Since the strike of '44 the shipowners have been constantly maneuvering, seeking a weak point in the remarkable solidarity of the maritime unions. They have had their forces mobilized, at different times, ready to shoot the works, but the ever-vigilance and application of the correct trade union strategy and tactics by our Rank & File leaders, we were able to hurl back the threats of the employers.

For the past 3 months the Waterfront Employers have been exceptionally active in provoking trouble because they have had their major attack stopped. Although weakened, they have nevertheless attempted to put in their program piece-meal. In this they have been partially successful, that is, in the revocation of the Sailor's Charter, the law-suit concerning jurisdiction in the Frisco Clerks, etc.

With the coming of 2 important Pacific Coast Conventions, the Annual I.L.A. Convention and the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, the situation is rapidly coming to a head.

The seamen on the East Coast are on strike, striking against the corrupt I.U. leadership, against the ridiculous charges of "mutiny" of the California crew and for West Coast wages and conditions. The Santa Rosa and the Sage Brush are headed for the West Coast with a full crew of seabs. The Grace Co. has deliberately manned their ships with seabs. It is a clear-cut issue. Do we work with seabs? We must refuse to touch any part of the rat ship. One of the reasons we had to do considerable maneuvering in the past to avoid strike action was the issues were not clear and they were not strong enough.

Now, we have an open challenge by the shipowners on a national basis, which we cannot ignore. We have demonstrated to the public and to the organized labor movement that we are not looking for trouble, but the present issue at stake is unionism. We cannot avoid it. We must fight.

The shipowners are attempting to force the seamen to give up their hiring halls, a system which has supplied capable and efficient men to the ships without dis-

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The Waterfront Worker: Gentlemen:

We would like to make the following explanation in regard to your article under the heading "What is Rubbish?, March 30, 1936 issue.

When the representatives of the Radio Operators came in he did not state what kind of post he had. Thinking it was some kind of advertisement for cigars, beer, etc., we made the remark that we had enough junk here now. When he told us what it was, he was told to go ahead and put it up, which he did. The poster is still up on our wall.

We wish to state that we are at all times behind the unions of the Marine Federation 100%. We would appreciate it very much if you will publish this letter.

Thanking you in advance, we are Yours truly, The Clipper Restaurant (Next to Seaboard Hotel) ****

HITLER RUNS AGAINST HIMSELF IN NAZI ELECTIONS

Adolph Hitler took no chances in the German elections last Sunday.

If a voter wanted to vote for Nazi rule he found it a very simple matter. All it required was to mark a single "X" before Hitler's name.

But if the voter wanted to vote against Hitler, convention camps and pogroms, it was far from easy. It was impossible. For the ballots made no provision for a negative vote.

If the voter wanted to vote against the Nazis, he could tear up the ballot, in which case the vote would not have been counted. On the ballot itself, there was no room for disapproval.

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INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION POSTS REWARD

Editors:

While reading one of the daily newspapers a few days ago, I noticed where the Industrial Association of San Francisco offered a $1,000 reward for information regarding the death of the Chief Engineer on the SS Point Lobos, Swane & Hoyt Line.

What seems puzzling to me is that the death of said engineer occurred at the En- cinal Terminals which is in Alameda County and also out of the jurisdiction of San Francisco County. I have read of so many crimes committed in the city of San Francisco and have never noticed any rewards posted by the Industrial Association. I recall one or two times ago where a woman was assaulted and murdered in a San Francisco hotel, while probably de- fending her honor, yet I don't recall any such reward by the Industrial Association. It's surprising the Standard Oil Co. and the "Hearts" haven't of- fered a similar reward.

A Dock Man.

The Waterfront Worker: Theragged, underpaid newboys of the world shouted headlines in a scare or more languages on March 4th proclaiming the incomparable greatness of the Soviet Union. Their voices echoed through the depression-haunted streets of nearly every world capital, save those of Poland and Germany where the embarrassed hand of government authority quickly stifled all reference to the incident.

