The gang stewards were and still are the chief bulwark in getting and maintaining the good working conditions that we enjoy on the waterfront today. The stewards were at the head of the forces which caused the general speed-up and big loads to be beaten down. By having a gang steward in each of the 200 odd gangs on the beach, we have that many union business agents on the Front.

Although the gang stewards have not functioned 100% perfect they have done admirably well and they should be congratulated on the splendid union work they have already done. To insure great or success for our union and to build a strong I.L.A. coastwise the gang stewards must remain their vigor and endeavor to keep the men in their gangs informed of all the latest I.L.A. news coastwise.

In putting into effect the policy of tactical maneuvering within the ward the gang stewards must play an important part and realizing the important function of the gang stewards the shipowners say "the gang stewards must go". But the Rank & File of the I.L.A. has something to say about that.

What steps should be taken to develop the gang stewards and how should the Rank & File meet the present offensive of the shipowners?

The immediate duties of each member and of each gang:

1. Closer cooperation and discipline of members and gangs in conjunction with the gang stewards. Orders and instructions from the union officials and meetings should be brought to the gangs by the stewards and discussed. The gang stewards should see and check that instructions and orders are obeyed; of course, helped by the members of the gangs, the union officials and the various committees.

2. Resist offensive of employers by remaining on the job using every possible weapon within confines of the award.

(Continued on Page No. 3)
The ability of United Front forces to protect the interests of the people against capitalist maneuvers and to stem out fascism has been proven in Spain and France during the past few days. In Spain the People's Front has won an overwhelming victory in the elections. In Paris the People's Front, in past months forced the disarming of the fascist group "Croix de Feu", defeated the infamous Hoare-Laval treaty, and forced the resignation of Premier Laval. Last Sunday the French People's Front paraded 250,000 strong through the streets of Paris in reply to the attack on the Socialist leader Leon Blum by Royalist-Fascists.

Those significant victories were the achievement of no one group. They represent the united action of Socialists, Communists and all anti-fascist forces. They will be followed by still greater victories and their inspiration is spreading in a great wave of strength and courage through every nation of Europe.

The enslaved and embittered peoples of Italy and Germany see in the victories of France and Spain the road to their own freedom. The capitalist powers are shaken with fear and alarm and their reaction becomes apparent in their frantic maneuvers to unite Germany, Italy, Austria, Poland and Japan in a war against the Soviet Union.

But even in this marvelous gamble to preserve their rule, they are confronted by the solid, determined will of the People's Front.

A war is separated from the imminent war peril by thousands of miles of water but she is linked with it surely and securely by thousands of threads of finance. The menace of war looms as threat menacingly over American cities as over London, Paris or Berlin.

And here, as much as in Europe, the only democratic power by which the people can prevent war and prevent fascism is by the union of all Socialists, Communists and anti-fascists. America is in the process of forming its own People's Front in the Farmer-Labor Party.

The life and future of every man, woman and child depends on the successful building of this united front movement. The bitter experiences of the German and Italian people as well as the triumphant inspiration of the French and Spanish people apply as directly to America as to anywhere else.

The people do not want war.

The people do not want fascism.

And the people can only prevent these mountains if they unite their forces and build a people's power capable of meeting and refocusing the power of capitalism.

The Farmer-Labor Party must be the power of the people.

(Reprinted from the Western Worker)
(Cont. from Page One)

When a beef comes up do not walk off the job immediately, but attack around the problem and see if you can resolve it then and there.

3. When it is absolutely necessary to quit the job in fighting the speed-up the return to work must be made under conditions that do not materially influence the speed-up or production.

For instance:
The Pier 26 beef over 3 trailers. The men returned to work agreeing to haul 3 trailers, also 2 additional men to be added to the gang hauling the third trailer. Although 3 trucks were hauled, production was not materially boosted because the extra men were added.

What was gained by adding 2 men to the gang?

(a) This prevents the company from turning the gauge to at 8 o’clock, piling up work on dock and then sending in the swappers at 9 o’clock to clean up.

(b) Reduced number of steady swappers familiar with work who produced more tonnage than new men because the 2 extra men in a casual gang would only catch the job occasionally.

(c) 2 extra men in a gang goes towards establishing a casual union. Granting a company the right of hauling an extra trailer may at first seem quite a concession but upon examination we find it a question, who gained, the company or the stewards?

