

# Longshore Committee Reconvenes

SAN FRANCISCO — As *The Dispatcher* went to press, the coast negotiating committee had reconvened and tentatively slated the first meeting with the Pacific Maritime Association, since negotiations were recessed in mid-May.

At the time they recessed it was agreed the committee would meet no later than June 1.

In his last "On the Beam" column, ILWU president Harry Bridges, who is also chairman of the coast negotiating committee, stated specifically that "our union's program is one of making every effort to get a new two-year agreement by negotiations and to embark on a strike program only as a last resort when all else fails."

Members of the negotiating committee, during the recess, were reporting back to their home areas on the action of the caucus and to bring locals up to date on the union program

The locals have set up committees to deal with items referred by the caucus to local negotiations.

## EIGHT POINTS

Negotiating committee chairman Bridges, in a letter to all locals, urged that negotiations begin immediately with both PMA and non-PMA employers covering the following eight points:

1. Working and dispatching rules;
2. Local miscellaneous agreements;
3. Manning scales other than basic minimum mannings;
4. Section 9.43;
5. Travel Time and Transportation;
6. Port authority agreements;
7. Promotions and Training rules;
8. Clerk Port supplements.

Locals were also advised in the letter that "no coast-wise agreement will be concluded and recommended to the membership for ratification—no matter what such agreement contains by way of wages, pensions, etc.—until local negotiations on these items are completed to the local's or area's satisfaction."