

Economic Effects Of Strike Of Longshoremen In Hawaii Now Being Felt On Mainland

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK, July 20. — (AP) — Strike and hubbub in the storied island paradise of Hawaii at last is echoing on the mainland.

Much of the United States east of the Rockies has paid little attention to the 80-day-old longshoremen's strike. But its economic effects have spread to our own west coast. And now the U. S. Senate labor committee has induced labor and management most federal mediators in Washington, probably Friday.

Meanwhile, the Hawaiian governor seeks legislation enabling him to seize the docks and operate them.

Harry Bridges' pickets under the palms make the idyllic days of Queen Liliuokalani seem far away and long ago. The prolonged shipping tie-up sounds more like what happens along mainland waterfronts, where tempers traditionally run higher and a battle for survival presses closer than they are supposed to in mid-Pacific.

Not only is the strike choking off the islands from their food and industrial supply line to the United States, it is said to be slowly searing Hawaii's three crops: Sugar, pineapples and tourists. The people are going in for a super-imposed austerity. Canned milk is obtainable for babies through a physician's prescription. Raw sugar overflows the warehouses into schools and empty stores. The pineapple industry is begging for tinplate to can the crop now ripening.

Sugar Bought Elsewhere
Along our own west coast shipping tonnage totals are dropping. Stevedores put in fewer hours, get less total pay. And west coast sugar refineries, cut off from their Hawaiian sources, are turning far afield to buy from Cuba and Puerto Rico, at additional

shipping costs.

Unestimated are the losses in sales by American industries and merchants who normally supply cargoes for the now idle ships that otherwise would be plying the hippling lanes to the islands.

And if the pineapple industry fails to can all of the crop, the results may be seen later in grocery stores across the United States.

Losses in Millions
Meanwhile, here are some of the losses already claimed:

Businessmen in Hawaii say that up until a week ago the islands' losses had totalled \$18 million. They included in that \$1 million in wages lost by the strikers.

The Pacific Maritime Association says that longshoremen's working hours in west coast ports were down 15 per cent in June. San Francisco estimates 256,000 working hours lost and \$435,000 in wages.

The ideologies involved are summed up in two contrasting charges. Bridges tells a U. S. Senate investigating committee that all his men want are higher wages. He denies they seek to foster communism. But the companies say the strike is an attempt by radicals to get control not only of the islands' shipping but its sugar and pineapple industries and hence of most of its economic life. Bridges' union includes 20,000 members who work for sugar companies and 7,000 in the pineapple industry.

Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore.), on

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Armed Services To Get Help In Home Building

WASHINGTON, July 20. — (AP) — The House voted Monday to give federal assistance to home construction for members of the armed services.

It approved and sent to the senate a bill extending F.H.A. mortgage financing to private construction of low rental housing at camps and military installations.

Because special risks are involved, the FHA has been prohibited from financing housing at military posts.

the other hand, says "The feudalistic attitude of the Big Five shows the employing class of Hawaii is not ready for statehood." The Big Five he mentions are the five large companies, often credited in the public mind with running the islands.

These companies give financial and management services to sugar and pineapple plantations, and engage in merchandising, shipping, fish canning and insurance.

But the Hawaiian economic foundation, a non-profit, business-sponsored research organization, contends that the net worth of the Big Five totals only \$100,000,000, or one-fourth of the net worth of the islands' total of \$31 corporations. It also says these \$31 corporations are owned by more than 34,000 stockholders, and that the days of Big Five predominance are over.

Yes, Hawaii seems to be getting more and more like the mainland in its problems and ways of life. And sometimes it may wish it weren't.

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Smut-Free Wheat Treated On Farm Proves Best For Seed Purpose

Save your most smut-free wheat for seed, clean it, then treat it no matter what its variety is the suggestion to wheat ranchers from two Oregon State college extension specialists, Rex Warren and A. P. Steenland.

In outlining a smut control program, Warren, a farm crops specialist, declares that either New Improved Ceresan, Ceresan M, copper carbonate or basic copper are effective seed treatments. The problem with the latter two copper products is that they are usually one of mechanical failure in not being thoroughly mixed with seed wheat. Both agents rely solely on contact to kill smut spores.

Ceresan products, meanwhile, are doubly effective. They have a fumigation action through the formation of a gas as well as being deadly to smut by direct contact.

Steenland says extra seed treated with Ceresan last fall and not planted will still germinate and produce a crop. Left over Ceresan treated seed is best planted at a rate about 20 per cent heavier than fresh treated wheat to make up for a germination drop, the plant pathology specialist adds.

Wheat treated with either New Improved Ceresan or by the wet slurry method using Ceresan M will not show any appreciable germination decline if sown within six weeks after treatment.

Cleaning is recommended for all wheat to be seeded as added insurance that smut balls and foreign matter will be removed, the specialists point out. Treating is recommended for all wheat varieties to be seeded including the smut resistant varieties similar to Rex.

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Certain County Employees Can't Be Fired, Ruling

SALEM, July 20. — (AP) — County courts can't eliminate any employees whose salaries are fixed by law, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Tuesday.

The opinion was for Gilliam county District Attorney William Bennett, who asked if Gilliam county could eliminate appropriations for the county health nurse and the county veterinarian.

Neuner said it was all right to eliminate the nurse's salary, because it isn't required by law. But the veterinarian's salary has to be restored because the law requires it.

area, the specialists add, ranchers are showing widespread interest in the new slurry-type "reaters because this wet method of smut control eliminates the fumes objectionable with older Ceresan smut treatments.

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