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Foreign Policy and Us



THE FOREIGN policy statement adopted by the ILWU Executive Board, in which the Marshall plan is exposed and denounced as nothing more than a monstrous plot against freedom and living standards, should be studied by every member of our union and clearly understood by them. (It is printed in full on the opposite page.) The statement, which was carefully prepared on the basis of facts and subjected to thorough discussion by the Executive Board members, clearly reveals that United States foreign policy is not something remote from our daily lives and future security. On the contrary, every phase of the Marshall plan and the Truman doctrine has to do with conditions now and in the future right down on the docks, in the warehouses and on the sugar and pineapple plantations.

Our union as much as any other and more than most in America is dependent upon freedom for unions in other lands. Our longshoremen have only to remember that it was workers abroad, some of them even risking prison or death, who caused President Truman to draw in his horns when he threatened to use the army and navy to break the maritime strike in 1946. Had these workers not said that they would refuse to handle scab cargo, Truman would have gone through with his guarantee to the shipowners and they would have refused to make the famous CMU settlement by which maritime workers made their greatest gains in history.

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YET, WE have in the Marshall plan a system by which money is to be taken from our pockets in the form of taxes and higher prices for goods made scarce to be used for the direct purpose of crushing trade unions and all forms of free expression in European countries, in order to impose upon those countries Wall Street puppet dictatorships. Bear in mind that in Greece, where the Truman doctrine is in full swing and the U. S. State Department is calling the

tunes, the death penalty has just been decreed for any trade unionist who strikes! But it is not alone in our direct or indirect relationship with the workers of other lands that we are vitally affected by the Marshall plan. It is a fact, sometimes admitted and frequently hinted by the backers of the plan, that in order to put it over, it must have a domestic counterpart. Hence, the Taft-Hartley Act by which attempt is being made to wipe away all labor's rights and its strength.

To carry out the Marshall plan American living standards must be lowered. Just a few days ago a well-known Washington tip-sheet for business tycoons sent out the inside information that President Truman's economic advisers have told him there must be "planned unemployment" of between three to four million workers! Such planned unemployment, they told him, will reduce the power of unions to demand wage increases, and thus stop inflation!

It is standing out like a cow's head on a jackass that Big Business and the government are not interested in halting inflation or giving relief to hungry people in war torn countries. Their one and only aim is to reduce the people everywhere to minimum and starvation levels in order to make the pickings juicy for American free enterprisers.

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On the Beam

BY HARRY BRIDGES

THE ILWU International Executive Board has just concluded its last meeting for this year. Inasmuch as the Executive Board is the top body of the Union between conventions the policies adopted represent the policies of the International organization and instructions to the International officers. Reports on the Board's decisions will be found throughout this issue of the Dispatcher. However, there is one action of the Board that will bear further explanation.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation of the officers to have the International organization send a rank and file delegation to Europe to observe conditions in the European countries themselves and to bring back a first-hand report to the membership. The delegation also would be responsible for contacting longshore and other unions in such countries for the purpose of seeking all possible support by such unions behind any strike action we are forced to take next June 15 when our longshore contracts expire.

Final selection of the delegation, which will consist of four members, will be made by the Executive Board at its next meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose. The Board will select from a list of nominees elected by vote of all locals in the International Union. Each local union, regardless of size, will be called upon to conduct an election within the local for a nominee. This will result in an International election by locals of 82 nominees out of which the International Executive Board will select four to comprise the delegation. The Board is to use its best judgment in making the selection giving consideration to geography, industry, and competence properly to observe what is going on without being misled or sidetracked in any way by partial individuals or groups in the countries they visit. The Board will give no consideration in selecting the delegation to any full-time International or local officers or International Executive Board members or International representatives, if such are nominated.

In order to answer the question as to why such a delegation could not be selected by referendum election in the same manner that International officers are elected, the Board believed, as the officers recommended, that such an election would not be truly democratic and would not result in a delegation that represented all parts and all areas of the International union; nor could an International referendum be held that could exclude any International or local officers or International Board members. Such an election would give our large locals on the mainland and in Hawaii a far greater chance of having the entire delegation and excluding representation from smaller locals and areas. The Board excluded International or local officers because it was felt that a delegation of workers direct from the docks, warehouses, and sugar and pineapple industries would be both more effective and more informative all around.

Many labor representatives from national labor bodies and national unions have made extended trips supposedly for the purpose of ascertaining the true facts of the labor situation and the political and economic setup in various countries. In every single case, as far as our knowledge goes, they have been appointed delegations and have always consisted of top union officers, with the working rank and file having little or no say and no chance to be a part of the delegation. The program of the ILWU in this matter therefore is a radical departure from the way most unions would do the job. Undoubtedly it will not be looked upon with too much favor in many sections of the labor movement because the ILWU working rank and file not only has the main job of selecting who will eventually make the trip but because the delegation will be composed of rank and filers only.

IT IS expected that it will take a delegation from six to eight weeks to complete this tour and the expense of the entire undertaking will be paid from the International treasury; and although the expense will not be small the International officers and Executive Board all felt it was about time our organization at least got some first hand, real, lowdown dope on what's cooking in many foreign countries.

The Board took into consideration that in the coming months certain important sections of the ILWU, such as our longshoremen are going to be faced with more and more demands from workers overseas asking that ILWU longshoremen, checkers, etc., refuse to load arms and materials on board American and foreign vessels that are destined to be used against workers in other countries to smash their strikes and struggles against reactionary employers, landlords and governments. It is quite likely we will see on the waterfront a repetition of what we went through because of our reluctance ten years ago to load scrap iron and other materials for the Japanese war lords and imperialists. There is also little question but that if the longshoremen must strike, and it certainly looks as though they will have to, to preserve their hiring hall next June 15, it will be necessary to call for support of longshoremen and maritime workers of all foreign countries where it is possible to get such support.

Our rank and file delegation will thus act as a tremendous informative and strengthening force between our union and unions of foreign countries. In keeping with this, the record of American unions, including even ours, in the recent and present strike of the French and Italian workers for increased wages to counteract inflated living costs that are far higher than ever here in the United States, is nothing of which to be too proud. The French workers struck and were faced with the bitter opposition of a reactionary rightwing government which passed special laws to break the strike and used troops and police to enforce such laws. Similar steps are being taken against official strikes called by the established labor organizations of Italy. And in Greece, a country where the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan has been put into full effect, strikes have been outlawed and death made the penalty for violation.

