Longshoremen on the Frisco Front are now taking steps which should have been taken months ago. At the special meeting a resolution was ordered sent to the code authorities in San Francisco and other locals on the Coast demanding the conditions as stated in the rank and file code - $1.00 an hour, 6-hour day, 30-hour week.

On the question of how to win these demands, Bjorklund, Holman, Herrin, and Cutright, misled the workers by trying to take away the right to strike which is the inalienable right of all workers.

We are told, "Leave it to Creel." An election will be held to decide which organization will represent the men in negotiations before the N.R.A. Board.

However, the WATERFRONT WORKER points out that we will not win Union recognition by dropping a piece of paper in a ballot box. Some of us think this is an easy way of burying the scabby BB.

Let us look a little deeper into this matter. In Seattle, where the same proposal for a referendum vote was made, the rank and file is now sending out letters to the men, trying to intimidate them into voting for the rank and file. In San Pedro, the action of 99% of the men proves that they want a Union of their own choosing (I.L.A.) to represent them.

In San Francisco, the men have struck and won the right to belong to the I.L.A. on the Watson Docks.

In Weirton Steel Mills, the men have forced an investigation by the Department of Justice agents of an organization of steel workers in the election of representatives of the men. There, too, the company has been charged with intimidation to get the employees to vote for the company Union.

So how can we win Union recognition? By backing up any vote with action, and making our organization ready to act with such force as to compel the management to give in to our demands.

This means we must find out who is paid up and who is not on each dock. We must find out if the stevedores are all in the I.L.A., and if not, why they are not. We must handle any grievance that comes up on the docks, and we must enforce all safety rules.

THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY HAVING EACH GANG SELECT THREE DELEGATES TO A DOCK COMMITTEE, AND BY BACKING THEM UP.

SUPPORT THE NEW 8-PAGE "W. W."

As we approach the end of 1933, the WATERFRONT WORKER will soon be a year old. To celebrate its first birthday, we propose to put out an eight-page paper. This is especially important at this time, due to the fact that there are so many burning issues facing us now on the Frontier, the fight for union recognition, the fight to completely extirpate the Blue Rock - and the fight for the demands as set forth in the code submitted by the rank and file membership. The winning of these battles depends entirely upon our own SOLIDARITY upon our methods and tactics of organization. The WATERFRONT WORKER exists solely for the purpose of putting forth the correct organizational policies, and the exposure of any misleaders who may attempt sabotage of the workers' movement.

We therefore call upon the San Francisco Stevedores to renew and intensify their support of the paper - both financially, and by sending in more letters, more news to help fill up the new Eight Page WATERFRONT WORKER, and make it truly their OWN. - Rank & File Stevedores Committee-PUBLISHED BY THE RANK AND FILE STEVEDORES COMMITTEE - 333 OH STREET S.F., CALIF.
The sudden death of a longshoreman on his way home from work after a day spent in handling pineapples for the Nanticoke Co. should make longshoremen realize that non-productive years are short at the intense speed-up at which they are forced to work. Their occupation is the most hazardous of all occupations. U.S. government statistics of occupational diseases report that heart-disease and the giving out of the legs are the two main causes of physical breakdown among the longshoremen. These diseases are caused by the mad speed-up of the ship-owners for larger and larger profits. We longshoremen must organize and demand wages that will allow us to put some by for our non-productive years. A longshoreman is worn out by a physical wreck when most business men and executives are just coming into their maturity. Men on the S.F. waterfront are required to draw, on flat trucks, larger loads than most small horses are drawing in European countries.

So fellow-workers join your union, fight for unemployment and social insurance. If you do not, many of us will spend our last days in the flop-houses and standing in line waiting to be placed out some of Wallenburg's famous shop, coffee without sugar, and dry bread. What a happy future to look forward to! Organize! Fight with your fellow-longshoremen for better working conditions! Form dock committees on your dock! Organize!

Editor, Waterfront Worker: Last edition you carried a letter printed by Chamberlain which would correct grievances which came up on the Pier. Let me tell the Front the grievances have not been corrected, and what is more, we have others that should be corrected.

On Dec. 6th, a gang went across the Bay to work the Dorothy C. and made No. 2. We refuse to pay our own fares. Non-active in organizing the IIA have been discriminated against. Always we are being gyped on our time. I for one who has worked on Pier 11 for quite a while, would like to see something done about it. The big guys have gotten away with such stuff long enough, I think it is time the stewedores had something to say. We have not the bases scoured now. Demand that these guys come up:

Pier 11 Longshoremen

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On Nov. 15th, the employees committee at the Fink Hall resigned, demanding that an IIA committee of five be recognized in its place. The Finks refused to recognize this committee on the ground that it is against the PRINCIPLES OF THE NRA, as a closed shop is illegal, and although they are required to deal with the men as the men wish, they say they have no knowledge of how the men wish to be dealt with. But they let the act out of the bag when they say that if a committee were recognized it would be a signal all over the Coast for a movement of IIA recognition. They are proposing a secret ballot to decide this question. This is supposed to be fair and impartial, with no coercion from either side, yet the Finks send out letters to the longshoremen trying to influence them against the Fink Hall at the same time offering to meet any longshoreman "individually" in order to "show the employers' point of view."

