PENNSYLVANIA SAILS WITH SCAB CREW!!

Leaving San Francisco with a skeleton crew of 'flints, the S.S. Pennsylvania sailed directly for the East Coast, with no stops scheduled in San Pedro. She is carrying no passengers whatsoever, and it is apparent that the main reason she was given orders to return to New York, was to give the East Coast ISU officials a chance to take a tour of flints to take the places of the men who went out on strike on her return against the East Coast agreement, and for West Coast conditions and wages.

The East Coast ISU officials, although promising in a recent issue of the flinty "Steamer's Journal" to put up a fight for a 32% wage increase and an increased running scale, nevertheless signed an agreement to renew the old 1966 contract. The Atlantic & Gulf ISU shakers attempted to throw a sop to the men by telling them they would have 30 days in which to ratify this agreement. However, all East Coast shakers know that this "ratification" would be conducted in a similar fashion as the vote to adopt the infamous "travel restrictions". The real Rank and File, who are calling the ships and paying the dues will have no chance whatsoever to have a say in the agreement. The only voice they will have is the voice of ACTION.

The crew of the Pennsylvania know this and for this reason voted to take the action they did take.

The major weakness of this action, in reference to the manner in which it was called and conducted are these: (a) We give them in order that the minority which were made will not be made again -- not merely to criticize for the sake of criticism.

(1) The action shouldn't have been for the demand of a West Coast agreement, but should have been confined to demands for an East Coast agreement which would be IDENTICAL WITH THE WEST COAST AWARD.

This is because (a) Any effort to "make the East Coast ship away from the East Coast shakers, and put them under the jurisdiction of the West Coast is only an attempt that can be used against the West Coast ISU by their international officials. This is especially important in view of the moved ISU-T ограничен the International Convention (b) The East Coast Rank and File are attempting to convince some of the more backward workers among the East Coast shakers that the "West Coast radical's" are "trying to take your jobs away from you", with the idea of developing a split in the shakers' ranks, and isolating the West Coast. (c) The shanty-side workers can be misled to some extent by the "arguments" of the shakers (which appeared in the "flinty capitalist press") that this vote was "not a fight against the shakers", but instead, was "a fight between the 2 unions", with the innocent shippers footing the bills. Of course we knew this isn't true, but it might sound true to some people not so well versed in the intricacies of the waterfront workers.

(2) The East coast will never be made into a militant, Rank and File-controlled organization by trying to "take their ships away from them", or by taking all the militants out of the union and transferring them to the West Coast district. Despite the arguments made by some persons that to take these intercoastal vessels out of the East Coast shakers will give the Pacific District a bigger per capita vote, and thus enable the Western ISU to control the ISU conventions, this is a foolish argument. There would be thousands of shanty left on the East Coast who would fall more into the dictatorial set-up on the Atlantic and Gulf, and instead of bettering their conditions, we would be making
The membership drive in the Ladies Auxiliary has had rather a lot down over the Holidays. With an original membership of 75 we have recruited nine new members. That isn't a bad showing, but when we consider at least two thousand wives of longshoremen should be interested in it, it is a very poor showing.

The two main reasons the Ladies Auxiliary is not the organization and the help to the ILA it could be is first, so many of the wives that could and would be glad to help build the Auxiliary have never heard of it.

The other is that the men do not realize that they should be taking an active part in interesting their wives in their own organization.

It has been proven time and again in labor history that women can have a lot to do with winning labor rights. But in order to be a help, the women, just like the men, must be organized.

Longshoremen must tell their wives about the Auxiliary and get them interested in building it into a strong organization.

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ANOTHER MARTYR

Marie Weinbarch, popular Sailor's agent of the Honolulu Branch, is now serving nine months on a bun boat growing out of the phony Scharronberg tank or strike in Portland, Oregon.

One of the main reasons why Marie is serving time is because he was doing too damn good a job of organizing the Honolulu Longshoremen to suit the big pineapple bosses there.

The Sailors' Union offered to pay a $1,000 fine if the court would probate Marie, so he could take care of his wife who is expecting a baby.

