**DISPATCH OFFICIALS ATTACK 38-79**

With the I.L.A. District Convention in the offing, the district officials are working feverishly in an attempt to discredit the militant San Francisco leadership.

The district officials are using a whispering campaign throughout the North-west saying "the militant Frisco leaders have softened up and now, the men are more radical than the leadership". Furthermore, using the Pacific Coast Long-shoremen as their official voice, the district is going to no ends in their slanderous attacks on the S.F. Local.

Why should the district officials at this particular time lay down such a barrage of lies and slander?

First - They have neglected to carry out the decisions made at previous conventions to build a stronger and more unified Pacific Coast I.L.A. District. In order to cover up their own shortcomings they are attempting to discredit Local 38-79 with a smokescreen of lies. Second - They fear the progressive steps taken by S.F. in comparison with their "do nothing policy".

Third - This year the district officials are to be elected by a referendum ballot and there is nothing these run-around-artists fear more than a real dem crabatic Rank & File expression. However let us not become too cocky and say "well those phonies are just as good as out". To adopt such an attitude would be wrong and very dangerous. Paddy Morris is a

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The longshoremen in New Orleans, who were "sold out" by President Ryan, in their recent strike, when he failed to call out the New York men in their support, are being attacked again.

This time Ryan has decided to put the two New Orleans' local presidents up on charges. They were out of the Local last 231. The brothers are T. J. Darcy, 13th Vice-President of the I.L.A and President of Local 1226, and J. B. Spencer, President of Local 251. The charges against Darcy and Spencer are that they HELPED the STRIKE, MACHINATION AND JUGGERNAUT WHEN THEY WENT OUT ON STRIKE. According to Ryan it is a crime for longshoremen to walk out in support of seamen.

The trial committee, appointed by Ryan consists of George Mulliner, 3rd vice-president, who was kicked out of his own local in Norfolk, Mike Doyer, 4th vice-president, and D. W. Hamilton, 5th vice-president from Galveston.

SHIPOWNERS HOLLER FOR MORE GRAYV

While some diehards still talk about keeping out of politics it is well for maritime workers to note the difference between an argument in the United States Senate over the shipowners' subsidy bill and a discussion on a similar "gray plan" in the British House of Parliament.

For the past five weeks sub-committees in the U. S. Senate have been arguing over the merits of this bill. Their entire difference of opinion is centered on the most practical plan by which to "fix things" for the shipowners.

At any time this committee composed of "Republicans" and "Democrats" discussed the question of forcing the operators to use this proposed subsidy money for what it is intended - to keep American standards of living and wages aboard American ships.

It is accepted as a matter of fact that the shipowners will pocket the money - the question apparently in the minds of "our" representatives at Washington - "How much shall it be?"

But William Gallagher, member of the House of Commons, elected on the British Communist Party ticket had a different argument to offer British politicians who proposed a similar measure to "feed the kitty" of the "Poor" British shipowner.

Unlike our Scharrerbergs and Clanders, Gallagher actually want to sea for years. He knew what he was talking about when he described the miserable conditions existing aboard British ships through all the years that the operators were reaping millions.

He blasted the legalizing of graft at the expense of the British seaman. His answer to the "shockers" and grayv was: "If I had my way I would put the heads of the maritime industry in jail where they belong."

A few Farmer-Labor representatives in our own councils and some of this subsidy money would be going where it should - TO BETTER CONDITIONS AND WAGES ON BOARD AMERICAN SHIPS. 

A woman with a baby in her arms came into the lobby of the Park Chambers Hotel at 58th Street the other day. "There's my son," she yelled.

The Manager hurried over to her and attempted to placate her.

"Madam, what are you shouting for? Who is your son, anyway?"

"My son's an elevator operator here, and he's scabbing. That's what he's doing," shouted the woman.

"There's no strike here, madam, you needn't shout like that," said the manager.

