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Local 10 Drill Team members salute co-workers killed by police on July 5, 1934 while striking in San Francisco and west coast ports for better wages, working conditions, and a democratic union that became today's ILWU. At the "Bloody Thursday" memorial held this July in San Francisco, Local 10 President Richard Mead delivered the speech below. He began by thanking the pensioners and Bay Area Longshoremen's Memorial Association (BALMA) which sponsors the annual "Bloody Thursday" event at the Local 10 union hall near Fisherman's Wharf.

Why we continue to honor "Bloody Thursday"

Bloody Thursday is more than a memorial to those who gave their lives in the 1934 maritime strike.

Bloody Thursday is also a celebration of the victory of that strike. It's a celebration of all that has come to pass as a result of the sacrifice of men like Nicholas Bordoise and Howard Sperry who gave their lives. It's a celebration of things like this hiring hall in which we have gathered today to pay our respects.

It's a celebration of the working conditions and benefits that we enjoy because of that hard fought victory and all of the many other battles along the way that the labor movement has endured to get us where we are today.

I would like to read you a quote from a man who witnessed the events of 1934. It's a different perspective, but from someone who was just as much a participant as Harry Bridges or anyone else. The quote is from William H. Crocker, a prominent San Francisco banker during the time of

the General Strike. He was a leader and strategist for the employers. In fact, Crocker is one of the men whose interests the police were protecting when they gunned down Howard Sperry and Nicholas Bordoise. The words below are the words of the enemy, Brothers and Sisters, as they were spoken in the midst of the General Strike:

"This strike is the best thing that ever happened to San Francisco. It's costing us money, certainly. We have lost millions on the waterfront in the last few months. But it's a good investment, a marvelous investment. It's solving the labor problem for years to come.

Mark my words. When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs, we won't have to worry about them anymore. They'll have learned their lesson. Not only do I believe we'll never have another general strike, but I don't think we'll have a strike of any kind in San Francisco during this generation. Labor is licked."

Workers didn't see things his way.

As Crocker spoke these words, the longshoremen, sailors and others who were participating in the General Strike were learning important lessons about the strength of organized labor. These workers were seeing things differently. Not only did they return to work victorious, with their heads held high, but they saw a glimpse of a better world.

They saw the possibility of real change and a way out from under the oppressive rule of bankers and ship owners. They saw hope for themselves and future generations.

Harry Bridges had a different take on the events of 1934. Harry realized the "real fruit" of the General Strike wasn't the winning of any particular demand, but the realization of an ever expanding union.

And that's what the longshoremen and workers of 1934 did.

They turned San Francisco into a union town.

From our birth in 1934, the

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LETTERS TO THE DISPATCHER

Dear Editor,

As an ILWU member, I am appalled by your article regarding the ILWU voicing a complaint regarding illegal immigration. It is unlawful to hire anyone who is not a US citizen without proper documentation, so why is the union trying to fight this?

Your article states that "the law was passed by agitation by right wing groups, including "Tea Party" activists, who have had success moving a number of conservative causes...". Agitated Tea Party members? I look at that as Americans fed up with the current government not doing anything to change the course America is going. The union should back this law not ignore it. Another false statement is how the crime rate has dropped along the border. Unless you are talking about the U.S./ Canadian border yes, but the U.S Mexican border is at an all-time high due to the Mexican drug smuggling trade.

Hundreds of jobs are lost by illegal aliens working for minimum wage rather than American union members including ILWU and others who are working to support their families and their country. Hundreds of illegals sneak into our country and cause havoc with what Americans work hard to obtain, such as healthcare, education and welfare. Radio personalities such as Glenn Beck, Bill O' Reilly and others are spot on when describing how illegals are ruining America. You should be as well. Do you really think that it is OK to hire an illegal alien? Your article made it seem that it was perfectly alright to do so.

