SOLIDIFY FIGHT FOR THE SIX HOUR DAY!

As the action of the Sailors' Union to win the six-hour day for steamshipmen men approaches its third week, with no sign of abatement on the part of the shipowners yet, the question has arisen among the Rank and File Longshoremen and among the District Councils of the Federation, "Can the Sailors win the six-hour day?" on steamshipmen by carrying on their present method of action?''

Although it has been stated by some of the Sailors' Union officials that "no other craft will become involved in the fight to obtain the shorter working-day while handling cargo", nevertheless, other crafts ARE becoming involved. The excuse they give to justify this is that "it is not the Sailors' Union who are involving the other crafts -- it is the SHIPOWNERS who are doing so." This seems rather childish to us, Champsh as anyone should be able to figure out that had the Sailors not undertaken the fight for the shorter day the shipowners would not be involving the other crafts. What has happened is that the shipowners, in order to evade the demands, are laying up their vessels as soon as the crew knocks off at 5:00 P.M. This throws the engine room and stowage, departments out of a job whether the Sailors intended or wanted these workers to become involved or not. It also eliminates a large percentage of longshore work that we ourselves ordinarily get.

Strike Stage Reached

RECOMMENDATION. Longshoremen who understand the necessity of SOLIDARITY and UNITY will not object to making sacrifices to gain concessions from the employers for any other group. But let us at least admit that other workingmen besides the Sailors ARE IN THE FIGHT ALREADY, with the likelihood of more being brought into it as it progresses.

As a matter of fact, we wish to point out that THE FIGHT HAS ALREADY REACHED THE STAGE OF A STRIKE -- IT IS NO LONGER JOB ACTION. True, no one has voluntarily left his job. There are no picket lines. Other crafts are given "permission" to work by the Sailors and don't it by the shipowners. But certainly other things than vessels are Laid-Up -- PUT OUT OF COMMISSION -- throwing nearly a thousand men out of work, as a result of a fight for very specific demands.

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which are actually contrary to the existing award, when such a stage is reached, then we say this is no longer 'Job Action', but is STRIKE ACTION."

The resolution which precipitated it is being interpreted in a different manner in almost every port. It is NOT being conducted in conformity with the program and policies as adopted or recommended at the recent convention of the Maritime Federation (where the Sailors' Union was represented fully). In fact, it is being conducted exactly in the manner the Convention sought to prevent.

Conclusion

In line with this, we say we contest on the ridiculous analysis of the policy of gaining the full ORGANIZED and willing support of all crafts as proposed by one of the Sailors' Union representatives. This analysis of the point of the resolution which provided for a return to work if and when, in the opinion of the MAJORITY of the workers involved, the action had progressed to a point of danger for the membership or safety of the Federation, represented the necessary method of conducting a strike to work without their demands, that to involve other crafts in the action would precipitate such a demand without any gains being made. Apparently the point of the MAJORITY of those involved was on whether such a danger point had been reached or not was forgotten. There is very little likelihood of a MAJORITY calling themselves out! And so also forget all the very necessary reasons why ALL CRAFTS SHOULD AND MUST BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY INTO THE STRIKE. Surely those men, since they are in the fight anyway, should at least be consulted on the matter!

And it is not a question of continuing the strike, but that the strike should help the Sailors, their families. It is simply for the vitally necessary principle of rank and file control to be fully exercised, the engine room department, steward's department, messmen's groups, and all others must be represented and given a voice in the conduct of the action.

Therefore, we advise District Council members of the S.F. Bay District to take the recommendation that the good offices of the Pacific Coast use their good offices to see to it that the decisions of the Convention are lived up to. Certainly those offices will see the very good logic of this recommendation, and will carry it out.

The Washington District Council in Seattle has passed a motion to the effect that "as the job action was started by the Sailors' Union, and approved by the Washington Maritime Federation, we recommend that the Sailors take a referendum vote on whether they wish to continue; and if the vote is yes, the Washington District Council will support it." (We do not believe the motion intended a warning to the Sailors that if they did not take the vote they would not get the backing of the Washington District Council.) We believe this is a good idea.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

MINISTERO COMMITTEE ORGANIZED CONFERENCE FOR MASS MOBILIZE

A call for a Conference of all trade unions and other working-class organizations at the Building Trades Temple, on Sunday January 15th has been sent out by the Joint Miners' Defense Committee.

This Conference is to lay plans for a mass meeting to be held at a later date, with the appeal that is due to be heard by the Third District Appellate Court some time next month.