If the ILWU rank and file delegation does nothing else it will at least be able to give some explanation to the French longshoremen, seamen and other workers as to why there was not a greater degree of support forthcoming from the labor unions of the United States. At least they will be able to explain that the American newspapers at all times owned and controlled by the employers of the U. S. succeeded all too well in getting over their money lies that the strike of the French workers were ordered and directed from Moscow; and that the same newspapers will be saying the very same things about the ILWU waterfront workers are forced to make a strike in June for higher wages or even to retain their present conditions.

Executive Board Slams Marshall Plan as Menace to U. S. Security, Calls for Support to Free Peoples

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Marshall Plan and United States foreign policy was condemned by the ILWU Executive Board at its meeting last week as detrimental to the security and interests of the American people.

"The reactionary drive against the American people has been extended into and embodied in the United States foreign policy," said the board's statement. "Helpless and hungry people in the war devastated foreign lands are being subjected to the same repressions and persecutions that are being pushed against the American people. They are being victimized by the profiteering and speculation of monopolists who are either the same or backed by the same monopolists who are robbing the American people."

DOUBLE TALK THINS

"The double talk which has surrounded the United States foreign policy during its shaping is growing thin and its outlines are becoming clear. Big business which opposed and bitterly attacked even the moderately left policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, now poses as a great humanitarian and super-patriotic force and puts forward the ridiculous claim that it is the great protector of individual rights and freedoms in the United States and the world.

"Yet, in the name of bringing a promised prosperity to America, Big Business proposes through an opportunistic President and State Department to boycott and exclude from American trade a large section of the world. How such a large section of the world, closed off from the purchase of American products, can contribute to continued employment of American workers, is not explained. Instead, the contradiction and the true purposes of United States foreign policy are concealed behind bi-partisan slogans.

SABOTAGE WORLD FREEDOM

"The foreign policy of the United States, it is now clear, is based upon the determination of Big Business to concentrate food, money, energies, American arms, and all the products of American labor on stopping the march of the people of foreign countries toward a better way of life of their own economic and political design.

"It is significant that this drive by American monopoly to halt the leftward trend of the world's peoples is carried on with the exact slogans and excuses that were used by Hitler and Mussolini. The monopolists claim they are fighting communism and they and the United States Department of State define communism in the exact term as it was defined by the Fascist and Nazi dictators.

"The cornerstone of American foreign policy with the sixteen nations of Western Europe is the Marshall Plan. The Marshall Plan emerged as the mere expression of an idea by Secretary of State Marshall in a speech made last June. He stated at that time that these European nations should confer among themselves, decide how much they could do toward helping themselves in the rehabilitation of their economies and relief of their peoples with the view to the United States providing any additional monies and materials needed for an adequate program without interference in the economic, social and political affairs of the respective countries.

HIDES REAL MOTIVES

"He set forth as the main principle of his idea the following policy: 'Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine

but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos. Its purpose should be the revival of a working economy in the world so as to permit the emergence of political and social conditions in which free institutions can exist."

"The idea, as enunciated then, should have been acceptable to all the American people and the world for it was no more nor different from what had been promised by Franklin D. Roosevelt and the allied powers before the end of World War II.

"The Marshall Plan is no longer the idea expressed by General Marshall last June. It has been developed into an extension of the Truman Doctrine to combat communism and socialism even to the extent of the force of arms in countries accepting United States aid.

WALL STREET PLOTS

"These are the true aims of the Marshall Plan as it has now been modified by Wall Street interests:

"1. It is to rebuild and reestablish Germany and German basic industry under the direction and control of the same German and American Wall Street business interests which financed and supported the rise of Hitler to power. German industry would be rehabilitated and reorganized under Wall Street control free from any restrictions, such as nationalization of Germany's coal mines and basic industries or their use and operation by and for the German people.

"2. It is to saddle upon the European countries against their will the American so-called free enterprise system, which the overwhelming majority of the American people and workers know by experience to be a system that promotes unemployment, high production speedups, depressions, wars, low wages, long hours and unrelenting drives to smash labor unions.

"3. It is to bring about world economic boycott of all nations or sections of the world which refuse to knuckle under to American dollar control and dollar domination of their economic, social and political life, and those nations and areas which refuse to place in power or maintain governments that meet the approval of American Big Business.

OPPRESS AMERICAN PEOPLE

"The Marshall Plan is only foreign policy in its final implementation. For it to succeed as a foreign policy in the interests of Wall Street its authors know that they must bring about almost total oppression of the American people. The rights and civil liberties of the American people must be taken away, wages and living standards must be lowered, working conditions worsened and trade unions must be wrecked.

"Nor is the Marshall Plan a foreign policy for peace since to succeed it must be followed through and finally forced down the throats of foreign peoples by American arms.

"It is plainly the purpose of the makers of United States foreign policy and the authors of the Marshall Plan to divide the world into two groups of bitter economic and political contest, one group to be led, financed and supported by the United States, and the other led and supported by the Soviet Union. We cannot be proud that our nation seeks such grouping while demanding that all nations receiving aid and support from the United States retain in power reactionary regimes or military dictatorships that collaborated with the enemy in the last war and which long ago were rejected by the people.

"When against this aim we see the Soviet Union supporting coalition governments of nations which are pledged to programs whereby the common people of foreign countries obtain greater ownership and control of raw materials and protection for the greater good of the majority of the peoples of those countries, we can only be more convinced that the United States Department of State in its foreign policy does not speak for or in the interest of the American workers and people.

PLAN CONDEMNED

"The ILWU takes note of this alarming drive by our country and the sinister, profiteering forces behind our nation's government as a direct route toward widespread unemployment and depression, and inevitably and finally a third world war. We see it as a responsibility to the ranks of our union to call attention to the dangers facing them, to record our understanding of the situation, and to speak out and oppose the policies which would ruin them.

"We resolve that

"1. We condemn outright the Marshall Plan and recognize that the aims and purposes of our present foreign policy is detrimental to the economic and political security and the best interests of the American people, and that these policies can lead only to unemployment, depression,

lower living standards and war.

"2. We support wholeheartedly the principles set forth in the resolution on foreign policy of the National CIO Convention in Boston this year, which resolution calls for all-out aid for the hungry people in devastated countries throughout the world without interference in their economic, political and social affairs.

"3. We pledge ourselves to work for closer understanding and greater solidarity among the working people of the United States and the working people of the countries of the world, and to aid them in breaking free from the rule of despotic and reactionary kings, landlords and military dictators."

Supreme Court Backs Negro Railroadmen

WASHINGTON (FP)—The hand of the U. S. Supreme Court has saved the jobs of Negro firemen threatened with dismissal by southern railroads because of contracts with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen (unaffiliated) prohibiting their promotion to engineers.

