The B. B. Must Be Smashed!
Now Is The Time!

As we pointed out in the last issue of the Waterfront Worker, in order to break the Blue Book we followed the rest of the stevedores on the Front in signing up for the I.L.A. A fight against the Blue Book was promised. It was this promise that brought such a quick response from the stevedores; 4,000 signing up.

Over a month has now passed. What action has been taken by the present self-elected officials to carry out this promise? NONE. When the Blue Book started a drive again for dues it was evident that a general meeting should be called and the men organized to resist to pay dues on a mass scale. This Holman and Co. did not do.

Every one on the Waterfront was eager to act. Yet in answer to the question how to meet the Blue Book drive, Holman told us to wait until men were knocked off; that he would then fight it out in court; or that he would take the Blue Book officials to the Labor Commissioner, etc. Then some of us suggested that the docks be organized to stop working when the Blue Book attempted to knock any men off, Holman and the rest of the officials saw the "Red" horrors.

Stevedores were knocked off the job. They were taken to the Labor Commissioner. That was the result? According to the Daily News of Saturday the 22nd, the Labor Commissioner held the stevedores "that the Commission had no jurisdiction in the matter and that it was a case for settlement entirely between the men and the companies and probably the Recovery Act".

Stevedores, take special note of the word "probably". In the meantime, the Blue Book is getting a grip on the waterfront again. This is being made possible by Holman and Co. by preaching passivity and inaction and by covering up this treachery to the longshoremen by crying, "Communists and fanatics" at every worker who proposes to take militant action to smash the Blue Book. They have told us to leave it to lawyers and other Messiahs, but not to do anything ourselves.

This attempt to keep the militancy and fighting spirit of the stevedores from expressing itself in action against the Blue Book is helping the Blue Book to stage a come-back. Already stevedores are being thrown off the job and threatened and intimidated into again paying into the racket. If we want to break the Blue Book we cannot leave it in the hands of the so-called legal means. We must act ourselves - AND NOW. Resistance to the Blue Book must be developed right on the docks by ourselves. The Waterfront Worker proposes that the following immediate steps be taken.

1 - That the stevedores on each dock get together and elect a dock chairman.

2 - That as soon as a worker is knocked off the job by the Blue Book, the Dock Chairman immediately get in touch with the Waterfront Worker, 3470 - 19th Street. The Waterfront Worker will send a speaker to the dock to mobilize the stevedores for a stoppage of work or any other action that the men themselves decide upon.

3 - That at the General Meeting on Thursday we will elect no Holman men, who are paralyzing action but officials who will take a fighting stand against the Blue Book.

Not a Cent More to the Blue Book Racket
"WE" AND THE CHEESE KNIFE

From a Correspondent

Gordon gave the incentive for the non-payment of traveling time across this bay. About two years ago he (Gordon) was a gaffer for the kitgaard Stevedoring Co. As biscuits were hanging high there he cast about for a more lucrative billet. After tireless handshaking and backslapping and flirting his cheeseknife (a Shriner's Pen or Mason's Emblem) he finally hooked up on Pier # 21 working coastwise vessels as a hiring boss.

On his second day in that capacity, a vessel was to work across the Bay, He(Gordon) came outside the gate where the men were at Pier #21 and said as follows: "We" (with the emphasis on the "we"), "We", he again said, are not going to pay traveling time, so if you do not care to come on them conditions, we (again with emphasis) will get men in Oakland.

YOU MAY AND YOU MAY NOT

You may and you may not have heard of the New Company which has been formed. You surely have heard that Scarface Mike and Mr. Jensen have consolidated. But as they have formed this new company we have not been informed what name will shine first. I almost forgot. According to last months news it should, as a matter of course, be Mr. Jensen. When Mr. Jensen has a job he falls on Mike for support. It's Mike's gang first, on a big part of that gang if there should be need. Even though he still has part of his old gang, Mike comes first.

It is too bad Mr. Jensen cannot find enough able men on the front today to have a gang of his own without having to rely on Mike and his gang. When Mike has a job he doesn't seem to know who is with Jensen; well he should - his own gang. They two are not the only ones who have consolidated, Tomat-Face & Co. And is his face red!