"Oh? no? Then what's that cop standing around outside for? And what are these tough-looking mugs doing here, anyway? Are they supposed to be a part of the decorations?"

MADAM --- " ventured the manager.

"An, stop that madam stuff," said the woman. "Tell me, why doesn't my son come home? Why does he sleep here, because he loves the joint? Tell me that.

The manager couldn't stop her. He just looked as if he were about to have a fit.

"I want that son of mine to come out and stay out 'till this strike is over, you hear? No son of mine is going to be a scab. Act if I can help it."

P.S. THE SON CAME OUT. 

THEY WERE OUT AND WENT TO WORK. 

NEWS FROM NEW YORK 

PRESSURE GIVES RESULTS!

The longshoremen on the United Fruit docks, in the port of New York, have learned one big lesson in the last four months of their hard fight to build the I.L.A. on their docks.

THIS LESSON IS THAT THE ONLY WAY TO GET ACTION OUT OF PRESIDENT RYAN IS BY PUTTING PRESSURE ON HIM:

For instance, last week the delegates came down to the docks for the first time in more than a month and stopped all men without buttons! Even the Ghost Delegate, Jack Gebalin (he is called the "Ghost" because he is seen so seldom), showed up once or twice.

How does it happen that these delegatures come down? The answer is PRESSURE. Delegation after delegation kept hammering away at the officials. Then on top of that the rank and file Bulletin, "The Shape-It", put out 5,000 leaflets and distributed them all over the port. The next day after the leaflets were distributed the delegates showed up.

This is no accident. Ryan felt that the heat was getting too hot and he did the only thing to do down to the United Fruit and try to iron things out.

MORE DELEGATIONS AND BIGGER ONES; MORE LEAFLETS AND BETTER ONES ------ THAT'S THE ANSWER. BROTHERS OF THE EAST COAST; MORE SOLIDARITY AND UNIFORMITY BETWEEN THE EAST, GULF AND WEST COASTS AND RYAN, HIS UNION FRIENDS AND SHIPOWNERS STOOL-PIGS WILL GO OUT ------
the vote on the coast, particularly, in Seattle where the longshoremen voted overwhelmingly to work Vancouver cargo. It was only the strong vote of Prince and Porter that put the boycott into effect. Previous to the vote being taken the editors appearing in the Pacific Coast Longshoreman, condemning the Vancouver strikers, went a long way to discourage any favorable action by the coast as a whole.

To have taken a third strike vote on the question of the Vancouver cargo would have been ruinous to the unity of the coast. Strike votes are not taken every day, strike action should be taken when the men are prepared for strike. Strike votes should not be taken unless the leadership is certain that a strike vote will carry.

The motion taken by the leadership of 38-79, according Vancouver to take the heat off the cargo, was correct and the passage of time has proven this: An unfavorable vote at that time would have been very unhealthy for the maritime union. The Vancouver strikers recognized this factor and sent a letter of protest and objection to Local 38-79 commanding them upon their moral and financial support during the period of their labor difficulty there after the Vancouver strikers that would not work against the hydration of the waterfront.

The only elements talking strike was the district leadership, while the shipowners were trying to provoke a walkout by using the scab ship Sutton in placing scab freight on every pier in the Bay. Bill Ludvig was talking strike but what was he or the district doing to prepare for possible strike action, absolutely nothing.

The Waterfront Worker has always opposed the principle of arbitration. However, when the union then was a protest or as a demonstration of our unity and Solidarity we resort to strike or job action and the furthering of such action may weaken our stand, then, we can submit to arbitration as a tactic of good trade union strategy.

The arbitration results of the Bargemen's and Warehousemen's hot cargo dispute proves this point. The Bargemen were awarded a good decision including that clause upholding a union member's right to refuse to go through a picket line. The Warehousemen discriminated against were ordered re-instated and full pay for all time lost.

The Rank & File members of the union should make a protest and articles into the Pacific Coast Longshoreman answering the charges Morris makes against the Local.

