COAST FIRM AND SOLID ON HOT CARGO BAN

Failing in every attempt to sell out the fighting Gulf longshoreman, Jon Ryan and his oiler henchman, Mike Dwyer, are beginning to realize that the main outside support to the struggle is the consistent and solid refusal of the West Coast Maritime workers to handle or transport any hot Gulf cargo.

Following refusal of San Francisco stevedores to work the "Katrina Luckenbach" (after she had been released in San Pedro by Pedro Pete, under orders from Paddy Morris, thru Ryan) two delegations, Henry Schmidt and Harry Bridges, were sent to Pedro, representing the District Council of the Federation and Local 38-79.

These delegations explained what had occurred in San Francisco, explaining the position of the local here, with the result that the San Pedro local went on record as "sunning" in our position and agreeing to refuse any more "orders" from Pedro Pete, Paddy Morris, or Joe Ryan, to work any coal-loaded Gulf cargo unless granted permission from the Hank and File Gulf strikers to do so.

The details of what Ryan has up his sleeve have not yet become clear enough to state, but we know he is attempting to settle all lines struck in the Gulf simultaneously (which in itself is all right) but that he wants to settle only for the West Gulf ports (unconfirmed."

Unconfirmed reports are that those men will return to work today and leave New Orleans and Mobile out in the cold, just as they have been for years.

Not only this, but it has been proven that Ryan, working together with Mike Dwyer, Pedro Pete, and Paddy Morris have conspired to break the unity that now exists between the West Coast and Gulf. Pedro Pete, acting on orders from Paddy Morris to the whole Pacific District of the I.L.A., had men sent down to work the Katrina Luckenbach. The officials of our own local, smelling a rat, wired the Gulf strikers to do their utmost to get the Gulf on the right track to work Gulf cargo here.

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Brief reports from Vancouver, B.C., that an end of the strike will be made today have been received in San Francisco from the Federation delegates who were sent there to attempt to effect a settlement, Smith of the Seattle P.M.C.U., and Pilcher of the Everett I.I.U.

The I.U. Strike Committee is calling upon the Maritime Federation to assist them in getting the heroic strikers back on the job, and prevent discrimination, so we must be on the lookout for reports from them that ships are due to arrive here that are worked by discriminatorily fired longshoremen.

The Vancouver Maritime workers will now be able to affiliate themselves to the I.U. and I.O.U., and further action can be planned for the future to win a complete recognition of Federation affiliates up and down the Coast, including Vancouver and B.C. generally.

FOUR VICTIMS OF SCALOR FRAME-UP TO BE TRIED WEDNESDAY; WORKERS MUST FACE COURT.

The trial of the four victims of the murder frame-up against the Seacore's Union, Local 60-100, I.O.U., will open at Judge Jack's courthouse, Hall of Justice, next Wednesday, Dec. 31st, at 10:00 a.m.

The four brothers, Antilio Villi, Archie Brown, Julia Candels, and Mr. Gainer were arrested as an aftermath of an employer-provoked fight in the Seacore's Hall during their recent victorious strike. But victory is hard to gain with out sacrifices. However, the maritime workers promise that here at least no such misdeeds will be necessary, and will respond to the call of the International Labor Defense to PACK THE COURT ROOM AND GIVE THE DEFENDANTS' COURT A TASTE OF WORKERS' JUSTICE.

UNION IRON WORKS TRIES TO BREAK UNION BEFORE WORK IS STARTED ON NEW DESTROYERS.

Although the Union Iron Works had at first utterly refused to meet the demands of the workers there who went out on strike under the leadership of their industrial union, they soon agreed to a settlement after the District Council stepped into the picture. The Federation became involved when affiliated members were sent to the yards to work, and were not by a picket-line. Representatives of the Federation Council had been in contact with the industrial union officials (altho the industrial union is not yet affiliated to the Federation) and a proposal was worked out whereby the strikers returned to work pending negotiations, which will be limited to a time to be specified. There shall be no discrimination against strikers, the company has agreed. In case the negotiations fail, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration, with the understanding that any stoppage of work will be for the purpose of obtaining the rights and greatly improved conditions and wages.
The WATERSIDE WORKERS sends greetings to its new contemporary in Hawaii, the "Voice of Labor," militantly edited in the interest of the working-class by Gergy Perston, who is, if our memory serves us correctly, a scowling worker.