If you haven't guessed by now, I am a proud Republican, a military veteran, a Tea Party follower as well as a NRA life member. Your story has not just infuriated several of my co-workers but I am sure thousands of other ILWU members who are fed up with the way our country is deteriorating due to bad political decisions made by the Obama Administration and a liberal media that refuses to tell the truth.

**Martin Bush, Local 28
Portland, OR**

Dear Editor,

I'm glad that President McEllrath is speaking out against Arizona's immigration law that requires police to question people they suspect of being here illegally and makes it a potential crime to not carry your proof of citizenship or immigration status.

The ILWU was right to file an amicus brief that explains how problems with Arizona's law are similar to the dangerous anti-immigrant laws and police powers that were once used against members of our union, including Harry Bridges.

Local 6 members have passed resolutions in support of immigrant rights for the past 4 years, and a resolution we brought to the International Convention in 2009 was unanimously voted up. It said: "...the ILWU calls upon the members of Congress within our geographical jurisdiction to advocate for the following reforms in regards to immigration:

- 1) Legalization and equal rights for immigrant workers;
- 2) Stop ICE from their brutal raids on immigrant workers;
- 3) No "guest worker" programs;

- 4) A moratorium on deportations; and
- 5) Streamline the visa application process."

President McEllrath did the right thing by respecting these principles and policy adopted by the rank and file at our convention, and applying them to the situation in Arizona.

Economic recessions are a breeding ground for anti-immigrant movements, especially if we fail to organize and educate in our workplaces and communities. In the past, some unions and workers have mistakenly embraced backward, racist ideas that targeted Chinese, African Americans, Jews, Latinos, Gypsies, and others who were blamed for causing unemployment and hard times. Today, similar attacks are being led by Glenn Beck, Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh and politicians who hate unions, love free-market capitalism, defend corporate power, and blame illegal immigrants for causing our economic and social problems. It's hard to believe that people respond to this kind of poison, but they will swallow it if we don't provide real alternatives.

It's going to take a lot of organizing and educational work to help members see that the real enemy is corporate capitalism, and that the solution is economic democracy. It takes patience to talk with our co-workers, hear their legitimate concerns that are mixed up with the politics of hatred and scapegoating, and help them move in a more constructive direction.

President McEllrath did all of us a favor by speaking out against scapegoating. He pointed out that dangerous laws like the one in Arizona can eventually threaten everyone's civil liberties. I'm glad to see this issue is promoting healthy discussion and debate in our union; but moving things in a positive direction will require all of us to be involved.

**Carey Dall
Oakland, CA**

Dear Editor,

I'm proud to be a Local 13 member and attended the "Bloody Thursday" picnic on July 5th in Long Beach. It was wonderful to see so many longshore men and women together again.

Everyone was happy and eager to visit with the young and seniors. The new Harry Bridges Memorial Park was a successful meeting area.

My husband, Chuck Brady, spent many years helping the rank and file. Lest we forget to remember what the strikers died for on Thursday, July 5th, 1934 - we will not forget!

**Sylvia Brady
Garden Grove, CA**

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Pushing for more good jobs: U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (above center) talks with Longshore members during a July visit to the Port of Stockton. Port Commissioner and Local 54 member Steve Griffen (above right) explained concerns with the proposed Short Sea Shipping program and the need to create high-wage, high-standard jobs at the Port. Local 54 President and Business Agent Marc Cuevas (above left) also spoke with the Senator about Longshore jurisdiction and the unique role that the Port of Stockton can play in creating quality jobs for the Stockton community. Also pictured is Marcie Bayne, Director of the North Valley Labor Federation.

2010 Pensioners Convention

San Francisco will be the setting for the 2010 Convention of the Pacific Coast Pensioners Association.

This is an opportunity to gather helpful information, re-new old acquaintances, make new friends, and have plenty of fun in the process.

We'll have delegates from other nations, and the ILWU Officers will be there to update us on important issues.

The hosts for the Convention are the Bay Area Pensioners.

