Documents on Challenge to Coast Committee Vote

Text of Almeida's Appeal

June 19, 1971

Dear Sir and Brothers:

This letter is to officially notify you that I, Arthur A. Almeida, Book No. 106262, am challenging the recent Coast Committee decision made between Brother William T. Ward and myself. The reasons for this challenge are:

1. The arbitrary denial of the right to vote to over 350 members of Local No. 13, namely, most of the "B" registered men. Although these men are rightfully included and protected by the Local No. 13 and ILWU constitutions, they have been deprived of voting rights.

2. The extension of the right to vote to our Hawaiian Brothers Longshore Div. No. 142, with all due respect to that Division, I feel that the committee office does in no way affect them in their collective bargaining. As a matter of fact, the office has not been utilized.

3. Further, that Longshore Div. No. 142 is not part of the Pacific Region area. Therefore, this document, ergo such extension of voting privilege is beyond their inherent constituencies.

4. That in the past this port as well as other ports "B" registered and at least 85% of the men have voted and continue to vote this very day. When a protesting party, I am respectfully urging and requesting

Ward asks Another Election Be Held

June 24, 1971

To the International Balloting Committee,

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

In light of the challenge or protest as to the regularity of the recent election, the offices of the Coast Committee by candidate Brother Arthur A. Almeida, I feel it my duty to act on the issue of the rights of registered members to vote. Therefore, I urge you to declare the result invalid, and order another election to be held as specified by the Coast Committee.

Sincerely and fraternal yours,

William T. Ward
Coast Committee

Auxiliaries Pledge Support to Dockers

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another action they demanded that drug addiction be declared a service-connected disability.

In a final session Valerie Taylor of North Bend, president of the Federated Women Workers, was re-elected without opposition, as was the secretary treasurer of Los Angeles, first vice-president, and Gladys Hoover of Houma, third vice-president.

Wenona Drasin, who served as convention secretary, was elected to the NAWSA board and will serve a term that will run until 1975. She has served on the board since 1965.

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The slate was installed by Leroy King, ILWU regional director for Northern California.

The long-awaited gift drawing

Yoshio Takamine Now Hawaii Division Head

HILO — Yoshio Takamine's appointment as division director, replacing George Martin, was approved by the Local 142 Executive Committee, which met on May 20-21.

Takamine, 44, who is on leave of absence from Horoaka Sugar Co. has served for many years as a Hawaii Division business agent, and has been elected to the State Board of Representatives for seven terms. He has long been involved in various community activities.

Martin moved to San Francisco early this year to accept the interim appointment as International vice-president and director of organization, a post left vacant by the death of Jack W. Hall on Jan. 2.

Text of Bridges Decision

TO ALL LONGSHORE AND CLERK LOCALS

Sirs and Brothers:

I have received a challenge from Brother Arthur A. Almeida, Book No. 106262, Local No. 13 Challenge the election to the International Labor Relations Committee. Brothor Almeida has five points which require constitutional interpretation. (Copy of Brother Almeida letter attached).

Pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the ILWU:

Article VI, Section 7. "The President shall be the Executive Officer of the International and all the officers of the International shall supervise the affairs of the Interna-
tional. All actions of this Constitution and all of the decisions and laws of the International. He shall interpret and enforce the decisions of the International whenever a question regarding interpretation shall arise."

Article XIII, Section 1. "Whenever any question of interpretation of this Constitution arises it shall be submitted to the International President whose interpretation shall be final and binding unless appeal is taken to the International Convention."

Accordingly, I have decided to sustain the protest and order a new election to be held on July 12, 13 and 14 at a place and time to be determined by the International. The results of the new election shall be reported to the International Balloting Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the ILWU.

I have made this decision and ruling for the following reasons:

1. The first point raised by Brother Almeida is that the International President, and not the International Convention, has the authority to order a new election. This is the only point I wish to address at this time.

2. The second point raised by Brother Almeida is that the International Balloting Committee had already conducted the previous election. I have made this decision and ruling for the following reasons:

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(d) The fourth point raised by Brother Almeida is that the International Balloting Committee had already conducted the previous election. I have made this decision and ruling for the following reasons:

(e) The fifth point raised by Brother Almeida is that the International Balloting Committee had already conducted the previous election. I have made this decision and ruling for the following reasons:

On the basis of these points, I have decided to sustain the protest and order a new election to be held on July 12, 13 and 14 at a place and time to be determined by the International. The results of the new election shall be reported to the International Balloting Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the ILWU.