on Agriculture and Manufacturers said the Taft-Hartley act was not strong enough to take the sting out of the slave law. The employers refused to bargain.

Apparantly, handing the hook and fodder to the employers is more to their advantage. Hartley said: "The next Congress will neither pass the Taft-Hartley act, if in fact I have already introduced a bill to make the act more effective, nor will there be a federal interference to interfere with the employers."

Harley also said: "We believe in collective bargaining, the others do not. Did you get a check from the union or a check from the employers?"
Restaurant Accused Of Prejudice

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Chicken Shack on San Pablo Avenue is facing two damage suits of $1,000 each for refusing to serve dinner to six people because two of them were Negroes. The two are ILWU International Representative Horace Hazard, recently assigned to work in the Oakland division of Local 6 to build Negro-white unity, and Bobbi Demene who works in the Local 6 office.

STATE OUTLAWS PREJUDICE

The Chicken Shack despite the state law forbidding a place of business to discriminate against customers, barred the two from its dining room. They claimed both of them wanted service they have to eat at the bar, after Local 6 Business Agents Ray Brace and Bob Moore and their wives had arranged for a table in the dining room.

The incident occurred the evening of March 11 before a membership meeting.

The damage suit was filed by Attorney Robert Apertek April 6. Under the state law the least two victims of discrimination can collect if they win their case is $100 each.

Local 6 Supports S. F. Bay Machinists Strike

SAN FRANCISCO — "The machinist strike is the opening gun in the fight for a third round of wage increases in this area," said a statement from the executive officers of Local 6 signed by Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lyden last week.

"This is our fight," the statement said, "and we are fighting for the right of our community to share in the benefits of increased productivity and increased prosperity. We are fighting for the right of our community to share in the benefits of increased productivity and increased prosperity.

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EXPERIENCES COINCIDE

"We have had the same experience," the statement said, "the warehousemen's union's experience coincided with that of the machinists, the warehousemen's own experience of getting a decent wage increase will be greatly diminished.

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ILWU Slams UMT Draft As Another Step to War

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Complete opposition to compulsory military training (UMT) and rescission of the selective service (draft) law was expressed by the ILWU in a letter April 2 to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

William Glazer, Washington representative of the union, informed the committee of the ILWU position after he was deposed time to testify, in the name of 100,000 ILWU members, at the hearing on the bill. The letter said:

"It is our conviction that the enactment of either of both of these proposals would bring our country one step closer to a fighting war. Our country is under the reckless leadership of the men of Wall Street and the men of the military who now hold high positions, as to the other great calamity in our history.

TRUMAN'S FAILURES CITED

President Truman and his Administration have run up a record of complete failure in every important aspect of national policy, the letter pointed out. China, Palestine, Greece and Italy "are milestones on the road we are being led. Now aware of failure, those who have delivered us to this straits call upon Congress for troops and arms to make these failures stick.

The ILWU letter charged that present war hysteria and the war drive were wrecking the United Nations. "And in place of developing friendly relations through the United Nations, utilizing its machinery and enforcing its procedures, we have embarked upon unilateral actions, unavailing, anti-democratic government actions with all its imperfections have brought us to the edge of war.

"The strength of our country has been wearied by the military forces of its own military establishments.

"We are a peaceful people. We abhor compulsory military training and conscription and we have a healthy fear of seeing the military move in our civilian lives. We insist that our relations with other countries in the world be built upon more peaceful and constructive grounds. Once this is done these hypotetical demands for compulsory military training will be seen for what they are — a flagrant violation of our democratic convictions.

U.S. Hand Seen In British Purge

LONDON (AP) — A report that the British loyalty purge was initiated by the United States has been published by the conservative Daily Express here. According to the newspaper account, the United States government threatened to stop sending information on arms research to Britain unless all those suspected of Communist sympathies were removed out of government service. The report said that Sir Alfred Cough, chief of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington, transmitted this message to London.

"Prof. Olipp has a theory that if he isolates everything but the common cold germ, what's left has got to be it.

Canada Sea Bosses Won't Bargain

MONTREAL, Quebec — Perry Bengough, president of the AFL Canadian Labor Congress of Canada, recently denounced three Canadian steamship companies for their refusal to recognize the Canadian Seamen's Union which has been asking for salary bargains by the agent of the Canadian National Labour Relations Board. In response to the AFL leader, the Sarnia, Colonial and Montreal Steamship Lines are refusing to deal with the CSEU until the present officers of the union have been removed.