By its action in turning down an appeal from a lower court decision upholding the Negro firemen, the Supreme Court struck the last blow at a contract between the carriers and the union.



Won't Go—Britain's latest and most beautiful film discovery, Christine Norden, says she's staying out of Hollywood. But, from her pose, it seems she's learned all she has to know about glamor, anyway.

ILWU Sticks To Non-Compliance Policy On T-H Law, Vows To Protect Members

SAN FRANCISCO.—The National Executive Board of the ILWU on December 17 reaffirmed the decision of the union to refuse to comply with the voluntary requirements of the Taft-Hartley law.

"In a statement of policy adopted by this Board in July, 1947, it was noted that the Taft-Hartley Act does violence to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the United States, particularly the Bill of Rights, and that it was designed to permit employers to harass unions out of existence or to render them impotent or subservient to the employers' interests," the Board said.

"Experience with the operation of the law since that time, particularly including the experience of our own ILWU locals, has proved our contention. The law has been and is being used exactly for the purposes we said it would be used. Moreover, the newly constituted National Labor Relations Board, and its general counsel in particular, have entered into open, active partnership with monopoly big business and employers in general to cut unions from militant leadership, to destroy their collective bargaining agreements and to smash wherever there is resistance to the plans of big business.

BETRAY LABOR

"A third and even more shameful element of partnership has taken place between big business and certain betrayers within labor who rushed to comply with the Taft-Hartley law directly against the interests of their union members. Some of these misleaders in labor have not hesitated to make use of the act, in collaboration with the employers and the NLRB, to raid other unions.

"Our locals have successfully resisted such efforts recently in New Orleans, San Jose, Chicago

and Freeport and we will continue to fight with all the militancy and resources at our command against these attacks wherever they occur. Further, it shall be our policy in all such cases to address ourselves directly to the rank and file of raiding unions to expose to them the misleadership which is damaging their interests and the interests of the entire working class.

"We take the view that compliance with the law, the signing of non-communist affidavits and meeting other unconstitutional requirements is but an easy way out for union officers, which means protection for themselves while withdrawing protection from the rank and file, for in every case compliance needs to be accompanied by concessions to the employers which spells loss of gains for the workers.

RAISES SMOKESCREEN

"Moreover, the purpose of the non-communist affidavits has now emerged crystal clear—they were meant to create a false issue and smoke screen behind which the workers could be and are being robbed. For this reason all of the propaganda of the organized employers, through their stooge press and radio, has emphasized this one thing, while at the same time whipping up red-baiting and witch hunting hysteria.

"For our officers to lead themselves to such anti-democratic drives by complying with the Taft-Hartley law would be a betrayal of the ranks. That our ranks are so minded is evidenced by the unanimous non-compliance recommendation of the recent coastwide longshore and clerks' caucus and subsequent regional conferences held in various parts of the country.

"Any subsequent review of our position with respect to compliance will be made, not in the light

of the operation of the Taft-Hartley Act, which is already proven unfair, but in the light of the state of the labor movement in the future. It will not be our purpose to be isolated from the main stream.

"Meanwhile, it shall continue to be our policy not to comply with the voluntary provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act, and to encourage and support other unions in similar refusal.

"We reaffirm in its entirety our previous statement of policy, which called for boycott of the NLRB, intensification of political action to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and defeat its legislative sponsors, refusal to sign contracts containing a no-strike clause, an intensive and continuing campaign to inform the membership as to their own employers' responsibility for the tyrannical law, and creation of a union consciousness to protect the union shop, hiring-hall and other forms of security with or without contract."

Local 17 Picks New 1948 Leaders

SACRAMENTO.—New president of ILWU-Local 17 for 1948 will be Walter Arndt. The warehousemen elected Frank Thompson as secretary treasurer and business agent and will choose between Joe Palermo and T. H. Wolff for vice-president in a runoff election.

The Lincoln Unit of Local 17 elected Joe Cardosa chairman; Charles Kessinger, vice-chairman; Manuel Silva, recording secretary, and A. Melendrez, sergeant-at-arms.

In Sacramento Emil Massey was elected dispatcher and Beverly Allen assistant business agent. Al Madeiros and Mack Perry are contesting for sergeant-at-arms in a runoff election.

THE WORLD'S WORKERS

And United States Foreign Policy

(Editor's Note: Information of what workers in other lands do and think reach American readers through biased channels and then only after it has been slanted and censored by foreign governments and by the United States government. As its source of what workers of other lands think about the United States and its policies The Dispatcher is going directly to the official union newspapers and other labor publications of the other lands. Readers chancing upon such items are invited to send them in for reprinting in this space.)

"Truman Doctrine... A Tragic Failure..."

"If there were any need to remind people that the Truman doctrine as applied to Greece has been as tragic a failure as British intervention before, the gruesome story and the pictures of atrocities committed by the gendarmerie and government troops, which the Daily Mirror published last Monday, should have done the job. . . . The halfhearted amnesty offer proved a dismal failure, particularly as it was accompanied by the continuation of savage atrocities on the part of government troops and police forces. . . .

"The Americans have already gone further than the British in collaborating with the Greek armed forces to suppress the rebels. They have appointed their own officers to service directly on the Greek general staff and also with the actual army units engaged in battle. . . . the U. S. will inevitably end up by becoming involved in the even more undemocratic process of military intervention on behalf of an anti-democratic government."

—The Tribune, London leading Labour Party Weekly.

Greek Anti-Union Policy Continues

"From this island (Icaria), where we are in exile, we are following the uninterrupted efforts of the World Federation of Trade Unions to obtain the release of trade union members who have been arrested and deported, and to ensure the reestablishment in Greece of democratic trade union liberties.

"We have to inform you that the anti-union policy of the previous government is being continued by that headed by Sophoulis. This policy is being translated, on this island, by the maintenance of hundreds of trade union members and leaders in their state of exile. Of particular significance is the fact that several scores of unionists who are in bad health still are being kept here, long after the issuance of a government decree by which sick prisoners were supposed to be set at liberty. These prisoners are being held also over the protests of the Red Cross. Doctor Malachias, who many weeks ago certified, in writing, that their lives were in danger.

"We ask you to bring these things to the attention of all members of the World Federation of Trade Unions and of labor unions throughout the world through their various federations."

—Letter from D. Paparigas, secretary-general of the Greek General Federation of Labor to WFTU.

