$1.7 Billion Cost
In Dock Strike

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SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — The longest dock strike in Pacific Coast history has cost California, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii at least $1.7 billion — and possibly much more — in lost wages and sales, officials in the four states estimated yesterday.

President Nixon initiated Taft-Hartley procedures Monday for an injunction to halt the 97-day strike, which has idled 233 ships in 24 ports from San Diego to Seattle.

As a hearing opened here paving the way for federal intervention, officials tallied losses and arrived at these preliminary totals:

In California, Gov. Ronald Reagan said the strike had cost business and labor $1.5 million and continued to cost $10 million each day it continued.

Oregon has lost $135 million in forestry, agriculture and shipping and Oregonians have dropped $50 to $60 million in personal income, the U.S. National Bank of Oregon estimated.

The Port of Seattle said 10,000 persons were out of work in King County because of the strike, at a cost of $18.5 million in salaries. Loss in sales was put at $36.7 million.

In Hawaii, no state agency had estimated the financial effects of the strike but the sugar industry said it alone had lost $6 million in revenues.

A presidential inquiry board conferred.

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — White House adviser Henry A. Kissinger announced yesterday he will return to Peking late this month to “zero in on a date” for President Nixon’s visit next year, confident that current political turbulence in China will not disrupt the trip.

Kissinger, who made a highly secret flight from Pakistan to Peking last July to arrange the visit, told newsmen he hoped to leave as soon as possible after Oct. 15, spend a maximum of four days conferring with Chinese leaders, and have a fixed date ready for public announcement soon after his return.

Kissinger said he would fly to Peking aboard a presidential jetliner via Hawaii and would be accompanied by about 10 White House and State Department officials and Secret Service agents.

He said his party would include John Holdridge and Winston Lord of his National Security Council staff, who accompanied him to Peking last summer; Al Jenkins of the State Department Bureau of East Asian Affairs, White House advance man Dwight Chapin, a press office staff member, a White House communications expert, and secret service agents.

No newsmen will be allowed to bake the trip, but Kissinger said a member of White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler’s staff will go to make preliminary arrangements for press coverage of Nixon’s visit. Officially, the date will be sometime before next May 1.

A simultaneous announcement of Kissinger’s trip was made in Peking. The one-paragraph statement broadcast by Radio Peking and the New China News