ANOTHER VICTORY

By following the militant leadership of Local 38-79, the Frisco longshoremen have scored another victory.

For over a week, Johnny Hanson, a boss on the McCormack Dock, was out of a job. Johnny and his gang were fired because they were too damn militant on the dock. The Labor Relations Committee took up the matter and after arguing pro and con with the employers' committee they finally reached a dead lock. Neither side would give in so the next step would have been arbitration.

It is interesting to note that some of our local brothers were quick to point out that Johnny and his gang should not worry about working because it states in the Award "that if for any reason a man is discharged and if his case is taken to arbitration and if the ruling is in his favor than he shall be compensated for the time lost". Any member that has the gall to stand up and tries to make us believe that Judge Sloss, "the impartial (?) arbiter" would give a favorable ruling to workers - well that guy, or guys, should have his head examined. This talk, about a discharged man or gang getting paid for the time lost is so much hot air. Those characters that bring out such ideas are only attempting to have us put faith in arbitration while the boss is weeding out the most militant gangs and individual members on the Front. We are supposed to sit back, twiddle our thumbs and wait for a favorable decision from the impartial (?) arbiter.

Well, militant rank and file members following their militant leadership don't act like that. At (Continued on next page, Col 1)
our last meeting a motion was passed that all McCormack gangs were to be dispatched from the hall and that Mr. Strickmeyer would take what gangs the I.L.A. sent him.

Although there were 3 McCormack gangs going across the Bay early Tuesday morning, our delegates were down on the job and stopped these gangs from going over to the job. The I.L.A. Dispatcher sent gangs to all the McCormack jobs Tuesday morning and Johnny Hansens gang was one of the first sent out and HE STAYED ON THE JOB.

Now, compare this action and the fight waged to get a gang reinstated with the actions of Dist. Pres. Lewis signing an agreement for the Scalers, that after the agreement was signed the Scalers couldn't go to work because the contractors either WOULD not or COULD not pay the scale called for in the agreement. Or "Deep-Water" Johnson of the Bargemen, who have got the bargemen in such a pickle that "Dirty" Deal of the Ferryboatmen is grabbing most of the bargemen for his "Fairy" Union.

Or take the actions of the Pedro Bearded Freak, who will not permit any action to be taken on the Admiral Line Dock in Pedro where finks are working on the same ship as I.L.A. men. Pedro Pete and his gang of pie-cards stop any militant action which the rank and file take or try to take in order to get better conditions.

Rank and File Members, compare the I.L.A. with any labor union in Frisco or with previous unions on the Waterfront. You will find that the I.L.A. is a real union, always fighting in the interest of its members and for the interests of the working class as a whole.

We have cut our eye teeth and we know that only by taking militant action under militant leadership can we improve our conditions. We are well on the road now to a real trade union movement in the Bay Region - Let's not stop.

ALL FORWARD TOGETHER!
Dear Ed:

Is it true, that "Dirty" Deal over in the Ferry Building is the head of a "Faery" union? An Ex-Navy Man.

"Ed: You're asking us ! !"

"The boys For The Faery Deal"

"Crummy Cruel Mr. Johnson"

Dear Ed:

I want to know why the Boys call Joe Johnson, our old ex-Pres. "Deep-water" Johnson ??

Is it because he has the Bargemen floundering around, neck deep in sell-out agreements??

A Curious Stevedore.

(Ed. Brother your guess is as good as ours)

REMARKS MADE BY MR. PHLEGER AT NY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL ASS'N.

"Any non-union longshoreman who would dare to look for work along the S.F. waterfront would do so at the risk of his neck".

(That's right, Mr. Phleger, too bad, too bad, for your finks - (Ed.)

An old timer on the waterfront is a longshoreman who remembers way back when all the orders of the bosses were complied with.

Write for the WATERFRONT WORKER.

Dear Ed:

Do you think "dear" old Mike Casey, with all those white hairs in his noble head", is a labor faker and has connections with the Industrial Ass'n??

Mickey O'Shea, A Teamster

We have heard rumors that Mike may have did some labor faking in his youth; however we suggest that you ask John Lail, the Industrial Ass'n. attorney, whether Mike has any connections with those worthy (?) gentlemen.

WANTED:

Longshoremen to work on Transport Dock. Wages 85c per hour. "We don't know a thing about the Award". Apply General I. Workemhard, Presidio.

