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## WITNESSES TESTIFY REINECKES POSSESS DEMOCRATIC IDEALS

Dr. John and Aiko Reinecke possess the ideals of democracy and they are good teachers whether or not they are members of the Communist Party.

These points were made on Monday and Tuesday of this week by defense witnesses of the two school teachers who were discharged for not possessing the "ideals of democracy" because of alleged membership in the Communist Party.

### Excellent Reputation

The witnesses followed Dr. Chester K. Wentworth, city-county water board geologist, who last Friday testified that Mr. and Mrs. Reinecke have "an excellent reputation for integrity and honesty."

"Knowing them as I do," he said, "they're just the kind I would like to have teaching my children."

Asked by Deputy Attorney General William Blatt if he would change his opinion of their integrity had he known the Reineckes had refused to say whether or not they were Communist Party members, Dr. Wentworth answered that the two teachers take "the position that such matters are for the individual conscience."

### Takes Consistent Stand

He added, "And the government has no right to invade their conscience . . ." He also stated: ". . . refusal to answer a question regarded as improper does not impugn their integrity."

Defense Attorney Myer C. Symonds asked Dr. Wentworth to assume that the teachers were Communist Party members, the party was an agent of Soviet Russia and it advocated the overthrow of the American government by force. He then asked the witness if he would want the Reineckes to teach his children under this condition.

"My answer is the same as before," he said quietly, explaining that he judged teachers by their merits and not by the organization they belonged to.

Mrs. Edith F. Keen, counselor at

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Dr. Chester K. Wentworth, city-county water board geologist, is sworn in to testify for the defense in the school board hearing on the Reinecke case.

## Big Fight Expected Among GOP Leaders In Few Days

### New "Red Baiting" Book To Come Out; Attacks Farrington, ILWU

By JACK KIMBALL

Within the next ten days a book will be published in the Territory of Hawaii which will "set the Republican Party leadership at each other's throats," according to informants close to GOP inside circles.

The book, bearing the name Tom O'Brien as author, is titled, "The Plot to Sovietize Hawaii." While Mr. O'Brien claims authorship of the 79-page publication, inside information made available to the writer shows conclusively that Mr. O'Brien had a great deal of assistance from "old guard" GOP leadership.

### Axe To Grind

Playing a prominent part in publishing and authoring the "Plot to Sovietize Hawaii" was O. P. Soares, chairman of the Republican Territorial Central Committee. Other prominent Republicans associated with Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Soares were Dr. Dean George, retired University of Hawaii professor; Charles J. Utterback, commander of the local American Legion; Senator W. H. (Doc) Hill, and George Luther, former editor of the now defunct magazine, "Hawaii."

The booklet, with a flaming red cover depicting a Hawaiian with the heavy hand of communism pressing him down, is severely critical of Delegate Joseph E. Farrington and his two newspapers, The Honolulu Star-Bulletin and the Hilo Tribune-Herald. It is strong in its praise of Senator Doc Hill and other anti-Farrington Republican big-wigs.

### Campaign Literature

Poorly written and with a tone of hysteria, the book charges the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union with being Communist-dominated and alleges that the ILWU has captured the Democratic Party. The Communist charges in the book are identical with those contained in the so-called "Izuka Pamphlet."

According to informants the publication date of the book is to be "a few days after the deadline for filing for Territorial office," and it is expected to be circulated widely during the campaign and will be one of the chief pieces of campaign literature circulated by the anti-Farrington forces in the Republican Party.

### Farrington Knows

It is known that Delegate Farrington is aware of the book and is "burned up."

Although Mr. Farrington and O. P. Soares are expected to deny any rift in their party, political observers say that the breach between Mr. Farrington and his old guard opponents is too wide to be closed. These observers also predict that Farrington will "win out" over his rivals and be not only re-elected to the delegateship, but will also emerge victorious in the inner party battle now setting.

### Annual Carnival of Kauai Sugar Union

LILHUE—The annual carnival sponsored by United Sugar Workers, ILWU, Local 142, Kauai Division, will be held here Sept. 3, 4 and 5 to raise funds for the union treasury and to bring the union members together through organizational activity.

Highlight of the carnival will be the presentation of a new, 1948 Pontiac sedan to the holder of the lucky ticket. The car has been touring the various camps on the island, thus boosting sale of tickets.

A member of the carnival committee told the Honolulu Record that last year's affair was an overwhelming success for attendance and for funds raised. He said this year's carnival promises to be even more successful.

Members of the carnival committee are S. Hamamoto, chairman; Chester Furukawa, vice chairman, in charge of publicity; Tom Tateishi, finance; Dynah Nakamoto, refreshment and food; Haruo Michio-ka, tickets.

## Law Firm Files Historic Document To Show Government Is Bosses' Tool

A historic document on "labor and the law in the Territory of Hawaii" — the first of its kind ever prepared — was filed at the U. S. District Court in Honolulu by Attorney Harriet Bouslog of the law firm of Bouslog and Symonds as brief in the Maui grand jury case which grew out of the 1946 sugar strike.

Earlier this year the ILWU, through the above law firm, challenged the constitutionality of the Maui grand jury which brought charges against 75 strikers at Paia for "unlawful assembly," on the grounds that the jury was made up principally of representatives of the employers.

### Use Police Against Workers

At the request of a three-judge court, the lengthy memorandum was prepared by Mrs. Bouslog to show the long tradition of suppression of the rights of laborers in the Territory and the pro-employer role of the law and the courts in the area of economic conflict.

Going back to the years of contract labor prior to 1900, the brief, which is heavily documented, deals on the "old ship custom of flogging laborers" by the plantation bosses.

Desertions from "plantation slavery" were so great that the attorney general in 1890 reported:

" . . . I am of the opinion that the government is put to considerable expense for the benefit of the employers of labor, and were no warrants of arrest allowed to be issued by law for contract laborers, the police force could be considerably reduced."

