The 26th Annual ILWU District Convention is over. After much political maneuvering, vote swapping and gas tactics the Moran, Lewis machine, again, gained office. However, the program and policy adopted was the program of Local 38-79 - the fighting, militant program which has gained so much for the Prison Longshoremen.

From the reports of the returned delegates and from reading the minutes of the proceedings we find that the resolution adopted provide a program which, if carried out, will go a long way in developing a better understanding, greater unity and a stronger ILWU, not only on the Pacific Coast, but on the East Coast and the Gulf as well.

Uniform wages and working conditions are to be established on the coast. The dock and yard system, which was adopted at the 27th Annual ILWU Convention and which system 38-79 has put into effect, with so much benefit to the membership, was again adopted by the Convention without a dissenting vote. This year, however, the Convention delegates were given a clearer picture of exactly how such a system works and the mistakes made and the pitfalls to avoid in putting the system into operation.

The Bank & Rate of Portland were enthusiastic about it and no doubt in a few months will have the system working as well as we have it in San Francisco.

The International Convention of the ILWU will be held in New York in July. The five sub-districts of the Coast, Puget Sound, San Diego, Columbia River, San Francisco and San Pedro, are each to elect one delegate by a referendum vote of their respective districts. The district is to levy a 25 cent assessment to pay the expenses. The delegates are to be elected 'nationally instructed' to "use everything in their power to elect "Ryan as International President." Secondly they are to work towards a uniform agreement between the West, East and Gulf Coasts. (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)
Thirdly, all agreements to aspire to larger and more powerful Maritime Federations, along the lines of the West Coast Federation, to be formed on the East and Gulf coasts.

A new Executive Board was elected and Pedro Pete and "Tom & File" Finley were defeated. The new officers and members look very promising and have records as fighters - Markey of the Clerks for San Francisco and Joe Stearns, a Longshoreman for San Pedro.

The referendum election, submitted by 32-72, of all district officials and elected by the Marley-Lewis machine because, they well knew that they could never gain office in a coast-wise election. They fought the proposed referendum as desperately as a drowning man fights for his life. They were able to defeat, by their machine, steam roller tactics, the proposed visiting transfer system whereby all coast locals could be able to exchange members in a visiting status nationwide in the various ports at first hand.

The Marley-Lewis-Pete machine was able to capture the district offices again; but despite their anti-working class record, the Rank & File was in a Forward up and down the coast. The elected officials will have to show some results, they will have to put into practice the program adopted at the Convention. If they refuse, with no doubt they will, judging from their position last year, the Rank & File on the coast-wise basis will have to move to see that the program is carried out.

The Rank & File on the coast will have to become better acquainted, better communications systems established and greater solidarity among all locals. Thus the coast-wise basis will have to move to see that the program is carried out.

The program adopted at the convention - we must see to it that the program in carried out. It is up to the Rank & File to do it.

Greater unity coastwise in the maritime strike, so we must now go forward shoulder to shoulder and brush away obstacles from our path. We cannot be defeated, we can only be set back.

Follow the program set down in Convention. Let's all go forward together.

GREATER UNITY COASTWISE AND NATIONALLY UNIFORM AGREEMENTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS UNITE SOLIDARITY - ALL TOGETHER.

REBEL REFUSED TO CROP WORKERS FORCING TO ACCEPT LOWER WAGES

SEPA officials in Martinez, Calif., have must down on all their lists those names who work at wage rates now $10, $12 and more hours in the hot Missouri sun picking peas for $1.50 to $2.00 a day. The crop workers claim that they can not maintain themselves by working for the SEPA for only 2 or 3 days a week. The SEPA claim that their usual role; instead of alleviating the misery of the working conditions and bringing the living standard of the crop workers to a higher level, it drives it further down by reducing relief so that these workers will be forced to accept the dis

TOM MOONEY BRANDS GREEN TRAITOR - APPEALS TO THE RANK AND FILE FOR AID

In a coldly polite letter, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has turned down the appeal of Tom Mooney, America's most famous class war prisoner, for funds to carry on the strike of the California fruit workers.

