While the incorrect theory of Syndicalism no longer plays any prominent role in the trade unions, however, it still has its advocates, both from the right wing and from the left wing elements in the unions. W.R. Foster, formerly a well known Syndicalist and now a leading Communist defines syndicalism as follows:

"In its basic aspects, syndicalism, or more properly anarcho-syndicalism may be defined very briefly as that tendency in the labor movement to confine the revolutionary class struggle of the workers to the economic field, to practically ignore the state, and to reduce the whole fight of the working class to simply a question of trade union action. In short, syndicalism is pure and simple trade unionism using militant tactics and dressed up in revolutionary phraseology." 

In the struggle for the united front, in the fight for progressive labor and farmer legislations, in the struggle against fascism and the danger of war, the syndicalists do nothing, or perhaps in a few isolated cases take some sort of individual action. While the syndicalists have no strong organization, the theory that trade unions are sufficient in them solves have powerful advocates more from the right wing brand than its left brothers. The powerful left wing leaders, such as Daniel De Leon, "Big" Bill Haywood and others made themselves felt 30 years ago in the organizing of the I.W.W. The pure left brand of the anarcho-syndicalist still remain in the I.W.W., a narrow sect which no longer influence the main stream of the trade unions, the A.F. of L. However, a few of their wrong ideas still remain with us.

For example, the vicious attack made by Paddy Morris in the Pacific Coast Longshoreman against the officials of District Council #2 of the Maritime Federation. Because the San Francisco officials demanded a congressional investigation in the growth of fascism and its particular California brand-VIGILANTISM. Paddy's attack while of a personal nature, is also directed against the local unions throughout the Pacific Coast that has joined in this demand. Setting aside the vicious character of the language used, calling unnamed officials cowards, etc., the essence of the position taken by Paddy Morris, is contained in the following paragraph:

"Employers are after profits. And if they think that their profits are threatened by the unions, they would exercise every power they have got to crush those unions as one would crush an egg shell." From this very clear and correct conception of what the employers are doing what are his conclusions he says:

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INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE TO GIVE BAZAAR

All year around the International Labor Defense functions for the working-class and its allies.

Twice a year the District I.L.D. gives affairs to meet its major expenses, to pill its membership for defense actions and relief for labor’s prisoners, who are arrested on the battlefront of the class struggle.

Such an affair is the Sixth Annual Bazaar to be held March 20-21-22 at Redmen’s Hall, 3005-16th Street. The Bazaar opens March 20th with a commemoration meeting of the Paris Commune with prominent speakers, mass singing and a play.

Sunday, March 21st, dancing will be the main feature, with a Russian dinner being served from 5 P.M. on.

A special course dinner featuring Carolina baked ham will be served from 1 P.M. with a concert in the evening. Reservations for the dance may be obtained at the Bazaar can be brought to 1005 Market St., Room 410. Tickets can be obtained at the same address.

Help SUPPORT the organization that stands for the Defense and Relief for Labor’s Prisoners.

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HUNGRY JOE TOSSES AWAY CHANCE TO BE A UNION MAN

HungrY Joe, the prize non-union specimen of the McCormack dock is 7 months back in his I.L.A. dues. He hasn’t paid any dues since August 1935. According to the I.L.A. constitution Hungry Joe is no longer a member of 30-70.

Well, Hungry, you’ve had your chance and now you must dance to the shipowners tune. You know what has happened to some of these wise bosses who stuck by the shipowners. Many of those wise guys were fired by the shipowners for when they had sacrificed their honor, their name and their self-respect. It doesn’t pay, but to such a big fink as yourself, it doesn’t make much difference — whether you’re in the union or out. You never did have any union but I.O.U., and the sooner you’re off the Front the better it will be for all concerned.

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2 SHIPIARD STRIKERS FACE COURT ON Mar. 25

Dear Editor:

Two striking shipyard workers, Brothers Art McQuire and Joe Saya, were arrested over in Oakland recently while on the shipyard job last week. The warrant was signed by a man named Paehoo, a strikebreaker. Although the charges are assault and battery the warrant states neither time nor place.

The case came up and was continued to Judge Tyrell’s Court on March 25th. It is important that union members and their friends pack the courtroom on Mar. 25th, or it is very possible these union members will receive a jail sentence.

Pack the courtroom for the sake of defense mass pressure on “California Justice”.