SIGN WITH PHONIES

One of them, he said — Canada Steamship's has gone so far as to sign an agreement with A. (Pat) Sullivan's Canadian Lake Steamer Line, a "phony union which if they don't own and control, they should, as there is every indication they have paid enough for it.

Bengough concluded that the companies involved are "reprehensible" and "can only be considered as the creation of unrest..."

"One can imagine what a heller would make of them," he said, "by those same shipping companies, or any other company for that matter, if their employees lose such a position and refused to negotiate with the company changed its management.

Peaceful Picketing Ruled Legal in Texas Town

ABILENE, Tex. — Labor's hopes that the state's recently enacted picketing law will be ruled unconstitutional rose out of the town's anti-picketing ordinance.

"No legislative body may provide for the protection of the" court ruled in dismissing the case of a local AFL-CIO brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) arrested for picketing a wholesale grocer.

The Abilene ordinance forbade picketing on any city street or sidewalk which banned "the use of words, signs or gestures to hurt or injure lawful business.

Unity Rally A noon hour meeting on the Embarcadero in San Francisco, April 1, heard speakers from ILWU, Marine Cooks and Stewards and National Maritime Union locals in the Bay Area, called for union action by all maritime unions on June 15-contract termination date. Above picture shows crowd of people listening to union leaders. Below, left, Hogan, member of ILWU, Local 10.

Canadian Rank and File Want Democracy in CIO

VANCOUVER, B.C. — ILWU Local 507 on March 18 protested to CIO president Philip Murray his removal of ILWU president Harry Bridges as Northern California CIO Regional Director. A letter was sent in the name to the real realigning the union's "enforced high respect for Bridges and what he has done to help labor and the common people as a whole.

John Berry, International Representative for the ILWU, drafted the letter to Murray, as instructed by Local 507, said:

OUT OF LINE

"It seems to us, the rank-and-file of our organization, that because of the fact that some of us do not have the same opinion politically as our table officers, we are completely out of line. Therefore, we suggest you at this time to get in line with democracy as we understand it and out of line with dictatorship which will do no one but big business any good.

Berry also called Murray's attention to the situation taken on March 25 by the Vancouver Labor Council. The Council condemned the arrest of Reid Robinson vice-president of the Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union and other leaders by Canadian authorities as "undesirable." That is the line we take, not from the line of politics but from the stand on which we have for the underrights of this day and age.

Auxiliary Shows Free Kids Movies

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Auxiliary 18 President Ada Harrelson has arranged that the next free movie for ILWU children be on April 17 at 10 a.m. in the Local 8 hall at 335 Ninth street.

There will be four movies, aimed at children and adult, and held the third Saturday of every month. They are open to all children in the city as well as those of ILWU members. Mrs. Harrelson urges members to enroll their children for the Drill Corps, open to all whose mothers belong to the auxiliary.
The Marshall Plan—What Are the Facts?

By Harry Bridges

Part IV (Concluding Article)

The Marshall plan now emerges as a package deal with arms for the corruptionists of China and military training for America. The United Nations and UNRRA is dumped.

By the end of 1947, the United States of America had adopted a plan for the economic reconstruction of Europe, later known as the Marshall Plan. This article by Harry Bridges, a labor leader, provides a critical perspective on the implications of the Marshall Plan for China and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA).

The article begins by discussing the background of the Marshall Plan and its objectives. It then moves on to analyze the implications of the plan for China and the role of UNRRA. The author argues that the Marshall Plan was not just about economic reconstruction but was also a means of spreading American influence and control. The article concludes by questioning the moral and ethical implications of the Marshall Plan and its consequences for the world.


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Harry Bridges was a labor leader and a vocal critic of U.S. foreign policy. His article provides an important historical perspective on the Marshall Plan and its impact on the world.

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Safety

Two fatal accidents in one week in the San Francisco Bay Area brought a charge by ILWU offi-
cers on April 3 that the Water-
front Labor Relations Board is refus-
ing to follow even the most element-
ary safety rules. The ILWU charged that accidental deaths came on the same day that mem-
bers of the Longshore and All-
other Trevisors received for accidental pre-
vention and claimed that 1947 was the worst year in the 62-year history of the San Francisco Bay Area waterfront in terms of injuries to dock workers.

