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Ryan Betrays Coast

At the final Code Hearings held in Wash., on Jan. 29th, Ryan appeared as the representative of the ILA. In his recommendations for the revised Shipowners code he failed to bring up the demands of the men, of $1.00 an hr. $1.50 overtime, 6 hour day, hiring from ILA halls, the repudiation of the B.B. nor did he object to compulsory arbitration or to "de-casualization", which according to the Dep't. of Labor experts will throw 50,000 longshoremen out of work. Due to the pressure exerted on Ryan, led by the Pico Locals, he was forced to raise the minimum scale to 90 cents for the West Coast. However, Ryan is still up to his old tricks, as he has agreed with Administrator Weaver, to hold secret conferences to settle the final Code. For 9 months, the men have been promised better working conditions under a NRA Code.

Have been patiently awaiting for the code to come, the shipowners have been stirred to fever pitch, preparing for trouble.

In Seattle, an attempt to hire longshoremen for 45 cents and hr was defeated by joint action of seamen, the Marine Workers Industrial Union, Teamsters and Rank & File members of the ILA.

In Frisco, the ship-owners are hard at work to split the unity of the men by a staggered wage scale, for instance, on the Bannana docks the scale is 65-80 & 50 cents an hour, the Sugar House pays truckers 65c, the Encinal Terminal in Alameda pay's 60-85 cents.

Another angle of the shipowners' is the recent attempt to recruit Negroes into the B.B. also the hiring of illegal boys on various docks & the most infamous of all is the use of stool pigeons in the ranks of the ILA one of these... rate was just exposed thru the efforts of the Waterfront Worker.

Notice

New Address of the Waterfront Worker
P.O. Box 1158
In San Pedro, the shipowners drove a disruptive wedge into the ranks of the workers; when they put over the recent wage increase so scaled, from 80 to 88¢ that the basis is laid to further organize the workers. The Fink-Hall signing the agreement with the shipowners proves the hollowness of the recent coalition victory, the ILA won, 97% to a measly 3%, yet the Fink-Hall signs the working agreement. The stevedores on the Coast have only one course to follow and that is to UNITE THE COAST FOR CONCERETED ACTION, in preparation for the coming struggles. We have seen the maneuvers of the District officials to head off the Rank and File Convention. But these maneuvers are being spiked because the membership are fast awakening to the facts, that the Rank and File must take a more active part in the affairs of the Union if they are not to be SOLD OUT.

Reports, on the bulletin board, from the delegates up north, state that the membership of the northwest after hearing the true accounts of the code hearings and the Portland convention are solidly behind a RANK AND FILE CONVENTION.

SOLIDIFY THE COAST.
FOR A RANK AND FILE CONVENTION.
FOR UNITY. FOR SOLIDARITY.

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YOO--HOO PO-ZET-S

Ye Waterfront Bard is in one of those terrible moods again...he wont write a thing. How about some one to take his place—poems, songs, odes, lyrics accepted—no questions asked???

NEW ADDRESS OF WATERFRONT WORKER

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TEAMSTER STANDS FOR UNITY

Editor Waterfront Worker:
I am a constant reader of the WW and my chief regret is that the Teamsters do not have a paper—like that.

I can see the stevedores of the Coast are being lined up behind the program of the Waterfront Worker, which is great but I have a kick on make and that is nothing is being done to get the support of the Teamsters.

We workers of all crafts must stick together, already on the Admiral docks, the teamsters are unloading directly onto platform which can be slug aboard ships. So you see the Boses are preparing to use the Teamsters as scape against the stevedores. Well, I for one will NOT SCAB for SOLIDARITY.

Sincerely
A Fighting Teamster.

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THE WATERFRONT WORKER.
WHO IS HE ?
GAMBLER? SHEIK? SCAB-HERDER????
Well-dressed man, with brown suit, tan shoes, light cap and a thin face, high cheek bones and weigh about 135 pounds. He is generally found in the ILA hall dressed up and going. He used to prospect the beach but now evidently does not need to look for work.

If you have any further information on this character get in touch immediately with the WATERFRONT WORKER.