An American newspaper man sat for an hour in a room in Moscow, discussing world affairs with a calm, genial, un­prepossessing man named Stalin. Ten minutes later the telephone nerve system of the world was vibrating with excitement.

What the Soviets have to say is important. The very newspapers which have continuously reported for years that the "Russian experiment" is a failure, seized upon the interview with frank admis­sion of its importance. It is the word of the most powerful, most stable country on earth and the only one that remains totally unaffected by internal de­pression or crisis.

What Stalin had to say was simple, direct and quickly told. The length of the interview was accountable only to the reiterated questions of the inter­viewer.

He explained that the Soviet Union would make war on no nation, but that any attack either on the U.S.S.R. or the Mongolian People's Republic would be re­sisted by the most powerful army in the world today.

He disclaimed all responsibility of the Soviets for the instability and chaos existing in capitalist countries, pointing out that revolutions in other countries were the business of the people of those countries.

He refuted the ridiculous comparison of the "Socialist" system with the fascist countries in the real socialism of the U.S.S.R.

Recent ratification of the Franco-Soviet pact had a lot to do with creating interest in the interview. But there is another factor of even greater moment.

Seventeen years ago the working people took lands and factories away from the capitalists in Russia and said they would run them for the common good and not for private profit. Capitalists of the world were alarmed but unconvincing. They adjudged the working people incapable. They constantly waited for the collapse of the "experiment". But it WORKED. It worked so well that today the Socialism can face the world with confidence and security.

And within every one of these capital­ist nations the voices of the people are rising, demanding a similar social order to that of the U.S.S.R. This is far more dangerous to the capitalist powers as a living example of the victory of socialism than it could ever be as a potential military aggressor. Troops and artillery can be combatted by troops and artillery. But with what are the depression-wracked capitalist nations to fight the clear vision of a sensible society? --Reprinted from the Western Worker.
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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 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.

DR. LAGAN GIVES HIS ALL -- WHAT THERE IS OF IT.

The Editor, Waterfront Worker

Subject: Dr. Lagan

Dear Sir:

Taking for granted that you are acting as the voice of the average stevedore, I am taking the liberty of voicing an opinion.

I think Dr. Lagan is doing all that can be expected of one man.

We can hardly expect one man to be a Craniologist, Orthopedist, Pathologist and Chiropractor, as well as a General Practitioner, all in one.

Another complaint seems to be his tardiness in answering calls. Let's give him a reasonable length of time and I am sure he will do his level best.

I am Yours truly,
A Crippled Stevedore

RANK & FILE SEAMEN TIE UP EASTCOAST SHIPS

New York's waterfront is humming with strike activity as hundreds of Rank and File members of the International Seamen's Union picket the ships tied up in the "mutiny" strike.

Secretary of Commerce Roper threw a monkey wrench into commerce when he demanded the arrest of the ship's crew that held the SS California at dock in San Pedro three days.

A demonstration of seamen at the dock, when the California arrived in New York, spilled Roper's "mutiny" arrest plans. And when the shippers fired the crew, Rank & File seamen spread the strike to other ships.

Reactionary top officials of the I.S.W. are trying to break the strike. Their thugs have attacked picket lines. But the workers continue their fight for reinstatement of the dismissed seamen and for higher wages and other demands.

The strike is spreading to other ports as seamen continue to pile off ships as they tie up.

STEVEDORES REFUSE TO WORK WAR CARGO

The Italian steamer Fella was loading at Pier 46 last Wednesday and a pile of scrap iron collected by the Italian Garbage Association dumped at the Pier for the Italian Red Cross was waiting loading.

The longshoremen refused to handle it on the basis of the resolution adopted at Emergency Maritime Convention which called for the refusal to handle any war material. The District Council of the Federation wired Secretary of State Hull quoting objections. The Fella sailed without the scrap iron and at this writing the old junk is still lying on Pier 46 waiting to be hauled away but NOT to Fascist Italy.

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W R I T E T O

THE WATERFRONT WORKER
On the Spot

AN OLD FABLE

Here is a fable sent us by an old seafaring man:

It seems that there were once two little frogs and one middle-aged one who fell into a pail of milk.