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## Waipahu Union Hears Speakers

The Waipahu unit of the ILWU sugar local in a general membership meeting held Sunday morning, heard reports of the sugar negotiation, voted a \$100 contribution to the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee for the Reinecke defense and heard talks by Stephen Murin, HCLC chairman, and by Democratic party officials.

In an open-air meeting held at the former Japanese social club, the members decided to raise funds for the civil liberty fight by soliciting contributions through house to house canvassing.

Stephen Murin's report on the proceedings of the Reinecke hearing was heard in three languages — English, Japanese and Filipino — by more than 300 members of the union.

After the meeting the Waipahu members of the HCLC remained to discuss additional projects to raise the civil liberties "fighting fund." The members decided to hold a beach party in the near future.

## Parade To Feature Labor Day Program

Plans for two annual Labor Day parades on Monday, September 6 were released today by Fred Otkin of the AFL and Ralph Vossbrink of the CIO.

As in last year's celebration, the two labor organizations will hold separate parades beginning at 9:30 a. m. Negotiations for joint participation failed.

Both parades will assemble near the vicinity of Queen and River Streets and then march on Beretania Street.

The AFL will then proceed to Thomas Square where Governor and Mrs. Ingram Stainback, Delegate and Mrs. Joseph Farrington, Rear Admiral Crowdy and high-ranking AFL officials will view the marchers.

The CIO marchers will assemble in front of Iolani Palace where Mayor John H. Wilson will deliver the main address of the day.

Other speakers will include ILWU Regional Director Jack W. Hall and ILWU Local 136 president, Jack Kawano.

Voters

It was again time for prediction and Henry Pauoa, chief clerk in the office of the secretary of Hawaii, called his shot. He said more than 100,000 will be registered to vote in the coming territorial primary election and more than 150,000 in the general election.

City-County Clerk Leon K. Sterling, Sr. also made his estimate. Said he: On Oahu alone there will be 65,000 registered voters for the primary election and over 85,000 for the general election. Compared with the 1946 figures for Oahu, Mr. Sterling expects 10,000 more for the primary and 20,000 more for the general election.

Premature Sour Grapes

Tax Commissioner William Borthwick, after a period of indecision, announced that he will not run for delegate. But even before this he had sounded a note of doom. Said he, when he put out a feeler that he was going to run:

"If I am defeated by Delegate Farrington, it will show conclusively that subversive elements are in control of Hawaii."

Truth Uncovered

Timed with the announcement that Borthwick may run for delegate was a statement by Chairman A. T. Longley of the Hawaii Statehood Commission. Mr. Longley had recently resigned as president of his Democratic precinct club in Wahiawa because he felt "subversive elements" had taken control of the party's principal committees.

Said Mr. Longley: "I said before that I would oppose any candidate who is supported by or who is associated with any subversive group and that I would turn against statehood if any such group gained control of our legislature."

Hawaiian Summary

For the first time in the history of the Territory the Democratic Party to which Mr. Longley belongs, has an opportunity to shatter the age-old Republican domination of both houses. The mass base of the Democratic Party is composed of workers whose leaders he calls "subversive."

More revealing than the fact of his giving comfort and assistance to the Republicans was the cat Mr. Longley let out of his statehood bag. He is now in the class with those who talk for statehood but whose hearts are against it.

Time for Action

O. P. Soares, chairman of the Republican territorial central committee, boasted about the islands' record which showed 85 per cent participation during the last election.

He went way out on a limb and off the beam in his talk at the Kiwanis luncheon. He said: "Most Mainlanders don't even know elections are being held."

He called GOP precinct workers together and gave them a rousing pep talk. The Republican precinct clubs began to move.

The Democrats have been organizing and meeting on precinct level for quite some time. A poorer party, its newer candidates — who are without well-oiled political machines — were working overtime. Supervisor Richard Kageyama, who is running for re-election, was nailing up large posters all over town, climbing up and down a ladder with hammer and nails. Edward Ernest Wiles, a young lawyer who, for the first time is running for the House from the Fifth District, was working late into the night, ringing doorbells to register voters. Attorney Wiles brought the issues to the homes and explained them, so that the voters would go to the polls.

Heat Wave

The eastern half of the nation still suffered from the heat wave with no relief in sight. Deaths attributable to the heat wave came close to the 167 mark. For the seventh straight day, on Sunday in the east and Midwest the temperatures rose to 100 degrees.

In the Great Lakes area a drought danger was increasing rapidly. For more than two weeks the area had no appreciable rainfall.

In industrial cities, workers by tens of thousands were sent home to seek relief from the heat. In Detroit 40,000 auto workers took time off, with the layoff affecting Packard, Ford, Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler and Briggs body plants.

In New York the weather bureau received the most calls in history one day last week. The 185,772 calls compared with the 149,888 calls received within a 24-hour period during the snowstorm last winter.

Unsolved

Mystery still prevailed over the deaths of 44 Oahu Filipino men who died in their sleep during the recent past. All autopsies have failed to show the cause of death.

National Summary

Tissue specimens of a victim, 22-year-old Juliano Donato Yabes, were flown to New York for chemical analysis and other tests.

Thomas Gonzales, New York City pathologist, reported to the Honolulu coroner's office that he had discovered no apparent cause of death. He said chemical analysis of the tissues was negative.

Priming Up

President Truman got his suntan and rest also. After a nine-day vacation aboard the yacht Williamsburg he looked forward "with a great deal of zest" to the coming election campaign. He will begin his major speaking tour in mid-September. To make any showing, he would have to do a lot of double-talking. He most probably will say he had fought against and opposed the Taft-Hartley law and the present witch-hunt investigations. But the records show that he had asked Congress for anti-labor legislation and he had initiated the loyalty check.

