

on bicromate of soda, caustic soda at Pier 30  
damaged cargo rate.

M5 Aug 25/48 p 408 Bro Olson spoke in favor of boycotting  
the NLRB vote and against any consideration of  
the WEA last offer.

Bro Veaux reported on point #4 dealing with  
lift boards and the place of rest which he  
introduced at the caucus.

Bro Wm Clark reported that on Sept 2 we would  
be on the bricks for sure. He stated all locals  
were ready to go and the rank and file were ready  
and willing to fight.

Bro Brown pointed out that there was nothing  
in this offer for the ILWU and only one who  
would be willing to go for this contract would  
be going back to the fink hall where discrimination  
would surely be practiced.

Bro Gettings pointed out that Tacoma had signed  
an agreement for only an 8 cent an hour wage  
increase. No chance to collect overtime pay by  
agreeing to work only 1000 hours each half of the  
year. the contract containing no provision for  
the hiring hall and an expiration date of Jan  
1/49.

M5 Sep 2/48 Stop Work Meeting discussion on the strike  
situation.

The following members spoke on the need of  
solidarity, and pointed out that as long as  
the rank and file back the Intern'l officials  
and Negotiating Committee, & disregard false  
rumors, we are sure to come out of this strike  
o k: Bros Taggart, Frank Jenkins, William Veaux,  
George Clark, R. Clark, Wm Clark, Windoffer,  
Brut Nelson.

p 411] m/s/c Recs from the Picket Com  
arm bands, 10 man picket gangs, 3 5-hour shifts,  
and patrol cars from 10 pm to 7 am.

Recs from Sick Committee anyone sick must report  
to this com.

Rec from Finance Com \$29,820 strike fund +  
10% of earnings.

[p. 412] Rec Release Com shall work in conjunction with  
all coms & act upon all clearance cases individually

Rec Publicity Com

Rec Relief & Housing no relief given for the first  
two weeks of the strikes.

M5 Sep 7/48 p 413 Bro John Maletta reported that the WEA treated

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the Neco Com like a bunch of dogs. He stated that a vote to comply with the TH Law means that you comply with all the provisions of the TH Law, and the anti-communist clause is only one part of the TH Law. Bro Maletta asked 100% vote vs the two propositions on the coast ballot. Maletta stated that Army & Navy cargo would be worked if we could get the same agreement as the Independent Employers.

Bro Bridges then spoke to the membership on the coastwise ballot, explaining thoroughly such phrases of the TH Law, as the anti-communist clause-in the event this affidavit is signed by officers of the Intern'l and the Locals, they would then have to comply with the law in its entirety, and in his opinion the establishment of whether or not any officers had perjured themselves may take several years to determine. He also believed that after the officials had signed the non-communist affidavit the employers would then demand that all the rank and file members also sign. Bro Bridges pointed out that if anyone could show him where the union had anything to gain by signing the affidavit there would be no objection from him or any of the Intern'l officials to signing same. Bro Bridges stated that the WEA believed there is enough disunity, and difference of opinion in the rank and file members of our union, that the employers can  
p 414] break the union by a long drawn out strike. He pointed out the danger to the older men of the union if employers were successful in establishing their demands.

Bro Bridges then spoke on the political situation and its connection with the strike., pointing out that army and navy jobs could be worked if they were agreeable to paying the going wage of this area, and that Pres Truman as cmdr-in-chief of the Army & Navy gives the orders as to whether or not men other than ILWU men would be allowed to do this work.

Bro Bridges stated that as far as the spy investigation which is now going on is concerned, if anyone thought that Russia did not have spies in the U S, or that the U S did not have spies in Russia, and other countries, they were just plain crazy; that spying was about the second oldest profession in the world, the first being prostitution.

Bro Bridges declared that the WE are trying to use their last offer and their propaganda through the medium of the "Shoreside Report" as a splitting move. He stated he earnestly requested a "No" vote on both propositions. He also pointed out that this was not a political strike; that we could reach an agreement tomorrow on the WE last offer and that they would

at the Army installation, clearing displaced cargos, resulting from the earthquake on April 13th.