In preparation for the convention every member should take part in the pre-convention committee and be sure in the election of delegates that delegates are elected who are going to present the program of the Rank & File, a program to make the Pacific Coast district a real functioning district not power politics is going to benefit you and to build a stronger labor movement on the coast.

Upon the recommendation of the Special Investigating Committee to the Board of Trustees, Captain Knopf was suspended without pay and his brother, Captain Knopf is charged with pilfering hiring hall funds. After his suspension he signed a full confession admitting his guilt.

The Special Investigating Committee further reported at the Executive Board meeting that they were making progress. Now is the time for any member or permit man to report any irregularities of the dispatching hall to this Special Investigating Committee. The Committee pointed out that all beards should be made in writing.

At the last meeting of the Laundry Workers some girls were out in front distributing their Rank & File bulletin, "The Shake Out". The president ran out, called the cops and had the girls arrested. The bulletin exposed the political pressure being used to free the former secretary who stole $20,000 from the Laundry Workers' Union. Evidently the president doesn't want the Rank & File to learn the truth about the whole rotten mess. The question lots of laundry workers are asking is "How could this dame get away with all that dough and the rest of the officials know nothing about it?"

Instead of this phoney gigilo blasting the girls giving out "The Shake Out" why doesn't he do something about the bosses who rave and curse at the girls all day long? Instead of his red-baiting speeches why don't he put out some progressive ideas to get some better conditions in the laundries?

Maybe this lady-killer is afraid he will lose some of the curle out of his permanent wave if he puts up a fight against the bosses?

The Waterfront Worker has received many letters charging certain men working on the front as being stool pigeons, agents of the American Legion, etc. He doubts some of these charges are true.

However, The Waterfront Worker cannot publish any accusation unless the editors possess evidence substantiating the charges.

There are rumors floating around that "G" men are active in the unions. Also that members of the subversive committee of the American Legion turn in regular reports to their officials.

The Waterfront Worker has received certain letters which they are working on. As soon as the evidence is gathered, these stool-pigeons and agents of the American Legion will be exposed.
Editors, Waterfront Worker:

Last week a Union gang boss named Maxwell worked to 11:30 P.M. The next morning he took the 7:15 ferry to Alameda; thereby violating the rules of the award which clearly states that a longshoreman or gang should have 8 hours' rest between jobs.

At Alameda the gang worked 13 hours and knocked off, but not Mr. Maxwell, who stayed on and walked the ship the rest of the night.

So that makes Mr. Maxwell eligible for some sort of medal, of course, to be donated by the shipowners. I wonder if Mr. Maxwell ever heard about the longshoremen's strike of 1934, when the longshoremen struck against the ungodly hours they were forced to work? Maybe, that is asking too much of a man like Maxwell to remember that far back?

Maybe a little jolt by the investigating committee will awaken Mr. Maxwell.

A Wide-Awake Jimmy Driver

TELL IT TO THE MARINES

When news of the recent police attack on Akron pickets spread to the General Fire plant, workers streamed out of the factory to take their places beside their embattled brothers of the Goodyear Company.

When Goodrich and Firestone workers prepared to do likewise, strike leaders told them: "General Fire has landed and has the situation well in hand."
Editors:
Dear Sirs:

I attended the regular meeting of Local 35-79 last Monday night and must state that many longshoremen here have not yet realized that their prosperity depends on the prosperity of workers in other industries and workers in other countries.

To hear workers who make their living in an industry which is international raise the question of politics when the request comes from the Russian Trade Unions to send a delegate to study conditions in the Soviet Union, is nothing short of ridiculous.

One member hit the nail on the head when he compared the sending of a delegate to Soviet Russia with the request Local 35-79 sent to other Pacific Coast locals to come to Frisco and observe conditions at first hand. The Trade Unions of Russia extend the same invitation TO STUDY CONDITIONS AT FIRST HAND IN RUSSIA, and not through the Hearst publications. Evidently some of our brothers must have been reading Hearst lately judging from the manner in which they failed to give any logical reason why a delegate should not be sent, but instead made an argument of getting down to "our" business, etc.