Our Convention will convene on September 13, and adjourn the 15th. Lots of enjoyable activities are planned, beginning with a barbecue at the Local 10 Union Hall on Sunday, the day before the convention.

For information about registration and lodging contact your local Pension Club, or phone the Bay Area Pensioners at (415) 474-0300.

Make plans to attend. You'll be glad you did!

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ILWU campaign to save good jobs at Tesoro gets big boost

When dozens of Local 13A members (the “A” is for Allied Division) lost their jobs in May as “coke cutters” at the Tesoro Refinery near the Port of Los Angeles, Local 13 leaders and members jumped into action. They helped organize a labor-community coalition meeting, then followed-up with a petition drive that’s involved dozens of volunteers and enrolled thousands of co-workers to stand up for good jobs. The Tesoro refinery caused the problem by replacing their union contractor that employed Local 13A members with a non-union outfit from Utah in May. In July, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor joined the fight, coordinating a network of 350 unions representing over 800,000 workers with a track record of winning tough fights – including a key role in helping families win the lockout by Rio Tinto in Boron. The effort at Local 13 is being coordinated by Vice President Bobby Olvera, Jr., and a team of volunteers. Contact him to get involved and go to the website at: www.launionaflcio.org



Rite Aid workers turn up heat to settle contract



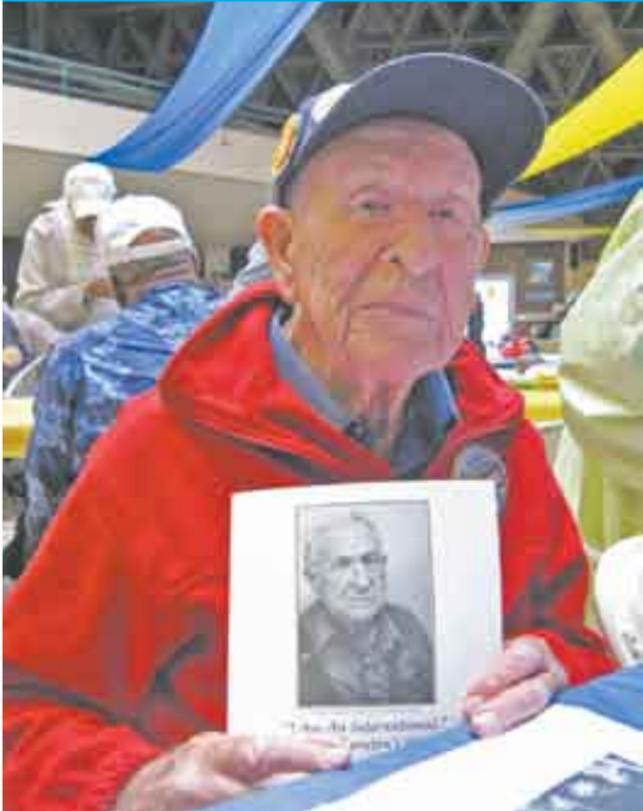
Summer temperatures in the Mojave Desert surrounding Rite Aid’s distribution Center in Lancaster, California are already hotter than 100 degrees, but workers there are turning up the heat on management to negotiate a first contract that’s fair. Contract talks with Rite Aid have dragged for more than 2 years because the company tried to stall – hoping to wear down the 550 workers who began organizing to join the ILWU more than five years ago.

The heat went up when workers travelled to Rite Aid’s annual shareholder meeting on June 23 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. At the meeting, rank-and-file members Sylvia Estrada, and Angel Warner joined a delegation of members from the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Teamsters, and Service Employees Union who all stood together for better jobs and an end to union-busting at Rite Aid. The AFL-CIO assigned a team of experts to support the action on the ground and released a study criticizing Rite Aid’s mismanagement that highlighted the excessive executive pay and perks for CEO Mary Sammons. Rite Aid workers won surprising support from angry shareholders who were furious when they learned that management still hadn’t signed a union contract with workers in Lancaster despite two years of talks. Many shareholders at the meeting spoke out; expressing sympathy for workers in Lancaster, and urging Rite Aid management to immediately settle the contract.

