WELCOME CONVENTION DELEGATES

A Coastwise convention, the first in 15 years for the Frisco Longshoremen, is a result of the efforts of the membership led by the Frisco Local and is being held Sun Feb. 25 at the Building Trades Temple. The convention is open to all members, as visitors who are in good standing in the I.L.A.

The shipowners have the stage-set; they think they can split the unity of the Coast longshoremen; they think they can drive a wedge between the seamen, teamsters, longshoremen using the ARCH FEAKER CASEY, supporting teamster loading platforms, & make it so difficult that we can't UNITE. The only thing that can smash THE PLANS of the shipowners & their tools, the Pakors, is the UNITY of the longshoremen, teamsters & seamen. Right now there can be no turning back—we must go forward—we must establish our organization on every dock, every ware-house, and every waterfront on the Pacific Coast.

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETING POST-PONED TILL AFTER THE CONVENTION.

The convention must establish Coastwise negotiations between the stevedores & shipowners; no port to sign a separate agreement; I.L.A working rules must BeEN FORCED in all ports, & uniform hours of wages must be enforced in all ports. COASTWISE UNION REC-OGNI-TION.

A District Strike Committee with corresponding strike committees, are to be set up in each port, so in case shipowners challenge us to battle, we will be ready to accept the challenge. We can't be playing with strikes but we must mobilize our forces in preparation, & if a struggle is forced upon us we won't be found unprepared. We must beware of "arbitration" tricks such as they attempted to use in the recent Matron strike.

At the convention we should take steps to endorse the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill, demand immediate cash relief for all unemployed workers, & rally support for the Strike.
thousands of workers will be thrown on the Beach by the closing of the GWA projects and the shipowners will try to use them as scabs in any struggle.
We must make every effort to fight against any attempts to split our ranks with Negroes on one side and white workers on the other.

The young fellows in the schools and colleges should be reached and told why they should stick with the workers, and refuse to be used as scabs—as they have been in the past.

We have much in common with the seamen. They work as we do for the common enemies, the shipowners—those racketeers and racketeers, who are out to create dissention among the workers, and try to hand over the stevedores, bound hand and foot, to the shipowners.

The WATERFRONT WORKER invites suggestions and criticism. If you like the paper, and want to help, we will accept a donation, too.

Send all communications to:
P.O. Box 1158 S.F. Calif.
P.S. We would especially like to hear from out of town delegates to the Rank & File Convention.

NEW SCHOOL OPENED
It is becoming increasingly necessary that all workers should know the causes of the general economic breakdown, with the wage cuts taking place. In view of this the San Francisco Workers School opens its new Spring term March 5th—to May 31st. Over 600 students are expected. The school will be located at 121 Haight St. Courses will include Marxism, Economics, History of American Labor Movement, Principles of Communism, a total of 31 courses; tuition fees are $1.00 for three months for employed—50c for unemployed. All classes will be given at night.

ANOTHER LAUNCH RIDE FOR BJORKLUND
The shipowners have placed a launch at the disposal of our able District Secretary John C. Bjorklund. On his last trip down the kindly shipowners did not get a chance to show John all the sights of the Bay Region. They will now finish where they left off.
Hook Hange While Stevedore

Baggage Boys’ Car.

One day last week, Tanglefoot Gus, of the American-Haynigan short of freight, so it was had one of the dock men wash and polish his car. Maybe Tanglefoot has a widow on the string and want to impress her with a nice shiny motor car. [Careful, Gus! Washing autos on company time does not bring up tonnage.......

STROLLING UP THE BLUE CANYON

Bob Carter and Big Dempsey, the brains of the washed-up winch drivers club, visit the den of the Blue Dragoon regularly. What about the 500 pieces Carter collected to finance the social activities of the club? Is it possible these two guys are using the money to play poker with the dragoons in the Blue Canyon?

Be careful, faithful watch-dogs of the Blue Canyon treasure....

These guys may get their long fingers into the huge dues fund built up by the Frisco stevedores in the last 14 years, and then, how can you honest people, return the money to the men who built the fund? You do intend -

equalities for 2700 partners.

We wonder if the big boss of the Market St. Railway considers his 2700 partners when he discharges one of them?