The appeal to write to the California prison guards was reprinted on May 17.

According to word received from Mooney, the $50,000 a year union leader spurned Mooney's request on the ground that the workers of the country are too hard hit for the A.F. of L. officials to raise any funds for Mooney.

Writing to Mooney at the San Quentin prison, Green stated: "Notwithstanding my feeling in the matter, I am certain because of the distress which prevails throughout the nation among working people because of the wide-spread unemployment, it would be impossible for me to raise additional money for your defense funds.

"The American Federation of Labor could not do so because of heavy demands being made on our financial resources."

Branding the top bureaucracy of the A.F. of L. traitors to his cause and the cause of labor, Mooney wrote to the International Labor Defense as follows:

"The great San Francisco & Pacific of the International union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have always been wholeheartedly for us in our fight for freedom. The leadership of the A.F. of L. has betrayed us as they have us into prison. These traitors of labor do nothing to aid our fight for freedom. They do everything to help - accurately - to keep us in prison.

"There is one of the real tasks of the militant workers, to point out to the Rank & File of the A.F. of L. the need for supporting Tom Mooney's fight for freedom, and exposing the betrayal of Mooney by these traitors of labor.

"The San Francisco & Pacific, with the aid of the United States Treasury, has never contributed one cent to Mooney's funds for his defense. The contributions have been made by the workers of the country.

"The workers of this country, with the aid of the San Francisco & Pacific, have contributed $125,000 for Mooney's defense.

"The International Labor Defense, despite the fact that its resources are badly drained by the San Francisco & Pacific strike, has been sending Mooney regular defense contributions in addition to the $50,000 it has pledged to raise for him.

RANK & FILE GIVE RÔLE FILE VOTE OF THANKS MILITARY REALIZE FOR FIGHTER EFFORT

Dissatisfaction among the members of Roy Rye's A.R.T.A. National organization, a vote of thanks and expressed their intentions to fight for him right down the line.

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DEEP-WATER O'GRADY PRESIDES.

MASTER OF 10-TON GAS LAUNCH DICTATES.

(By Seattle Correspondent)

From the lofty perch of a ten-ton gas launch "Captain" R.J. O'Grady (who obtained a ten-ton ticket in order to get an organizer's job in the M.I.P.) who has never made a trip to sea in his life, but heads the Prison organization of the Master, Mates & Pilots, looked down upon the assembled delegates to the Marine Red. Convention and thought of his former days as a glass blower.

The "Captain" wore out the Central Labor Council’s gavel in calling the Rank & Filo delegates "out-of-order" and giving the floor to his pal, Buddy Morris, District I.A.A. secretary, and other "Labor leaders."

IF YOU SEE SOMEBODY HEARD

ASK HIM ------ NOT COME-

Millions of people do starve in the Soviet Union, as he says, when workers are taxed.

Have you ever heard of bumper crops, and millions with guns in their homes, quietly starving to death?

WANTED TO KNOW:

How many steel pigeons and shipowers under-cover men are operating on the Waterfront?

How many of these rats belong to the Waterfront Union?

THERE IS A "MAN" (?)

There is a "man" (?) in our town who thinks he's very wise; he sits behind a printing press and sells and lies and lies.

And when his lies are down in print and sold upon the street;
The workers find he's slapped their face with every dirty sheet.

MIKE CASEY VISIONS BIG HOUSE TO SEE CONVICTED SUPERVISOR.

Mike Casey "The great labor leader", (?) visited San Quentin to see the Prison supervisor who was sent up for beating the Bank of America out of a sizeable piece of money.

