LONGSHORE HEARINGS POSTPONED

The Atlantic Coast I.L.A. agreement has been extended to Nov 4th. Meetings were held by the Shipowners as represented by Oakley Wood, of the Barber Line S. S. Co., and Ryan, of the I.L.A.

Out of these meetings Ryan has come out all tears for the shipowners. In a general meeting held in New York recently the men demanded the 10¢ an hour cut off their wages last year be put back on & the scale be 85¢ an hour.

Ryan's answer was, "The shipowners are making no money." He pointed out there was no need to strike. At this meeting Ryan stated the demands of the Baltimore and Norfolk Locals were ridiculous because they adopted a code demanding 6 hours a day, at $1.00 per hour. He pointed out that a leadership of a local that would permit such demands to be passed by the rank and file was weak.

Due to the fighting spirit of the men, the steamship Companies are offering a 5¢ an hour increase.

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ATTEND UNION MEETINGS

All members of the I.L.A. are urged to be present at the next meeting of the union, held Wednesday, Nov 1st, at the Building Trades Hall, 14th and Guerero.

At this meeting it is probable that the financial report will be given. The question of referring all disputed to an "impartial" board will be taken up.

The WATERFRONT WORKER again urges all union members to attend the union meetings and protect their rights.

Code hearings on the demands have been postponed. In many locals, New York, Baltimore, Norfolk, the men have elected rank & file delegates & are demanding an immediate hearing on the code.

The WATERFRONT WORKER urges all staveollers to protest against secret hearings; not to depend on law yers or anyone else, only rank & file longshoremen.

Also, we must be prepared to strike to enforce our demands!!

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THE "NUDE" DEAL

WE DO OUR PART
WE CAN'T TAKE CHANCES

We, of the I.L.A., are fighting for recognition by the shipowners. When we get it, what will it mean to each one of us as individuals?

Firstly, the I.L.A. will then have job control—all hiring to be done thru the Union Hall. The question then arises, are the officials of the organization to be trusted to fulfill the obligations of both employment managers and Union Officials, and do so in the manner of our best interests, or will they allow themselves to be come involved in graft and corruption by selling jobs. Other Union officials have had these same opportunities for either straight shooting with the rank and file, or double-crossing them, and placing themselves with the more graft and corruption.

Just look back at some of their records.

Right here in San Francisco, where the International Seamen's Union at one time had quite a foothold, the officials of the I.S.U. had job control on quite a number of ships—The Matson Line, most Steamship Lines, Cable Barges, and a good many other jobs came up there. It is a matter of personal, positive knowledge with the writer of this article, that many jobs, went out of the I.S.U. Hall without the General Membership ever knowing anything about it. In other words, either the clique or the highest bidder got the job.

Another case, in the I.L.A. itself, in New York, the District Attorney is investigating a charge of graft against the I.L.A. officials, in which over $25,000.000 is alleged to have changed hands illegitimately.

In view of these irrefutable facts, can we be so childish as to believe that our officials are any better than Caesar's wife, "Beyond Reproach?"

We can take no chances! This point means too much to us, to allow our bread and butter to be banded about and handed out be our backs. We must give the present officials no such opportunity. Demand that the list of applicants for jobs be posted publicly in the hall, and each gang take it's turn. Demand that a regularly elected committee of rank and file members be empowered to check-up on this employment at any time they see fit.

HEREFORE, THE WATERFRONT WORKER HAS SUPPORTED ITSELF IN ANTI-BUST CAMPAIGN AND NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE. PLEASE SEND DEDICATIONS TO 3480-9 HALL STREET.

WILL OUR PROGRAM SPLIT THE UNION

A few stevedores, still confused, still think the program of the WATERFRONT WORKER will split the union and break it up.

We hope this article will do a lot to clearly explain the program of the WATERFRONT WORKER and every stevedore will know why our program will make our union stronger and bigger; a union that will teach solidarity between seamen & longshoremen and other workers.

