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Oahu Businessmen Denounce Union

HONOLULU, Sept. 28 (Special By Radiophone)—Angry Honolulu businessmen, after a series of vigorous attacks on the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, placed the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce on record today as being unalterably opposed to the closed shop and the union hiring hall.

After hearing leaders of the business community denounce the union and its leadership, which seven speakers charged with not having an inherent interest in Hawaii's welfare, the chamber membership adopted the resolution presented by Urban E. Wild, attorney.

The resolution:

1. Reaffirms the chamber's stand for free enterprise and vigorously condemns any developments which would result in the monopolistic

President A. H. Green of the Hilo chamber of commerce, who returned Saturday morning from Honolulu, said the issues involved in the Honolulu chamber's resolution, would be put before the directors of the local chamber for consideration within the next few days.

control of the social, economic and political rights of the island and its people by the leaders of a militant union or in the monopolistic control by any other group.

2. Placed the chamber in agreement "that in the present emergency there can be no compromise in its opposition to these two concepts:

(a)—The principle of the closed shop;
(b)—The superseding of manage-

ment by labor leaders.

3. Authorized and directed officers of the chamber "to gather data and present to the public through all publicity media reasons why in the Territory of Hawaii there can be no compromise on these two fundamental principles.

4. Urged all members of the chamber "to take such steps as to them seem appropriate to make known to the public generally the adoption of this resolution and the reasons therefore.

About 300 businessmen turned out early to fill the Mabel Smyth auditorium. About 20, unable to get seats in the auditorium, listened to the proceedings by means of amplifiers in the lounge.

From the outset the meeting was keyed tensely as speaker after speaker (Continued on Page 4)

Court Orders Continuance Until Monday

The ILWU filed action in 3rd circuit court here late Saturday morning aimed at the Hawaii Employers Council, the Hawaiian Sugar Planters association, the Oloa Sugar Co., and the Paauhau Sugar Plantation Co., seeking a restraining order and petitioning the court to direct the respondents to show cause why such a restraining order should not be issued.

Judge Martin Pence, after hearing the petition, continued hearing in the matter until 8 a.m. Monday.

The injunction suit was filed by Jack Hall, regional director of the ILWU.

The petition alleges that "the respondents acting in concert and in particular with each other, have caused, permitted and allowed certain false and fraudulent statements and misrepresentation to be made public and to be conveyed and communicated to the lunas employed by the respondents Oloa and Paauhau."

Richard Gladstein, San Francisco attorney for the ILWU, and Joseph Akau, Honolulu attorney, introduced affidavits at the hearing designed to substantiate the allegations in the union's petition.

The affidavits alleged certain employees of the Oloa sugar company, employed as lunas and members of the ILWU, were informed by the management that:

- 1—It is illegal and against the law for them to join the ILWU;
- 2—If they joined or remained members of the ILWU they would be demoted from their jobs;
- 3—They would be "black listed."

Conciliator Seeks Sugar Talks 'Wedge'

Stanley White, special U. S. conciliator, was reported today still looking for an "opening wedge" by which he can bring together sugar and ILWU officials into a joint negotiation session.

But so far he is still holding off an industry-union meeting and conferring separately with the parties.

Mr. White said that officially he had no progress report to make today.

The general labor unrest was said to be causing difficulties in calling the disputants together.

Developments over the weekend—the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce declaration of "war" upon the ILWU and the postponement of the long-shore strike to October 15—were reported being studied by Mr. White.

If these developments have heightened an already tense relationship between the union and employers, it is almost certain that Mr. White would not schedule a negotiation meeting at this time, as it would probably prove unproductive.

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speaker launched verbal blasts at the union.

The attacks were leveled at the combination of "Goldblatt, Goldstein and Hall" leaders of the ILWU.

The speakers voiced grave concern over Hawaii's helplessness under what they termed the ILWU's attempt to destroy the economic life of the territory, and pledged their uncompromising opposition to surrendering management control to labor leaders.

This development came on the heels of a series of charges and counter charges by spokesmen for industry and the union as the sugar strike moved into its 23th day and a waterfront heap of stevedores looms menacingly over the October horizon.

Losses Due To The Sugar Strike

As the industry-wide sugar strike completes its first month today production losses in Territory trade channels reach \$7,761,000.

ILWU strikers and non-union workers have, to the end of the month, lost \$3,000,000 in wages.

Production losses for the 30 day period have totaled 76,000 tons of sugar. Hawaii production of sugar has, during the month, been reduced far below the possible figures for 1945, which was an 18 year low. This is the 30th day of the strike and the 24th working day lost.