Dockers Are Nixon’s Target

WILMINGTON — The Southern California District Council’s December meeting, held here at Longshoremen’s Hall, warned that the Nixon administration is accelerating its campaign to weaken the entire labor movement by concentrating efforts on the longshore division of ILWU.

The anti-labor campaign is moving on both the economic and political fronts, council secretary Pat Perlin reported. The council agreed the time is ripe to strengthen ties with the rest of the national labor movement and to seek worldwide labor support in order to gain a victory.

Council president Nate Di Bia, who is also Southern Californian ILWU legislative representative, detailed the development of a new super-technology in shipping that can move vast amounts of cargo with a handful of workers.

This is what makes current negotiations so crucial for the future, and also why the Nixon administration—with the urging of shipping operators—is pushing anti-strike legislation.

He added, however, that any attempt to legislate against the right to strike will only strengthen an unite the entire labor movement.