Judge Enjoins Hawaii Red-Hunters

HONOLULU, T. H. — Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger slapped an injunction on the red-hunting Commissioners of Public Instruction December 18 to prevent them from proceeding with the cases of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Reinecke until the constitutional issues involved have been decided by a three-man court.

The board of commissioners has been holding hearings on charges the Reineckes, suspended from their Territorial teaching jobs November 25, are members of the

Communist Party.

Metzger upheld Attorney Harriet Bouslog's argument that a three-man court should determine the constitutionality of Hawaii's "secret association" statute, and set a hearing in January before himself, one judge from the Ninth District Court of Appeals and one district judge from the West Coast.

A civil liberties committee to defend the Reineckes was formed at a meeting of 100 people here December 15 chaired by ILWU-PAC Director Marshall McEuen.

ILWU Board Warns Loyalty Purges Won't Stop With Government Workers

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILWU Executive Board warned in a statement adopted December 18 that loyalty purges would not stop with government workers and pointed to recent utterances of employer spokesmen demanding that loyalty oaths be required of all workers in industry.

Attention was also called to the current witch-hunting and reign of terror in Hawaii where the Governor, backed by the Big Five, has launched a full scale drive on "civil and political rights in order to weaken the collective bargaining power of sugar, pineapple and other workers."

"Subversive doctrines of intolerance have gained strength during the period since the end of World War II. The pattern of repression of the 1920's, the extir-

guishment of popular liberty which prevailed during the period of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, is again being reproduced with terrifying fidelity," the Board asserted.

SLAVE LAW UNDERMINES

The statement of policy further charged that labor's rights are being undermined through the Taft-Hartley slave law and by court injunctions. Freedom of government employees to hold divergent views from those of the State Department are denied through loyalty purges.

Pointing to other violations of civil rights, the ILWU cited discrimination against Negroes in their rights to jobs, to vote and to receive an education is on the increase; anti-Semitism has grown monstrously fast and the motion

picture industry has been saddled with a system of "thought control" which threatens to wreck the whole structure and replace it with a Goebbels-like kulture front. These are the things which are being carried through with lightning-like rapidity, the Executive Board said.

When President Truman issued his Executive Order 9835 he sought purportedly, to weed out disloyal government employees, but it has already created a grave danger to all government workers because it disregards the basic democratic principles of a fair hearing and a fair trial. Instead, it encourages the establishment of "a thought police under which every form of political deviation on the part of government workers may become an occasion for their discharge. This dangerous order can only have the effect of regimenting our government workers and imposing vicious controls upon their political freedom."

Not only is political freedom denied government employees under the new rules of repression in fashion in Washington, continued the policy statement, but the loyalty order has already formed the basis for an attack upon union members in non-government plants working upon government orders. Workers have been barred from their jobs on vague standards of loyalty laid down by the President's Executive order.

Elsewhere, the government has initiated deportation proceedings against a number of labor leaders who have sought citizenship and lived many years in the country but are still denied citizenship.

"Our democracy has been weakened and imperiled by the far-reaching restrictions and the loss of freedom which large groups of people have suffered during the recent period.

"That danger is no less because only a few individuals or a small number of groups are suppressed or are denied their rights. Liberty is indivisible. No man's freedom is safe as long as the freedom of another is threatened.

"Only determined resistance by all labor and other progressive and freedom-loving forces will prevent the chiseling away of all liberty," the Board's statement on civil rights concluded.



—Sydney (Australia) Labor News

Change only one label on the above cartoon, from "Liberal Country Party" to "Republican-Democratic Coalition" and it becomes an American instead of an Australian cartoon.

ILWU Endorses 3rd Party Movement for Political Union of Common Man

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILWU executive board called for political union of the common man as it endorsed the third party movement December 18.

"It has been made amply clear by the work of the 80th Congress and the capitulation of the Democratic Administration that the very existence of trade unions and all their aims and principles depend upon effective political action in the 1948 presidential and congressional elections," said the Board.

"Labor, farmers, small business men, professional and white collar workers, veterans and low-budget housewives are beginning to feel the full meaning of their failure to organize and use their political strength in 1946.

NAM CRACKS WHIP

"The 80th Congress, dominated by a Republican-Southern Democratic coalition, has virtually turned the legislative power over to the lobbyists of Wall Street, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Real Estate Boards.

"We recognize that large sections of the American electorate,

including ourselves, are fed up with both the old political parties. Because of this, we also recognize that there is danger that large sections of the electorate will stay away from the polls in disgust unless effective political voice can be given to them. In such event, the common people would be robbed of any political bargaining power and leave the way open for the reactionaries of the two old parties, regardless of which holds the title of power, to complete their plans for enslavement of the people.

"An evaluation of political events brings the inevitable conclusion that the betrayal of the Roosevelt policies by the Democratic Party machine stems directly from the belief of these politicians that they have the vote of the little people securely in their pockets. There is no other explanation for the failure of the Democratic Party and the Administration to fight for effective price control, housing for veterans and the underprivileged, adequate social security legislation and all the other needs of America. This is the explanation of the

action of President Truman in breaking the railroad strike; his attack against the coal miners; and his threat against the maritime workers.

"The people must build their own political union. It must be a political union of the common man—the worker, farmer, small businessman, and professional people. It must be a union with bargaining power, and as a political union of the common man must build an organizational strength sufficient to secure an honest deal for the people it represents, or failing that, be in a position to strike out on its own and fight for the rights to which we are entitled.

"The time has come to not only build such a political union of the common man but to return the political power to the rank and file. Political action must be dragged out of the back rooms and taken from the hands of the petty bureaucrats and political machines. This country needs a rank-and-file political negotiating committee which can sit down with the existing parties and demand to know of them the guar-

antees they will give on the democratic selection of candidates, formulation of political platforms, and performance on promises made to the constituency.

"It is the rank and file to whom the new political union must account and it will be they who will decide whether agreement in the interest of the common man can be reached with the existing political parties or whether the time has come to strike out on their own.

PHASE ALP. PROGRESSIVES

"In this light and on such a program there can be—and there will be—no question as to whether the fight for the common man for his interests may thereby result in a Republican administration. Through such political machinery the people themselves will have a chance to determine whether they have an agreement which makes it worth while to go along with the Democratic Party or whether, as there is every indication today, the policy of domination of this country by a single political party owned and controlled by big business.

"We take note of the growing third party movement in many sections of the country. We note particularly the very constructive role played by the American Labor Party in New York State, the strength displayed in a recent election by a third party movement in Chicago, and the enthusiasm with which registered voters are supporting the organizing committee of the projected Independent Progressive Party of California. We also note the growing number of Democrats and others who cry for the election of Henry Wallace, the last Democrat of presidential stature who adheres to the ideals of FDR.

