The employers in their strategy to put over a general lockout on the coast are looking for new angles to start trouble. The Rank & File on the coast must stand prepared to meet any attack. Therefore, it is necessary that the membership of all locals install discipline into their ranks and be able to move quickly and decisively in any direction.

It so happens that there are some men in our ranks who deliberately lay down on the job. Whether these members are just naturally lazy or whether they are placed in our ranks deliberately to cause trouble cannot be ascertained at this time, but we do know that these guys work a hardship on good union members. They bring the union into ill repute and directly work against the union and its members. If a man lays down on the job, he is not hurting the shipowners but good union men and the I.L.A. gets the blame. The majority of I.L.A. members are willing to do a fair day's work.

The other ports are doing more tonnage which puts us in a pretty tough spot. At the last convention a resolution was adopted to put into effect a standard load of 1500 lbs. for the coast. It seems that Frisco put the standard loads into effect while the rest of the coast fell down somewhat. Pedro Pete has been running around with a brief case full of notes on how to build the Chamber of Commerce, but nothing about how to safeguard and build the I.L.A. We must insist that the standard load limit go into effect, and that the district officials see to it that the convention resolution is carried out.

We must concentrate on bringing other ports to our level, otherwise they will not be sympathetic if we get into trouble over the question of loads, especially if the employers have a record of drinking on the job to present against us.

In order to create the understanding that we are the masters of our destiny in regard to our work on the waterfront, what we do whether it is good or bad has its effect on the organization, every member must understand what is expected of him and how best he can work to bring more discipline to the membership as a whole.

1. Must have discipline through gang stewards. Certain rules have been laid down for the gang steward to follow, but some stewards hesitate to put them into effect. For fear he will be called a flink or perhaps be accused of working for (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)
Reinstatement of 31 warehousemen charged by the Santa Cruz Packing Co. because of union affiliation was ordered by the Regional Labor Board examiner.

The decision, a sweeping victory for the men who are affiliated with the International Longshoremen's Association, ordered the company to pay them for workNaN...years in a racket. The action cut off from their workmen's compensation because they dared to organize their fellow workers and fight for the interests of the workers.

One of the many class war prisoners in San Quentin today is Harry Donlan, an I.L.A. member, sentenced to prison because of his activity in the 1934 maritime strike. Away from his family and union brothers, Harry feels no attention should be paid to the man who contributed their freedom so that labor could become better organized.

Have you seen to San Quentin to see the stone masons, steel, machine guns and gray and slud dungeon? If you haven't, then go! Visit one of the Modesto victims. Any of the C & E defendants, such as A. Scholz, Jim Mc Namara, or the I.L.A. brother, Harry Donlan. The prisoners expect and want visitors and Harry hasn't had a union brother visit him in weeks. If you wish to go -- don't delay: 90 NOW!

DO SMOKING HERE?

Do you believe in signs? The Board of Harbor Commissioner writes to the I.L.A. and informs them that anyone caught smoking in a restricted area will be subject to a $25 fine. Some of the brothers are little skeptical and say, "they can't do that!" It is something like the fellow who was to be married at that time. "Do you anything to say?" The condemned man answered, "Yes -- this is going to be a big lesson to me!" And so it goes when you see a sign reading "No Smoking Here!" -- Believe it.

THE SAME AL

Saturday -- Al Smith appears before the Board of Trustees and Assessments of New York City to ask for a reduction in the tentative assessed valuation of $28,600,000 on his Empire State Building.

LINCOLN LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

I see in the near future a crisis that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of our great and justifiable pride in our chronology and the era of convulsion, in high places we will follow, and the naysayer power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in the few hands, and the republic destroyed.
shipowners. The members of the gang must be able to use the stairs, and to perform. The majority of I.L.A. men are experienced stevedores and know what a fair day's work is and opposed to those stevedores who deliberately lay down on the job. If they go on strike, we must be able to take them out of the regular service. The majority of I.L.A. men are experienced stevedores and know what a fair day's work is and opposed to those stevedores who deliberately lay down on the job. If they go on strike, we must be able to take them out of the regular service.

