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Sears Roebuck Store Continues Saleless Despite Help of Finks, Goons and Courts

SAN FRANCISCO — An empty store and empty cash registers were still the features of ILWU Local 8's strike against the Sears Roebuck Mission Street store in San Francisco as the strike entered its third month.

Sales in most departments are about one-half of one per cent with some clerks reporting sales of 93 cents a day.

This week the courts will decide whether or not Sear's temporary injunction limiting pickets to 6 at an entrance becomes permanent. But even with the limit-

ional conferences in other areas were left for a later date.

ing of the pickets the public is staying away just as it did when the rank and file turned out 8,000 strong to picket on Saturdays.

HELP IS GIVEN

Financial and moral help has come from unions in California and Hawaii. For its own self-help Local 6 membership voted in a mass meeting at the Civic Auditorium November 5 to contribute \$5 per member to carry on the fight against Sears and any other union-busting employer.

A personal contributor of \$20 to the strike was John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers. Lewis was for a time in a hospital across the street from the picket line.

According to Barron's reports, Sears Roebuck has a postwar contingency fund of \$28.5 million as yet untouched. The company was one of the wartime profiteers which held down its huge profits reports by this method.

To expose to the public the full extent of Sears open shop drive President Eugene Paton of Local 6 announced publicly that the union was willing to allow shipowner Mayor Roger Lapham to serve as mediator. The mayor agreed, but Sears refused to meet on the flimsy ground that their labor experts were not available for a meeting.

Goons, thugs and stooges of Dave Beck and Dan Tobin, teamster overlords, are daily driving ABC trucks through the lines. Some of them call out to the pickets that they are making \$35 a trip, and one teamster reported that he had been offered \$75 a day to drive through the lines.

In addition to that strike-breaking effort, Harry Lundberg's own personal shored-side goons, whose sailing has always been limited to shoving schooners across waterfront bars, were manning the scab ship Sears Roebuck as warehousemen. The move was

an obvious attempt to build up the fiction of a jurisdictional ploy to allow the company to invoke the Taft-Hartley slave labor law.

The barroom salts were not pretending to work as warehousemen, about which they know as little as they do about sailing, but were being merely counted "present" for the benefit of the employer-controlled NLRB.

While between 50 and 75 clerks are reporting each day to play tit-tat-toe and study the Reading Form well over 200 are staying away, until the AFL Central Labor Council decides when to take strike action in the name of the clerks whose contract has also expired.

STRIKE WILL GO ON

Officials of the Warehouse Union have received word from Chicago that Sears is now involved in 32 labor disputes around the country, and that its top executives have indicated that Sears will no longer deal with any unions but company unions. With profits of 122 million last year and with this year's profits expected to reach over 200 million Sears has plenty of ammunition to carry on its battle against the welfare and living standards of the American people.

Longshore Caucus Set for Seattle

SAN FRANCISCO—Call for an ILWU-longshore and clerks caucus to be held in Seattle November 29 and 30 was sent out this week by ILWU President Harry Bridges and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt.

The caucus will have before it the matter of the December wage review in the Coast Agreement; a discussion of recent arbitrations and the employer policy of forcing issues through arbitration; and the entire problem of costs in conjunction with the administration of the longshore agreement.

"The clerks delegates to the caucus will receive a special report on the status of the coast agreement. In addition to these items on the agenda, there will be a report on the CIO convention and recent developments concerning the Taft-Hartley law."

Northwest locals were asked to send sufficient delegates to constitute a regional conference in conjunction with the caucus. Re-

Jim Crow Throws Contest Out of School

WASHINGTON (FP) — A public speaking contest on the theme Voice of Democracy cannot be held in the public schools here, it was learned November 4, because the final round will have three Negro speakers along with eight whites.

Sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the contest will move for its final round to the auditorium of All Souls Unitarian Church, because the board of education finds it would be "contrary to Washington custom and practice" to hold a mixed contest in a school.

Goldblatt Spurs Fight On Prices

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU locals throughout the country are mobilizing to press for effective inflation control at the Special Session of Congress called by President Truman November 17.

An all-out campaign for roll back of prices, reintroduction of OPA ceilings and strong legislation for large-scale, low-cost housing was urged, on all locals by ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt in a letter October 30.

Locals are going on record demanding these measures to protect the members' paychecks. Together with AFL and Railroad unions ILWU delegations have visited Congressmen and insisted upon knowing their positions.

Petitions and telegrams are being sent to the President and Congress from docks and warehouses.

A. L. Crawford Asks \$250,000 from ILWU

SAN FRANCISCO — Suit for \$250,000 has been filed against the ILWU in superior court here by A. L. Crawford, attorney, alleging libel by The Dispatcher.

Named in the suit in addition to the union are President Harry Bridges, Secretary-Treasurer Louis Goldblatt, Vice-Presidents J. R. Robertson and Germaine Bulcke, International Representative Michael Johnson, and Dispatcher Editor Morris Watson.

Crawford alleges he was libeled in an article in the September 19 issue of the paper.

Shipowners Trying to Scuttle Wage Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The shipowners are hammer and tongs at the wages and hours act with determination to wreck it.

Frank P. Foisie, head of the Waterfront Employers Association, told the House Labor Committee the storerding industry would shut up shop in bankruptcy if the courts found the employers in violation of the act.

