

COAST UNIONISTS SCORE WAR MOVE

'We've Had It!' Says an Ad
by 451 Labor Officers

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The shattering of labor union support in this area for President Nixon's Indochina policies was signaled yesterday in full-page advertisements in both The San Francisco Chronicle and The Examiner.

The names of 451 labor union officers were signed to the advertisement. It was captioned: "We've had it!"

The text said that "working people and their families are deeply disturbed at your expansion of the war into Cambodia," adding that Mr. Nixon had "further divided this country" by his move.

Addressing itself to the President, the ad said:

"You have created a credibility gap of incredible proportions. The economy of our country is steadily being eroded, your promises to stabilize the economy and control inflation have become meaningless."

A Shift in Policy

While the sentiments expressed in the advertisement are not new, the signatures to such a document of the names of many leaders of conservative unions constitutes a departure from national labor policy. Behind President George Meany, most of the old-line unions in

the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations have consistently supported Mr. Nixon's war policies.

But the signatures to the antiwar advertisement include those of officials of the ironworkers, carpenters, boilermakers, painters, communications workers, lithographers and butchers unions.

More predictably, there are also signatures of officers of the more liberal unions, such as the auto workers, longshoremen, led by Harry Bridges; the American Federation of Teachers, and the farm workers.

Some of the signatures that stand out are of Einar O. Mohn, head of the Western Conference of Teamsters; Joseph Diviny, first vice president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Richard Groulx, executive secretary of the Alameda County Labor Council in Oakland; and Larry Vail, secretary of the State Retail Clerks Union.

War I Critic Signs

One note from the long past was the signature of Warren K. Billings, listed as a member of the executive board of Watchmakers Local Union 101.

Mr. Billings was convicted with Tom Mooney of bombing the Preparedness Day parade here in 1917. He learned watchmaking during the long years he spent in Folsom Prison.

The advertisement was prepared by liberal union members whose previous antiwar attitudes were intensified after four students were killed by National Guardsmen at Kent State University in Ohio.

The text was drawn and then r

read to prospective signers. One of the first, said one of the circulators, was Mr. Mohn of the Western Conference of Teamsters, who surprised the advertisement's authors with the vehemence of his support.

Each of the signers paid at least \$10 toward the \$6,700 cost of publishing and some contributed more.