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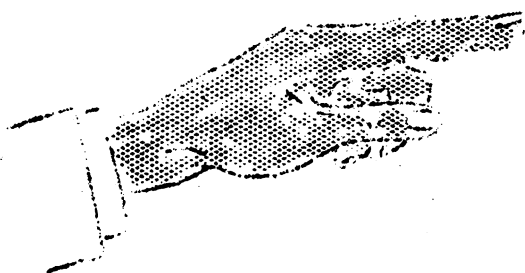
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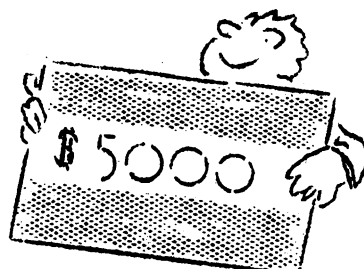
THE BRIDGES -ROBERTSON-SCHMIDT case at this writing is still before the U.S. 9th. District Court.

Although the defense has requested the court to reconsider their recent decision, there has not yet been a reply. The court has 30 days in which to act.

The defense attorneys have presented an excellent case, pointing out to the court glaring reasons why this case should be reconsidered by them. However, not much hope can be expected from the court; rarely has the court ever reversed their previous decisions.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES..
If & when the District Court decides to turn down a re-hearing, the case will then be turned over to the United States Supreme Court. As has been pointed-out in previous publicity and at several membership meetings, the U.S. Supreme Court can decide that they will, or will not hear the appeal. When one considers the record of the Supreme Court during the past few years, there is a real danger that the court can speed up the imprisonment of Bridges Robertson and Schmidt by refusing to even review the case. Remember, it is the same court which upheld the Taft-Hartley Law... The McCarran Act... The Smith Act... Loyalty oaths of various kinds.... The Attorney General's right to list any organization he pleases as "subversive" and a host of other anti-labor measures.

Thousands of letters have been sent all over the country requesting people and organizations to ask the Supreme Court to hear the case. The nationwide support which this case will receive, and above all, the full support of the rank and file members of the ILWU will, in a large measure, determine whether or not this case will be heard.



BRIDGES ROBERTSON SCHMIDT DEFENSE STAMPS REACHES \$5,000.00 MARK.

The rank and file of our Local has responded to the Volunteer Fund Drive to support the B.R.S. case to the tune of (to date) \$5,000.00. If you still haven't gotten around to buying some stamps, don't delay any longer. There are several places you can purchase stamps.

1. Union Dues Windows.
2. B.R.S. Defense Office, Pier 18, Room 7.
3. Authorized Fund Raisers.

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BRIDGES,

ROBERTSON,

SCHMIDT

DEFENSE
STAMPS!

DEFEND YOUR LEADERS
YOUR UNION
YOURSELVES

It has been reported that the clerks of the Waterfront assessed themselves 5.00 per member.

Every ILWU Local up and down the Coast has either assessed themselves, made direct contributions, or are raising funds through voluntary support.

FROM THE SAM PEDRO LOCAL OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 20TH, 1952.

"The following were elected by acclamation to the committee for Bridges, Robertson, Schmidt Committee... William Lawrence, Pete Moore and George Bowers."

(Editorial Comment: Both William Lawrence and Pete Moore are former presidents of Local 13, San Pedro.)

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BANQUET that was held Sunday, October 12th at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, for the Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt Defense Fund was a tremendous success. About 600 people attended. Several hundred people had to be turned away. Cassy McWilliams, Editor of the "Nation" magazine was a guest speaker and acted as Chairman of the banquet.

Dan Del Carlo, Secretary Dist. Council Carpenters AFL, was a guest speaker.

Dr. Carlton Goodlet, outstanding Negro civic leader addressed the banquet, and the hundreds of people that were able to attend made it very clear that they did not intend to allow these men to be thrown into prison without a fight.

PENSIONERS MEET TO DEFEND BRIDGES, ROBERTSON AND SCHMIDT.

On October 9th at 150 Golden Gate Avenue 80 pensioners met to discuss ways and means of supporting the fight to defend Bridges, Robertson and Schmidt. A pensioner at the meeting, aware of the fact that the rank and file of Local 10 were buying defense stamps, and wishing to help with a contribution, volunteered to contribute ten dollars and called upon others who were present to do the same. As to be expected the enemies of Bridges, Robertson & Schmidt started to spread a rumor around the front that the pensioners were being assessed. That's a lie.

In order to make the position of the local B.R.S. Defense Committee clear, the following was moved, seconded and passed by the Committee at its regular meeting Tuesday night:

"Local 10 B.R.S. Defense Committee wishes to thank over 80 Pensioners who met October 8th, to find ways and means of aiding in the defense of Bridges, Robertson & Schmidt. We sincerely appreciate their desire to make financial contributions for the defense; however our Committee feels that their long awaited pensions are for their full enjoyment & we hope they will refrain from making financial contributions.