He also threatened a lockout, which in his usual manner of doubletalk he referred to as a strike, in the event the act was not amended.

Foisie boasted that King Joe Ryan of the AFL Longshoremen was in agreement with the shipowners. Ryan actually testified against his own members when they brought suits against the shipowners for overtime pay.

They won, nevertheless, and the Supreme Court has agreed to review the matter.

In contrast to Ryan's attitude, the ILWU has just recently won \$240,000 in back pay for members in Hawaii. There have been no ILWU longshore suits, however.

The ILWU's answer to the shipowners was scheduled to be made November 13.

A statement prepared by the union urged extended coverage and increased benefits under the act. It said also that the act was based upon two very sound principles: that there should be a minimum hourly wage sufficient to provide all workers engaged in interstate commerce with a minimum standard of living, and insofar as possible, work should be limited to 40 hours a week.

The union contended the so-

called "overtime" rate in the ILWU longshore contract is a night rate and that true overtime under the FLSA must be computed with reference to both rates, depending upon the number of hours worked at each rate.

Foisie, now taking the opposite position, supported this position of the union in proceedings before the National Longshoremen's Board in August 1934. He said when speaking of the rate paid after 5 p.m.:

"That is more accurately described as night time rate. There is practically no true overtime rate in longshoring, that is, true overtime as adopted by the factory industries. Time in excess of eight hours is the conventional overtime. Nothing of the sort pertains to longshoremen."

NMU Calls Maritime Conference

NEW YORK—November 17 is the date set for a national conference here of AFL, CIO and unaffiliated maritime unions, to be convened by the National Maritime Union as a result of a decision at its recent convention. The ILWU will send delegates.

Objectives announced by the NMU are united action against the Taft-Hartley law, united support of the December wage reviews, defense of the union hiring hall and establishment of the closest unity possible among maritime unions.

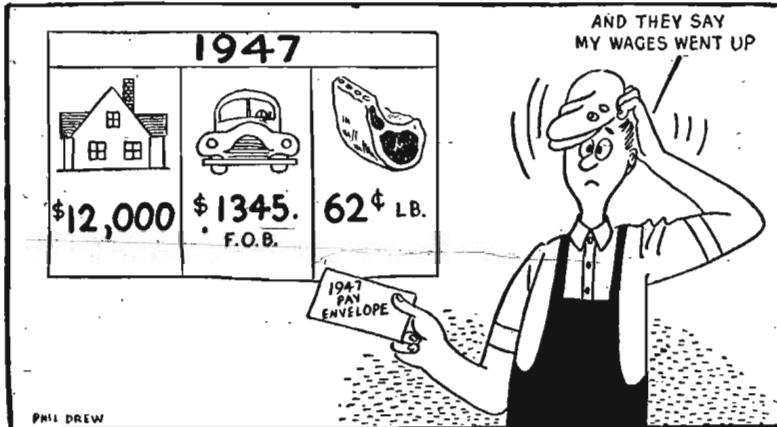
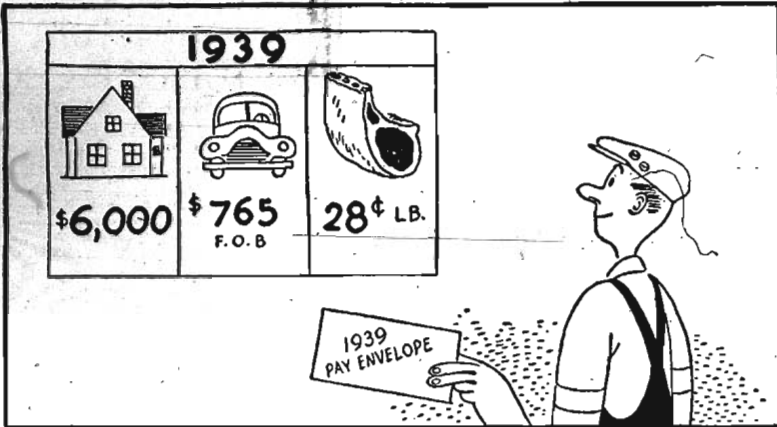
In setting the date, the NMU council urged that the union recommend "the calling of a large rank and file delegated conference" to bolster the conference's program.

Local 142 Wins Back Jobs for 24 Workers

PUEBLO, T. H.—Grove Farm here has hired back 24 of 28 workers it laid off for failure to "produce" because of old age. The workers are mostly 68 or under.

ILWU Local 142 won the reinstatement and is still fighting for the remaining four members.

We Want a Raise



On the Beam

BY HARRY BRIDGES

THERE'S a terrific whoop-de-do about the Marshall Plan. Congress convenes in special session November 17th for the express purpose of financing it.

Everything is being done to sell the American people the idea that the future peace of the world depends upon its success.

In view of all this it is time we had a real look-see at the Marshall Plan and what it aims to do.

If we are to believe what we read in the newspapers and what our government and members of Congress say, the Marshall Plan proposes to feed the hungry people of Europe. If this is so—fine, but it's hard to believe newspapers and politicians who up to now have never cared a hoot about people going hungry in this or any other country.

So what really cooks with the Marshall Plan?