At the present time we have a strong, well-knit organization. We are in a strong position, but we must constantly remain on the alert because the struggle goes on; not openly, but underneath it is being stepped up and calling for a chance to break out; there fore we cannot give the shipowners a chance to start it. But at the same time we do not need to fear the shipowners.

There is a rule in mathematics which states: "a line is the shortest distance between 2 points." Nothing is said, however, how to get from one point to the other. Therefore, it behooves the longshoreman to pick out the road which means the safest and surest road. There fore comes the necessity of the tactical maneuvers.

We must continue to hold our ranks solid and always strive for a high or unbreakable standing among the Rank & File of the men’s problems and how to face them. If we do that honestly and fearlessly we have nothing to fear from the shipowners.

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BARCELONA DOCKERS JOIN PEOPLE’S FRONT

Longshoremen in the port of Barcelona, Spain, voted to strike in support of the People’s Front against fascism and war. The People’s Front is based on the trade unions, Socialist Party, Communist Party and other political parties won a majority in the recent elections to the Spanish Parliament.

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DER FUEHRER ORDENS HIMSELF A REICHSTAG

"It might be a good thing, although not an immediately practicable one, to devise a system of preference in order to purge it of the cheap little human fail-

ures who seek office merely for the mon-

ey which they have been unable to secure in any other walks of life."

--- Editorial in Hearst’s New York American, Feb. 20th

Employers Try to Dictate Policy of

CLERK’S UNION

(By a Clerk)

The Clerk’s Union is one of those kind of unions the bosses talk about as being run by "reasonable, responsible and reliable leaders," ably assisted by such "exporters" as Pedro Pete and Burqgar Lewis.

That is why half the members are walking in the streets, down at heel, looking for a job. "Rank & File" and "militancy" are naughty words not allowed to be spoken by us respectable clerks.

But nobody noahing of the dollar line is allowed to call his help into his office to tell him how to vote at the Clerk’s meetings. "Tear Gas" Plant and Gallagher are doing likewise while one of their stooges, White, busts into the pages of the Daily News with a lot of baloney about the present, negotiations for better conditions for monthly employees. Like all the publicity inspired by the Waterfront Employers, this article attributed to White but originating from the employers’ office is more than half lies.

The Article claimed that the monthly clerks are dissatisfied with daily men doing the negotiating for monthly men, when everybody knows that what little objection there is, comes from the three docks that are notorious for their hate of Labor Unions. And everybody knows that the five members of the Clerk’s Committee have far more experience as monthly than they have as daily men.

A little bit of the right spirit is needed to teach the bosses to keep their smocks out of our organization. Much of the blame is on our District Officials.

What right had Peterson and Lewis to send a letter offering special privileges to the "Brotherhood" men thereby weakening the Clerk’s right for conditions and creating chaos and confusion in the local?

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MIMEOGRAPHED PAPER

In the Bay Area to

Industrial Association - who quote extensively from the Waterfront Worker to prove it is "subversive" & "un-American" & "subversive" - yes, to the employer’s interests.

"Tear Gas" Plant - Be breaks out in cold sweats at nights dreaming about the little paper.

Certain Trade Union Officials - who call the paper "character assassains" and "that damn scurrilous sheet".

The Waterfront Worker still remains, however, the most popular mimeographed paper or among the Rank & File of the maritime workers.

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Dear Editor:

What in the world happened to the editors of the "New Waterfront Worker"?

Could it be they help to edit those scabby shipowner BULLETINS being sent aboard ship?

Or maybe they find time when they are not rooting around in garbage cans, to assist and advise "Citizen" Sanborn in editing his brainstorm?

*** More drastic action needed ***

Dear Editor:

Putting the bosses "on the spot" is fine, but something more drastic should be enforced. Let them pack a hook three or four months out of a year.

Then maybe they would appreciate their fellow working men.

A Plug In.

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A BURN-THE-UP JITNEY DRIVER

That fat ex-teamster, he drives jitney for Otto Kalin's gang is sure a dynamo.

Can he burn 'em up?

Come on Pat, get wise to yourself — you're not driving for "Faster-Faster" Willy now. You don't have to be kicked up by an elephant before you see the light, do you?

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3 of a Kind — Name 'em and take 'em

Dear Editor:

Looking back to the meeting before last when "brother" Lewis conducted himself as a poor sort of a gentleman and I was glad to see brother Karlov put him in his place, I wonder if Bill Lewis realizes the importance of the office he holds.

