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West Coast Port Disruptions Raise Concerns About Status of ILWU & PMA Negotiations

Unexpected disruptions took place at several U.S. West Coast ports last Friday and through the weekend, as contract negotiations hit a snag, raising concern as to the forward direction between the ILWU and PMA.

Unsuccessful negotiations have now exceeded one year and this recent job action that caused disruptions during different shifts at various terminals and could be a sign of more disruptions to come should further talks not progress positively and how the membership reacted.

Sources are reporting that the talks are focusing on wages at this stage and that the ILWU is positioning itself for increases it believes they should be rewarded for as a result of the pandemic. The president of the ILWU described efforts as “heroic” and that the workers made “personal sacrifices” during the pandemic to help the industry achieve record profits.

However, to be clear, it was noted that the job actions were not considered to be any form of a strike and that there has not been any breakdown in discussions between the ILWU and PMA officials, which are supposed to resume tomorrow, Tuesday, June 6th.

As of today, it appears the job actions have diminished from the levels experienced this past weekend. There are some reports that there may be some shutdowns for the first shift this morning as well as appointment cancellations for the day, as learned by several in the trucking community. TTI has even sent out a notice regarding its gate schedule regarding their limited operations this morning. It is hopeful all terminals will return to normal operations shortly, if not already.

We will keep you posted should there be anything of significance reported.

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