THE Marshall Plan is the keystone of American foreign policy, and in turn the keystone of the Marshall Plan is the rebuilding of German industry and supplying German industry with raw materials from the nations of Western Europe. The greatest percentage of money and food of the Marshall Plan is to go to Germany. Other western European countries are to be the suppliers of raw materials for German industry to manufacture. Money and materials of the American people will thus recreate the tremendous money value of German industry, then stock and bond loans, floated through private American investment bankers now directing our foreign policy, will eventually bring German industry under complete control of American bankers and Big Business.

Thus, stripped of all camouflage, the Marshall Plan is a scheme to use money and food of the American people to purchase and turn over to Wall Street at practically no cost to the private interests the basic industries and raw materials of Germany and all western European nations.

But what about the Marshall Plan feeding the hungry people of Europe?

That's a small part of the plan but a big part of the camouflage. No one is opposed to helping to feed the people of Europe. This is particularly true of the ILWU. In June, 1946, when we planned to strike through CMU we exempted relief ships from the contemplated strike. So we officially declared our position in this respect before there ever was a Marshall Plan. The hungry people aspect of the Marshall Plan is the smokescreen to divert our attention from its real purpose and to sell the whole package deal to the American people.

THE most enthusiastic political backers of the Marshall Plan fought the hardest to put UNRRA out of business. UNRRA had to be destroyed because relief and food through that organization, especially under the guidance of LaGuardia, would have prevented American employers from putting over their evil schemes and making big profits out of feeding hungry people.

In the months to come, all who speak out and fight against the Marshall Plan and fight instead for food and relief to be distributed through the United Nations, are going to be attacked as traitors, Moscow agents and even land behind bars because of such a position. Strikes, especially shipping strikes, demands for wage increases, the fight against speedup and for democratic unionism are going to be attacked on the grounds that such things are sabotage of the Marshall Plan, carried out under orders of Moscow.

Wall Street has already forged the weapon to make American unions accept speedup, high prices, and low wages and that weapon is the Taft-Hartley Law. For the Marshall Plan to succeed overseas, unions in America must be hog-tied, production stepped up, wage increases opposed and strikes outlawed.

The ILWU must stand firmly on the position that food be furnished the needy people of Europe and that such people need not change their way-of-life or their form of government to suit the wishes of our-phoney politicians or Wall Street bankers as the price of such food. We cannot allow ourselves to be part of a program that intends to use food as a weapon in a "cold war" to stop the march of European people to a better way of life, any more than we would refuse to make a contribution to a striking union until it would first agree to switch its affiliation or change its structure.

SOME PEOPLE are scared, yellow, and running like hell from the Taft-Hartley attack. We're talking about some leaders of labor, who even though they know the members of their unions desperately need wage increases in the face of super prices as result of super profiteering, are deciding this is the time to lay low and knuckle under.

The ILWU will have no part of such a program.

The cost of living is up and going up. Inflation is here and getting worse, and the circus the reactionary 80th Congress is about to give us in Washington isn't going to mean more bread.

WHEN longshoremen won a basic wage of \$1.57 an hour, the price of butter was 72 cents. Today it sells for 90 cents a pound. When warehousemen got to \$1.27 an hour, eggs were selling for 64 cents a dozen. Today you can get them for 80 cents.

These are typical of the fate of the price of everything and the shipowners and other predatory employers are hiding behind meaningless paper figures when they pretend wages have gone up. It doesn't take a college education to figure there's been no raise in pay if the dollar depresses in value cent for cent with wage increases. The fact is that it has been steadily depressing in value faster than the increases.

THE general line of the employers that workers are satisfied with their present pay rates and that only labor leaders are squawking is a black lie. Unfortunately, some leaders with no guts are allowing themselves, at the expense of the workers, to be intimidated by the lie.

Longshore wages come up for review December 15.

The longshore and clerks caucus meeting November 28 and 29 at Seattle will face the fact that wages have actually been cut since before the war. Not only have prices outstripped the wages, but quality has become inferior and increased production has further lowered the purchasing power.

THE caucus, made up of working dockers, will be plenty aware of the shipowners' speedup and increased production plans, and it won't be hornswoggled by any phoney talk. Nor is there likely to be anybody there who thinks the shipowners are having a tough time and in need of super-duper instead of just super profits.

We want another round of wage increases and we're not waiting for any general movement. We're starting it ourselves. The paycheck isn't what it says on the envelope. It's what it will turn into in the way of food, goods and services.

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Foiese Puts Foot in It When He Speaks to Labor Catholics

By KATHLEEN CRONIN

PORTLAND, Ore.—Frank P. Foiese, President of the Waterfront Employers Association, speaking on "A Constructive Plan for Labor Relations" at the Northwest Regional Catholic Conference held in Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall, stated, "Labor seeks power and more power, but shuns responsibility." He bewailed the fact that "normally the public is pro-labor" and stated there was no solution to the labor problem.

Foiese said, "Labor must rid itself of Communists" and that "employers must lend a hand at whatever cost must be paid."

James B. Carey, Clinton Golden and Walter Reuther were praised by him as the right type of labor leaders.

He vigorously defended the Taft-Hartley law as a "break for employers to get desirable labor relations."

WANTS CONSPIRACY

He also advocated that Catholic union members should form an alliance to deal with Catholic employers.

In the discussion period, Francis J. Murnane, of the CIO Vancouver, Plywood Workers Local, took the floor and in a fighting speech, attacked Foiese's arguments point by point.