An Oakland Longshoreman.

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"Our unions are organizations of workers based upon the idea and the knowledge that unity gives strength. That's our economic power. Our political power is a by-product."

Certainly we agree, that unity gives strength, our political power has not been mobilized, but even the strongest language Paddy uses as "Our political power is a broken reed" we could overlook in his case if it were not for the purpose of hammering home the need of working-class independent political action. The shipowners demand that congress prosecute the Maritime Federation as an illegal conspiracy, and even in public announcements, they stated that if this was not done, they had organized a powerful vigilante organization to do this work by force and violence. Are we just going to wait until these fascist forces grow in strength? In the growth of fascism merely an affair to be handled by individual unions, as an economic problem, or is it a political question which threatens, not only the existence of our unions, but the democratic rights of the American people?

What Paddy Morris was actually telling the readers of the Pacific Coast Longshoreman was, to hell with the state, with congress, we'll have nothing to do with them - we will only concern ourselves with our own unions and our own conditions. The trouble is that it is just exactly THESE THINGS THAT ARE ENDANGERED and they will be swept away along with our unions if we do not unite, not ONLY in a Maritime Federation, but in taking this "broken reed" and making it WORKING CLASS POLITICAL WEAPON. To say we can't influence congress to such an extent that we will be able to expose the fascist plan of the shipowners and the Headwaters Liberty League now, even before a Farmer Labor party is talking shear syndicalist nonsense. However, we are not so sure that Morris is not using this syndicalist argument from conviction of its correctness, but to take a last, but not a final attack against the leadership of the Maritime Council, in an attempt to belittle the very necessary actions that had to be taken by District Council 204. But, the keepers of the shipowners had already started their offensive, due to some extent to Paddy's own lack of militant leadership in all of these controversies.

HITLER'S LOVE LIFE

Hitler's love life, long a subject of discussion in saloons throughout the world, last week became a diplomatic problem for the Nazi foreign office. It seems that a Parisian newspaper explored some of the Führer's amorous exploits. The Brownshirt diplomatic corps got busy and the censor was ordered to discontinue the stories.

The French press, proud of its freedom in matters of this sort, at any rate --- got in a stuff and a storm of protest ensued. Diplomatic discretion won the day over journalistic valor and Hitler's honor, whatever that may be, was saved.
"OLD HUNGRY" READS ANOTHER SPEECH

Which reminds us that Mr. John Worker of Omaha, Nebraska, spent an evening at the home of a friend listening to Mr. Herbert C. Hoover's (Hungry) Hoover to you) voice pour out of the radio for a half hour or so. Listening, too, was Mr. Worker's friend's twelve year old son.

When 'Old Hungry' had quit speaking, the boy asked his father, "What was Mr. Hoover talking about?"

The father suggested that the boy ask Mr. Hoover, and the lad did - on a post card, limiting his communication to the brief request: "Please explain what your speech said and oblige, yours respectfully."

A week later the lad received a reply. It read: "Mr. Hoover requests that we thank you for your loyal and sympathetic appreciation and is happy to know that millions of stalwart Americans like your self are prepared to restore our country to sane and honest standards."

"Tom is such a sick man". "What's his ailment?" "He is suffering from callouses on the buttocks".

WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE

It seems that top hats strolled out of a swanky Central Park West residence and much to their surprise found the doorman brass buttons and all, carrying a picket sign.

"What are you doing, James? asked Tom."

"Good morning, sir, I am picketing sir" was the reply.

"CH LOOK WHAT PLANT HAS"

"Tear Gas" Plant has a sign hanging up in his office which reads:

"Work is my religion
Be religious every day
Except Sunday
On Sunday, practice your religion."

Gazing upon and reading such a slogan, day in and day out, has been just the touch the "old maestro" needed, and it has resulted in this ---
The Need of a Union Recreation Center

To All Waterfront Workers:

At the present time the Union Recreation Center is endorsed by the Maritime Federation District Council #2, in carrying on a campaign for membership to the Center. The Center is composed of Rank and File members of waterfront unions.

Longshoremen, especially, can remember back to the times of earlier books and how it was broken up. One of the things which helped do the trick was the promise of the bosses' book and lockers. How that we look back, we can see that that is all they were, just promises. At no time did they try or want to give these facilities.