WANTED TO BORROW:

$20, so I can pay my fine. Willing to pay low rate of interest. See Brother Sternberg, A.H. Docks.

P.S. Maybe Mr. Plant will help you out (Ed.)

NOTICE:


Wonder what "Raw" Deal will do when the Bay Bridge is built?
Bob Reise, Luckenback boss, who slandered our colored brothers by shouting over the ships side while the ship was working in Oakland, "call the hall for a man and tell Curly if he sends a nigger, I am liable to send him back".

Bob, when confronted with the statement, did not deny it but on the contrary his gang tried to justify his action by saying that they would refuse to work with a colored brother for no other reason than because his skin was black.

For years the shipowners were able to maintain the worst speed-up, tyrannical bosses and worst conditions than any port in the country. The workers distrusted each other and they could not get organized properly, particularly because the white and negro workers were separated. The shipowners used this angle very effectively to keep the workers divided. But now we are in a new era, the black and the white are going to stick together and we are going to win together. The Bob Reise’s will be helpless in their attempt to halt the onrushing tide of a united working class.

New members were elected to the S.F. Labor Council, among them being 2 militant colored brothers.

The fakers in the central body have always prided themselves on the "lilly-whiteness" of THEIR Council. But now that 2 colored members have been seated things are liable to happen.

Already in the council, the rank and file from various unions have united and formed a rank and file opposition. The Vandalleur, Casey, Kidwell machine is going to run into plenty of snags this coming year. The workers have had enough of these employers’ agents in the ranks of the workers. We want rank and file control and we are going to get it. We want the unions to be run for the benefit of all its members NOT for the benefit of the pie-cards and petty politicians.

REAL WAGES OF WORKERS.

In relation to the cost of living or what workers can buy with the contents of their pay envelope real wages are lower today than at the lowest point of the crisis in March, 1933, the month Roosevelt came to office. This fact is admitted even by the official Monthly Survey of Business of the A.P. of L. It estimates that the workers’ “food dollar”, worth 100 cents in March, 1933, is worth only 73 cents in October, 1934.

SHIPOWNERS HOLD CONTEMPT FOR CLERKS ONLY UNITED ACTION CAN WIN

As an example of the ingratitude and contempt which the shipowners have for the clerks, the proposed working conditions just submitted by the bosses sure take the leather medal. Many of these clerks have given as high as 10 and 15 years to the business, a good portion of which has been spent waiting at the gate for the chance of a day’s work. This is, no doubt, one of the main reasons why the bosses do not show them any respect as the men themselves put so little value on their own time. Only united action along with other marine workers will give the clerks the power to force human conditions for their crafts.

"Sign-His-Name" Finnegan.
Again The Waterfront Worker is printing a small part of Bill Dunne's famous pamphlet "THE GREAT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL STRIKE". Every worker should read this lively and intimate report on the second General Strike in America.

The pamphlet can be bought at 37 Grove St. or from the Western Worker salesman on the Front every day.

San Francisco, July 28. - Behind the re-appearance of an advertisement today for strike-breaking longshoremen and winch drivers in the local papers covering signatures of the Waterfront Employers' Union is a story of working class solidarity marked by grim humor which, like so many other recent acts of Pacific Coast workers, sets a new record in the American labor movement.

In and around the I.L.A. head-quarters and those of the Joint Strike Committee of the Maritime Unions there is a loud and ribald laughter.

Strolling by the offices of the Waterfront Employers' Union and those of the Industrial Association one hears low moans of exquisite anguish.

The longshoremen and their militant leadership have once more outmaneuvered the employers and their various agencies - including the President's "mediation" Board: They voted to go back to work - but they did not say when.

THEY HAVE NOT GONE BACK TO WORK AND THEY WILL NOT GO BACK TO WORK UNTIL THE VOTES OF THE SEAMEN AND THE OTHER EIGHT MARINE WORKERS' UNIONS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED.

There is great grief in Gideon and the supply of balm in Gilead, augured by the end of the general strike and the decision of the longshoremen to return to work, has again reached a low point.

Most of the strike-breakers on the docks left hurriedly when the troops were withdrawn.

Longshore work is a hazardous occupation even in normal times. Strike-breaking longshore work, without the protection of troops and special police, under present conditions, undoubtedly involves special and additional risks of which intense nervous strain is not the least.