"Mr. Foiese speaks here on a constructive plan for labor relations (Foiese's topic), yet in California, walking bosses who had voted for the ILWU as their collective bargaining agent, were locked out. It certainly didn't take the shipowners long to use the Taft-Hartley slave law to further their union destroying plans."

"There is a solution to the labor problem," Murnane insisted, "it is free and unhindered collective bargaining, full employment and decent social security provisions."

HITS SPLITTING

Murnane, himself a Catholic, assailed Foiese's advocacy of Catholic unionists and Catholic employers bargaining with each other as a splitting tactic designed to increase the cleavage now existing in society and said the burning issue today is unity among workers regardless of race, creed or color.

White-Foiese squirmed on the

142 Organizes Stewards Council

HILO, T. H.—ILWU Sugar Local 142 stewards on the Big Island organized a council in a meeting October 19. Each unit will have three stewards on the council.

T. Shirasaki was elected chairman; M. Tavares, vice-chairman; and T. Ogata, secretary.

platform, Murnane condemned Foiese's red witch hunting program as a menace to civil liberties. He pointed out that any militant labor leader is invariably branded as a Communist and that as far as men like Foiese are concerned, any man who "asks for a nickel more than he was getting would be immediately branded a Red."

Murnane said that reactionary employers like Foiese "violate tenets of human decency and repudiate the liberal Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII."

After the meeting, numerous Catholic laymen and priests converged on Murnane to shake his hand. A Monsignor said, "That's the kind of talk we needed here. I know it comes right from labor's heart."

CHAGRIN IS FULL

Father George Higgins, assistant director, National Catholic Social Action Welfare Commission, Washington, D. C., praised Murnane's eloquence, and said he could see there was a point in not segregating Catholics from other groups. He warned, however, that "Communism is not to be taken lightly," but condemned the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing now going on in Washington as "scandalous."

Foiese's chagrin was complete when the Conference condemned the Taft-Hartley Law, upheld industry-wide bargaining, consumer cooperatives, profit sharing and "human decency in racial relations. (It is not known at this writing if Foiese is condemning the progressive Catholic Conference as Communistic.)"



FRANK P. FOIESE



Art Drapes Art students at California Labor School preparing costumes for second annual International Artists Carnival sponsored by the Art Department of the School on the evening of November 15 at the Labor School building in San Francisco. Students shown above left to right: Tilli Ann Killen and Irene Spencer.

ILWU Protests Army, Navy Strike-breaking in Chile

SAN FRANCISCO—Shortly after the Chilean Government sent Army, Navy and Air Forces into the coal mining regions of that country to break a strike of Chilean miners and longshoremen for wage increases, the ILWU sent telegrams of protest to President Gonzales Videla of Chile and to the U.S. State Department.

The wire sent to Videla in the name of the ILWU by President Harry Bridges said:

WAGES ARE CRIME

"The use of the Chilean Army, Navy, Air Forces and police to break the strike of 18,000 coal miners and longshoremen under orders of the United States corporations is condemned by the membership of the ILWU."

"Wages paid to these miners by U.S.-owned corporations are a crime against the living standards of the Chilean people and the continued exploitation of these workers is possible only because of your Government's support to these strike-breaking imperialists."

"We strenuously urge the Chilean Government accord these

workers the protection to which they are entitled in their fight for legitimate demands and an end to this use of Chile as a battleground by U.S. bankers and financial interests in their drive against labor."

PROTEST TO U.S.

The telegram to the State Department said:

"The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has wired the Chilean Government asking that the drive to smash the strike of Chilean coal miners and longshoremen be ended at once. These workers are employed by United States corporations at wage standards and living conditions which would never be tolerated by any worker in the United States."

"We urge the State Department protest the use of Army, Navy, Air Forces and police of Chile to smash this legitimate strike of Chilean miners and longshoremen."

Local 142 Fights Factors' Methods

WAIPAHU, T. H.—Threats of wholesale firings, promotion of four workers, into supervisory jobs and suspension of three others for attending a stopwork meeting—this is the way American Factors is negotiating with ILWU Local 142 members at the Waipahu store.

Workers here average 74 cents an hour while those at the Amf-owned store on Kauai get \$1-an hour.

The ILWU contract expired October 15 and was renewed for 30 days, during which the workers have been meeting in front of the store every morning in a display of solidarity.

Local 6 Member Hounded by Gov.

SAN FRANCISCO.—ILWU Local 6 member Frank Carlson was freed on \$1,000 bond November 5. He was arrested two days before on a deportation warrant charging membership in an organization that advocates forcible overthrow of the government.

Carlson, a Communist, came to this country from Poland at the age of 6.

The Immigration Service of the Department of Justice ordered the arrest. Date for a hearing on the warrant has not been set.

ILWU Locals Join Consumer Body

SAN FRANCISCO.—ILWU Locals 6 and 10 are among 53 civic, labor and farm organizations that formed a Consumers' Conference last month to make plans for fighting high prices and profits.

Consumer Body

Information about lower prices in certain stores throughout the city, and is planning a boycott of high-price items.

It will also ask the San Francisco grand jury to investigate milk companies and demand a decrease in milk prices.

World Unions Seek a Full Franco Break

PARIS, By Airmail (CTAL).—As the Assembly of the United Nations was meeting in New York this week, trade unions throughout the world redoubled their efforts to obtain a general rupture of all diplomatic and economic relations with Franco's fascist dictatorship in Spain.

