SF Clerks Reaffirm Coast Rule Against Discrimination

SAN FRANCISCO — At its stopwork meeting February 7, more than 500 members of Local 34 shipclerks voted overwhelming reaffirmation of ILWU policy against racial discrimination.

President James Herman called to the attention of the meeting—one of the largest in recent years—that the ILWU-PMA contract clearly defines the responsibility of both parties to eliminate any discrimination that may exist.

This was implemented in the June 22, 1962, memorandum of agreement between ILWU and PMA.

The Local 34 resolution said in part:

"That this union does not countenance nor does it practice racial discrimination in any form; that the doors to this union are open to all qualified people regardless of race, color, creed or national origin; that employment in this industry is open to all qualified people regardless of race, color, creed or national origin; that by the adoption of this statement of policy our officers are directed by all proper means to assure the membership of this Local..."