NEws...FLASH...NEws...

Gang of Bosses Work Cargo

A short time ago a gang of bosses on Pier 26 worked cargo. Over-time Fred tended hatch, and the hook didn’t hang once in the shift. They did a good job of stowing cargo, too, outside of stowing a couple hundred oil drums with the bungs down. The next day the oil drums had to be restowed - but that’s alright. We can’t all be good holdmen, and cargo loaders. Better luck next time, boys.

Cutwright, Delegate No. I will meet many of his former friends from Seattle and Tacoma, at the Convention, on the 25th.

The manner of voting, which Cutwright used in calling the Seattle strike, will be used extensively in voting on all important questions.

DELEGATE # I FOLLOWS HUGUE VOTE ??

Business delegate #1 got one vote when he ran for delegate for the Rank and File Convention. May -be the charges that he falsified the report of the Portland Convention had something to do with it.

Well.

BUTCHER BOY COMES TO WATERFRONT

MacNeill, a boss on 45 has his son working for him. A short time ago, a boy friend of the kid’s lost his job in a butcher shop across the bay. The son and heir fixed up a job for the kid on pier 45. So the butcher -boy--swapped his meat basket for a cargo hook, and is now wresting freight with the stevedores.
TRIAL OF BOYCE

On Feb. 7th E. H. Schmidt preferred charges against Boyce to the Executive Board. The charges were that Boyce worked for the Fink Hall as a clerk handling Black list which stopped any progressive Seaman from making a living.

The next general meeting, Feb. 13th, Schmidt requested the Chair-man to have the letter read to the membership. The Trial started in Stewart St. Boyce selected McKenna for his attorney and had one witness for his defense. The Prosecution had as Attorneys: Delaney, Olsen and Schmidt and 8 witnesses. And let me state here that in my experience in the labor movement I never saw a trial more thoroughly conducted on both sides than this one.

McKenna as Boye's attorney used every point that could possibly help his defendant. The main point was that Boyce was forced to take the job, his wife being in the hospital at the time. Also that a Group was attacking him, that this Group was not friendly inclined as the words "Rank & File - Unity - Solidarity." That stevedores paid dues to a company union, they were just as guilty.

The Prosecution directed by Delaney was nevertheless able to penetrate the defense like the sun breaks thru the fog. It was proven he was an old Fink having worked there for 8 years. So he had to admit that he was still getting information from his Brother Finks indirect thru the wife of a Clerk working there. Under cross-examination Boyce had to confess that he was actually working on a ship the time he got the job in the Fink-Hall.

He also was forced to state that the small Group who were so radically inclined as to use the words "Rank & File" were constructive in building up a better and stronger union, and not for personal advantages. The Jury after Boyce rejected 3 of them who looked like ex-sailors were finally elected 9 in number and referred into the office for consultation. After 30 minutes, the foreman handed the verdict to the President which read as follows: That Boyce resign from the Executive Board and be put on probation for one year, also during that period he shall hold no office, not permitted to serve on a committee of any kind. In other words, his wings are clipped for one year. Amen.

A RANK & FILE STEVEDORE
NOT A STAR

INCREASED FAITH IN THE ILA

Editor Waterfront Worker:

Dear Sir:

I want to express my appreciation to the Waterfront Worker. I don't know where you fellows get all your news but I know it is true because on the dock where I work, lots of items have been printed and every one of them has been true. I know too that the boss's don't like to see their names in print, one of them had his name in the last issue and ever since he is a changed man, it seems he can't do enough for the man in his gang now. At one time I had a lot of faith in several of the ILA officials but as time went on, I could see that these brothers were not everything they wanted us to believe they were and now I can see that they were only in the ILA for what they could get out of it, in the way of a paid job. If the charges that are flying thru the air about these officials are true then I say preparations should be made to try them.

At the present time I think the ILA is the strongest since we have been organized and every stevedore on the Front knows this. The shipowners keep this too and we must be on guard because the shipowners will not give up without a struggle; they will do anything and they will stoop to any low trick in order to discredit the ILA.