The "Voice of Labor" is a well-written 8 page illustrated paper and says the following concerning the strike continued as a boycott by Hawaiian labor, and the "Voice of Hawaiian Labor," has, and still continues to have the full and whole-hearted support of the WATERSIDE WORKERS.

This paper is not for the workers of Hawaii. This is a document on them. It is the PROPERTY of the workers and it is theirs to use. Right now we can't answer because it lies on a well printed newspaper, or one that is shot up on the line, thru, or run out in a press. It takes money to do that, and the workers know that the truth, even when it is branded by a worker's tired head, is a damned sight better than the finest printing, if that printing be lies.

We don't want to write this paper, but the workers may be sure that means the paper is a good one. It's good for the workers, but no good for the bosses. That's the recommendation a worker wants. If he is doing something wrong, it's good and it shouldn't draw the bosses' quick protests, so he can be assured that there is some flaw in what he is doing.

With such a start, and with such ideas, the "Voice of Labor" and the WATERSIDE WORKERS go in hand in building a new era in the Territory.

**WHAT ABOUT THE DOCK LAWYERS?**

A good many means ago a move was started by the Local to see to it that none of the filthy dock toftots cleaned. It was not done, and would not, for human beings to use. But apparently the shipowners (or the State Harbor Commission, whichever is directly responsible) don't think the toftots are human, and are on a big spree to get rid of them. There is to be a house log in. At any rate, Capt. Lapunga, who was supposed to take the necessary steps to correct this as a member of the Labor Relations Board, reports that the shipowners have passed the buck and called in the all men to the line, and nothing has been done so far.

ACTION has been taken to make a demand on the State Department of Health, to investigate the好多 conditions that exist on the docks. A group of sickly and malnourished men is huddled together in shanties and the shipowners and State Harbor Commission to fix them up. If the latter continues as it is, with nothing done about it, then a couple hours of protest strike will change the minds of some of those people.

**SHORT TIME UNTIL WE WILL BE ATTACKED AS THE NEXT STEP IN THE CAMPAIGN OF THE SHIPOWNERS TO ELIMINATE ART AND ALL UNIONS FROM THE SHORE.**

**THE WATERSIDE WORKERS ARE NOW TAUGHT AGAINST THE VERY SAME INTERESTS WE FIGHTED AGAINST IN 1924. IT WOULD BE ONLY A MATTER OF A VERY CONTRARY TIDE FOR THE SHIPOWNERS TO DO THE SAME AGAINST US. THIS IS THE SAME TIDE AGAINST THE MINSK KNUTSFORD.**

--JOE 3
ON THE SPOT

GANG STEWARD SETS FISH EXAMPLE---

--GETS DRUNK ON THE JOB

Paul Zimmerman, gang steward, was recently fined $30 for being drunk on the job. Paul was cited before the Grievance Committee to say why he should have allowed this steward to turn to at all. Paul reported that the steward was sober when the gang went to dinner, but later he got singles with some of the crew who were on their watch below, and fell by the wayside. He must have thought he was on his watch below. And the way it turned out, he was, because Bus. Agent McLelan was called down to the ship and when the drunken steward became abusive to Jack, he was knocked off. He had been knocked off anyway, of course.

We must not allow personal friendships to stand in the way of getting a drunk off the job, because an intoxicated man is no one's friend— he is a danger to everyone's safety, and a detriment to the Union. That a gang steward, who is supposed to represent the Union should get drunk on the job is particularly bad and must not occur again.

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Frisa & Fred's place is still flaky, although it has been rebuilt inside the McCormick Line's new dock area.

We notice the prize flinkee, Emil Larson and Henry Olson are careful to patronize the Place. Funny how flinkee at heart can't eat comfortably unless they are inside a scale joint with an Examiner or a Call-Bull, propped up before them. A wall-birds of a feather....

The WATERFRONT WORKER thinks that it is about time for the gang stewards begin to check on the meeting-attendance stamps in their gang-member's books.