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ANOTHER TRIP FOR KULBERG

Captain Blaine wants Kulberg to return to Stockton. He wants the organizer to OK the discharge slip of the boys who cannot cut the buck. Charges are inefficiency and being members of the ILA.

WHAT'S DOING DOG FACE??

Not content with being a gang boss and a walking boss "Dog Face" Nelson was seen driving a load of gear down to Pier 50 on Monday Jan.30. Besides doing a regular Jency driver out of job, Nelson is probably looking into the future?

LET'S TAKE A HUFF AND PUFF WITH THE I.L.A., AND BLOW THE LIKES OF DOG FACE INTO THE BAY !!!!!

WANTED:
Young, old, or middle-aged persons to be trained as street pigeons. Preference shown to persons who have had legal training or can use technical or legalese in speaking. Highest regard given to recommendations from Fink-Hall. Experience as B.B delegate or Fink-Hall runner given head of list. Lack of previous training no handicap, each applicant given 6 months course on "How to be 1st class Fink & Police spy," under the direct supervision of Scabby Peterson.

All applications to be filed with "The Kid," any morning at the shape-up between Mission and Market on the Embarcadero.

$50 Fee——For What????

How is it that McLinks recieves another $50 fee for Labor Advice?? Didn't we get enough of that guy when he represented us at the Code Hearings?? Maybe it is for the sharp attack he led against the BLUE BOOK ????

KNOW THYSELF PIE-CARD ARTISTS

Many local pie-cards are spreading the word around that the Rank and File Convention is being fostered by a clique. These pie-card artists see the handwriting on the wall—they must either produce or step out of the picture.

And they know—they can not cut the buck.

ITS IN THE MINUTES

The stenographers hired to take the minutes of the Rank and File Convention are to be tried out be delegate #1. This will be done so no bus steno will be slipped over on the boys & there will be no chance for 2 sets of minutes.

Change of address
New Address
Waterfront Worker
P.O. Box 1158
San Francisco, Calif.
These are some of the facts which you might want for publication.

The Stockton ILA was organized some time in November with a man named Baker as the leader. Today, there is an approximately 75 members, with an average attendance at the weekly meetings between 25-35. No sooner did the workers join up than they lost their jobs. Soon after this Mr. Kulberg visited Stockton; he promised the ILA members that they would soon be working and have complete control of all dock labor. He also stated, that if it were absolutely necessary the Frisco Local would refuse to work all boats worked at Stockton using non-union labor.

Mr. Kulberg arranged a meeting with Mr. Blaine and Mr. Creel. He asked, why are the Union members being discriminated against? Mr. Blaine answered that he had not been informed of the existence of a Union. Kulberg then arranged for the members of the Union to meet with Blaine.

At this meeting, Mr. Kulberg only informed the dockworkers to join the ILA. He then succeeded in making fools out of the Union members. He then suggested, that we try to get the other dockworkers to join the Union. This is impossible, as the other workers see that they would only lose their jobs by going I.L.A.

At present the Stockton ILA is an unemployed organization with the secretary always hollering for dues.

Only two Boats use ILA men. This work is not rotated, pay is 65 cents an hour. Mr. Blaine pays 65c and 75c. He hires about 10 Union men at the dock, about 70 men work the Ship so you see that makes 1 I.L.A man to 7 non-ILA.

The other day someone was passing out copies of Waterfront Worker in our ILA hall. Our secretary Keyes made a remark to this effect, "Get that old junk out of here." Now this seems to me as a very poor attitude for him to take towards a sympathizing paper.

Sincerely

An ILA member, who had been discriminated against in Stockton.
FINK BOYCE EXPOSED

An agent of Scabby Peterson’s has been uncovered in the ranks of the stevedores. A human rat, the lowest and foulest of all creatures, has been found gnawing and burrowing within the ILA.

This rat was recognized by a stevedore who formerly worked as a seaman.

In 1930, Fink Boyce came aboard the Steam Schooner Davenport, in Oakland, to check up for the Fink Hall. Captain Nelson refused the Fink the right to brow beat the sailors and he kicked Mr. Boyce off the ship. When the Schooner docked in Frisco, the rat again came aboard, intent on doing his rotten work but the Captain again showed his SOLIDARITY with the sailors by kicking off the Fink Hall’s agent. And to guard against a further invasion of rats, Captain Nelson ordered rat guards put up on all dock lines.

