

EXTRA



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STOP DISCRIMINATION = JOB ACTION

At the last membership meeting, we had a clear picture presented to us of what the McNulty-Lewis-Johnson machine would do to put over their sell-out program. These sell-out artists stand ready to crush any opposition that shows itself! even using force and violence. Witness the attack on a aged member who dared to express his resentment against the betrayal. In their eagerness to prove their loyalty to their masters, the Shipowners, "our officials" will stop at nothing. What did Lewis mean when he said "he was no stool-pigeon but that this red activity must be stopped"? Like a true faker and misleader, when in a tough spot, Lewis shouted "red", hoping to throw the men off the main issue, that of the rottenness of the "gentlemen's agreement". This is the same cry the Blue Book raised when the ILA was organizing also the plea of "Spineless Holman" when he was kicked out of office. Threats of deportation and strong arm tactics against militant members will not go unanswered by the men on the Front.

Despite the promises of Pedro Pete that 2 good men would be suggested by Lewis for the board of 2 and 3, we now see Finnegan and Johnson appointed. Pete said "good" men but he didn't say for whom; Plant is a good man too--for the shipowners. Finnegan and Johnson were appointed without the membership being consulted. In rank and file organizations ALL committees are elected by the membership.

The officials are now taking steps to wash off their hands the rotten stink of the "Gentlemen's Agreement" by saying on the special meeting leaflet that "the members will have only themselves to blame for the future conditions by refusing to trouble themselves to attend the special meeting". This is a crude attempt to put the blame onto the men, but at the same time any member who does attend and expresses his opinion against the agreement is denounced as a disrupter and the Lewis clan try to howl him down. Already several cases of discrimination have cropped up on Admiral Dock. One of these cases is five weeks old and "our" officials with the board of five have only given this active union member the promises of "wait, wait, your case comes soon". This action points out very clearly that discrimination can NOT be settled by any rules committee. ONLY by taking action on the job can these men be put back on the job. Soon discrimination will start on a wholesale scale. Action must be taken IMMEDIATELY if we do not want to lose some of our best fighters for the ILA.

Thursday on the Jap rag ship the five gangs slung 3 bales despite the pressure of the bosses who wanted to sling 5, and Curley Cutwright or "Cut-throat" wanted to compromise on 4. The men flatly refused and continued to sling 3 bales all day. The Associated Terminal gangs up on sugar fought for and WON the right to sling 18 sacks of sugar instead of the usual 24 BUT THEY HAD TO PREPARE TO WALK OFF BEFORE THE DEMANDS WERE GRANTED.

FELLOW-STEVEDORES, we must smash discrimination and the speed-up. We can not depend upon "our" officials or the board of five to do anything for us. WE MUST TAKE ACTION ON THE JOB. ELECT GANG COMMITTEES to take up your grievances right on the job. If we are to win better working conditions we MUST put the convention program into effect. WE MUST STAND FOR OUR ORIGINAL DEMANDS OF \$1 an hour, \$1.50 overtime, 6 hour day, 30 hour week and A CLOSED SHOP.

ACTION ON THE JOB! DOWN WITH ARBITRATION!
SMASH DISCRIMINATION