We want to make it plain the difference between an honest militant who strives for uniform working conditions, a standard load and a real agent or representative, such as George Branston the agent of the waterfront union convention. We must be able to distinguish between a militant Rank & File and an employer's agent whose sole purpose is to foment trouble.

5. All must cooperate with gang stewards.

The Port of Portland gang steward is democratically elected by the gang and he is the gang's representative in all disputes. The gang must back the steward when he goes to the bat for them, ecenially in the case where he has been accused by the gang steward of laying down on the job. This is not steel-plant work, but necessary steps to safeguard our organization from shippers and moatmakers. When the strikers some of the members have the misfortune to be the only to keep the time book and to take care of the water can. We must remember the boss is the man that is responsible for the gang. If he abuses his authority as a boss by shouting, hollering or otherwise abusing the men, we have committees to hear such grievances. The boss has the perfect right to fire any man. If the member feels that he has been discriminated against or fired unjustly he can appeal his case to the proper committees and justice will be done as it has been when some bosses have over-stopped their rights. But above all the bosses and gang stewards must cooperate and work together. If we can establish cooperation it is that if the majority of the membership work in harmony and cooperate with the gang stewards, our elected officials and the various committees, we can in a short space of time get real working conditions in disarray and beat the stands of the Pacific Coast longshoremen. And as been proven in the past when the Rank & File understand the necessity and need of carrying through a certain motion, they have cooperated.

Let's put our shoulders to the wheel brothers, and bring discipline into the ranks of Local 84-79 and beat the shipowners to the punch.

THIS IS NEWS -- BUT IT'S WANTED:

What would you say if the WFRONT worked for good publication? We know what the shipowners and the phoney labor leaders would do -- more than likely they would go out, get drunk and say thank God, that scurrilous sheet has stopped publication.

However, there is no intention of stopping publication, but have you ever stopped to think that news is needed for this little paper -- your paper? We all realize the vital need of such an outspoken paper. A paper that has given guidance and not once in its 8 years of existence has given any phoney advice. It has gotten so that the familiar saying on the waterfront is "as right as the WFRONT worker." It can help the WFRONT WORKER by sitting down and in a few minutes get down some news about the waterfront. The only thing the editor asks is that the news be correct - we check all stories.

You write the stories - we print them.

The address is Box 1180, S.F. WRITE NOW!

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I. L. A. CONVENTION

A communication from San Pedro requests that the Annual I. L. A. Convention be advanced and it should be held in conjunction with the next Port of Portland Local 84-79 want on record to hold the convention the latter part of March in San Pedro, which is the port designated at the last convention.

It seems as though Bro. Bruce and Bro. Pedro Pete don't want to see the convention held in San Pedro because he is afraid the Rank & File may learn some thing to their benefit as the Portland membership did. It is rumoured the membership meeting a motion was passed that a special meeting be held previous to the convention to take up resolutions and suggestions for the convention. In the past it has been Local 84-79 that has put forward the program which has united the entire coast. Just a brief summary:

1932 - Local 84-79 went on record against the Portland conference, which placed all power of the I. L. A. in the hands of a committee of eight and other phoney proposals which all Rank & Filers remember.


1935 - Delegates to Annual Convention fought for referendum ballot in the election of all district officials. Resolution defeated except district president to be elected by referendum. All Rank & File resolutions carried.

In other words, after a most bitter fight at all our conventions the program as put forward by Local 84-79 has been adopted. We must continue the work.
ON THE SPOT

NO BUMS - NO POLICE.

Snow line: No Bums here -- four suspicious looking characters, upon investigation, proven to be L.A. police on the loose. Headed the police back toward their home territory. Everything quite and peaceful; No police -- no bums.