Hey, Mike, how about going to see Mooney or any of the ten other labor prisoners who are confined in San Quentin? That is, if you can find time - the prisoners have plenty of it.
This strike may involve the Maritime Federation and will certainly involve the longshoremen in the lumber ports immediately. Some of the Northwestern ports handle lumber almost exclusively; thereby throwing many I.L.A. members out of work.

The I.L.A. Convention has already pledged full support to the striking lumber workers, any lumber being picked up to be loaded nor handled by longshoremen.

The longshoremen of the southern ports would not be greatly affected by the strike, as their chief work is general cargo while their brother members of the N.W. could not work on account of the strike. It naturally follows that the men in the south should give financial assistance to the men in the North.

However, such a program of half the I.L.A. membership on strike while the other half is working will have a definite tendency to split the federation, which we have built up through sacrifice and struggle.

The longshoremen of the entire coast should be prepared to back up the striking lumber workers 100% in case their demands are not granted, say in three weeks. The federation should also prepare itself for action.

The leadership of the lumber strikers has agreed to a program whereby individual mills or camps can sign separate agreements and return to work, while other camps and mills remain on strike. This, as the maritime workers know, is bitter experience is a very phony setup.

The program of the I.L.A. in the 1934 strike was correct; namely, coastwise strike and coastwise agreements. No separate port agreements of any kind. By maintaining one solid, united, fighting front to the employers we can defeat them, but we can never defeat them if we are going to fight them on the basis of individual strikes and individual agreements.

However, we cannot dictate the policy of the lumber strikers, but we can talk to the strikers or any other worker and point out the danger of such a program on which the lumber workers are fighting.

The maritime workers must stand prepared to back up these men who have been working for starvation wages for years, who have been denied the right to join a union of their own choosing under the slaughtering stock system of the lumber barons.

KIDNAPPED ANTI-FASCIST TO BE BEHEADED
NAZI AGENTS PLAN LEGAL MURDER

Bertold Jacob, the anti-fascist journalist, kidnapped by Nazi agents in Switzerland is already scheduled to death according to a telegram from Berlin. Protests of the Swiss government against the Nazi's brazen act in kidnapping a man from Switzerland and the demand that he be returned safely were sent contemptuously refused by the Hitler government.

--- ERNST THAELMANN ---

By Friedrich Wolf
(Translated by Nicholas Wirth)

On the waterfront of Hamburg, Germany, eleven years ago, revolt was kindled to punish the attack of the proletariat was bold and the workers seized the police station. There they were slaughtered together, there they stole their ranks firmer.

Already then, we heard his name throughout Germany. Who is this man? this man called Ernst Thaelmann, this longshoreman of Hamburg.

Then came fire to destroy Germany--Georgings's fire-band dashed thru the Reichstag; they cried for the blood of Thaelmann, for they thought they could kill the heart of the German proletariat, silence it with jail and bullets.

But thru the terror a mighty thunder broke.

Free Thaelmann! We demand his freedom! We, the millions still at liberty. You, the thousands rotting in Fascist jails.

Can a heart be easily murdered when millions of people bear it as their own?

"Kerou mit Thaelmann" -- boomed thru Berlin.

"Liberte pour Thaelmann" -- the masses marching thru London cried.

"Libertout pour Thaelmann" -- the Parisian workers demanded.

The protest swelled, it circled the world, the brown walls of jails began to crack.

For Thaelmann, and for all our prisoners, every protest is a mighty weapon; fellow-workers, PROTEST!

CONVENTION SHOCKED BY NEWS
PRESIDENT WILSON IS DEAD!

The best joke of the Marine Fed. Con. was when a Seattle Fireman's delegate was on the floor speaking on the May Day resolution and the effectiveness of mass protest and demonstration.

The delegate spoke on how a million workers massed in front of the American Consulate in Petrograd (Leningrad since the death of Lenin) and a committee thronged to throw the Consul out of the window unless he cabled Wilson to commiss Money's sentence to life. The Consul cabled and Money's death sentence commuted.

