The Birth of a New Labor (Mis)Leader!

W.F. Lewis, until recently, perhaps deserved the support he received from the majority of longshoremen on the San Francisco Waterfront. But what a whale of a difference a FEW cents—or dollars—make! His latest appointment, by the United States Government, to the post of Labor Advisor of Inland Waterways, along with such fakers as O. W. Deal, of the Ferryboatmen's Union, shows us clearly that Brother Lewis has worked his last day on the Waterfront, and a little thing like the demands of 12,000 longshoremen on the Pacific Coast, are just something to be used as a stepping stone to political circles.

Maybe we are just dumb, but we have yet to see a union leader that has put up a strong battle in the interests of the men he represents, being given any Government positions. The only Government jobs such leaders usually get is sitting in a cell. Two meetings ago Brother Lewis told us he didn't intend to be a playmate of Tom Mooney. No, Lewis, we know you won't. Tom Mooney was a real leader, that fought for the workers.

At this same meeting, Brother Lewis, you told us that we would get a closed shop, a dollar an hour, six hours a day, etc., or we could hold you responsible. Well, we're going to hold you responsible, and the rest of the Executive Board, too. So far instead of a closed shop, we have a partnership in a proposed hiring hall, with the shipowners.

The dollar an hour will no doubt be ninety cents, and the thirty (continued on Page 2)
hour week will rise to a forty hour week. Already you are defending the shipowners by saying that we can't expect everything at once; also, that the shipowners are MORE than willing to cooperate with us on matters SUCH as hiring and working conditions.

Why, Brother Lewis, if this agreement you "forced" from the shipowners is so good, do you HAVE TO KEEP IT SUCH A DEEP SECRET? Why was it drawn up behind closed doors? Why did you & other members of the District Executive Board refuse to let the rank and file vote to either accept or reject it, instead of railroading it thru, as was done at the last regular meeting? You know the answer, Brother Lewis. The agreement was so rotten, that a majority on the Pacific Coast would have voted it down; and also because it was a binding agreement decided on by the arbitration board—that was only supposed to be a fact-finding commission.

And why call it the "Frisco Agreement"??

Brother Lewis, when you get up at the meeting, and tell us you are willing to go back and shovel bones any day, we know that is baloney. That Ten Dollars a Day And Expenses looks pretty good to you, and you will go a long way to keep it. Don't waste any thoughts on the men working on the front. You just keep on being a good man for the ship—

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Now, fellow stevedores this takes money, you know, the W.W. has improved your conditions; you know, that the W.W. has always fought for the membership; now is the time for you to help the W.W.---your paper.

Let us make the first printed copy a memorable edition, force the shipowners, the stockpigeons the cheap politicians, the playcards and the labor skates to shiver in their shoes at the mention of the WATERFRONT WORKER. Send in the names of your mates. If you do not need to sign your name, all news is checked before it is printed. Contribute a few cents to the typewriter fund. Make a collection in your gang, it has been done before, and send it in even pennies count.

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SPECIAL—EXTRA—F-L-A-S-H—

SCOTTY FRATER MEETS SHIPOWNERS LOSES SHIRT............

The little boy from the apple country of Washington met the Bosses last week and he found much to his surprise?? ?? ?? ?? ?? that they are a swell bunch of guys?? They even offered to cut down the big loads—ONLY—the stevedores wouldn’t cooperate.

SHIPOWNERS OFFICE

PLAY-BOYS HOLD RE-UNION, BIGLOAD THOMPSON JOINS NUDIST COLONY.

Our agents report that Big Load Thompson of the Admiral Docks, will leave shortly for a well-deserved vacation. No doubt the stevedores are hoping he takes a good long one. There is no question that B. L. needs a rest, to recuperate from his labors. He is getting stoop shouldered, looks pale and has that far-away look in his eye like a strayed calf. It might be a good idea for B.L. to join Holman in the Nudist colony, for in spring a young man’s fancy turns to love. Well, anyway, when B. L. leaves here the stevedores won’t shed any tears.

