LEWIS THREATENS CHARGES AGAINST 38-79
FEARS LOSS OF POWER FOR FEDERATION—ORDERS NO VOTE ON B.C. CARGO

At the last District Convention, at Portland, J. P. Ryan sent a letter to the assembly, wherein he stated that there were "four good men on the West Coast—W. J. Lewis, W. J. Morris, T. Petersen, and J. Bjorklund. (Since retired to become Sheriff)."

No more stinging indictment should be necessary against a man than that he is recommended by Joe Ryan. Pete Foy must enjoy his confidence to quite an extent. And to do so, they must be faithfully carrying out Ryan's policies, if not his direct orders.

Thus we see that Ryan, Lewis, Morris, and Pedro Pete are all banded together; and judging from their actions, are doing all they can to isolate the militant leadership which Local 38-79 has won all its victories under, to betray the membership, and to smash our best weapon, the Federation.

"If San Francisco does not abide by the request of the District Executive Board to refrain from voting in the Maritime Federation vote charges will be preferred against the local."

The above wire was received during the meeting of the District Board at Portland.
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OF THE HANDFUL OF MIS-READERS ON THE DISTRICT BOARD TO WEAKEN AND SMASH US!

At the District Executive Board meeting where the ides were drafted, Lews made the statement that the Board had Confidence in San Francisco to be able to successfully revote the present charter and organize a "new J.A.B."

We think this statement has an old Homer-like smell—a very rank one. [Anonymous, L.A. local longshoremen's union—"the Workers' Transportation Brotherhood of Longshoremen"] Perhaps it is true that some sort of a group does exist in Local 38-79 which would be willing to follow their own (onomapote) Lewis into a "reorganized" J.A.B. The WATERFRONT WORKER declares that if such is true, then it must be a small group indeed. But, we do know, that "know what the score is"—that it is composed of not merely misguided, backwood and confused workers, but of CONSCIOUS DISORDERERS, bent on smashing first the Maritime Federation, then the I.A.B., and finally sending us back to the SLOG BOOK.

Lewis holds the job of District President, through an agreement made with a certain group of reactionary I.A.B. members on this coast. This agreement was made at the February, 1934 Convention, here in San Francisco. A certain number of locals, of Local 38-79 (who is known to have received several railway tickets at the expense of Lewis—supposedly once Lewis had no use for—to travel up and down the Coast preaching the gospel of Ryan) was elected to be made Business Agent in San Francisco. He was then a well-known Red-baiting, reactionary, was elected to be Local President. Of course, this all happened 18 months ago. Much water has flown under the bridge since then. But we know there is still a group who are seeking to advance their own interests by building up the program of Lewis, and carry out the program of Joe Ryan—all at the expense of the workers.

To be sure, some of the actions perpetrated are minor ones. But many small items will soon become a formidable total, and will eventually attain their desired effect.

The WATERFRONT WORKER can, and in the past has, shown how members have been playing the game of Ryan and the shippers. We will continue to expose such double-dealing in the future.

In the meantime, however, we are faced with the threat of "Charges" by Lewis. We believe, however, that this threat is a totally empty one. When Local 38-79 took the Federation ballot, on the Vancouver cargo question, simultaneously with the District ballot, and against the Thenan, we, in the District Board, voted along with some 20,000 other maritime workers. And we were voting also along with the San Diego I.A., the Bay District I.A. Locals, (Ship 'Scalers, Kirchmeier, etc.), the Seattle I.A., and many other I.A. Locals up and down the coast. We think they can revoke the charter of 38-79, by merely writing an order, THEE BE GAZAT. They will find they are not only facing 4,000 irate members in the Bay District, BUT THAT THEY WILL FACE THE ANGER OF HIS ENTIRE WORKING CLASS OF THE WEST! Let the Labor-Democrats think that one over!

MODESTO DEFENDANTS REFUSE PROBATION

After being refused a new trial on the one remaining count against them, the 9 marine workers held in Modesto for "reckless possession of explosives", a motion was made by the defense attorneys for investigation for probation. The defendants upbraided the lawyers severely for this action, holding that to ask for probation would be tantamount to pleading guilty. An appeal will be made immediately upon sentencing, Sept. 3rd.

PEDRO "BEAT SQUAD" HAS CONNECTIONS WITH POLICE AND S.E.A. OF L. OFFICIALS

Ganty, member of the notorious Friedo Beat Squad, who is now in the can for taking a shot at Dutch Doelchen recently, is a brother of a Lieut. Of Detectives on the Los Angeles police force. One of the leading members of the gangsters, that they were paid by the Logian and by Labor Council officials.