A slave.

AUGUST FIRST

Editor Waterfront Worker

August lst will mark the 19th anniversary since the outbreak of the world war, which caused the death of at least 13 million soldiers, 28 million civilians: wounded 20 million, leaving 9 million orphans, 5 million widows. The lot of the workers was greater impoverishment than ever. Hunger and disease stalks every corner of the earth.

IT IS TO EXPRESS THE UNITED DETERMINATION OF THE WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, NEVER AGAIN TO BE DRAWN INTO A WAR FOR THE BOSSES, THAT AUGUST 1st DEMONSTRATIONS TAKE PLACE.

The accentuation of the crisis the narrowing of the world markets is driving the big capitalists to the only solution they know - WAR. The relation between the United States and England are becoming ever sharper, heading towards a decisive struggle for world control. The Japanese imperialists are making a strong effort to become the predominant power on the Pacific. There is an ever sharpening division between many European powers.

The United States imperialists are setting the pace for armaments. Every million invested here for war preparations speeds the mad race to catch up by the other powers. The peace appeals, made by Roosevelt only a few weeks ago, were only to deceive the masses, a mask, as the government is now scaling up carrying out a war program greater than any in the history of the country. The complete failure of the London Conference brings war still closer.

The sincere peace proposals made by the Soviet Union were met with silence by the capitalists of all countries. In reality they try to agree for a war against the Soviet Union, hoping to open that vast territory, now in the hands of the workers, for exploitation by imperialists, in the same manner as China is now being divided.

We have nothing to gain out of such a war but more misery and poverty! Only the organized might of all of us can stop it! We must demand that all funds for war preparations should go to the unemployed; that the public works fund go towards building homes for workers, and for similar constructive purposes.

ALL OUT AUGUST FIRST! FIGHT WAR!

(Signed) S.F. CONFERENCE AGAINST WAR
We will try to bring the Waterfront Worker out every two weeks. This will require more material, news, etc. Do your share. Write for the "Waterfront Worker".

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STEVEDORE POINTS WAY TO BREAK THE BLUE BOOK

Editor Waterfront Worker:

The stevedores on the San Francisco waterfront must get busy at once to protect their interests against the Blue Book.

The shipowners, afraid of the fighting mood now noticeable on the waterfront are again using the Blue Book to keep the Worker down. At an open meeting a plan of United Action must be decided upon by the rank and file of the ILA and an aggressive group of officers elected.

Lee Holman does not seem to value time at all and has been stalling off the members for days, waiting for some unknown individual from the Northwest. There are enough men on the San Francisco waterfront who are familiar with Union Labor organization and procedure without the aid of some unknown and unenlightened outsider to add to their burdens. Men who have been black listed and are now suffering for their stand are the victims of such methods of delay. The rank and file must come at once to the help of these men with financial and mass support and demand that they be rehired. It is up to the stevedores to see that these men are taken care of. The blacklisting of Workers and their replacement by ILA men will not encourage an aggressive spirit among the Workers.

The stevedores that have signed with the ILA have a just grievance against Lee Holman and his associates because of their dilatory tactics and time wasting methods. Lee Holman and his associates have a Pansy attitude when it comes to action, and are continually urging caution and state that they want no trouble.

The history of the Labor Movement has been one of strife and struggle. It has never been the policy of the employers to grant wage increases and better condi-

A Worker

Get together, Workers, and remove the stigma of docility that has been applied to the American Workers. The meek may inherit the earth but they will more probably end up in Wollenberg's sloop line.

Fellow Stevedores

Last Monday several of us attended a meeting of the ISU. Being earsamen, we wanted to hear what old Andy Fursaeth had to say. After speaking for over an hour telling us what good conditions we are going to get he wouldn't let any of us speak from the floor. One stevedore asked him about the ISU, cooperating with the ILA to bring about better conditions on the waterfront. He got mad and shouted: "No, never on your tintype."