But now in 1936, a year and a half after the end of the great '34 strike we have organized an organization of of and BY workers which is going to give to the longshoremen what the bosses promised. When we realize that it is only through our own efforts that we have gotten this far, we have to more determinedly and with more fight push the building of the Center. There is more than a question of just lockers and showers. The Union Recreation Center is going to try to make itself a force for a better understanding between all trade unions.

All longshoremen are invited to visit and watch the Center in construction. If you want to actively help build it, you are invited to come to our Saturday meetings at 3:00 P.M. -- the address is 32 Clay Street. At these meetings one can offer comment and suggestions. It is your Center -- HELP TO ORGANIZE AND BUILD IT.

Yours for Unity,
Publicity Committee, Union Recreation Ctr

Some New Spanish Customs

Symbol of the new state of affairs in Spain after the great electoral victory of the Popular Front was the composition of Socialists, Communists, Republicans and Syndicalists, is the announcement that the Spanish government will soon resume diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Spanish-Soviet diplomatic relations were broken off in 1935 when the conservatives got the upper hand. Now, they are on the defensive and better relations with the Land of Socialism is on the order of the day.

Latest election returns show that the People's Bloc received 243 seats out of 473. The right-Center opposition received 186 seats. Thirty-five are still in doubt because special run-off elections have to be held to fill them. Even if the People's Bloc doesn't win a single seat more, it will still have a majority in the next Spanish Cortes or Parliament.

After having carried through their major electoral promise, to free the 30,000 political prisoners -- the People's Bloc, under the initiative of the Socialist and Communist united front, pushed forward to new field. Another demand which is being rapidly filled is the restoration of jobs which were taken away from the "lefts" after the uprising in October, 1934.

The Rank and File Waking up -- Ryan up on Charges

Evidently the Gulf longshoremen received some pretty good lessons in the strike down there because the Rank and File have started impeachment proceedings against their International President. They charge Joe with misconduct of office, but what they base their charges on is unknown at this writing.

However, Joe has pulled so many phonies that you could throw the book at him and he could be found guilty on almost any anti-union charge.

It seems that the "reds" are no longer just on the West Coast, but they are even in Ryan's own back yard. Of course, these Gulf Brothers must be "reds", because any one who opposes Ryan is a "red". So Ryan says, and you never Joseph F. wouldn't lie ---- Oh, Yeh!

Shipyard Workers Benefit Dance a Success

Owing to the splendid support given to the striking Shipyard Workers Benefit Dance by the maritime workers, the entertainment committee wishes to report that the dance was a financial success. The sale of tickets was $100. Two breweries donated beer which brought in $7.50.

Entertainment by the Danish Singing Society was highly appreciated, as was the music by Hawaiian String Orchestra.

The fervent appeal made by Mrs. Schuler of the I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary for SOLIDARITY and UNIHY struck deep into the hearts of those present.

The strikers are very appreciative of the aid given to their women folk by the I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary in the formation of a Shipyard Workers! Ladies Auxiliary.

Rubber Strike Solid

America's greatest industrial struggle for 1936 is being waged on the picket lines at Akron. There are 14,000 Goodyear rubber strikers are defying an injunction and blocking freight shipments.

Beefy Sheriff Flowers begged Gov. Davy to send troops when police looked at the enormity of the situation and the union. The rubber union threatens a city-wide strike if troops arrive.

Flower will never forget the boost that greeted him when he read the Court of Common Pleas' injunction to the pickets. The injunction would limit pickets to several men at each gate. Up to 10,000 now mobilize around the plant.

Mass support from other workers aids the strikers. Thousands of rubber workers from other plants join the picketers.

At a meeting of the county Central Labor Union hundreds of delegates roared their approval when C.L.U. President Wilmer Tate shouted: "Injunction or no injunction, the strike at Goodyear is going to continue ---- We must help win this strike".

Representatives of the Committee for Industrial Organization promised organizers and funds for the strike. This committee and other unions see the Akron strike as a key battle in the movement for industrial unionism.
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LITERATURE IN THE CARGO - RULING CLASS
HOWLS

Waterfront Worker Editors:

Although the workers do not own the
cables, the press nor the radio, yet -
we certainly can make the big shots howl
when we act intelligently and use the
means at our disposal. The ruthless
master class can persecute, beat, jail,
and murder militant workers, but they
can NEVER DEFEAT US. Capitalism today
is as shaky and unstable as the old emi-
hence shuy the day it just up and collap-
sed.