BARGE MEN EXPECT EARLY VICTORY:

In one or two weeks, the crops being harvested will have to be transported down the river, and the nine remaining companies which are still holding out against the demands will have to give in.

Those Co.'s. are: River Lines, Freight are Inc., Potelbaum & Son, Federal B. Co., Nichols Transit Co., Empire Parks Co., Rio Vista Lightstage Co., Delta Tag Co., Empire Barge Co., Lucy Bros., and Barham & Scott. Those already signed up are: Erickson Nav Co.; R.V. Ltd., Inc., Comp. of Barge Co., and Lois Olson Transit Co.

JUNEAU MAYOR, DISTRICT ATTY., SCAB ON R.C. STRIKERS—RAID ON R.C. SCALE CARGO

The docks in Juneau, Alaska, are owned by the City. In a recent strike of the steweardes the municipal govt. was forced to grant the Pacific Coast I.A. wage-scale and conditions, but refused to recognize the I.A., Local 38-104. The mayor said the city government "voluntarily" raised the wages.

Recently, a Canadian "prince" boat arrived in Juneau with seven pieces of 5000 b. cargo aboard. The steweardes refused to touch it. The ship then took the cargo to Skagway, and the same thing happened there. So it was returned to Juneau, where mayor Goldstein and his "Faulknersk" District Attorney, St. M., landed the freight aboard a truck, and took it aboard under armed guard.

In a nine strike now progressing there, over twenty I.A. members and steweardes have been arrested for "illegally striking"—apparently, the boss hulls have such control over the government officials in Alaska, as they do in the States.

The Senate has voted to pass "stay out of war" bill and the matter is now before the House, but it is receiving a lot of opposition—mainly from administrative sources. We wonder what the millions expended by the government for Army and Navy purposes is for—slitting, or playing golf?
HUNGRY JOB REFORMING—SAYS HE'S A GOOD FELLOW

Three weeks ago, Hungry Joe's gang was working flour in Valley. On the way back, Joe spent most of his time telling the boys what a hell of a small guy he is. Joe must be getting blind, that he could not see all the grins on the faces of everyone.

If it is true (and Joe will have to go some to convince us) maybe the black eye he got when he went aboard that Motor Wagon to finger out a sailor to a cop taught him a few things. Too bad, it seems to us, that Joe hasn't got a few extra eyes—they look so becoming in a dark shade.

RAW DEALS

Nightmare

Ow My

Picture

Deal tries new deal—"Work 5 days, get paid for 6; build returning fund" he says.

"Raw" Deal must be getting goofy. He has a ballot out on a resolution which calls for "working five days for six days pay; the extra day's pay to go into a fund to take care of the unemployed members after the Bay and Gate bridges are finished.

The membership is reported to have thrown it out of the meeting—it's too bad. Raw didn't follow it where he belongs.

In the DMP-MAPF: Incidentally, the forty-hour men hold one of the biggest meetings in years the other day—20 members attended.

(Wonder how much graft Deal thinks he can accumulate before the bridges open out of this fund.)
Where was Pedro Pete, Paddy Morris, and Burglar Lewis on July Fifth? Did they march in the Parade?

If, as Lewis said at the Portland convention, that he had "something to do with teamsters' affairs" in the Bay District, why is it all the locals have had so much bearing on account of these lousy agreements?

Why have both Hoover and Little Pink Rosei visited Emperor Hearst at San Simeon lately? Don't they feel their anti-labor records are counting so heavily against them they need a real Fascist like Willie to support them? (Maybe they're right; no one else would)

Is Flannemouth Klugmann still investigating the WATERTOWN WORKER over which Judge Edmundson supposedly hired, and if so, has he found the writer yet?

Why is Tiber-Gas Plant getting so fat lately? He must have gained at least 20 pounds since last year at this time.

How many stewards have visited Brother Harry Dallas in San Quentin since he has been there?

Was Lewis telling the truth when he said he didn't want the Dict. Press job?

Who was the gloom-boss on the Unialk at Pier 41 and 55, who ordered his gang to work 28 minutes overtime, and then refused to even mark it down on the sheet?

Why Lewis saw fit to interview the Martin Ship Service Co., but hasn't had the temerity to see the State Martin Committee who are leading the fight against the Martin Company, ??

What Paddy Morris said when he saw copies of the resolutions the Sailors Union had printed and sent up and down the Coast, regarding the Federation Vote, and the removal of the agreements only if all other unions do so also.

Why Hearst lost 113,450 lines of advertising since this time last year? Could the Boycott campaign carried on by labor have anything to do with it?