They say the IIA is using a "force program" because the IIA threatened to pull a sympathy strike with the Nanticoke stewedores in San Francisco, because the IIA wants to do their own fighting; because they demand union recognition; and because they are indifferent to a raise to 95¢ an hour and $1.25 overtime. The majority of the longshoremen of the N.W. have notified the demand for a dollar an hour. They have sent a delegation to Washington in fight for it. The Fink Hall, recognizing the fact that the longshoremen are behind this delegation, offer 85¢ to split our ranks.

TO ENFORCE THE DEMANDS OF THE MEN A SMART VOTE WAS TAKEN AND PASSED BY DEO. 4TH.
A few of the boys gathered at 85 City St. last Saturday morning for a quiet little party arranged by the big-hearted ship-owners for the hard-working but honest stevedores. Because the majority of longshoremen are correct in their views that the ship-owners and the stevedores have nothing in common, the result was that very few persons showed up, and most of those were gang bosses.

These gang bosses were a swell bunch of guys; take Wine Miller for instance, he was there, and you couldn't find a better man working for the interests of the ship-owners, if you saw the entire Front. They say he has paid up in the Blue Book for life—he has a Blue Book tattooed on his breast, and he is all stumped up. You don't have to believe us—ask Wine Miller.

Fred Beyers—was there. And do you love the Blue Book? He asked Fred Wicks why he didn't have those swampetores arrested for tearing up their membership books of the Blue Book? And Fred asked, how could that be done?

Bright Boy Beyers answered, Why, that's destroying private property, don't the Blue Book belong to the ship-owners?

Now take Preacher Larsen. No! No! We don't want him. That guy sticks, let the Blue Book keep him. Phew, good ridance!

Biff Trust was there, too, but one thing was lacking, he didn't have any fire-plug to sit on, but despite the handicap, he and Red were having a great time; telling naughty stories, we bet!

Our old friend Charley Coleman attended in a brand new out fit. You know, Charley is the guy who said, "Only monkeys ride strong-backs, longshoremen are too valuable." And 5 minutes later he had men working cotton in the square of the hatch. One of the kind of guys that, in moving a piano, grabs the stool and then raises hell with the rest of the fellows for not working faster.

Walt, fellow-longshoreman, in spite of all the swell guys at the ship-owners party, it fell pretty flat, and the ship-owners had low faces when the new wage agreement was announced.

Let us not be fooled by this miserable ten cents an hour increase. Continue the fight for the abolition of the code, which has the support of all locals on the Pacific Coast, which calls for $1.00 per hour, $1.50 overtime, all hiring to be done out of the Union (Cont'd on P. 6)
Editor, Waterfront Worker:

In the last issue of the Worker, a communication was printed, accusing Jacobsen of the Matson Dock as being the bottle boy of George Haskell. This accusation is entirely false. Jake may take a drink himself at times, but he is certainly not a packer of bottles. Jake when acting as a gang boss is very fair to the men. Jake proved during the strike that no one has any strings on him, and at every meeting of the ILA he has spoken for the progress and welfare of the union. As a holdman who has worked for Jake many times, I very much regret the unfair action at Jake.

Holdman of Matson Dock.

Editors' Note:

The W.W. is sorry that the communication appeared in the last issue, and we apologize to Jake and his fellow-workers on the Matson Docks. We shall further take every precaution to see that such a mistake is not repeated. It is the duty of every longshoreman who sees in the W.W. a report which is not true or any false statement to write immediately into 3470 19th St. The W.W. is out to organize the longshoremen in order to better our conditions. Write your news and criticisms to the W.W. address. Let's have it, men!

STICK TOGETHER! FIGHT TOGETHER! AND WIN!

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

I worked with an extra gang last week that loaded a Jap on Pier 37, and I want to tell you my eyes were opened to the immediate danger of war. Do you know that all we loaded was material that went directly to the manufacture of munitions, or material to carry on War? We loaded cotton, not Calif. cotton, but the best grade of Texas cotton, and pig iron, and bides. This very material that we loaded may be used against the workers who loaded it, or if not, against our fellow-workers. If it is not used against the American worker, it will be used against the workers of the Soviet Union, who in my estimation have accomplished wonders in the short space of 17 years. I think the Frisco longshoremen should refuse to load all munitions consigned to any country.

