THE TANKER STRIKE AND WHAT IT MEANS
MOVE TO SPLIT MARINE FEDERATION

Approach almost any I.S.U. member, especially one that has just quit a tanker and ask why they are striking. The answer will generally give you the same impression, they don't know why. Most of them will say, "Union Preference", or "Because they won't sign up with the Union". What then is the move behind the tanker strike, and how does it effect the longshoremen? It the first place the strike was instituted by such shipowner's tools as Paul Scharrenburg, Larsen McGovern, etc. Then such fakers as those come out with a program of action, it is time for the maritime workers to beware. These misleaders, bound as they are, to follow the orders of the employers would not dare to sanction such action without some deep underlying motives. The most potent threat against the shipowner and his large profits, is the proposed Marine Federation. He knows that the Marine unions have realized the strength they possess if the unity of the 1934 strike is preserved and embodied in such an organization, functioning under rank and file control. The shipowners must use any measures to destroy or prevent the formation of a Federation and the I.S.U., as it now stands, with the officials ruling it without regard to the wishes of the membership of the ship, provides such a measure by the method of calling and handling the tanker strike.

When the seamen quit the tankers the licensed officers approached the I.S.U. and announced their willingness to also call their members off the tankers, in support of the seamen, also for union preference of licensed men and asked the I.S.U. to agree officially that no group would return (Continued on next page, Col. 1)
to work without all groups returning together. They were told by the I.S.U. officials that this could not be done, that if the seamen succeeded in getting an agreement with the oil companies they would have to return to work, regardless of what the officers got through the strike, which naturally, under such a pressure, would be exactly nothing. They were also told they could remain on the ships if they wished, as the I.S.U. was not demanding that they strike. These treacherous, scabby tactics were worthy of people such as Scharrenburg. We can plainly see the demoralizing, union destroying effects of such a program. The licensed personnel are scabs if they stay on the ships, and if they walk off they know that the I.S.U. officials will force the rank and file, against their wishes, back to work as soon as the oil groups sign with the company's union. The same officials know that the I.L.A. will resent and bitterly oppose such tactics, and that if the whole thing is handled right, it will result in the destruction of the unity of the marine and waterfront unions, and the Maritime Federation again becomes only a dream.

At the time of writing the Radomon, Matees and Engineers have declared a strike, and are leaving the tankers. This was the only real thing for them to do, and to gamble on the I.S.U. rank and file to refuse to obey their officials if they order them to return to the ships and leave their officers behind.

The longshoremen should lend a hand. Make it your business to talk to the seamen on the job, urge them to support the licensed officers who have shown themselves to be real men and workers, urge the seamen to fight against any moves like that which took place on the Calmar Line, when the I.S.U. officials forced the seamen to return through the radomen's picket line. Remember, also, that the last strike was not sold out because it was handled by a large rank and file joint strike committee. Tell the seamen to fight against the I.S.U. officials in their efforts to discredit the forming of the proposed maritime Federation and so kick out their misleaders and elect some real honest leaders that won't sell their souls every time the ship-owner approaches them with a few dollars. ON TO A MARITIME FEDERATION.

***

THE DELEGATES TO THE MARINE FEDERATION CONVENTION

At tonight's meeting, delegates to the Maritime Federation Convention will be nominated, to be elected by referendum ballot later. The Convention will, no doubt, be a stormy one. The proposed constitution of the Federation as it now reads does provide for a rank and file Federation, but the big guns of the fakers will be trained on the constitution at the Convention, in an attempt to amend it so that it may be controlled by them. Remember, Morris, Peterson & Co. do not stand for the constitution as it now is, nor do the fakers in the I.S.U. or the Teamsters.

We must elect three clear thinking, cool-headed delegates that we know will fight to the last to carry out the sentiments of Local 38079. As we do not at this time know who is to be nominated we are unable to suggest what three they should be, but remember, we want real fighters, who follow orders, and who have fought for and advocated the formation of a Federation and who will continue to do so. Remember, also, that anyone of the chosen delegates may be elected at the Convention as President or Secretary or some official position in the Federation; so once again, let us think clearly before we vote in order to be sure we elect real men.

