

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Praises Bridges' Appearance On Mike Wallace Program

DETROIT

Editor, Daily Worker:

What a refreshing contrast was the appearance of Harry Bridges, West Coast labor leader on Mike Wallace's program, last Sunday night, compared with the crawling, anti-working class performance of Earl Browder, some time ago on the same program.

Bridges, forthright as always, refused to be a sucker for any red-baiting, courageously defended the right of the peoples under Socialism to their form of economy and also stood for the democratic rights of Communists to leadership in the labor movement.

Bridges made it clear that he would and did urge his members to fight against any and all war moves.

From the replies of Bridges, it was clear that he never had neglected to carry forward education of workers in the class struggle. There is no danger of anyone close to him being hostile to the workers movement. He practiced what he believed.

BILLY ALLAN  
Aug. 19, 1957

## Wants Info on Talk of Dock Unions Merger

YORK, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In view of the reported merger of the dock unions, the Teamsters and Harry Bridges' longshoremen, I think it would be appropriate for George Morris within his limited knowledge of the situation on the West Coast to evaluate, the best he can for us, this proposed "sweetheart merger" of a real rank and file union; any union that has fought for democratic objectives against terrific odds; a left-wing union that has remained intact and has held its membership over the past period, with that of the most corrupt elements of the American labor movement.

I, for one, cannot for the life of me understand why this can come about. If it were UE or Mine, Mill & Smelter merging with these elements, I wouldn't like it but I could understand it and perhaps accept it under the circumstances, as being in the best interests of the workers involved. The unions mentioned above have been weakened, numerically and otherwise, to such a point that merger may be desirable.

This is not the case of the West Coast longshoremen. They remain strong today and in a position to build on the East Coast as well as the West Coast.

In addition the role of the West Coast Longshoremen's Union, if it would seriously attempt to spread out and to organize,

could not only be a competing union with that of the East Coast Longshoremen and the Teamsters Union in years to come but by the very nature of its competition would force the East Coast longshoremen and teamsters to improve themselves along democratic lines.

This, in my opinion, in the interests of the labor movement as a whole, should be the future role of the West Coast longshoremen. To merge with the East Coast longshoremen and teamsters in my opinion, is to surrender their glorious fight of the past and to become corrupt and bureaucratic with their bed-fellows and like their bed-fellows to become the instrument of the employers.

In the recent anti-labor period, some unions and individuals have sold themselves, in a way of justifying their "switch" to the larger unions, on the premise of "democratizing" the unions they were going into. This is sheer nonsense and experience is the best teacher, this outlook is completely false and impractical. Bureaucratic and "business unions" will take certain individuals or unions, will use them, and if they don't conform to the labor standards of the State Department, they are dumped—and fast.

We need but to look around us and we will find used and dumped some of the best labor leaders that the labor movement has to offer.

I don't know what the West Coast longshoremen have in mind. That's why I'm writing you. Thought perhaps you may have some information on the subject, a subject I'm sure others would like to know more about.

EX-TEAMSTER  
Aug. 17, 1957

(Ex-Teamster has apparently misread reports of proposals from ILWU sources for cooperation with the ILA and IBT for merger, and possibly of Jimmy Hoffa's proposal for a "transport federation." As Harry Bridges said over the Mike Wallace TV program Sunday, there was no merger in sight, although he thought such merger with the ILA, when possible, would be a good thing for the workers. Our labor editor, George Morris is planning to deal with some of the problems raised in the above letter—The Editors).

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## They Don't Forget Needs of DW While Vacationing

FAR ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

We wish the following remarks to be published in the Daily Worker.

A group of summer residents in Far Rockaway, conscious of the need of a newspaper like the Daily Worker—a paper that constantly fights for the peace and security for the American working class and for the general welfare of the people—organized a party Saturday, Aug. 17, at which \$240 was raised.

The people enjoyed the refreshments and entertainment. But it was primarily the enlightening and inspiring talk by staff writer Joseph North, who ably and clearly analyzed the problems facing the American people and the need for a Daily Worker that resulted in the excellent response to the paper in its present financial crisis.

The committee wishes to express its gratitude to all who came for their warm response.

READER  
Aug. 19, 1957

## Name Negro Woman Lawyer To Postal Staff

DETROIT—Former State Senator Cora Brown, well known Negro woman leader has been appointed to the legal staff of the U.S. Post-office Department. Uncle Sam, obviously thinks that Senator Brown is a highly competent lawyer as she will serve as special associate general counsel.

But Juvenile Judge Nathan Kaufman obviously doesn't think so. Some weeks ago Senator Brown was top person among women applicants in competitive exams for one of two referee appointments. Male and female exams were held and Judge Kaufman was allowed to pick—of the six highest scorers—the two referees who would work with him in Juvenile Court.

Senator Brown as we said topped the exam honors in the women's section but Kaufman appointed someone else, a unheard of action.

Top Dems in the county last year didn't like it when she ran for Congress in the First District against Congressman Machrowitz (Dem).

Kaufman is high up in Dem circles and obviously was influenced by some of the politicians who sought now to vent their white supremacist spleen on Senator Brown for "daring" to run for office without their patronizing approval, which of course they never have any intention of giving.