FAKER KICKED OUT OF FISHERMAN’S UNION...COMMENTS suicide...

For 14 years, Pete Olson managed to get himself elected as Scofy of the Fisherman’s local, this year, however, a strong rank and file opposition organized in the fishing grounds last fall, ousted him. In true faker style, Pete committed suicide after losing his pie-card job.

There is nothing too low for a labor faker to stoop to, in order to keep himself in office. Last year Pete broke into the ballot box and stole his opponents vote.

Shortly before his defeat and cowardly death, the office safe was robbed of $5600, all clues pointed to an inside job.

We, stevedores, can learn a powerful lesson from this labor-skate. In local 38-79, there is a group of politically ambitious people who want to change our constitution because it contains a clause that no officer can hold office over one year. If the Fishermen had had a one-year clause in their by-laws, Pete could never have hung on as long as he did.

It will take rank and file action to clean local 38-79 of some of the biggest and hungriest pie cards that ever fastened themselves onto a union anywhere, but we must organize a rank and file opposition if we are to do this. The first steps to be taken are:

All Stevedores:
ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS.
SUPPORT MILITANTS WHO FIGHT FOR RANK AND FILE CONTROL—
PROTEST THE RAILROADING TACTICS OF THE HIBLEADERS—
BREAK THE STRANGLE-HOLD THE FAKEHS HAVE ON THE UNION—

WELCOME, BIG LOAD!
DISCRIMINATI ON STARTS: MAN FIRED TOLD TO WAIT BY ILA MISLEADERS

Already, on the Admiral Docks discrimination has set in. A man was fired because his boss said that he could not get along with the rest of the men in the gang. This is a ILA. His case was brought before the local-executive committee, and Joe Johnson (of the McNulty-Lewis political machine) said, "We can't cause an uproar over one man even if he was fired and has a wife and 6 kids." Harvey Cartier, another cog of the same steamroller, made a "bright" suggestion, "Fine the boss who did the firing, and give the fine to the man who was fired." That, brothers, shows clearly the kind of "leaders" we have. Two phoney officials who want to wash the shipowners of all blame of firing workers for their Union activity.

Discrimination is one of the shipowners strongest weapons, especially so when "our" officials help them in doing it.

The McNulty-Lewis-Johnson machine is forever telling us what the shipowners want to do for us. They tell us we ask too much from the Bosses. When a man is fired for ILA activity, the man is to blame, and not the profit hungry shipowners. The worker stands on the sidewalk without a job—waiting, while our misleaders are running in circles apologizing to the bosses and government officials. There is only ONE way to stop discrimination, and that is ON THE JOB. When a worker is fired on one pretext or another, the gang committee should take it up immediately; the man should go back to work while the facts are being investigated, and the case decided. If the boss refuses to take the man back, ALL GANGS REFUSE TO WORK.

STEVEDORES! SMASH DISCRIMINATION! ELECT GANG COMMITTEES!
SMASH DISCRIMINATION BY ACTION ON THE JOB!!!
And to be reproved
One
One

Oh Boy, Oh Boy,

The theoretical
Sitting in an office on a big chair
Commander men here and there
Smoke big cigars & have lots of money
Oh Boy, Oh Boy, that would be Honey.

The lad, however, soon will see
That such could never be.
To be a leader of the workers
One can't be fat, just like a porker

One must be smart & wide awake
And NOT a great big screwy fake.
One must be honest and sincere
To be respected at the Pier.

