Although the first ship due in San Francisco, laden with hot Gulf cargo has been 'delayed' in the Canal, with some mysterious "engine trouble", this does not mean the shipowners have given up the idea of provoking this port into a lockout, if they can maneuver us into an unfavorable position.

They are still trying to isolate us, so when we take our stand on the Gulf question, they can stop such a struggle from developing into a National issue, and at the same time, precipitate San Francisco into a lockout.

First, they arranged with the East Coast I. W. W. officials to replace any seamen who quit their ships in the strike zone. In this, the shipowners and the I. W. W. phonics have been supported by Ryan, who says we are NOT trying to help the Gulf strikers win, despite all his high-sounding, bombastic phrases that he will "tie up the whole Atlantic Coast", etc.

He is even now trying to sell them out by a plebiscite vote on the question, "Who do you want to represent you in negotiations with the shipowners?" It seems to us that these militant men in the Gulf have already answered that—BY STRIKING UNDER THE BANNER OF THE I. W. W. The only "longshoremen" who have not yet signified their desires are the SCABs!

But regardless of the stand of Ryan and the only ISU officials on the Atlantic and Gulf, we still do NOT INTEND TO BECOME ORGANIZED SCABS! We still intend to support the Gulf strikers 100%. But we cannot do it alone. If the I.W.W. in San Francisco, or even an the whole Coast were to take a stand on the question ALONE, without the rest of the maritime crafts supporting us, we would only put ourselves on the spot needlessly with the possibility of creating a bad feeling between the crafts. THIS WE CANNOT AFFORD TO DO BY ANY MEANS!

We can expect little or nothing by way of a solution from the Lewis-Morris-Petersen machine. We know they (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8, COLUMN 1)
I. L. A. OFFICIALS COLLECT STEVIES’ HARD EARNED MONEY FOR COMMUNITY CHEST RACKET

It has been reported to the WATERFRONT WORKER that several of our officials and leading members, whose names we are withholding for various reasons, are collecting funds for the phony Community Chest racket. The surprising thing is that they are GETTING some small amounts, too.

This money should be put to much better purposes than to fill the already fat pocket-books of the “charity-workers”.

For instance, the few hundred dollars could well be used by the Moderate Defense Committee, or it could be used by the United Labor Campaign Committee.

But whatever purpose the money received, we feels it almost ANYTHING would be better than the graft-ridden Community Chest.

It is our opinion that the persons who are collecting this money that we have worked so hard for is unfit to hold office in our Union, and is approaching the status of a TRAITOR TO THE WORKERS.

PINEAPPLES, LIKE “SWEET TATERS” OF THE OLD SONG, SEEM TO ATTRACT SOME STEVIES

What is so attractive about pineapples? When the Matson Blacklisted their preferred gangs, half of them went casual, and the rest galloped back to work the "pines".

The "line gang" at Pier 365 worked for 65 hours, and the walker and gaffers, Luke & Son, apparently thought the men should get the extra half-hour because the gang back to the Grace Line, inasmuch as "we go practically starving to death right now."

The gang also had an hour penalty coming, which was also almost donated back to the company.

After ruing hell about the matter for three weeks, the gang finally got paid in full.

"RAW" DEAL’S PAL TRIES PHONY RESOLUTION AGAIN AT LAST PENNYWORTH’S MEETING

Some people never learn. Although he was decisively beaten in his efforts to have all the candidates submit for publication on the bulletin for the Union elections a complete history of their lives, and other things, "Rid" Dunn returned the resolution to the membership again at the Oct. 1st meeting of the Pennyworth’s Union.

"God" thought he could pack the meeting with his pals, and thus get his resolution declared on the Bank and File. However, he was again defeated, with a vote of about three to one.
If we tie up Gulf ships here in San Francisco, we must be sure we are in a position to whip the shipowners on this question. A great deal depends on what Ryan will do to back us up. Last week, the WATERFRONT WORKER proposed a national referendum vote in the ILWU, on the general question of Hot Cargo. We still believe this should be so. In GENERAL, this would tie Ryan’s hands, so he could not sell either us or the Gulf out.

Aside from this, let us see what position we are in on the Coast. We have organized this Coast pretty damn solid thru the Maritime Federation. We have established in the Federation, a MEANING OF STRUGGLE. Now, if ever, we NEED that weapon.

However, unless a close understanding is made clear, the Federation is powerless. There is a danger that if we do not watch very closely, certain persons who are in our ranks can create a rift, and thus enable the shipowners to smash us.