The Astoria I.L.A. delegate, Thomas, jumped up next to Morris and shouted for a point of order. After recognition from the chair he then read a telegram and shouted "THE DELEGATE IS NOT STATING FACTS; WILSON HAS BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS."

Even the reactionaries were forced into loud guffaws.

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THE LUMBER & TIMBER STRIKE OF THE N.W.
LONGSHOREMEN PLEDGE SUPPORT & COOPERATION

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Paid Up I.L.A. Member Submits His Opinion of the Load Limits
Says Potty, 60 Pound Cases a Good Load ——— WHATS YOUR IDEA?

Waterfront Worker:

I have been a worker on the waterfront for a long time and I disagree with the Employers as to the size of load limits. My opinion is as follows:

**DRIED FRUIT, WOOD OR FIBRE**
Dried Fruit, Wood or Fibre
- 25 lb. cases ........................................................................................................... 72 cases to a board sling
- 50 lb. cases ........................................................................................................... 36

**CANNED GOODS**
Canned Goods
- 40 lb. cases .......................................................... 48 cases to a board sling
- 58 to 60 lb. cases .............................................. 40

**CANNED SALMON**
Canned Salmon
- 72 lb. cases .......................................................... 16 cases to a board sling

**COPPER**
Copper
- 700 lb. slabs ......................................................................................... 3 to a board sling
- 500 lb. slabs ................................................................................. 4 to a board sling
- 350 lb. slabs ......................................................................................... 5 to a board sling

**Cotton**
Cotton .................................................................................................................. 3 bales to a sling

**Oriental Rugs**
Oriental Rugs .................................................................................................. 2 to a board sling

**Burlap**
Burlap .................................................................................................................. 5 to a board sling

**Drums**
Drums .................................................................................................................. 3 to a board sling

**BARRELS**
Barrels
- 225 to 300 lbs. ................................................................. 6 in snow

- Wine .................................................................................................................. 3 to a board sling

- Lard ................................................................................................................... 3 to a board sling

- Pickles .................................................................................................................. 3 to a board sling

- Pickles (Small) ......................................................................................... 12 to a board sling

**Sacks of all Commodities**
Sacks of all Commodities
- 100 lbs. ...................................................................................................... 19 to a rope sling
- 110 lbs. ...................................................................................................... 15 to a rope sling
- 125 to 150 lbs. ................................................................................. 12 to a rope sling
- 150 lbs. ...................................................................................................... 10 to a rope sling

**Coffee**
Coffee .................................................................................................................. 9 to a rope sling

**Soda Ash**
Soda Ash .............................................................................................................. 9 to a rope sling

**Paid-Up I.L.A. Member**

"FINK HALL" FOISE APPOINTED TO HEAD COAST WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS' UNIONS.

Frank P. Foise was recently appointed as "Pacific Coast co-ordinator of Waterfront Employers' Association". Foise, known to thousands of workers as "Fink Hall" Foise is to head the employers' association and to put into practice many of the strike-breaking and finky policies for which he has become known throughout the North-west. "Fink Hall" can barge right into a port and he will feel perfectly at home with "Bobby Poterson, "Blue-Bock" Bryan and "Ratty" Kolman - a "perfect crowd."
WHAT HAPPENED IN JACKSON!
TO THE WIVES, SISTERS AND MOTHERS OF LOCAL 38-79

Dear Ed:

I arrived in Jackson with the caravan of good will, which consisted of wives, children and workers from various trade-unions of the Bay Region. Also a truck load of food and money from our worthy Ladies Auxiliary, Local 38-79.

Brothers, what I witnessed in Jackson will never be forgotten. We all know the foul tactics of the police, but to see an A.F. of L. representative pointing out militant A.F. of L. members to the police is the lowest thing I have ever seen. I was arrested with several other brothers for reasons unknown to me. We were thrown into a dirty, filthy jail with hardly any ventilation. Brothers, wives and mothers, there were found two young miners - Just kids. Their only crime was, they dared fight for the right to organize, for American principles. One of the kids is under a $5000 bond. His name is J. Workman and of what a pity, the poor boy is tubercular. His dry cough can be heard a block away.