So the strike-breaking patriots employed on the waterfront took it on the lam. There has been no unseemly rush to answer the ads for strike-breakers which state, contrary to the formal facts, that "strike conditions prevail". The strike has been called off. With the greatest regard for all formalities the longshoremen voted to return to their jobs. But no cargo is being loaded or unloaded by union men.

The waterfront workers are giving one of the finest demonstrations of proletarian solidarity discipline ever seen in a labor struggle in this country. Such a demonstration, after 80 days of bitter strike struggle, after the cold-blooded betrayal of their strike by the officially recognized "real leaders of organized labor", could be undertaken and carried out only by a leadership that has the complete confidence of the rank and file by a rank and file that has developed a higher consciousness and determination in the first line trenches of the class conflict, holding the most important sector of a 2,000 mile battlefront.

The longshoremen ARE NOT GOING BACK UNTIL TWO QUESTIONS ARE SET-TLED. First, the question of representation for and recognition of the other maritime unions. Second, the question of hiring halls. The hiring halls have to be under union supervision if not actual union control. The immediate objective is to have the dock foremen, who do the real hiring, come to the union halls for their men.

Naturally, this does not meet with the approval of the waterfront employers or of the Industrial Association. But as things stand, it looks like there is not very much they can do about it.

Contrary to what may be the opinion outside of the San Francisco waterfront, and the more statement of the fact has a miraculous sound IT IS THE FORCES OF THE EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE BEEN DEMOlishED. The maritime unions lost their active reserves when the general strike was broken, but their own forces always the militant core of the strike movement are practically intact.

The longshoremen simply do not go to work. The employers were evidently somewhat deluded by their own publicity agents. They actually convinced themselves that it was only necessary to raid and smash Communist headquarters, raid and smash homes, beat up and arrest known Communists and militants, whip up the Red scare and as strike-breakers, start a deportation-drive -- and the waterfront strike would collapse.
CLERKS RETAIN "SELL-OUT" FINNEGAN VOTING CLOSE - RYAN'S AGENT STAYS

Dear Ed:

The Clerks retained Mr. Finnegar by a narrow majority at their special meeting last week. It is noticeable that all the most active workers in the Clerks Union are outspoken in their opposition to this wish-washy misleader and his policies, or rather lack of policies.

The ones who voted for him must have been the new members and the ex-finks who have been taken back into the union. A few members take the position that there is no other member capable of taking the job when Finnegar is put out. So it is a good thing that DESTINY produced Finnegar just at the right time or there would be no clerks union, the Pacific Coast Executive Board would be intellectually bankrupt and Ryan would have had to sign the June 16 agreement alone.

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Send all news to P.O. Box 1158, S.F....

LOOK OUT, CHISLERS! $25 FINE FOR WORKING OVER 120 HOURS

Dear Ed:

I wonder if every I.L.A. Brother knows that the Executive Board recommended to the membership "That any brother found working over the 120 hours in four weeks, without the union's permission, will be fined $25". This suggestion was unanimously approved by the members at the last meeting. So the chislers had better be on the look out.

A Union Stevie.

WHAT???

HAS VANDELEUR STOPPED SCABBING????

Dear Ed:

I have heard that Vandeleur, the President of the Central Labor Council first came to S.F. as a scab for the Market St. Railway? Is this true??

A Conductor

Ed's Notes:

As far as the Water Front Worker can check has Vandeleur ever stopped scabbing ?? If he has, you let us know.

GANG WORKS 42 HOURS IN ONE WEEK WANTS EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUNDAY.

Dear Ed:

Now that working rules have been adopted there isn't any reason why our brothers should go ahead and break them. However, the star gang at Swayne & Hoyt's tried a few tricks to get away from following the new working rules.

Frank Miller, apparently the star gang, working in cahoots with Frank Anderson, the walker, not satisfied with working 42 hours in one week tried to work on Sunday, too. The gang phoned the hall for an extension of time. Of course, the extension was not granted and the gang had to return home.

For the life of me I cannot understand such actions and by members of the I.L.A., too - a fine bunch of union men. Any man with any common sense at all can see what a strong militant organization got us and we must keep our fine organization and be ready to repel any attack from within or from without in an attempt to split us up. We have learned our lesson well in the past 14 years and now we are going to stay ORGANIZED.

A Swayne & Hoyt Stevedore.

WRITE FOR THE WATERFRONT WORKER.
I.L.A. JOINS UNITED FRONT
JOINS FIGHT AGAINST LEGAL FRAME-UPS

Dear Ed:

I am glad to see the I.L.A. sending delegates to the United Front, called against the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Law and the Court frame-ups in California.