The employers did not reveal the basis for their figures. The only statistics available to the union were those of the U.S. Federal Maritime Board which showed that the number of ac-
cidents in California ports in-
creased from 2,101 in 1946 to 2,755 in 1947, a jump of 31 per cent.

The ILWU charged that both fatal accidents were traceable directly to company saving of costs at the risk of safety. William Johnson, the district business agent for Local 91, said the two deaths occurred on March 28 when a drum of oil, roll-
ed off a lift board and crushed the rider. He contended that the three- member ILWU committee—Secretary-Treasurer John Henry—Secretary Richardson, and Joseph Garcia—on April 3 that the death might not have occurred if chine hooks had been used.

CODE VIOLATED

William C. Bailey, the second longshoreman whose death was in-
duced by a death through a light tarpaulin over a super tank when he slipped on a drum of oil, worked for Western Sugar Company docks in San Francisco from March 24 to April 3.

Welfare Director Julius Stern and Business Agent Marty Calla-
gha claimed the death need not have occurred if the workers had been three had been engaged in the task.

A motion was brought up by the ILWU on April 3 stating that “the use of life lines is inadequate and the drums in and out of deep tanks shall be discontinued.”

Union officials contended that the employers will eventually agree to this change though not until after some of the U.S. workers had contracts with the U.S. Army and had reached an understand-
ing.

Local 88 Asks Raise

ILWU Local 88, terminal work-
er and employees of the California Sugar Refining Company, has opened their contract with the Central Dock Co. of Coos Bay, Ore. The agreement expires on May 15.

Negotiations started on March 28, when the two parties were un-
buckled with a 100 per cent strike. Presently, 70 per cent of the union employed at Central Dock, said Dan Brown, president of the local, Coos Bay. Present rate of pay is $51.5c an hour.

Scalers' Wage Up

Seaboard Local 2, San Francisco, won a 6-cent per hour across the board wage increase, effective April 13 in an arbitration decision handed down by Attorney Arthur C. Miller.

Miller, who is impartial chairman of the Pacific Coast longshore in-
bustry, arbitrated the case and could reach an agreement on the case without the aid of a mediator under a mid-term wage review provided in their contract.

He courted his award on the rise in the cost of living since August 21, 1947, when the scalers' contract was renewed. Local 2 had demanded a 10-cent increase, containing, however, a statement that the rise in the cost of living since February, 1947, when the contract was negotiated, is of “exceedingly small amount”.

It does not require statistical evidence to persuade anyone that longshoremen must make a cop-
rate rate . . . particularly in recent months,” said Miller.

The arbitrator contended that the scalers should not get the increase.

Some 450 scalers will receive the 6-cent raise. The minimum wage will be $17.33, with the majority of the workers in classifications at $15.50.

Local 91 Elects

San Francisco—ILWU Local 91, the largest longshoremen's union, have elected officers for 1948.

In a secret ballot, members of the Labor Relations Board, Board of Trustees and Ex-
ecutive Committee voted.

Christensen was selected Secretary-Treasurer, and Ralph Mears, Superintend-
tent, Emil Hay was selected to serve on the Labor Re-
lations board of Trustees.

The local's executive board con-
sists of the following 20 members: Joseph Garcia, Arthur C. Miller, J. E. Griffin, G. Grinfeld, E. Hay, Charles Hunt, Ove Johnson, F. N. Monrad, E. Mayhew, D. Most, Christian Olsso, J. Por-
korn, M. Schindel, E. Schroeder, C. Tor-

Three members were installed by Local 10 president, James Keeney, in February.

One Hatch

On March 29 Coast Imperial Chosen for the longshore-
industry, Arthur C. Miller re-
confirmed Frank T. McQuigg as an employee at Portland, Ore., when discharged bulk salt from a vessel when he was killed, must take the work rate rule en-
forced by general port practice and the workers' employment of sailors to one hatch.

The appeal of the decision before the Arbitrator and he re-heard a rehearing March 2. In the rehearing case failed to "justify consideration of the decision reached in the appeal January 21," and the decision is therefore affirmed.