More heat was generated less than a week later when dozens of Rite Aid workers walked out of their Distribution Center in Lancaster to attend a rally in front organized by the ILWU and other unions. A “carne asada” BBQ lunch was served to workers and supporters, with an important bit of shade provided by “Double Trouble,” the 40-foot 18-wheeler owned by the Food & Drug Council and driven by Damascus Castellanos and Abe Moreno from Teamsters Local 630 in Los Angeles. Local 30 President Dave Liebengood, Vice President Jack Liebengood, and other Local 30 members were on hand to show solidarity and thank Rite Aid workers for their help in beating back Rio Tinto’s anti-union lockout in Boron. When it came time to return to work, the Rite Aid employees marched back together through the company gates, creating a show of solidarity that wasn’t lost on company officials – who tried to sabotage the union event by offering free lunches to employees inside. ILWU International President Ray Familathe attended the Lancaster rally, and recently joined the contract talks, sitting with the union committee of workers elected from the distribution center.

The added heat seems to be working. A few weeks after the actions, Rite Aid officials agreed to a key contract demand that gives workers a voice in the process for setting production standards inside the warehouse. This contract language on “engineered production standards,” combined with industry-leading language on indoor heat standards, are important signs that the long and difficult effort by workers and their union is making important progress toward a first contract.

San Francisco



Buying a piece of history: Labor historian Harvey Schwartz sold copies of his book, "Solidarity Stories: An Oral History of the ILWU," on July 5th. Customers included Barbara Gingher; her father, William Gingher, Sr., participated in the 1934 waterfront strike that gave birth to the ILWU. Buy his book on page 8.

Living legend: ILWU pensioner Nate Thornton celebrated his 95th birthday in January and was present on July 5th to honor the Bloody Thursday martyrs at the Local 10 hall. Thornton fought the fascists in Spain with the Abraham Lincoln Brigades, worked on ships that took him to China, and was employed as a cook for the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934, earning a dollar a day. A gifted sculptor and unapologetic political radical, Nate and his wife, Corine, helped compile an oral history, called "I am an International," which is available at www.birdbeckett.com



Cool kids: July 5th was a family-friendly event in San Francisco with face-painting, games, balloons, and special treats like cotton candy for kids. Paul "from the hall" Williams and wife Rebecca brought their family: (L-R) Katrina age 4, Nacayla age 7, Aanizah age 6, and Aaliyaha age 5.



Mentoring a new generation: Local 10 veteran Ralph Rooker presented an award to Vanetta "B Sugaa" Hamlin during the Bloody Thursday celebration, honoring Hamlin's achievement for being elected as the first female Chief Dispatcher at Local 10.

ILWU families honor "Bloody Thursday"

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ILWU embarked upon the March Inland, an organizing drive that didn't stop until it reached Baltimore on the East Coast.

The ILWU went on to organize the entire state of Hawaii, and expanded into the western regions of Canada and Alaska.

Bloody Thursday is more than a memorial to those that came before us. As we assemble in the hiring hall that they built and died for, let us glimpse their vision.

Let us see the awesome power of labor.

Let us embark on a journey to bring about the real change that comes from improving the lives of working people.

Let's fight for justice and peace.

Let's take the vision and labor movement of those who came before

us and carry it as best we can towards the goal of organizing all working people and creating a better world.

When we look back at our history, it becomes clear that Bloody Thursday is bigger than us and this gathering today.

Bloody Thursday is the rock solid solidarity of the 1948 strike that swept us to victory in opposition to the Taft-Hartley Act.

Bloody Thursday is joining the civil rights movement of the 1960's and having Martin Luther King, Jr., speak from this very platform and become an honorary member of ILWU Local 10.

Bloody Thursday is taking a stand against Apartheid.