The WATERFRONT WORKER is put out by Longshoremen, not by wise-guys. Longshoremen, who, when a union is bust or split, face rotten conditions just like the rest.

Therefore, we have adopted the following program:

Rank and file control by election of a dock committee by the men voting on the dock.

The right to strike at any time the men decide.

Vote of rank and file members to accept any agreement made.

Cash relief to all part-time or unemployed workers.

The right to belong to the I.L.A. regardless of race, creed, color, or political opinion.

Recognition of the union of the Members choosing, the I.L.A.

Smashing of the Blue Book.

ENFORCEMENT OF CONDITIONS IN THE CODE ADOPTED BY THE MEN.

POOR GET POORER-RICH GET RICHER

To some workers, inflation—the rise in the price of goods—don't seem a wagecut. They argue, "Well what if the dollar drops its purchasing power by 40 cents. Don't wages go up too? The N.R.A. will take care of things. Pay Now."

"Don't Strike. Be Consistent.

But what is happening? Are we getting poorer or richer? Or is it all a straw game gotten up by the Reds? Can we buy more?

The other day we walked over to the Public Library, and took a look at Dept. of Labor Reports. They show a rise in prices from June 15, 1935 to July 15, 1935, for bread and other wheat products of 9.2%. Meat rose 6.03%. Milk & butter 4.4%. Other prices generally rose 8.3%.

Also, the workers under the Blue Eagle plan have been forced to fight harder than ever before to enforce a living wage. In March 1935 there were 39,000 workers out on strike. This grew to the figure 106,000 for July.

In addition to this the Analyst & Banker Magazine says production has dropped for the month 7%. Retail trade has fallen off 5%. There are still hopes, say the bankers. Prices will rise 20% but the end of the year.
FRANK WORDS FROM THE RANK & FILE

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BE CONSISTENT, MINSTER....

To The Mail Bag

Editor, Waterfront Worker:
In my opinion, we made a mis
take by raising the salary of our
officials to $35.00 a week. Most
of us don't make that much, so
why should we pay them more than
they would most likely make on
the job?

Not only that, but where will
all the money come from? Besides
paying out around $980. a month
in salaries, we have been spending
money like it was water.

I think all stevedores should
attend union meetings and see
that funds are spent in a wiser
manner. If we leave it to Holman
and his crowd, the wages of the
officials of the Union will be
larger than it's income.

There are many honest steve
dores on the front, whom we have
known and worked with for years.
Men who would really serve our
interests, who would really try
to better our conditions, and
then men wouldn't ask for more
wages than they could make as steve
dores. So if some of the pre
sent officials insist on using
the I.L.A. as a pio card, I say knock
them off and elect new officials
from the docks who are sincere &
can and will meet the Hook in the
coming struggles with the ship-
owners.

Another Stevedore

WILL THEY FIGHT HARDER?

The officials of our local now
got $10.00 a week more. That is
all except the janitor. Holman
gets a vacation.

Now, I don't believe in starv-
ation wages for a Union official.
But now the question arises, since
they got their raise what are
they doing to push ahead the fight
for the adoption of the code we
passed on, so we can get a raise
in pay and better working con-
ditions?

I.L.A. Member.

VOTE WORKING-CLASS ON NOV. 7th.
ADIMIRAL LINE ANTICS

Johnnie Hoagland, gang boss for the Admiral Line, leaves the ship for hours at a time, when working at night. The worst of this guy is his habit of forgetting to send the men to supper. A dock committee would soon stop this abuse.

Harry Cook makes a practice of telling his men to pick up the gear at the last minute. Cook used to be a member of the ILA but now he works together with Stein of the BE. Last year Stein invited the gang bosses to his house for Xmas dinner. He gave Cook a knife for a present. (Good old Santa Claus Stein!) It’s too bad Cook didn’t cut his throat with it. Stein also presented Cook with an old coat off suit which he had grown too fat to wear himself. We guess Cook gets the rest of his clothes from the Starvation Army.

The worst thing however, is Cook’s habit of firing men for ILA activity.

