

Teamster, ILWU Merger in Works?

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INTERNATIONAL

RUSSIA used the hot line to warn President Nixon that renewed air raids over North Vietnam could jeopardize U.S. plans for a Moscow summit meeting. Page A-4.

AMERICA'S tough commander in Vietnam, Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, will soon leave his post. Page A-2.



QUEEN MARGRETHE II ascended to the throne of Denmark, succeeding her father, King Frederik IX, who died yesterday after ruling Denmark for 26 years. At 18, Margrethe signed a solemn declaration she would adhere to the constitution. This helped clear the way for her accession to the throne. She is 31. Page A-11.

ENEMY FORCES launched five more attacks in South Vietnam. Page A-2.

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A FEDERAL JUDGE refused to order new public hearings on environmental issues surrounding the proposed trans-Alaska oil pipeline. Page A-5.

IT WAS 42 below yesterday at International Falls, Minn., and that was the way thermometers looked in the nation's midsection. Page A-2.

FILM PRODUCERS are partly to blame for luring teenagers into running away from home, said a witness before a Senate subcommittee. Page A-4.

A STUDENT who died of a methadone overdose was a homicide victim, said a judge, who ordered the youth's doctor to appear on murder charges. Page A-2.

THE HEAD of the Massachusetts Medical Society denied that up to 40 per cent of America's doctors are making a "financial killing." Page A-4.

A PLANE carrying West German Chancellor Willy Brandt and an American jetliner nearly collided, an air control group said. Page A-2.

BUSINESS COLUMNIST Sylvia Porter gives 11 tips on how to save money on your phone bills. Page B-2.



GOV. GEORGE WALLACE

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—AP Photos.

DEMO CHIEF LAWRENCE O'BRIEN

"A vote for Richard Nixon"

O'Brien Opens Up Against Wallace

BY R. W. APPLE JR.

The New York Times

KANSAS CITY — Lawrence F. O'Brien, the Democratic national chairman, yesterday opened a frontal assault on the presidential candidacy of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, all but reading him out of the party.

"A vote for George Wallace is a

Strategists for Sen. Henry M. Jackson said they hope to score an upset in Florida. Page A-11.

1968, Democratic leaders awoke belatedly to the threat presented by Wallace's third-party candidacy. This year they intend to attack him early and often, recognizing, as O'Brien said in an interview, that "he is a very talented politician."

Pact May Save Coast From New Dock Tieup

BY DON PAGE

P-I Marine Writer

Harry Bridges' Longshoremen's Union and the Teamsters Union appear to have reached some agreement that may save the West Coast from another long dock tieup.

The Washington Post reported last night that Bridges and Teamsters president Frank Fitzsimmons have signed a letter of intent to merge.

There is cynicism among the Longshoremen that such an agreement can be carried out, even if Bridges and Fitzsimmons have agreed on principles. Any merger agreement would have to be approved by the membership, and one longshoreman commented last night:

"The bulk of the guys don't want to merge with anybody. They're afraid the Teamsters would swallow us up."

In San Francisco, Bridges declined comment.

However, it is generally agreed that Bridges returned from a hurried trip to Washington, D.C., with a mysterious "letter in his pocket."

During Bridges' flying trip to the capital, he conferred with top Teamster leaders and U.S. Labor Secretary James Hodgson.

On returning to San Francisco yesterday noon, Bridges called his coast negotiating committee into emergency session.

The union committee went from that session into a meeting with the employers' Pacific Maritime Association and representatives of the Teamsters.

Merger or not, any agreement between the Longshoremen and Teamsters on handling of van cargo could pave the way to settlement of the long contract dispute between the Longshoremen and employers.

As part of that contract the Longshoremen have asked jurisdiction over all stuff-

ing and unstuffing of cargo vans. Teamster members now do some of that work, and Teamster leaders have warned employers privately that they will not let their members' jobs be traded away.

Failure to break this impasse triggered the Longshoremen's 100-day tieup of West Coast docks last summer, and Bridges has threatened resumption of that strike Monday morning, Jan. 17.

If Teamsters and Longshoremen actually have reached some understanding that will square away the van-stuffing issue, then union and employers should be able to hammer out wage terms of a new contract, subject to Pay Board review.

Redistrict Priority Rejected

BY SHELBY SCATES

P-I Political Writer

U.S. District Judge William Beeks yesterday refused to put the State Legislature under orders to pass no other laws until it adopts a plan for redistricting the state.

The ruling wasn't much of a surprise. But the force with which Judge Beeks emphasized the arguments against such an injunction, and the stress he placed on the