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS.
You haven’t got a Fink-Book, you want stamped, have you, Boyee??

VACATION—FOR WHOM??
How’s your health, Lee?? Do you think you could stand another short rest among the nudists??

No fog nor damp, wet breezes up there. Toodle-oo. I’ll be seein’ you.

THE LAUGH OF THE MONTH
Captain Elaine supported by OUR Organizer Alvin Kulberg, charge the old Steam Schooner sailors in the Port of Stockton, of not being efficient stevedores.

These guys were born with a car go hook in their pockets. COME -

COME -
ALVIN - NO SELL OUT

Captain Nelson was fired for his action, he was fired for kicking a dirty rat off his ship.

Later when Boyce went aboard the Schooner Tiverton to check the Fink-books, he threatened a sailor or who would not take out a book that he would fix him the same as he did Captain Nelson — with the axe. He forced the sailor to take out a Fink-Book.

Brothers, this is the kind of rat we have in our organization and he tries to justify his Fink record with the whining excuse, “I did it to eat, because I made a mistake in the past it is no reason why I should suffer now.”

Let us say Mr. Boyce, there are hundreds of good men being kept on the Beach by that dirty, lousy Fink-Hall. And Mr. Boyce, you are part and parcel of the whole rotten, stinking system.

SCRAM I

FINK

SCRAM II


Sales ................................ 16.10
Balance ................................ 9.26
Total .................................. 25.36

Expenses

Papcr .................................. 3.60
Selling .................................. 1.75
Mailing .................................. 0.75
Logistics ................................ 0.50
Miscellaneous .......................... 1.00
Garbage .................................. 0.60
Ink ...................................... 0.65
Total .................................. 6.35

Income .................................. 25.35

Expenses ................................ 8.85
Balance .................................. 16.50

WRITE NOW

NEW ADDRESS OF WATERFRONT WORKER
P.O. BOX 1158 WRITE NOW !!!!
THE NEW EIGHT-PAGE
WATERFRONT WORKER
IS GOING TO NEED
MORE MONEY. IF YOU
THINK THE WATERFRONT
WORKER IS WORTH SUP-
PORTING, SEND IN DON-
ATIONS TO F. O. BOX 1158
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

THE MAIL BAG

CONDUCTOR SAYS "ORGANIZE"
Editor Waterfront Worker:
The undersigned is a conductor
on the Market St. Railway, I am
much interested in your little WW
I used to be a longshoreman about
4 years ago I left the Front to
take this job.
My work is not nearly so hard
- as that of you, longshoremen but
we do put in disgraceful long hrs
We get up at 5:30 A.M. to go out
on a run.
Some years ago, I remember the
longshoremen lost a strike because
they asked too much, I.e. about 80
% of the shippers profit. They
would never stand for that, the
stevedores were considered crazy
even to make such outrageous
demands.
In contrast to this the Mkt. St.
Railway is going to pay its em-
ployees 55% of the profits. We have
been informed that, when and if pr-
ofits are made, this will amount
an hourly increase of $4. That an
enormous increase, when the cost
of living has gone up nearly 20 %
in the last 8 months.
Of course, I now realize this
whole move was nothing but a clev-
er and successful move to breakup
our new Union. So my advice to you
longshoremen is to stick to your
program and never listen to any
phony proposals mad by your em-
ployers.
Yours for a 100% ILA Waterfront.
An Ex-Stevedore.

Editor Waterfront Worker:
Dear Sir:
As conditions are get-
ing so rotten on Pier 39, where I
work, I only have one way to ex-
press myself & that is through
the Waterfront Worker. All steve-
dores are anxious to read your
fine little paper. They would gla-
dly pay a nickel a copy for it.
You hear lots of them say so. So
please print my article in the
first paper out.
When work picks up, I'll re-
member you.
I remain yours truly
A Stevedore

WANTED - - - NEWS

News wanted for Waterfront Wor-
ker. Send Dock news, poems, "doe
" for On the Spot to F. O. Box 1158
RUSH - - - HURRY.