Again, we thank them for their moral and physical support."

It was also moved, seconded and carried that the regular union bulletin carry the official statement of the Defense Committee.

PUBLICITY, I.L.W.U. LOCAL 6, - WAREHOUSE UNION, is going to distribute door to door, the newspaper pamphlet just off press. The paper gives a dramatic coverage to the history of this attempt to frame the leaders of the ILWU. 250,000 copies have been sent up and down the Coast for public distribution. The public is going to know the truth about this rotten frameup!

The Local Defense Committee meets Tuesday night, October 28th., Tuesday night, Pier 18, Lounge Room. Become an active member of the Committee.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. (Full gang contribution list will be published in next bulletin.)

Gang 228, contributed \$300.00
Gang 197, contributed \$104.00

\$25.00 "CLUB" MEMBERSHIP GROWING

A very attractive card has been issued by the B.R.S. Defense Committee at 150 Golden Gate Avenue for every person who purchases \$25.00 or more defense stamps.

There are already a good number of ILWU 10 members who have become "club" card holders. Your B.R.S. Defense Committee hopes to have at least 200 club members before very long.

ATTENTION, STAMP PURCHASERS.

If any brother has purchased \$25 or more stamps and has not as yet received his "club" card, please contact Local 10 BRS Defense Office, Pier 18, Room 7.

ATTENTION, FUND RAISERS!

Every fund raiser who was issued stamp books through the B.R.S. Defense Committee office and has not yet reported on progress are asked to do so without further delay.

G A N G S T E W A R D S

GANG STEWARDS ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK THEIR GANGS TO SEE THAT AT LEAST ONE GANG MEMBER IS A FUND RAISER AND HAS STAMP BOOKS...

IF THERE IS NO FUND RAISER IN YOUR GANG, CALL LOCAL 10 B.R.S. DEFENSE OFFICE. ROOM 7, PIER 18. TELEPHONE EXBrook 2-5517

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BRIDGES-ROBERTSON-SCHMIDT -- DEFENSE STAMPS --

The sale of BRS defense stamps is still getting the expected membership support. By the time this bulletin is printed, the total contributions will reach \$6000.00. That is better than \$1000 per week since the drive began. This fine support is going to make some people in Washington, DC very unhappy. Well - this Committee is not around to make the enemies of Bridges jump with joy. And, if YOU still have not gotten around to adding YOUR bit (four bits or more) to this fund drive, you can at these places:

DUES WINDOW

BRS DEFENSE COMMITTEE, Rm.#7
WELFARE OFFICE
AUTHORIZED FUND RAISERS
PENSIONERS TABLE - Every Friday morning in the Hiring Hall.

-- \$25.00 CARD CLUB --

BRS Committee at 150 Golden Gate Ave. issued a very snappy card which gives due recognition to every rank and file member who buys \$25.00 worth or more stamps. All anyone has to do to receive a card is report to BRS office and show the stamps purchased. If any brother is entitled to receive a card, please contact the office at Room 7, Pier 18. Response to the \$25.00 Club has been good. The estimate in the last issue of BRS Bulletin, of 200 members by Nov. 30, shows every indication of becoming a reality.

BULCKE-SCHMIDT NORTHWEST TOUR

Brothers Bulcke and Schmidt have just returned from a visit to all locals in the Northwest and they report that every local is right on the beam concerning the BRS case and each local has made either a direct donation or has assessed itself. The small local in Eureka assessed itself \$5.00 even though work in that port has been all but zero.

SUPREME COURT OF U.S.

If the 9th Circuit Court refuses to grant a rehearing, the fight will then be concentrated on seeing that the Supreme Court of the United States, which once cleared Bridges, reviews this latest attack on Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt.

ILWU LOCAL 64 - ALASKA

BRS Committee, 150 Golden Gate Ave. received a letter from this small local in Metlakatla, Alaska. 25 members sent in \$25.00 and asked for a \$25.00 Card in the Local's name.

ILWU LOCAL 61 - ALASKA

"...M/S/C that Acting Secretary stand instructed to accept any voluntary purchases of stamps or cards... Secretary further instructed to forward to B-R-S Committee... the sum of \$500.00... V. Albright, Act. Sec., ILWU Local 61"

-- A POOR MAN'S COURT --

Question - "What in hell is all this money being used for?"