I am a friend of Soviet Russia because I am a friend to myself and to my working-class brothers. In other words, I recognize that Soviet Russia is doing what no other country in the world is doing -- GIVING A LIVING TO THE MILLIONS OF WORKERS WITHIN HER BOUNDARIES.

A Friend of Soviet Russia.

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JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE DIDN'T CAUSE SHOOTING

Violence, turmoil and death struck at the crown-Willamette logging camp near Seaside, Ore. Lumber workers, members of the Seaside local of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union are dead. Shot by guns wielded by non-union men in the Crown-Willamette camp.

24 workers, all Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union men, are under arrest, facing possible charges ranging from riot to manslaughter.

No attempt has been made to find the men who fired the fatal shots.

The capitalist papers headlined articles declaring that a "jurisdictional war" had caused the violence -- war between 2 A. F. of L. unions.

The question of union jurisdiction is not involved. During the lumber strike of last summer a "union" was organized inside the Crown-Willamette logging camp by the men who went through the picket lines of the strikers.

The union thus formed asked for and received a charter from the Sulphite and Paper Workers' International presented as a bona fide union.

The charter of the so-called Sulphite and Paper Workers' Union was jerked when the true facts became known, and the mill was picketed by the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union as in any other mill which looked out union workers.

I am not free:
Their hands stretch through the iron bars
Take hold of me,
Clutch at my heart;
I know they are there for me --
San Quentin and Tehachapi.
I am not free:
They organized the laboring poor
In cotton field,
In lettuce field
To pitiful wages added more
The fight they waged, for me was led.
If one man hunger, as I fed
Who live in insecurity
Keep me enslaved.
I am not free:

I am not free --
Their voices pierce the prison walls,
They plead with me --
"We've work to do,
Each day here means a threat to you,
San Quentin and Tehachapi!"
I am not free.

--- Eva L. Curtis.

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A MAN OF MYSTERY?? WHO IS HE??

Dear Editor of the Waterfront Worker:

Who is the fat fellow at our meetings who carries a cigar in one hand and the constitution in the other and who always takes it upon himself to explain the Executive Board minutes??

I don't know who this brother is but I worked with him one day last week and he sure doesn't take up any of the books on the job.

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STRIKES IN AKRON AND MILWAUKEE

Fourteen thousand rubber workers are holding their lines firmly at the 144 gates of the Goodyear factory in Akron, Ohio.

Police fear to attack the picket lines since the assault several days ago when cops tried to smash the little shelters which pickets built in front of the gates. The cops were beaten back.

Scabs, hidden behind the gates, hurled bolts and nuts at pickets, injuring a few slightly. But there are not many scabs.

Hearst's Milwaukee circulation continues to shrink as the Newspaper Guild's strike enters its fourth week against the Milwaukee News.

Strike supporters have begun to picket department stores advertising in the News.

"The News might just as well fold up", if the circulation drop continues, said one district circulation manager. Careful estimates set the circulation loss at 20 percent.

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WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? DO WE ENJOY IT?

Dear Editor:

I heard the debate between the Lieut. Commander of the U.S. Navy and Doctor Anna Louise Strong — Is Soviet Russia Democratic? My opinion is that Dr. Strong won hands down. She explained that the Molotov of Soviet Russia, through their Workers' Councils demanded things from the government they GOT IT and if they DON'T the persons who are supposed to represent them are removed from office.

Just as a comparison, do the American workers get what they ask their government officials for? As an example, it concerns a trivial matter but something all of us stevedores know about, the question of dock toilets. Every one knows the filthy and unsanitary conditions of the toilets. Although, we have petitioned the State officials nothing has been done.

I think that it is about time that we elect our own representatives. We should have our own political party, then, when we petitioned the State we would get results. We could use showers and dressing rooms on the docks, too, so when we worked obnoxious cargoes we could change our clothes before getting on the street cars and thereby the other passengers to get off on account of the smell.