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Boss
On Pier 39, things are getting pre-
itty bad. Mr. Horseman hasn't got a
new car yet this year. Mr. Soren-
sen, the walker, is really worried
about it. He, himself has a few do-
lleare@ invested in the "outfit" &
he is chasing the Poor straw boss
- as up and down the docks trying
to make a profit.
Cook is about to be sent to a san
atorium, his nerves is giving out.
The big boss is riding him soooo
hard, & at the same time doing work
for 2, only small hope is held for
his recovery.
Norman of course is getting
a break by having Long Emil's brot-
er-in-law in his gang. They send
Cook home & put Norman's gang in
his hatch. Cook is always sure of
last in and first out.
Diver with his big, silly grin, we
all know is a sucker and will al-
ways remain one.
--And somehow Rolf knows how to
please Mr. Sorensen, by packing
all his booze out of the ship and
he works his gang 15-20 minutes -
for the church every day.
Preacher Larsen with his BlueBook
is the biggest sucker of them all
He claims that he can live four
years without working & the Lords
Kingdom is near, Moses will soon
be back & so on-- but until Moses
gets here the Preacher wants to
be on the right side of the Big
Boss. A Stevedore - Pier 39
SOLIDARITY, Cries Stevedore

Editor Waterfront Worker:
I am a longshoreman working on the Frisco Front but living in Oakland, which is the reason I do not attend all the meetings. If all meetings of the future will be as exciting as the last one, held on Jan 30, I will come often. The most exciting part of the meeting was when the visiting delegate came on the platform to make an appeal for funds, in behalf of some strikers in the Imperial Valley. This speaker told his story very convincingly, and I was very pleased to see the Br others respond as generously as they did. I think $38.00 was collected. The longshoremen apparently understand the meaning of Solidarity, with a few exceptions. A small group sitting near the platform tried to raise a loud howl because the strikers in the Valley were not AF of L Unionists. Whenever we can, we should help the workers in the other crafts, no matter whether they are organized in the AF of L or some other affiliation.

One corpulent gentleman, McKenna, by name, seemed to be the leader of this group of objectionists; however his mighty efforts gained him nothing (perhaps a lot of ill-feeling). I wonder if he put anything in the hat when it passed him??

Your little paper is just what we need on the Front, to express our sentiments & I hope you will continue to publish. Let any of these corpulent gentlemen square up. We have only ONE ENEMY - the Shipowners.

Your's Truly

Oakland Stevedore

SOLVES PEOBLEMS

Asks for 5¢ Waterfront Worker

Editor Waterfront Worker:
Having been a reader of this paper almost since its coming on the Front and seeing where you are a little short on cash, why not charge a nickel for it?
I don't think a nickel every 2 weeks will break any of us and maybe if it is OK, a bigger paper can be published.

This putting the bosses on the spot doesn't help them out. They are getting so every other week they get the paper and see if their name is in it. You should write a little about Russian Louie and how he cashes the brass - for the gang, at 5¢ on the dollar or they lose their jobs. Brown does the same thing.

An ILA Stevedore.

Ed's Note:
Thanks for the dime. No donation is too small.

STEVEDORE HAS THUMB TORN OFF.

On Weds. Jan. 31st, a stevedore working for Hungry Gus, had his thumb torn off, while working on the Kohon Maru.

In trying to make tonnage, Hungry Gus tried to pull a large bundle of sacks that the sling would not go around the load. In trying to relieve the hook thru, the man's thumb got jammed and when the winch driver went ahead it tore the man's thumb half off, the weight of the man being lifted off the ground tore the thumb entirely off.

Immediately after this avoidable accident happened, a head boss from the dock came down & gave Hungry a severe bawling out and told him to sling three less of sacks to the load.

This accident is the direct result of the competition between the bosses to beat each other in tonnage and as always it's the men who have to pay for it by working at an intense speed-up and being crippled for life.

We as members of the ILA can stop this useless, insane speed-up and needless maiming of workers. We must adopt a set of ILA working rules, these rules would stop the boss's from swinging such monstrous loads. A militant dock committee on the job would see to it that the working rules would be enforced to safe guard the workers against the competition of the "hurry-up" boss.