Therefore, what is the solution? One of the most necessary moves on the Coast today, in order to preserve our Unions, and prevent the re-establishment of the Blue Book and Fink Hall, is a Maritime Federation Conven­tion. The need for it is not clearly understood by all our forces over the Nation. But, thru the Marine Fire­men’s Union, a motion was made to concur with such a move, and carried unanimously. It was made at the re­commendation of the District Council of the Federation. We must see that it is carried on the floor and carried in the I.U.A.

If the objectors still stand in the way, until cannot be made clear to the public what must have the Emer­gency Convention RIGHT NOW, then we must OVERRIDE their objections.

NO ONE MUST BE ALLOWED TO CREATE A SPLIT—REGARDLESS OF HOW SMALL— IN OUR RANKS!

At our next Union meeting, ACT ON THE CONVENTION, AND DEMAND THAT IT BE CALLED!

DEMAND THAT RYAN IMMEDIATELY TAKE A NATIONAL REFERENDUM VOTE ON THE HOT CARGO ISSUE!

We know that we are not going to settle this thing PROMPTLY with the shipowners, but since we must fight, let us pick our OWN TIME AND PLACE FOR THE BATTLE!!
One of Rossi's campaign slogans is that he has "kept his promises." We do not remember of any particular instance where he promised to do anything for the stevedores, except that once he promised us that his opponents would shoot hell out of us if we didn't settle our strike the stevedores' way.

He brags about what a great thing he has done for San Francisco in "lowering" taxes— in fact, this is about all he does use by way of arguments for his re-election. Whether he does or not, we have certainly become convinced that it is true-track-hitting on a truck with a chance of getting killed or injured, or paying ten cents to ride a walk-out jitney, then you will do EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO ELECT A MAN TO OFFICE WHO IS PLEDGED TO PLACE THE INTERESTS OF LABOR BEFORE ALL ELSE. There is but one man running for Mayor when we can rely upon to carry out his promises to Labor, and he and his colleagues on the same slate are those whom we have endorsed for the United Labor Ticket.

You just got out in your neighborhoods and tell all your friends if they must put a LlS03 Mayor into office, and the rest of the slate as well.

Even if some of our problems might appear to us to be so minor as to not warrant the attention of the City's chief executive, nevertheless, we still have ONE OF OUR OWN UNION BROTHERS RUNNING FOR SUPERVISOR ON THIS SAME SLATE.—JACK SHAW, A BROTHER WHO ALL KNOWS FOR HIS SINCERITY AND HONESTY, AND WHO WE CAN BE PRIZED SURE WILL FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE MARITIME WORKERS!

PEDRO PETS TRIES TO SPELL-BIND THE SHIP SAILEM'S UNION, BUT FAILS MILDLY

Pedro Pete, sitting in as special West Coast Organizer of the L.A. at the meeting of the Ship Sailors' Union, Ill. 38-100, actually tried to get the men to agree to reintroduce the stevedoring and agent proponents who are the direct cause of the murder charges now pending against three of the Brothers.

Pete also tried, thru his well-known "spell-binding," to get the members agree to settling their strike on the basis of the Pedro Sailors Agreement, which, although the wages paid are high, nevertheless the companies have practically complete control of the hiring hall, making the unionization virtually a company union.

Somehow or other, the fiery Sailors didn't seem to go for Pete's oratory. In fact, when one of the members got up and asked Pete for an accounting of his activities, the prohibition and a motion to bring charges against him for his disruptive activities, Pete turned pale around the gills, and stammered: "I have nothing to be afraid of," and picking up his suitcase, he got hell out of the hall as quickly as he could.

That sentiment seems rather honest in comparison.

Several actions on McCormick Line vessels on the demand for payment of $1.40 and less for all cargo work after 5:00 p.m., and before 8:00 a.m., has developed up and down the Coast, and the expectation is that the company will soon see that it is more profitable to pay the amount demanded than to have their hooks hung every time a ship goes ready to sail. This is the kind of ORGANIZED action that will actually accomplish these aims of the men.

DECK DEPARTMENT STRIKES HORACE BAXTER IN ACTION UN附属-PORJED BY HOIST OF CUPS

Although the WATERFRONT WORKER sympathetic with and applauds the militancy of the deck crew of the Horace Baxter, steam schooner, we can only state that we do not believe such unorganized action can forever succeed in winning demands, regardless of how just they are.