"These are all steps on the road towards the building of a political union of the common man, and the Executive Board of the ILWU goes on record endorsing, approving and encouraging the active participation of our locals and the membership at large in such movements which will return to the people their common heritage in the Government of these United States and give to them again a role in their own political destiny."

NAM, Congress Expect To Scuttle Wage-Hour Act

By WILLIAM E. GLAZIER
ILWU Washington Representative
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another Taft-Hartley victory for the employers is already cooking in Washington unless the trade unions prepare immediately to fight the scuttling of the Wage and Hour Act.

Quietly, and behind the furious agitation over the Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine, the NAM and the Republican high command has been building up a force to break through the 40 hour week, overtime pay and the coverage of the Wage and Hour Act.

Hearings on the Wage and Hour Act before the House Labor Committee were completed late in November. The CIO unions appeared to urge an increase in the minimum wage from 40 cents to 75 cents an hour, extended coverage so that the Act would begin to protect the millions of workers now excluded, and continuation of the existing hour and overtime provisions.

EMPLOYERS PLAY CAGEY

Although a few business spokesmen—Frank Foiese of the Waterfront Employers Association for one—advocated the complete repeal of all the provisions of the Act but the 40 cent minimum, most of the others were more shrewd. They suggested certain "amendments" and "improvements".

For example, even Senator Taft has come out for an increase in the minimum wage. He has magnanimously suggested an increase from the present 40 cents an hour to 60 cents.

At the present time there are about 12 million workers employed in manufacturing industries in the United States. Just about 3 per cent earn less than 60 cents an hour. So that an increase in the minimum will mean more money to about 360,000 workers; it will amount to an increase from \$16.00 a week to \$24.00 a week.

THROW OUT BAIT

And with this bait to a few miserably paid workers, the Republican strategists are trying to destroy the 40 hour week and the overtime provisions.

Cloaking their scheme in the demand for more "production" to feed the hungry in Europe, the employers and their political hirelings are demanding a 48-hour week at straight time pay.

Confidently they agree to compromise down to 44 hours at straight time.

Motivated by the same profit hunger that created Taft-Hartley, these Wall Street groups see huge gains for themselves through stretching the work week without paying overtime.

This device is part of the all over NAM strategy to resist all wage increases, and in fact, to in-

crease profits by squeezing more work out of the workers.

Already the campaign is taking on the proportions of an industry mobilization, with NAM advertisements, radio broadcasts, pamphlets and all the rest that produced Taft-Hartley.

To suggest that time and a half be paid as a penalty rate for working beyond 40 hours a week was described as "treason to the foreign aid program of the United States" by one Congressman.

KILL BY EXEMPTION

Another arena for this NAM program is the current hearings before the Wage and Hour Administration itself. These hearings were called to study the definition of "Executive and Professional" personnel who are exempted from the Act.

It's an old trick of the employers to give a worker an empty title (with no wage increase) and then work him all hours without being required to pay overtime. For example, a nearby plant of General Electric has 20 employees working as wrappers in the shipping department. Twelve of these are classified as "inspectors", "clerks," etc., and for this special title they work 44 and 48 hours a week at straight time pay!

Labor is not only missing the ball fighting the amendments to the Wage and Hour Act in Congress—only eight of 40 CIO unions even bothered to appear before the Committee—but in the Wage Hour Administration hearings the situation is even worse.

UNIONS ARE REMISS

Employers and employer organizations numbering 126 have already requested time to be heard. Among these are the PASA, Hawaiian Sugar Producers Association, Warehouse organizations, Cotton Compress trade associations, etc. On the other hand only 10 unions have so far indicated that they will submit statements: three CIO unions, three AFL and four independents.

Unless the unions mobilize and begin to put pressure on their Congressmen to raise the minimum wage to 75 cents an hour and retain the present overtime provisions while extending the coverage, we will have another piece of labor legislation killed by the 80th Congress.

This latest move is an attempted sneak-through. It can be stopped if exposed in time.

The employers and their organizations are in there pitching at every angle: the workers' organizations must do the same.

Haines Chosen for PCA Post

VANCOUVER, Wash.—Secretary Frank Haines of the ILWU Columbia River District Council has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Portland South East Branch of the Progressive Citizens of America.

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NAM Disavows Killing OPA, Passing T-H Law

NEW YORK—Remember those full-page ads the National Association of Manufacturers ran throughout the U. S. 18 months ago promising that "prices will quickly adjust themselves to levels that consumers are willing to pay" if OPA were killed?

The NAM would just as soon you forgot about them. Addressing a public relations panel December 6, NAM Associate Public Relations Director J. E. Drew said: "Sometimes we get a little too enthusiastic about our work and leave the impression that an ad is responsible for OPA being dropped or the Taft-Hartley bill passed. Let's throw that idea out the window." One reason for the NAM's new unwillingness to take credit for killing of price control may be that living costs have gone up 25 per cent since the ad appeared.



"Do you have to be so darned easy to land? I've only begun to show you the town!"

Thomas-Rankin Committee Scored By ILWU Board

SAN FRANCISCO—Branding the Thomas-Rankin Un-American Committee the spearhead in the reactionary drive against the rights of workers and the American people, the ILWU Executive Board expressed its "unqualified opposition to this Un-American Committee."

"Since its creation in 1938 the House Un-American Committee has served as the spearhead in the reactionary drive against the rights of workers, against the civil rights of all our people," said the board. "No slander has been

too gross, no lie too great, to be rejected by this evil tribunal when it could serve its infamous purpose of tearing down our democratic bulwark.

"Since its creation and up until the present time, the Committee has been unremitting in its attack upon labor and upon the leaders of our movement.

SLANDERS VETERANS

"This witch-hunting Committee has slandered veterans' groups. It has sought to intimidate radio commentators, teachers and writers. It has permitted itself to be used as a forum for attacking the Jewish and the Negro peoples. It furnishes to such individuals as Gerald L. K. Smith a welcomed forum for spreading anti-labor propaganda.

"The Committee's favorite technique is to stir up hatred and hysteria. Its favorite maneuver is to hit and run, to intervene at a strategic point in a pending labor dispute or progressive political movement, to make unfounded charges in screaming newspaper headlines and then to deny those whom it has slandered an opportunity to reply.

"Its contempt for democratic groups and for democratic processes is matched only by its strange tolerance of such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan and by its persistence in autocratic procedures.