TAKES YOUR THUMB BUT WE CAN GET ANOTHER BALE IN.

PETE LEARNS TO FLY

Pedro Pete's taking flying lessons. He's doing this so he'll be available to any of the pie-cards who'll want to know how to keep valuable points out of minutes.
KULBERG ATTENDS STOCKTON MEET-NG & PUTS ON RED DRESS
On Feb. 7th, Kulberg attended the Stockton I. A. meeting because the membership were demanding action. In opening the meeting, he stated that it was a poor time to go in to action as the Frisco Local was poorly organized and it would be best to wait for the Code.

Every member saw through this program and in the middle of the meeting, the President handed in his resignation.

Pie-card Kulberg, to save his face, jumped up and gav a roasting speech, stating, "now nor o militant action would have to be taken, that to get results we'd have to fight and strike—like the Communists."

Mr. Keys, Secretary of the I. A., also of the Ferryboatmen's Union is a good friend of Kulberg's. He was evidently provoked by Pie-card Alvin because a motion was made at the previous meeting that the secretary be paid 25 cents by every member who works 8 hours or more (for the good of the I. A., no doubt).

Pie-card Kulberg did not trust himself in such a hostile atmosphere so he had a good array of other Fakers to assist him. The local secretary of the Labor Council was there, he stated that if an agreement was not made with the I. A. he would put out longboat's knocking the Port Bonds. This Faker, however, has been working with the Stockton Chamber of Commerce real-estate sharks to sell the State many acres of mudflats. This hot-air artist is like another Faker, Paddy Horriss, who can't change his tone and speech to fit any occasion.

A Rank & File Stevedore from Stockton.

CHUCK STOP ON THE SCALE
Shipowners in Pedro trying anew blacklist racket, physical examination of longshoremen on the excuse that owing to the natural requirements of compensation, all employees are required to submit evidence of physical fitness. These rules have been in effect for a long time, no where are there compulsory physical examination clauses. This is just a move to blacklist the men here for having the nerve to vote against the Frisco Hall. Reading the Waterfront Worker shows us how the Frisco stevedores have forced their officials to take many of their grievances up and have them settled.

-PEDRO STEVORE

ALEXANDER HAMILTON INSTITUTE
STUDENT SHOWS HIS TEETH

When fellow worker Larsen was hurt a few months ago thru the negligence of the Ship Owners & Stevedoring Co.'s, the gang was blamed and fired.

Louis Dinner, notorious scab-horde and Klu Klux Klan organizer was given in as hatch tender. Louis immediately pulled the old Fink Hall stunt; "Everybody in the gang buys cigars for the hatch tender." One member of the gang refused and was fired off the job for refusing to buy El Ropes for Dinner.

Louis is trying the usual routine cigars first, then a gallon of their brandy. If we don't stop it, it will be a step-in for me or a new car.

The same day in the afternoon a Gemini Fink by the name of Halloway came aboard and by meat flapping the Captain and mate got himself a job; bragging that all Union men were brothers and he was a good friend of the whole gang.

The gang let him work for about 10 minutes then sent the committee to see the mate, stating that he either get off the job or they would walk up, Mr. Halloway walked down the gang plunk cursing the I. A. and everybody else.

PUT UP THE GUARD THE RATS ARE DESERTING THE ELL: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Not satisfied with election of Jan. 6th when only 23 finks supported the Fink Hall, Mr. Nickels called for a roll vote on the same question Jan. 15th. Like all good skippers Nickels was keeping a close watch on the rats, but he couldn't believe his eyes; for when the rolls were counted only 24 remained aboard. With such a few rats left we would advise Mr. Nickels to start counting the cockroaches.

Editor—Rank & File Worker:
At our last meeting we talked about making a big Pie for the whole coast. Three particular brothers said they didn't like that kind of Pie. So we don't like rats. Then they talk us out of it. The Rank & File of the whole Coast want to be in on the Pie Party, to be served on the 25th of Feb.

Now, brothers, let us not forget those 3 brothers who said they didn't like Pie. Let us keep them out of the Party by not voting for them.

--A Longshoer

From The Dollar Dock