DISPATCHERS FACED WITH MANY PROBLEMS - MEN MUST COOPERATE BY FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

It was pointed out at our last meeting, attended by Bill Marlow, our valuable dispatcher, that the man think that the dispatchers are miracle men or something.

One thing we should all understand and that is the Hiring Hall is for the DISPATCHING OF MEN. "Seafar" and the payment of dues is being taken care of by the President, the Secretary and the three Business Agents in THE I.H.A. HALL.

The dispatchers are having a pretty tough time in ironing out all the kinks of the new dispatching system. If the Rank & File can be patient for a few weeks and not pester them with a million questions every day the kinks can be ironed out much quicker. At present the dispatchers, especially Marlow, are working 12-14-16 hours a day. So, fellows, let's give them a break until they get things straightened out. Follow the orders already published. Watch for your gang's orders on the blackboard. A system to dispatch 2,500 men cannot be put into effect over night.
MARCH 25, 1935
WATERFRONT WORKER

ON THE SPOT

HEY AL! HOW'S THE HAY??

Hay ALI: Get the heavy lift.

WANTED TO KNOW:

Is Vandelay teaching the kids he is organizing on "How to break strike"?? Or "How to win strikes"?
A Father of Six

AND IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON

WANTED TO KNOW:

If Scharrenburg will pack a rifle in the war he speaks so strongly for with Japan??
Anti-War

TIME TO WAKE UP.

BOSSES SHOW GRATITUDE - PUT GUARD ON NIGHT SHIFT.

Because the fink gateeman at the Western Sugar carried out his orders by keeping the longshoremen out of the grounds, the longshoremen refused to go in until the whistle blows; whereby, the company loses 10 minutes each morning so the company put the gateeman on the night shift. Well, the sooner such guys get even worse treatment the better off we all will be. Join a union and fight together. To Hell with the boss.
BRAVE JACKSON MINERS RIGHT ON.

DESPITE CASBY'S ATTEMPTED BETRAYAL

(A Frisco Rank & File stevedore makes a visit to the heroic Jackson strikers. He has written of his visit. The letter will be run in 2 issues. The Editors.)

Dear Editor:

I am submitting these impressions of a Frisco stevedore to be used as a whole, in part, or as you see fit. Impressions forced regarding my visit to the striking miners of Jackson, Amador County.

My wife and I with a brother longshoreman arrived in Jackson 8 P.M. Friday, March 1st., a strike meeting was just over and it was being followed by a dance. The friction factor of a social nature in this long strike, now running into its sixth month, these men and women are fighting on with a cheerfulness and hope that is pathetic. It is a startling contrast to our militant strike in Frisco. "Peaceful picking", "passive resistance" seems to be the keynotes of the strike. It brings a question to my mind - there is only a handful of these men and women - in Frisco we had thousands to resist police and vigilante terrorism. Here vigilante law has been declared and everything is being done to provoke the strikers to open protest.

A few days ago "law & order" vigilantes burnt the picket tent at the Argonaut Mine. The strikers remained passive, but with a struggle within themselves to choke the outraged passion. To my mind there is a limit of endurance and when they reach that limit, they will fight like Hell - witness the Frisco longshoremen.

My wife and I accepted the hospitality of a miner. The dance was over at midnight and upon arriving at their home had coffee. The wives retired and it was then I began to hear things. I heard all what our (?) great labor leaders had been doing for these workers - how Joe Casey (Son of Mike) had brought up a thousand dollars with a hint of weekly continuances of same, of how he met and talked with the super of the larger mines; in the interests of the strikers, of course. I heard of how Joe Casey (son of Mike) tried to get the miners to accept even a lower wage, for certain work, than the minimum at time of strike. I heard this betrayal and the wrath of the strikers who talked of lynching Casey when they found out. (To be Continued)

ARBITRATION GOES ON AND ON AND ON:

SAILORS CONDITIONS GROWN WORSE,

WORSE AND "WORSE".