Challenged

While the President rested, Henry Wallace challenged him to postpone the draft until he (Truman) has met with Premier Josef Stalin to settle differences between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Said Wallace: "Now again I call upon the President of the United States to immediately take steps toward a great conference to settle every outstanding issue between our nation and the Soviet Union. I call upon him to publicly announce that until such a conference is held, he will not undertake to proclaim the draft. I call upon him to announce that no American boy will be called into service until every avenue of peaceful settlement has been attempted."

Meantime, the army announced that lack of training facilities had brought about the cutting of the November draft quota to a little more than 10,000 men. In December it expects to raise its draft call to 15,000. From there it will work to a goal of 30,000 every month.

Needed — A Definition

The critics of the bi-partisan foreign policy took a tongue-lashing from Secretary of State George C. Marshall. This time the secretary showed he was sensitive to criticism that stated U. S. aid in Greece is being used to prop up a reactionary regime. Interestingly enough, his belief was that harmful propaganda had been directed against the Greek government in a rather subversive manner. But Secretary Marshall himself refused to lend the word "democratic" to the Greek government.

GI Loan

The American Veterans Committee blasted the proposed increase in interest rates on GI loans: Said the AVC communication: This action would constitute "renegeing on government promises made to GIs and a boon to bankers at the expense of men and women veterans of World War II."

On the basis of a proposed increase in interest rates from four per cent to four and a half per cent, the average GI's monthly carrying charge on his home would be raised about four per cent. The AVC says this would create personal hardships as well as contribute to general inflationary spirals.

Last Days . . .

President Chiang Kai-shek was aging rapidly under the heavy pressures that came from many directions. In the field, his armies were losing the battle against Communist forces. His numerous decrees remained ineffective, despite the use of secret police and gendarmes against the people. His price fixing order remained ignored by businessmen, even by operators of public baths. His bid for economic recovery again went no further than mere utterance. But a friendly U. S. press played up his economic recovery edict in bold headlines. The same press played down and almost passed over stories of how black market activities intensified and mushroomed in Chinese cities — after Chiang spoke.

The magazine United Nations World had this to say:

"From various Chinese sources come broad hints of the overthrow of Chiang Kai-shek, without bloodshed if possible, with violence if necessary."

Beasts, Not Men

In Japan the machinery of the war crimes trial kept moving slowly. Almost three years after V-J Day, five Japanese were condemned to hang for brutal operations performed on captive U. S. airmen. Four others received life and 13 got prison terms of three to 25 years.

Stories of brutalities were recounted by witnesses in this so-called "Kyushu University" case. They told of sea water injection into the veins of some of the captured airmen, while stomachs and livers

were removed from others. The victims died. The operations were performed at the Kyushu Imperial University.

"Tokyo Rose"

Again American-born "Tokyo Rose" was arrested on charges of treason. American counter-intelligence and theater provost marshal agents one day last week entered a shabby rooming house in Tokyo to take Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, 32, into custody. A wartime disc jockey, whose voice was heard by thousands of U. S. servicemen, she now occupies a cell in Sugano prison where Hideki Tojo, wartime premier, and other defendants are awaiting verdict on war crimes charges. "Tokyo Rose" was once held at Sugano prison for a year but was released when evidence against her was not brought out. This time, according to announcement from Washington, she will be tried in San Francisco.

Berlin Tension

Soviet-American tension in Berlin continued. Charges and counter-charges were fired from both the American and Soviet occupational headquarters. A Russian amphibious jeep knocked an American private first class from his motorcycle. The American soldier was trying to halt the Russian jeep in the American sector, it was reported. Then the Americans gave

chase at a clip of 50 miles through their sector and into the Russian zone, fired at the Russian driver and lodged a bullet in his back. The Russians subsequently arrested one American correspondent, two German reporters, four GIs and a German driver, and released them. American military police said they may have been arrested in retaliation for the wounding of the Russian soldier.

For two days the labor union members in the Russian zone demonstrated their way into Berlin's city hall. They demanded the city council, which is strongly anti-Communist, to step down and be replaced by representatives of a labor coalition. The city government found itself divided. The council planned to move out of the Russian sector of the city while the government's administrative officers said they'll stay in the Soviet sector no matter what the council does.

Policy Level

But what took place at Berlin was not the immediate determining factor. As tension mounted, all eyes were turned to Moscow where Western Bloc envoys were meeting with high Russian officials.

New Builders

Desert land was blossoming in war-ravaged Palestine as more and more settlements were opened up in the new Jewish

state. Twelve new settlements have been set up since the state was born May 14.

Six of the farms are located on land belonging to the Jewish National Fund while others are on property confiscated from enemy nationals who helped the Arab invaders and fled before Israeli troops.

One of the new settlements of 150 adults includes 70 Americans and Canadians: All the Americans are ex-GIs.

Getting Colder

The cold war was moving into a new area — this time into a frigid zone. The U. S. has been casting its eyes toward the Antarctic and its yen to really get in on the controlling end motivated the sending of a note to Britain. The note proposed a future international administration of the Antarctic.

British policy regarding Antarctic territories has been based on straight national sovereignty. She claims rights over a vast area through discovery, occupation and the administration of whaling and meteorological bases. In the past, Argentina and Chile had posed counterclaims but Britain stood pat.

This time the U. S. was bringing pressure by broaching the idea of international administration to Argentina, New Zealand, France, Norway and Australia. The cold war was, as usual, causing conflict in a supposedly friendly camp as the desire to control this world strongly asserted itself. Immediate cause of the proposal was almost certain uranium deposits there for atomic bombs.

World Summary

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# FARMER-LABOR UNITY URGED BY CIO PAMPHLET

WASHINGTON (FP)—A call for closer cooperation between farmers and organized labor was issued by the CIO in a pamphlet released recently.

Such cooperation, the CIO said, "must become a real force in America" to improve the living standards of all Americans. Title of the pamphlet was: "To The Farmer—From His Customers."

**Farm to Industry**  
The basic tie between farm and city workers was shown by the fact that most of industrial labor comes from families which originally worked on farms. In 1900, according to the report, nine out of ten Americans were still on the farm. Today, eight out of ten have moved to urban areas for jobs.