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In endorsing by a unanimous vote the demands of the Unemployed Council, to the Supervisors, the M.E.B.A. #97 show their solidarity not only with waterfront workers, but with all workers. The marine engineers begin to realize that only thru unity action will conditions be improved. Many are ready to make common cause with the unlicensed men instead of acting as policemen and slavedrivers for shipowners.

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King Tut, old time Wobblie & now Gang boss on Pier 46 has a habit of raising hell with his men, even going down in the hold to fight them, but when his bluff is called he backs down showing the yellow streak usually found in his type.

JOB ACTION WILL STOP THIS

That’s a Real ILA Load

A while back, a Holland-American ship was loading at the Howard Terminal in Oakland. Berkeley Bill had the gang load 65 cases of canned goods to the lift. He was in high spirits, boasting about the size of the sling loads & stated that these are real ILA loads.

Berkeley Bill may often be seen staring at other companies’ gear, dreaming of bags & means to increase the size of his own load. A DOCK COMMITTEE WOULD STOP THIS.

DOG FACE AGAIN

Dog Face Nelson must think a lot of the Nelson Line. A couple of weeks ago on Pier 50 he worked two gangs from 8:00 in the morning till 5:20 at night & gave the twenty minutes extra to the church. We stevedores should get together & organize dock committees. Then we can force the payment of overtime and force better working conditions.
SHALL THESE BE FORGOTTEN?

The Community Chest starts with a screech, "Give!" This year they go to support anti-working class organizations. These funds, collected from the workers, go to develop scabs. As soon as there is a strike, workers are notified that if they do not scab, what little relief is handed out, will be cut off. This is what happened during the last strike on the Matson dock.

One of these scab-hiring organizations, the Seamen's Church Institute, is headed by Harry Hopkins, who makes sure he is not forgotten. He has a total income of $700.00 per month. The Institute here in San Francisco gets $25,000.00 a year from the Community Chest to do its part in starving out seamen so they will be willing scabs.

During the Matson strike, these agencies cooperated in trying to send seamen as scabs on the stevedores. However, no seamen landed during the strike.

We must be on our guard as the shipowners will try to put their usual stunt over and keep as many dollars out of our wages as they can for the charity rackets. Our Watchword must be NOT ONE CENT FOR THE RACKETEERS!!

WHY NOT ARREST MATSON?

Now the NRA codes will be enforced and their violators punished, as shown by the arrest of Frank Watson, proprietor of a barber shop, for charging 35c for a hair cut instead of 50c.

Why was Watson not arrested for firing four stevedores who belong ed to the I.L.A.? Why are the Ad miral Line bosses not arrested for victimizing workers who demanded safe gear to work with?

The answer is simple. The bosses don't pass laws to arrest

NOT SO BAD FOR McNULTY THE COP

Of course, some people who are not up against it can say — "It's not so bad. Look out for the Reds" McNulty, the "has been" Red Bookman can also say it. San Francisco, for the years 1933-34 is turning over to McNulty's department (probation department)$24424. (It's not so bad). Maybe there's a good reason for McNulty the Cop sticking in the I.L.A. Politicians sometimes make a start by belonging to labor organizations, and trade workers votes and their rights for political plums.

Anyway, why should a Cop belong to the I.L.A.

A CODE FOR THE DICKS

The Shipping Digest carried a rumor that private detectives were to get a code too. Details of the code are to be kept secret, how ever.

BUNKIRQUE, France, Oct 6th-- A lockout of dockers here has been turned into a 100% strike. The Shipowners are demanding cooperation from the workers—that is they accept a wage cut.

The Socialist Town Council has ordered payment of unemployed relief to striking dockers here be stopped, 2000 Police and Gendarmes have been mobilized in an attempt to get scabs working.

The workers decided that no Nazi ships shall be worked in future.

VOTE FOR WORKING CLASS CANDIDATES

The Working Class Candidates are the only ones whose platforms call for the immediate repeal of the Sc ies Tax. Cash Relief $10, a week, plus $3, for each dependent to all unemployed without discrimination.