Maritime workers must understand that when the excellent weapon of JOB ACTION is used, it must be well employed.
SHIP SCALERS’ CONTRACTORS OFFER TO SETTLE STRIKE ON PLEDGE AGREEMENT BASIS.

Information has been received that the various Ship Service contractors who called the lockout against the Scalers’ organization, have notified the Government mediators that they would be willing to settle on the basis of the agreement now in effect in San Pedro between the two groups of contractors.

Members of Local 88-100 have stated that they are in agreement with the wage scale offered under this agreement, but that they do not intend to sacrifice any of their Union principles of job control etc., which the agreement also calls for.

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GANG STEWARDS MUST NOT LET PERSONALITIES INTERFERE WITH THEIR DUTIES AS STEWARD

It has been remarked on several occasions, that often gaftors and walkers do not work against the rules, or against the principles of good unionism. Many times Rack and File stewadors violate these regulations. Yet, when an accounting is demanded by others, the gang stewadors often refuse to bring these charges against the violators.

This is entirely incorrect. We all realize that it is difficult to bring charges against people we perhaps like personally, but this must be put down, and not allowed to stand in the way of making our Union stronger than ever.

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UNITED LABOR TICKET EXPOSES CLIMB OF GOD COMMERCE INFLUENCES IN OPPOSITION PLATFORMS

The United Labor Ticket is now engaged in a campaign which daily grows more bitter. Speakers for candidates on other tickets devote their utmost to arouse antagonisms against the Waterfront Unions, especially when speaking to clubs and organizations composed of business men. Such speakers are particularly bitter when addressing members of women’s clubs, and they blame the Waterfront Unions for practically everything that happens in this city.

One speaker for the Uhl ticket blamed the Unions for driving away from this city the Chevrolet Motor Co., who had planned to erect a factory here and employ 3500 workers.

A week ago last Saturday night, at the Lafayette Club, Rainey, candidate for Mayor, stated that the L.U.A. was the cause of the United Fruit Co. laying up their ships and no longer using the port of San Francisco.

When asked by Jack Shaw, L.U.A. member and candidate on the United Labor ticket why he made such lying statements, he replied that he had been so informed by the manager of the United Fruit Co.

When Rainey addressed Flag Union, he Heights, the workers another line of bull, based on the fact that the “Spirit of Joy” of the Jim Ralph days as mayor. Speakers for Mayor Rossi harry on taxes continually, and some of them are quite embarrassed when questioned on Mayor Rossi’s use of the Police Department against the maritime workers in ’34.

Last Thursday, one of Adolph Uhl’s candidates stated to some club women, assembled in the St. Francis Hotel that

Walking bosses and officials are trying to get their steady gangs back who went casual after being blacklisted, even going to the extent of following some of the gangs from dock to dock and job to job.

Another case where an attempted fast one by the bosses bounched back and welomed them on the docks.

BOYS, PLEASE COME BACK

ALL GAS-BORDS, WINDS, AND GUILLES: IF YOU DON’T KNOW THE PENALTY FOR SHOWING UP THE JOB DRUNK, YOU HAD BETTER FIND OUT.

GANG STEWARDS WHO DO NOT REPORT MEN SHOWING UP DRUNK SHOULD BE REPORTED THEMSELVES BY THEIR GANG.

WHY’S SORRY NOW??

- A-R-M-I-E

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GANG STEWARDS WHO DO NOT REPORT MEN SHOWING UP DRUNK SHOULD BE REPORTED THEMSELVES BY THEIR GANG.

The only ticket in the campaign which is not afraid to face the public, and who has clearly outlined their plans for the future in their platform, is the United Labor ticket, headed by Rudolf Mason for Mayor, and Jack Shaw, of the Executive Board of our Local 88-99. For one of the supervisors.

Workers in the Port may be sure that if roostionary candidates are elected to office, there will be a campaign inaugurated to smash every militant Union in this city. The Uhl ticket will tell the loaders, busk holl out of them, and take away from the workers the conditions we gained during the strike of last year. It is up to all waterfront workers to get busy and volunteer to do work for the United Labor ticket among their friends, etc. Make donations and help out in the work at 60 Commercial Street, to make the campaign a success for the working class.
GUS SHOULD BE IN GOOD COMPANY NOW

Editor:
I see where somebody is wondering as to whether Foot Gus went to. Well, for your information, I understand that he left about 8 months ago for his home town in the Old Country -- Russia.

