LONGSHOREMEN—SEAMEN UNITE

This month the I.S.U. is holding elections. Elections to decide what kind of leadership the seamen will have for another year. Andrew Furryseth, the old man of the sea, heads the list and is running for Secretary-Treasurer, unopposed. Geo Larson is running unopposed for Asst. Sect-Treas. Last summer, Larson refused to call the I.S.U. members off the ships for joint strike action with the longshoremen. When a delegation of rank and file seamen told him, "either you issue a strike call or out the window you go", he declared the strike but excluded the Dollar and Watson Lines, giving the phony excuse that these two lines were "fair" towards the I.S.U. Peter Gill of Santille is also running unopposed and so is Silver, another of the local fakers.

It is the old Andrew Furryseth machine with Scharrenberg giving instructions how best to put over the shipowner's program. However, the masses of seamen are wise to these fakers, but due to them being out to sea 90% of the time, they have not been able to wage an effective fight against the fakers' gag rule. Due to the iron-clad constitution it is almost impossible to get the fakers out of office once they got in. The constitution was drawn up by such fakers as Scharrenberg, Furryseth and Olander. They saw to that.

The longshoremen have no quarrel with the rank and file seamen. The seamen's problem are the longshoreman's problems and vice-versa. Neither can act without the other. We must stick together and offer a united fighting front to the shipowners.

We have learned our lesson well from this great maritime strike. When we take action now it must be joint action.

The longshoremen were able to get many concessions from the ship owners because of their better organization and strong rank and file leadership, whereas the seamen have, so far, gotten nothing. WHY? Because the sibillant officials of the I.S.U. were permitted to (Continued on first column, page 2)
carry on negotiations behind closed doors. Only when the seamen took militant job action, such as striking a Luckenback ship in Seattle several weeks ago a pay raise was gotten and improved working conditions received. That is the answer, boys, action on the job. The shipowners have been able, by using the I.L.A. officials, to keep the seamen pretty well split up. Because of the fact that there are two seamen's organizations the factors use that as an excuse to continually attack the militant seamen who are demanding that the officials show some action.

Since the shipowners granted the I.L.A. recognition, such as it is, the factors are in a better position to carry on their splitting program and to keep the seamen from taking joint action with the longshoremen.

But the seamen can beat answer the factors program by setting up active ship's committee on every ship to carry on the fight for the UNITY of all seamen, regardless of union affiliations. The fight must also be carried forward for the uniting of all maritime workers into a Pacific Coast Marine Federation under strong rank and file control.

By taking such stops the rank and file seamen can better break the shackles that the factors have been so many years in forging. - Seamen - Longshoremen - all maritime workers ---- Forward to a Pacific Coast Marine Federation.

OUT WITH THE FACTORS.

FOR RANK AND FILE CONTROL.
WATERFRONT WORKER

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T'M THE GUY WHO ---
OH YEAH!

Lewis: I'm the guy who started the I.L.A.
R. & F. Oh, Yeah!
Lewis: I'm the guy who holds the I.L.A. together.
R. & F. Oh, Yeah!
Lewis: I'm the guy who told Ryan he couldn't have our chart.
R. & F. Oh, Yeah!
Lewis: I am not a politician.
R. & F. Oh, Yeah!
Lewis: I am the BIG I AM.
R. & F. Aw, Nuts! Go join Holman.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

After the first of the year all winch drivers will be supplied with plush covered seats which we hope will do away the numerous complaints of tired feet.

Waterfront Employers Union

WANTED TO KNOW:

How does Senator Boynton, Chief Fink of the Industrial Association, get along on his "miserable" $35,000 a year?

WANTED:

Suggestions from I.L.A. on how to run a union.

See Rank & Files Teamster's Union.

WANTED TO KNOW:

The whereabouts of the Waterfront Bard, Edgar Allan Poop, last seen around China Basin, with a soulful gleam in his deep brown eyes. He was writing "An Ode to a Dying Jelly Fish". Anybody seeing Edgar notify this office immediately. We miss his melody.