When is the Transport dock going to pay the book pay?

How is Capt. Knoff taking out in his investigations of the dock toilets? Has he fallen into any of them yet? (We noticed a peculiar smell near him at the last meeting, but then, that might have been Hakama.)

Who does Pedro Pete represent on the Coast? He was defeated in all elective jobs, and was appointed by Rum.

How much more Reno pay Bob Haring of "Logos" owes not with a smashing defeat in the first round in his battle with the grievance committee last Tuesday night.

After the decision, over Brother Jerry Burke, of the Clerks' Union, on a technical basis, a couple weeks ago at the Buckingham Hotel, "Logos" entered the first round of the battle with the Grievance Committee supremely confident that he would find slight opposition.

As the bell rang, "Logos" put all he had behind a hard, straight right. But in his decision he contended that it was not his place to put a nut-sling on a load, and want harmlessly over his opponent's shoulder.

He was immediately shuddered under a counter-barrage of rights and lefts to the job and direction from the clerk by his brethren. It is important that "Logos" wasn't going to be able to take it.

Logos kept his right coked, but only used it as a threat, jabbing only occasionally with his left, but a poor left it is only a meager defense when the opponent is a master boxer.

Once he weakly from this testimony before the round was a minute old. He parried wisely in an effort to evade the swift, sharp jabs of the clerks. He was flattened when the clerk testified that he had deliberately attacked Burke, but he arose at a count of nine. His defense was now shattered, and it was apparent to the spectators that "Logos" could not last out the round.

A withering attack by his opponent left "Logos" in a weakened condition in the second minute of the round, but he tried to struggle thru to the bell by a counter-charge that a clerk is not supposed to give orders.

A final overhead right carrying the finish sign was dealt by the clerk, then they proved that Burke was a cripple.

The referee stopped the fight, hearing the clerk a checking R.O. in the form of an order for "Logos" to apologize to Brother Burke, and a warning that if "Logos" should again enter the ring without being in proper condition, in the form of evidence, he would be given a thirty day suspension and a five-dollar fine.

That Left Leads Without A Leg To Stand On!
"I'LL ANSWER THAT LIKE THIS--"

The master of equivocation, Bill Lewis, strode back and forth on the stage at the meeting last Monday night. Bill was explaining to the membership why he had threatened to remove their charter. Lewis must have walked several miles there on the stage, during the time he was trying to explain some of his recent maneuvers. His attitude and that of the members would lead one to believe that both would have been relieved if Bill had walked in one straight line. A line that would have lead him back to the shipowners who have been influencing him for the past several months.

Bridges had requested that the members give constant attention to the president of the district. The members, who usually accede to the wishes of Brother Bridges, felt that in this instance they could not give respect where no respect was due. Consequently Lewis could only be heard through a constantly recurring din of cat-calls and boos.

The noise finally abated to the extent where Lewis got an opportunity to put on his act. Bill was out of character when he told the audience that he had been going the limit for the Federation. He should have been billed as an amateur or added attraction. Few of the longshoremen have been drilled in the school of Classics, and that fact put Bill at a complete disadvantage. It is highly probable that the shipowners would have been more appreciative of Bill’s histrionic ability. Bill has been playing the role of Skylock to a more fantastic but not so discriminating and critical an audience as that with which he met Monday night.

Bill was most vehement in his accusation that the Federation was trying to make a cate-paw out of the I.L.A., and Bill positively would not "go for that". He rose to the heights when he denounced the sovereignty of the I.L.A. from the usurpation of the Federation. Bill repeatedly went to the pitcher on the table for a glass of water during his discourse, so he couldn’t have been hungry at the time, but was just looking to the future. Bill didn’t want to lose his meal ticket, and that is just what would happen right now, if Lewis did not expand himself so much sabotaging the Federation.

Bill realized unhappily that he had chosen a most inopportune moment to attack the Federation. Evidently Bill had never heard of the “weakest link in the chain”. He has quite a bit to learn from the methods of the procedure of the ship owners—they know enough to confine their fighting to the smallest and weakest link.

But "fools rush in", so Bill, being the master of strategy that he is, attacked the whole at once. The Master of Tragedy changed his role to that of "Jack the Giant Killer". But it was equally ineffective. Bill was still the amateur. An experienced performer would have qualified before such a hostile audience.

But Bill, in his efforts to please a most unappreciative audience, added gestures and manner to his repertoire. This effort was equally unavailing. The group refused to be convinced, and was beginning to see the light. HIS PRELIMINARY HEADLINES:

Bill was learning what may a maitimber had learned before him—the tricks that go over big in the Korsec circuit won’t get you far on the "big-time". Bill should have learned to juggle or tendance; as a big-time actor, he is a complete fool. Let’s get together and send him back to the Korsec circuit next election.