"What now, little ones?" asked the elderly frog who began to fear that life would end at forty.

"We don't know what you're going to do" replied the little ones, "but we're organized and we're going to kick like hell." "Haw, haw," guffawed the big one and sank to the bottom.

But the little ones kicked and kicked until they churned the milk into butter and jumped out with the greatest of ease.

Tho other day tho SS Nabsena was over in Oakland and started discharging pilings. A sailor took a lock over the side and saw a couple of men landing loads on the dock. Upon questioning he found that one was a watchman and the other from the pile driver. The result was that the hook was hung until the skipper called the dispatching hall and I.L.A. men showed up on the job.

SOLIDARITY CHANGES MATES MIND

The Chattanooga City was making ready for sea last Tuesday. Three men were short in the crew. The mate made a crack that no seamen would be shipped in Frisco because he could get all the men he wanted in Pedro, the "right kind" of men, too, he went on to explain. The stevedores not liking the kind of men the mate had in mind so they went into action. The mate changed his mind and called the Sailor's Hall for the required number of men. Correct action and solidarity wins, again.

"OUR" GEAR vs. "OUR" SHIPS BUT THE COMPANY'S PROFITS

The jitney drivers down at the 3 docks think quite a bit of the Dollar Company. They keep the keys to the jitneys; the rods that arc used to hook on and the short spreaders that are used always go home with the jitney driver. The steward and the mess boy asked to be paid. The steward said the coffee cost the company money and he had to protect the company's interests.

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hay diddle diddle,
We're hinged in the middle
So we may un-buckle our shoes.
We have joints in our knees
To walk where we please.
Or to cross our two legs if we choose.
But 'tisn't never intended
Our bones should be bended.
To bow down to bunkers or Czars,
Nor to beg, kneel or stoop.
To a no account group.
That does nothing but smoke fat cigars.

Organize the Unorganized

Coffee costs money can't be given to strikers," says steward

A few weeks ago a couple of gangs were working the Barbara C. At coffee time a couple of sailors, dispatched from the hall, working on the dock went aboard ship for a cup of coffee. The steward and the mess boy asked to be paid. The steward said the coffee cost the company money and he had to protect the company's interests.

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey Diddle Diddle

"Jell, we made 8 million dollars profit last year."
"Go on! That's great!"
"Yeah, I got eleven bucks a week out of it."

"Our gear! "Our" ships! But the company's profits"
War Risk Too Big—Lloyds Say "No Soap"

Europe is too big a risk for Lloyds, famous underwriters known for a willingness to gamble on almost anything from horse races to the possibility of quintuplets, for Lloyds has refused to quote rates on the possibility of a European war.

War risk premiums were not being quoted "owing to the general European unsettlement".

WHAT THE PRESENT SITUATION NEEDS

"The conduct of both the Democratic and Republican Parties in the imposition of martial law has revealed to the large section of the population, and especially organized labor, that these parties represent the interests of big business as against the best interests of the people. Not only is the present situation favorable to, but actually reveals the necessity for, independent political action on the part of organized labor, the parties of the working class, and the allied section of the population against martial law, against reaction, in defense of civil rights and trade union rights." — From united front agreement signed by Socialist and Communist Parties of Terre Haute, Indiana.
**P.E.R.L. OF W I S D O M**

"If there's anything wrong with the world it's pure laziness". -- Henry Ford

**SUGGESTED PERMIT MEN BE GIVEN PERMIT MENS BUTTONS**

**DEAR ED:**

Here is a permit man's opinion on "Permit Men's question" which appeared in the last issue of the "W.W." I for one go along with that opinion 100%.

My proposals are:

1. I.L.A. Executive Committee should call a meeting for permit men immediately. You should find out what number of permit men don't belong to any union. I hear about 200. There are all kinds of rumors flying around which need clearing up.