And Bloody Thursday is uniting with our Longshore Brothers in Charleston, South Carolina and helping them see their way to victory.

Now it's up to us, Brothers and Sisters, to continue on with Bloody Thursday.

It's up to us to fight for single-payer healthcare, the Employee Free Choice Act, and the rights of immigrants.

Look around you today. Social Security is under attack, along with many of the other hard fought benefits that workers gained in the 1930's.

Aren't we back under the thumb of the bankers and Wall Street as they pillage our tax dollars and pensions?

Bloody Thursday is not about death, Brothers and Sisters.

It's about life.

A new life. A better life. It's about hope and change and renewing the vision of an ever expanding union.

I'd like to close with another quote. Note from the employers or

some banker, but from one of those workers who emerged victorious from the General Strike. A man who really understood what Blood Thursday was all about, who went on to do all he could to bring about an ever expanding Union. The quote is from Harry Bridges, and is one of his most famous lines:

"Anybody want to know where to put your faith for the future, for a good living? Put it in the labor movement, cause there ain't no other place to put it."

Let's make sure that those of us in the ILWU and the labor movement will continue harvesting the real fruit of this momentous occasion, by dedicating ourselves to building a bigger union that helps more workers realize the dreams of a better world with more justice for all.

— Richard Mead

Long Beach

An estimated 4,000 members, families and friends of Local 13 came to a new location at the recently-dedicated Harry Bridges Memorial Park in Long Beach to celebrate Bloody Thursday on July 5th with a classic car show and big BBQ prepared by Firefighters Local 372. Kids enjoyed a play zone with jumpers, face painting, snow-cones and magic shows. Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster welcomed the crowd and LA City Council member Janice Hahn dropped by to visit and shake hands. Photos by Robin Doyno.



Old school: So Cal Pensioners and Auxiliary #8 members came in force, joined by LA City Councilmember Janice Hahn (5th from left).



Early arrivals: Local 13 ship gangs 13, 15, 47, 48, and 77 were ready to go.



Funny faces: Kids lined up to have their faces painted at the picnic.

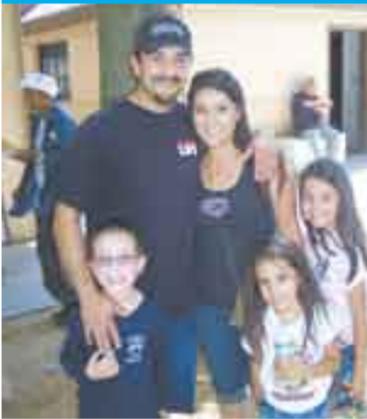


Hot wheels: Local 13 member Soccoro Fimbres showed his sharp '57 Chevy truck at the classic car show.



Stockton

Mickie Grove Park was the place to be on July 5th where families and friends from Local 54 gathered to eat, drink, and relax. Photos by Gene Davenport.



Seattle

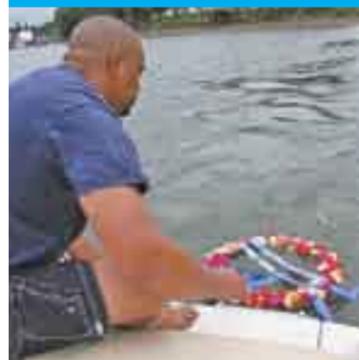


Hundreds of ILWU Local 19 families (plus guests from Locals 98 and 52) came to Vasa Park in Bellevue for the big BBQ with a children's play area and time to catch up with old friends. Photos by Penny Comfort.



Portland

A memorial service honoring the Bloody Thursday martyrs began at 11am when a wreath of flowers was gently placed into the Willamette River by Local 8 member Mike "Goldwing" Montgomerie where the current carried it toward the Pacific. Families from Locals 8, 40, 92, and 5 enjoyed the great food and drinks. Kids enjoyed the near by amusement park rides. A good contingent of pensioners came to share stories and see old friends. Photos by Dawn DesBrisay.