Yours sincerely,
A Political Stevedore.

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YOUR RE-CURRENT MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 8PM
MONDAY NIGHT, MARCH 22, Scott's Hilo Club
HEARST YELLOW-SHEEP FOUND IN RESTAURANT

Dear Editor:

I went to work down at Pier 29 at noon. I ate in Bill's Lunch. I noticed that he had a Hearst rag in his place although he carries a union card. He supports the very sheet that is trying to wreck his own union. Also Luke's Lunch is doing the same thing. Both of these guys know what a tough struggle we had in 1934 and the slander and filth and lies the Hearst papers printed about us.

Hearst doesn't believe in restaurants, he likes soup kitchens for the workers. So, Bill and Luke, unload that yellow rag and be yourself. Don't buy the Examiner nor the Call Bulletin.

Yours for Good Business
An X-Steward

TOO MANY ACCIDENTS — SAFETY RULES SHOULD BE ENFORCED

Editor:

Last Friday, I worked for the Associated down at Pier 46. The gang next to us was discharging and to keep the dust from falling down onto automobiles in the lower hold, they had put paper over the hatches.

There was one hatch cover missing and one of the brothers not knowing this stepped on the paper and crashed down in to the lower hold, but luckily he was not hurt.

Brothers, it is about time that we make some union rules on how to protect the men on the job from injuries. The gear should be inspected and all precautions taken for safety. A copy of the safety rules should be carried by every steward and they should be enforced. I think by doing this we could eliminate many accidents.

A Believer in Safety.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES TAKE NOTE

Dear Brother Editors:

What I would like to know what we can do towards getting a loud speaker at our meetings? It could be a portable so we could pack it around in case we needed it in another hall.

I would like to say through the Waterfront Worker that we let all the stewards take up a collection a dime apiece and more if we needed it to put it over.

A Harri-Hearing Stewie.

(Editors Note) A very good suggestion brother, but the editors are of the opinion that the local could stand the expense very easily, hence no need of a collection.

TRAGEDY: BOSS PROMOTES HONEST WORKERS

Brother Editors:

We, a couple of plug in men worked the Collilo a while back and a boss named Cullen asked us to ride the ship to Encinal, thus saving for us the 21 cent fare. We thought we would get the fare on our pay checks but we didn't. We must both admit we were wrong in staying with the ship but how about Cullen, the guy who promoted the rocket?

We think this guy is wasting his time glopping honest workers out of a 21 cent fare. He should be up on Montgomery St. with the big shots promoting big dough.

2 Sadder But Wiser Plug-Ins.
THE TIME FOR CLARITY ON PACIFIC COAST ISSUES

FAVORITISM SHOWN IN CLERK'S UNION

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Editors, Waterfront Worker,

I heartily endorse the stand taken by several wide awake clerks and stevedores in exposing conditions and Harry Espy in the last issue of the Waterfront Worker. Being a loyal (to working class) clerk, may I add a squawk in regard to favoritism as practiced on all docks in order to get work. One has to be "in" with the bosses or generally kiss the hind foot in order to make a meager living in the off season; some clerks making a mere ten- or twelve dollars per week while the more favored ones make fifty dollars per week and up and getting all the breaks - and why do clerks hide the union button - and drop down to docks mornings "on speculation" - and "Boc" militant clerks at meetings?

A Disgusted Clerk.

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CAUTION: SPEED LIMIT 15 MILES PER HOUR

Dear Ed:

Can you remember when there were big signs on the docks which read "SPEED LIMIT 15 MILES PER HOUR?"

Now the signs read "NO SMOKING". We should have those speed limit signs put back on the Lackenbach docks again so the jitney drivers could read and take heed.

Safety First.

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WHAT IS HINDERING MOVEMENT FOR SPORTS CENTER?