2. I.L.A. should issue a "I.L.A. permit man" button in order to identify himself on the job as well as to the public.

3. The permit men should have their own Grievance Committee and this committee will take up the permit men's grievances.

4. The permit men's meeting should be held once a month. This meeting should devote for educational purpose. Otherwise, there is a danger these permit men may get the wrong slant on the waterfront situation; in other words, become "pork-chop" conscious instead of union conscious.

A Union Conscious Permit Men.

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**DEAR ED:**

Will you allow me to thank Disgusted Clerk for his letter in last week's issue where he takes a stand for free expression of opinion at the meetings. It is a well known fact that all unions run by racketeers and fakers are notorious for their refusal of free speech to their membership. Free speech and intelligent attention to an efficient routine of business are absolutely necessary for difficulties being adjusted, wrongs righted and conditions improved. Let's hope Disgusted Clerk will be on his feet at the meeting to see that these rights are not violated.

Another Clerk.

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Editor Waterfront Worker:

How much longer do we have to put up with "Vinky Ding", a book bound at the Dollar Line? This fellow has broken every rule 38-79 ever had, and I believe \$5 is all he ever was fined. That was for working one man short a whole day, after being warned by the gang stewardi to get another man twice. He has two sons in his gang like himself. Also his safety man and hatch tender was laid off for three months for being one year behind with his dues to 38-79 and now is back in with the gang again. All the good members of our union have quit this gaffer because he is always drinking and talking to the biggest scabs we have on the Dollar docks. It has been proven that some of his gang has paid as high as \$50 for a steady job with him. I'll get one 100 more men on the 9 docks who will prove to anyone's satisfaction that the sooner this bird is packing a hook the better we all will be, as he loves big loads and hurry up. The Russian race driver he has for a sitkey driver even drives faster than the "Chauffer for the Dollar Steamship Line" that Moustache Charlie has.

It was heard that Binga's son asked the winch driver what he was doing with a Voice of the Federation in his hand and he said, "I had to buy it because all the rest of the fellows did and I didn't want to show us up", and they both had a good laugh.

"Say, let's put a hook in this baby's pocket and see if he still wants bigger loads and more tonnage, also a good many of his gang should be split up and get a little education.

A $ Star.
Dear Editor:

Sometimes ago Brother Jack Schuler, one of the best dock and gang stewards the I.L.A. has, was the subject of a cowardly attack, in the Waterfront Worker, because he made a motion in the steward's meeting, that to be a gang boss, a man should have 5 years experience on the front, and at least 3 years in the hold of the ship.

Brother Schuler came out in the open meeting with this motion, but some loudmouthed guy used the Waterfront Worker to make his dirty remarks, about cherry pickers, tin gods, etc., asking Bro. Schuler whose job was he after. Where was this guy the night the membership voted this question? Maybe he aint so brave when he has to face the man he's making dirty cracks about, or is he one of the so-called cherry pickers?

A Rank & File Who Likes To See Fair Play.

P.S. I'm betting 3 to 1 this wont be seen in print. How about it?

(Editors' Note) — This is your letter. There is no question about it that Bro. Schuler is a good union man and an efficient gang steward; however, let us remember that the Waterfront Worker expresses the opinion of all the Rank & File. Also let us not forget there are two sides to every question. And above all, brother, men have been condemned and have died for an idea, so let's not get so excited about this boss proposition. Isn't there an old saying that goes something like this — There is nothing any good unless you have the fight for it.

Dear Editor:

After much investigation I have been able to get a few facts regarding the suit brought against the Clerk's Local. It appears that the bosses figuring that the Clerks Local was the weakest link in the I.L.A., worked out a scheme to break that local first and then go down the line, picking the other locals off one at a time. As far back as two years ago Plant put out a letter to all monthly clerks telling them to sit tight and not join the Clerk's Local as he had something else in view for them. Shortly afterwards they were herded into the Railroad Brotherhood, but it was soon realized that they would be more effective for the bosses if they were inside the I.L.A. provided that "loyal" employees, getting their orders from the Matson Blag, were there to lead them. With the aid of Lewis and Peterson and the clerks' officials this was accomplished. The "loyal" strokers, once they were in, began to demand privileges so they could sell out the rest of the boys, according to program. The militant clerks stopped this, so the low suit was begun, but so far has been a dead loss. Among those who were tools of the boss in suing the Clerks Local were: Long Face White (Matson), Scootty McPhillips (Pier 35), Shifty-eyed Ford (Norton-Lilly), Gunman Hysne and Hogan (American), Lyons, and Convey Proudfoot (Silver Line), Shoe smith? (Matson). There were others in this gang (names later) which was supposed to deliver the Clerks Local to the Waterfront Employers, for a price, this being the questionable "gentlemens' promise" of a job. All I.L.A. men should keep the above names for reference.

An I.L.A. Clerk.

Editor Waterfront Worker:

A meeting for all permit men regardless of permit color should be held at least twice a month. It's true many of the permit men do belong to other unions attending their own union meeting regularly, but many of us are anxious to learn the I.L.A. working rules and the union decisions.

It is then very important that all of us who are working as longshorers should know what is taking place in the I.L.A. so we will be better prepared and able to defend our rights on the job; however, that's not the only thing. I call your attention to the fact that many of the men are good fighters for the union, and are eager to learn about the trade-union movement and strike strategy, but it is impossible for any one or ten men to teach such a lesson to hundreds in a short time. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, to pass a motion at your next meeting to instruct your Executive Committee to set up classes to teach the history of the trade union movement, strike strategy, tactics, etc. to ease our forces and for better understanding among all concerned.

Profoundly yours,
A Permit Man, §
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, there are not only blood-sucking corporations in this country, there are blood-letting corporations which grow fat on the murder of workers on the picket line.

The Federal Laboratories, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pa., is one such corporation. It does a booming business supplying munitions, tear and sickening gas, arms -- and all sorts of murder instruments -- to industrial concerns which "anticipate labor troubles".

The best clients of this murder factory are the worst enemies of the workers.

Among them are the H.C. Frick Coal and Coke Company and the Bethlehem and Weirton Steel Companies. From June, 1933, to June, 1934, more than $22,000 was spent by industrial concerns buying directly from Federal Laboratories.

But that's not all. At the time of the San Francisco waterfront strike, $50,000 was spent for tear gas. A contemplated steel strike in Pittsburgh brought a $75,000 order for tear gas to the Federal Laboratories.

In other words, the profit-swollen directors and coupon-clipper of these corporations are preparing for open CIVIL WAR in America. A civil war to crush every right of the workers to strike; to smash labor unions; to usher in with blood and iron that dreaded scourge, FASCISM.

These industrial magnates are the REAL SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS in this country. Typical of the gentlemen is E. T. Neir, head of the Weirton Steel Corporation, who has a long list of titles -- all of them bad. He is a member of the national advisory council of the fascist American Liberty League, a big contributor to the Republican Party, and one of the committee of 16 "big businessmen" who are raising funds for that party.

With pride those big-money men can take their seats beside William Randolph Hearst, America's ace subversive element who only a few days ago called for the building of the police force in New York "so that it will not be necessary to call for militia if we ever have a general strike."

The Federal Government must act to prevent the SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES of these corporate blood-letters now storing their arsenals with death-dealing weapons to use against workers fighting for the right to live.

Powerfully built labor unions and a broad Farmer-Labor Party -- based on the trade unions, poor farmers, Negro and middle class people -- are the main weapons of the American people against these dealers in death.

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UNITES AGAINST COMMON ENEMY

"The fascist menace in America is not an idle dream. The men who represent entrenched wealth and privilege are desperate in their struggle to maintain their position in the face of a collapsing system. The campaigns to crush labor unions, the efforts to curb free speech and to brand as a "dangerous radical" anyone who challenges the present system, all point clearly to the same peril. We must head it off before it is too late. When fascism gains control over democratic forms and democratic symbols are destroyed. It is thus imperative, that all liberal elements unite against that common enemy." -- Senator Elmer Benson, Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota, in April issue of Common Sense magazine.

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