Remember, that any member not having stamps to show he has attended at least one meeting out of four is automatically ineligible to work any extension, and that if 2 or more members of a gang have not got sufficient stamps, the whole gang is ineligible for extensions.

EX-EDITOR OF "VOICE" SHIPES IIA FUDS

Besides getting away with an undetected amount of money, the receipts for the sale of the tickets for the Voice of the Federation dance, Mr. N.Y.O. Larson, late of Sing Sing, where, it is reported, he did 3 years for a New York gangland shooting recently, took with him also, the records of the sale of the I.A.L.A. pamphlet, "The Truth About the Waterfront." He is also reported as having forged some checks before he left, and just to make a good job of it, cashed some Postal money orders, which will put the Post Office department in his mill, besides the parade officials from Sing Sing and the local "law." But insomuch as Larson's crimes were perpetrated against the militant unions, the chances are that he will not have to worry much about apprehension. The guardians of the law are too busy looking up fighting Unionists and "reds" to look for tidewaters. But it proves that we should at least look up such person's records before putting them in such responsible and important jobs as editor of our paper.

WINTON BREAK

BERKELEY BILL WORKERS' STRIKE

Straw's gang was working a German ship at Pier 15 the other day, and at 4:00 P.M. it became necessary to pass cases of canned goods over the side of the ship by hand. The dock gang demanded that more extra men be sent from the Hall, as it was too much for the regular men to handle. Berkeley Bill, whose name has appeared in the WATERFRONT WORKER before, ordered the two watch-drivers to come on the dock, and give the dock gang a hand. The workmen refused to do this, and the gang was sent home at 5:00 P.M. If Berkeley Bill doesn't forget the old Blue Book days and act like a 1936 caliber Union man, stops will have to be taken to make him do so.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF DR. (?) LAGAN?

More and more complaints pour in to us about Dr. Lagan, official I.A.L.A.

If you have any complaints, of a SPECIFIC NATURE, send them in, and we will gladly print them. Don't send anything that is not bona-fide, but send the actual facts, and if the Rank and File think it necessary, we must throw this Dr. Lagan out. One of the editors of the W.F.W. recently had an experience with this gentleman, and we didn't think he was so hot, ourselves.
NEWS BACK IN HIRING HALL INSTALLED

We see that the news rack in the hiring hall freight docks has been completed. Now we need something to put into it. We suggest the following papers and magazines, although there are a lot more than the other members will think of and should write in, so we can print them.
The membership should take collections in the gangs and subscribe to their favorite papers:

- Waterfront Worker (first, of course)
- S.P. News
- People's Front (Chicago)
- Waterfront Worker (a reminder)
- Pacific Weekly
- Daily Worker (New York)
- Waterfront Worker (do we repeat?)
- Der Arbiter (German Labor Weekly)
- American Guardian
- Waterfront Worker (sounds familiar)
- Labor Defender
- Nation
- Waterfront Worker (well?)
- Fortune
- New Republic
- Waterfront Worker (Add some more yourself)

The IWA has a subscription for 2000 copies of the "Voice of the Federation" so we think the members should each buy a copy of that from the Local.
We also think it would be a good idea to subscribe to the WATERFRONT WORKER for the news rack.

WHERE'S THE MATCH?

NEW WOMEN'S AUX. MAKES GOOD BEGINNING

The Women's Auxiliary of the Warehousemen's Union, Local 88-44, has started things going with a bang as every rank and file organization. This auxiliary is just a few months old, please remember, but has already voted to send $10.00 to the S.P. strikers and $10.00 to the Gulf strikers, and not expected to stop there. At least they added $10.00 a piece to each of the labor prisoners in San Quentin, Pelona and Tehachapi.
This auxiliary is now and its members are not many, but with such a start should do big things. Longshoremen's, Warehousemen's and Seabord's wives are all invited to help build this organization.
Come on, ma, tell your wives about it so they can attend our meetings at Odd Fellows Temple, 11th and Franklin Sts., Oakland, the first and third Monday of each month, at 8:00 p.m.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE TO HEAR ALL CASES HEREFORTHER