The judge yielded to demands of the prosecution, however, and turned the offer down.

The Sailors showed their splendid appreciation of Maxie's sacrifice in the interests of his fellow workers and instructed the secretary to pay Mrs. Weinbarch $25.00 a week as long as Maxie is in prison.

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On January 15th, Bill Moran faces trial in Judge Tyrell's court in Oakland on charges of assaulting and kidnapping a FINK during the recent Warehousemen's strike.

As all of us Maritime workers know, or should realize, the bosses love nothing more than to get a worker in the clutches of the "law". Particularly one who has the courage to assert his honest right to fight for decent conditions.

In only a year and a half we Maritime workers on the Pacific Coast have seen over a score of our brothers railroaded behind prison bars as a result of their strike activities. Only a few weeks ago four of our brother Seaborgs were saved from a murder rap because of the mass pressure displayed and the brilliant work of the International Labor Defense. Bill Moran can very easily be made another "victim" by the too willing "court of justice".

To make sure that this does not happen and that Moran goes free, every Maritime worker should see to it that pressure is brought to bear upon the prosecutor, demanding Moran's release.

And now of you fellows who have been working pretty regularly, take a day off and go over to Oakland --- WITH YOUR FEDERATION BUTTON --- and pack the courtroom. Let Bill know we are right with him.

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NEW ORLEANS ILA MAKES PROGRESS

New Orleans Longshoremen started 1936 with increased pay and ILA recognition for the first time since 1931.

Three of the larger companies there have been finally forced to sign up with the Union. Thanks to the rank splitting tactics of Ryan and his henchman the New Orleans dealers are carrying on the flight to force recognition from the rest of the companies by themselves. The Texas ports are paying 60 cents an hour as a result of the recent strike there. The question of a hiring hall has not been settled there yet, but any attempts at discrimination have been squashed at once by the workers.
DANGEROUS HABITS AT CROCKETT

Ships unloading at Crockett have never been known as "good jobs", but the "3 men" job is particularly bad. We think it should be immediately stopped there.

They have a habit of rigging extensions onto the winch-handles, and making the winch-driver stand upon the first section of handle, and then he has to go in front of the winch and give it a push. Nothing in the world would keep the winch from being carried into the hold.

The one-by-three piece of board nailed onto the hatch in front of the winch-driver certainly wouldn’t prevent a man from being killed in case of accident.

The Labor Relations Board should look into this, and if they can’t get action from the men on the job undoubtedly can.

JOB ACTION USED TO CUT LOADS ON MATCHES

The longshoremen working pineapples on the Manassl cut the loads down to 34 cases. Workers for the job last Friday. On Saturday, the gangs were laid off, and new ones continued working the small loads, however, and in the late reports, the hatmen had finally made up their minds that there was really going to be 34 cases of pineapple to a load here. The Manassl was scheduled to lay up before the action took place, and is now in the "show-yard". He suggests that all the rest of the pineapple gangs carry out the 34 case load policy on all other ships that they are working.

DOLLAR GANGS WANT "UP-TAKE" ACTION AGAINST SPEED-UP AND FOR SMALLER LOADS

Many members of the Local have had the opinion that the Dollar Line steady men were bordering on being Company men. But the action taking place down there now proves that those members were wrong.

The Dollar gangs have cut the casual loads of coconut down from 15 cases to 12. They have made it very definitely known that if the Company fires them for their action, it is OK by them. They are perfectly willing to work casual, and the Company knows it. So there are only two courses left for the 3 line-manes to the 12-case load, or agree to casual gangs (who won’t work more than 12 cases of coconut to a load any way.)

We hope the Dollar gangs ARE fired, and go on a Class B list. But better still, we should take a referendum vote in the local on whether ALL GANGS OF THE FRUIT GO CASUAL OR NOT.

STEVEDORES PULL TOUGHS BY HALF RATHER THAN USE JITEMS WITH FINT STANDARD OIL

Showing their REAL UNION SPIRIT, the gangs working for Schirmer Stevedoring Company refused to load this jittery company the week before last because THE JITEMS WERE Gassed WITH STANDARD OIL. They pulled the trucks by hand rather than use the flaky gas.
Dear Editor:

Here is a bit of job news that needs a little airing.