Such a mass meeting will go far to prove to the employers' courts in California that THE WORKING CLASS MEANS TO TIE ITS BROTHERS IN SAN QUENTIN AND VOL- SOM!

That mass pressure of this kind can come from units of organized labor means that are urgently needed to fight the cases of Labor is proven in the freedom of the four framed-up Seilers, as is dealt with in the editorial on page 8 of this issue.

Local N.T. must take steps to support this conference on January 15th as the mass action which will come out of it.

GIVE THE BASTARDS

A permit was got this log broken at Pier 86 recently, and an alteration was made in the same. It was good I.A. men was here to remark, "We don't like stow-aways would have had that happen to him."

As a matter of fact, all know damned well this isn't so. A man of old-time longshoremen would have killed the man - and many killed. But this stow-aways was expressing an idea that is all too prevalent on the Front. Perhaps it is a reflection of a feeling that the people of men are getting a "full-blooded" "patriot" 1st thing.

We wish to state here that the vast majority of the permit men are men who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with us on the picket line in 1894 and 1898, and we hope that we can carry the conditions and our policy. Our conditions would be better than before the strike even if twice as many permit men were on the Front.

Let's give 'em a break, Brothers.

Yours as usual.

[Signature]
LOOKOUT FOR SOMETHING PADDY IS TALKING MILITANT AGAIN.

Well, well, our old friend of the revolution, Paddy Morris, is back in the strike-breaking mold again. The guy who refuses to support the Alaska Miners in their bitter fight for recognition, who consistently attempted to break the strike of the steelworkers, who actually sided in the attempts to break the labor strike, now, he is the guy who is talking about organization and "class collaboration".

In conclusion—Paddy, who talks against organizing the unemployed in the same vein that he opposed the American Youth Congress, and who urged the unemployed not to vote, is at the moment organizing the unemployed in Tacoma. And yet Paddy has the nerve to write about organizing the unemployed in his article!

Come out from behind the bus, Paddy. WE KNOW YOU.

GANG STERNAD AND GAPPER GET DRUNK ON JOB ENDANGER ALL HANDS

A report has reached the WATERFRONT WORKER that while Erickson's gang was working Fish-n-cel at 14th St., Oakland, the other day, the gang boss and the gang steward both got drunk on the job. The gaffor who was to drink, he took the whiskey away from the duck-driver. The men in the hold were afraid to lay hold of a Idaho to lend it, for fear they might get hurt or killed. Of course, several more of the gang, seeing the strong hold and not a little stuff too, and so they must take part of the responsibility for the disgraceful action.

On several occasions in the past, the WATERFRONT WORKER has had to take it up on itself to reconstrue with these thousands of men to ask the Union and its membership from giving the organization a "black-eye", and to prevent unnecessary damage from careless handling of gear by drunken workers. On another occasion, a report came through the Union, the report was about the job; being drunk. But this case, we believe, is just about the limit. We believe it is about time that the Union take some drastic action to see that this does not happen again. When a gang steward and a gang boss get drunk on the job, then we say it is time to quit talking about it, and take action! For discrediting the union, and endangering the lives of those who work, these men should be brought up on charges!

HOLMAN AND GARCIA RE-ELECTED

The Seiners showed their faith in their Bank and File leaders when George Holman and Pete Garcia were returned to office by an almost unanimous vote. Holman was re-elected as President and Garcia was returned to his post of Vice-President and Dispatcher. The Seiners have extended their warmest appreciation to the two men for their tremendous display of support and solidarity which resulted in the acquittal of the four members who were facing a serious charge.
SAFETY FIRST — A F A R I M E R - N A V Y - W I R E

All ships of this outfit are provided with many signs painted in conspicuous places on board the ship, on the hatch meanings! especially one may read such advice as "Watch Your Step" — "Safety First" — "No Smoking," etc. Fancy whirligigs are put on the shoulders, to prevent the crew from falling down the hatches, held on the longfellow's back, but some of the longshoremen operations the company the men to do are often far from safe.

On Thursday, December 23, the S/S Golden Dragon was in her berth at Howard's Terminal, ready to take aboard several thousand tons of scrap iron to be shipped to the imperial arsenals and embars of his Imperial Majesty, the Mikado, there to be used for munitions and war material for the war that is being prepared.

The scrap iron was to be loaded from a barge on the offshore side. It was loaded sky high; the scrap iron coming to a point like ground in the land of the Pianorens. It was a mystery how longfellow men were going to stand on this pointed mountain and load up the scow. The stuff had been loaded on the barge by a magnet and no space had been left to land a single ton of the stuff there. It is a wonder the men did not roll into the bay while working on this death trap. Perhaps this is a case for the Labor Relations Committee.