As I have said we do not own the cab-
bles, but we have at our means a chance
to exchange greetings, to make known our
pledges of solidarity to our working
class brothers across the great oceans.

Already the Japanese workers must have
been getting some kind of word from the
American workers because the Japanese
ruling class has become so frightened
that a committee has been appointed to
visit the U.S. in an endeavor to seek
out the sources of the red literature.
For that matter the fakers on the East
and Gulf Coasts have made and are making
the same squeak - to much "red" litera-
ture in the cargo. But the workers on the
Gulf are going ahead and are forming
a Maritime Federation.

The shipsmen may still own the ships
but the sons of the working class hold
them and sail them.

The war clouds are hanging heavy over
our heads and don't forget we are the
ones, the workers, who are blown to hell
on the battle fields, inhale the poison
gas and die in agony and pain. Fellow-
workers, we can STOP WAR by organizing
the workers of the entire world to resis-
tant and fight against war. One way to
build up international solidarity is to
let the workers of the world know what
we are doing so by placing working class
news in the cargo, the Voice of the Federa-
tion, The Daily Worker, The Western
Worker, anti-war and anti-fascist publi-
cations, we are bringing those workers
our way. It is a small task, but oh,
what results!

The next ship you go on bring some
working class papers with you and place
them in the cargo.

A Son of the Working Class

THE MAIL BAG

WHAT IS THE ANSWER ----
BILL LEWIS AND PEDRO PETER???

Dear Editor:

Where and from who did Lewis and Pedro
Pete get the authority in giving the
clerks formerly organized in the Brother-
hood of Ry. Clerks a written promise of
autonomy within our local? Most of us
know that neither Lewis nor Pedro Pete
is overburdened with brains, but for our
right stupidity and playing right into
the cards of the bosses, this certainly
take the gold medal, blue ribbon and
what have you?

How sure and comfortable the employ-
ners must feel in having these worthies
as their allies. They, the employers,
are now acting as spokesman and publici-
ty agents for these former Brotherhood
members. Pretty soon I suppose Plant,
and his bunch will be moving into our
offices at Pier 3 to take full charge.

Let Lewis and his counter-revolution of
disrupters have no fear, the Rank & File
of monthly and daily clerks have taken
steps against any harm coming to Local
38-90. The great majority of all our
members are standing like a rock, and
are fully determined to fight for and
safeguard the interests of all clerks
whether hired by the day or month. What
benefits one will favor the other. And
let our officials and the members of the
negotiating committees know who they
don't throw any monkey wrenches in the
works. We are still a Rank & File orga-
ization and have ample means of remov-
ing unfaithful and dishonest officials.

And by the way, Brother Clerks, don't
forget "Father" Lewis when he comes up
for election in the referendum ballot
this spring. Be sure in giving Lewis &
his gang the boot in no uncertain terms.

In other words vote for those brothers
who have proven their worth during the
struggles of the last two years.

A Progressive Clerk.

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IT IS TIME ----

That you read the pamphlet, "A Labor
Party for the United States", published
by the Social Economics Foundation
of New York. Contained in the pamphlet is
Francis J. Gorman's "Why a Labor Party" ad-
dress made before the 55th Convention
of the American Federation of Labor.

At the present time the pamphlet is
available at the various workers' book
shops throughout the city or from the
newspaper on the Front.

The price is 5 cents. YOU should read it.
AMERICANISM, THE VIGILANCE, HEARTHIAN KIND? OR WHAT THE EARLY AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES Fought FOR?

Dear Editor:

It is strange that these people who write letters and issue statements whenever a teacher, professor or official has said something of an outspoken nature in public, never take any action whatever, when real outrages have been committed. I have not heard a single protest against the outrage in Santa Rosa, against the vicious criminal syndicalism law or against the proven frame-up of Monney or Billings from those who walk around with ear-phones to catch "dangerous" and seditious utterances.

It is well to note that these gentlemen who shout so loudly about the "danger of Communism" are as silent as hummingbirds and as inactive as marble statues when it comes to decry decency and personal rights that has been overthrown by insidious mobs. When real outrages have been committed, such as lynching and vigilante raids, the gentlemen in question do nothing about them. Most generally such gentlemen would be found in the lead of a pack of hoodlums, packing the rope or lugging the tar bucket.