Such has been the quantity of telegrams that have been swamping the outlying districts where Mayor Davis of L.A. has sent his storm troopers to turn back those unfortunate American workers who travel via the side door pullman when they attempt to enter this glorious free state of California. It is being said that Mayor Davis is going to set up a bureau in Los Angeles whereby any person wishing to enter or leave California will have to apply 60 days previous to departure or arrival. It is also rumored that his chief advisor will be Nell Mollister, assisted by Henry R. Saborn of "American Citizen" shame. Publicity man, Willis Hearst - Office Boy, Red Hump.

AL HAS HIS SAY.

"Bolshevism is knocking at our gates. We can't afford to let it in. We have got to organize ourselves against it, and put our shoulders together and hold fast. We must keep America whole and safe and unspoiled. We must keep the worker away from red literature and red ruses. We must see that his mind remains healthy." - AL CAPONE

KEEP AMERICA SAFE UNTIL I GET OUT!

HOT SMOKES.

Brother - do you smoke? If you do, don't buy your smokes at any United Cigar store. They are all on the Pink List. They are as anti-union as the Standard Oil or Hearst.

The United Cigar at the corner of Market & E. Streets gets some play from the stevedores. As a proposal, how about the Maritime Federation placing a picket before the shop and let the men know that the place is on the unfair list. Furthermore, if some members insist on buying their smokes there a little fine maybe would cause them to change their minds.

NOT SO BIG AFTER ALL!

Let's take him apart.
A letter addressed "Madame Queen" was received in Washington, D.C. The postal clerk sent it to the Labor Department and sure enough the letter was for the Madame Secretary of Labor, requesting relief from the lynching terror being turned against the southern sharecroppers.

A. H. Peterson, international organizer, better known as "Pedro Pete," has been made a Lieutenant in the Chamber of Commerce of the People. The "better citizens" of the fair southern city have decided to carry on an organizational drive — with admisses, captains and Locleys appointed. The Chamber of Commerce has long been known for its enforcement of "law and order." The workers call it open shot. That Pete should be openly connected with such an outfit surprised even the most reactionary elements. And to think Pete only being named yesterday. Pat — Pat Pete, you must be slipping.

The members of Warehousemen's Local 50-44 are asking for dictators made or do they just happen? The dispatcher, Rank, has taken upon himself the powers of putting a brother on the bench for 72 hours without even going through the formality of preferring charges against the brother.

It should be pointed out to Rank that Rank & File unions are not run like that. Ask Melancon, Holman or Scharenberg what happens to little boys that try to be dictators.

The Teasators International have issued orders that any member who has not worked at his trade for a period of one year is automatically barred from the organization. Many Rank & Fileers have felt the weight of such a ruling by being told they were no longer members. James E. Hopkins, member of the Teasators and Manager of the Terry Building, has seen the inside of a cab truck for years and years, but then James DOS Miller, who has never operated a cab truck, has seen the inside of a cab truck. The Teasators, the Central Labor Council and the State Federation and that does make a difference.

Muscle-In,-, the bang muscle ran from Italy, has been having a pretty tough time of it — what with thousands of his soldiers and reservists deserting into Austria and the heroic Ethiopians willing his crack troops all over the Africa. But the American bombing another Red Cross hospital cannot bring "The Douches" out of the dumbs.

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20,000 DOCTORS STRIKE IN ANTIPO

The doctors in Antipo are out in struggle in defense of their economic demands. This fight started when the doctors refused to sign the"girge". They demanded payment for at least 6 hours. The mill owners of the Transport Workers Union led off the strike to be followed by all the phobic union. More than 20,000 doctors of Antipo are fighting shoulder to shoulder.

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RACIST GENERALS OUTSMARTED

Muscelini and his gold-braid generals are taking a terrific beating in Nokole by the bare-foot generals of the freedom loving Ethiopians.