There was a gang boss on the job who held for larger and larger loads, and when the men told him they thought the loads were big enough, this guy comes back with, "Well, the I.L.A. is not recognized yet, and you will build loads as large as I want them." There is but one answer to this, slave-driver, and that is for the men to pay up their dues and to get behind the organization that is putting up the fight for the code which was adopted by the entire Pacific coast. Not only must we pay our dues, but we to it that the union officials carry out the bidding of the men and are looking out for the interests of the members of the I.L.A. and all stevedores on the Front.

Stevedore opposed to War.

---Amen---

Editor:

Russian, Louie made about $70 last week on the Dollar docks, yet he was down on the shape. Saturday morning, and had a man out of a job he had made only $15. Nick, Louie is like his countryman, Ossie Nichols. Nick, you know, lost his head over a proposition something 10 that. Nick was crazy over money and especially handmade golden Farmer Eagle, but with precious lollies. By the way Nick hasn't found his head yet.

Make The Right Page Waterfront Won't Work on A Better Paper

Rather send 10 News to

3470 19th Street, S.F.
Editor:
The Blue Book tried to hold a meeting last Saturday in their Hall on Clay Street, but only a few finks showed up, and they smelled so lousy that the meeting lasted only a few minutes; they couldn't stand the odor of each other.

Since the B.B. is busted up and it looks like Fred Wicks will have to carry a cargo hook in his rear pocket, why is it necessary that many call up the scab hole for orders? Why do gang bosses who are supposed to be good union men give the men such instructions? The B.B. is off the Frisco Front, and it is the duty of every longshoreman to keep such a ratty organization buried forever and ever. Also the gang bosses should be notified that if they give their men instructions to call the B.B. for orders, that the bosses responsible will be kicked out of the I.L.A. and their names posted as scabs. This treatment is not severe enough in my estimation, but I cannot express my true feelings for any person who can support such a gang as that B.B. outfit.

A Stevedore Who Hates the Scabby B.B.

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

Things are shaping up pretty tough for the average stevedore on the Beach these days, and the men in a gang getting 2 or 3 days a week are fortunate. But with the intense speed-up, big loads, and the Hurry, Hurry! of the boss, it is enough to make a man wish he had never seen a cargo hook. When a man has a wife and a couple of kids to keep, he sure has to hustle to keep them in clothes and a roof over their heads, but what I want to point out is the system where good men are knocked off gangs in order to make room for a boss' friend, nephew, or what-have-you.

Just the other day a young man with a family was knocked off Knute Larsen's gang for some guy who drove through the office. Now such practices should be stopped and can be stopped by all workers on the Frisco Front joining and supporting the I.L.A. The Union should have the say who works in which gang and why. We should build such a strong union, a union controlled by the rank and file, that such practices as discriminations and knocking men off gangs will never be heard of again on the Frisco Front.

A Swagge and Hoyt Stevedore

Longshoremen and Fellow-Workers:

Propaganda has been spread on the Front that we longshoremen can do nothing about the speedup on the job, or big loads being hoisted. Some stevedores maintain even after we are a strong organization we would be powerless to lessen this back-breaking labor.

With these ideas I cannot agree. On the contrary, something must be done, and we must do it, or many of us will die from heart-failure or similar disease caused by too much exertion.

Last week a stevedore died from heart-failure on a street-car on his way home. About four months ago another returned home and told his wife that he had had a very hard day. He died that night in his sleep from heart-failure. The companies these men worked and made profits for are now taking care of their families (Like Hell!!)

Fellow-members of the I.L.A., I appeal to you. Let's do something, either insure our lives for a larger sum, so that our families shall not suffer after our departure from this vale of tears, or still better, take it easy, let the hook hang, and spend a few more years on this earth.

A "Lazy" Longshoreman

The Calif. SS Co. sent two gangs across the Bay to load sent last week. Because the chutes couldn't run salt fast enough to keep the men busy, they were knocked off at 10 o'clock, and they didn't turn to until 1 o'clock after the salt had piled up. Well, a good dock committee could remedy such practices in short order. It is becoming more urgent every day that we set up dock committees on each dock. How about it, fellow stevedores? Talk to the men next to you. A dock committee could and would win better working conditions, and slow down this terrible speed-up.
The ship-owners have been defeated in one of their slimy maneuvers to divide the Seattle waterfront. On Sat., Nov. 25, a "Capitan Burn" applied at the Free Employment Office for men to work a ship at wages far below the present scale on the waterfront. But the droughers—organized as the rank and file members of the I.L.A.—TimeInterval the longer men industrial union—chanted, that the "Capitan Burn" could not be tolerated. "Capitan Burn" returned at the N.W. Longshrink, Wankhede, Pacific North-