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CLERKS NEW SECRETARY ON JOB PUTS WORKING RULES INTO EFFECT.

Dear Sir:

Much to the surprise of many, the Clerks new secretary is right on the job getting the working rules put into operation on the various docks, something that "sign-his-name" Finnegan would never have thought of.

The real test will come when he forces his own members to stop their "chiseling" and he can only do that by exposing them to the membership. One good medium he could use for that purpose would be through publishing their names in the Waterfront Worker. A good omen we Clerks can hope on, is that our Secretary, unlike "Sell-out" Finnegan, has contact with the leaders of 38-79. Let's hope the Rank & File microbe will bite him so that he will realize that the union belongs to the members and that officials are servants, not masters. And the same goes for our new president.

A Clerk.

WHAT ABOUT OAKLAND???

We have quite a mass of members who work on the Oakland side and as they are usually busy on Fridays many of them are unable to take in the business meetings of the Local. Why not give these members the chance to hear what is doing by holding a meeting on that side of the Bay at least once a month on a suitable night for the majority?

MR. FINNEGAN -- WHAT A MAN!

We've lost Mr. Finnegan whatever shall we do?

Now we aint got a man to put a big deal through,
He said he was the only man to get us better pay,
And painted pretty pictures of what he had to say.

He gave us all those long talks, how smart a man he was,
We lapped it up like milk and let him be the boss,
Then he went out and signed his name, we stood up and cheered,
But 20,000 strikers, the meanies only snored.

So now we need another man to take poor Finneys place,
And there are six or ten of them, running in the race,
We've got to pick a man who believes in Rank & File,
So that the Clerk's Local can rise on its feet and smile.

CHISELING ON CHECKING

Pier Agents on certain docks have been scrambling the checkers after sorting, and taking the teamsters count for both intercoastal and off-shore cargo. Offenders in this way are Piers 45-37-35 15-48 and 54. On a recent transfer of bonded cargo from dock to dock one checker on Pier 45 is said to have made tags for a fleet of O.F.T. trucks loading simultaneously. The Cooper on 37 should belong to the Clerks Union, as he is reported to be ambidextrous; cooperating with one hand and checking with the other. One checker on 35 is said to habitually issue delivery tags "counted on load" to save Capt. Bennett's clerk payroll. Sorters on 48 usually check out with the Stevios, leaving the delivery dependant on the word of the drayman to the book-man who makes up dummy tags.

The book-man on 54 is said to be an expert long distance checker in the absence of dock clerks to supervise delivery. Do not the tariff rates include checking, or is it cheaper to pay claims? How long will this cheap chiseling continue?

AN ASS LOOKING OVER A WHITE FENCE NONE ARE SO BLIND AS THEY WHO SEE

That clothes do not always denote intelligence is aptly illustrated by the relative progress of Local 79 and 90. Only two months difference in time from date of organization, and what a difference in objective attained. For instance when say five checkers are required for a job, about 35 hang around the pier-head until shooed away. There is little dignity attached to this practice when same could be eliminated by routing jobs thru the Hall. If we cannot originate good ideas, at least look over a copy what Local 79 has had for some time.



BOYCOTT STANDARD OIL

CLERK'S HALL BELONGS TO MEMBERS.
MORE DEMOCRACY SINCE FINNEGAN LEFT.

The Clerk's Hall is a better place to go to these days since "run-out" Finnegan is out. There is someone to answer the phone and sometimes there is a JOB called in. The new man doesn't know his way to the Hotel Whitcomb, nor even to the Lincoln as yet, and Finnegan has forgotten the way to the Clerk's Hall so that makes us even. First time he puts his nose inside he should be run out and fast. Next meeting his card should be pulled.

TEAMSTERS HELP OAKLAND CLERKS --
MAKE STAND FOR UNION MEN.

More power to the Oakland Teamsters for their stand on demanding Union Clerks. What about the S.P. boys doing likewise? There are several bosses on the beach who would rather pay money for claims, than for Clerk hire. There can be only one explanation for this and that is, that the bosses like to keep a bunch around the gater in order to throw a scare into those who happen to have a job.

2 PIER 38 CLERKS DELOUSED
CONSCIENCE TO GUIDE THEM IN FUTURE

Dear Ed:

Wednesday last, 2 Clerks from Pier 38 were promptly "deloused" and gently reminded to let their conscience guide them in the future and to change their habits of working, so the "delousing committee" would not have to go into action so soon again.

They are to voluntarily assist the poor, over-constipated blue N.R.A. buzzard to function half-way right and to carry out in practice, "We do our part".

Just a Clerk.

IS A LABORER WORTHY OF HIS HIRE?
EXECUTIVE BOARD TRIES TO FIRE ORGANIZER

If the rank and file had not overruled at the last meeting the action of the Executive Committee in tying the can to Organizer Wood, his good work would have ceased on the pretext of economy, and Finnegan's gentlemen's agreement to let the monthly scabs alone would prevail.

So far Mr. Wood has produced about 4 times the amount he has been paid, and the untimely action of the Committee must be blamed on the hysteria produced by the sudden cessation of the guiding hand. Let our goal be 100%.

WANTED TO KNOW:

Has the Bonding Co. caught up with "Sign-His-name" Finnegan yet? How about it Lewis, you should know?....

CLERKS CHISEL ON MONTHLY WORKING HOURS.
TIME FOR DECISIVE ACTION. CLERKS WAKE UP

Dear Ed:

A mutual agreement between the ship-operators and the clerks, to the effect of a 160 hour monthly maximum working limit, has been and is continuously being violated. In view of the fact that the stavedores with just a high standard of living and certainly in most cases heavier family responsibilities voluntarily inaugurated a 120 hour monthly maximum working limit.

Therefore, to say it mildly, it appears very SKUNKY that a certain dock agent favored clique should be able to violate this more than generous allowance and utterly fail the object of the labor movement - to live and let live. These hungry clerks have no regard whatsoever for their equally capable and needy brothers. These "select few" accept special favors at the expense of their fellow-clerks. So I say, brothers let's get organized and get all clerks dispatched out of our own hall the same as the longshoremen are doing.

I remain,

A Clerk.

LABOR COUNCIL REPORTS

Why is no report read of the doings of this important section of the Union movement, at the meetings of 38-80? The Labor Council is our one tie with other S.P. unions and we must keep in touch so that we can act intelligently on matters pertaining to union matters local and national.



PLANT'S SCABS ACT AS STOOL PIGEONS

One of the 60 scab checkers on the American Hawaiian Dock got confidential with a teamster the other day, and imparted the info that his orders were to watch the "day men"; presumably the few union men who get occasional intermittent work in a pinch. "If anything suspicious is noted report at once thru the usual channels". What chance has a clean minded worker in such a cump of "Killcenny Cats."

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