"This Committee's procedure is the very contradiction of fairness and democracy. It denies witnesses before it the right to counsel or the right to present testimony in their behalf. It refuses to inform accused persons or organizations of the charges against them so as to give them an opportunity to answer. This Committee is judge and jury as well as prosecutor.

"Presiding over this kangaroo court is Chairman J. Parnell Thomas, a Wall Street insurance broker who has announced to the nation that his intended victim is the American trade union movement.

"Its most vocal-spokesman is Representative John Rankin, one of America's leading exponents of racial and religious bigotry.

"Never before in the functioning of this Committee has it presented so grave a menace to the freedom of our people. This Committee is the most powerful voice of a reactionary program to deprive our people of cherished civil and political rights and to rob our heritage of its tradition of democracy, fair play and tolerance.

"The Thomas-Rankin Committee must be stopped. We affirm our unqualified opposition to this Un-American Committee and renew our pledge to work unceasingly for its abolition."

Transport Union Rejects Red-baiters; Elects Hogan

NEW YORK (AP)—Incumbent President Austin Hogan of Local 100, Transport Workers Union CIO was swept back into office by a vote of 10,211 to 3,340 for opposition candidate John McHugh. International President Michael Quill hailed the victory as a credit to "New York City's transit workers, who were not fooled by the hysterical red-baiting and who resisted the tremendous interference of outside interests."

Local 6 Congratulates French Workers On Gains

SAN FRANCISCO—Congratulating the French workers on their recent magnificent victory in obtaining all of their wage demands, ILWU Local 6 wired Benoit Frachon, secretary of the General Federation of Labor that it would continue to help the French unions "defeat our common enemy"—Wall Street's United States foreign policy.

The full message sent December 19 and signed by Richard Lyden, secretary of Local 6 said:

"Our General Executive Board gave me unanimous authorization to send you greetings of solidarity and congratulations upon your victory in the fight against inflation and French reaction. Efforts of our press to convince the American people that your struggle was designed to overthrow the French Government illegally did not deceive the workers.

"We recognize your fight against Wall Street's Foreign Policy and intervention in your affairs is part of our fight against the National Association of Manufacturers and the Taft-Hartley Law here. Eighteen thousand warehousemen and women in the

San Francisco Bay area will continue to watch your developing fight against French reaction with the closest attention. We will stand by ready and eager to help your unions defeat our common enemies."

Hawaii ILWU Aids Public Workers Organizing Push

HONOLULU, T. H.—Rank and file ILWU members have helped organize a thousand county workers into the CIO United Public Workers in the islands.

An ILWU delegation visited Territorial officials on behalf of UPWA road workers on a travel time beef last month.

The Public Workers now have four locals in the islands and hold contracts with two hospitals.

Art Tile Workers Win Classification Increases

OAKLAND, Calif.—California Art Tile workers in ILWU Local 6 have won wage classification increases ranging from 5 to 30 cents per hour retroactive to November 1. Forty-four members are involved.

The Chamber of Commerce and the CMA are fighting back—red baiting and getting nowhere.

Labor has its own political party here, the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, so powerful that in the 1946 elections the two old parties, called conservative and liberal, formed a coalition to keep control of parliament.

The two old parties are now fighting between themselves over leadership, and Berry reports that labor can force an election in 1948 by a vote of non-confidence.

It stands a good chance of winning the majority in parliament. The B. C. Federation of Labor, the CIO's political action body here, is supported by AFL rank and file members.

Canadian CIO Fights Bosses to Standstill on Little Taft-Hartley Law

VANCOUVER, B. C.—CIO unions in the province of British Columbia have not lain down and let their Little Taft-Hartley bill run over them.

According to ILWU Board member for Canada John Berry, the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1947, better known as Bill 39, is a kite flown in British Columbia by Canada's own NAM, the Canadian Manufacturers Association, to see how far the federal government can go in controlling the activities of unions and their members.

CIO unions showed the answer this fall when some 2,600 steel workers, boilermakers and foundrymen in several plants in this city struck for higher wages in

open defiance of Bill 39 which provides for a supervised government vote before any strike action.

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clause CIO unions will fight to have legal sanction withdrawn from company unions and provincial, national and international unions made the only ones with bargaining rights.

The outcome of this fight together with the results of the Taft-Hartley law in the United States will determine the direction of federal labor legislation in Canada, according to Berry.

EMPLOYERS DENIED SEAT

In British Columbia pressure from the CIO and from AFL rank and filers has created a labor relations board with jurisdiction over unfair labor practices of employers and employees with one member from the government, one from the CIO, one from the AFL and none from business.

DOCKS & TERMINALS

Longshoremen Get 8 Cent Increase Now, and Another Boost in February

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players and the longshoremen have never been partners or joint venturers in the employers' business. When the employers have made profits the longshoremen were not offered a share of them nor could they have rightly demanded to participate."

EMPLOYERS ABLE TO PAY

The award also pointed out that the employers did not plead financial inability to pay or contend "that present operations, which consist principally of foreign shipping, are not sufficiently profitable to bear such an added burden."

In the award, also, Arbitrator Miller became the latest of a long line of arbitrators to reject the always repeated claim of the shipowners that longshoremen were inefficient.

The award said:

"The complaint of the employers that the longshoremen do not provide them with the work efficiency to which they are entitled under the contracts with the Union is not new. It has been put

forth as a defense in every wage arbitration proceeding thus far held between the parties and was described as 'long-standing' by Arbitrator Wayne L. Morse in his wage award of January 13, 1942.

"But none of the Arbitrators or tribunals before whom the defense has been urged—neither Arbitrator Morse in 1942, the NWLB in 1945, the Federal Fact Finding Panel in April, 1946, nor Impartial Chairman Kerr in December, 1946—decided that the showing of inefficiency then made by the employers would justify denial of a wage adjustment

to which the longshoremen were otherwise entitled... the employers have consistently failed to supply convincing proof of their assertions on that score.

"In this respect the present case offers no exception to past experience."

Portland Dockers Elect Officers

PORTLAND, Ore.—New officers for ILWU Local 8 were elected on November 29 and December 1 and 2.

Tommy George was chosen president over Johnny Fougere, 677 to 355. James Fantz was elected without opposition as vice-president.

"MUTT" EDDY WINS

The new secretary-treasurer will be M. J. "Mutt" Eddy who won over Frank E. Haines 743 to 289. B. N. Mansfield was elected as business agent by a vote of 802 to 172 for Kenny Ford.

Andy Schopp becomes dispatcher by winning over Everett Ede 739 to 298. Also elected was a two man labor relations committee, a board of trustees, a marshal, junior, delegates to the Columbia River District Council and the Portland CIO Council and a 25-man executive committee.