At World Federation of Trade Unions headquarters here, Secretary-General Louis Saillant published the text of a letter addressed to UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie, and also published a communication to all WFTU affiliates.

Meanwhile, in Mexico City, CTAL President Vicent Lombardo Toledano received copy of a resolution of the United Workers' Organization (UWO), of the Philippines Republic, protesting the friendship pact proposed by Philippines President Roxas and the Franco dictatorship.

ACA Asks Phone Unity In Balloting

SAN FRANCISCO.—The chance to unite all telephone workers in Northern California and Nevada for effective bargaining with the giant company and maximum protection against the Taft-Hartley law will be given members of the Independent United Brotherhood of Telephone Workers this month.

The American Communications Association (ACA) with 12,000 members in this area has been working for years for affiliation of the 7,500 independent workers.

The UBTW is balloting on affiliation with the ACA, the newly-formed Telephone Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) which has received the endorsement of the UBTW executive board, the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Independent Communications Workers of America, or on staying as is.

The ACA has appealed to CIO President Philip Murray to ask the TWOC to withdraw from the ballot in order not to split the CIO vote and confuse the workers into thinking there is jurisdictional strife here.

The TWOC has no membership in Pacific Telephone & Telegraph or anywhere on the West Coast. The ACA appeal pointed out that a split CIO vote will harm the whole CIO movement in this state at a time when unity is vitally necessary.

Bridges, Halling Among Local 10 CIO Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO.—ILWU president Harry Bridges and Northern California Regional Director Bjorne Halling have been elected delegates by Local 10 to the CIO State Convention to be held in Santa Cruz, Calif., November 20-23.

Talking before the last membership meeting of Local 10, Bridges said that all ILWU delegates will have an opportunity to get together for a discussion of ILWU problems.

In addition to Halling and Bridges, the local picked ten others with full delegate status including: Robert Cain, David Keefe, John Shaw, Germaine Bulcke, Julius Stern, and William Peterson.



"I stopped at the Blue Kitten for a martini—a cute blonde was having the same—we got conversing and that led to dinner, theater, night club, late supper, a cab ride in the park and then I took her home. That's all there is, really, to my coming home at this hour."

ILWU Supports Movie Workers in Fight Against Un-American Committee

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nearly 10,000 members of the ILWU are on record in ringing denunciation of the House Un-American Committee and in praise of motion picture workers for having "the intestinal fortitude to come out fighting against invasion of their constitutional rights as American citizens."

Resolutions were adopted October 29 by both Longshore Local 10 with 3,500 members in attendance, and by Warehouse Local 6, with 6,000 members in attendance.

The Local 10 resolution said: **THEY HAVE GUTS**

"Our union greets and congratulates the courageous workers, actors, directors, artists, writers and others of the motion picture industry who are showing they have the intestinal fortitude to come out fighting against invasion of their constitutional rights as American citizens."

"Our union has long been on record for the abolishing of the so-called Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives. We repeat that resolve. The committee has never been an investigating body for the purpose of studying the need for legislation. It has been instead an ill disguised instrument for native fascists to intimidate and terrify the people of America into acceptance of reactionary big business control of the nation's life and institutions."

"We have also been long familiar with and victimized by the fascist tactic of red-baiting. Our union was the target for vicious red-baiting when it refused to load scrap iron for Japan, when it boycotted Nazi goods, when it supported Republican Spain, and at every turn of the way where the simple needs and demands of workers threatened the lush profits of overprivileged employers."

DEMOCRACY STIFLED

"The attack upon the workers of the motion picture industry, the obvious attempt to immobilize ideas and reduce a whole industry which communicates ideas to impotence is part and parcel, along with such measures as the Taft-Hartley slave law, of the whole reactionary drive for world imperialism and domestic slavery. It is only by stifling the voice of democracy that such plans can be carried forward."

"The courage of the motion picture workers, contrasting sharply with the belly-crawling cowardice of the owners of the industry, is serving to bring to the attention of the American people the un-American and unconstitutional character of the Un-American Committee and expose the motives of the qualings, such as Thomas, Rankin and Stripling."

"As longshoremen and warehousemen who have seen many rough, fighting days and always managed to battle through to a better union and a better life, we salute our brothers of the movies and pledge to them our full support

in their fight to preserve freedom of conscience in America."

At their November 12 meeting the longshoremen voted on a resolution in support of House Resolution No. 46 submitted by Adolph Sabath (D. Ill.), for the dissolution of the Un-American Activities Committee.

The Local 6 resolution said: "Whereas, the Un-American Activities Committee under Rep. J. Parnell Thomas is now in session in Washington and with the object in view of stifling free thought, free speech, and free thinking, and, **SUBTERFUGE AND SMEAR**

"Whereas, this inquiry is headed by big business names of the movie industry with totalitarian or fascist leanings, and,

"Whereas, this so-called Un-American Activities Committee is actually 'Un-American' in spirit as in deed, and is using subterfuge in suppressing and smearing any and all liberal-minded persons, and,

"Whereas, the inquiry is unconstitutional in letter and in spirit by denying any citizen his inalienable right of free speech and thought, therefore be it

PROTEST TO CONGRESSMEN

"Resolved: That Local 6, ILWU, representing some 18,000 American workers, condemns this heinous action of the J. Parnell Thomas Un-American Activities Committee as an act of impious impudence toward the American people in general and to the liberal elements in particular, and be it further

"Resolved: That a formal protest be sent to Senators Sheridan Downey and William F. Knowland, and Representatives Richard J. Welch and Frank R. Havenner urging them to withhold future appropriations to this committee."