EDITOR OF THE WATERFRONT WORKER:

I would like to know, where the committee of 5 got the idea, that only men working on the Front before July 1st, '33, would be allowed to register for work. I have been on the Frisco Front since 1930 & I can say I never got much work under the B.B., the last couple years I was black listed entirely. When the I.L.A. came along I was one of the last to join & now the Union I helped to organize wants to kick me out well, they can't do it... I always thought pretty good of "Burglar" Lewis but no more, he is no good. The night in the meeting when he cracked, "Ididn't want to be a play-fellow of Tom Mooney's"—that finished me. Besides the agreement— they rammed down our throats is plenty raw. There is no need to have a Union any more as the shipowners have all the say who works & who don't. This idea of giving over the union lists to the bosses, I simply can't understand, & above all, expecting the shipowners to play fair. They control the payrolls & they can scratch off or add anyone they want to. What is our Union going to amount to? Holman was kicked out, so let us clear all those old women out of there & elect some guys who have some guts-guys, who aren't afraid of telling the shipowners where to get off & I don't mean elect punks like Scotty Frater either.

AN OLD TIMER—who can prove it.

In a few days another May Day will roll around. Once again workers will
Down Tools & take the streets in mighty Demonstrations against Wages... cuts, speed-up, Fascism and War... May Day is the outgrowth of the struggle started in 1884 for the 8 hr. day in America & given by the American workers to the working class of the world. A.F.O.F.L. misleaders had done all in their power to make Labor Day an " Interst. Labor Holiday—a day of pageants and park games... Another campaign against May Day was inaugurated by Federal Govt. & A.F.O.F.L. leaders in '28 when May 1st was adopted as Child Health Day. The hypocrisy of both Govt. A.F.O.F.L. leaders is proven by the fact that millions of children are sweating their lives out in American mills, shrimp fields for the glory of American Capital. The sudden interest in child welfare is understood by all longshoremen who stopped to consider Roosevelt's telegram asking postponement of the strike; the action of our officials—putting over arbitration, desegregation, joint hiring halls, etc.; in railroading thru a settlement which—from the very start denied us the closed shop. A.F.O.F.L. leaders want to lead us away from militant struggle-break the solidarity of the working class—abolish May Day as a day when workers from mines, fields, and docks & mills lay down their tools & take the streets to demonstrate against the starvation program of the ruling class.

THE WATERFRONT WORKER calls upon longshoremen to show their solidarity with the workers of the world by supporting May Day. Join the demonstration against Fascism & War, for decent wages & working conditions, for unemployment relief at the expense of the shipowners & Federal Govt.
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THE MAIL BAG

RYAN PLAN FORCED ON MEMBERSHIP
RAILROADED THRU BY FAKERS.
Editor of the Waterfront Worker: The last regular meeting of the
ILA was marked by very high-handed trickery by the chairman, Joe
Johnson. A motion was made by Hon-

ry Schmidt that the agreement—be printed in leaflet form and
sent up and down the coast for
the members to study before a
vote was taken. Curley Outwright
amended the motion, to give the
distressed board the power to mediate
or arbitrate all matters, that
wasn't quite strong enough
so MacDarrow, the well known attor-
ney from the Matson docks offered
a substitute of the whole,
that nominations for the commit-
tee of 5 be opened.

After the discussion on the motion
was closed and the Aye votes
had been taken, it was seen by the
Aye voters that the substitute was
botted, so Dietrich was given the
floor and spoke on sub-
jects not related to the motion
after which another Aye vote was
taken and carried. The chairman
was out of order in taking the 2
votes.

According to the vote it will appear to other locals that the SF
local is in favor of the finding of the mediation board, when such
are not the true facts.

The vote of the S.F. local is be-

ing used by the labor—fakers—such as Sell-out Pete, Lewis, Bjor
klund to stampede the other loc-
als into accepting the shipown-
er's plan or the so called Ryan-
Petersen Plan. The workers have TO

learn not to expect leadership
from fakers such as Ryan, who is
better financially rewarded for
his phoney leadership than many
mercantile houses, who have mill-
ions of dollars invested, whereas
Ryan's only investment is a
lot of Bull and his ability to
doublecross the workers.