Due to the disorganized and inefficient (and sometimes unfair) methods we have had in the past of handling grievances and beau that arise on the job, the Executive Board, at their last meeting, passed a motion that the Grievance Committee shall, in the future, hear all grievances that come up, that it shall be this body who shall issue such citations against members violating, or charged with violating Union rules, and that this body shall have the authority, pending acceptance by the membership, of passing judgment against members committing such violations.
We say the past methods have been inefficient, because, quite often, one man would be entrusted with the job of investigating charges and beaux, and if, in his opinion, the beaux was a good one, he would issue the citation. If, on the contrary, he thought it was a bum beaux, he would throw it out himself. This is obviously putting too much power into the hands of one or two men, and we think the action of the Executive Board was a good one.

But the thing we must all work toward is a by-law with all beauxes altogether by not allowing them to come up. We must all learn to become better Union men, and teach our fellow workers to do so. The most important prorogative to a strong Union is WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP. We must all act in accordance with the interests of the entire membership, because it is to the rest of the workers that we owe our loyalty, and not to the boss.

Chilled Fruit Must Be Loaded Direct From Trim To Ship, Say Shipowers

The question of taking chilled fruit direct from the trim and putting it onto boats instead of the Store Committee has come up recently. The Torinal says that if the fruit is placed onto a warm dock, it will spoil and rot, and when it is stowed away in the chillroom on board, it spoils. However, often in the past the fruit was allowed to remain on the dock for two or three days, without apparent damage. Also, only one shipper works on all the boats that come in. This matter should be straightened out immediately, and settled once for all.

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETING

LABOR RELATIONS BOARD SAYS THAT STEVIES MUST WORK WHILE CROSSING BAY

We understand that the Labor Relations Committee took up the question of working cargo (particularly on steamers) while crossing the Bay. The question was discussed long, and it was decided that a meeting should be held to discuss the matter. Someone suggested working on a vessel under way, you are no longer insured against injury. It is a bum practice anyway, because it is just another angle of speed-up and efficiency.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR MASCOTS STAMPS!
ADVISORS FOR "VOICE OF FED." APPOINTED
FROM LOCAL 334 BY LANDSEEBG

A communication that read at the last meeting a week ago, that the president of the Federation, Harry Landseberg wanted an "advisory board" to function together with the present editorial board of the "Voice of the Federation," which consists of Landseberg (Pres. Sec'y) and O'Hagan, (present editor), Landseberg stated that he had already appointed Brothers Schimpf and Prater to sit in this capacity. The communication was tabled until next meeting, till we could have someone else, or other Maritime groups were going to take.

Discussion on the matter brought out the fact that a resolution had been introduced at the Emergency Convention, calling for the setting up of a Board of Directors, consisting of one representative from each organization, to help guide the "Voice" and make it truly the organ of All Unions in the Federation.

This resolution was ruled out of order on the grounds that the Executive Committee did not feel that this power of managing and controlling the paper in the hands of the editorial board of 3.

Also, the discussion brought out that the appointment of 2 men from our local by Landseberg was not consistent with the policy of not having any local control of the Federation is built around.

We heartily agree with the idea of an "Advisory Board," but we think that the men on it should be elected, and not appointed, even by the President of our own Local, let alone any other president.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE—DO WE NEED A NEW ONE?

Although the matter of a regular correspondent to the "Voice of the Federation" was turned over to the Publicity Committee at our last meeting, we looked in vain for any accounts of the highly important and significant events that have taken place recently in this area. Is the Publicity Committee aware of the importance of our having refused to work the Gulf Cargo, despite the orders of Ryan, through Morris and Lewis to do so, than we need a new committee. If they can't see the importance of our sending a delegation to Pedro, and the concurrence with our stand on not Gulf cargo by the Pedro local, but what do they think is important? The Examiner and Gulf Journal and other newspapers in the paper. If the Publicity Committee can't see the importance of our having refused to work the Gulf Cargo, despite the orders of Ryan, through Morris and Lewis to do so, than we need a new committee. If they can't see the importance of our sending a delegation to Pedro, and the concurrence with our stand on not Gulf cargo by the Pedro local, but what do they think is important? The Examiner and Gulf Journal and other newspapers in the paper.