The Criminal Syndicalism Law is directly aimed at militant workers and many workers have been framed and sent over the road on the strength of the C.S. Law in California.

As a worker who has been arrested and tried under the C.S. Law years ago, I again say that the C.S. Law must be smashed and the only way it can be smashed is by the combined power and strength of all the workers. We must join the fight and get other workers organizations to do likewise, and we must continue to fight until those vicious laws are wiped off the statute books.

Yours,
By An Old Wobbly

CARELESS WINC DRIVER KNOCKED OFF
DELEGATE STOPS DUGGAN FROM WORKING

The Editor:

Our delegates are certainly on the job. The other day, down at 45 this winchdriver, T. Duggan, was hired to drive winch. Almost everybody on the Front knows that Duggan has been denied the right to drive winch because of his carelessness and his total disregard for the safety of the men working under his loads. When the delegate came down and knocked this fellow out of the gang it sure did my old heart good. We had not started to work yet and I, for one would have refused to work in the hold under him because I may be old, but I am not ready to die producing profits for the shipowners just yet.

Keep up the good work, brother delegates, you deserve credit. I want to thank you.

Kindly
An Old Stevedore.

HOUSEWIFE SPEAKS - COST OF LIVING SOARS.

Dear Editor:

When the longshoremen were awarded an increase of 10 cents an hour I thought, at that time, that our standard of living would be raised comparatively higher than previous. However, as time goes on I am beginning to think differently. Foodstuffs are soaring so high that it is pretty difficult to get by on just what my husband earns. He got a raise in pay alright, but food prices have jumped far in excess of that raise.

Now, this is what seems to be bothering me. If I can hardly get along, and I try to be as economical as I possibly can, with my husband working, what is going to happen to the less fortunate - those in the great army of the unemployed, who now don't live, but merely exist?

A Longshoreman's Wife

RETAIL FOOD PRICES

Are still 26% and retail clothing prices about 27% higher than in March, 1933. The Dept. of Agriculture reports that food prices are likely to rise until next years crops begin to come on the market. We estimate that current level of food prices adds about 3 billions annually to the food bill of the consuming mass.

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RATES --- 3 Months 50¢ --- 6 Months $1.00 --- 1 Year $2.00 --------
Last Friday new officials were elected in the Labor Council.

The well-oiled Casey, Vandaleur O'Connell, Kidwell machine sputtered and hissed fire several times when the newly organized rank and file opposition moved into the Labor Council and began to do a little nominating.

The Labor Council machine is well-oiled, but the time is worn a little and the parts, due to age and general decay, cannot function as well as they used to. And, of course, some of the old labor skates are not making the grade any longer in their own local unions. Take Hoggerty of Machinists 68, a member of the "infamous-Tragedy Committee". At the last elections in Local 68 he was defeated as delegate to the council. Other fakers of less ability were also defeated in various unions.

Yes, the old Labor Council aint what she used to be. This year the machine was going to honor some of their loyal henchmen by giving them higher posts. Vandaleur, an old timer in recruiting finks, was to step out and Noriega, the Vice-Chairman, was going to take his place, but the Rank & File opposition moved into the Council and Noriega had to be content by remaining Vice-Chairman. The fakers figured that he was not strong enough to carry the field so Vandaleur had to run again. Joe Casey, old MIke's son, had his eye on the Vice-Presidency but he was forced to drop out due to the new developments.

The worn-out relics are just about ready for the scrap heap, the old brothers and sisters have shown their loyalty to the employ- ers all these 30 or 40 years, but now the growing wave of militancy cannot be stopped, so that younger elements will take the older finks places. The radical(? ) Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers and young Skelly, another red(?), are coming into the picture. But the workers of the United States are awakening particularly the Frisco workers realize that talk is cheap, only action and results count. Vandaleur, Casey, Kidwell deliberately sold out the General Strike and it was only the militant rank and file strike leaders that prevented a stampede back to work.

The elections in the Labor Council are over, but no longer will the Central Labor Council be the breeding ground of finks and strike-breakers, but the battleground where future destiny of the Frisco labor movement is going to be fought and WON by the courageous, fighting Rank and File leaders.

\[ Image of a cartoon labeled \"THE Faker's machine\" showing a group of men with glasses and a dollar sign. \]