PERSONAL

Brother (?) Lee J. Holman please come back to the I.L.A. All is forgiven. We are so lonesome for you.

Signed: Executive Committee

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

One robot longshoreman who would build big loads. If found return to T.C. Plant, Matson Bldg. Substantial reward.

ATTENTION ALL

REGISTER NOW for big Christmas Dinner to be given by Shipowners. Send your name to Kims Dinner Committee at Matson Bldg.

This invitation good only for those longshoremen who were in favor of the June 16th agreement. Pink Ryan will be present. Dinner will be given on Dec. 24th. Pedro Pate will be toastmaster.

WRITE FOR THE
WATERFRONT WORKER
BOX 1158, S.F.
This Agreement is entered into this empty-ump day of December, with Pedro Pete party of the first part and the Waterfront Employers' Union party of the second part. This Agreement is to affect all I.L.A. men and "loyal employees" doing longshore work in the vicinity of Los Angeles, including Fresno and Needles, Arizona. Any grievances not covered by this agreement are in the hands of the impartial board of five who will be chosen. The Waterfront Employers' Union to select four men and Pedro Pete to select one man to be fair and honest men and Pedro Pete to turn in a list of 7 from which one man will be chosen to make the fifth man on the committee. Upon the request of the Waterfront Employers' Union this agreement is null and void. The request must be in writing.

SAN PEDRO'S WORKING RULES

A) Row boats shall be furnished to men travelling to Long Beach. The employers shall not discriminate against any man who peddles his own canoes.

B) The hourly pay shall be 95¢ (no more, no less) $1.40 overtime.

C) When men are working in refrigerator space at a temperature of 40 degrees below zero, they shall receive 5¢ above the regular scale.

D) On election day, men shall be allowed time off to vote (if they vote for the right candidate).

E) It is also agreed that "loyal employees" (better known as finks working with I.L.A. gangs, shall not be molested, but shall be treated with the utmost respect and consideration. (Other Locals please note).

F) No smoking is allowed on the docks or ships (Pedro Pete and the shipowners are not subject to the above rule).

G) All men must read the San Pedro Harbor News, also attend the weekly educational lectures given by Pedro Pete. No man must express an opinion unless first consulting with Pedro Pete.

H) All the employers are having a tough time making both ends meet, the pilfering of cargo is prohibited. However, on New Year's Day the Waterfront Employers' Union shall give to each honest stevedore one quart of good beer. To the winch driver and hatch tenders, one quart and a half shall be given.

I) When men are ordered to the docks, and there is no work and it is raining, employers must furnish men with umbrellas. A one-piece rubber suit shall be furnished for Pedro Pete, the reversible kind preferred.

J) All longshoremen shall be entitled to an annual vacation with pay. Vacations must be taken during the months of Dec., Jan., or Feb., WHO longshoreman who has not worked 50 years on the Pedro Waterfront shall receive a vacation.

K) Anything else not mentioned in the above Agreement shall be settled by the "impartial" committee of five, such as domestic troubles, alimony collections, the practice of birth control, or, you name it we settle it.

We, the undersigned, will do everything in our power to see that the above Agreement be carried out.

READ AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE WATERFRONT WORKER
P.O. BOX 1159, S.F.
In the issue of Dec. 3, 1934, on Page 4, column 1 you state the Waterfront Worker is your paper, write your opinion, we welcome criticism.

I have read most of your issue. I have as yet to see a letter of criticism except Pedro Pete's.

You claim to be a worker's paper. If you are for the workers half as much as you claim why do you hide behind anonymity? Is it the blushing violet in you or are you just plain yellow and fearful of the wrath of those whom you persecute? Anyone who exercises the privilege of a member and objects to what he thinks is wrong, even the cliques favors it. This poor sucker is hold up for ridicule. Of course some people dont mind being ridiculed and continue to make bursts at the meeting. Some would do it just to see their name in print.

But you are stopping many honest members from being more active for fear of the Worker.

