

Thousands Support Defense

SAN FRANCISCO—Thousands of workers are voluntarily participating in the far-flung activities of the Harry Bridges defense committee, George Wilson, executive secretary, said this week.

Full-time bureaus are established in New York City, Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash.

Sherman H. Dalrymple, United Rubber Workers of America president, and David J. McDonald, secretary of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, comprise the national CIO committee.

Virtually every CIO industrial union council on the Pacific coast has formed Bridges Defense committees for coordinating the work in their respective areas, Wilson said. Hundreds of CIO local unions have defense committees, too.

"These committees already have distributed more than 250,000 pieces of literature on the second trial not including the 150,000 issues of this special edition of The VOICE," he said, added."

"Without these volunteer workers the story of the Bridges persecution could not be brought home to the labor movement."

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In addition to pamphlets and special material on the trial, the San Francisco committee sends out a weekly press release to more than 600 labor papers throughout the United States.

More than 2300 California unions receive a weekly newsletter for use on bulletin boards, or reprinting in shop papers and local bulletins.

"The failure of the commercial press to accurately report this attack on labor has made it necessary for the defense committee to supply the labor press with a news service," Wilson added.