

Miss Perkins Voids *Herald 1-19/40* Ouster of Bridges

Examiner's Ruling in Case Is Upheld

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins yesterday canceled a deportation warrant for Harry Bridges, Australian-born West Coast leader of the CIO maritime unions.

Miss Perkins accepted the findings of Special Trial Examiner James M. Landis, Harvard Law School dean, that evidence produced by the Government did not prove Bridges was a member of or affiliated with the U. S. Communist party.

Her action brought to an end, temporarily at least, efforts of the Federal Immigration Service, aided by some West Coast residents and the American Legion, to deport Bridges on charges of communism.

These efforts have been continuing since Bridges emerged as a rank-and-file leader of the International Longshoremen's Association (AFL) in the 1934 Longshoremen's strike and the accompanying San Francisco general strike.

"The report contains a complete analysis of the issue involved and of the testimony presented at the hearing" Miss Perkins said.

"I have examined and reviewed the report and the testimony. I find no error in the conclusions of the trial examiner and therefore approve his report. The warrant of arrest is canceled accordingly."