How is it you dont print your paper in a union shop? Is your stand on the A.F. of L. Give us your honest opinion, not just a lot of sarcastic remarks about officials you wish to discredit. Stop some of your scandal mongering and print two-sided constructive arguments and you will be doing something.

I hope you have the guts, (I know you must have the space for half this issue is drive) to publish this letter and answer the questions I have asked.

Yours truly, Steve A Door

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Mr. Steve A Door
Book 3879

SIR:

Yes, Mr. Steve A Door the Waterfront Worker asks for and welcomes honest & sincere criticism because the Waterfront Worker is published in the interests of all longshoremen on the Frisco Waterfront.

You ask why the paper isn't printed in a union shop? For the very simple reason that the mimeographers haven't a union.

Evidently, Steve, you are an admirer of Pedro Pete's. Judging from your letter you and Pete should have much in common.

You ask what is our opinion of the A.F. of L. Our opinion is the same as that of the majority of the American workers, the A.F. of L. is okay but the bureaucrats who have gotten control of the A.F. of L. and have throttled and sold out every strike in the last 25 years are no damn good. Of course, Steve, the way in which the question is asked tips your hand. Either you are a labor fakir and paid stool of the shipowners or just plain dumb, perhaps both.

Everybody knows the A.F. of L. is a workers organization composed of workers who have organized for the purpose of bettering their conditions but because of the fact that politicians and crooks have gotten into leadership doesn't give cause for anyone to condemn the masses of honest and sincere toilers who compose its membership. That is the reason you have tipped your hand. You do not take into consideration the millions of members of the A.F. of L. You seem to be worried most about its fakir officials being criticized. Despite the fact that their membership are the ones to be considered because they will struggle if given the leadership and they were given this long desired leadership in the maritime strike. And such a fight resulted that understand, militant, fighting leadership shook the very foundations of the robber-capitalist-landlord rule of the strongest nation in the world.

Other A.F. of L. members taking heart from the great maritime strike and its leaders will also carry the offensive to the employers resulting in the isolation of the present labor fakers and the installation of fighting officials for the A.F. of L.

We hope we have made our position clear, Steve, but you consult with your bosses, the shipowners, and if there is any more questions from you or them, you write to the Waterfront Worker and we will answer all questions to the best of our ability.

The Editors, Waterfront Worker, P.O. Box 1158

P.S. the accusation you make of the editors being yellow is only an attempt on the part of a stool-pigeon to provoke the editors into making a statement or disclosure that will prove fatal to the paper. Try again, Steve, use your own name and book number, don't ridicule the Local Number, it really means something to the rank and file.
MOST MEN GET 120 HOURS WORK

Dear Ed:

The report made by our despatcher at the last meeting was very interesting. He stated that most men got their 120 hours in last month. A few gangs had several hours less than 120 hours. But taking everything into consideration the work was very well distributed. All this was done without even a hiring hall. All this proves that the I.L.A. can establish a system by which work will be given to all men who want to work.

There may be a few men who kick because members of other unions are working on the Front, but many I.L.A. men hang around the beer joints for hours and are not available when the despatcher sings out for men. This forces him to send men of other unions to the job.

There is no reason for complaint if you can get no work, if you are a steady customer of the saloons along the Front.

When the hiring hall is set up certain hours ONLY should be set aside for hiring hours. In that way hanging around the hall for hours will be done away with.

All these things will be accomplished in time. Our present officials are okay - they know what the men want.

An I.L.A. Man.

WELL! JUST LIKE THAT COMPANY WANTED FOR FINNEGAN

Dear Ed:

If you see any finks around who would like to join a nice, quiet respectable union, send them to the Clerks local where they will be welcomed with open arms. Scabs, rats, finks and sons of scab-herders are all welcome.

A Rank And File Clerk.

Write and subscribe for

THE WATERFRONT WORKER

P. O. BOX 1158

TEAMSTER ORGANIZER GETS $350 PER MONTH. SITS ON CAN ALL DAY-

Editor of Waterfront Worker:

At a recent meeting of the Teamster's Local it was brought out that we were paying $350 a month for an organizer to bring the long-haul drivers and the Modesto Milk truckers into the Union. But it was brought out that this organizer has been doing nothing but sit on his can. In fact, several guys tried to join the Teamsters' Union there but were told to go to the N.R.A. Labor Board.