I appeal to you, Mothers, sisters and wives, to send letters to the Mayor of Jackson, to the Governor and to the S.F. Labor Council to DEMAND they look into this boy's case. Demand that he be taken from that dirty, rotten inhuman place and that he be sent to a hospital where he can receive medical attention.

The jail is not even fit for a dog to lie down in, let alone a boy as sick as Workman is.

In closing, I appeal to you in the name of humanity and working-classes solidarity to send the letters of protest immediately. Do not delay. It may cost the boy his life.

I thank you, A. Stevedore.

EMIL LARSON BIGGEST FINK ON FRONT
WAREHOUSEMEN STRIKE AT CAL. PACK.

Dear Ed:

When we were taking up a few dimes for the Waterfront Worker, Emil Larson wanted to know what the big idea was and when we asked him for a few dimes he said, "Nothing doing, not for THAT paper."

What can you expect from a guy who was born a 100% fink? ...

A Dollar Line Stunt

MAY 26, 1936

WAREHOUSEMEN STRIKE AT CAL. PACK.
STRIKE IN 4TH WEEK ------ RANKS SOLID.

Dear Ed:

The militant Rank & File members of Local 38-44 are having some difficulty of bringing the scab firm of the Calif-onia Packing Plant at Alameda in line. McDougall, the Surt. of the plant and his fink hordes are using every means of coercing our pickets with tear gas and riot clubs. The strike is on the fourth week with seven militant members jailed for no reason at all. A little more support would be appreciated from the Rank & File.

Our only means to bring this thing to a head is to boycott all Cal-Pack products. Stick together to win.

Fraternally yours,
A Militant Member of Local 38-44

"HATWIRE" BOSSES ASSOCIATE WITH FINK C联想 - "TITHE" WIVES ATTENDING MEETINGS

Dear Ed:

While working as an extra on the American-Mexican docks, I noticed some of the bosses carrying on with intimates with the scab clerks. These men, "Tiger" and Olsen by name, are not setting a very good example of 100% unionism to the men in their gangs and should be made to carry hooks instead of boosing men on the waterfront.

Your For the right,
An Extra Man

P.S. Why hasn't "Tiger" Pier 28 and some of his men been to any meetings since the strike?

GUARDS RAID MOONEY'S CELL
LOOKING FOR "RADICAL" LITERATURE

Dear Ed:

The guards ever at San Quentin raided Mooney's and Holloway's cells, taking all labor publications that didn't click with the Harst standards. Stool-pigeons planted the lie story of Jim Holloway in Mooney's cell in an attempt to frame him on a charge of trying to smuggle the stew out.

At present there are ten labor prisoners in San Quentin. How about you paying them a visit? ... Everyday is visiting day. Don't worry about stopping the production of jute, but remember the man who want to prison in the right to better your conditions and mine.

O.S. Union
Editor, Waterfront Worker:

In the issue dated April 29, 1935, was an article calling the crew of the tanker K.K. Kingsbury a bunch of scabs when arriving in Baltimore. This statement is untrue, the crew were all packed up ready to quit when an official of the I.L.A. told them to stay on board and quit. When the ship arrived on the west coast. These men signed articles on March 2rd and sailed March 6th which was before the calling of the unofficial strike by WHD. The tanker owners didn't have an opportunity to vote on it, but when called off, came like men, over 90% Preferential hiring was already established. Now we have a Waterfront Federation, the monopoly-wrenchers threw, did not stop that fine achievement. The K. K. Kingsbury arrived here April 25th. The crew (unlicensed) came off leaving the Chief Steward and License officers of both deck and engine-room departments on board. Some of these men went on the picket line the first night in port.

