

How Labor and the Left Changed Hawaii

Saturday, Oct. 1 - 11 am

Speaker Dr. Gerald Horne

ILWU Local 10 Union Hall - 400 North Point, S. F.

-in the rear building, upstairs in the Henry Schmidt room-

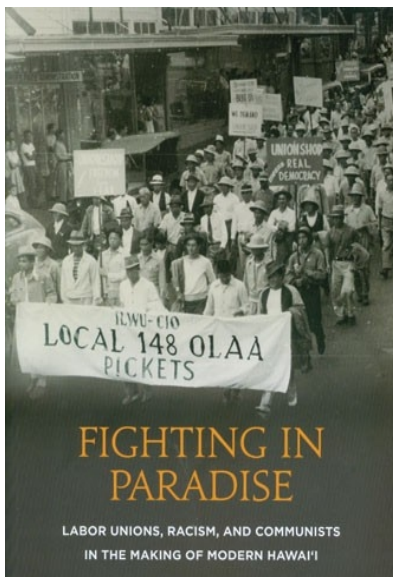
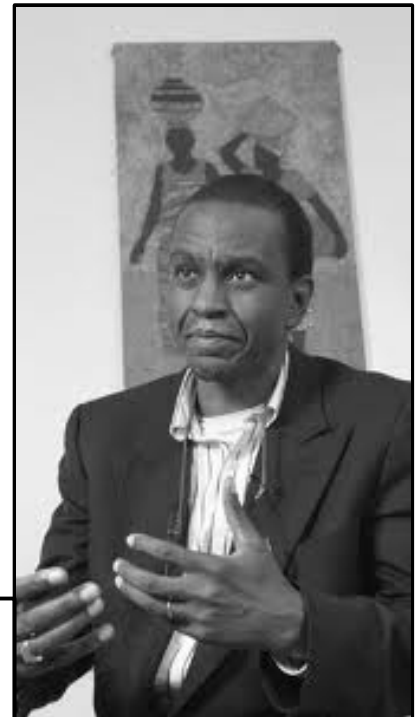
Commentator Harvey Schwartz, Curator of the ILWU Oral History Collection

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Gerald Horne pulls no punches. Do not miss this chance to hear an exceptional scholar tell a true history of labor in Hawaii, as detailed in his recently published book *Fighting in Paradise*. This is a story seldom heard – a picture of how the people made history!

“Gerald Horne offers readers an eye-opening account explaining how the labor movement and the left played decisive roles in moving Hawaii from feudal colony to the most progressive state in the union.” - Nelson Lichtenstein, Director, Center for the Study of Work, Labor, & Democracy, U.C. Santa Barbara

Gerald Horne is the author of approximately 30 books and the Moores Chair of History and African American Studies at the [University of Houston](#). He received his PhD from Columbia University and a J.D. from U.C. Berkeley.



Dr. Horne shows in *The White Pacific: U.S. Imperialism and Black Slavery in the South Seas After the Civil War* (a companion book to *Fighting In Paradise*) how Confederates left the U.S. after the Civil War and enslaved Polynesians and Melanesians in Fiji and Australia. When the Hawaiian Kingdom tried to organize a diplomatic campaign against South Pacific slavery, it was overthrown by the U.S. in the early 1890's. Hawaii became an apartheid state with plantations.

In *Fighting In Paradise*, Horne documents how the ILWU mounted successful organizing drives among plantation and dock workers in the early 1930's and broke the apartheid system. Racial and ethnic divides among workers were bridged by the ILWU through acknowledging differences and embracing them. Horne writes that the ILWU led the largest progressive movement in the U.S., rescuing Hawaii from apartheid and bringing it into democracy. Hawaii's extensive social welfare system and the power of unions to shape the state politically are a direct result of those struggles.