With Faddy Morris, Pedro Pete and Barger Lawitgas, as well as all the homeomen of those calls of Joe Prun, going up and down the coast saying that Price is trying to "dictate to the rest of the Coast" we do nothing to counteract this. The Voice of the Federation reaches the majority of the men on the Coast—we publish our views in the crux of the work of the Ship's sailors. Later, when it becomes evident that this could not be won without much difficulty, the men demanded $1.00 per hour for this work on their watch, and 90c per hour. For work during their watch of the dock. This certainly is a just demand, and we must support the solution.

MEETINGS TOO LONG, SAY SOME STEVIES
HERE'S A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO SHORTEN THEM

Some of the brothers are complaining that the business meetings, hold the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, are too long. We think it is up to both the Chairman and the membership to shorten them.

Although Brother Bridges stated at the last meeting that "the rules of order will be enforced," we think he could have done a lot more to actually enforce them and thus shorten the meeting.

No action was taken on the following suggestions to the Rank and File, and to the Chairman, which, if carried out, may improve things a little:

(1) The Chairman must see that NO ONE is allowed the floor more than once on any one subject until everyone also has had a chance to speak.

(2) When an undebatable motion is on the floor, such as a motion to table something, some of the brothers rise to a point of order or point of information and carry on a long speech about the motion. This must be stopped, and it is up to the Chair, as well as the Rank and File to stop it.

(3) Drunks must be barred from the floor, and so we think they shouldn't even be allowed to come into the place.

(4) Many questions of minor importance are discussed too long. The Rank and File should watch this, and make a motion to and discussion when it is apparent that time is being wasted.

(5) Committee reports should be shorter and only one member of any Committee should make the report, unless there is a minority report to be made.

(6) The minutes should be shorter, and thus we won't have so much time to read.

(7) Foolish motions should be strictly ruled out of order by Brother Bridges. We allow too many guys who think they are funny, or don't think that at all, to make foolish motion of the Union important.

(8) Last, but not least, we think that too much business accommodation in two or three weeks, the intervals between meetings at present. The Constitution should be changed so that they will be shorter, and many men, such as on the Pier 35, will be better able to attend more meetings.

DICK CREW OF "DIAMOND HEAD" TAKE ACTION
FOR TANK-CLEANING PENALTY TIME

The dock department of the Matson Cote's "Diamond Head" took action during the past week in refusing to clean the tank with the work of the Ship's Sailors. Later, when it became evident that this could not be won without much difficulty, the men demanded $1.00 per hour for this work on their watch below, and 90c per hour. For work during their watch of the dock. This certainly is a just demand, and we must support the solution.
Ever since the WATERFRONT WORKER has been published on the Pacific 'Front, we have been called on a campaign of NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES. The reason we did so was because it has been proven time after time in the past, that when Negroses and Whites are segregated in separate gauges, one gang will be used against another, and shipowners, and the result will be that workers of both races will be beaten down. It is just another angle of the "Divide and Rule" policies used by the ruling class everywhere. For instance, take Tiny Clow's all-Negro gang at the Linkshank, these men are all good workers, and good union men. But the fact that they were segregated into one gang, and worked together, without knowing various methods of work, and the way things are done in other gauges on the 'Front', had the effect of making it possible of spreading up this gang without even knowing how they were being imposed upon. The next step would naturally have been an effort to pit them against another gauge on that dock, and the setting up of other all-Negro gangs on the 'Front'.

Now, however, the gang is split up. These Negro stevedores will be able to see how the smoke-in that San Francisco was noted for before the strike has been stopped to other parts of the coast. And what is more important, the Negroes will be placed with white workers, thus making it impossible to discriminate against them in the future.

If such a situation as existed in Clow's gang ever crops up again, steps must immediately be taken to make the workers feel that they are I.L.A. stevedores, instead of Negro or Linkshank stevedores.