Narrow Escape

A longshoreman working on a shipport at a harbor in Everett, Wash., had a narrow escape from being pitched into a pile of burning sulphur.

Oliver Heath, member of ILWU Local 12, told a newspaper in Everett, Wsh., that a sulphur fire broke out in the dock to he a "woven deck of the vessel. He was covered in a blanket and was equipped with a sort of boiler.

The machine got out of control and the longshoremen were helped from the seat, the tractor tipped over into the dock and the seat holding set it on fire. Heath held on to the main line for a few min-
utes but finally lost his grip and fell down after the tractor— aircraft engine — turned over.

By quick action he was able to climb up a ladder in time to pro-
tect his face from the flames. 

He was taken to the hos-

Walking Bosses

ILWU Local 91 ship, dock and walking bosses notified the Water-
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The National Administration

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"His image is lost, if he is not satisfied, the policy can be reinstated with no physical ex-
amination for the payment of disability benefits. The importance of keeping the living wage down, the day job going, the civil rights being ignored by the courts, the result of the new regime of capitalism, of "job creation" and "job training".

It is now the turn of the unemployed, the people who have been left by the system, to take the initiative and organize in their own interests.

Australia's Unions are Unsolidary

The Australia (AFL) unions, after their annual affiliation fees to the Australian Labor party, are demanding that they be used in "fighting capitalism" instead of "rebuild-

mainly as a forum which focuses public attention on the dispute. It has power to subpoena wit-

Barry pointed out that the strike is not just the result of the importance in that it affects not only the striking unions — the "job creation" it is a small — but also other maritime unions that support the strike and will continue to support it until a reasonable settlement is reached.

In addition to the three striking unions, the Canadian Seam-

jects and the BOILERS Union, CTA, the Bohemian, and the Maritime Council.
WAREHOUSE & DISTRIBUTION

The latest example of how usef- ful the Taft-Hartley Act can be to employers who do not want to bargain collectively is the case of the Local 6 contract in Oakland, where the As- sociation of Machine Makers in- formed the NLRB for an election. Between them, the company and the IAM have effectively prevented workers from negotiating for a wage increase.

The IAM petition asks only for representation of production workers in the warehouse, where the national union has already negotiated a new contract. But Continental in- sists the contract is too complex for all Continental workers to ask for instructions on what the local union should do with the NLRB.

The IAM is the only union recognized by the company and the NLRB.

EXPLAIN THE STAND
Local 208 President Bernard Levine was at the first meeting of the Cole workers and explained the union stand against the Taft-Hartley law.

"We're asking the workers to sign a contract," he said, "and unless the company negotiates with the union, the workers can work at their own speed and without interference from the company."

The workers rejected the offer.

"We would like to see the union be- fore the public," he said, "and unless the company negotiates with the union, the workers can work at their own speed and without interference from the company."

On the last day of the last week, the company offered the workers a new contract, but the workers rejected it.

The company is continuing to negotiate with the IAM.

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Orange Queen
Donna Hughes has been chosen queen of the 1948 National Convention in San Bernardino, Calif.

SUGAR & PINEAPPLE
Local 142 Asks 6 1/2 Cents

The island sugar industry is considering a five-point package proposal, including a 6 1/2 cents across-the-board wage increase for reducing the work week in the industry. The union also asked modification of the agreement on a number of non-wage issues, including the work week, wages, and hours.

The industry was asked to complete its new classification program, which the union will replace the present system.

Good Relations

The local 6 union in front of the main office of the Oahu Sugar Company at Wahiawa brought statements that hereafter the company will practice what it preaches on good labor-management relations. The sugar workers objected to the proposal of a 10-year non-raiding pact as evidence to the employers that the warehousemen
Conference Speakers

Here are some of the speakers at the Joint Conference of Maritime Unions, held in San Francisco April 5 and 10 as they reported on the situation facing their respective unions. From left to right, Vice-President Howard McKinley of the National Maritime Union; Bill Steinberg, radio director of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers and Watertenders Union; Herb Deggert, business manager of Local 58, MEBA, Seattle; and President Hugh Bryson of the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

"I Ask No Quarter" In Fight On Fascists—Robeson

HONOLULU, T. H. — Paul Robeson wound up his 27-appear- ance concert tour of the Hawaiian Islands under the sponsorship of the ILWU in March with a profusion that he will persuade other major artists of the United States to visit the Territory.

