

rules. Most all dispatching rules are passed in the Local and not agreed to by employers. Brother Bridges stated we are not going to take work away from the longshore and give to the warehouseman. We have an arbitrators agent to take care of trouble here. In the steam schooner question, we have an arbitration award of 1937 that says the sailors can work all hatches. In the new agreemt, this award goes out the window. He said he wouldn't let the employers get away with saying the longshoremen can't load the boat as well as sailors.

Bro Bridges reaed a letter he wrote to Mr. Ringenberg asking whether or not we had signed minutes and working and disptaching rules and the letter is answer thereto.

He said the trouble is with Seattle is they have no signed jointly agreed rules. Further, if you can find any signed jointly agreed dispatching rules, I will resign my job and that should be fair enough. I am looking for some action by this local. You have no rules, protecting yourselves hardly at all in this port. They can't take anything away from the other locals because they have jointly agreed signed work and dispatching rules.

Bro Bridges stated he has got to know from the Local if we are going along with the agreement. He again stated that if he can't prove what I said is true, I will step out.

M5 Mar 20/41 p 19 Sec Bro E. H. Johnson, announced that he would be called to active service in the army on or about March 31st.

p 20 Bro E Sprague stated that he was opposed to warehousemen being taken into longshoremen, as was intimated by Bro Bridges. He said he was opposed to shifting men from dock to ship and ship to dock. Bro Maletta said he was opposed to that also. He said the thing he was up against is the proposition of not having signed working and dock rules or signed minutes of LRC.

p 22 Bro Bridges stated that running up and down the coast are a bunch of rats who will testify against him. Do one thing or the other. We are either in favor of the charges or against them. Say whether you want to give money or not give money. Every witness in the last case was proved a liar. Fact remains there was a trial on this case, and proved every witness a liar.

He said I'm still a union man and they have not anything to prove different. Don't worry about Bridges, he will get by. Under this law Sidney Hillman can be deported. They have got more on him than they have on me. Don't put it on the table where a rat like Walter Winchell

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will use it.

Brother Ed Nall moved that we give Bro Bridges a vote of confidence and that we assess ourselves 50 cents for Bro Bridges.

Bro Bridges stated he would rather have a motion protesting his deportation and as for the money part he didn't care so much about that. He stated the Sec'y had previously announced that the treasury is running low. Bro Nall agreed to put the motion as Bro Bridges requested.

M/S/C that we protest the deportation of Harry Bridges.

Bro Bridges read a resolution embodying 3 points that he would like to have adopted.

Speaking of Johnny Maletta he stated a man was appointed from here to represent you in a loyal honest way. He was in the weakest position of any of the committee due to minutes not being signed. The employers are willing to work on a coastwise basis the same as Seattle does. Right now, they are attempting to force on Pedro the rules of Seattle. I told you last week, and its, true, that you didn't have signed minutes.

Right now Baxter has been arbitrated and the arbitrator has upheld the decision of Ed Morton so the sailors will work only one hatch. The arbitrator won't recognize minutes that are not signed. I urge, he said, starting now the lrc sign minutes. The only dispatching rules you have are those you have signed. He urged you work with the district or else they will move in on you. Yours is the weakest port on the coast. [p23]

Bro Bridges stated we had some 23 arbitrations pending when we went into the new agreement, most from Seattle. We are going to have one coastwise agreement on the coast where longshoremen will do all work on all steamships except in those ports where they have no longshoremen.

On this dock business, stated Bridges, I want you to get this clear. Seattle brought in a resolution at the last convention, that was passed covering dock work on a coastwise basis. It is in the convention minutes. We are attempting to work out coastwise dock working rules. In last two conventions, I advised warehousemen to not spend all the time on the waterfront but should work and organize uptown.

In San Pedro, he said, they had a car loading local. In 2 conventions it was mentioned that the charter be lifted so they would be consolidated with the longshoremen. That has been done. The warehousemen are paying more into the district than the longshoremen. The warehousemen wouldn't scab on you in case of a tie up. I'm going to take the same position as I did on the load agreement in Pedro when they attempted to use lift boards and indirect movement of cargo. Bro Bridges stated he hoped we would pass

these recommendations asking for cooperation and support and living up to the agreement. He said if we can't negotiate a better agreement on the dock than we have now, we will shoot it back to the locals and let them negotaitate their own agreement. We want longshore hours, wages and working conditions on the dock. Statedf further that we are going to go to arbitration on working and dispatching rules. He said I have seen mediation boards springing up all over the country. The whole machinery of the nation is being tuned up to stop strikes. Bro Bridges stated, I am against Pres. Roosevelt's speech where he said you have got to work longer hours, got to speed up production. I am going to stick with the rank and file as long as I can. The wise labor leaders that President Roosevelt spoke of you have in the AFL and in the CIO here in the Northwest. We can not carry on with a job action program at this time. He said you won't win union battles by politics. He stated he was p24 pleased to hear the legislative report. Another thing I heard here was was that some your best legislators are in the Republican Party. I have said that for some time stated Bro Bridges. You are not going to have easy sledding from now on. I have talked to Phil Murray and Kennedy on the board. All locals in the state of Washington in miners were in receivers hands a few years back. Mr. Francis was sent out here to take over these locals. There is a lot of criticism on this new contract, said Bro Bridges, but you can see with mediation boards we would have been in a bad position. There is only one way we are going to meet the situation and that is by solidarity. He stated I want you to pass these points:

1. Live up to longshore contract.
2. Sign lrc minutes
3. Support coast committee

Meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum at 11 p.m.

M5 Apr 17/41 p25 Discussion was held on assessments of Bridges' defense, M/S that we concur, Vote was taken which left the chair in doubt. M/S that we make a roll call vote. Carried. The roll call was made and the outcome was as follows:

For the Assessment	275
Against " "	247

M5 May 1/41 p 26 Harold Brown made a talk on the trouble at the Boeing plant. He suggested that we refrain from entering their affair. Bro Matt Meehan took the floor for the proposition, stated thatr the longshoremen in this port should support the group who are trying to change their affiliation to the CIO. He asked whether we were for the AFL or CIO. Pres. Doyle took the floor, read a letter from Mortimer Organizer of the Auto Mechanics from Calif. who is here to organize the Boeing Plant into the CIO. He stated that he ahd talked with Mr. Mortimer and had