Worldwide Support for Dockers

SAN FRANCISCO—When the 1971 longshore strike on the West Coast began July 1, expressions of support and fraternal greetings began to be received from all over the world almost immediately.

From Morris Weisberger, secretary-treasurer of the Sailors Union of the Pacific (AFL-CIO), came: “Please advise your membership and officials that your strike for decent wages, working conditions and other benefits will get our full support. We will assist you in any manner possible. . . .”

From Captain William M. Caldwell, vice-president, Masters, Mates and Pilots: “. . . (We are) united in support of the ILWU in their battle with the employers. . . . We know that an ‘Injury to One is an Injury To All’ and pledge our trade union support to ILWU to assist them in any way possible in protecting the interests of their trade union members by winning the present battle.”

From Tomitaro Kaneda in Tokyo: “Japanese dockworkers are watching your strike. . . . We wholeheartedly support your struggle and express our fraternal solidarity wishing you successful victory.”

From the New Zealand dock workers: “Fraternal greetings, best wishes for success in your struggle. . . . Advise any practical assistance required.”

From India: “Indian waterfront workers express fraternal solidarity with striking longshoremen.”

From Moscow: “On behalf of 730,000 members of the USSR Sea and River Workers Union, we express fraternal solidarity with West Coast longshore strike and wish every success in realization of your demands.”

From the Trade Unions International of Transport and Fishery Workers (WFTU) in Prague: We are sure, that, under the leadership of your union, the dock workers will obtain satisfaction of their just demands. We would like, on behalf of 15 million members, to express to you. . . . our warmest greetings and full solidarity and support for your just struggle.

From the New Zealand seamen: “Wish you a successful outcome in your negotiations and offer our full support to that end. How can we assist?”

Other messages of support, nationally and from around the world, continued to come in and will be reported in future issues of The Dispatcher.

United Foam

ILWU, Teamos Blast Failure To Bargain

OAKLAND — After six months on strike, ILWU Local 6 and Teamsters Local 70 filed charges July 16 with the National Labor Relations Board against United Foam Corporation.