

Onomea Store Is Closed; ILWU Seeks Luna Support

The Onomea Sugar Co. store was closed at noon Monday after striking sugar workers picketed the home of the assistant storekeeper, it was disclosed today by Royden Bryan, manager of Onomea.

Bryan said the store was closed because of the absence of the assistant manager and that all deliveries of kerosene for employees will be suspended. Pickets were reportedly still surrounding the assistant manager's home today and the store remained closed.

Meanwhile, the strike progressed throughout the territory as ILWU spokesmen on the Big Island said locals and units of various plantations were concentrating their efforts to enlist support to all supervisory employes, commonly known as lunas.

Delegates to a strike strategy committee meeting in the Lycurgus building Monday were reminded that ILWU negotiators in Honolulu had already informed industry spokesmen that...

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Union Says Strike Solid, No Violence

Not a single case of violence by a sugar striker has occurred, the ILWU (CIO) reported today. The union at the same time charged plantation managers with attempting to pressure lunas into acting as strike breakers.

The statement was issued by Jack W. Hall, regional director, after completing a territory wide tour with Louis Goldblatt, international secretary-treasurer, and Ricardo Labez, assistant.

"Our survey of strike machinery has shown that the strike is 100 per cent solid," said Mr. Hall's statement.

"No work except that authorized by the union on utilities is being performed. The high degree of solidarity and discipline among the strikers is little short of amazing.

"Few, if any, of the workers involved in this strike have had any prior experience in situations of this kind.

"The fact that there has not been one single case of violence, even though the strike is already one week old, clearly demonstrates our... Turn to Page 4, Column 7

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members' sense of responsibility and discipline.

"This is in spite of many reported cases of employer provocation.

"We view with alarm employer inspired stories that violence is in the making.

"It confirms stories brought to us by scores of lunas that the plantation managers are attempting to force them to act as strike breakers and perform the work normally done by our members.

"We believe that this pressure is deliberately conceived to provoke violence but our unblemished record during the first week should be ample proof that we intend to abide by the law.

"Genuine supervisors, such as managers, assistant managers and mill superintendents, will be permitted to pass through the picket lines without any moral persuasion being used against them.

"However, we are not going to let any worker scab on us if we can legally stop him.

"Over 80 per cent of the lunas are with us or are either out or coming out on strike for their own demands. Before the strike commenced we informed the employers that we represented a majority of the lunas. One of the issues in dispute is recognition for lunas and a contract covering their wages and conditions of employment.

"They, too, will have job security, real seniority rights, and wage rates comparable with their duties before the strike ends. Other workers will support them to the end.

"We do not expect any violence, but if it comes, it will only be because the employers are trying to smash the union with strike breakers. Bona fide supervisors performing their customary work, without emphasis, will not be interfered with."

Hawaii Sugar Strike Wins Cuba Back

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 7. Harry Bridges, president CIO longshoremen and representative of striking Hawaiian workers, conferred today with American labor leaders on for "joint and concerted by workers who produce cent of the sugar used United States.

He admitted a "complete strike is possible sometime future."

Bridges said further action on future conferences, with by the next in Havana.

In the first example of concerted action, Latin American and Cuban workers to permit either sugar plantation and mill owners or seeking crop speculators to be the strike of Hawaiian workers."

Bridges said the conferees agreed to extend "immediate financial and political support" to 25,000 Hawaiian strikers who a raise from 49 to 65 cents per...

Other points subscribed to the conference included:

1. "Joint and concerted action all if necessary to correct the substandard wages and conditions now prevailing throughout the industry.

2. "To make every effort to force the sugar planters and mill owners to abandon their present universal practice of imposing a system of colonial slavery upon the sugar workers.

3. "To make the American people that buy and consume almost the entire sugar crop of Hawaii, Cuba and Puerto Rico aware of the fact that present high prices are not caused by high wages of sugar workers."

U. S. sugar workers later will be asked to join in the move to combine "the full, economic and political strength of the United States, Hawaiian, Cuban and Puerto Rican sugar workers," Bridges said.

agricultural Co., have been signed, it was reported.

Distribution of 355 bags of potatoes began today, all of them to be pro-rated among strikers and their families. The potatoes arrived Monday, the first foods to arrive from the mainland.

Special to The Tribune-Herald HONOLULU, Sept. 10 (Via Radio-Phone) — Developments in Hawaii's 10-day old sugar strike were lacking today with both disputants reporting that "nothing of importance" had occurred in the past 24 hours.

No immediate prospects of a resumption of negotiations between sugar industry representatives and the ILWU were in sight.

A study of the dispute is continuing, according to U. S. Commissioner of Conciliation Fred Irwin.

Irwin said, however, that neither side had made a positive effort to resume talks.

Jack W. Hall, regional director of the CIO union, said Monday that Richard Gladstein, legal counsel for the ILWU, will arrive in Honolulu soon.

The purpose of Gladstein's visit was not disclosed except that it was in connection with the sugar strike, as well as with a pending federal labor standards act suit against 14 local companies allied with the sugar industry.

Hall referred to the sugar industry as "getting legal minded" in the strike and said, "We can get legal minded, too."

Gladstein will be the second mainland representative of the ILWU to participate in the sugar... (Continued on Page 2)