Form CIO Council in Maui

WAILUKU, T. H.—All Maui units of ILWU Sugar Local 142 held a convention November 9 to form a Maui CIO Council and work out a coordinated political action program.

ILWU Social Agency is Projected

SAN FRANCISCO.—Plans for an ILWU social service agency to be established jointly by Locals 2, 6, 10 and 34 for their members hurt on the job are underway here.

Coast Labor Relations Committeeman Henry Schmidt first suggested such an agency to Local 10 last year, to be run by a member with complete knowledge of the three compensation laws applicable to longshoremen and shipclerks.

No action was taken by the executive board at that time and Schmidt is now pushing for an agency staffed by a professional social worker. Presidents of all four locals back the project.

Need for an agency to inform the members of their rights under the law was pointed out recently with results of interviews made by the ILWU in connection with the Longshore Safety Commission with Local 10 members injured on the job.

In case after case the men reported they did not receive proper medical treatment and hospitalization. Many did not get all the compensation they were entitled to under the present laws.

Families of injured men suffered more than was necessary from a lowered standard of living because they did not know to what agency to apply for financial assistance.

The proposed social service agency would investigate the cases of all members hurt on the job and inform the members where to go and what to do for maximum benefits.

Schmidt's plan is now before the Local 10 executive board for recommendation to the membership.

Julius Stern Named Labor Dept. Aide

SAN FRANCISCO.—CIO Veterans Bureau Director Julius Stern, a member of ILWU Local 10, has been appointed volunteer Veterans Reemployment Rights Committeeman by Edward McMahon, field representative of the U. S. Department of Labor.

Stern will aid veterans in obtaining the reemployment, seniority and vacation rights due them under the old selective service act. Functions of this act were transferred to the Labor Department when it expired.

the committee didn't like. Final payoff on how the committee operates came when Haakon Chevalier, a former UC professor, was called to the stand. For a week the committee had been whetting the appetites of the scandal mongers with a big build up about an attempt to steal atom secrets for Russia.

But when Chevalier took the stand, the committee suddenly forgot what it was they wanted to ask him. He was excused.

"Fugitives From Psychopathic Ward" Help Un-Americans Fling Red Paint

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Tenney California Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, which one newspaper through one whole edition called the "Un-Americans (jg)," spent four days last week flinging red paint all over the Bay Area and piping some of it all the way to Hollywood.

The committee concentrated a large part of its attack on the National Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards and its leadership, using witnesses who were described on the stand as "fugitive from a psychopathic ward." The description came from the union's attorney, Richard Gladstein, who took the stand to answer smears of himself.

DISRUPTERS TESTIFY

The witnesses upon which the committee relied for fantastic tales of alleged communist domination were William P. Brandhove, Walter Hesse and Martin Kaplan, all of whom have been suspended from the union for from 98 to 99 years for disruptionist and disloyal activities.

The three ex-members took the stand over and over, made vague accusations, mostly against MCS President Hugh Bryson, and were not cross examined or asked for documentation of their charges.

When Gladstein asked the privilege of cross examining, Tenney said:

"We are not bound by the laws of evidence."

"Nor by any other laws," retorted Gladstein.

When Gladstein took the stand to answer the smears against himself, Tenney heckled him in

the middle of every sentence. Any union; organization or person mentioned by Gladstein brought from the committee chairman "You mean that Communist dominated union," or "You mean the communist."

When the attorney read into the record an affidavit in which Brandhove admitted that disruption in the union, particularly the publication of a phoney "rank and file" paper, was financed by Harry Lundeborg of the SUP with an expressed view of taking over the MCS, Tenney shouted:

GOOD FOR LUNDEBERG!

"Good for Lundeborg!" Nor would he admit that such activity on the part of the suspended members constituted dual unionism.

"I would have given them money myself if I had been around," he boasted, at the same time calling himself a good union man.

"I have no doubt you are giving them money right now," Gladstein said.

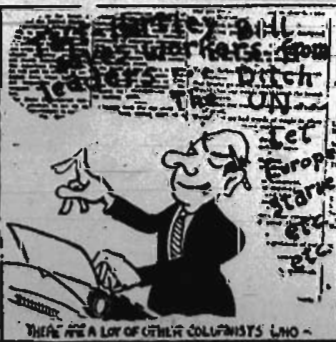
Rose Segure of the FAECT gave Tenney his most uncomfortable moments when she admitted knowing a real live communist, to whom Tenney had introduced her.

TENNEY BLUSHES

Tenney blushed and denied ever knowing Miss Segure previously, but in almost the same breath and in bland indifference to the contradiction, he accused her of trying to recruit him into the Communist party.

When he called Miss Segure a dangerous enemy, she calmly re-

Good Pick New York's Patricia For-dyce has been picked as the queen of the Miami Orange Bowl pageant and football classic for New Year's Day. The football looks unnecessary, doesn't it?



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DOCKS & TERMINALS

Fearless Lundy in His Undie Uppers Entrances Press and Shipowners

SAN FRANCISCO — "Iron-fisted and fearless" Harry Lundeberg is the shipowners' white hope for flint control of the waterfront.