Stern Picked Dept. Head By Local 10

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 10 will have its own Welfare Department starting January 1 with former CIO Veterans Bureau Director Julius Stern as head.

The new department will protect the rights of longshoremen injured on the job and help members in filing appeals for unemployment and accident compensation so that they will get the full benefit of existing laws.

An average of 300 members are off the job every week on account of illness or accident. Under a new state law they can get disability insurance of \$25 a week starting in January.

HANDLES RE-TRAINING

Stern will also help members seeking vocational rehabilitation, handle rent eviction cases, and advise members on any other welfare problems.

Stern's position as CIO Veterans Bureau Director will be taken over by Allen Rosenfield, a member of the United Public Workers now working at the California Department of Employment.

Local 12 Can't Take in More Visiting Members

NORTH BEND, Ore.—ILWU Local 12 announced December 17 that "No more visiting members will be accepted unless they contact this local and get permission before coming here."

Hawaii Longshoremen Win Overtime Back Pay Suit

HONOLULU, T. H.—Castle & Cooke Terminals Ltd. will pay 400 ILWU longshoremen \$83,500 back overtime pay under a federal district court ruling made December 9 by Judge J. Frank McLaughlin.

The money is due Local 136 Oahu Division members for overtime incorrectly computed by Castle & Cooke violating the Fair Labor Standards Act in the years between August 30, 1940 and August 30, 1946.

The judgment also provides \$22,500 to cover court costs and lawyer's fees for ILWU Attorney Richard Gladstein.

American Stevedoring and McCabe, Hamilton & Renny, have completed paying off \$225,000 back overtime to 900 ILWU members awarded in similar suits in October.

Under the portal-to-portal act

Local 34 Elects Russo Maroevich

SAN FRANCISCO—ILWU Local 34 annual elections which took place December 11 and 1 were marked by a number of upsets.

James L. Russo was returned over A. E. Johnson, the incumbent, by a vote of 425 to 306 after the third candidate, Michael Johnson, withdrew.

A runoff vote was held December 18 for vice-president. N. E. Maroevich defeated C. Jerry Donovan by a count of 283 to 82.

BAUMGARTNER WINS

F. P. Baumgartner defeated three opponents for secretary-treasurer. Baumgartner garnered 415 ballots to 180 for Paul Cosgrove, Gerard J. Preston, received 113 and Allan Durant 31.

Charles M. Becker defeated Thomas D. Kelly a newcomer by the close vote of 398 to 340, for business agent.

Following the announcement of the results incoming president Russo issued the following statement:

GO-AHEAD SIGNAL

"We consider the election results as a mandate from the membership to carry through the policies of the ILWU and the national CIO."

"We also regard the outcome should be taken as the go-ahead signal to unite the local behind militant trade union program to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and to heal the wounds inflicted upon the local by bitter factional strife."

Local 63 Elects Piercy President

WILMINGTON, Calif.—William B. Piercy has been re-elected president of ILWU Local 63 over his two opponents E. C. Mevert and R. J. Schroeder.

The election of officers for 1947 took place here December 11. H. E. Wilson was unopposed for vice-president. R. J. Stuart was selected secretary-treasurer over three other opponents.

W. B. Maher, secretary for the past eight years, declined to run for re-election.

Lundeborg Organizes With Threats

SAN FRANCISCO—Harry Lundeborg notified the Young Patrol Service December 18 that if wages of members of the Seafarers' International Union working there were not increased 50 cents an hour by December 22, he would call a strike against the company.

The company replied that the NLRB had ordered it to "cease and desist" for recognizing the SIU.

In the meantime, according to Michael Johnson, international representative of the ILWU, Lundeborg goes were trying to coerce ILWU members at Young into joining the SIU on threat of broken arms and busted heads.

The NLRB on December 13, ordered Young Patrol, a waterfront guard concern, to cease and desist from interfering with the right of its employees to self-organization. It was also ordered to stop solicitation of members for the SIU.

ELECTION SET ASIDE

The order set aside an election which was won by the SIU after collusion between that union and the employer.

The board found that the company had coerced its employees to discourage their membership in Ship Clerks' Association, Local 34 of the ILWU, and had solicited members for and encouraged membership in the SIU.

The board upheld the findings of its trial examiner of last March 24 with one exception. It did not order reinstatement for one employer whom the examiner found to have been unfairly discharged.

Un-Americans Can't Find U. S. Fascism

WASHINGTON—Haggard and drawn from "six months of intensive investigation" of fascist activities in the United States, Representative John McDowell (R., Pa.), has officially declared that native fascists are powerless because they are broke.

Docker Awarded \$15,000 Damages

SAN FRANCISCO—Longshoreman Manuel Torrao, a member of ILWU Local 10, was awarded a \$15,000 settlement by Federal Judge Michael Roche here December 20, on his claim for \$75,000 damages for injuries suffered while working on the SS Marine Cardinal.

Torrao brought suit against the government, the American President Lines and the Shimer Stevedoring Co. following injuries sustained while working at the Oakland Army Base September 6, 1946.

The United States Government will pay \$3,400 of the settlement, AFL \$9,600. Earlier the stevedoring company gave the docker \$1,200 compensation.

ILWU Dockers Win First Uniform Contract in B.C.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—ILWU longshoremen in British Columbia will work under a single, uniform agreement in 1948 for the first time. Up to now ILWU locals have dealt with individual stevedoring companies, but the new contract is with the British Columbia Shipping Federation to cover all ILWU ports.

In taking jurisdiction over ports outside of Vancouver, the Federation agreed to pay practically the whole cost of dispatching, formerly borne by the workers. The union will continue to have complete control of its hiring halls, with elected dispatchers and determination of who will be admitted to membership.

The ILWU and the Federation are currently working out a pension scheme to be based on a given percentage of tonnage handled or on contributions by employers and employees.

The idea is not a superannuation scheme but a savings program where a man who works on the waterfront 10 years for in-

stance will have \$2,500 to \$3,000 coming. The ILWU figures \$400,000 will go into the pension fund every year.

The new contract incorporated a 15-cent increase won in October, bringing the base rate to \$1.40 per hour. Last year the ILWU accepted 3 cents per hour in lieu of a vacation plan, but in 1948 members will have paid vacations at the rate of \$80 for every 250 hours worked. This provision applies to all members regardless of how long they have been on the waterfront.

The new Local 508 in Chemainus is included in the agreement, as are all B. C. ports except Victoria where longshoremen belong to the AFL International Longshoremen's Association. During the recent negotiations ILWU and ILA cooperated on terms of agreement.