The pamphlet points out that there are false stories about high wages just as there are about exceptional profits for farmers. In both cases it is necessary to look at average figures. "Fair profits and good wages," says the pamphlet, "keep purchasing power flowing between farm and city."

**Danger Signal**  
Sounding a note of warning, the pamphlet said: "When profits become exorbitant and wages so low that workers cannot buy essentials, it becomes dangerous to farmers, to labor and to America. If purchasing power drops beyond the safety point, we will find ourselves spinning dizzily in the depression spiral; then the farmers would burn corn again for fuel and hold penny foreclosure sales."

Little of the increase in cost of things farmers must buy can be attributed to high wages, the pamphlet says: "In the farm implement industry, a 2.2 per cent increase in prices would have covered the manufacturing wage increase, but farmers were charged 11.4 per cent more."

## LAW FIRM FILES HISTORIC DOCUMENT

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The same report, quoted in the brief, stated that "one-third of the police work on the other islands," paid for by the taxpayers' money, was taken up in enforcing penal labor contracts for the planters.

**Others Worked for Them**  
In the year 1890, the brief states, when there were 7,612 contract laborers on sugar plantations, there were 5,706 arrests for deserting servitude and 5,389 convictions.

"Actually, the planters had little need to act for themselves. The Citizens Guard, predecessor of the National Guard, police officers, the courts in criminal prosecutions, and orders of deportation rendered the planters able assistance," the brief continues.

The memorandum states that even when investigation revealed "just complaints on the part of the laborers, criminal prosecution and deportation" was instituted by the employers to protect themselves. It cites an instance where a group of 15 Chinese laborers were deported as "ringleaders in a riot" when a manager and a luna were in the wrong.

**Name Calling**  
Strikers were called conspirators and "riot" was a term commonly used for strikes or peaceful demonstrations by the newspapers and the law enforcement agencies, according to the memorandum. It quotes from the Pacific Commercial Advertiser, stating: "High Wage Conspirators Stir Up a Strike at Aiea Plantation" during the 1909 strike



The House un-American activities committee was blamed for the death of Harry Dexter White, a leading New Dealer, who died of a heart attack ailment. White underwent a grueling hour and a half grilling on "spy" charges made by committee witness Elizabeth Bentley.

## WITNESSES TESTIFY IN REINECKE HEARING

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Farrington High School where Dr. Reinecke taught, testified that she "can't conceive of Dr. Reinecke doing anything subversive, un-American or contrary to the ideals of democracy."

**Reinecke Taught Daughter**  
The second witness to take the stand on Tuesday was Mrs. Sarah Kamakau, teacher at Hookea School, who had taught at Wai-ale School with Mrs. Reinecke.

"I don't think there is anyone who works so hard as Alko," she stated, adding that Mrs. Reinecke was first to volunteer when another teacher was absent. Mrs. Kamakau said her daughter had learned under Dr. Reinecke at the University of Hawaii and reported her daughter spoke highly of his teaching.

Others who testified for the Reineckes on Monday were John Luiz, principal of Central Intermediate School, Clarence Akwai, former school teacher and now manager of Associated Sales; Mrs. Ann McClellan Praender, housewife, and Beatrice Krauss, research worker for the Pineapple Research Institute.

When the Japanese laborers demanded equal pay with Portuguese and Puerto Rican workers doing the same kind of work.

The Japanese received \$18 a month or approximately 65 cents a day while the Portuguese and Puerto Rican laborers received \$22.50, better housing and an acre to till.

The brief brings out instances when the sugar planters used the government in devious manners to prevent free Filipino laborers from leaving the islands to seek higher pay on the Mainland.

**Bought Out Prosecution**  
It also points to cases when the sugar planters paid expenses of territorial prosecutors when the defendants were laborers, in one instance arrested and charged with violating the anti-picketing ordinance passed by the legislature the previous year.

And in the 1937 Filipino strike

# Sugar Co. Manager Inter-Island Plans Divorce From Airlines It Controls

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Frank could count on his fingers, offhand, all the plantation's top executives and lesser executives who ran for public offices. Their time was equally or more valuable on the plantation than his, but they took time off and they were evidently encouraged to do so.

But not Frank Perreira. He is a union man and his interest would be to look after the interests of the laborers and the common people. So if he ran, taking a chance anyway, he would lose his job and the means of supporting his family, because the bosses would not like it.

Frank was thinking this whole thing over when this writer last saw him. He has a difficult choice to make. The bosses are tough when it comes to the question of controlling the government, which they want of, by and for them alone.

on Maui, the brief states, William Lymers, who handled the prosecution for the government, admitted in court that he "expected to present the HSPA a bill for his services in the case."

The 37-page brief touches on practically all major events concerning laws and practices of law enforcement agencies that have affected the livelihood and civil rights of laborers in Hawaii.

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years over routes between the Hawaiian Islands.

Hawaiian Airlines, Ltd., has opposed the applications of Trans-Pacific Airlines, Ltd., and Trans-Air Hawaii with the argument that it alone can handle all air transportation needs here.

Eric Johnston just raced to England to protest the un-American activities of the British film industry, which insists that 45 per cent of all first-run films shown there be of British make. Those British better watch their step. Some nerve! Next thing you know they'll want to run their own country altogether.

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# Labor Day-Past and Present

Forty-eight years ago, on Sept. 3, 1900, a small segment of workers in Hawaii, representing laborers, celebrated the historic first Labor Day in the Territory of Hawaii.

In reading the chronicle of this event in the newspapers of the time, this writer was impressed by the growth and maturity that have come to the workers here in the islands.

The Labor Day parade of Sept. 3, 1900 would seem out of the world in this day and age when laborers are organized in broad industrial unions, and composed of men and women who are of different ancestries, preaching and practicing the doctrine that "an injury to one is an injury to all."