In closing let me say, keep up your good work, ferret out all the rats and show up the officials who talk one thing and turn right around and do something against the members. The Stevedores on the Front are behind the WATERFRONT WORKER. We need the WATERFRONT WORKER. Here is my donation of 50¢ for the Paper.

BY

AN OLD-TIMER
ACTION ON THE JOB
Gang Refuses to Swing 24 Sacks.

Swayne & Hoyt had a gang up at Crockett, awhile back, loading sugar. They were swinging 24 sacks to a load. The hold - men were worked at such a speed that they couldn’t stand up under the speed-up, so they hung the hook. The boss pleaded with the men to work the men agreed - after two more men were added to the gang, and with the understanding that the next day, they would go back to swinging 18 sacks to the load.

Editors' Note: It is only by such job actions as this, that the men can get results and have grievances on the job corrected.

Some of the basic tasks of the Convention now in session is the drawing up and adoption of I.A.A. working rules. Immediate steps should also be taken to see that the working rules are enforced. The best and most effective way to do this, is thru duly elected dock committees on each dock. If we are to get any benefits from the Convention, time has come. WE MUST GO INTO ACTION.

A SLAVE-DRIVING BOSS ! ! ! !
To All Stevedores On The Frisco Front:

This is to let you know that if you are anxious to break a leg, or a couple of ribs, or any thing at all, by all means rush down to Pier 18, and get your self a in Black Bob's(Viereck) gang. Black Bob's men are the star gang down there, but some of them are always in the hospital or at home, trying to grow together again. Their gang boss is a first class slave-driver. He believes in plenty of hollering and bellowing, and he has the boys all jazzed up and very nervous. This causes all the accidents. Every time Black-Bob lets out a howl, one of his men drops a heavy case or a barrel on someone else. This gang always takes a stretcher along when they go to work. They believe in preparedness. They are thinking of getting Bob a blacksnake whip, or a cat. . . nine tails. With such a whip dangling from his wrist, Bob would look like a real slave-driver of pre-Civil War Days. He should then have his picture taken and send it back to the folks in the old country. Bob, wouldn't they be proud of their big stevedore Boss over in America. Well, anyway, fellows; the next time you walk past Pier 18, pull down your ear protectors, because Bob can sure bellow plenty loud.

Pays Up Back Dues.
Editor of the ONLY PAPER:

Well, Brothers, I have a few words to say. I was one of the first to sign the slip for the I.A.A. on the front and I was much pepped up with the idea of us guys organizing a real Union after 14 years of paying dues to a bunch of shipowners racketeers. After we did sign up in the I.A.A., and work after work slipped by and nothing was being done to help us I began to have doubts about the sincerity of certain of our officials. So I got disgusted and quit paying dues; I will admit now, I made a serious mistake I should have stayed in the Union and fought against the guys who were doing everything they could to pull the Local on the racks.

When Kuhlberg got the $10 a day job I stopped paying dues. Any blind man can see that he used political force on somebody for the job. We understand now how he handled the discrimination cases in Stockton. The men in Stockton are still off the dock and he is still handing out promises to them.

The same applies to Outwright, he tells the membership, thing, and then he goes and does something else. We must get rid of such guys, AND I MEAN RIGHT AWAY. If we don't we will wake up some morning in bed with the shipowners.

The reason I paid up my dues is
(1) That the members are beginning to see thru the Fakers, and are taking steps to get rid of them.
(2) That stooks, spics, Finks, & scabbershers have no place in our organization.
(3) The calling of the Rank & File Convention, where we can talk over our problems with all Locos on the Coast, and adopt a good strong, healthy program, in the interests of all stevedores on the Coast.

Don't let up on any of these loud mouthed babies, who are always ready to die for the I.A.A. MAKE THEM PROVE IT ! ! !

A PAID UP MEMBER.

KUHLEBERG THE FIXER

The Rank and File Convention will be a flop. International Organizer Alvin Kuhlberg was not accepted as a nominee. According to his statement he withdrew his nomination... that is... when it was demanded by a unanimous...

Bronx Chow.
THE WATERFRONT WORKER
Published by a group of RANK AND FILE STEVEDORES IN THE I. L. A.

Mailing address:
Post Office Box Number 1158,
San Francisco, Calif.