"Last month, ILWU International Vice President Ray Familathe asked me to join Local 30 member Chuck Kennedy to attend a forum in Mexico organized by the United Steelworkers Union and the Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Mineros, Metalurgicos, Siderurgicos y Similares de la Republica Mexicana, known as "Los Mineros." This is my report of our solidarity visit. For more about the Cananea strike, see the October, 2007 article in The Dispatcher by David Bacon.

– Lewis Wright, Local 63, retired

Fire bombings, brutal beatings, tear gas, and murder are making Mexican miners stronger in Cananea



Defiant: Los Mineros say international solidarity is helping them endure a difficult struggle.

This past June 19th the Mexican miner's union (Los Mineros) held a National Forum in the town of Cananea, in Mexico's northern State of Sonora.

Chuck Kennedy of ILWU Local 30, himself a miner from Boron, summed up the spirit at the forum, saying: "These miners could very easily have put their hands in their pockets bowed their heads and shuffled off into the shadows. But here they are, standing tall, shaking their fists, screaming epithets at the top of their voices and saying what they're going to do to challenge their employer, Grupo Mexico, and Mexican President Felipe Calderon. These workers are showing no fear."

Kennedy and I were representing the ILWU, in the same way that so many international unions had offered help and support to Local 30 members who were locked out of their mine earlier this year in Boron, CA by the international mining company Rio Tinto.

The history of Los Mineros in the copper town of Cananea goes back to 1906. At that time, the copper mine

was owned by Col. William Green, a U.S. citizen. The Mexican miners were asking for equal pay with their American coworkers. The striking miners were attacked by the Arizona Rangers who invaded Mexico to defend the American-owned mining company. When the Rangers attacked, 26 miners were gunned down. Mexican President Diaz also sent troops to defend the foreign company, helping to spark the Mexican revolution of 1910-1920.

Two years ago in Lazaro Cardenas, the pacific coast port city in the state of Michoacán, Los Mineros were on strike and attacked by federal police. Two union members were gunned down and killed. TV news showed miners being chased and beaten to the ground by federal police who continued the beatings until they were exhausted. The mineworkers had struck over the wanton loss of sixty miners who died on the job inside the mine; their bodies were left inside while widowed wives continued to hold a vigil in front of the mine. The company had been repeatedly cited for failing to fix the cause of the accident. The union charged the company with "Industrial Homicide."



Solidarity for Mexican copper miners in Cananea: L-R: ILWU Local 63 pensioner Lewis Wright, Local 30 member Chuck Kennedy, USW Organizer Manney Armenta, and USW District 7 Director Jim Robinson visited with other miners from Mexico, Canada and the U.S., including some pictured here.



Struggle for wealth & power: Cananea, located 25 miles south of the Arizona border, is home to one of the world's largest open-pit copper mines that also produces gold. Miners struck here in 1906 after 19 workers died, sparking a revolution in Mexico and giving birth to the country's labor movement. Dangerous conditions led workers to strike again in 2007. Government troops are now backing wealthy mine owners who want to destroy the union.

On June 6th, 2010, the federal police attacked workers again, removing the miners and their families from the struck mine. The police then chased the miners into their union hall and tear gassed them.

Straight backs and clinched fists were no defense against the machine guns carried by federal troops, but Chuck Kennedy saw another strength in the miners, noting that as poor and oppressed as Los Mineros were, they were not alone. In the same way that ILWU Local 30 miners had enjoyed the support of the world wide union movement, Los Mineros were not stopping to lick their wounds but were busy forming alliances with the United Steelworkers (USW).

USW District Director Jim Robinson and Organizer Manny Armenta joined with some twenty rank-and-file members from Canada and the United States at this solidarity forum that aimed to build ties and support for the locked-

out miners in Mexico. In 2005, Los Mineros and the USW formed a "Strategic Alliance" to improve "communication, collaboration and coordination across our national frontiers."