Monday, January 6, on the Balboa, at Emery Terminal, Richy's gang steward takes it on himself to go to each gang and tell them to sling four bales of raw paper pulp.

Casual gangs worked all night on the same job, sling bales, averaged 86 bales an hour, but due to this "militant" steward, the day gangs put out 115 bales an hour. Who gets the benefit of these 30 bales difference? Doesn't this red-head know that as steward his duty is to make conditions better for Longshoremen, not for the shipowners?

His gang had better keep an eye on him and on the next phonxy move get a new steward.

-- Union Member

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HOW ABOUT PUTTING THE LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN ITS PLACE?

Quite a while back one of the old dispatchers issued a permit to Witty Wilson. He was rejected by the Investigating Committee when it was learned from very reliable sources that Witty had spent the entire strike period hustling in a pool room. Because of this, the Committee acted correctly in refusing his request for membership.

However, it seems like pool hustling was given recommendation or else Witty wasn't just hustling during that time—whatever the reason may be—the Labor Relations Committee not only restored his permit—but gave him a brass. Not so long ago this pool-hustler was working on Pier 17, and making his sling-load larger than all the others. When an honest rank and fileMember protested this voluntary speed-up by Witty, he answered "If you don't like it, why don't you go back to Moscow where you come from?"

Red baiting is about all you can expect from a character like this, so we are not the least bothered about that.

What we want to know is what the hell rights has the Labor Relations Committee got to go over the head of the Investigating Committee? Who is running this Local? It is about time that the Labor Relations Com was put in its place. A Rank and File Investigation Committee certainly is judge enough to know when a man is eligible and when not. It is not just a co-incident that more than a few of those who received permits from the LARC are natural born flinks.

FOR REAL RANK AND FILE UNIONISM

Dear Editor:

Cummings' gang at Matson's have started a system of rotating the Steward's tanks around every few months that should be copies by other gangs on the Front.

Our union is surrounded on the principle of rank and file control; that is the main body of the men themselves are supposed to do the business & make the decisions, and our officials are merely full time representatives of us. Our committees are elected by the Rank and File and they are not committees made up of a picked few, but are as broad as possible.

This not only makes for broader views on each issue, but helps to give more men a working understanding of how an union is to be run.

The average gang steward is already better informed on what is taking place than the rest of the gang; that was why he was elected. When the task is rotated now men are trained, the work is not all on one man, and the entire gang in time awakens to the realization that this is MY UNION. This does not mean that I favor a new man every meeting; it means that when a steward feels that he has the job well in hand, he can start looking for a man to break in his place.

--Yours for Democracy

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CHEAP CIGARS

(lifted from the "Shape-Up")

Dear Editor:

"The heartiest thanks from the longshoreman to the dear Grace Line Company for the gift received upon the occasion of the Christmas holidays—a cigar! A gift much deserved after 12 years of faithful work for the Grace Line.

-- A Longshoreman"

Ed. Note: Old man office made himself $185,000 last year. The average wage for Longshoremen was about $124 per week.

JACK JONES "SUICIDE" MUST BE INVESTIGATED

Jack Jones, working on a yellow Permit card out of 38-79, and who had passed for membership, was arrested for being drunk. While under arrest, he hung himself in the City Jail. At least, that is what the police record shows.

Details are suspiciously vague, and a COMPLETE INVESTIGATION into the so-called "SUICIDE" of Jack Jones should be demanded at once.

If there is nothing unusual, then no one will hinder an investigation. If there is immediate action must be taken.

IT'S SUICIDE,
SARGENT!
The recent election results

At their last election, Clerks' local 38-90 voted into office a slate which boasted itself "Conservative". If this means that the membership is desirous of "standing still" (what the real meaning of the word conservative), or of taking a milder attitude than heretofore towards their employers in the long delayed negotiations, then the brothers had better kiss goodbye to any hopes of an improved agreement.