I read all you print in the Waterfront Worker, let the truth prevail and the truth only, so when we say we read this or that in the Waterfront Worker everyone is to know the truth, because the Waterfront Worker says or prints only the truth. Criticism is fine as long as it is of constructive type.

Hoping you will give the loyal members of the crew of the K.K. Kingsbury a boost instead of a knock,
I am yours truly,
Fair Play.

BUILD OUR UNION!
SLOGAN OF I.L.A. MEMBER SINCE 1916

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

I am glad that the Waterfront Worker endorsed the Garvan of five hundred machines to visit those sturdy miners in Jackson, Amador County, who are fighting for the recognition of their union.

The yearning and inspiration which a union gives to a man cannot be valued in dollars and cents. No, longshoremen shall not forget those sturdy miners of Jackson, Amador County. No are five thousand strong, we should make it a policy to tell those sturdy miners - Their fight is our fight.

While we are living and enjoying Union conditions, shall we ignore their pleas for help? We should not ignore those sturdy miners' pleas for help - Let's not be slackers. Let each and every man give a dollar voluntarily to see it that we care for those sturdy miners fighting for something that we achieved.

This is my twentieth year preaching unionism. I joined the I.L.A. in Selvage town in 1915. I cannot determine a union by dollars and cents - some men dedicate their lives for a principle - our slogan should be, as we live and enjoy union conditions BUILD OUR UNION.

yours very truly,

A Trust Fund for Those Who Saved Their All - Least We Forget

Dear Ed:

Our Secretary-Treasurer spoke in the last meeting giving his reasons for opposing the creation of a Trust Fund for the widow of Ray Morgan, whose husband was shot in Stockton. He stated that Jerry Hart and Jos. Engel would be totally incapacitated for life and would never work again. And that if a Trust Fund were established, the other should also be provided for.

If 50% of the members of Local 38-79 would sacrifice and donate one full day's pay a fund could be created. That would take care of those who have given their health in the cause of labor.

As one who has benefited by their sacrifices and suffering, would like to see such a movement started.

Last We Forget.

American Legion Starts Anti-Union Campaign, Heets Praises Scab-Enemies

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

In the Sunday edition of the Examiner Scabby Hearst was very jubilant over the latest move of the American Legion to establish in each Post, a vigilante group, to curb red activities. Reds, to the scab herders, in the Legion, means all active Union men. Non active Union men should not congratulate themselves that the Legion vigilantes will overlook them. In labor disputes in the past, vigilantes groups did not take time to inquire how active you were. If you belonged to a union that was enough grounds to old, cheat, gas and if foreign born, deport you. Eventually all workers will have to resist the program of the Legion, and fight them to a finish. The time is coming when the workers must decide if it wants to ruge up and retain the right to have a voice in the affairs of the nation, or remain in servitude, to be ruled by Hearst and other reactionary oppressors.

A Militant Union Man

WAREHOUSEMEN TRICK INTO SENDING HARVEY CARTY TO DISTRICT CONVENTION

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

Why did District President Lewis suggest to the warehousemen that they send their business agent, Harvey Cartv, to the Portland Convention instead of Bro. Bight? And the warehousemen voted to go with Harvey instead of Bight. Well, I'll tell you why Lewis wanted Cartv instead of Bight, because Lewis has Harvey in his power. Lewis can make Cartv jump through a hoop backwards, forward or straight up and I know what I am talking about.

A Warehouse Worker

DON'T READ THE SCABBY HEARST SHEETS

BOYCOTT STANDARD OIL PRODUCTS

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WATERFRONT WORKER
NEW YORK RANK & FILE LONGSHOREMEN PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR ONE NATIONAL AGREEMENT OUTS THE RYAN LEADERSHIP AT THE I.L.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

WaterFront Worker:

Brothers, Greetings:

In view of the coming I.L.A. West Coast Convention to be held in Portland, the 2nd week of May, we longshoremen of the Rank & File movement in the New York I.L.A. Local, take this opportunity to extend our fraternal greetings and to send you a message.

