

### Longshoremen Pledge Support To Harry Bridges

San Pedro, Calif., April 6 (AP)—The CIO Longshoremen's union lined up today behind their fiery leader, Harry Bridges, in his fight to reverse his conviction on charges he lied about former communist party ties.

A union caucus meeting here branded Bridges' conviction "a miscarriage of justice" and pledged him "full and unqualified" financial and moral support in the legal battle ahead.

"We maintain the verdict was based on testimony by paid informers and self-admitted perjurers and is a miscarriage of justice," the caucus said in a resolution adopted yesterday after four hours of debate.

"We pledge our full and unqualified financial and moral support to our international officers until victory is won," the resolution continued.

Bridges attended the opening session of the two-day caucus with J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, who were also convicted on conspiracy charges.

**Frameup Charged**

The Australian-born labor leader charged his conviction was a frameup engineered by a rival union boss, Dave Beck of the AFL Teamsters' union, and the U. S. immigration service.

In Seattle, Beck had "no comment" on the charges.

Bridges told newsmen he did not believe west coast ship operators were "part of this deal" which resulted in his conviction. That conviction could mean for the powerful ILWU leader:

- 1.—A seven-year prison term and/or \$15,000 fines.
  - 2.—Cancellation of his naturalization.
  - 3.—Deportation to Australia.
- The three convicted men must appear next Monday in San Francisco for sentencing. Their first move for reversal of the verdict also will be heard on Monday by Federal Judge George B. Harris. The defense will seek arrest of sentencing and a new trial.

Bridges vigorously denied yesterday that he ever was a communist. A federal jury, however, decided that he lied when he swore he was not and never had been a communist when he obtained his citizenship.

The caucus of about 100 delegates from the west coast and British Columbia was just as adamant as Bridges in branding the trial a "frameup."

Both Bridges and the caucus indicated that the conviction would not produce any tieup of west coast shipping by the 75,000-man union.

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### Chrysler Strike May Be Settled

Detroit, Mich., April 6 (AP)—Optimism swept Chrysler strike talks today as the company "considered" the CIO United Auto Workers' new proposal to end the 72-day walkout.

Union and company spokesmen met separately while Chrysler pondered the UAW proposal, but conciliators were expected to call both sides together sometime during the day.

The UAW dropped its demand for a definite cents-per-hour contribution into a pension fund. It said it would accept a trust fund into which Chrysler would put enough money to pay \$100 monthly pensions to the 89,000 striking production employees.

### Kansas City

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inch range. The exception was a shot which struck Gargotta in the back of the neck, apparently as he broke for the front door.

Binaggio, 43, became a power in the city's political setup in a dramatic bid for power four years ago when he blasted the remnants of the once mighty Pendergast machine from control of the deliverable vote wards.

Gargotta, 51, recently was described by a special U. S. assistant attorney general, as one of the "top monsters in Kansas City."

Hours after the bodies were removed from the clubrooms, officers got into Binaggio's private office, which a deputy coroner locked immediately after discovery of the bodies. It was understood there was nothing incriminating in his private papers but detectives, Sheriff J. A. Purdome, and coroner's office men, said they found names of many persons prominent both in politics and in the underworld.

Purdome called the shootings an "unfortunate thing" and said he'd do everything possible to assist in the investigation. Purdome was a close friend of Wolf C. Rimmann, country club manager, who was shot here March 24, 1949.

**MORSE CONVINCED**

Washington, April 6 (AP)—Senator Wayne L. Morse, Oregon, said Wednesday he often has expressed belief that Harry Bridges, west coast union leader convicted of perjury, "has followed the line of the communist party."

Morse, in a statement, said he repeatedly has said that Bridges followed the party line "in many of his actions and expressions."

"The American jury system is a sound and a tested device for settling a disputed issue of fact in any legal proceeding," Morse said.

### Policeman's Son Admits Murder

Martinez, Calif., April 6 (AP)—The 19-year-old son of a policeman will be charged today with strangling his sweetheart in a lover's lane "because she went out with other guys."