The highly mechanized rubber army of the "Ill Duce" pushed far into the Ethio- pian territory, setting up camps in Nokole. After weeks of maneuvering Haile Selassie's barefoot warriors surrounded the town and attacked with such ferocity and daring that the fascist invaders were repulsed and completely routed. Much ammunition, hospital supplies, trucks and rifles were captured. It has been reported that 1,700 Italians were slain. The heat, sickness and insects are playing an untold hardship upon the Italian soldiers.

Muscle-In's generals may be heavy on the medals and uniforms, but they are short on the brains and military strategy. Representing a decaying, dying system of imperialistic aggression and slavery, they are helpless to their discredited nation, united in its fight for freedom. Haile Selassie and his barefoot warriors are sounding the death knell of Mussolini's Fascism.

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GUILD LABOR

The golf course lies so near the mill That almost every day The toiling children can look out And see the men at play.

Those people who have been insistent for years that America may be regimented may now lean back with a sigh of relief when The Labor Defender, the Supreme Court of America, has just said that it is C.O. for little children to work in factories. So instead of being regimented in real school rooms they are now free to file into a beautiful factory and work twelve hours a day. Once more the world is made safe for hypocrisy.

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WORKERS WEAPON — GENERAL STRIKE

A general strike has tied up the small Illinois town of Pekin. Union labor in- comes at the treatment given striking workers at the American Distilling Co. walked out on a general strike in protest against the snub-horning tactics of the Chief of Police. The strikers are demanding the Police Chief's dismissal.

The Sheriff doing the bidding of the town's industrialists, called for the National Guard. The working-class pressure is so great that at this writing he gives the Governor his notice to send the National Guard into the strike area, although they are mobilized for action.

The workers of the U.S. are fast learning their lessons of solidarity and unity. The bosses growing nervous at the sight of a generation call on America's storm troops, the National Guard. The bosses with their speed-up, profit system, spies, thugs and National Guard can be beaten and can be defeated by the organized power of the workers.

LONG LIVE THE GENERAL STRIKE.

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Dear Ed:

From the days of the clipper ship comes that rich phrase of the sea - "full and by". Somehow, romantically, we tend to apply to the industrial situation of the waterfront, yet, just as the stout ships swung free and true with all sails set, so has our good ship Maritime Federation of the Pacific - still sailing in troubled waters - following prolonged economic storms along the waterfront, held to her course by the steady hand of our able leaders and the deep understanding of the Rank & File.

The working class of the West Coast have apprehended the bitter effort that has been made on the waterfront, not only to destroy the maritime unions, but to plant here and propagate here seeds of fascism and terror.

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific has consistently opposed the forces that have sought by connivance and trickery to force a wedge into the solidarity of the maritime groups, our mutual destruction; a long-dreamed battle marked, as it has been, by brutal break-ups, intimidation and murder, by prolonged periods of legal lawlessness, such as is sweeping the feudal south and the highly industrialized East.

As the struggle develops from one stage to another, more workers are beginning to realize the true significance of the class struggle. That on our hands we have the exploiters of mankind, who wear by every and all means the least amount of sweat and blood from the workers to make bigger and bigger profits.

In the other camp we find the mighty working class,ollen under the lash, but fighting tooth and toe nail to win from the employer the right to a better living standard and a more comfortable life.

The battle goes on. The maritime workers through unity and solidarity have gotten some of the better things of life, but we maintain our unity and solidarity. Let us hold our ranks solid. Let us fight to keep the Maritime Federation of the Pacific & Rank & File control.

An Onlooker.

** CHAINS OF PROGRESS **

Alfred E. Smith believes that "It is a great mistake to say we have a prepared class." Anyways, it is a great mistake for a worker to say it. He may end up in prison or the chain gang, and the American Legion even might not like him.

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Dear Ed:

In the past few months Cliff Lester of the Love Nest has had a couple of write ups in our Waterfront Worker and both prove that Cliff wasn't at fault. Lester is the President of the Teamsters Union - Oakland, membership 1,600 and he has won the teamsters some concessions. An sure there is some dirty work afoot to hold Lester back because he is active and has the union at heart. If Local 38-79 issues an order that Lester is unfair, let's go by that in the future.