Compared with Labor celebrations of recent years, that of 1900 had some peculiar features.

### Workers In Minority

Union men numbered less than 300. All were haoles. The Painters' Union marched behind a float "driven by a fearful-looking creature with an immense stomach and a black beard and hair," according to The Pacific Commercial Advertiser. The newspaper continued: "Anti-Mongolian labor inscriptions adorned the sides of the float—such as 'NO ASIATICS EMPLOYED.'"

The only thing interracial about the parade was two floats filled with small boys of all races waving American flags.

Funds for the celebration were raised from employers, \$1,814.50 in all, the donors' names occupying six column inches of the Commercial Advertiser. Heading the list with \$100 apiece were Castle & Cooke, Alexander & Baldwin and Hackfeld & Co.

### Paid for By Employers

The floats with one or two exceptions, were furnished by the business firms and advertised their products. Hustace & Co., draying firm, contributed 45 wagons to the parade.

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser reported:

"Aristocracy came in its carriage and looked on with an air of ennui but a lively interest just the same.

"Chinatown turned out in force, little wee mothers, almond-eyed and kimono-clad, with fat, blinking babies on their backs, their better halves tramping stolidly ahead; hordes of brown urchins barefooted, jabbering in three languages. Others more sedate in gay robes of silk and funny pigtails braided out to an outrageous length with black and red silk."

### Not In the Parade

The great mass of laborers, termed "coolies" in those days, did not receive the dignity and respect and a decent coverage by the press they deserved on their holiday. The Commercial Advertiser continued:

"Native Hawaiians in their Sunday best, white duck and wide-spreading lei-adorned hats, their wives in loose holokus, with perhaps a stylish hat and bare feet."

Speeches in the spread-eagle style of 1900 were delivered in the Palace grounds by U. S. Attorney John C. Baird, George A. Davis and Lorrin Andrews. Key-note was labor-capital "harmony."

"God forbid the hour there shall be strikes and riots in these Islands," orated keynoter George A. Davis. "I believe that the capitalists of these Islands will meet the people upon a just and equitable basis."

Represented in the parade were, it appears, only five unions. Largest was the Structural Iron Workers with 143 marchers, all in uniform—the pattern shop men in white, the machine shop men in brown khaki and white caps, the boiler workers in blue overalls and shirt.

### Brought About Own Death

Next came the anti-Asiatic Painters with 70 members. The Plumbers had 34 marchers and the Bricklayers 31. The Molders were so few that they all rode on their float.

The following year's parade was an even bigger and better affair, from the standpoint of numbers involved. But, by 1905, the unions were practically a thing of the past. Their anti-Oriental policy had killed them.

Most of the haole workmen who had not become supervisors had lost their jobs to Orientals who, ineligible to join unions, were willing to undercut the haoles' wages. Probably a majority of the men who marched Honolulu's dusty streets on Sept. 3, 1900, were celebrating Labor Day of 1905 in San Francisco or Portland.

Not until 1919-1920 did interracial unionism come to Honolulu, and not until 1935 did the present union movement make the end of racial discrimination a cornerstone of its policy.

And unions began to grow on a firm basis as workers fought against discrimination and endeavored to eliminate the employer-fostered competition among themselves. Speed-ups and undercutting of wages are still not things of the past, but unions are grappling these, with individual members realizing more and more that their job security and interests will be best protected by an organization which is of, by and for them.

**Don Romano**  
HONOLULU, T. H.  
  
For the Unity of  
**All Workers**

Labor Day  
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Local 176  
Kauai

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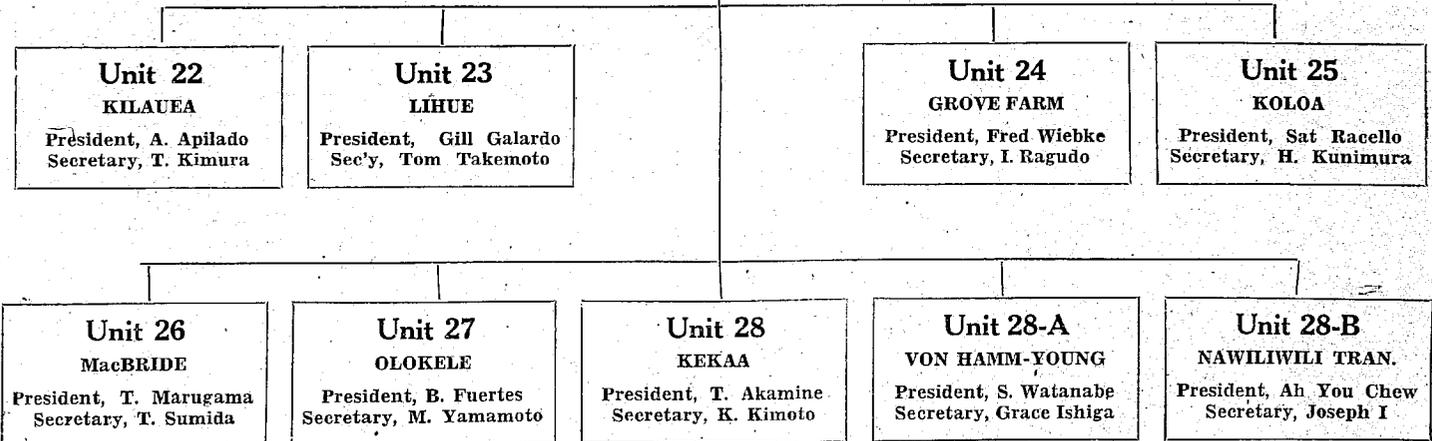
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## Kauai Division United Sugar Workers Local 142

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- ★ FREEDOM OF RELIGION
- ★ FREEDOM FROM WANT
- ★ FREEDOM FROM FEAR



# IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH

## Our Sports World

By K. O. WARREN

Editor's Note—This is the concluding article by the writer on boxing in Hawaii. Watch for future columns by K. O. Warren.