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

Since the "Fool's Head" is no longer on the front, the only way the rank and file sailors can be heard is thru the longshoremen, and their paper.

The tankers are on strike, yeah so is the Calmar Line. Yeah, again. But the damned arbitration is still going on and on and on, just as the "Fool's Head" had once said it would. The I.S.U. officials tell us that negotiations are "on", and kid us along like you dangle carrots in front of a donkey's head to keep him going. Wages and conditions haven't been improved. The only ones who gained are the fake officials and their treasuries.

Our greatest strength before, was the amazing unity. The proposed Waterfront Federation would be a tower of strength to us in the event of a re-strike. So wonder Larsen, Silver and McGovern are doing their damndest to "zap" us on this Federation. They want to sidetrack or prevent any militant action in the interest of their masters: the shipowners. The ship owners are working night and day to split the ranks.

Let's work for the Federation and take up the slack, and get in trim for the battle which, when it breaks, will make the last one look like a pink tea party.

Fraternally yours,

A Seaman.

WRITE FOR THE WATERFRONT WORKER

VANCOUVER WORKERS STOP "KARLSHUREN"

FROM DOCKING - "NAZI" SHIP FORCED TO ANCHOR IN STREAM.

Following the militant action of the S.F. longshoremen, the Vancouver workers forced the Nazi-blood-ship, the "Karlschube" to drop anchor in the stream, so intense was the feeling against the murderers of the German workers that the agents of "Misa" Hitler did not dare tie the ship up to any dock. It is only by such expressions of mass working-class solidarity both from within Germany and from without, that will force Bloody Hitler from the tyrant's throne.

WARS WITH FASCISM!

LONG LIVE THE MIGHTY GERMAN WORKING CLA\SS!

LONG LIVES INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY!

PREServe HEMST THE M.\N AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
With one man cars operating on S.F. Streets by an injunction issued by the employer-controlled courts, the Central Labor Council fakers are sitting idly by and doing nothing, while hundreds of streetcar workers will be thrown out of a job, increasing the army of the unemployed.

Kahn, President of the Market St. Railway, asks that the injunction be made permanent because the company is losing money. This is a lie and is intended to keep the union members from taking action. Published reports of the Market St. Railway show a profit of approximately a million dollars a year for the past few years.

STEVICES CAN SMELL A RAT MILES AWAY
RAT WITH MONEY PAPERS GETS JUMPED

Editor:

The longshoremen got MORE than a college education during the last strike. They learned how to smell a rat miles off even if it was dressed up like a cat. And they learned some of it from America's number one crook, Hearst, with his lies, red-scaros, and shipowners propaganda.

Here's swell proof: Thursday morning about 7:15 at Esmeralda and Market, a slippery punk started to pass out what looked like "Waterfront Workers". The men were puzzled because they wait for the real thing on Mondays. Anyway, they made a grab for cash. The first man had read about a half column with a funny expression on his face. Then he noticed that even tho the print, the size, the cartoon, even the masthead were a dead imitation of the real rank and file Waterfront Worker. At the top of the sheet was the word "New!"

The man gave one yell, "What Sonofa--- Holman" and grabbed for the rat with the phoney papers, which he scattered all over the street. Other men took a flying swing at the rat who took to his heels at 60 miles an hour toward the Golden Gate.

Nobody had to ask for instructions. They had acted instantly. Now, Holman, do you still think the rank and file is a bunch of dumb drunks? Har, Har!

Yours,

"Jimny"

(Editor's Note) "The New Waterfront Worker was not the work of Holman's finks but was gotten out by a gang in Local 30-79. Without doubt, this gang has close connections with the shipowners.)

With one man cars operating on S.F. Streets by an injunction issued by the employer-controlled courts, the Central Labor Council fakers are sitting idly by and doing nothing, while hundreds of streetcar workers will be thrown out of a job, increasing the army of the unemployed.

Kahn, President of the Market St. Railway, asks that the injunction be made permanent because the company is losing money. This is a lie and is intended to keep the union members from taking action. Published reports of the Market St. Railway show a profit of approximately a million dollars a year for the past few years.