STEVEDORE IN BREADLINE SPEAKS

Editor, Waterfront Worker: On Thursday, Feb. 15th, a number of longshoremen, who already had earned a good week's pay at Pier 30, shaped up with the men being picked for the S.S. Yale, and were picked to work the Yale. The greed of such men demonstrate the need of recognition of the I.I.A. working conditions, the six hour day, and the 30 hour week. Many longshoremen not working on steady gangs depend on the Yale for a meal ticket. When a man who has already earned a good week's wages, takes a job on the Yale, he deprives some other worker of his subsistence. —A Stevedore in the Breadline.

WHAT ABOUT UNITY WITH TEAMSTERS, STEVEDORES?

An answer to the letter sent to the teamsters, in protest against them loading directly onto platforms, was read at the Wednesday night meeting.

The bureaucrats of the Teamsters Local gave a phoney excuse as to the effect that the teamsters are doing nothing more than the longshoremen are doing. That is, the stevedores were loading onto platforms, so why shouldn't the teamsters do the same?

This sentiment is the sentiment of the bureaucrats, and not of the rank and file teamsters.

The teamsters do not want to scab on the stevedores, and they will not do it if they understand the circumstances. It is up to stevedores to contact the teamsters on the job, to explain to them what needs to be done, and to get the teamsters' ideas on this very important question. We MUST have UNITY between the TEAMSTERS AND LONG SHOREMEN, if we are both to get better working conditions.

TO THE BERKELEY STEVEDORE

THANKS FOR THE DIME
Every little Helps.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN!!

THE MAIL BAG

BLACK & WHITE STEVEDORES BUILD ILA

Editor Waterfront Worker:

Dear Sir:

At our last meeting we elected delegates to the Rank And File Convention, my opinion is, we did a good job because almost every one of the delegates elected is the 100% ILA man but what I want to holler about is, "Why did we elect Pearsey Redd?"

Now don't mistake me, I don't believe in racial discrimination one bit. We must have a Negro as a delegate but we can't have a gambler and a racketeer.

Pearsey Redd does not work as a stevedore, he claims he is blacklisted. That may be true but that should not stop him from organizing the colored STEVEDORES into the ILA, instead PEARSEY went out and got coots and waiters to join the ILA and not the work—ers on the docks. At the same time the ILA officials should be put on the spot for not doing more to assure the Negro longshoremen that our Union means business and that the black brothers will get as much benefits as their white brothers by building a strong ILA. All stevedores must remember, one of the reasons the 1919 strike was lost, was that the black man was pitted against the white. We can not let that happen again. The Black man and the White man must join to gether and fight their common enemy, THE SHIPOWNER and only in such a manner can we win better working conditions and decent wages.

Yours,

FOR A STRONG BLACK AND WHITE UNION.

A White Stevedore
From the South.
Editor:
I attended the last membership meeting, and I can truthfully and proudly say "We are on the Right Road" at last and "it was a good meeting but there was not enough members there."

There is one question I want to ask: What has Kuhlberg got up his sleeve? I had a lot of faith in that fellow one time, but no more, after seeing and hearing some of the things he has pulled off. The "fixing" of the Stockton situation is the rawest I have ever heard of. Here we go ahead and are ready to go to the bat for our Stockton brothers, and Kuhlberg does not follow our orders at all. What burns me up, is that our Stockton brothers are out in the cold because they joined the Union, and Kuhlberg, the fellow who was to speak for them and defend them, agrees with Mr. Baine that they should be canned. That's a fine business all right.

I didn't understand very well about the letter Kuhlberg was supposed to send the District Secretary about calling the Convention. I wonder if you could give me some dope on it.

I want to say in closing that the paper is improving, especially the last copy. The new paper you are using makes a big difference. I am sending my bit for the typewriter.

A. Formez Kuhlberg Man

Editor's Note:

When Kuhlberg was nominated as a delegate to the convention, one of the delegates to North-West protested on the grounds that he had seen a letter, written by Kuhlberg to the District Secretary to the effect that he (Kuhlberg) was doing everything in his power to get the resolution, repudiating the Portland convention, tabled indefinitely, and as far as the Rank and File Convention was concerned there was no need to worry, as the move did not have much support in the Frisco Local.