Most of the stevedores remember 1916 - 18 when through the failure of the ISU we lost out. We should try to get the sailors to co-operate with us to bring about better conditions on the waterfront.

A Stevedore

Talking of the Blue Book, rumor has it that Steinberg and Scabby Peterson had to call on the law in San Pedro last week as they were nearly robbed trying to induce the stevedores to join a Company Union.
The ILA came into existence thirty five years ago, functioning first in the ports of the Great Lakes. Daniel Keefe was its first president, and like his successors, used the organization and its affiliated bodies for his own material interest. At a convention in Detroit the delegates were wavering behind Wm. Jennings Bryan running for President of the United States while Keefe with a small clique was out for Taft. Taking the floor and making a lengthy speech and not showing the delegates to his side Keefe took his hat and left the hall in an angry mood. When election came around Taft was elected. He called Keefe to Washington and made him Commissioner of Immigration.

At the beginning of the century the sailors and longshoremen were strong for industrial unionism, but Andy Furumeth (the Armchair Sailor) and Keefe of the Longshoremen fought bitterly to keep them apart.

Next in line to take up what Keefe left off was W.J.O'Connor who was a lake tugboatman. During the strikes on this coast in 1916 O'Connor came west and advised the men to go back and patch up their differences as he thought if the strike was long drawn out the locals would be looking to the International for financial support. Shortly after his trip west he also was called to Washington by Woodpile Wilson and handed a nice job as chairman of the United States Shipping Board at twelve thousand a year which is only a secondary issue as he is the spokesman on the sale of U.S. vessels. Stevedores in this port will remember the turnover to the Dollar Company of government vessels, also Hoyt, American Hawaiian and Matson Navigation Company.

The next up line was Alton Chlopeck. In the 1923-24 strike in the Northwest Chlopeck came to the coast and at a large meeting took the floor and in his sonorous voice said "I will cable Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, also London Barcelona and Cape Town, and let them know that the vessels are not discharged that were loaded in this port by strikebreakers." He did not stop them at Vancouver, less than four hundred miles away, if at the Gulf and Atlantic which were under the ILA orders.

Then came present incumbent Joseph Ryan. Ryan took it upon himself to accept a cut for the longshoremen on the east coast and the Boston contingent refused to take it. Ryan brought ILA longshoremen from Philadelphia to take their places. Ryan is receiving salaries from five different sources and if he can spare two more positions he will be on a par with Matthew Woll of the American Federation of Labor who is drawing salaries from seven different positions.

The Keefes, Chlopecks, and Ryans are not handing those juicy plums from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Captains of Industry for looking out for the interests of the longshoremen. It is strange that most "Labor Leaders" manage to get nice political berths.

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The parent body, the American Federation of Labor, of which the ILA is a part, has been in existence for over fifty years. Samuel Gompers was president for forty three years and would be the one that Father Time hadn't interfered. Gompers' successor is an old hard coal miner who never mined enough coal to roast a bag of peanuts and he will be in the saddle until Father Time takes him cut.

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COMPANY OFFICIALS PUSH 3-E.

Editor
Waterfront Worker.

Bony here on this dock including myself did not get a copy of the last issue of the Waterfront Worker because no one was around this dock selling them and we missed getting one at the Ferry. We hope you will give us a chance to get a paper next by sending a man down to the dock.

So far there has been no one from the Blue Book firing anyone here for not paying up, like they have done on some of the other docks, but we expect them soon. A few days ago "B-E", the big boss here told none of the fellows that they (The Seaboard Stev. Co.) were sticking with the Blue Book. This is only natural as the Blue Book has always been a great help to the big officials here by reporting any man that made a kick over anything, thus getting him fired. It's up to us to suit paying any more dues, and to keep the B-E agents from trying to collect them.

A Steel Dockor.

THE OLD TIMER SAYS ---

Furuseth, president of the ISU always carried on a fight against unity of longshoremen and seamen.

In 1905 the longshoremen in Eureka were striking for the right to load the steam-shoobers. Furuseth sent 400 members of the ISU to break the strike. Nelson and other companies were carrying double crews of ISU men to do the striking longshoremen's work.