At a previous forum held five years ago, both unions agreed to unite their organizations into one North American labor organization under the "values of democracy, equality and solidarity." When successfully united, this new body will include one million workers from Mexico, Canada, the United States and the Caribbean.

After a long day that involved travelling from Tucson, Arizona to Cananea, Sonora, and back, Chuck Kennedy observed, "every time I'm involved with other unions like the ones that helped us during our lockout in Boron or the Mexican miners who are working here with the USW, I'm more and more convinced that if we were all united we would be one strong force."

TRANSITIONS

NEW PENSIONERS:

Local 8: Peter Parks; **Local 10:** James E. Elliott; Joseph A. Perez; **Local 12:** Keith F. Bowden; David A. Duple; **Local 13:** Gary Connors; Ronald N. Marincovich; Richard Campos; Mark A. Kuha; Jose M. Rodriguez; Kenneth J. Kilby; Odell Blair; **Local 19:** Jake S. Almo; **Local 23:** David L. Taylor; **Local 34:** Howard Moore; **Local 40:** Ronnie L. Schmidt; Fredric G. Gwinner; **Local 52:** Manuel Almo; Robert B. Ganung; Edmond J. Berard; Lloyd J. Hadley; **Local 63:** Elena Velazquez; Ronald G. Stover; Charles R. Mc Lachlan; William E. Gravett; **Local 94:** Malcolm L. Morris; William Viramontes

DECEASED:

Local 4: Norman R. Finch; **Local 8:** Austin L. Brown; Harold W. Bell; Ernest R. Rand; **Local 10:** Lee Laws; Calvin Skinner; David Stewart; Sim Richardson; Robert V. Pickett; Patrick Cooper; Allen Herbert; David Stewart (Hilda); William Murphy (Gaila); **Local 13:** Nick Fiamengo; Frank Thomas (Patricia); Vergil L. Pollard; Gene Depew (Clara); Miljenko Mirkovich (Mary); Larry P. Lopez, Sr., (Maria); Manuel Navarrete (Eleanor); Tony Reed (Cassandra); Dean M. Spondello; John Zupparde; **Local 19:** Salvador Gran (Marina); **Local 23:** David A. Burrows;

DECEASED SURVIVORS:

William C. Rataczyk; **Local 34:** Elmer Barnett; Robert A. Bombarde; Jimmy L. Thomas (Linda); **Local 50:** Dennis P. Petersen; **Local 51:** Theodore T. Lofgren (Sharon); **Local 52:** George H. Daly; **Local 54:** Ronald J. Purcell; **Local 63:** Fumiaki H. Tado; Mitchell P. Salmonson; Donald A. Gilchrest; **Local 75:** Viktor Vraski (Maria); **Local 94:** Robert Barraza; Raymond P. Aguirre; David A. Trujillo; **Local 98:** Jan C. Kassuhn

Local 8: Laura L. Ackley; Leona I. Easter; Marcella F. Anderson; **Local 10:** Bessie R. Mitchell; Lessie L. Reed; Ann M. Spencer; Mae F. Owens; Lena Andreotti; Rose C. Brown; **Local 13:** Ruth V. Muller; Ruzica R. Tesulov; Ouida M. Deatherage; Mary E. Stokes; Rosemary Z. Cehajic; **Local 19:** Louise Rohrscheib; **Local 23:** V. Eileen Rossow; **Local 34:** Josephine Dragotto; Alice D. Lava; **Local 40:** Beatrice E. Rasmusson; **Local 63:** Wanda J. Rickers; **Local 91:** Eleanor Lewis.

Marching to honor the Battle of Ballantyne

Hundreds of ILWU members and families marched on June 19th in Vancouver, Canada to honor the 75th anniversary of a valiant battle by 5,000 longshore workers who were attacked with tear gas and beaten by police on horseback at the Ballantyne docks in 1935. A monument honoring the workers' struggle was unveiled last month at New Brighton Park, overlooking the docks. Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson joined the ceremony that included ILWU Canada and International officials plus Canadian Labour Congress President Ken Georgetti and of British Columbia Labour Federation President Jim Sinclair. A dinner and dance were held in the evening after the march. "Our pensioners and members did a great job organizing these events that reminded everyone that our union was born in struggle and will only stay strong if we're all willing to continue the struggle for justice," said ILWU Canada President Tom Defresne.