Dear Editor:

I wonder how much influence the waterfront saloon keepers are exerting in hindering the movement for Union Recreation Center? If a seaman or longshore man has a place where he can relax and pass the time away pleasantly, he is apt to drink less and that hits the cash registers of the boozers dispensers. A drunken worker usually becomes a stupid one which suits the steamship owners to a T. Stupidity has never built a militant trade union or a labor party and it is time the brothers on the front are aware of these facts.

The Sports Center is going ahead and soon we will be able to go up there and spend some pleasant hours. Have you joined yet? If you haven't, why not join today?

A Thinking Stevedore.

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FROM CLASS ROOM TO CLASS STRUGGLE

On Monday night, Bob (Tarzan) Burke, Columbia athlete, pounded his way to the middleweight Golden Gloves championships. On Tuesday morning, when the building service thinks Brothers hit Columbia University, Bob led the picket line of students who demonstrated their support of the strike in front of Teachers' College.

From Golden Gloves to class struggle - There's a real fighter.
Many workers have the mistaken opinion that as long as any brother preaches Rank & Fileism that he is okay, and that he is going to do all right by the union. However, let us look at this a little more closely and see what we find because there are some brothers who, no doubt, are 100% union men and sincere Rank & Fileis-yet if their policies were followed out we would weaken our organization as surely as if we were following the line of Scharrenberg, Clander, Ryan, Lewis or Paddy Morris.

Now one of these tendencies some of these brothers follow is that of Syndicalism. In last week's issue of the Waterfront Worker we tried to point out the danger of Syndicalism in the trade-unions. Perhaps some of the brothers did not get the full understanding of Syndicalism and just what it is. A book could be written on the subject but we will attempt to make clear some of the points which may be bothering you.

To define Syndicalism very briefly, it is that tendency in the labor movement to confine the class struggle of the workers to the economic field, to practically ignore the State, and use their own political party as the trade-union to simply a question of trade union action. Some workers on the Front, no doubt, will agree and say "yes, we can organize and carry on the fight in our trade-unions, but we should stay out of politics." Well, whether these workers know it or not they are following a syndicalist line and let us look and see where such a policy would place us.

When these workers organize into trade-unions and strike for better conditions, immediately the employers call upon the police to preserve "law and order." How do the police preserve law and order? They do it by protecting the scales to and from the job, by preventing the pickets from picketing the struck job, by arresting the pickets when they insist upon their most fundamental rights of assemblage, etc. In other words, upon the calling of a strike all the political forces of the community and oft times the nation are used to force the strike-ers back to the job.

During the '34 strike when President Ryan came to the coast he went immediately to Mayor Rossi's office and not once did he come to the waterfront and why? Because Rossi is the Boss. After breaking the strikers and "settling" the strike were being made in Mayor Rossi's office. The signing of the infamous June 16th agreement attests to what lengths the political leaders go in their blind political obedience to their masters, the employing class.

Who sent the police to the waterfront to beat, jail and harass our striking brothers? Wasn't it Mayor Rossi?

Who called out the militia to take up the police left off? Wasn't it Governor Merriam? That he was paid $30,000 to do the job is known almost to every man, woman and child in California.

How is it the police and the militia can be used as strikebreakers when their wages and subsistence are paid by all the people?

Because the employing class has been able to place their representatives into places of political power and always such political stooges use their authorized power against the working class. And so it will continue until the workers become more political conscience and use their combined political power to elect their representatives to the offices now held by stooges of the employing class.

In the final analysis, brothers, it means just this, no matter how strongly we may be organized in trade unions that if the workers do not have their own political party and left-overs representatives in the government that the trade unions could be wiped out by one stroke of the pen. This already happened in Germany and Italy and it can very easily happen in America.

The American working class united in one political party, such as a Farmer Labor Party, would strengthen the trade unions, build stronger farmer organizations and would the entire American people into such a United Front which the Hearst, The Liberty Leaguers and the Sembornes could never break asunder.