If these charges are proven true, the membership should demand the immediate removal of Kuhlberg as International Organizer, also his removal from the Executive Board.

---

Editor:

I have been on the Frisco front good many years, and I have seen working conditions getting worse year after year under the Blue Book, but now, since the IIA has been formed conditions have been improved somewhat. But we can't stop now. We must go ahead and organize and struggle for our original day, 30 hour week and Union recognition and the rotation of work.

Since the dollar has been inflated, we can only get about 60¢ worth of goods for a dollar. The earnings of the best gangs on the S.F. waterfront do not come up to the minimum sum given by the U.S. Government as the amount a family can live on.

The earnings of "Foo Foo" gangs on some docks may not even average, during the year, more than 400 to 600 dollars. Men earning such paltry sums cannot support themselves and their families, and must be partially supported by charity, at the expense of the tax-payer.

The stevedores who do not earn enough to live on, should not be forced to seek charity, but the shipowners, along with the government, should pay the difference between what the men earn, and what it takes to live on. In other words, a system of unemployment insurance should be started. Almost every country in the world has some form of insurance, except the U.S. and I think it's about time something is done for the unemployed and part-time workers in the U.S.

A Stevedore in a Steady Gang

---

The Need for Action

Gangs Swing 4050 Lbs. to Load.

The Point Arena was in last week and loaded cement for Panama. As is always the case on these cement ships, the gangs were driven like mad by a bunch of half-crazed bosses, who think only in terms of tonnage. The men were swinging 45 sticks to a load, and every few minutes a guy or a fall would come along, endangering the lives of the near-by workers. Fellow-stevedores! It's about time we had some job action on these cement ships. The speed-up & the size of the loads increase with each ship. If we don't take some sort of action pretty soon we will be swinging a box-car load. Working cement is tough, even under normal conditions. It is ginchin the bosses and the stevedores will not stop the mad speed-up and the big loads until the stevedores force them to.
PADDY'S PROGRAM OF ACTION SINCE THE ILA HAS BEEN ORGANIZED.

Following this program, Paddy has attempted to lead us to a point favorable to the shipowners by using the Portland Convention. Paddy and his Pal John Bjorklund wanted to shake up the National Industrial Relations Board and organize the West Coast stevedores.

Paddy and his pals are pretty fiery. They can talk radical, even to the extent of taking a strike vote if the code was not signed in a given time. What code do you mean, Paddy? You have never supported the demands of the men.

The Waterfront Worker wants to warn the men that playing with strikes and strike votes is simply an old shipowners' trick to have men go on strike without preparation and to have the labor fakers lead the strike to defeat Paddy and Pals! Your days are numbered. It won't be long now. On the Beach for you all.

KUHLBERG—$10 A DAY MAN (WITH EXPENSES)

Our friend, Brother Kuhlberg, He aint no heathen, He came originally Over from Sweden He came across The great big ocean, His avunculus skull Was full of notions It was a long trip To Frisco Bay; But Kuhlberg got here, Hip — Hip — Hooray! He learned The English language then, And started to look For working men.

Some workers Who are not so wise — "On them I will start To organize. That we need In this great Nation — "Is plenty Labor Organization. Now, you know I tell no lie; "I should have my finger In that Pie. "I tank I'll wire J.P. Ryan — "He'll fix me up For some big flyin'. "We need an organizer In this District — "You know I never do Anything drastic. "In Stockton I fixed Every Stevedore — "So they'll never work — But plenty more. "For all this work — "I get $50 dollar — Every week — so why holler.

But Brother Kuhlberg, This wont do. You will get yourself In an Awful stew. The boys are getting Somewhat tired; Who knows, perhaps, Soon you'll get fired, No doubt to Cardiff You'll return; With plenty money, Yah, sure, to burn.

Bon Voyage, Brother Kuhlberg, Have a pleasant trip. There he goes, Boys, On a great big ship! { WITH APOLOGIES TO SWEDES} { THAT WORK FOR A LIVING} BY YE OLDE WATERFRONT BARDE

EDGAR ALLEN POOP