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WATERFRONT WORKER FOR SALE DURING WEEK

at "LOW BOOK SHIP"

15 laboradores

MACAMARA, JAILED 26 YEARS, REPORTED BEATEN IN SAN QUENTIN

Reports that J. Macamara, the oldest class-war prisoner in the United States, in point of years served, has been brought up by prison authority at San Quentin and thrown into the "hole", were brought into the International Labor Defense.

He has been permitted no visitors since last April and all his rights have been taken away from him because Warden Holohan claims he "agitates" among others in the prison. Such a show of spirit after all these years of imprisonment and abuse, deserves recognition and the I.L.A. should reach out to him on the approaching anniversary of his imprisonment, Dec. 10, by sending him greeting as well as protesting to the warden, protecting Macamara's mistreatment.

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SAILORS WITHOUT RELIEF—UNION MUST ACT

Instead of taking away the shipping cards of men who are working on an I.L.A. permit in order to keep the "whites" out, while waiting for a ship, the sailors should take action to get decent relief for their unemployed members.

With a slack season coming on, the regular longshoremen will have a hard enough time getting along, earned on a permit by the season should not be begrudged.

MODesto APPEAL COMES UP SOON

Within six weeks, the appeal of the eight victims of Standard Oil Justice, the Modesto Boys, will be heard at the 3rd District Court of Appeals, at Sacramento. The Modesto Defense Committee is at the present time just about $6,600 or so behind on the funds necessary for the appeal, as well as being well behind on the final payments to the attorneys for the trial itself.

The Federation Convention has authorized the issuance of Modesto Defense stamps for the membership books of all who belong to maritime Federation affiliates. It is the duty of every maritime worker to see that he has at least one of these stamps in his book.

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LOWER THAN WHALE-DUNG

We reprint the following from the "I.S.U. Pilot", militant Bank and File publication from New York:

"Wilbur Dickoy (Atlantic & Gulf International Organizer for the I.S.U., something like Pedro Pete is here for the I.L.A.) speaking in a meeting at New Orleans on the longshore strike, declared that the I.S.U. would supply men to man hot cargo ships, and that if any ship could not sail because it was short-handed, he would take the job himself." Nol, but better to say, Dickoy was far from expressing the sentiments of the BANK AND FILE of the I.S.U., even on the West Coast or Gulf. But we would like to see him do what he threatened to do -- and we hope it will be a fact in (Commodity and Hunger) Line ship, bound for the West Coast. Dickoy is the guy who was largely instrumental in setting up "Scum Squads" in Baltimore, that terrorize militant union men, just as the Pied "Smashers" used to do in Pedro, and still try to do, all up and down the Coast. If Dickoy would PLEASE come around here on a hot cargo ship--may be he would receive a working-class education that he wouldn't quickly forget.
GANG STERNARD SAYS MEN WHO FIGHT SPEED-UP ARE RACIALS

Dear Editor:

Here's a story I overheard the other day on the "Front", which you may be interested in. That it is true is proven by the fact that it was brought up before the Grievance Committee last week.

Anyway, it seems that a couple of youngsters were sent to Alameda about three weeks ago to Miller's gang. When they got there, they found all sorts of speed-up methods being used, including the working of 2000 lbs. loads of canned goods.

They put up a squawk to the gang steward, whose name is W. Schmidt, who asked them if they were "permit men" (in the words of an editor for his allusion to this speed-up to exist). But when he found out they were I.L.A. men, he yelled at them that they must be "radicals". If squawking about bad conditions on the job, which can be stopped, is being "radical", then we certainly need more of these "radicals".

Anyway, charges against the steward, who failed to show up for three meetings of the Grievance Committee. Finally, the Committee must have become tired of wasting time on him, so they heard the case in his absence, and finessed $10.00. A good job, I say, and I hope it teaches Schmidt a lesson.