Ready to march: (L-R) Mark Keserich, Local 500 President, holds banner on the left side; Jyalmen Sidhho, Secretary Treasurer for ILWU Canada; Bob McEllrath, International President; Tom Dufresne, President of ILWU Canada; Steve Nasby, First Vice President of ILWU Canada, Jim Sinclair, President of the BC Federation of Labour. Local 500 Vice President Mike Rondpre holds up the banner on the right.



Battle of Ballantyne Memorial Dedication: Pensioner Dave Lomas from the Local 500 Pensioners Committee read a dedication from the podium while pensioners Doug Will (L) and Bill Kemp (R) removed the shroud covering the beautiful granite monument.



Family friendly: The Hurtubise family was one of dozens who brought kids to the historic march along Vancouver's waterfront on June 19th.



Hundreds marched: The parade route passed through neighborhoods where residents cheered for the families.

Privatization problems in Peru



Coast Committeemen Ray Ortiz, Jr. and Leal Sundet met with Peruvian Congressman Luis Negreiros in June to discuss the ongoing attack on union rights in Peru, which is part of an unsettling trend in Latin American ports. One by one, publicly owned ports are being turned over to multinational corporations like DP World and others that disregard the longstanding union rights of port workers. Ortiz, Sundet and Negreiros had frank discussions about DP World's recent refusal to negotiate with the SUTRAMPORPC union in Callao, Peru's largest port. When union dockers went on strike in May, the government authorized the militarization of the docks, forcing strikers back to work. The Congressman is also a longshoreman and a former SUTRAPORPC union officer.

Pirates are back, and they're no joke!



Except for Disneyland and the movies, most pirates disappeared a long time ago. But today pirates are back and they're threatening ships' crews off the coasts of Somalia, Indonesia and other nations.

In the last two years, over 1,800 seafarers have been kidnapped.

The International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) is asking their worldwide network of member unions – including the ILWU – to help collect petition signatures that call on governments to take action. The goal is to collect 500,000 by September 23rd.

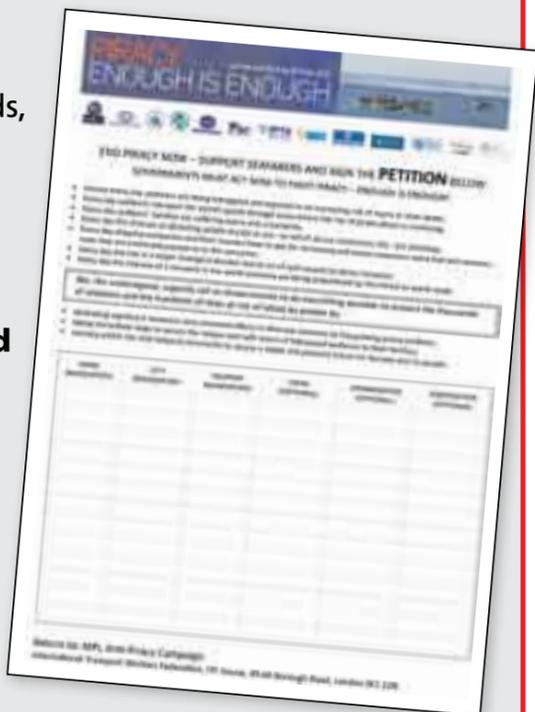
You can help by downloading a petition at www.endpiracypetition.org

Share it with your co-workers and friends, and mail it back to:

**MPI Anti-Piracy Campaign
ITF House
49-60 Borough Road
London SE1 1DR**



www.endpiracypetition.org



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