STEVICES CAN SMELL A RAT MILES AWAY
RAT WITH MONEY PAPERS GETS JUMPED

Editor:

The longshoremen got MORE than a college education during the last strike. They learned how to smell a rat miles off even if it was dressed up like a cat. And they learned some of it from America's number one crook, Hearst, with his lies, red-scaros, and shipowners propaganda.

Here's swell proof: Thursday morning about 7:15 at Esmeralda and Market, a slippery punk started to pass out what looked like "Waterfront Workers". The men were puzzled because they wait for the real thing on Mondays. Anyway, they made a grab for cash. The first man had read about a half column with a funny expression on his face. Then he noticed that even tho the print, the size, the cartoon, even the masthead were a dead imitation of the real rank and file Waterfront Worker. At the top of the sheet was the word "New!"

The man gave one yell, "What Sonofa--- Holman" and grabbed for the rat with the phoney papers, which he scattered all over the street. Other men took a flying swing at the rat who took to his heels at 60 miles an hour toward the Golden Gate.

Nobody had to ask for instructions. They had acted instantly. Now, Holman, do you still think the rank and file is a bunch of dumb drunks? Har, Har!

Yours,

"Jimny"

(Editor's Note) "The New Waterfront Worker was not the work of Holman's finks but was gotten out by a gang in Local 30-79. Without doubt, this gang has close connections with the shipowners.)
I.S.U. MISLEADERS DELAY PELD VOTE.
SAILORS NEED AGGRESSIVE LEADERS.

Dear Editor:

Again Foxy Silver foxes the sailors. This time it's the Maritime Federation that he has slowed up, not the YP&G, as far as the sailors are concerned.

Practically every sailor is in favor of this Federation. But if they aren't careful the misleaders will steer them away from it if they possibly can.

Pink Larsen read from a manuscript, prepared by Scharrenborg, analyzing the Federation. Of course, he was dead set against the Federation, especially those parts which guarantee the membership Rank & File Control.

A vote was finally taken as to whether the sailors should vote themselves into this Federation by next Monday or should they delay for three weeks so as to get an entire coast vote. The motion was carried to complete the vote by next Monday. But Foxy Silver, as usual, stated the vote in favor of the misleaders. A loud protest was made, but to no avail. This maneuver is to delay the vote as long as possible.

When are the sailors going to wake up to the fact that Silver uses the confusion that arises with every important issue to divert the minds of the men, so as to put every issue over in favor of the misleaders?

When are the sailors going to conduct their meetings on the basis of listening and analyzing these Foxy stunts of the misleaders, instead of every single one of them wanting the floor at once and giving the Chairman all the confusion he needs to cover up the real issues?

What the sailors need is just one man who is able to hold their interest long enough at those meetings to put Foxy Silver and Larsen on ice.

'A Rank & File Seaman.

WRITE FOR THE WATERFRONT WORKER

---

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY DONATES $5.00 TO WATERFRONT WORKER

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

Enclosed please find Cashier's Check to the amount of $5.00 to apply toward the fund for the new typewriter and mimeograph.

We are very happy to be able to contribute $5.00 and trust that soon you will be able to buy the necessary facilities.

Wishing you every success,

Yours very truly,

Women's Aux. of the I.L.A.
Secretary.

HAM PACKING HITS NEW LOW - EXPENSIVE "RAIDER" NOW EMPTY

Dear Editors:

What the Bellingham Longshoremen now think of the ham packing business, spoken in a recent issue of the Waterfront Worker is clearly shown in a recent report that a $2000 refrigerating plant owned by a boss of the Bellingham Contracting and Stewdoring Co. is now comparatively empty.

The plant, it was reported, was considered necessary for the storage and it is further said that it was well filled with certain expensive liquid refreshments, dressed poultry and choice cuts of meat, good portions of which were it is alleged, found on the back porch of said boss.

This residence is located on one of the chief roads leading into the City and many of the favored ones lived in the country.

Bellingham Stevie.