One thing I say and the sooner Bill Lewis packs a hook again the better it will be for the longshoremen. The same goes for Paddy Morris and Pedro Pete.

What a disgrace they are to a militant working class organization.

A Rank & File.
President Green of the American Federation of Labor in his letter to all organized labor unions directly affiliated to the A. F. of L., ordering them not to "give allegiance, assistance or support" to the Committee for Industrial Organization, and stating that disobedience of those orders will not be excused, has made a serious threat to the unity of the American labor movement.

This arbitrary decree is flung out at the moment when the coal and coke workers directly affiliated to the A.F. of L. have all called a strike they will enter for the United Mine Workers in an industrial organization. It comes on the heels of the decision of the radio workers' unions, directly affiliated to the A.F. of L., that they cannot obey the orders of the executive council to join the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers but will form an industrial union.

It comes on the very day that the American Flat Glass Workers' executive has decided to declare that union industrial in form in order to win 200,000 glass workers.

Green's threat comes just when the strike of 14,000 in Akron shows the rubber workers' courage to open the way for a wide-spread organizational campaign in rubber and tire plants, which must face the very nature of the work be based on industrial unionism.

Green's orders are such that whole masses of workers must disobey them. Only, industrial unionism can win those industries. The issue is between unionism and the open shop.

And finally, the crowning hypocrisy. Green's letter follows: "The Executive Council is determined to avoid the creation within the American Federation of Labor of an organization which even approximately dualism in purpose and character", directed against the Committee for Industrial Organization, must ring strange in the ears of the West Coast sailors. They see the bureaucrats of the International Seamen's Union, apparently with Green's full consent, creating a smaller union dual to the one to which they have belonged for years.

Green cannot point to one single case where the Committee for Industrial Organization has created dual unions, or interfered with the existing craft union membership. On the other hand, Green's present orders plainly lead as a logical next step, to "lifting" of charters and "reorganization". Such action is freely discussed in ruling A.F. of L. circles. Such administrative measures against a million workers in the eight international unions in the Committee and other similar craft unions, all represented in city central bodies and state federations, constitute a splitting maneuver that would create chaos in the labor movement.

Green and the Executive Council are blindly and stubbornly ignoring the workers' crying need for organization and the menace of employers turning towards fascist tactics. Green and the Executive Council, unsure of their majority, afraid to put their policies to the test of a vote even of the craft unions, afraid of losing power in the future, are marching straight down the road that leads to mass expulsions, and dualism created by themselves.

All labor organizations, industrial and craft must, in only cut of more feeling for self-preservation, demand that Green and the Executive Council stop this race to ruin, retract the orders just issued, and help organize the rubber workers, auto workers, hodlery workers of the South, the steel mills and others.

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CITIZEN SANBORN, WILLY HEARD A JOLLY FAIR

Citizen Sanborn, in his latest outburst against the organized labor movement headlines "Reds in Pulpit". He accused the Western Worker, in its "Baby" issue, put out as an antic to the Sanborn type of slander and lies, of intentionally enabling the union label from a photostatic copy of the "Citizen".

This is indeed strange. Surely a man (?) as well versed in union affairs as Citizen Sanborn claims to be should know that rules of the Typographical Union forbid one print shop from reproducing the union label of another shop in this manner. Or perhaps he just didn't know, poor Citizen Sanborn - but - but.

One more point to the good citizen of San Rafael, home of Robert Dollar. Citizen Sanborn claims sympathy with organized labor. But he has yet to apply for membership in the American Newspaper Guild, a very worthy trade union organization of reporters and other newspaper writers. Mr. Heard hasn't, either, for that matter - neither has Arthur Sriburn.
Dear Editor:

I am submitting a little lament I figured out.

You know we still have some guys who own an interest in the steamship companies - they call the ships "our ships", you know the type. They even have their own gear with their names on it. I worked down at the Matson dock last week and I found a few of those kind of guys down there.

I am sending in one stanza, maybe with a little help we can make it longer - long enough to make a song.

I titled it:

"The Matson Dock's Lament"

(To the tune "Give Me My Boots & Saddles")

"Give me back my jinny,
Boochoo! Boochoo! Boochoo!
That one I always drive.
Can't you see my name on its side?
Oh! give me back my jinny.