A STEVEDORE WHO WANTS RANK &
FILE CONTROL

STOP SHIPMENTS OF SCRAP IRON,
SAYS MATSON STEVEDORE
Editor Waterfront Worker:

As I was going to work the other
day I passed Pier 25 and they
were loading scrap iron on the
Golden Dragon, consigned for
Japan. This scrap iron will be
turned into shrapnel and be used

to kill working class people in

a war, which will involve the
all of the civilized world.

Many of us think that this count-
y will stay out of war, that we
will let Europe settle her own

disputes; this line of reasoning

is incorrect as we see by look-
ing into the causes of war.

To begin with war is not fought
in the interests of the workers
but rather in the interests of
the owning class who want to

own the Colonial markets as an out-

lot for the surplus goods and the U.S. is just as interested in

these markets as any nation on

earth; so interested in fact

that the U.S. war budget staggers

the nation.

The Hearst papers carry page af-

dter page of war pictures to show

how terrible war really is and

at the same time calling upon

the people to build a huge war

machine to keep us out of war.

What has the Hearst papers to

say about the heroes of 1917 ??

Are they carrying on a fight for the soldiers' bonus ??

Do they tell us that the workers

will have to pay the cost of the

next war as we are now paying FOR THE LAST ONE ?

No, the ruling class of the U.S.

of which the Hearst papers are

the mouthpiece are NOT interested

in the heroes of 1917, who made

the world safe for democracy (?)

they are only interested in the

profits which another war would

bring.

So fellow stevedores if we want to

stop war, we'll have to START

NOW. The last step should be the

stopping of the shipments of

scrap iron & other war materials

from this port. As workers we do

not want another war, DOWN WITH

WAR (A Hater of War—Matson Steve-
dore) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Budd Plant Workers Call for the Couting of A.F. of L. Officials Claim Union Officials Aid Bosses in Plan of Discrimination.

Philadelphia, April 9.

A mass meeting of employees of the Budd Manufacturing Co., was held here, under the auspices of the A.F. of L., last night. More than 510 employees attended the meeting, at which George Buckley, officiated in place of Dr. Robert Breue, representative of the National Labor Board, who failed to appear.

During the meeting the rank and file became furious and gave organizers, Lou Hynes and Joe Ritchie, a grand raspberry for trying to force the latest so-called agreement down the throats of the men. This agreement between Pres. Roosevelt and Mr. Budd calls for among other things; that Budd Co. hire one striker to one new man, and even this was not adhered to.

The workers asked the officers to resign because they were so easily misled. This motion was promptly evaded by Organizer Hynes.

Mr. Buckley said he would make clear anything the workers did not understand about the new promise. Upon being questioned, Buckley finally admitted that there was no assurance that Budd would live up to his promise. When the workers would insist upon certain main points in the agreement, Buckley would evade the issue and referred the questions to Dr. Breue.

When Hynes saw that he could not continue his rail-reading tactic he adjourned the meeting amid protests, jeers and boos.

Ed's Notes. Any longshoremen can just substitute the names of the above fakers with our pets, such as Lewis, Johnson, Outwright and Dr. Grady and the story will remain the same. A betrayal is a betrayal whether it is in auto, coal or the marine industry. The fakers put it over in the same fashion.

There is nothing lower than a labor faker unless it could be Scabby Peterson and his pack of rats.

WRITE!

Stories, Articles, and Poems

For the Waterfront Worker

200 Dock Workers Strike.

Demand 40% Wage Increase.

St. Louis, Mo. April 11.

200 Negroes and 75 white workers of the Federal Barge Line, government controlled, struck at noon yesterday. They demand 40% increase in wages.

A joint strike committee of the ILA and the Marine Workers Industrial Union was formed. There is complete solidarity and a united front among the workers.

Lee, negro ward heelers, is making an effort to split the workers ranks. The Regional Labor Board is active. But the men from the start are determined to win.

There is a move on to spread the strike to the railroads and to other barges lines.

