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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