WHAT'S THE HURRY

The dock steward at Pier 39, who is also a Jiminy driver, must be going to start a move for a Jiminy-driver's raise because it looks as if he is now training for it. He leads the field there now, but some of the others are close runners-up.

To think the men ought to take some action on this to-speed working on 23. Not only is it exceedingly dangerous but is in line with the old Blue Book methods that we fought for 86 days to do away with.

EXECUTIVE BOARD AGAIN FAILS TO MEET

Again the Executive Board of 38-70 failed to meet on account of there being no quorum. He below it is high time that someone finds out from the various individual members of the Board just why they do not find the importance of their position enough to make a definite point of attending their meetings (Naturally, this is not to apply to ALL Rank. Board members).

Time after time, the Executive Board has failed to meet—Always because there is "no quorum." If we are to continue to stand up to our principle of rank and file control, then we must see that we do not let ourselves fall into the habit of allowing only the few top officials to run the whole works. While the officials may have new pay and new rules, these ABE-DEE-IF, nevertheless, so must see to it that the RANK AND FILE ACTUALLY RUN THINGS, if for no other reason than for the sake of precedent.
Editor,  
WATERFRONT WORKER:

Enclosed is an article about Commonwealth College. This school exists for the purpose of training workers for leadership in the labor movement. If we are to prevent misrepresentation, we must have support for organized labor. It is necessary that all young, progressive workers learn fully about the Commonwealth. If you can help us by publishing this article, please do so.

(signed) Max Pitkin
Commonwealth College
Mona, Arkansas

Here is the article:

The problem and the history of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 104, affiliated with the A.F.T. Many of its students come to the campus from their jobs in order to better equip themselves for work in their trade union movement. The College has a student union and a shop stewards program. All of the students are members of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 104, affiliated with the A.F.T. Many of its students come to the campus from their jobs in order to better equip themselves for work in their trade union movement. All teachers and students have joined together in a united front and have several times gone to the aid of the Arkansas workers and shop stewards in their struggles for better conditions. Since most of the students come from working class families, the tuition is kept as low as possible. The teachers earn their own, rent, board and laundry by contributing their time to work in the kitchen, laundry, print-shop, farm, laundry, or office. Teachers work ten or fifteen hours per week depending on their class room schedule, and students twenty hours per week. The course in problem study and tactics of the trade union is taught by Raymond Ecko who has been connected with Commonwealth for ten years. The history of trade unionism in America is taught by Marvin Sanford, veteran labor editor who has founded the college and has collected and distributed pamphlets, one of the largest collections of its kind in the United States.

Editor's Note: Here is a college where the students go out and help the workers with the strike instead of acting as strikebreakers.

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MORNING 29 AT sea of us

In Norway, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Athletic Clubs have been forming clubs and organizations to adapt themselves with the labor movement. These organizations, which are used in most capitalist countries to further Capitalistic, or Fascist control of youth, and to prepare the young for military purposes, are used to further the development of Norwegian youth in the emancipation of the working class.

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ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS.

THOSE WHO WHSH TO BE ANY FINDS GRADUATING FROM VAIL COLLEGE

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SCHARRERBORG EXPOSED AGAIN

At the recent State Federation convention, Scharrerborg was instructed to send out letters to all locals requesting funds to support the Maine Defense Committee and the Maine Defense Committee. When the letter arrived at the Pauls's Office, the executive committee, (that is the one who signed into law a vote of four to two), Scharrerborg took the floor and supported a finicky resolution, which had been introduced by one of his cronies, and which urged the membership not to give any money to the Maine Defense Fund. When one of the few members present insisted that the local donate at least a dollar, Scharrerborg stated that the union is not funds. The secretary treasurer had just reported that there were $300.00 in the treasury. The same thing happened when the question for the funds for the Moderate Boys came up, Scharrerborg supported it. Scharrerborg, president, increased at this black moment, expessed Scharrerborg's sympathy to other unions. Whereupon Scharrerborg called his twenty little executive board together, and without even notifying the second vice-president, they decided to expel him.

Upon his arrival at the meeting, unaware of what had transpired, the second vice-president was refused admission by the doorman, who was the first to tell him that he had been expelled. Scharrerborg got a squarer deal than that from the sailors. They had a referendum vote taken on his expulsion. Paul knows the figures by heart now.

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WHAT IS MURDER CARGO?  

(From the "Voice of Action"—Eminent Seattle Labor For or)

What constitutes "air supplies"?