This organizer should be recalled and a rank and file teamster, who has the real interest of the organization at heart, should be elected. He should be paid HOT $350 a month, but the average teamster's wage.

This sort of thing could not happen if we had rank and file leadership like the I.L.A. instead of the phoney crowd we now have.

This applied to "Brother" Conboy particularly. What a faker!

A Teamster

P.S. By the way, just what is Conboy doing to earn his $350 bucks a month, anyhow? How many teamsters would like to make just half his salary every month.

CLERKS ELECT COMMITTEES

Editor:

For the first time since they organized the Clerks have contacted the bosses with a committee elected by a rank and file. Too bad they had to put Finnegan on it. Evidently he did not give them enough hot air during the late lamented negotiations; well let's hope that at least one out of the three will come back with a straight tale.

A Clerk.
CLERKS WANT FIGHT, NOT HOT AIR!

Editor Waterfront Worker:

The rotten award they got has sure wakened up the clerks. They are now quietly realizing that rank and file control is the only way to properly conduct a modern labor union. Stay with it, Clerks! Pick your representatives yourself and don't give them the power to settle anything.

The Union belongs to you, not the officials. They are your servite, so report back to you when you send them on any mission. They should give you facts not hot air like you have been getting. Only under such conditions can you decide the right action to take against your arrogant and unscrupulous bosses.

A Clerk

OLD B.B. GAG STILL PRACTICED 2 MEN UNDER THE HOOK.

Dear Ed:

I would like to know what's gotten into the man on the Luckonback Dock? After being on strike for 83 days to rid the waterfront of the Blue Book and all of its unfair practices, yet we have a couple of bosses who keep two steady men under the hook while their four brother members stay on the pilo and work against eight men in the hold. Those four men are forced to "mount the hook" without a spell or relief and it's a little too much. Now, it's a common practice on all other docks that all the dock gang takes their turn under the hook. Those bosses continue to practice the old Blue Book gag must not have any sense of fair play, and some of them openly boasted that they won't change under the hook at all and if their men didn't like it, they can quit. That's just what two of Black John's dockmen had to do.

Another Boss Miller reluctantly allows his men to change with the warning that if they lose a load they are through. I think that this is all wrong and the Union should take it up. Those bosses are all members of our Local and such things should be straighened out as soon as possible.

I would even suggest that if the I.L.A. bosses don't want to play fair with the men, they should turn in their books and get off the waterfront.

A Luckenback Dock Man.

FAT HUBER MEETS OPPOSITION GETS PUNCH IN THE NOSE

Dear Ed:

Fat Huber isn't satisfied with bucking the formation of a Mariner Federation and slandering the militant I.L.A. leaders, but he made a big mistake by jumping on a militant seaman and calling him a big pea-picker. This seaman happened to be going to sea while Fat was shaking the reins over Dobbin's back. This seaman not only exposed Huber for what he really is, a disrupter and opposed to everything that calls for unity, but he punched Fat Huber all over the street. Huber has been working night and day, not only in the I.L.A. but in the I.S.U., to get all the militants kicked out and I believe, he caused that right to discredit the militant seamen, to leave the impression that militant union men are only rowdies and looking for trouble. Fat was mistaken in that because the sailors present know that Fat started the beef and what a licking he took. In the future I'll bet he keeps his nose out of things that don't concern him.

A Seaman on the beach.

A SUGGESTION.

Dear Ed:

How about an application of a little elbow grease, through the medium of an old tooth brush, to your typewriter, will make the reading of the Waterfront Worker much easier.

A Reader

OTHER COAST PORTS

Tell us if it isn't true that everybody has writer's cramp. Let us hear from you. We need you.

Write.

Waterfront Worker
P.O. Box 1158, S.F.

