

'Nixon Can End Dock Strike'

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OLYMPIA — Sen. Warren Magnuson said yesterday that President Nixon "ought to surely look at the remedies he has available" to halt the West Coast long-shore strike while talks continue.

"The President has ample authority under the Taft-Hartley Act with its 80-day injunction" to stop the strike at least temporarily, Magnuson told The P-I.

He said Gov. Dan Evans should direct his plea for an end to the strike to Nixon, who has the power of injunction, rather than Congress.

Evans Tuesday sent telegrams to the principals involved in the strike — labor, management and mediators — warning that he will appeal directly to the administration and Congress for action if "serious" talks are not resumed.

Magnuson took note of a statement Tuesday attributed to U.S. Labor Secretary James Hodgson in San Francisco that the strike is not of sufficient seriousness to require presidential action.

He agreed with Hodgson that there is a tendency for the two sides in a labor dispute to relax efforts to find the solution during the injunction.