For two years now, the employers have made a monkey out of 38-90 and treated it with contempt and disdain. Three times they forced the clerks to go to the trouble of resorting to a lot of legal hokum as to whether the Ila represented clerks yes or no. Three times have the bosses controlled "unions" done this within the past two years, all with the intention of weaning the clerks away from the ILa. Their latest attempt was, of course, the "Brotherhood" for the organizing of which employers spent money freely. Fortunately, the vast majority of the Brotherhood men realized that the Ila was their one and only protection and decided not to give up and aren't satisfied from that source. In fact, when the Brotherhood insisted upon improvement in wages and working conditions, the bosses were no longer interested.

The question arises that possibly there is no need for the employer to worry about the Clerks' Union either. Through lack of courage, insufficient management, or by being easily satisfied the Clerks' Union seems to hold itself in check. Even the plea to the bosses by one of our officials that "the clerks have never given or caused them any trouble", seems to have fallen on deaf ears, because as we all too well know, the clerks have not been so docile. The negotiating committee keeps on telling the members, as they have been since August of last year, "That it will only be a matter of another conference!"

When the Salaried, Bargemen, Stevedores, or the Carpenters kick they put up a fight; consequently these groups and their officials and spokesmen have the fear and respect of the employers, and therefore they accomplish things and get results. The Clerks Must Not Be Satisfied To Stick In The Mud. They Must Follow The Example Of The Other IlA Locals. They Must Remember That Improved Conditions Will Only Result From Organized, Militant Action!  

A Good Employer

The Luckenbach Co. has the reputation among some of the boys of being a "good employer." The most casual examination will show that this concern is "good" to the craft that is most militant and best organized, while the miserable wages (pardon, we should say "salaries") paid to their employees proves that for the weakly organized and poorly led they have absolutely no respect.

The publicity department of the waterfront is Ashtabula, and their letters could not allow the holiday season to go by without omitting one of their usual sided statements. Their latest push was to the effect that they had always fulfilled their part of the negotiations and agreements, but that the other side, the employers, are the ones who think up the obstacles to the smooth working of waterfront negotiations. No one knows better than the officials of Clerks' Local 38-90 that the falsehood this is. Many of our officials know that on the slightest pretext and excuse the employers have right along injected technicalities and stalled, avoided, and sidetracked in every way possible so far as the clerks are concerned for the past two years, and are continuing to this very day. Consider the raw deal the boys working at Ensign Terminal received. Everyone knows that this outfit quibbles and stalls on the four hazy minimum of hours and transportation. Our officials were asleep at the switch for a long time, and not until the boys raised a loud howl did either the Secretary or the Business Agent President make a move to do anything about the publicity and the tact of that outfit over at Ensign Terminal, certainly provide the clerks' local a grand opportunity to put in a wallop, not only on their own behalf, but on the other locals in the Maritime Federation. It was a chance to obtain publicity in rebuttal to the venmous statements & untruths of the employers' agents. Did the paid officials of the Clerks' local grasp this opportunity to do anything about it? Did we not:

Miss Indifference of the Part of Our Paid Officials Must Not Be Allowed To Go On Any Longer.

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ATTENTION: All Members of the Clerks In S.F. And The East Bay

Amendments to the By-Laws: Amendments to the By-Laws were adopted at our last meeting providing for a quorum at regular meetings of only seeking selfish interest of the registered membership, and at special meetings of not less than one-fifth.

Therefore, be sure to attend all meetings and pass the word on to your fellow members.

Protect your organization by attending its meetings. Eternal vigilance is the price for better wages and conditions.

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Next Meeting In Oakland

January 15th

9th And West Street

Transamer Hall

Many matters of great importance will come up.

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Question?????

Why have the defeated candidates for offices in the Clerks' Local ignored our meeting since the elections in December? Were they only seeking selfish interests? Let's see and hear from these brothers at the next meeting on January 15th.
THIS IS A NEW YEAR -- 1956. AND AMONG SOME OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN IS THE NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR THE WATERFRONT WORKER.