Like a Union Cook.

(Sitters' Note) Upon investigation we find that Lester is running a fair place however, if any letters are received, criticizing Lester for his activities in the Teamsters Union and upon investigation we find the criticism to be justified we will print the letters as we have in the past.

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** M-EN W-A-H-T-E-D **

WASH NEWS ABOUT THE WATERFRONT
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APPLY P.O. BOX 1156 - S P

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** WOMEN BUILDING AUXILIARY **

Dear Ed:

It was believed by the membership of the Auxiliary that the change of their meeting time, from 6:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. would help to increase the membership. Women with small children, find it difficult to attend meetings at night as they have no one to leave their children with. Now, that this change has been made, we hope to see a marked increase in membership.

Under I.L.O., Auxiliary Charter #3, the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of all I.L.O. men, are eligible for membership in this Auxiliary.

Women are needed in the Labor movement and should be willing to enroll themselves in every means, by which they can help their men.

By organizing into labor auxiliaries, we women, serve notice on capitalists, industrialist and shipowner, that we no longer intend to let our men fight the battle alone for a decent American Standard of Living, but we are determined and ready to fight with them.

A Longshoreman's Wife.
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Dear Editor:

Here is a few do you remember when's:

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When Steinking-Post One or Pier #28 would not have his hat?

When Ice Holman took time off to take a vacation among the nudists, and the union paid him while he was gone?

How about the time Curly Cutwright had his bag all packed ready to make a flying trip to Washington, D.C., to represent the I.L.U. at the Code hearings — a special meeting of the Executive Board stopped him cold? Was Curly burnt up?

Let's have more of those 'Do you remember when's'. Come on you guys, give a pension and get busy. Plead the editors...

An Old Reporter Whenever.

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HOYCEY STANDARD OIL

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Even if the members are willing to support the machinery of production, as they do in Soviet Russia, certain practices could nor or will never be tolerated, such as shrieking work, drunkenness and general laziness.

Our maritime workers, are playing an historic part in the development of the American trade union movement. We are writing working-class history and as members of that great class we should take a certain pride in, devote ourselves to the further development of the workers in other industries and to the workers on the East and Gulf coasts. We cannot do this if we allow a certain few individuals to jeopardize the safety and welfare of our large organization.

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This is for the kids who die,
Black and white,
For kids will die certainly.
The old and rich will live on awhile,
As always,
Eating blood and gold,
Letting kids die.

Kids will die in the swamps of
Mississippi
Organizing sharecroppers,
Kids will die in the streets of Chicago
Organizing workers,
Kids will die in the orange groves of
California
Telling others to get together.

Whites and Filipinos,
Negro and Indian,
All kinds of kids will die
Who don’t believe in lies, and tribes,
And contentment,
And a lousy peace.

Of course, the wise and the learned
Who pen editorials in the papers,
And the gentlemen with Dr. in front of
their names,
White and black,
Who make surveys and write books,
Will live on wearing words to smooth
the kids who die.

And the sleazy courts,
And the bribe-seeking police,
And the blood-loving generals,
And the money-loving presidents
Will all raise their hands against the
kids who die,
Beating them with laws and clubs and
bayonets and bullets
To frighten the people
For the kids who die are like iron in
the blood of the people —
And the old and rich don’t want the
people
To taste the iron of the kids who die,
Don’t want the people to get wise to
their own power,
To believe in Angelo Herndon, or ever
get together.

Listen, kids who die —
Maybe, now, there will be no monument for
you
Except in our hearts.
Maybe your bodies’ll be lost in a swamp
Or a prison grave, or the cotton field,
Or the rivers where you’re drowned like
Richard;
But the day will come —
You are sure yourselves that it is
coming —
When the morning foot of the maine
Will raise for you a living monument
of love,
And joy, and laughter,
In black hands and white hands clasped
as one,
And a song that reaches the sky —
The song of the new life triumphant
Through the kids who die.