LIVE WIRE GANG CONTRIBUTES $5.75 ASSOCIATED GANGS NEAR 100%

Editors of the Waterfront Worker:

We are contributing $5.75 to the Waterfront Worker, which is the voice of the Rank & File. May that voice be never stilled, but always be raised militantly in the interests of all.

Thanking you,

The Live Wire Gang,
Associated Terminals.
Enclosed $1.00, I guess you will have to raise our list to 20 per week instead of 25 as last week.

Enclosed find two more items which I hope you can use.

Thanks for past favors.

Rank & Filer

Bellingham, Wash.

OLD ORDER OF THINGS GONE

COMRADESHP & UNIONISM TO PREVAIL.

Editor, The Waterfront Worker:

I sincerely hope the dance we are giving Saturday, March 18th, will be a success. I bought four tickets and gave them away to help the Sick and Death Benefit Fund.

I can recall not so very long ago, when we first organized, I was fired and discriminated for being a union man and wearing an I.L.A. button. I have seen my wife and two daughters go hungry. Work was a Hit and Miss Proposition with me. Thank God they days are over. The old order of things shall never come back to us. We must see to it that the old conditions shall be buried for all time to come. We are all brothers now— for all, and all for one. The spirit of comrade ship and Unionism prevails amongst us all and we have learned a bitter lesson. By sticking together man to man we will get somewhere and raise our standard of living.

It’s just like a mouse telling an elephant to move or suffer the consequences and the elephant being afraid moves on. And the mouse is victorious over the elephant. This same condition was with us, not so very long ago until we got wise to ourselves, and organized for a common cause. While we are the elephant, Labor, we must not be afraid of the little mouse, Capital, telling us what is right and wrong.

I remain, Yours very truly,

Rank & Filer, Admiral Dock

Pier 41 Gang Send $4.90 P.O. Order "TO HELP A GOOD THING ALONG"

The Waterfront Worker:

Dear Editors:

Enclosed Postal Order for $4.90 from some of the men trying to help a good thing along.

Sincerely yours,

Pier 41 Gang.

* * *
NEW MESSIAHS HAVE SPRUNG UP ALL OVER THE COUNTRY - Huey Long; Father Coughlin, Floyd Olson, Upton Sinclair, Dr. Chas. Townsend and a host of lesser lights. And of course, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.  

They promise everything from the "Co-operative Commonwealth" of Olson to the "Share of Wealth" of Long and the "Social Security" of Roosevelt.

Before any worker accepts any of the glib promises of these gentlemen, let them ask himself these questions:  

Does this new Messiah speak for my CLASS - the working class?  

Does he fight for the civil rights of the workers and does he denounce those who attack these rights?  

Does he declare specifically for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions?  

Does he fight for the right to organize, strike and picket?  

Does he fight for increased relief for the unemployed and for genuine unemployment insurance?  

Does he fight for equal rights for the negro masses?  

Do his honeyed words match up with his deeds? What is his record?  

Workers can be fooled only when they depart from the solid ground of these tests. Don't YOU be fooled, fellow-workers. Put every demagogue to this test.

THE NEGRO AND HIS PROBLEMS  
LABOR PAKERS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST NEGROES  

Dear Ed:  

Having been a resident of S.F. and East Bay Cities for 17 years, I have been asked by the editors of the Waterfront Worker to write a series of articles on "The Negro & His Problems". This is the first.  

Other articles dealing with the special problems of the negro will appear from time to time.

I've watched the economic struggle of negroes very closely. They have been denied the privilege to join unions and affiliate with organized labor. A very few locals in S.F. and East Bay Cities such as Hod Carriers and other Building Trades locals have accepted negroes into their ranks, and because of the many discriminatory measures used against negroes they have become an easy prey or tool to be used against organized labor by the employers.

The negro as an American citizen would be glad to support organized labor and fight until he was in blood up to his neck along with his Caucasian Brother - in lots of cases his blood relation. If he were only given an equal break for adjusting his standard of living such as he has been taught by his white half brothers and half sisters.

A Negro Stevie