The recent arrival of Leonard Sacks on the Honolulu boxing scene has resulted in some buck biting by those in control of an alleged monopoly. The cry of the clique inside the monopoly has been that the public cannot and will not support too many boxing events.

### A Good Record

It certainly sounds like baloney in thin slices. The public has supported good boxing events by heavy attendance. The public is learning fast, and is learning to differentiate a "lemon" from the "McCoy." The press agent boys can do a public service along this line by giving a more accurate report of the fighters who come to this rock.

I have checked the record of Mr. Leonard Sacks. His past record in the boxing game has been on the up and up. The endorsements given him by nationally-known public figures is good enough for me. Now, Sacks came here with a sincere interest to help Hawaii's boxing game. However, he's had lots of headaches by the antagonism created by another promoter. While the last two Docusen fights were a joint promotion venture a lot of credit should go to Leonard Sacks for these crowd-pleasing events.

### Protect the Amateurs

The amateur fight game now has too many professional fight managers involved for the best interest of the public. I believe that eventually the overly strong tie-up between amateurs and professionals must be severed.

The constant stealing of fighters for the various stables with the idea of developing a fighter for monetary gains is developing fast into a public scandal. The boxing commission's responsibility for both the amateur and professional boxing games should be taken more seriously.

The amateur fight game has developed into more of an eye-to-the-gate than for what the amateur fight game was intended for. I may sound naive, but amateur boxing was originally developed in line with the hope of a clean mind and a clean body idea. The athletes are now being developed to land eventually in the professional ranks and the majority to land in the gutter.

### Needed — A House Cleaning

It is high time that there should be a better discussion as far as the goals of athletics in Hawaii are concerned. The major emphasis originally was for mass participation to develop good citizens; eventually, also, to participate in international bouts to bring credit to the people of Hawaii.

If the commission was originally set up to protect the public interest, let the commissioners, the officials, the sports writers, and every citizen connected with boxing make a critical evaluation of what has happened in the past, which has not brought credit to boxing as it was originally intended for in Hawaii.

The public can only stomach so much and no more. Let's start with the commission and begin cleaning house.

Hawaii needs a "New Deal" in boxing!

## Admitted Into Major League 21 Years Late, Paige Is Still A Shining Star

When Leroy (Satchel) Paige, all-time Negro pitching great, was signed by the Cleveland Indians as insurance in their quest for the American League pennant, some criticism was raised as to the soundness of such a move.

In an editorial in the July 14th edition of The Sporting News, the Baseball Bible, Editor J. G. Taylor Spink wrote: "In criticizing the acquisition of Satchel Paige by Cleveland, The Sporting News believes that Bill Veeck has gone too far in his quest for publicity, and that he has done his league's position no good insofar as public re-

Municipal Stadium in Cleveland to watch Paige hurl the pacemaking Indians to a three-hit shutout 1-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox. It was Paige's second straight shutout and it ran the Negro ace's scoreless-inning string to 26 1-3 innings.

Paige is presently one of the best drawing cards in the game. In his second appearance, in an exhibition game against the Brooklyn Dodgers in Cleveland, the night of July 16, 64,877 fans turned out to see him. When he was announced as the starting pitcher in the Indians' game against the Washington Senators, a crowd of 72,434 mobbed the Municipal Stadium for the nocturnal tilt.

Thus far, Paige has drawn 201,829 fans through the turnstiles in his three starting assignments. His age has been quoted by various sportswriters, anywhere from 42 to 50. Be that as it may, Paige, who personally claims to be 42, is doing a truly magnificent job, despite the fact that he got into the majors 21 years too late. It makes one wonder what he would have done had he been permitted to perform at the height of his career.

#### Among the Greatest

He has been tabbed by many major league stars as one of the greatest pitchers the game has seen. Paige, who performed for the Kansas City Monarchs, of the Negro National League, hurled against many top major league players in exhibition games.

Paige is only one of four Negro ball players who have made the grade in the majors so far. The others are Jackie Robinson, who was voted "Rookie of the Year" in 1947, and Roy Campanella, both of the Dodgers, and Larry Doby, who is a teammate of Paige.

### Sixth Victory for Paige

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—Leroy (Satchel) Paige notched his sixth victory for the Cleveland Indians, stopping the Washington Senators, 10-1, with a neat seven-hitter. It was Paige's fourth starting assignment. He has, so far, won all games he started.

action is concerned. To bring in a pitching "rookie" of Paige's age casts a reflection on the entire scheme of operation in the major leagues. To sign a hurler of Paige's age is to demean the standards of baseball in the big circuits."

#### Draws Crowd

Ol' Satch must have read that editorial with burning eyes and must've buried it deep in the back of his head because he has literally set the junior circuit on fire with his sparkling performances. To make Spink and other skeptics think twice before they do or say anything more about him.

A new record night game crowd of 78,832 fans jammed spacious

## Broncos vs Rainbows In Labor Day Game

King Football will make his official debut on Kauai, when the Kauai Broncos, an associate member of the Honolulu Senior grid loop, lock horns with Coach Tommy Ka-

ulūkukū's University of Hawaii Rainbows in an exhibition tilt, on

Labor Day, at the Lihue County Park. The kick-off is listed for 2 p. m.

Coach Ed Vasconcellos is counting heavily on Wilfred Kaul, Joe Ramson, Charlie Kusaka, and Ed- die Souza to carry the brunt of the Broncos' attack.

## BALDWIN TROPHY

The Wailuku Sugar Cardinals copped the championship of the Maui Senior Baseball League for 1948. Wailuku, Puunene, Makawao and Kahului Railroad will participate in a special round-robin series for the L. A. (Chu) Baldwin Memorial trophy. The season ends September 12.

# LABOR DAY GREETINGS

From the 5,000 CIO Members on Maui

## MAUI CIO COUNCIL

### United Sugar Workers, Local 142, ILWU

UNIT 14-A, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., Ltd.