Editor, W.P.N.:

The other day I had occasion to go over to the U.S. Shipping Commissioner's office to get duplicates of some discharge papers I had lost. I am a member of the I.L.A. and when I walked in and the deputy Commissioner saw my button, he glared at me as though I had no right to associate him. By some chance in the office at all. I couldn't figure this out, so I asked him a few questions, in the best old-hat style that I have learned from hearing some of our past Union officials rave about the "radicals". I, of course, have read all right. No, this deputy started to blast the I.L.A. leadership when I thought I was playing a game of action. "Harry Bridges is a furrier, and yet a lot of your members listen to him," he said. "Why don't you run all those radicals out of the plant?" He said a lot more, and had have continued, but some ship's captain came in, and the two went into a huddle apart from me. I could hear only part of what they were saying, but it was very enlightening. "I know you are short handed three men," says this punk deputy, "AND THAT'S ALL RIGHT. Maybe it was all right for those two birds, but I would like to have found out what ship was, and turned the information over to the I.L.A.

As soon as this skipper went out, two young kids came in, who looked as though they were dock-boys or something off a Dollar or something. They had no press-passes in their growing, and the one I got when I came in! The deputy did everything to make them feel that he was the best friend they had in the world, in order to gain their confidence, and then he continued in the same kind of red-baiting that he had carried out with me, after I had fooled him into thinking I was a phony.

All this proves that something should be done about the U.S. Shipping Commissioner's office being used as a propaganda bureau for the shipowners. It is just as bad as the old Pink Hall, when Betty Jane Bostwick used to be such a "father confessor" to all the young kids just starting to sea, and to the dyed-in-the-wool company files. The Commissioner is supposed to protect the seamen's interests, but such activities surely prove that the seamen have only one source of protection, and that is their Union and their Federation.

A. F. Sherman, I.L.A. member
COGRA GUNS CRITICIZED

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

When are the two COGRA guns in Oakland going to get a little wise and make a few conditions? Every time "Dano" Hill looks at them, they increase their speed about 50 feet a second. It is not the gun bosses, but the men themselves.

If some clergymen were working over in Oakland, it wouldn't be long until conditions were like they should be there.

-A Stevie.

Mr. Boz: We have not had the opportunity to check on the truth of this Bro's statement, but we are printing the letter so if any bona fide worker wants to reply to it, or contradict it, they can.

At least, it is a start towards being cleared up right away.

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WARNED WORKERS' DISPATCHER IS REMAINDER

Brother Editor:

In the last few days Bro. Husk, dispatcher of 38-44, has taken to such flag waving as would put old Mike Hurst to shame. He was asked to buy a ticket for a dance held by the Committee for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and while Bro. Husk admits it a vicious anti-labor law, that (for his information) might send him to San Quentin for contesting that the warehouses should be run a little different than they are now, but he says he is too much of an American to support "anything that the Reds have their hands on."

He also prides himself in the fact that he has squashed the support of 38-44 to the American Youth Congress, which stands for Peace, Freedom and Progress for the youth. He means that the A.Y.C. broods discontent for military training so they won't be ready to die for their country (and Wall Street).

-38-44 Member.

P.S.-Do you know that we elected a complete Rank & File slate in Local 38-44.

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WHAT THE $2.50 ASSESSMENT IS FOR

The members of the Local who voted for the assessment of $2.50 for the months of November and December should understand the purpose of the fund. It can only be used to keep the Union functioning during a strike, and to pay the expenses connected with the successful conduct of a strike. For instance, the establishment of a relief kitchen, transportation expenses connected with picketing, office expenses that are unavoidable during a strike (telegrams, publicity, etc.), and bail and defense costs.

Members should realize that such a fund would be of no practical value in paying strike benefits to a membership of over 4000. Even if such benefits were only $1 per week to each member, the fund would be exhausted in less than two months.

Speaking from experience, I would advise fellow-members of the Local to put away part of their earnings so they can be in a position to take care of their personal needs for a time, in case an emergency arises.

-Kilitant of 1934 (and previous)

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FLANNELOMOUTH FLANAGAN, THE MONEY FAKE

Editor:

When are the members of Local 38-44 going to get rid of this big-faker altogether? He has created more dissatisfaction in certain houses, since he was removed from office, than while he was in; for now he has more time to go around building the workers. I would like to ask, since he has not worked since last August, how he manages to run around to all of the units.

At this writing, he has come around to where I am working; so many times I can't remember. I am inclined to believe that they should have given him the same deal as Scharrenburg. He has shown his color and it is pure yellow just like his advisers.