When the Italian ship Cortina visited Seattle none opposed striking against leading her on the grounds her carge was not on the embargo list. Yet she was loading supplies for 11 French airplane factories.

Modern war, with the technique brought to play by Mussolini in his recent attack on Ethiopia, relies as much on industrial supplies as on ammunition. Take oil. Mussolini's latest barons of armaments has stopped all oil shipments, leaving the United States the only source for Italy. And 11 News declare, "If the United States bans oil shipments, it means war!"

Japan has a clear duty—a duty best enforced by maritime unions—to prevent the shipment of any kind of goods to Italy.

Crush the Fascist attack on Ethiopia—the attack which threatens world peace and foreshadows a world war!  

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BOYCOTT MURDER CARGO:  

FIGHT FASCISM.
St. George's Home and St. Luke's, members of the I.L.A.

SEND ALL NEWS TO:
P.O. Box 1156, S.F.

THE MAIL BAG

THE STORY IS TOLD

Dear Editor:
In the last issue of the W.P.W. we see some remarks about Holcamps's gang and we want to give our version.

While working on 34th street, I saw a Convicts (dock Superintendent) and one of the men on the dock to go get a crowbar. At the time, the man was helping to shift a stilt on a 65-foot girder. He told the Convicts to get somebody else to get the bar because I was needed next to help shift the stilt. It seems to me that the Convicts had called the Hall and the Dispatcher, Allen, had informed them that there were several complaints on this gang.

The next morning Tommy told this brother to plug in, but the gang refused to turn to without this brother and went back to the Hall. The entire question of firing this brother was referred to the Grievance Committee.

At the Grievance Committee meeting, Tommy reported that when he had turned his book in, Red Mallen (Disposer) and Robert Allen didn't have the right to hire and fire, he didn't know who did have that right. And it had been on the strength of Mallen's remarks that ho (Holcamp) had laid this man off.

The Grievance Committee decided that only the majority of the men of the Grievance Committee had the right to lay anyone off.

We would like to know what right the dispatcher has to tell any man to fire any man off. All of these books should be referred to the Grievance Committee.

We do not want to put Holcamp on the spot because he is a good union man, but we do say that Red Mallen went out of his field when he told Holcamp he could hire and fire as he pleased.

FILTHY TOLELLS AND Clarking Discount

Dear Brother Ed:

I like you to answer this point of information for your news open more than anyone else on the waterfront: Are they building a bathroom or showerbath on pier 44 and 48 for the Stevedores? Or perhaps it is better for the Stevedores if we refer this question to the Grievance Committee.

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BUY YOUR NOVELS HERE
ON SALE AT YOUR UNION OFFICE NOW

SCALER SAYS PINKY IS STOOLIE

Dear Editor:
Just a few lines to let you know what is happening at Pier 35.

"Pinky", one of the bosses, who has a gun in jacket No. 6, is supposed to be a good I.L.A. man; but we want to ask Bub Nelson and Holstein to squall on us, that we don't do any work and that we sleep in the wings. We know that kind of a man is he when he goes to squall on us.

We are pinky, working people, working for cheap wages. It seems to me that he is looking for a better job; that is why he is making himself good to Holstein.

Brothers of the I.L.A., I think you should look into this. He is not paying us, and I don't see why you should squall on us.

—1906 I.L.A. Scaler

STANDARD OIL IS STILL ON OUR BOYCOTT LIST

Seems like some of the fellows are kind of forgetting that the Standard Oil outfit is still on the boycott list of the Maritime workers. They are inclined to forget that nine of our fellow workers are lying in prison because of this filthy anti-union outfit. At least some of the boys in Ellis Island's steel dock gang seem to show a loss of memory on this point. Several of the holders of that gang were riding around in the dock drivers' cars on the night on which W.A.S. Standard Oil sent the tear gas. We say W.A.S., because of a few of the fellows on the front, with a little better memory, ripped the anti-union advertisement off in short order.

ANSWER: COMING UP

We have received a note from the office of a restaurant on the waterfront. In previous issues, we are unable to answer its issues, but it will give us full consideration in the next issue.

THE PRESS IS HYSTERICAL

Today
Have you seen
Against the coal-works
Of rebels like John Hancock and Brevor.
And old
King George still sits
At the scenes of certain
Bold men, authoring, "Radicals!
Tricolore!"

—John de Monsero
Dear Editor:

I am writing you this letter from an ordinary public paper in Jersey City. I trust it will make your paper in time. A word about the horrid newspaper, S.S. "Spore," that was delayed here when her crew called of rather than go into the transportation of goods across the Atlantic, materials for the sultry Mississippi work machines.

