

Portland MFP Links Dies To Shipowners

Blasts Tory Witch Hunt

PORTLAND. — District Council No. 3 of the Maritime Federation this week had blasted Martin Dies' scheduled witch-hunt on the Coast, reaffirmed labor's desire to stay out of war and gone on record backing the ACA strike against Western Union in San Francisco.

The Columbia River Council turned the heat on the Texas red-baiter with a scorching resolution that tied Dies' "investigation" up with the ship-owners' attempts to smash waterfront unionism.

"The present war in Europe threatens to engulf other nations in a second world war," the anti-war resolution read. "The working people of our nation stand to gain nothing from having the United States involved in such a war."

The Council requested Oregon Congressmen to support the President's declaration that we must stay out of war and called for support of "the Bill of Rights to protect Labor's civil liberties against any and all emergency measures."

The council pointed out that the Western Union walkout "is a strike of exploited children and underpaid adult workers, against one of the largest and most powerful open shop corporations of America" and pledged its "whole-hearted cooperation and support to the striking Western Union messenger boys and adult workers, not only as an act of union solidarity, but in the name of human decency."

Hit Profiteers

The Council likewise took a crack at profiteers who have been using the war scare to boost prices on food and other basic commodities. Action on the issue was demanded out of Attorney-General Frank Murphy. The Council also called on the Attorney-General of the State of Oregon "to take such action against those responsible for this artificial rise in living costs as is possible under the law."

Other resolutions adopted:

(1) A boycott against the Mission Hosiery Mill, which is currently fighting efforts of the Textile Workers Union of America, Local 99, to organize it. All hosiery not bearing the American Federation of Hosiery Workers Union label is also on the blacklist.

(2) Support of Vito Marcantonio's bill (H.R. 8239) making it possible for Filipinos to become American citizens. The resolution points out that "the Independence Act of 1934 denies to the Filipinos the democratic rights which they have been taught to learn and respect

and fight for, because the Act classifies them as aliens not eligible for citizenship." The Marcantonio measure would invalidate this act.

(3) Support the ILWU 1-75 (San Francisco Gatemen and Watchmen) in its stand against the use of private detective agencies as watchmen. The Council blasted the use of Pinkerton men on the San Francisco front.

(4) Supported Local 456 of the IWA if the Bloedel-Donovan Lumber Co. and Carpenters and Joiners Local 2667 attempt to discriminate against IWA members. The Council resolved that if there is any renewal of discrimination it will declare Bloedel-Donovan products unfair.

(5) Urged that Seattle Transportation Commission construction bids be granted to Northwest manufacturers in preference to Eastern concerns.

(6) Attacked pro-fascist forces seeking to deport Harry Bridges and pledged "our complete confidence in, and full loyalty and support to, Harry Bridges and the Harry Bridges Defense Committee."

(7) Blasted the role of the Portland Police Department in the recent Bridges hearings. The Council commented, "the testimony adduced at said hearing has clearly disclosed that substantial sums of money belonging to the taxpayers of the City of Portland have been expended and that time and energy for Portland police officers while on duty have been used in seeking out prospects of evidence far from the City of Portland and outside the State of Oregon, against a non-resident of the State of Oregon on matters not pertaining to the infringement of any Oregon or Portland laws."

The resolution declared that the hearing definitely indicated that "money of the taxpayers of the City of Portland had been used for labor espionage purposes" and protested against employers forces who used the Police Department "as a tool."