Hitler Plans Death for 50 Seamen and Dock-Workers.

Hamburg, Germany, April 11--Trial of 50 seamen and dock-workers, charged with working-class activity, began here today.

The death penalty is asked of the German Court by the German prosecutor.

The German Red Aid is actively organizing mass defense of these workers, the man called for support from anti-fascists, workers, in all parts of the world, in the form of resolutions and cables of protest, demanding the release of these workers. Protests should be addressed to the Hanseatische Sonderricht, Hamburg, Germany, the court before which they are being tried.

ILA Leaders Try to Avert Dock Strike--Rank & File Urging Action.

San Antonio, Tex. April 10

Leaders of the ILA have squelched another strike movement. The Gulf longshoremen were ready to strike for a 15% increase wages, but after leaders of the Association had an 8-hour conference with the shipowners, they announced that the strike would be postponed at least 30 days pending further discussions.

A number of militant rank and file members of the union have suggested that the longshoremen organize their own committees and if the leadership does not take action, to strike over the heads of the leaders.
ILA OFFICIALS PLAN DISCRIMINATION WITH SHIPOWNERS—
TURNING OVER UNION LISTS IS POLICE-AGENTS TRICK

The "Gentlemen's Agreement" is the most brazen sell-out put over on the workers anywhere. This is becoming more clear to the stevedores every day. The agreement stifles any protest whatever, and hands the men bound hand and foot to the shipowners.

The agreement says that we will not have to hold an election to determine which organization the stevedores want to represent them instead, the company payrolls for any selected period will be checked against the ILA membership lists. This means that we will place the membership lists in the hands of our most bitter enemies—the shipowners.

In years past, the employers spent thousands of dollars on stool-pigeons & private detectives to get hold of such lists but now that is NOT necessary as "our union officials" do the job for them.

To give the shipowners the membership lists, is nothing less than a police-agent's trick whereby the militant members will be black-listed under such a scheme the companies are given the whip hand as they will have the final say on the docks as to who will work & who will not.

The committee of 5 has proposed, prompted by the district executive board, that only those on the Front before July 1st, 1933 will be eligible to register for work. It is true that many workers from other industries & from the ranks of the unemployed have come to the waterfront in the past few years but, these now men have brought new life, and new blood, & they have injected a spirit of militancy & fight into the organization & above all they have helped to build the ILA into the union it is at present. What right have we as union members to deny other union members the right to work? The shippers fire and blacklist workers, NOT—a union. The union is organized to protect its members from discrimination & the blacklist. These new men joined the ILA because it was the men's union, because they did join & build the ILA—the Blue Book was smashed. Without the support of this new blood where would the ILA be? Every man who joined the ILA has shown his working-class solidarity. The shipowners could not break up the ILA with an open attack, now they are doing it in a roundabout way with the help of "our officials."

Thru such a scheme the ranks of the workers is split & hundreds of men will be discriminated against, these workers will be angered & embittered against the stevedores & it is exactly what the shipowners WANT. One group of workers to be played against another group & a strike breaking machine will be built.

To win better conditions we can not victimize hundreds of workers & make them our enemies, we must force the shipowners who are our real enemies to give us better conditions. The program of the convention SHOWS this very clearly, the $1 an hour, 50 overtime, 6 hrs. day, 30 hrs. wk. A CLOSED SHOP, & a rotary system of hiring will assure every ILA stevedore now on the beach a decent living. The ILA officials should be fighting for demands instead of helping the shipowners split our ranks. The ONLY weapon of the workers is ORGANIZED strength, if we are to get better conditions we must stick together & force the shipowners to give us our demands.

STEVEDORES STICK TOGETHER...NO SPLITS...NO DISCRIMINATION FIGHT FOR OUR DEMANDS—$1 an Hour—30 Hour Week—A CLOSED SHOP DOWN WITH ARBITRATION...DOWN WITH THE BETRAYERS