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WHEN IS A SCAB NOT A SCAB?
WHEN HE IS ENDORSED BY THE PACIFIC SEAMEN — A SEAMEN’S PAPER (?)

The Pacific Seamen is a weekly paper published weekly & endorsed by the Pacific Coast District Union of the I.S.U. of America. The Pacific Seamen’s policy is about as weak and tawdry as Old Andrew Furysoth, the Secretary-Treasurer, who is running unopposed for re-election.

Under the heading "Our Platform the Pacific Seamen states, "This paper stands for just what it is — a Seamen’s paper!" And no doubt it does help the seamen on the hungry ships where toilet paper is not supplied. But for the rank and file seamen the Pacific Seamen is a vicious organ used by the shipowners’ agents to create dis-sension and illusions among the workers to lasso them with a feeling of hopelessness. Not in any issue has any organizational question been raised and answered. Instead they speak of crews on the Dollar ships as being "one happy family", and personal boasts about Shanghai Joo getting stiff with a dame, etc. The paper goes a long way to sow the seeds of dis-sension among the seamen. Such burning questions of unity between all seamen is never mentioned. The question of getting relief for the seamen on the bench is only referred to as something to be done someday. Scabby Peterson is honorably referred to as Captain Peterson. No mention is made of the scabby Pink Hall and how to get rid of such a foul institution. In other words, the Pacific Seamen is a paper used by the labor fakers to better put over the shipowners’ program.

The Pacific Seamen carried an editorial in the Dec. 8th issue urging the seamen to be more tolerant towards the finks and preparing the way for the finky I.S.U. officials to accept the scabs into the union.

The editorial states, "The Editor of this paper believes that any man who will come up to a Union hall and ask that he be allowed to square himself, I.S.U. Not a SCAB AT E8.NT. Sure, he has made a mistake. We admit that. His ad-mits it, and he is sorry, and he wants to atone!"

So scabbing is a mistake. Maybe it is only a mistake that hundreds of strikers were brutally clubbed, beaten, arrested, tear-gassed and shot in the back by the S.F. police. Maybe it is only a mistake that the Mariner took the $35,000 to call out the National Guard to terrorize and intimidate the strikers. And to protect the lousy scabs, who were not scabs at heart, but just poor guys making a mistake! Maybe it was a mistake to go out on strike at all. Maybe we should have stayed on the job and endured the abuses of the shipowners another 14 years.

Well, the labor fakers, the Andy Furysoth, the Schaarrenburgs the Larsons, the Vendoulas, the Casey’s, the Ryan’s and all the other fakers, big or little, wanted to stay on the job; in fact fought against any strike action. But the workers are awakening. The A.F. of L. fakers are losing their hold on the American workers and despite the fact that they were able to stall-out the General Strike. The next time watch out. The workers will be on their guard. Through bitter experience the workers have been taught a valuable lesson; that is, scabs are only not used to break strikes, but they are found in the ranks of the workers as labor officials of the A.F. of L., the arch-omnies of the workers, the betrayers of the General Strike. And men who are not 100% union men at heart will be found writing such editorials as "Out, Scab!" paving the way for the fakers to take the rats into the Union.

When is a scab not a scab? When he is endorsed by the Pacific Seamen.

FASCISM AND TRADE UNIONS
HEAR DUNNO SPEAK.

William F. Dunno, Former Editor of the Butte Daily Bulletin, and militant leader of Organized Labor will speak at Equality Hall, 143 Albion Street, on Tuesday Night, Dec. 16th, 8:00 P.M. —— Fascism and Trade Unions.

William F. Dunno was once a member of the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor but he was kicked off by the Green’s, Wells and Lewis because he was too militant.

Every worker should go to hear Dunno speak. He will answer numerous questions, among them: What are Gov. Merriam’s plans? Will there be a police terror again, and calling out troops if other strikes occur? Why has Hearst come out openly in favor of Fascism? All the questions are of vital importance to every toiling man, woman and child; therefore, hear Dunno speak Tuesday night, December 16th.