HERETOFORE, WE HAVE BEEN CHANGING $2.00 PER YEAR, $1.50 FOR SIX MONTHS AND 50c FOR THREE MONTHS.

NOW, WE PROPOSE TO CHANGE THIS -- REDUCE IT TO $1.00 PER YEAR, 75c FOR SIX MONTHS, AND 40c FOR THREE MONTHS.

ONE OF OUR "FRIENDS" ON THE "FRONT" RECENTLY ACCUSED US OF UNJUST PRACTICES CHARGING SUCH A HIGH RATE FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS. HE HAD IT ALL FIGURED OUT: 62 WEEKS IN A YEAR, MULTIPLIEd BY 24 Equals $1.50. THE ONLY THING HE FORGET WAS THE POSTAGE! IT COSTS 3c POSTAGE FOR EACH ISSUE MAILED!

SURE, EVEN UNDER THE NEW RATES, THE WATERFRONT WORKER WILL RUN A LITTLE HIGHER THAN BUYING INDIVIDUAL COPIES ON THE "FRONT" FROM THE S.W.I.B.S. BUT WE CLAIM THAT IT'S WORTH IT! HERE ARE OUR ARGUMENTS:

(a) The paper is worth more than a mere 2c per copy anyway.
(b) You know we are going to miss a particularly good issue if you depend on waiting to see a salesboy. By subscribing, the issue will reach you whether you are able to buy one on the street or not.
(c) The convenience of having the mailman deliver your copy is worth the difference in price. The paper is put out on a strictly non-profit basis, and where there is an increase in cost (such as the 3c postage) an added sales price must be made.

(Suppose there is another strike. If and when there is, we will see to it, no matter how busy the editors may be on the picket line, etc., as was the case in 1954, THE WATERFRONT WORKER WILL BE ISSUED REGULARLY. And then suppose a reign of terror is instigated and our salesboys driven off the streets under pain of arrest and attack, then the subscription list would be the only method of distribution left. We must be prepared for any and all eventualities.)

DRIVE FOR WATERFRONT WORKER SAVING FUND TO BE MADE

AS WE POINTED OUT ABOVE, THE WATERFRONT WORKER IS ISSUED ON A STRICTLY NON-PROFIT BASIS. IN FACT, IT COSTS A LITTLE MORE TO PRINT EACH ISSUE THAN IS TAKEN IN EVEN THOUGH IT IS DONE BY VOLUNTEER LABOR. THIS IS BECAUSE WE ARE FORCED TO BUY OUR PAPER IN SUCH SMALL QUANTITIES THAT THE RATE IS HIGHER THAN IT SHOULD BE.

WE PROPOSE THAT THE WORKERS ON THE WATERFRONT -- ALL WHO READ OUR WEEKLY -- UNDER- 

TAKES TO RAISE A QUOTA OF $160.00 WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, SO THAT WE CAN BUY A WHOLE LOT OR PAPER NOW. WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO MISS THE PRICE OF THE PAPER DOWN 10c ENOUGH TO MAKE A SMALL PROFIT, WHICH WILL BE USED TO INCREASE THE PAPER DISTRIBUTION IN OTHER PORTS AND IMPROVE THE PAPER TECHNICALLY.

SINCE THE WATERFRONT WORKER IS THE REAL VOICE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO STEVEDORES, 

AND SINCE IT REALLY BELONGS TO YOU, WE WANT YOUR OPINION ON THIS PROPOSAL -- DO YOU THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA? (WE KNOW WHAT YEAR-GAS PLANT WILL SAY TO THIS, BUT WE'RE NOT ASKING THIS OF HIS FACE.) WE ARE ASKING THE RANK AND FILE STEVEDORES.

IF YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE IDEA OF RAISING THE $15.00 LET US KNOW.

WRITE US A LETTER, AND TELL US YOUR VIEW. AND IF YOU DO AGREE, PERHAPS YOU HAVE AN IDEA AS TO HOW IT COULD BE RAISED. SHALL IT BE BY COLLECTION LISTS, LIKE WE DID A YEAR AGO OR SHALL WE USE OTHER METHODS? WHAT DO YOU THINK?