UNIT 14-B, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., Ltd.

UNIT 15, Wailuku Sugar Company

UNIT 16, Pioneer Mill Company

UNIT 16-B, Maui Soda & Ice Company

UNIT 16-C, Maui Dry Goods & Grocery Co., Ltd.

### Pineapple and Cannery Workers, Local 152, ILWU

UNIT 11, Libby McNeill & Libby Cannery

UNIT 12, Libby McNeill & Libby Field

UNIT 13, Baldwin Packers Cannery

UNIT 14, Baldwin Packers Field

UNIT 15, Maui Pineapple Company

### Longshore and Allied Workers, Local 136, ILWU

—MAUI DIVISION

### United Public Workers of America, Local 646, CIO

MAUI DIVISION

## Greetings to the Workers



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# the Democratic Ticket

To the Office of  
MAUI COUNTY TREASURER

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3. High standards in clerical and accounting.
4. Improvement in the distribution of work among employees.
5. Revenues collected exceed all previous administrations.
6. Statistics show highest increase in all types of licenses.
7. First time in the history of this County that businessmen who are subject to County licenses received a business chart as a guide in obtaining their County licenses.
8. Territorial Bank Examiners report my administration the best ever.
9. Have worked irregular hours during the busy period of registration, even on Sundays — February 29, over 300 persons had their cars registered on that day.
10. All correspondence in reference to licenses, etc., given first preference and promptly answered.
11. Lastly: Courteous service to all.

I stand for Good Government First and Always.

K. K. KAM

Starts Friday, September 3rd . . . .

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V-J DAY

We have observed another V-J Day. It is now three years since Japanese surrender. We have had three long years to build for reconstruction, peace and better people's livelihood everywhere.

Although many months have elapsed, there is actually no peace. Neither with Germany nor with Japan have we signed a peace treaty. Rather, these countries are rapidly becoming centers of a new international conflict.

Looking backward a little over three years ago, the world looked to the United States for leadership and cooperation in post-war rehabilitation and peace. But now in retrospect we see clearly that our present administration in Washington has drifted away from the course charted by President Roosevelt.

There are still wars going on in the world. These are struggles by the oppressed people for their liberation. During the fight against fascism, these people fought with us, believing implicitly that our common victory would enhance their liberation.

Actually what our administration did was to throw overboard the Atlantic Charter and intervene in the internal affairs of various nations. The administration has done everything to prop up reactionary regimes everywhere by sending them military and political advisors, by giving military and relief aids, by interfering in elections, by making loans, by economic pressure and through many other means.

Not only has the present administration veered away from Roosevelt's foreign policy but it has turned its back to his domestic policy. THE FOUR FREEDOMS which he cherished so highly are now subjected to violent attacks.

Today we have the Taft-Hartley "Slave Labor Act" in place of labor's Magna Charta — the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

Roosevelt's tradition is not dead, however. There are still people who are unequivocally fighting for Roosevelt's program. This struggle is gaining ground under the leadership of such a man as Henry Wallace. It raises the hopes and aspirations of the common man the world over who wants democracy and peace.

LABOR DAY

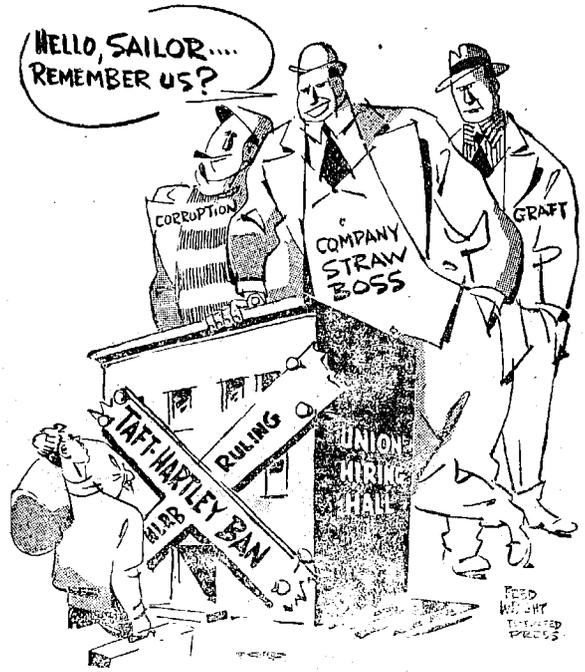
Again this year the AFL and the CIO will march separately through the streets of Honolulu in celebrating labor's holiday. No one feels happier than the employers to see such a situation continue to exist.

If we remember correctly, Mayor John Wilson pointed out this very fact in his speeches to both the AFL and CIO rallies held separately last year.

In times like these when the employers are moving into positions to carry out offensive drives to crack up unions, the need for unity is greater than ever. The sooner the rank and filers realize this, the sooner will they be able to influence their leaders to strive for working unity with other unions.

In fact, the rank and filers of both unions should now commence by trying to find out why there is no joint Labor Day celebration this year.

In removing the obstacle, they will be able to pave the way for joint celebrations in the years to come.



Letter From Our Reader

Editor Honolulu Record:  
DEAR SIR—

Past experience has shown that this Territory has a tendency to hunt for talent on the Mainland whenever an important post is to be filled here. Sometimes we do get good men and women, but more often we draw lemons. Then we are stuck with them or, at best, have to pay their transportation back. Every once in a while we even have to bring them back once more to be tried or something. And all this Mainland talent-scouting, which seems to stem from a territorial inferiority complex, goes on while the finest material is right here in Hawaii, passed up, overlooked, unused!

Yes, we have men and women here who are the equals of the Mainland's finest products. And they have something more that no Mainlander, freshly imported, can possess: Love and understanding of our people. What better head of Kawailoa School for Girls, for instance, could we find than Trude Akau? Not only has she all the social, educational and tempera-

mental qualifications for the job, but she has already proven her worth as an educator of problem children when over a period of two or three years, she was one of the most successful instructors at Kawailoa. Ask the many happy and healthy wives and mothers, former Kawailoa School girls, in whose lives Trude Akau was the turning point!

