Bridges Not A Communist, **Landis Finds**

Examiner Reports To Miss Perkins on Deportation Action

James M. Land The Har The deportation proceedings vard Law School, who presided at against Bridges were instituted in the deportation hearing against March, 1938, on the grounds that Harry Bridges. West Coast maritime he was a member of an organization labor leader, yesterday held the of the Government by force and evidence does not show Bridges is violence. a Communist or affiliated with that party.

He submitted his finding in a let-He submitted his finding in a let- West Coast, came to the United ter to Secretary of Labor Perkins, States from Australia in 1920. who selected him as special examiner to conduct the hearings. The letter was written in transmitting a

as to deportation of the Australian, who has been active in ship labor disputes on the Pacific Coast.

He said that since his conclusion was that Bridges was not a Communist or affiliated with that party, he did not deem it necessary to find force and violence. "whether or not upon the extended evidence presented by this record,

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that party advocates, advises or teaches the overthrow of the Gov-ernment of the United States by force or violence..."

Bridges has denied that he is a Communist.

Action Begun In 1938

The 39-year-old CIO leader, who came into labor prominence during the 1934 maritime strikes of the

The hearing afforded Bridges an opportunity to show cause why he should not be deported and the Government was faced with the ob-152-page report on the investiga- ligation of proving two essential points to win its case.

Landis made no recommendation

It was required to prove: First, that Bridges was a member of the communist Party or affiliated with it at the time warrant was served upon him in March, 1938. Secondly, the Government was required to prove that if Bridges was a mem-ber or was affiliated with the party that the organization advocated the overthrow of the Government by

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