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PORTLAND OREGON

AT MEETING WITH EMPLOYERS MAIN DISCUSSION WAS ATTITUDE SEATTLE
PORTLAND LOSANGELES TOWARDS RECOGNITION CLOSED SHOP AND UNION
CONTROL EMPLOYMENT STOP SAN FRANCISCO CONCEDES RECOGNITION AND
JOINT REPEAT JOINT CONTROL HALL STOP SEATTLE NOT REPRESENTED
BUT FOISIE INTERFERED THEY WOULD AGREE SAME AS SF STOP LOS
ANGELES FIRMLY AGAINST ALL THREE POINTS STOP I ADVISED THEM
PORTLANDS POSITION SIMILAR LOS ANGELES STOP ALL PORTS DEFINATELY
AGAINST CLOSED SHOP STOP MEETING ADJOURNED TO MEET CITIZENS
COMMITTEE WHERE FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THESE POINTS BROUGHT FORTH
NO CHANGE IN POSITION TAKEN BY EMPLOYERS STOP ON DISCUSSION WAGES
AND HOURS SF PORT AND LA COULD NOT AGREE TO ABIDE BY SAN FRANCISCO
ESTABLISHING COASTWISE WAGE SCALE ON ACCOUNT DIFFERENTIAL ON DOCK
WORK AT LA AND CAR WORK SEATTLE PORTLAND STOP AMIDST FOREGOING
DISCUSSION SECRETARY MCGARDY ARRIVED STATING HIS MEETING WITH ILA
COMMITTEE HAD ARRIVED AT AN IMPASSE BECAUSE ILA INSISTED THAT
EMPLOYERS ACCEPT CLOSED SHOP AND CONTROL HALLS BEFORE ANYTHING
ELSE COULD BE ARBITRATED STOP LOOKED LIKE THE END OF DISCUSSION
IN VIEW EMPLOYERS STAND AGAINST CLOSED SHOP BUT MCGRADY REQUESTED
EMPLOYERS MEET ILA COMMITTEE WITH HE PRESIDING WHICH WAS DONE STOP
ILA ASKED IF EMPLOYERS WERE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE COASTWISE AGREEMENT
PLANT ANSWERED NO BECAUSE SEATTLE NOT REPRESENTED HOWEVER REAL
REASON ALL PORTS NOT AGREED ON PROGRAM STOP AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION
ON VARIOUS POINTS IN WHICH I DID NOT TAKE PART MCGRADY ADJOURNED
MEETING UNTIL MONDAY MORNING AT WHICH TIME EMPLOYERS MUST ANSWER
WHETHER THEY CAN MAKE COASTWISE AGREEMENT STOP EMPLOYERS MEETING
SUNDAY NINE THIRTY TO ENDEAVOR TO REACH SOME UNIFORM PROGRAM
THEREFORE PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR ADVISE AND AUTHORITY ON POINTS IN
QUESTION ALSO AUTHORITY FROM STATES LINE STOP EMPLOYERS HERE TODAY
DECIDED PUT ON PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STARTING SUNDAY SUGGEST YOU RESUME
OURS ON WHICH HAVE HAD NUMEROUS FAVORABLE COMMENTS STOP PRIVATE
OPINIONS NO CHANCE SETTLEMENT PRESENT ILA COMMITTEE STOP LA WORKING
ALL SHIPS SF WORKING ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED MEN BUT HAMPERED THRU
INABILITY GET CARGO TO AND FROM DOCKS STOP CONTEMPLATED EMBARGO
AGAINST OAKLAND ACCOUNT LACK PROTECTION STOP RECOMMEND YOU PROCEED
WITH ACTION PROGRAM.

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EMPLOYERS OPERATORS IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATES LINE AT MEETING
TONIGHT AUTHORIZE YOU TO ADVISE EMPLOYERS FROM OTHER COAST PORTS
PORTLANDS POSITION AS FOLLOWS STOP

ONE PORTLAND DOES NOT AGREE TO A CLOSED SHOP

TWO PORTLAND WILL NOT AGREE UNION CONTROL EMPLOYMENT

THREE PORTLAND WILL AGREE RECOGNITION ILA FOR REPRESENTING
OUR EMPLOYERS IF AND WHEN ELECTED BY OUR REGISTERED MEN REGULARLY
EMPLOYED FROM NOVEMBER FIRST TO MAY FIRST UNDER AUSPICES OF REGIONAL
LABOR BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION SEVEN A RECOVERY ACT

FOUR PORTLAND WILL AGREE TO ABIDE BY SAN FRANCISCO DECISION ON
ESTABLISHING COAST WISE WAGE SCALE ON LONGSHORE WORK ONLY STOP
FOR YOUR INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAIN AND GENERAL CARGO DOCKS
ON WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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