I suppose he will stop off on the way and salute Herr Hitler.

--Primo Stivor-

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MUST THINK THE NELSON ISN'T MAKING ENUFF PROFITS OUT OF US

Waterfront Worker:
"Billy," the jitney driver on Pier 7, has a great habit of letting his empty trucks run while running full speed.

Hope he gets next to himself before someone gets crippled up.

--A Stevedore--

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WHAT IS THIS -- FENCE-STRADDLING??

Dear:

Why are some of our gang-bosses going to jump? Are they going to continue to cry for more production in order to line up for a walking-bosses job, or are they going to let their gangs be run in a true rank and file manner?

I believe it is the opinion of most of the brothers that if a boss wants to be a good company man, he can keep his walking-bosses job.

There are two: I instance where a boss walks a ship one day, then takes a gang the next: SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THIS.

--Regulator--

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SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HIRING HALL FROM A RANK AND FILE

Dear Editor:

Already two complaints about more ventilation in the hiring hall, and still no change.

Here is another good recommendation to take care of all the waste space in the balcony (which is only being used to shoot craps in now), and of the hiring hall: A row of steel lockers should be built around the wall. Stevies desiring to leave their raincoats and other gear would be glad to pay a reasonable amount for rental rather than pack the gear home and back every day.

--A Member--
MORE WORRY ABOUT EFFICIENCY OF GAFFERS

Dear Ed:

In reading the WATERFRONT WORKER of October 5 I was quite interested in the article about Jack Steinberg on the boat. It's more than right for a gang boss to know all the ropes. They should at least know the gear when they see it, and be able to distinguish the sliding from the lead. I doubt if some of your new gang bosses can do that.

Take Steinberg's case, for instance, he worked on the Waterfront for less than three years, registers as a gang boss, and being a very good friend of mine, recommended to me as a preferred gang boss, with a promise of a walking boss job. What was the gang steward doing while Fred and Steinberg were getting so chummy?

I can remember back when cherry-pickers, dory-liners, and boat hands from the sticks had a better chance of getting a job on the waterfront than an old-time stayder. I can remember when the shipowner officials used to send their relatives, and their relatives' dog and cat, down to the gang bosses. A little note did the trick. The gang boss had to put those panjies to work or get the can.

Furthermore, there's a sassy restaurant in Alameda at the corner of High St and Park Ave. The place is a combination restaurant and bar, and works a girls.

It is a regular hangout for many IWA men. I noticed the absence of the Union sign in the place, and called it to the attention of an IWA committee man over a month ago. Nothing was said about it. I then reported the place to Local 31, I do hope they'll get results.

I am a firm believer in organized labor, and I also believe all union men and women should make it their duty to patronize only places displaying the union label.

-A Longshoreman's Wife, Mrs A L

EDITORS NOTE: We certainly agree with some of the points you bring up in your letter, and while we can see all the reasons why union men should patronize union restaurants, we can't quite get the full connection between restaurants and gang bosses. Maybe it's just that we are dumb. You would probably agree to this, but still it doesn't answer the question.

Further, we would like to ask you, Madam, using your words, "Where was the gang steward when you yourself were hired on the job?" At least we PRESUME you were a working longshoreman (or should we say longshorewoman) as much as you seem to know more of the intimate details of the dockullet than most of the men we know who are working there.

We would like to make a recommendation that the next gang boss job that is open be given to you.

However, we would like to point out further, that you certainly don't make a living or experience on a waterfront to distinguish, as you so pointedly put it, between the sliding and the lead. It really doesn't let us hereafter put the cart before the horse.

We hope you will NOT become offended at this. It certainly does not condemn any interest you may have in the 'Front.

PLANT WOULD LIKE HIS PREFERRED GANGS
THAT HE BLACKLISTED, BACK ON THE JOB.

The other day, a gang who used to be a preferred gang on 28, and after being blacklisted, decided to go manual, were sent down to work the Margaret Johnson.

Fear the Plant ordered this gang to report to 28 again, on the second morning they were on the Margaret Johnson. Of course the men refused to go, and stayed on the ship the dispatcher ordered them to. Even if it had not been against the dispatching rules, they would not have gone back to work at 28.

As one member of the gang stated, "Old Tommy Gun Plant used to get his preferred gangs to work a car of copper in 40 minutes, and now it takes the extra gangs twice as long. I'll bet Tommy Gun wishes he hadn't started that blacklist stuff, now!"