At our last city wide meeting of Rank & File I.L.A. supporters, there were present members from I.L.A. Locals, excluding several militant officials in these Locals. At this meeting a resolution of solidarity with the West Coast longshoremen was passed. Also an 8-point Rank & File I.L.A. program for the port of New York was adopted. One of the main points on this program was the following:

For one national working agreement next October 1st, covering both coasts and the Gulf. This agreement to be-

a) All hiring thru I.L.A. Hall on a rotary basis
b) The 6-hour working day
c) $1.00 as the basic scale for both coast wise and deep water docks.

We know that this proposal for one national agreement will be brought forward at the coming West Coast I.L.A. Convention. Therefore, we of the New York I.L.A. Rank & File wish to pledge our 100% support for this proposition and to state that we will do everything in our power to get the locals here to endorse this proposition also.

We have already reached thousands of longshoremen in this port with the idea of one national agreement and unity of both coasts. Thus our Rank & File bulletin and thru our supporters we have constantly pointed out the great gains that have been made by the I.L.A. in San Francisco because it has followed a policy of militant struggle under Rank & File leadership. The longshoremen here are very much encouraged by what you fellows have done. Nearly every man we have talked to is enthusiastically in favor of the idea of one national agreement. We are sure that the men in Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore feel the same way about this. If your Pacific District Convention will go on record for one National Agreement we know it will get a hell of a lot of support here on the East Coast. Therefore, we urge that you push this thing with everything you've got. And we'll do the same on this end.

We also want to remind you that we must start preparing for the coming National Convention of our Union during the second week of July. We must work out a Rank & File program for this convention and get honest, militant delegates elected to represent us. Here in New York we are raising the slogan: "Oust the Ryan Leadership at the I.L.A. National Convention!" Of course, we realize that this is a big job. But the sooner we start on this, and the more closely we work together on it, the better chance we will have of putting it over. One thing we can guarantee is this: If the I.L.A. members here in New York were given an opportunity for an honest vote on whether they want Ryan to remain as president, they would vote 90% to kick him the hell out! But of course it's up to us, the Rank & File, to organize the men, to win control of the locals, and to defeat the Ryan machine which is still very strong in the port of New York.

Our Rank & File movement in the locals is now being definitely built. Some of the best fighters, the most active members, even local union officials, are beginning to support our program. We are convincing these brothers that the only way we can go ahead and pull ourselves out of the rotten conditions we find ourselves in, is by following the trail that has been broken by our brothers in Prisco. We have had printed and are distributing thousands of copies of our hiring hall rules and also your green folder on wage scale and working rules. This stuff is having a great effect on the men. They see how much better your conditions are than ours.

Brothers of Local 35-79, We Rank & File longshoremen in New York pledge ourselves to back you up in the fight that you are putting up. We know that the fight you are putting up is a fight not only for yourselves, but also for us. Our struggle is a common struggle; against the same shipowners and the same sellout Ryan machine! Therefore, this struggle must be developed on a national scale and on a common platform.

FORWARD TO SOLIDARITY AND UNITED ACTION OF EAST AND WEST COAST LONGSHOREMEN;

FORWARD TO ONE NATIONAL I.L.A. AGREEMENT NEXT OCTOBER FIRST!

With fraternal greetings,

Rank & File committee
I.L.A. Locals of Port of New York

NEGLIGENCE WOMEN REFUSE TO SCAB

Rather than select on their fellow white workers, two unemployed Negro chambermaids refused to accept jobs at the Hotel Victoria, New York, where a strike of domestic workers is now in progress.

FOOD PRICES REACH NEW HIGH LEVELS

Food prices are exactly 6 per cent higher today than they were last January according to a report by the U.S. Department of Labor. A study shows that a textile worker in Manchester, New Hampshire, spends 87 percent of his income for food.