REMEMBER, WE HAVE USED THE FUNDS WHICH WERE SO GENEROUSLY DONATED BY THE MARITIME WORKERS LAST YEAR (WHICH AMOUNTED TO OVER $350.00), TO PURCHASE A NEW MICROGRAPH AND TWO TYPEWRITERS. NOW GIVE US A HAND IN RAISING ENOUGH MONEY TO STOCK UP ON PAPER, AND WE CAN ALL BE ASSURED THAT THE WATERFRONT WORKER WILL NEVER FALL ON A SINGLE ISSUE. IT IS THE PAPER OF THE WORKERS, AND ONLY THE WORKERS CAN BE APPEALED TO FOR FINANCIAL HELP. CERTAINLY THE STEVEDORES NOT THE RANKS WILL HELP US! WE MUST HELP OURSELVES!

WRITE TO POST OFFICE BOX 1158 RIGHT AWAY, AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THIS WHOLE MATTER. WE WILL WELCOME YOUR LETTERS AND PRINT ALL WE CAN OF THEM.

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Dear Editor:

A Lockenbach walking boss, Charlie Wright, would like to go back to the "Blue Book" system, but this was nipped in the bud.

Working on one of the Lockenbach boats Monday, December 30, in Alameda, we finished at six o'clock and were sent to supper on the same ship at the Howard Terminal.

While working in Alameda Charlie Wright told three gangs that they were going to work until 12 o'clock that night at Howard Terminal. Two night gangs had already been ordered to report at eight o'clock to work the above mentioned ship all night on the saw dock.

Then, where did Charlie Wright get his authority to try to work these three gangs 14 hours, when the ship was not finishing? All of the men except two were willing to work and violate the rules that we made and fought so hard for, just for the sake of a couple of dollars.

Not one of the three gang stewards made any protest. If it had not been for one militant brother who was on that dock and told Charlie Wright where to head in at, he would have worked them until 12 o'clock that night so that the two night gangs could finish by 6 o'clock in the morning.

The same flink Charlie Wright passed a remark while in a restaurant next to Pier 29, that it cost him $6 per ton to discharge the Jacob Lockenbach.

I wish to know how long he has owned the Lockenbach times. It is about time they kicked him out and put a real union man in his place.

-Anti-Shipowner

GOOD MEMORY

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the WATERFRONT Worker you ask: "What do the rest of the boys think about the hiring hall being too small?"

When the Labor Relations Committee rented the hall it was pointed out at that time that the space was small, but held-up and refused (Chairman for BOTH sides) was stubborn in his determination that it was large enough. He was also directly responsible for the major mistakes, but the rank and file seemed to enjoy thinking it was unknown to an old Rank and Filer.

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The MAIL BAG

WANT TO ANSWER IT, JOE?---

Dear Editor:

I see where we can't keep some of those Bosses casual. Take Rawło H. Olson for instance, formerly of Pier 29, who told his gang they have to go preferred because they are not making enough money being casual. However, all of the gang, except a couple, refused.

I think the trouble with Joe Olson is that he is annoying his ship brother Triangle O. He also likes the smell of fancy food in the Mason cafeteria; that is where he eats all the time when he is down there -- with the rest of the flink.

As I right, Joe? -- A Close Observer

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ANOTHER YOUNG FELL WITH AMBITION

Dear Ed:

There should be a bale of tunic sent to a gang boss at Pier 32, so that he can dry his tears.

His sons last Thursday were heard all over the ship.

--Another Shepherd

P.S. He is the boy who is working both himself and his gang so hard trying to make himself a walking boss.

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PDA UNIONS END

Dear Ed:

The Ship alongside Contractors' Association, which was recently formed while the Ship alongside men on strike, has already disbanded. It is a good thing, for if they kept meeting, there probably would have been more trouble because of their picketing activities. A volume could be written on the activities of those greedy longshore contractors and the tactics they use in their efforts to get business.