From actually come over from New York City to air the question of the "Spore." Unfortunately, very few thing matters over the "Spore." It was a small matter, but it brought the whole question of the ship, members of the L.A.R.C. WORKED the ship, despite the picket line. I am not condemning these men, hardly, for it is true that they have been under Fink. (I mean all) for so long that they do not have the least conception of what real organization means.

From my ship, across the pier, we shouted at the longshoremen to pile a load. One or two started to go, but suddenly a fresh, short breeze made threatening advances to the men, and back to the holds they went.

That night, aided by the cops and a few of our good men, we got the "Spore". A lot was brought down to the ship and she was well supplied with provisions. After that night, I am a few of our shipmates not a couple of these same longshoremen, by shipmates wanted to avoid them like a plague (or else disturbed by them. However, we walked over and talked to them. The first question out of their mouths was, "How are conditions in San Francisco?"

"Tough goin," my partner piped up, "The regular longshoremen didn't get them by working behind someone else's picket line."

"Well, those guys were just trying to stop some of the stuff going to Italy, and that is none of our business," one of the longshoremen said to me. I told them that they had important lessons to learn right soon. The first was the sacredness of picket lines and the other was the fact that any time, any place, there is a war going on we ARE conscious and we support the government and their actions.

I told them of the stand of the Maritimes Federation. From there we drifted into an argument about this rat Ryn. And I still say that on some kind of a basis agreed 100%. So you see, Editor, those men here are learning, slow but sure. And you can bet one thing—this guy here won't handle any more stuff of my kind behind a picket line. That's the kind of people these fellow­ly look for news from San Francisco. I would suggest that you send a few copies of the WATERFRONT WORKER to them. I am enclosing the address.

Yours in unity,

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ANOTHER RIGHT FOR THAT UNION SCHOOL

Dear Editor:

Last week on the Transport dock, Sonny Larsen went out of the hold to relieve the wheeldriver. He was gone for a half an hour and during that time or naturally he had to work shorthandled. This is certainly against union rules and principles.

[Signature]
THE FREEDOM OF THE FOUR SEALERS POINTS THE WAY TO VICTORY IN THE HODESTO CASE
Mass Pressure and Protest Action Can Free These Brothers Also

On January 16th the Appellate Court of California will review the case of the four Hodesto defendants. The question uppermost in the mind of every Waterfront worker is: CAN WE WIN THE FREEDOM OF OUR UNION BROTHERS?

We answer, YES! But on one condition—we must mobilize the greatest mass pressure and demand for their release. This is the one guarantee that victory will be ours. There is one big lesson which the working class can learn from the struggle of labor defendants in the past. The force which the capitalists and their hired courts fear is mass pressure—particularly on the spot that counts, their pocket-books.

Many men believe that if we give the Hodesto Boys a good legal staff then we are doing our part. This position is wrong. While it is very important to get the best legal aid available—all the lawyers in the world will not help our labor prisoners unless we, by our united action, bring the facts to public attention and make it plain that we will not tolerate these frame-ups.

The best case in point is the Sealers' trial. The shipowners had carefully planned their attack on the maritime unions, and built a frame-up machine of lies and stooges—pigeons which they thought would railroad the four militant sealers to the gallows. But they bargained without one factor—the united might of labor! And this united action—shown in the flood of protest resolutions and particularly as evidenced by the magnificent 6 hour strike of Friday, December 30th, wrecked the frame-up machine.

Throughout the proceedings of the Sealers trial the effect of mass protest was evident. When the case first opened Judge Jocks (a dependable lackey of the shipowners) was forced to acknowledge receipt of a huge stack of protest resolutions and telegrams. The jury and prosecution were undoubtedly impressed by the crowd of workers jammed into the courtroom day after day. The maritime workers were there to see justice done—to show the judge, jury, and shipowners that they would not permit this frame-up of our brothers.

The atmosphere of mass protest forced the prosecution to admit there was no case against the defendants—and when the case went to the jury a verdict of NOT GUILTY was rendered in the record time of 7 minutes. The very last remarks of the judge reflected the fact of working class indignation. Half threatening, half begging, Judge Jocks asked "there be no demonstrations when the verdict is rendered." But, there was no need for demonstrations at the moment—working class might had already done its work—our Sealer brothers were freed.

Our next job is to force the Standard Oil Company and its hired courts to release the Hodesto Boys. The job can be done, and it is up to us to do it. The freedom of the four Sealers points the way to victory in the Hodesto Case.