Let's have some more verses.

An Inspired I.L.A. Song Writer.

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A LITTLE I.L.A. HISTORY

Dear Editor:

Brothers, after looking at the history of the I.L.A. I have come to the conclusion that Local 38-79 is the only Rank & File organization on the West Coast.

Does every member of 38-79 know that the entire nation, yes - the world is looking toward you?

Have you ever seen or heard tell of a janitor and the president getting the same pay? No! Only in Frisco have you seen that and furthermore the Rank & File control the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees. Every worker must make it his business and see to it that the control stays in the hands of the Rank & File.

What's wrong with our I.L.A. District Officials? What kind of representation have we got anyway? They get 60 bucks a week, every week and do they represent us? I'll say no!

Let's get the Rank & File together and stand together and nobody will be able to break us up. There is the old saying "if a working man don't respect himself nobody will respect him". Let's keep on going for bigger and better things. Let's continue to stand shoulder to shoulder and we can't go wrong.

A Cosmopolitan

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THE MAIL BAG

A SONG-WRITER GETS AN IDEA

GRANTING OF PERMITS NEEDS AIRING

Dear Brothers:

After reading the latest issue of the Waterfront Worker I noticed the article requesting the workers to send in news. I take an opportunity to express mine and hundreds of other members' opinions as to the raw deal some of the permit men are getting.

During the 1934 strike and the great crisis that followed, who was it that stood by us, side by side, on the picket line and fought with us to the last? Was it Sailors, Firemen and Warehousemen, Bargemen and other maritime workers when it was longshoremen's sons and other outsiders who never saw the waterfront previous to the October registrations? If we are to have a Rank and File union we must make it one and not a family organization or kindergarten for school children. Sailors, Firemen, Warehousemen, Bargemen and other maritime workers, working on grey permits having a clear record and stood picket duty surely are entitled to all the work we can give them. It is up to us to see they get a break. They stood by us so why not stand by them?

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(Editors' Comment) The maritime workers who fought shoulder to shoulder with us on the picket line are no doubt entitled to first chance at any extra work the I.L.A. may have. However, we cannot set a hard and fast rule governing permits whereby some of longshoremen will be excluded. We must bear in mind first, last and always, the I.L.A. is a trade union organization, and as you point out, NOT a family organization.

There has been rumors flying around the Front that militant Rank & Filers are being discriminated against in the hiring hall while sons of fire chiefs from up the country are being given permits. If YOU know of any chiseling going on about permits or hiring, write in to the Waterfront Worker. We want such news. Local 38-79 is a Rank & File organization under Rank & File control and always the membership has the first and last say about all matters, concerning permits and how to run the hiring hall.
Dear Editor:

Paul Christiansen, a McCormack Walker, came aboard a ship I was working, yelling and shouting trying to speed things up. He insisted that we use scows for everything. The preferred gangs were using boards. There were plenty of boards available.

It started to rain real hard and the men working in the square called for a tent. We asked Christiansen and we were told that if we didn't want to work with out a tent we could go home. Well we went home. He then signed the gaffers book for 4 hours and after we were gone he reported to Pink Strittmatter that he was forced, through intimidation, to sign for 4 hours, but the gang only worked three and a half hours.

As Christiansen is in the I.L.A. I can't for the life of me see why we keep such a man as a member of 30-70. He has pulled lots of phoney stuff before. I ask when are we going to get fed up with such phoney baloney?

A blind man can see what side of the fence this ship is on.

One Who Is Not Blind.

FUTURE CORRESPONDENT SAYS --- "IT'S NOT RIGHT" ---

Dear Editor:

Upon reading the article in The Waterfront Worker last week requesting that the Bank and Pile send in articles, I think it is right and very essential. The Members must not put the full burden of getting news for our paper on the backs of the editors. On the contrary it is the duty of the workers on the various ships and docks to carry some of this responsibility.

I want to say a word about the motion regarding "not giving any extension to our courtesy permit members". I think the motion was rank. If the work was slack I wouldn't think so much of it but to penalize all workers because one or two members disobeyed rules is not right. I think the guilty ones should be dealt with and not all other means and not make all the courtesy permit members take the rap.

I write more or less as a protest against the person who made the motion.

A Future Correspondent.