--A Skidder

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SOE MAINTAINING PLANT

Editor, Waterfront Worker:

There are still a few strike-breaking ship scalers employed by Mr. Peace-Loving Plant on his American-Brazilian dock. He was responsible for the statement at one time that he hoped that "peace and harmonious relations would obtain." His attitude in retaining these loyal scalers who remained working during the 1934 strike shows how little his statements are worth. A good resolution for 1936 would be to find ways and means for the removal of Plant and his loyal scalers.

--A Rank and Filer
For a long time it has been known that a huge part of the American workers will never get jobs. This army of unemployed insurance never received a chance to leave the schools and universities to take their place in the world. Speed-up and long hours, (not just machinery) have produced the capitalistic economist to call "structural unemployment." In a recent study, he means that the employers can't use over 11,000,000 able bodied workers. Every union, every workers' organization has been faced with the question of how to feed hungry people. Common sense tells us that if workers are refused work, these responsible for this state of affairs should provide them with the necessities of life. The unemployed have been offered charity, WPA, WIC, SEFA, WPA, WA, and many other alphabetical arrangements. Of course, along with these give-ups come all kinds of red tape and red tape. The very nature of the average unemployed goes to the root of the problem in the recent work for the WPA and finds it in the evening, that the unemployed for the WPA shows how unsuitable this form of work is. Right now all national direct relief is being abolished. Some 3,500,000 are given jobs that will only last until June and the rest of them are forced to go over to local relief. We can imagine what kind of relief this will be with most of the cities broke. Since the early part of the depression many workers' organizations have sought for a system of unemployment insurance. A committee for Unemployment Insurance was set up which was affiliated to thousands of AF of L locals and other workers' organizations. Every civilized country in the world except U.S. has some such system to provide for their unemployed. The particular kind of Unemployment Insurance that is in the best interests of all workers is the one being proposed in Congress by Senator Lyon J. Frazier. It calls for payment of benefits to all unemployed, youth, women, Negro, and self-employed people popularly known as "eligible class." Payments are to be equivalent to the average wage, with a minimum of $10 per week plus $5 additional for each dependent and a maximum of $20 per week and $8 for each dependent. The benefits are to be paid to the entire period of unemployment and provides for unions and workers' organizations to control the policy of those who administer the Act. The cost is to be met by taking the large incomes, corporation surpluses, inheritance tax, and so forth.

The National Administration sensing the need for unemployment insurance, but always on guard to protect the interests of the employers, decided to palm off a gold brick onto the American Public. This force called the "Social Security Act," makes it secure for the rich. They have paid only a snip for unemployment taxes, compared to what they really should pay. If we examine the Unemployment Reserve section of the Frazier Act, the above stated fact becomes quite clear. Beginning the first of this year, every worker will have about a half cent of every dollar taken from his wages. It increases until by 1938 it will be 1-1/2 cent from every dollar. The employer has a payroll tax of ten cents on every dollar and it increases to a little less than three cents after that. Of course it will be easy for the employer to make the buying public stand the cost by the simple means of boosting the prices.

No benefits are to be paid until 1938 under this proposed "Security Act." of the present administration, which, of course, leaves out the millions who are now unemployed. Then a worker losing his job would have to wait six weeks before receiving any kind of relief on the theory that a worker ought to have enough reserves to last him that long. After one begins receiving payments, one is allowed only one week out of every four that you paid in. For example, if you worked 20 weeks during 1936 and 1937 and you became unemployed in 1938 you receive only five weeks of payments. And regardless of how many weeks you worked in 1936 and 1937, you can not get more than 20 weeks of payments. That is the limit. After that, it is not the government's concern what happens to you. The worker is to receive half his wages, but no more than $15.00 per week. Strikers will receive payments. But, "No Worker can receive a suitable job or he loses the benefit." In other words, there is plenty of reasons to fear the government switching by forcing unemployed to take strikers' jobs under threat of losing their payments. It is quite clear that the common people need the Frazier Bill. We should hold discussions in our union on the Frazier Bill and the Social Security Act. Resolutions should be adopted demanding the passage of the Frazier Bill and send them to our Congressmen. Only massive pressure will force adequate insurance.