BA Simpson reported on the ? of permanent passes at the Navy installation, he said that the postal authorities have requested the Army to fingerprint and photograph our membership. Bro Simpson said he has been able to work out with the Army, to avoid duplication, that the army will accept the records at the Navy Installation. ... He stated that permanent passes at the Navy will not be issued until our membership, in its entirety, has complied with this regulation.

p. 460] Jenkins LRC the Com was able to secure an agreement whereby the required number of hours would be reduced as follows: On the required 1,344 hours for a two week vacation, it will be reduced by 35 hours making the requirement 1309 hours. On the 3/4 vacation payment, namely, the required 1,008 hours it will be reduced by 26 hours or 982.

p 461] Report of Delegates to the Biannual Convention at SF  
Bro Clark the first issues of the Convention which consumed 2 days was the ? of Intern'l autonomy within National CIO; and local autonomy within each International.

Bro Maletta discussing autonomy stated that the National CIO was not going to run the ILWU and its Locals, particularly, but that the rank and file will determine policies and this will be accomplished by not getting out of CIO, but by staying in and fighting for what we consider right.

p 462] Bro Jenkins discussed the need for coop with the employers to secure more cargo movement and also told the membership we must become more politically minded, if we are to protect our interests. He stated he supports the national CIO on 95% of its program, but cannot support certain issues.

Bro Veaux stated that this Convention was the best conducted he had ever attended & discussed such topics of interest as Pension Plans and how other sections are working this problem out.

M5 Jun 2/49 p 470 Bro Hopkins introduced Bro Bridges who in his opening remarks stated he was appearing before the membership to basically discuss 3 subjects:  
1. the ? of Intern'l unions autonomy within the CIO;  
2. the situation relative to his recent indictment;  
3. the judgment with which the Juneau Local of the ILWU and the ILWU Intern'l are presently faced.

Bro Bridges gave a report on what occurred at the recent CIO National Ex Bd and stated the following policies were established 1. that Board members are obligated and instructed to follow the National CIO policy regardless of any instructions from the rank and file membership, and it was brought out clearly that each Union does and will have autonomy on economic matters but no independence of action on political issues. Bro Bridges agreed that the Natn'l CIO has certain authorities and that each union must live up to the Con and actions of the Natn'l Convention but each union should also have the right to disagree He stated that our fight is not against CIO policy but a fight to preserve our right to express our thoughts in the political field as well as on economic issues. He stated in his opinion the Natn'l CIO has become a political organization hoping to make gains for its membership through political action. 2ndly, according to Bro Bridges, in order to promote the Natn'l CIO political policies the State Councils are going to be forced to do so, and the next logical step will be to take away the economic autonomy as well. He advised that State Councils should be supported and kept in action on major issues. It should be

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determined that delegates shall have the right to vote on all issues as their rank and file so instructs. Relative to the T H Act, Bro Bridges stated that the Natn'l CIO feels that complete repeal is out of the picture and that a compromise is the best that can be secured.

On the 2nd subject the recent indictments against Bros Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt, Bro Bridges pointed out that this was the 4th such trial for him on this same issue. The only difference between what will happen in this one and what has happened in the past is that a few more and a few new stool pigeons will be used. Bridges pointed out that certain lessons should be drawn, namely, that this is not an attack on officials but is directed actually at the rank and file membership. This is a trade union issue and the rank and file should support their officials. He stated that this is strictly a frame up and that plenty of stool pigeons in & out of labor are available for the government prosecution. Even if the government's case is sustained, this will not be the end because the next set of officers who fight for the rank and file will likewise be framed.

Bridges gave background on the recent court judgment rendered vs the Intern'l and the Juneau Local in the amount of \$750,000. filed under T H. result basically of hysteria. freeze the Intern'l's assets.