THE WATERFRONT WORKER endorses: Jack Bishop, John Diaz, Ed Harris, Louise Todd, James Tracy for Supervisors; Neil Hickey, Treasurer.
To the Waterfront Worker
3470-19th St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Editor:
I am writing these lines to my comrades on the Waterfront of San Francisco, hoping to arrest your attention to the nature of the War trouble ahead and of the use you can be when it comes.

First, I genuinely believe the Capitalist Governments of the world are seriously resolving upon another World War. They are utterly incapable of getting industry running with any success, because they are unwilling to allow the tools to be used by the workers cooperatively in the public interest; but are determined to still rob the people by profit.

There is no cure for poverty except by the public or common ownership of the means of life producing for use and not for profit.

The pitiful spectacle of Capitalist incompetency shown by the complete failure of the World Economic Conference, has demonstrated to all whose eyes are open, that Capitalism has no remedy for economic troubles. And in order to again guile the workers for another spell the Capitalists decide to pitchfork the workers into another war, to divert their minds from revolutionary studies and actions.

The tools must not be robbed by them again; war can only hinder our advance and feed the robber capitalists.

When the day comes that they call upon you to load or discharge or transport War materials, REFUSE TO HANDLE IT! REFUSE TO TOUCH IT, STAND FIRM AND STRONG AND UNITED.

Let us, as workers demonstrate our ability to resort to working-class solidarity, which is correctly applied, is by far the strongest power in the world. We militant Trade Unionists of Britain are demonstrably working with this object in view. We recognize no war but the Class War. No one my amongst workers. Our enemies ARE THE EXPLOITING CAPITALISTS of all countries, our allies are the workers of all countries. I ask you comrades to accept the greetings of your fellow-workers in Britain, those in work and those out of work, in their name I give you Revolutionary Greeting and an confident we shall, as united fellow-workers in America & Britain, make our escape from the tyrannical robber capitalist class, and ourselves undertake complete control.

LONG LIVE THE SOLIDARITY OF THE WORKERS! LONG LIVE THE U.S.S.R.

(signed)

TOM HANN

The Waterfront Unemployed Council of New York won the first strike it led. It was a strike of workers, mostly unemployed seamen who work part time unloading cars of perishable market supplies on the West Side. The Boss had divided the workers—those on part time got 50¢ an hour, while the steady men got $1.00 an hour for unloading. The part time workers struck, demanding also $1.00 an hour. With the help of the Unemployed Council, they won their demands.

Tacoma longshoremen vote to refuse to handle supplies for German cruiser flying blood-drenched Nazi flag which is to arrive next spring in Tacoma.

Longshoremen at Corpus Christi, Texas, have joined the ever growing group of longshoremen who have refused to load or unload any German ship while Hitler's en bloc flies. Recently they forced the Captain of the German steamer Vogtland, to haul the Nazi banner down.

German workers recognize that we American workers must do all in our power to help smash the murderer plans of Butcher Hitler. German workers face payment of six different taxes which are deducted from their wages. These taxes total 20% of such wages as they make.

Frisco Stevedores: GET IN LINE! NO WORK WHILE THE NAZI FLAG FLIES.

Baltimore, Md. Oct 20. Led by the Marine Workers Industrial Union, the crew of the Munson liner "Aurorails" organized a ship's committee, and declared a strike against the Company's failure to pay any wages for a period of two weeks.

The crew demanded an increase in pay, improvement of living and working conditions, repairs to the ship to make her seaworthy, and recognition of the ship's committee.

A committee of the seamen was sent to the longshoremen who declared their solidarity by also going on strike.

The officials of the I.L.A. demanded the men go back to work or they would be blacklisted, after two hours time, and much threatening and intimidation, they finally succeeded in getting the longshoremen to work.

The Munson Line, however was forced to pay the men, put a better supply of food aboard, and to recognize the ship's committee.