In 1921 when the seamen wanted to call on the longshoremen for support, Furuseth said no because if they did the longshoremen would call on the seamen for support the next time they struck.

In 1919-1919 sailing ships going off-shore out of Seattle could not get men to take them out for $30, which was the ISU scale. To get men they paid $110 and $120 a month. Furuseth shipped men for $30 saying that $130 was not the union scale.

ON THE NATIONAL RECOVERY ACT

New York, July 20. Preparing for a militant struggle against the NRA wage slashing, the united front of the Trade Union Unity League, Conference for Progressive Labor Action, Unemployed

(NATIONAL RECOVERY ACT - Continued from Column 1)
Councils and the A.F. of L. Committee for Unemployment Insurance has called for a national convention at Cleveland August 26 & 27.

Their manifesto urges the election of delegates from all ships, trade unions, Unemployed Councils and leagues and from every workers' economic organization for this convention.

The call points out the hypocrisy of the Recovery Act in speaking of the workers right to organize, but actually moving to abolish the right to strike and, as already proven, refusing to deal with any but boss-controlled unions and misleaders in setting wage codes for the various industries.

The united front proposes a program of struggle for: (1) Immediate and substantial wage increases in all industries and for all workers; (2) A fight against all attempts to put over wage reductions under the guise of a minimum wage program; (3) Struggle against relief cuts, evictions, foreclosures, and gas, water and light shutoffs; (4) Against forced labor camps, compulsory relief plans, and for payment in cash at full union scale on all public works, and for Federal Social and Unemployment Insurance.

UNITY CONVENTION OF THE MWIU

The second National Convention of the Marine Workers Industrial Union was held in New York City July 16, 17, 18. Over 150 delegates, representing almost every port in the country and every section of the Marine Industry, took part.

Progress in all ports, particularly Baltimore, Philadelphia and the Gulf ports, was reported. Included in the work done by the convention were: Drawing up of fighting demand for all sections of the Marine Industry. Drawing up of codes for longshoremen, seamen and harbor workers. A program for fighting against the danger of war.

Included in the codes are demands for a decent minimum wage, unemployment insurance, and a guaranteed number of weeks work a year.

The next issue of Waterfront Worker will print codes drawn up by the 2nd Convention of MWIU.
The I.L.A. MEETING

The Waterfront Worker calls on all its supporters to attend the I.L.A. Meeting, Thursday evening. The Labor Temple seats only about a thousand. One early - remember that the following must be done:

a. A chairman to be elected from the floor to insure fair hearing to all.

b. The men elect their own officials - these should be stevedores well known to the men on the docks.

c. That an Executive Board of 24 to 30 be nominated and elected from the floor. Its members representing the different docks. Such a board should be made up of trusted rank and file stevedores from the docks.

d. That this board be instructed to take care of the negotiations with the shipowners and to report to the membership. Men elected by the stevedores themselves shall handle the funds and all affairs of the organization. These are not only our interest but the interests of every other stevedore. We call on them for their cooperation and support in carrying those steps out.

FOR RANK AND FILE CONTROL.

The proposed I.L.A. code contains 30 points. Most of them look all right, others will stand additions and amendments. We suggest the following:

#2 calls for straight time rate of a $1.00 an hour and $1.50 overtime with additional rate for winch drivers etc... Different rates have always acted to split the ranks of the men (San Pedro). The rate should be uniform for all except:

1. Men dealing with the size of gangs.

There should be a minimum of 8 men in any new discharging and 6 on board handling, according to commodity handled.

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#17 calls for any disputed controversy to be referred to the District Secretary, and the Executive Board. Here too an elected rank and file committee should take part and have the deciding vote.

Not included in the code is any reference to limiting the load. A deep cut in the size of the load should be applied.

In general this code with the amendments and additions above included will represent tolerable working conditions of the front. We call upon all stevedores to support the above amendments at the meeting and to take a fighting stand for the realization of all the demands of the code.