Answer - Well, brother, you might dig your hook into this bit of information:

The trial in San Francisco Federal Court took approximately 160 days. A few million words were spoken into the record (Remember - this 'Get Bridges' drive has been going on for 18 years) Every word was taken down by 2 stenotypists. When all testimony had been presented & recorded, it then had to be ready for the 3 Judges for consideration. BUT WAIT - it seems these learned Judges will not accept just a typewritten copy of the proceedings. It has to be PRINTED....and.... BOUND. So the testimony was turned over to a printer and he came forth with 17 bound volumes - 813,000 pages!! EACH Judge gets a set of volumes. EACH government attorney gets a set. EACH defense attorney gets a set. EACH defendant gets a set.

Do you know what this print job, including costs of stenographers, transcribers etc. cost?? OVER \$18,000.00 !!

What the Justice Department has spent over these 18 years, trying to 'Get Bridges' - is anybody's guess. But you can be pretty sure that if each dollar were stretched end to end, it would start in Washington and end in San Francisco. ALL taxpayer's money. YOUR's too.

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The enemies of our union have an unlimited supply of cash. Every dollar the defense needs comes from thousands of workingmen and women. **EACH DEFENSE STAMP PURCHASED IS A DEFENSE OF YOUR LEADERS - YOUR UNION - AND YOURSELVES!!**

-- WATERFRONT CHARACTER #1 --

Every Friday morning, beginning at 6:30 A.M. a table is set up in the Hiring Hall and manned by pensioners. They are there to sell BRS stamps.

Not long ago one of the volunteers - a pensioner who worked on this front for better than 52 years and is 82 years of age, was given a bad time by one of the better-known Bridges-haters (HE is about 1/3 the age and 3 times the size of this 82-year old pensioner) and THIS CHARACTER didn't like the idea of the old-timer selling stamps and he got nasty about it.

Picking on an 82-year old pensioned member is about the lowest thing that has happened around these docks in many a year. This Committee gives fair warning that this is not going to be repeated without something being done.

-- THE WAR FRAUDS RACKET --

Using legislation which Congress enacted to catch contractors who defrauded the government during World War II, the Dept. of Justice framed and convicted Harry Bridges of "fraud" in obtaining his citizenship. But what about the real fraudulent deals?

The House Judiciary Committee, now investigating the Dept. of Justice recently reported that the department's record in handling war-contract settlement cases was "shameful". In 1948 the Govt. Accounting Office had already certified to the Dept. of Justice that claims amounting to \$21, million bore evidence of fraud in their settlement. As of 6/1952 the Justice Dept. recovered \$300,000 of this amount. The record of criminal indictments and convictions of crooked war time contractors is even worse.

NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BRS

William Hood & Coleman Young, President & Secretary of National Negro Labor Congress. . . "We have long recognized these outstanding qualities on the part of the 3 men you are honoring. . . and join with you in pleding our solidarity & support in the struggle to win victory in coming appeal of their case before the Supreme Court. . ."

EAST COAST I.L.A. NEGOTIATIONS --
Comes now Joe Ryan and the ILA to beg an arbitrator to raise their wages 50¢ an hour and to approve double pay for overtime in order to reach parity with ILWU. According to claims of ILA before the arbitrator, the ILWU now receives 42¢ an hour more than do the longshoremen on the East Coast. So - - they want 50¢ an hour more. The original demands of the ILA included an increase in the pension level above \$50 per month and an increase in the welfare benefits. These were dropped when the employers insisted that wages only were open at this time.

The employers, insisting that the arbitrator should not grant more than Wage Stabilization Board regulations will permit, are offering 8½¢ stright time and 12 3/4¢ overtime. The present base rate on the East Coast (for an 8-hour day) is \$2.10 per hour. The ILA contends that the decision will affect some 42,00 regularly employed longshoremen and an additional 20,000 casual workers from Maine to Virginia.

THE STEVEDORING COMPANIES BROUGHT IN FIGURES TO PROVE THAT 15,000 LONGSHOREMEN OUT OF THE 62,000 ON THE FRONT, GET 80 PERCENT OF ALL THE WORK.

WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT FOR B-R-S

SWEDEN: Seamen's Union cabled. . . .
"Long live Brother Bridges and his co-defendants. Smash the frame-up and go on fighting."

NETHERLANDS: Seafarers Union. . . .
"Frame-up against union officials is a sign of growing strength of organized labor and weakness of opponents...your may reckon ..on our wholehearted solidarity...."

ITALY: General Confederation of Labor.
"In name of 5 million workers of GCL we express sincere hope that Harry Bridges will be finally freed from unjust and inhumane persecution....."

DENMARK: C. Christensen, for Danish longshoremen and warehousemen. . . .
"...we want to express our deepest solidarity with Harry Bridges and his two associates...."

CANADA: ILWU International Representative, John Berry, wrote. . . .
"Canadian membership view the attack... as unjust and can only be assessed as an attack against democratic rights of the American people..."

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