ATTENTION: MATSON DUCK STEWARD

Dear Editor:

I wish you would publish this. I would like to know what's the matter with the dock steward down at the Matson Dock Pier 30.

You go down there and see Rosen pattering the "Gorilla" on the back for 20 to 30 minutes at a time. Also hanging around the Pink "Sal", showing him how to use a flashlight. Also running the hoisting derrick full blast down so he can hurry up the work. And how come the stewards of these gangs and men tell you that when you load cases off platforms on to boards that it is the business for us to do it as the company owns the gear? Are we to take such bunk from these men that stay preferred at one dock just so they can help the company make profits? If one dock does it they are all going to follow suit. It is about time the union men Bank and Pile do something about this!

"Justa Casual"

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GANGS WORK OVER 14 HOUR LIMIT

Editor Waterfront Worker:

It seems some gangs go over limit. On the SS Oregonian at Pier 26 on Feb. 19th there were 3 gangs that worked over the 14 hour limit to finish the ship. I think that practice should be cut out. If we will be back to the same old way The 2 hour leeway we give shipowners ought to be enough and lived up to.

Out of the 3 gangs only 1 man quit at the end of the 14 hours, which I know of.

A Plunger In.

(Editors' Note) When adopted, the rule of a 2 hour leeway to finish a job or ship was ONLY to APPLY to SHIPS UP COUNTRY, but it seems due to the negligence of our Relations Board that it gradually begins to mean all jobs or ships finishing. We are of the opinion that we should enforce the original intent of the rule to work 12 hours and only jobs or ships up country to be allowed the 2 hour leeway.

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SCAB WALKERS RIG GEAR

Dear Editor:

There are a lot of funny things going on in Crockett and most of them can be traced back to our "Scabby Walking Bosses", and our garraman Charley Sloosken.

Last Thursday Sloosken and a sailor were rigging the gear in No. 5 hatch on the Hala, first time I've seen a sailor doing longshore work when longshoremen were on the ship. When "Scabby Hans" the night walker came at 4:30, a half hour before time to go to work, he and scabby "Blondie" topped up the bocm some more. I fail to find anything in our working rules that provide gearmen and scabby walking bosses to rig the gear together, or the walking bosses to do longshore work. I wonder how long these guys are going to get away with it?

An Observer.
Alarmed at the great power achieved by United People's Fronts in France, Spain, and elsewhere, Japanese capitalism has been shaken. They recognized in the tremendous liberal strength which expressed itself in the recent elections a threat to their own domination. And they decided to drown it in blood and impose an iron military-fascist rule immediately.

Troops and warships have been hastily mobilized in Tokyo for the purpose of suppressing the assassins. Observers say, however, that the real function of these forces is to suppress the popular wave of protest against the military coup.

The robber war being carried on in China and to invade the Soviet Union has been the ambition of Japanese capitalists. It has not, however, secured the support of the workers, farmers, and small businessmen who shoulder all the burden of cost and share none of the loot. The gains of the liberal elements in the recent elections were a demonstration of the people of Japan against the will of the rulers.

Kanjo Kate, a leading trade unionist of Japan, a fighter against war and fascism, was elected to a People's ticket. Kate recently toured the U.S. speaking to trade union and working class audiences everywhere urging peace and for a better understanding between the workers of America and Japanese sons of toil. The reactionary, dominant capitalist party of Japan took a pretty good beating in the recent elections by independent working class candidates whose main slogan was against fascism, against war in the People's Front. To prevent this intense anti-war and anti-fascist feeling from crystallizing into a large, fighting People's Front, such as in Spain and France, the most reactionary elements in Japan took up the assassin's sword to prevent it.

And so it has been down through history, always, the ruling class will never give up without a most terrific struggle resorting to the most vile, corrupt, degenerate murder to maintain their power. Let the American working class take heed. Our immediate task is to organize a broad People's Front to have within its ranks all shades of political opinion, including the Socialist and Communist Parties, trade unions, religious groups and every single organization and individual who wants to fight for the Unity of the Working Class.

The forming of such a People's Front in the United States would be a National Farmer-Labor Party, mobilizing all forces against war and fascism, for a struggle for the most elementary and immediate economic needs of the toilers.

Do we have to wait until the experiences of other countries and the terrible failures and losses of the workers to drum it into our heads?

FORWARD TO A PEOPLE'S FRONT!
FORWARD TO A NATIONAL FARMER-LABOR PARTY!