

Defense Attorneys Crack Case Against CIO Director



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\$13,500 Raised By Workers

SAN FRANCISCO.—More than 200 organizations and hundreds of individuals have contributed \$13,418 to the second Harry Bridges Defense fund since the case was re-opened February 1.

Largest contribution has come from Bridges' own local union, San Francisco Local 1-10, CIO International Longshoremen, which has donated \$1,500 as an organization and whose members have purchased \$1,799 of defense stamps.

Local 1-10, with a membership of 3,240, contributed \$9,135 to the first defense trial in 1939, and is expected to exceed that amount this time.

San Pedro and Portland longshoremen have made the next largest contributions.

San Pedro Local 1-13 has given \$629.50 while the Portland Local 1-8 has contributed \$709.92.

Of the \$13,418 received, \$1,226 came from the Los Angeles defense committee, \$975 from the Portland defense committee, \$577 from the Seattle committee, \$180.40 from the Alameda county defense committee, which is just across the bay from San Francisco, \$41.65 from Contra Costa committee, and \$156.30 from the Washington, D. C., bureau.

The San Francisco office has received hundreds of dollars outside San Francisco from sources independent of the five bureaus and the defense committees.

Alaska longshoremen and Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers have made generous contributions; so have longshoremen in Hawaii, now organizing into an ILWU local.

The Bridges defense committee estimated approximately \$50,000 would be required for the second trial, a sum much smaller than the FBI is spending to prosecute the charge against Bridges.

Expenditures to date show the committee did not overestimate the money needed as the expenses have totaled \$11,502, not including \$5,694 in unpaid bills.

Trial costs which have been averaging \$2,500 a week will increase with the presentation of the defense case as witnesses must be brought to San Francisco from all parts of the country.

The first Bridges defense committee finished its work with all bills paid in full. The present committee expects to equal that record.

Refusal of the prosecution to co-operate with the defense as in ordinary case in the matter of photostatic copies to the defense attorneys increases costs.

The prosecution has even refused to give any advance notice on witnesses, requiring extra defense expenditures for telegraphic and telephone communications to check on witnesses overnight.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Of the 18 witnesses the prosecution presented against Harry Bridges, six were former witnesses for the Dies committee, recently condemned by such outstanding CIO leaders as President Murray and William Mitch, Alabama CIO director.