After thinking over some of the explanations, I can only come to one conclusion. This mis-cast tragedy should have been a comedian. Yes, Bill should have gone in for comedy.

--By an I.L.A. Member.
SAYS THERE IS FAVORITISM IN RINKING HALL

Dear Editor:

It is becoming more noticeable and evident to us men on the extra list, that there is a group of favorites working out of the Hall who our dispatcher, Allan, caters to.

Some of these favorites are even getting so bold that they openly boast that they can get a job anytime they walk into the Hall.

It is a good thing the elections are near, so the rank and file can nip in the bud any such practice, before it grows into a mob of bone-handlers and hang makers.

Yours,

Anti-Ryan.

Editor's Note: We have heard many and varied rumors about this, Brother, but so far have been unable to prove anything. However, since the above statements are pretty well circulated up and down the Front, we shall publish your letter, without questioning the responsibility for its truthfulness. If it is not true, then since Red Allan is so accused by many stewards, let him prove his innocence, by his actions hereafter. "Where there is smoke, there must be fire."

FLANNELOUT FLAMEN, THE DU-JOINT (1)

Dear Editor:

There is no doubt in the minds of the entire membership of ILM 33-42, why Seedy Dan, "Flannelmouth" Flanagan is so act against a true Union, one that is run by the entire membership, and not by his hand-picked Executive Committee.

They have taken upon themselves the business of all branches, the business that means so much to the entire Local, and went on record as opposing anything that would benefit the membership.

Flanagan is in favor of kicking out all men who are on the Extra list. He claims that they should have no voice in the meetings of this Local. That statement might be true, but Flannenmouth wants to be a big potato.

I wonder, after reading last week's WATERTOWN WORKER, if the Allies boys over in Oakland have found out yet why Jack O'Connor never showed up. He talks about the "Frank and File," having their say, but he goes just the opposite to what he says. All you have to do is see him come into the Hall, and try to glad-hand everybody; and after he has been in an hour or so, he starts telling the membership and extra men what THEY should do; how sorry he is—yes, so sorry, LIKE HELL!

Regards,

Rank and File, Local 38-44

SAYS THE WEATHER IS FAVORABLE TO SNEEZE

Editor, WATERTOWN WORKER:

It appears that only a very small percentage of the East Bay ILM members have been attending the Monday night meetings lately. Let's see what we can do about it. Monday being the day after a holiday, may be a bad night, and the other nights of the week there are sports—wrestling, boxing, etc., (which some would rather attend than do something for themselves by attending a union meeting). Tuesday night is about the clearest night in the week in that regard, and the dispatching hall reports show plenty of men working Monday nights, but not many Thursday nights. So let's see if we can get those non-union members from both sides of the debate to appear at these meetings, which they should do in order to attend.

(Signed by three ILM members whose names we are naturally withholding.)

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"WORKERS IN UNIFORM."

Dear Editor:

Last Saturday, while I was showmg the wife the Movie, from which I was discharged in 1930, I noticed the Officer of the Deck, the Master-At-Arms, and the Marine on watch all packing big guns in their hips.

I asked one of the sailors how long this had been going on, as it was new to me. He said they had been doing it ever since last summer's general strike. They have three armed guards on deck in the day, and five at night.

He also told of how the ship was in Tacoma during the timber strike, that the Shore Patrol was tripled, and any sailor caught near the picket lines, or talking to or being friendly with the strikers, was immediately arrested and sent back to the ship.

It looks as though Uncle Sam is doing his best to teach his Marines and Sailors that the workers are not their brothers, but their enemies. That's training sea-birders by wholesale.

Yours,

Zedeb.

Editor's Note: The brother is right in the Government is being used by the employers to set up a strikebreaking machine in the Navy, Marine Corps and the National Guard, as well as every other armed force of the law. However, we have had many instances, especially lately, where Navy sailors have raised hell with National Guard kids for herding scabs, and where scores of National Guards were confined to barracks because they didn't want the dirty job. The Industrial Action has stated they do not consider the National Guard "reliable" any longer and it looks like the Navy and Army are
Ed., W.W.:  

Had a one-hour visit with Harry Dailey today. The State is going to drive some pilé drivers out of the State by having some of the labor prisoners mechanics. Matt Johndott, who was denied a parole to the Soviet Union a few months ago,  

"Harry is working on the pilé driver, the work being rather hard. The men are succession to get on the "stock-line", which means better food than is served in the general mess.  

