

9-28-50 p 40 SPECIAL MEETING

That any man who is a deck man, or who has taken the trainee program, shall make himself available for deck work until all deck jobs are filled.

p 41 Bro Charlie Appel reported that the LRC had received a joint request from the Army and the PMA that the men forego vacations. This means that men who do not take vacations will not be penalized. there is nothing to stop you if you feel you need that vacation.

10-19-50 p 42 m/s/c that in the event of layoffs of men in the temporary pool, the principle of the last man hired shall be the first man to go shall be followed.

Delegates to Longshore Caucus held in Seattle. After much discussion in the caucus about our expulsion from the CIO and what road we were going to follow in the future, it was agreed that we are now an

p 43 independent union whose contracts, funds and property belong to the Union and its membership; that anyone who tries to interfere in our affairs or bring injury to our union will find a most unpleasant welcome. Pension Plan. a contributory pension fund is the only way that we will be able to get adequate pensions...the chances are that there is a possibility we can retire as many as 2,000 members in the first year on the basis of \$150 per month.

On the steam schooner situation, there was much discussion & everyone was in accord that we should strike if necessary to maintain our jurisdiction regardless of whether it is Beck or Lundberg who makes the attack.

After the delegates had completed their reports, Bro Bridges made a few remarks on behalf of Bridges, Robertson, & Schmidt Defense Fund, stating that it didn't matter who the leadership of the Intern'l are, they all would be ssubject to the same type of attack because they were leading a progressive union such as the ILWU is. He also stated that it wouldn't have been hard for him to get his citizenship papers, not hard at all, if he had wanted to sell out, but that is not he operates. He believes the trial of these officers is a strictly a trade union issue and not independent of it. He also made a few remarks on the expulsion of the union from the CIO in which he stated that at various times he had been approached by members of Natn'l Ex Bd of the CIO and by Murray himself on ?s that dealt directly with the rank and file and their right to make decisions, and yet these men had

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insisted that Bridges was too super-democratic in refusing to vote on such issues until the rank and file had had an opportunity to vote on such issues first. After Bridges' remarks.

11-16-50 p 46 m/s/c to reconsider our former action on Bridges, Robertson Schmidt assessment. Vote by show of hands 112 to reconsider; 86 against.

12-7-50 p 47 Safety Com Report on meeting in Olympia. Bro Theodore said it was a regular town meeting. 2nd day set up a panel composed of employers & Mr. Cooke of the PMA. The longshoremen present were able to ask ?s and in turn the panel answered them. Emil Hanson, Alaska Steam Co representing the Employers, agreed with every suggestion that was presented on the matter of Safety on the waterfront by our longshoremen who asked him ?s. It was agreed that it was to the advantage of everyone to work safely...

Bro Jack Price reporting on the Wash DC hearings on the matter of screening by the Coast Guard. meeting was the result of the passing of the Magnuson bill. In his opinion the Commandant acts as the prosecutor, attorney, judge and also veto on the final appeal. The Commandant is the Lord & Master. ... The union's position back in the conference was that we are not opposed to a screening program but we are against any screening program that can be used to blacklist members or break up our union. Being screened by the Coast Guard is strictly a voluntary matter on the part of individuals.

11-22-50 p 48 SPECIAL MEETING ON SCREENING
M/S/C that Local 19, ILWU, cooperate with the Coast Guard in the screening program.

m/s/c after reading of communication from the Intern'l on screening that Local 19 goes on record that we will not handle any cargo furnishing aid to Red China or any communist-dominated country. AMEND that we urge the Pres of the U S to place an embargo on all cargo going & coming from any communist-dominated country. Carried.

p 52 Coast Guard Screening. Then Bro Bridges spoke and said that the Intern'l is not against proper security and proper screening. In his opinion after the hearing back in Wash DC these regulations were not set up for a security program but were set up to run the Union out of business. He also mentioned the fact that the employers