Ask them which of their substitute mothers at Kawailoa they loved and, therefore, emulated the most! And then, and only then, let our Director of Institutions, who is charged with the awful responsibility of either making or breaking our future citizens at Kawailoa, choose the school's next superintendent! If he believes in the age-old wisdom that "by their fruits ye shall know them" he will appoint Trude Akau, and through her, do his bit to make this a better Hawaii!

Respectfully,  
GOTTFRIED SEITZ,  
3816 Kaimuki Ave.  
August 22, 1948

looking backward

Sugar negotiations have been completed and a memorandum of agreement has been signed by the union and company representatives.

For the first time in labor-management relations in the islands the employers have gone to the laborers to request their kokia in keeping them in business. For the first time the ILWU is known to have negotiated a wage cut either here or on the Pacific coast.

Workers on the Onomea plantation took a five cents across-the-board cut. Subsequently, Olaa plantation demanded a 17.2 per cent cut.

Whether the five-cent cut will keep Onomea in business for years to come is a thing to be watched. Some of the sugar plantations are operating at a disadvantage, and one of the influencing factors is their inability to mechanize because of unfavorable conditions. Among these are included natural conditions such as geographical location and topography.

Community Responsibility  
ILWU's announced position during the negotiations was its community responsibility in keeping the sugar industry thriving. This time, the union made sacrifices during a transitional period for the plantations which are mechanizing, expending capital to cut down labor hours. Does the industry feel the same way about discharging its responsibility to the public by cutting down hours in a work day to

maintain jobs which are becoming increasingly scarce.

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser of May 11, 1909, had an interesting comment on this. It stated in the editorial of that day:

"It is a matter of surprise that the Hawaiian planters have not tried to increase their profits and reduce the margin of labor vicissitude in their business of encouraging, through the offer of large awards, the invention of certain labor-saving machinery . . ."

"Coolies" Versus Machine

"Here in Hawaii, the planters indeed use steam plows, and have in a few years past, acquired practicable cane loaders and fine labor-saving machinery in their mills; but they still have to employ a veritable army of coolies to out the cane. Here is where their system is wrong. That cane, if reaped by machinery, would enable the plantations to enormously reduce their expenses and make it possible to get along for many years without a labor problem.

"What is the use of plodding along with an army of laboring coolies when a machine which never goes on a strike, which has no concern in the advice of walking delegates and which is good for 24 hours' work every day, with no charges for overtime, might be got out of an invention for one-eighth of one per cent of the gross cash returns from the Hawaiian sugar industry in one good year?"

a point of view

By W. K. BASSETT

These Anonymous "Letters From the People"

In Rhode Island a bill has been framed for presentation to its next legislature which prohibits the publication in any newspaper of letters, purportedly from readers, which contain or criticize any person in public or private life, unless the names of the writers of the letters are printed with the communications.



It remains to be seen whether the legislature of Rhode Island will have the independence and, yes, the decency to make that bill into law.

There are two good reasons why letters signed by pseudonyms should not be printed in newspapers. One is that any self-respecting newspaper should demand that anyone criticizing and, as so often happens, vilifying another, should have the courage of his or her own convictions. It is altogether too easy to make charges based merely on hearsay. It is altogether too easy to make implications based on false premises. It is altogether too easy to do this and hide behind anonymity while shooting the poison dart.

Another good reason for the passage of such a law, right here in Hawaii, is that newspapers can, and they do, use their "Letters from the Readers" column to put over their own jobs. Too often these letters emanate not from readers, but from the editorial staff of the paper itself. And often, too, this inside-composed criticism is used as a basis for editorial comments in the same paper.

I doubt that in any city on the Mainland is this highly unethical practice more used than it is right here.

I have been told that such a proposed law may be introduced in the next legislature of Hawaii. I hope it is. The practice will stop many cowards from using their pens and their typewriters.

This Awful Japanese Language

For those whose blood pressure rises to a precarious height whenever they contemplate the wide use of the Japanese language in this frontier colony of the United States, I would offer the following letter from Bennett Cerf's column in the Saturday Review of Literature:

"In a recent TRADE WINDS column you stated, 'Louisiana is the one state in the Union where election returns are announced in two languages—English and French.' I take it you are not familiar with practices in New Mexico, where, after this area has been a part of the United States for a hundred years and a state since 1912, the Spanish and English languages are still widely used. Until recently, our legislature regularly employed interpreters; they are still frequently required in our courts. Ballots are printed in the two languages regularly, notices of election and constitutional amendments are printed and published in both languages, political campaigns are made in both languages, and some of the schools are conducted in Spanish."

I might add that in San Francisco, radio programs completely in the Italian language are not uncommon.

Another "Smoke-Screen"

I note that another book club is started on the Mainland called "Poor Richard's Book-of-America Club." It characterizes itself as staunchly "anti-Communist and defender of American institutions." This book club is a good example of that class of so-called Americans who call themselves anti-Communists to cover up the fact that they are anti-democratic.

Passages in the initial selection of the book club contain such fine fascist examples as these: ". . . that which a nation needs quite as badly as a healthy race is the existence of an elite to lead it."

"Germany had its officer corps which unwaveringly upheld its ethics and made good in the darkest days of Germany."

The book club committee includes: G. Seals Aiken, Georgia attorney, who urges that Negroes be denied citizenship and the right to vote.

Austin J. App, Texan, who says the "German armies were the most decent armies of the war."

Lawrence Denis, Massachusetts author, who has written: "Let me say categorically that I do not believe in democracy or the intelligence of the masses."

Frank A. Parker, New York pamphleteer, who recently distributed a leaflet called "Has Congress Abdicated to International Jewry?"

The point is that we mustn't let people who oppose our democratic way of life delude us by protestations of being anti-Communist.