"Out here on the West Coast where Harry Bridges longshoremen and affiliates keep the waterfront in pretty constant turmoil, the hope of the employers is Harry Lundeberg, iron-fisted boss of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific," reports James Y. Newton in the reactionary Washington Star, October 18.

Mr. Newton goes on to paint a romantic picture of the picturesque Mr. Lundeberg, rawnobed and swaggering, wearing "an open-neck shirt or just his 'undie' uppers..."

PACKS 50 BALL BATS

There was the time when the police caught Lundeberg with 50 baseball bats in the back of his car, slightly more than the regulation number for a game says Newton, being amusing, but the press does not condemn where shipowners approve.

Inspiration for the press build-up of Lundeberg is in the Sailors' contract renewed with the Pacific American Shipowners Association last month. Lundeberg claims his hiring hall is kept intact in the contract with a clause saying the employers will "prefer applicants who have previously been employed."

TAFT HELPS HIM

He got a blessing on this clause from Senator Robert Taft himself, co-author of the law banning the closed shop (hiring hall), at a private and lengthy meeting with the Senator in Santa Cruz. At this time all other unionists were picketing eat-less Taft, but Lundeberg does not believe in political action except for certain purposes.

"I told Taft our problem" explains Mr. Lundeberg. The "problem" was to keep reds out of the union. "He saw our problem and said my plan was okay... When our meeting broke up, Mr. Taft

stated that inasmuch as the union and the shipowners agreed completely, we could work it out..."

PRIVATE THOUGHTS

This perfect agreement is, perhaps why Reporter Newton found that "ship operators say privately they will give Mr. Lundeberg more in a contract than they will any other waterfront leader... There is a record of employer resistance to Mr. Bridges' demands that is in marked contrast to the comparative ease with which Mr. Lundeberg comes up with an agreement. Employer representatives will tell you privately they are backing the AFL sailors in their long-standing fight with the CIO..."

"The longshoremen's contract has some time to run. When it expires it will be interesting to see if Mr. Bridges is able to get as favorable hiring terms as those given Mr. Lundeberg... Sooner or later, a long tieup of West Coast shipping seems inevitable as the employers attempt to crack down on Mr. Bridges' activities."

FINKHALL FOISIE, TOO

Mr. Lundeberg has been getting praise from others also, including a pat on the back from Waterfront Employers Association President Frank P. (Finkhall) Foisie before the Junior Chamber of Commerce last month.

Some of the other side of the story appears in the "Lookout," published by a rank and file group in the SUP "until such time as there is more democracy in our union, when every duck-paying brother can hit the deck and express his opinions in meetings without being intimidated by goons... without fear of organized dumpings."

HE SUPPORTED KNOWLAND

The "Lookout" plays up the difference between Lundeberg's words and deeds, his tough talk on defying Mr. Taft and Mr. Hartley, contrasted with his buddy-buddy chat in Santa Cruz and his insistence on playing ball with the slave law by signing non-com-

munist affidavits.

The "Lookout" wants to know why the Lundeberg support to Senator William Knowland who voted for the T-H law and why a visit to Governor Earl Warren when political action is supposed to be nothing but a useless gamble.

The rank and filers feel that in spite of Lundeberg's confidence and Taft's blessing the hiring hall has been given up. PASA President J. B. Bryan said: "The employers are not committed in any way with respect to union membership. Neither are they limited as to where they may go to hire men."

ROTH DISAGREES

Almon Roth, President of the S. F. Employers' Council, said, that the Sailors do not have a closed shop, "Harry Lundeberg's public statement to the contrary notwithstanding."

The "Lookout" points out that the employers may prefer to hire union men now for their own reasons, but later when they don't prefer union men (if the rank and file gets control of the union) according to the clause they have



Bosses' Boy Shipowners call Harry Lundeberg, SUP secretary, a "right" kind of labor leader and admit privately to the press that they always try to give him more than they are willing to offer other maritime unions whose leadership isn't to their liking.

the right to hire where they please.

The rank and file members don't like Taft. "Handshaking never did get us seafarers anywhere," they say.

WEA Stall On Hall Ties Up S. F. Port

SAN FRANCISCO — A shot-tie-up of the port here was ended when the district attorney's office, on November 7, granted 30-day extension to the order to vacate the old ILWU Local 1 hiring-hall.

The hiring hall had been condemned as dangerous, congested, disease-breeding and in violation of health ordinances by Dr. J. C. Geiger, head of the San Francisco Department of Health. An investigation of conditions at the old hall were started last August by Cole Jackman as ILWU member of the Longshore Safety Commission.

At a membership meeting, November 5, Local 10 approved the financial proposition submitted by the California State Board of Harbor Commissioners and authorized the Board to begin construction at once of a new hall between piers 16 and 18.

EMPLOYERS STALL

Following the membership action a special meeting of the Port Labor Relations Committee informed the shipowners of the impending expiration of the time limit granted by the Health Department and the District Attorney to get out of the old hiring hall. WEA representatives on the LRC were warned to avoid any interruption of operations of the hiring hall.

At the same time union members of the LRC expressed willingness to meet anytime before November 6, the deadline for vacating. The employers stalled and would give no definite answer.

When the deadline came the union refused to use the old hall and no new gangs were dispatched after 6 a.m. November 7.