ILWU Favored in SS Tilghman Beef

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—Port Agent J. A. C. Grant ruled at the end of October in favor of ILWU Local 13's contention in the loading of steel pipe on the SS William Tilghman.

The union maintained that loading of such pipe should be done according to the longshore agreement requiring men to be ordered in gangs and not solely as extra dock men.

"If more than six dock men are ordered to work on the ship in question loading the present cargo they shall be ordered in gangs of six plus any number of extra dock men not exceeding five," Agent Grant decided.

Local 9 Backs Screen Artists

SEATTLE, Wash.—ILWU Local 9 congratulated the 10 Hollywood artists and writers indicted for contempt of Congress for their "historic efforts to defend our basic democratic rights which are guaranteed in the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights."

The action was taken by the membership of the local on December 12 when it voted to pledge "our unqualified financial and moral support."



T-H Raid Foiled ILWU Local 6 Dried Fruit Workers in San Jose voted down AFL Teamsters four-to-one when Teamsters tried to stage a Taft-Hartley raid. In the car at upper left Local 6 Secretary-Treasurer Richard Lynden at the loudspeaker and San Jose Business Agent James Pinkham urge members to "clear the deck" for coming contract negotiations. Lower left, the workers cast their ballots. Oakland Business Agent Ray Heide, First Vice-President Joseph Lynch and Lynden are among the crowd watching the ballot count at upper right. The total vote—1,287 to 343 against the AFL—is marked up at lower right by Suzanne Schroeder of the National Labor Relations Board, in charge of the election. Center inset shows the actual balloting.

Hawaii Red Hunt Aims At Destroying ILWU

HONOLULU, T. H.—ILWU sugar workers have given their answer to the Territorial Red Bogy in the words: "The working people of Hawaii are not fools."

The sugar workers' official paper, the Local 142 News, in its Christmas issue said it is no accident that the red scare hit Hawaii at the time the union is preparing to fight for its life.

The News stated: "The working people of Hawaii are not fools. We know of Big Five determination to smash our unions. We intend to resist. Our union will follow its historical course of no discrimination because of race, color or creed. We will not be diverted from our basic democratic program by red-baiting or phoney pamphlets 'exposing' reds."

"There is one cardinal rule in

our union. We do not look at a man's color before accepting his application for membership. We do not peer into his soul to determine if he is a Catholic, Protestant, Jew or even an Atheist.

"We do not probe into his mind to determine his political beliefs, be he a member of the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, the King Kamehameha Party or the Communist Party—any legal party is okay in our union!"

"We do insist, however, that Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Atheists, Democrats, Republicans, King Kamehameha-ites and Communists all work through the regular democratic structure of our union."

"There is not now, and there never has been in the ILWU, room for any secret organization whose intentions are to dictate union policies. We will resist and

NAM: Workers Join Unions to Boost Ego

NEW YORK (FP)—Why a worker joins a union, according to an NAM speaker: "At night he goes home to his family and neighbors, unimportant, with nothing to boast about or even talk about. And the union calls a meeting—that workman can get up on his feet and sound off while people listen. He can be an officer with a title. . . . A strike vote is exciting! Being a picket is important! He gets looked at and talked about; he wears a badge!"

expose any group or clique arising in our organization with such aims—be they racial, religious or political.

"With our program and the democracy inherent in our organization we cannot lose the coming battle if we understand the union-busting program of the bosses."

ILWU Board Sets Fighting Program

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blatt, First Vice-President J. R. Robertson, Second Vice-President Germain Bulcke, and Board Members John Berry, Canada; Frank Andrews and John Maletta, Northwest; Frank Hendricks and Charles Duarte, Northern California; Jack Steinhart and Oscar Hagen, Southern California; Bernard Lucas, Midwest; Matt Meehan, Columbia River; Andy Nelson, South; and Jack Kawano, Hawaii. Board Member Justos dela Cruz of Hawaii could not attend because of illness.

(Editor's note: Details of board actions will be found as follows: third party, page 4; Taft-Hartley, page 3; Marshall Plan, page 3; hiring hall, page 1; civil rights, page 4; Un-American committee, page 5. For details on rank and file, Europe delegation, see Bridges' column "On the Beam," page 2.)

AFL Raid in San Jose on Local 6 Flops

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housemen Local Union 794. The workers had a choice of voting "yes" or "no". A "no" vote was a vote to keep the present union, Local 6, as the bargaining agent for the workers in the industry.

More than 50 full-time campaigners were poured into the area by the AFL. They used a sound truck and ground out hundreds of red-baiting leaflets designed to confuse the workers into thinking that if they failed to vote for the AFL they would lose their present contract. Their campaign was necessarily limited to out-of-plant work, since they had miserably few friends inside the plants.

A significant and possibly bitter fact for the AFL raiders to ponder is that a large number of the 1,287 "no" votes cast had to come from workers who hold AFL cards which they use when the season forces them to work under AFL contract in another area.

Local 6 is now drafting proposals to submit to the packers for changes in wages and conditions when a new agreement is due in April.

Miners Pull Out of AFL Over T-H Law

WASHINGTON (FP)—A singularly curt message was delivered December 12 from President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers to AFL President William Green:

"Green, A. F. L.: We disaffiliate. Lewis, 12-12-47."

Written in a blue penciled scrawl on a bob-tailed piece of white scrap paper, the message was hand-delivered to AFL headquarters, notifying Green that for the third time since 1937, Lewis' 600,000 coal diggers would assume an unaffiliated status.

There was no explanation of the action in the name of the UMW 34-man executive board other than that was unanimously approved, but a spokesman for the miners put it this way:

READY TO FIGHT

"There is no reason why the UMW should sacrifice itself to go along with an umbrella of a labor movement that merely protects political acquiescence of those who are too afraid to fight."

The reference, of course, was to the AFL's acceptance of the non-communist and financial statement requirements of the Taft-Hartley act, which Lewis and the UMW flatly refused to sign.

At the same time the UMW board selected Secretary Treasurer Thomas Kennedy to be vice-president, succeeding the late John O'Leary, and chose John Owens to succeed Kennedy as secretary-treasurer.

Local 26 Throws Dance for LPAD

LOS ANGELES—A gala dance has been set by ILWU Local 26 on Roosevelt's Birthday, January 30, at a big downtown Los Angeles ballroom with a name band to furnish the music.

Southern director William Lawrence says that advance ticket sales indicate that the union will be able to realize several thousand dollars for the ILWU's Legislative, Political Action and Defense Fund.