Brothers, for more harmony and unity in our local, let's get rid of all who oppose the will of the majority.

Yours for a fighting democratic membership that will use the slogan of the Marine Federation to be always preserved and upheld: An Injury To One Is An Injury To All.

- A Bank and Filer - 38-44.

On Sat., Nov. 31, Mr. Teen-GumPlim's flag-ship, the S.S. Teen, was tied up for a short while. It seems that the company wanted to sign the water tenders on as utility men, and compel them to perform any kind of work besides that of a water tender.

The steam was mysteriously and suddenly shut off, stopping all longshore work and all miscellaneous men walked out the ship. The stewedores stood by on deck.

Tanglefoot Gus, recently returned from Nail men's, was greatly excited, and lost several pounds of his excess weight running around, looking for the agitator who had caused all the trouble.

The longshoremen went to work at 11:00 a.m. but did not turn to at noon. At about 12:30 p.m., the M.F.W. patrolmen arrived and stated that the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted, the water tenders having signed on as water tenders ONLY. Mr. Plim's Flag-ship sailed almost on schedule, and T.G. could spend a restful night at home, knowing that his ship was ploughing thru the swells of the broad Pacific with good Union men on board.
Two rank and file members have been sent from the Executive Board of I.W.W. Local 38-70 to the American League against War and Fascism, to sit as delegates, and report back to the Local as to the actions taken by the League, for demobilization or reduction by the membership.

The American League against War and Fascism is a workers' organization that is part of the world-wide movement against the Fascists. It is a non-political body, but believes that political action can be used as a weapon against the ruling class that is promoting Fascism & War.

It realizes that where such political action is used, it is to gain economic ends, such as the crushing of Fascism or the stoppage of imperialist war would certainly be. The League knows that it must base itself among the broadest masses of the people. It therefore includes literally hundreds of liberal, radical and trade union organizations in its ranks right here in this country, and apprises one of the greatest forces, potential and actual, that will keep democratic principles alive here for the working classes, and to prevent the slaughter of millions of workers in another war.

And the present invasion of Ethiopia by Mussolini's Fascist Legions should prove that such a war is imminent in the very near future — unless the WORKERS STOP IT.

And we CAN stop it. It is the mass pressure of millions of workers throughout the world today that has forced the League sanctions against Italy. It has been the mass pressure of the workers that has forced what few concessions that have been gained by any of the strict neutrality of the U.S. in the Italian-Moslem struggle. The munitions makers and Wall Street financiers, both of whom are tied up together, would certainly like to see the ban against shipments of war materials to Italy lifted. Standard Oil Company, thru its subsidiaries in Italy is already trying to maneuver some

unions to cash in on the harvest of death in Africa. And those oil magnates and bankers would much rather send their munition cargoes to Mussolini instead of Ethiopia, because a victory for Italy to-day means a victory for Fascism on a world-wide scale. Such a victory would bring the day closer where right here in America, all workers' organizations would be our only workers' trade unions would be wiped out of existence; where militant workers and leaders would be thrown into concentration camps; where such viciously anti-working class organizations as the American Legion would rule by armed force and the torture chamber, where the economic standards of the American workers, so valiantly fought for and wrested thru sacrifice and bloodshed by martyrs to the cause of the toilers would be lowered, step by step, until we had reached the state of a poorn Or cripple.

This is not a fantastic nightmare — it is actually what such monsters as J. P. Morgan, Andy Mellon and others of their ilk are RIGHT NOW planning for the American workers, AND WE OURSELVES ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN THwart THEM!

Now we have taken at least preparatory steps to enter into the Broad United Front organization that is conducting the militant struggle for the workers. We have in the past taken many actions ourselves in this same fight. We have registered our protest against Hitler's bloody terror against our German Brothers. We have, through the Federation Convention, registered our refusal to handle any war supplies as are on the hit list of the State Department in Washington. We have held up Mussolini's munition cargo on the Collis. We have made many another stop against the introduction of Fascism in this country. Now let us join whole-heartedly in the world-wide organization that has been fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with us right down the line, but let us become a part of that organization so that we can function better as a force against world imperialism.

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STOP THESE TWINS OF DEATH!