Arthur Eldon Prindle was held under a suicide guard at Contra Costa county hospital, recovering from an overdose of sleeping pills and loss of blood suffered when he slashed his wrists in a suicide attempt.

His victim was Sally Ann Humphreys, 18-year-old daughter of a Berkeley, Calif., and San Francisco lawyer. Her battered body was found in the front seat of a convertible yesterday. Prindle lay unconscious in the back seat.

### Tough Winter Hits Swans

Ketchikan, Alaska (AP)—Alaska's little band of rare trumpeter swans was hard-pressed by cold and deep snow this winter.

Chester Bull, a homesteader, said he had found the bodies of several swans which apparently starved to death. The remainder of the birds were so weak from lack of food that they were unable to fly when approached on foot.

Bull and a trapper friend brought several birds back to Bull's cabin in a rowboat. The starving birds were too wild to be fed in captivity and had to be turned loose on their snow-covered feeding grounds again.

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### Redmond Church Services Held

Redmond, April 6—The first of a series of pre-Easter union services was held at the Church of Christ on Tuesday evening. Rev. W. R. McLaren of the Four-square church, spoke on "Christ on Trial." Special music for the service was provided by Mrs. Al Elsworth who sang, "I'll Be a Friend of Jesus."

Wednesday night Rev. Wesley Baker of the Community Presbyterian church delivered a sermon entitled, "Was He Right?" Mrs. Wesley Baker provided vocal music accompanied by Walter Stauffer.

On Thursday night Rev. V. E. Barker will speak on "Three Groups at Gethsemane." Special music will be arranged for by Rev. Barker. Rev. O. W. Herbinson is in charge of arranging union communion services which also will be held Thursday.

Rev. Virgil R. Savage of the First Baptist church will deliver the sermon at the sunrise services on Easter. This service is to be held at the swimming pool park at 7 a. m.

### Tax Committee Changes Locale

A public meeting of the legislative interim tax committee originally scheduled here on April 21 has been transferred to Redmond. It was announced today by Howard Moffat, chamber of commerce manager.

The change was made, Moffat said, after it was discovered that adequate facilities for the meeting would not be available in Bend on April 21 because of the previously scheduled state convention of the American Association of University Women.

Time and place of the meeting at Redmond will be announced at a later date.

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### Namesakes Meet

Salt Lake City (AP)—Don W. Pearson, police traffic officer, batted his eyes after asking a motorist involved in an accident for his operator's license. The license holder, a complete stranger to the officer, was D. W. Pearson.

Oakland police sergeant T. B. Dailey found the car with Prindle and Miss Humphreys' body inside about 6:30 a. m. yesterday.

The windshield was broken and bloodstained, indicating the girl put up fierce resistance.

Prindle said he and Sally were engaged for six months, but the engagement was broken off a month ago.

Three weeks ago, he said, he had to "slap it out of her" to make her tell him the name of the boy she had dated recently.

"She was scared of me ever since," he said.

Prindle is a two-time loser. He once served a year in a reformatory on an auto theft charge. He was arrested later in July, 1947, for breaking into a house and stealing \$5. He got probation.

### Fireman Helps Put Out His Own Fire



Vance Barber, engine driver for the Bend fire department, was having an off-duty chat with the boys at the fire hall, when a fire call was received yesterday at 2:30 p. m. Barber jumped on the wagon and went along with the crew, and sure enough—the fire was at his own home, at 1150 Union avenue. A woodshed and garage building, valued at approximately \$700, was a total loss, and the back of the house, about 40 feet from the fire, was damaged by the intense heat. The flames were extinguished five minutes after the department arrived, but the fire had reduced the building to charred rubble. The fire was caused by children playing with matches, according to the firemen's report.

### Fire Alarm Gets Quorum

Stratton, Neb. (AP)—The town board met to select candidates for trustee, but discovered the required number of citizens were not present at the meeting.

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