Robeson, his accompanist, Lawrence Brown, and singer-composer Karl Robinson drew huge and enthusiastic audiences on all the islands and plantations where they appeared.

The programs stressed "people's songs" of many countries, drawing some criticisms of the selections in the Honolulu commercial press as "controversial."

Robeson, who is making the program for two years, now, having been invited to present concerts in the Philippines, the Chinese, and the Far East, will undertake a tour of the islands.

European Delegates Thank Board

OAKLAND, Calif.—One of the four rank-and-file ILWU members chosen to make the fact-finding trip to Europe has thanked the Executive Board for picking him.

In a letter to the Board March 30, John A. Stewart of Local 6 from Oakland, said: "I feel very honored to be selected to represent our union as a delegate to the International Congress of American Seamen, which I hope to attend with the other two members of our group."

Lynden and Bryson Call
Political Workers' Confab

SAN FRANCISCO—A conference of all active ILWU Local 6 political workers in this city was called for April 13 by Local Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lynden and Harry Raymond, leader of the Independent Progressive Party, to begin organizing a campaign to elect Henry Wallace President.

SDU Circuit 15 Holds
"Saw" on Anti-Communism

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Joint Council of the SDU held its general meeting March 31 at the Hotel Zenobia, on California Street. Over 250 members attended.

The circuit meeting was held to consider the report of the National Board of the SDU and the motion that the ILWU Local 10 political division join the political division of the ILWU.

Local 10 Brands Josephson Political Jailing A Scandal

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 10 at a regular membership meeting, March 31, called upon President Truman to grant immediate, executive clemency to Leon Josephson, convicted and sentenced to a year in jail for contempt of the Thomas-Rankin sub-committee.

In a letter to the President, the union branded the "vindictive, political jailing" of Josephson "scandalous and a disgrace to the democratic tradition of Americans."

The letter, dated April 16, pointed out that this is the first case of an American to be jailed in the 10-year existence of the anti-American group. Its jail sentence of one year for 'contempt of Congress' is the first instance the maximum penalty has been imposed in the 100 years history of Congress.

NO CRIME

The message to Truman also stated that Josephson's only offense is opposition to the political and social policies of the Administration and the sub-committee. "He is "oblivious of anything criminal," the letter continued. "He is a public servant of our country, the morality of our society and the safety of our nation. His challenge to the constitutionality of the infamous anti-American Committee society.

EUROPE LEADERS SAY CIO-PAC IS APPENDAGE OF DEMOCRATS

NEW YORK—In their joint letter to the labor leader from national CIO-PAC, Albert Fitzgerald, United Press International correspondent, and Julius Epstein, secretary-treasurer recently charged CIO-PAC with "fiscal policies," by "fiscal policies," it is implied, the confidential private policies that have been proposed to members of Congress by various organizations and individuals.

Robeson made his tour for the ILWU free of charge.

CIO-Maritime
Unions Agree On Program

(Continued from Page 1) demands on which the unions agree.

The delegates declared themselves unique in making the "Lundberg formula" for the hiring hall. Two of four NWU delegates, however, said Lawrence and James Drury, recorded their opposition to the mention of the "Lundberg formula" and to the "out together, back together" recommendation.

The conference voted to inform and ask support of the Congress of Industrial Organizations; also to take steps to acquire the World Federation of Trade Unions of the position of the world-wide peak body of the world-wide collective bargaining.

The final report adopted by the conference was:

"The conference is of the opinion based upon all past experience that the shipowners will give us nothing on our demands unless we are organized and prepared to fight for them. The conference knows of all past experience with the shipowners that they will resist the organized front and solidarity of the unions."

CIO-Maritime was also recommended that a National Policy Committee of representatives of the participating unions be set up in the near future.

CIO-Maritime delegates were sent to the United Mine Workers, United Packinghouse Workers and Machinists, all of whom are on strike as result of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Local 216 Helps
Launch New Party

HOUSTON, Texas — Delegates from the ILWU Local 216 in Texas will attend the founding convention of a new political party in Houston May 5. The convention is expected to nominate a candidate for governor to run against present Governor Benford Jefferson.