This Hearstian type of gentleman indulges in a kind of Americanism that the 5% who control 95% of the wealth ask for and get from their stooges. The sooner American labor organizes broad anti-vigilante committees, welded together in a broad People's Front, the sooner we will have a return to the Americanism our revolutionary fore-fathers fought for and got.

A Berkeley Student-Worker

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WHAT COULD A FARMER LABOR GOVERNMENT DO?

A Farmer Labor Government would see that every unemployed worker in the United States would get adequate relief or a job. It would respond to the call of the masses for genuine social insurance. It would listen to the cry of the hundreds of thousands of old people in the Townsend and other movements for real old age pensions.

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A SOLUTION NEEDED, ONE OFFERED

Mr. Editor:

J. Steward's gang quit work on the Pennsylvanian Tuesday at high noon, Feb. 26th. Feb. 29 at high noon a member of this said gang applied for his money at Pier 26th and was told the ship did not finish until Monday, and would not pay until Monday, March 2nd. If I understand correctly we are supposed to be paid for work 4 days after time of work and not when the ships sail.

The Right Honorable Mr. Murphy, the dedicated wage-laborer for the P.A.C. & Co. said, when this protest was voiced, that "if you don't want to work you dont need to work for this co." Now I would like to know where in the hell this man Murphy gets the gall to tell a union man where to head in at.

Let's push forward to a central pay office.

A Wage-Earnor.

Bob, the Strong Man says "LET ME DO IT".

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Editor Waterfront Worker:

This is the first time I've written you, but I had to get this story off my chest! While working at the United Fruit Dock last week I heard some of the worst raving that could be imagined by one, Jim Warren, who was acting as dock steward for Fred Lennett's gang. Lennett was off that day and the winch driver had the gang.

Two things happened which should be brought to your attention - first about Warren. One of the loads was a couple of boxes short in order to even up the last load. Well, you should have heard this wise guy yell, "Get that damn load built up and make it snappy". One of the fellows told him they did that in order to, as I said, make the last load even. With that this UNION man let loose, "You heard me, get that load fixed and be God Dammit, fast about it" and all the time throwing his arms around as if he had gone mad. Of course this might have been put on for the benefit of Murphy, General Manager of the Company, who was standing about. And too, perhaps, Bob one of the fellows in this gang will some day get a big wooden medal for the way he rips around. They were loading bags of wax weighing about 145 pounds a piece and this STRONG man would grab as many of these by himself as possible. He's strong all right.

Just smell him.

Now it's my contention that we didn't build a union to allow the likes of Jim Warren, and this "Let me do it" Bob guy break it. The sooner they understand that, the sooner they're going to know they are in a union.

You can verify this by any of the boys who worked there the night of Feb. 27th. Just a Steve.

Clerks Audacious, Do Steve's Work

Brother Editor:

The Clerks Union should see to it that the clerks at Pier 26, who are doing stenographers' work under "Goose-Neck" Nelson be stopped. Those clerks are helping to sort and otherwise handle freight around the break-up pile. If the clerks Union don't stop it the steves will stop this practice and stop it very quickly. This is not a threat only a word of advice to the clerks and to the clerks officials.

A Stevedoring Stevedore.
THE AWAKENING OF BARNACLE BILL

--- By Michael Quin ---

Who is knocking at my door?

Said the rich shipowner.

What's the noise and what's it for?

Said the rich shipowner.

I want good grub and I want more pay,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor,

And more time off and a lot more say,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

I've sailed your schoos
Through wind and fog,
And I'll live no more
Like a hungry dog,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

I'll tell Scharenberg on you,

Said the rich shipowner,

We're rank and file and we'll make it stick,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

We'll speak out and I'll break your ranks,

Said the rich shipowner,

I'll call troops & they'll bring in tanks,

Said the rich shipowner.

You're a parasite and a swindler too,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

You've sucked the blood
Of the working guys,
But millions of men
Are getting wise,

And we'll take no more
Of your tricks and lies,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

I am culture and civilization,

Said the rich shipowner.

Banish me and you wreck creation,

Said the rich shipowner.

Your rule will fall,
And ours will stand,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

Woe is me, it's the end of man,

Said the rich shipowner.

I'll kill all of you I can,

Said the rich shipowner.

You've run the show
In your own mad way;
It's the workers' turn
To have their way.

We're nearing the dawn
Of a better day,

Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

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