The "daddy" of all labor prisoners, J.B. Mulhern, is being given the works. The men were over to see him last week, and were told by the captain that they would only be allowed to return thirty minutes, on account of having had so many visitors that it interfered with his work. This is not very logical for the reason that Mac has a job that does not take much of his time, and second, his visitors are not very plentiful—a reason that could be remedied. If most of the brothers were willing to sacrifice a little of their time, it is rumored that the officials are planning to send Mac up the river to Pocum.  

Port members, one of the victims of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism, is in poor health. The same applies to Jack Crone, but both are kept in the jail, while granting ex-civil officials are given soft jobs.  

The Union should elect committees from the floor of their meetings to call on Frank Bolohan, demanding that our boys get at least an equal break.  

The Assemblymen and Senators who were put in office by organized labor should be put on the spot on this issue. If they won't go to bat for us, the workers should put them on the "don't patronize" list.  

Yours,  
Rank and File.  

PORT COSTS GANES MORE THAN 3000 BOATS TO DRAFT—JOB ACTION CAN PREVENT THIS  

Dear Editor:  

Recently, several gang working barley at Port Land were ordered to put 20 seaks to a load—120 pound seaks. A couple men started to beef about it, but were not supported by the rest of the steves who certainly must have felt the same way about the matter. However, the gang street saw a conference, and decided to work the 20 seaks instead. They then closed the hall, to get this Old there. Naturally, the hall had no authority to tell the man not to work 20 seaks draft, or they would be putting themselves on the spot, and the Union as well.  

If seaks were worked for about 20 hours, and the seaks were ordered to put 20 seaks on instead, there is no way which says we must work under such conditions, even though the Union cannot take official action on it. Here, if ever, was the chance to win the seaks for smaller loads by job action.  

If the gang had pulled together, a five minute overtime of work would have assured a 1% seak load from them on.  

Yours truly,  
Steve.
On August 30th, the shipowners will have the opportunity to notify the I.S.U. if they are willing to continue the agreement or not. If they are willing (thru being forced by Coast-wide Unity) what will be the next method of attack against the Unions. Certainly, they will not give up the fight altogether. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is putting all kinds of pressure against the shipowners, to have the maritime unions smashed with the Maritime Federation as the first point of attack. This is because the seamen workers are looking towards the Pacific Coast for guidance and leadership, seeing there an example of the successful carrying out of militant rank and file policies. The Chamber of Commerce is afraid that more workers will take the hint from the Coast, and when they do, it will be too bad for Wall Street.

Therefore, we can expect plenty of trouble from the operators, even though they do agree to abide by the award for another year.

Someone has said that "the grade, no good as another." But this is no excuse. Examining the tactics used by the bosses in the past, and in other cases, we can find plenty of occasions where the policy of misleading or forcing the workers to sign separate agreements—craft by craft.

This may be that the shipowners have up their sleeves. They may try to get the I.H.T. to sign an agreement alone, leaving the I.S.U., the I.O., P., the I.W., the I.W., and all the rest of the Unions holding the bag. Or failing this, they may demand that the agreements with the various crafts terminate at different times. Thus, if the I.S.U. agreement ends on July 1st, and the I.L. agreement ends on October 1st, there

is the remote possibility that, regarding strike in support of the season, in case the shipowners decide to openly break with the I.S.U. The longshoremen will still have five months to go on their own contracts, and a clever mis-leader (like Wm. Lewis or Faddy Norris, for instance) might be able to confuse the membership that their "best" interests lie in deserting the season.

It isn't hard for the membership of Local 36 - 78 to understand and see thru such treachery. They have taken a decision to stand in similar things in the past (and that is one reason for the brunt of the shipowners attacks usually fall on Frisco). But some of the other locals where rank and file control is not yet established as firmly as it is here, might weaken, and pull away from Frisco and the rest of the Coast. The shipowners would then have a comparatively easy time in smashing the locals, one by one.

But we will watch every move of the shipowners and their agents. It is up to the membership to see that ALL AGREEMENTS ARE STOPPED Simultaneously AND TERMINATE Simultaneously. It is a bitch as we can expect no help from Lewis, Norris & Co. They would only be too glad to pull away from the rest of the Unions, and allow us to be smashed on turned back into another Blue Book. Their past records and present actions prove this. They hate the Maritime Federation because it takes the power out of their hands, and puts it into the hands of the Rank and File.

Better still, would be to have all agreements negotiated for and signed by the Maritime Federation. This is a matter we can work toward. The first step forward then is SIMULTANEOUS AGREEMENTS!!!