KEARNEY STATEMENT

Only quick action by the District Attorney's office brought a temporary re-opening of the old hall until the parties could make mutual plans to replace it.

A statement issued by James Kearney, president of Local 10, said:

"We have been notified by the district attorney that his office has agreed to a 30-day extension of the order to vacate the hiring hall premises. We will be glad to comply with this order as we have with the previous orders of the district attorney as we wish to do everything in our power to avert any tie-up of shipping in this port.

"We hope that the shipowners will discontinue their stalling tactics, give consideration to the health and welfare of the men, and use this additional time granted to accept the proposition offered by the State Board of Harbor Commissioners and already agreed upon by the Union."

Taylor Says Our Foreign Policy Is Rule or Ruin

FORT WORTH, Tex. (FP) — Senator Glen H. Taylor (D., Tex.), halting here briefly on his cross-country "horseback ride for peace" called on the U.S. to "substitute the Golden Rule for its present foreign policy which has convinced the Russians that we want to rule or ruin." "I believe if we retreat from our power politics assault and provide both Russia and the world with tangible evidence of our underlying good faith, we can avert a war," he declared.

Unions Expose Profit Grab Of Alaska Shipping Trade

SEATTLE, Wash.—Shipowners are not expert at keeping their skirts free of scandal.

While the Alaska owners are screaming for higher rates to make more profit, it has been revealed that they pay only \$1 a year to the government for the ships they run, and the subsidy granted them by the 80th Congress will run around \$4 million a year.

In a never-ending circle of rate increases to make more profit on more capital these owners are milking the Alaska public, ILWU and Marine Cooks and Stewards witnesses charged in a hearing before the U.S. Maritime Commission here on rate increases that went into effect May 1.

CIO Research Associate Philip Eden told of open scandal in the Territory. Shipping service is not efficient, dependable or cheap, being run only with an eye to profits, he said.

SUBJECT TO NO CURBS

The Alaska Steamship-Northland combine under the control of Gilbert Skinner has a monopoly of the trade subject to none of the curbs that are usually placed on public utility trusts.

An example of the way Skinner makes profits occurred in 1942 when he collected \$383,000 straight profit in insurance after the SS Mt. McKinley was sunk.

The Alaska Steamship Company is no small time profit-maker. On an original investment of \$2,500,000 in 1907 the company has averaged \$50,000 a year in net profits after taxes up to 1940.

The latest rate increases run about 68 percent, which helps to account for the fact that the cost of living in Alaska is 50 percent over that in the states.

BULCKE TESTIFIES

Along with their profiteering activities the Alaska owners have made efforts to smash the maritime union. Every hearing on rates has been replete with charges of exorbitant percentage increase in wages, high overtime rates, inefficient labor, slowdown and pilfering.

This planned campaign to distract attention from profiteering was analyzed at the hearing here by ILWU Second Vice President Germain Bulcke and Nathan Jacobson, MCS secretary-treasurer.

Bulcke showed how labor costs are deliberately inflated by the employers to make it seem that profits are low. He cited antiquated methods of unloading, ill-planned and grossly mismanaged.

No mechanical equipment is used in transporting cargoes to and from ship's tackle, he pointed out.

The longshoremen have to sort out cargo on the dock according to where it is going, instead of unloading the ship as fast as possible and sorting it later as in the states.

SHIPS IN BUNCHES

The owners make no effort to space out ships' arrivals. Three or four arrive at a time creating an artificial shortage of manpower. The men sometimes have to work as long as 36 hours at a stretch, and unskilled men must be used thus lowering productivity.

Bulcke told the Maritime Commission that strikes and work stoppages have always been on legitimate beefs. One case, for instance, was to get a pay increase granted by a Government Fact Finding Committee and already put into effect on the coast.

If the employers observed the contracts and used the grievance machinery in the contracts there would be no more work stoppages, he said.

PAD CREW WAGES

Jacobson added his testimony that the operators were padding crew's wages and provoking work stoppages in order to heighten operating expenses and win higher rates.

Ships have been kept in harbor for as long as two months with full crew on the payroll.

The owners dispute strictly legitimate overtime claims and refuse to improve intolerable working conditions.

Shipowner Stoges Want Return of Blood and Terror

SAN FRANCISCO.—A return to the old days of bloodshed and terror on the waterfront is called for by stoges of the shipowners.

Employer representatives are now calling for the ousting of communist workers from the waterfront and for legislation to provide loyalty checks on all men who work in or around U. S. ships.

The American Legion has announced it is preparing new legislation for the next session of Congress to bar from any U. S. ships persons who cannot pass a government loyalty check.

Before the same forum, the Propeller Club, praise was heaped upon NMU President Joseph Curran's drive against progressive members of his union. Admiral Thomas Kincaid said that Curran's "efforts in this direction should be given every assistance by shipping companies..."

ROTH HAS PLAN

Bernard Fitzpatrick, director of industrial relations for the Commerce and Industry Association, labeled the T-H Act a "good act" despite its shortcomings. He cautioned shipowners to ask for special legislation covering maritime labor rather than for repeal of the whole labor law.

The labor stability Roth would promote is of the company union variety. He would return the waterfront to the old shape-up and Blue Book days. Tear gas, billies and bullets in the hands of company deputies and cops would be his answer to strikes and labor's demands for better conditions.