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE HOLDS
ELECTION CAMPAIGN "STAND-UP!" OCTOBER 23

The International Labor Defense has sent copies of the following letter to all candidates for public office, inviting them to appear at the meeting mentioned. Every person interested (and who isn't?) in the elections of Nov. 6, is invited to hear what the various candidates have to say about the questions.

"To All Candidates:

The International Labor Defense is not a political party, but is a workers' defense organization, made up of men and women of various political opinions. Since the election campaign issues are uppermost in San Francisco at present, we are holding a symposium at Drude's Auditorium, 44 Page Street, on October 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.

At this meeting questions of defense will be discussed—namely—what is your position, as candidate for public office on:

1. The Criminal Syndicalism Act.
2. Vigilantism.
3. Freedom of speech and assembly.
4. The Constitutional right of workers to organize, strike, picket etc.
Your opinion is of importance to the members and friends of our organization.

We are inviting you as well as other candidates to be present.

We hope to receive a prompt reply from you or your representative adoacting to appear at the meeting. Yours truly,

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE
(We can imagine what Little Pink Rossi's answer would be to these questions—Ed.)
WE MUST NOT "PLAY" WITH JOB-ACTION; DISORGANIZED STRIKES LEAD TO DISASTER

Last December, at a mass meeting of the three crafts of the I.S.C. a resolution was passed almost unanimously, which called for the cessation of individual ship strikes called by Union petrolmen, without authority from the membership, and which do not have the backing of all other crafts.

This resolution was submitted as a result of the fact that the Sailor's Union petrolmen had called, since last Friday, on their own initiative, and usually against the wishes of the members of the ships' crews - at least six individual ship strikes. The issue used in most cases, was that of the payment of cash for all overtime worked.

However, since no craft but the sailors were called off the ships, and since, in most cases, there was much doubt in the minds of even the deck crew as to the advisability of such disorganized and unsupported action, IT NO CASE WERE ANY VICTORIES NON-CHANCEVER. In fact, the whole result was that the capitalist press immediately jumped at the chance to rave and rant that "rational agitation" were responsible for the whole thing, and were stirring up the actions in order to "prevent revolution." Willie Hearst's examiner even went so far as to demand an investigation for "red activities" of the Publicity Committee of the Sailors Union by the Dept. of Justice, because of a leaflet issued by one of the members of that Committee - on his own initiative - which called for any and all kinds of job action.

The members of the Marine Firemen's Union, and the Cooks and Stewards Union have gone on record officially, at regular business meetings, against such irresponsible "playing with strikes." Here the few individuals in the Sailor's Union who are responsible for initiating all the disputes to continue unchecked, there would be a grave danger of a split in the ranks of the I.S.C. of A. That some of those persons do not understand this, is evidenced by the fact that one of them, speaking at the Saturday meeting for job-action, stated, in effect, "If the rest of the crafts do not come off the ships in support of the Sailors, then they are a bunch of flunks, and we will strike without their support and walk!" This is a fine attitude, we DON'T THINK! The shipowners ought to PAY for such statements (although we don't think they did pay for this one). A split in our ranks over anything is just what they want.

The principle of job-action has always been, and always will be, upheld by the WATERFRONT WKRER as an effective method of winning our demands. But to carry it out in such a disorganized manner, without the support of the other crafts, by four or five members of one Union, especially at this time, when the shipowners themselves want to provoke a strike or lockout in San Francisco, is pure suicide.

Certainly the stewedores must and will support such action against the bosses as may be taken by other crafts. And we know that we cannot continue for long without such action being NECESSARY to preserve what has been wrested from the employers so far. But since we MUST strike, as has been pointed out in another article in this issue, LET US OURSELVES PICK THE TIME AND ISSUE FOR THE FIGHT! After we have placed ourselves in a more favorable position than we are in now, THEN WE CAN ORGANIZE SOME REAL JOB ACTION, WHICH WILL BE BACKED AND SUPPORTED BY ALL CRAFTS, & WILL HAVE ALL ASSURANCES OF SUCCESS.

This whole matter only strengthens our contention that that we need most of all now, is an Emergency Convention of the Federation, to throw out not only the time, method and issue for job-action, but for all matters upon which there may be a difference of opinion or feeling in the various Unions affiliated to the Federation.

THE WRONG KIND OF JOB AUTION/