The urgent necessity of the rank and file being in absolute control of the strike becomes apparent when we see the latest betrayals by District Officials.

WHERE we ask, did a few District Officials get the authority to postpone the strike, voted to take place on March 23rd, unless our demands were granted?

WHY, we ask, did a few District officials disregard the instructions of the Convention, and also not even attempt to get the sentiment of the Rank and File as to what they thought of President Roosevelt's "request"?

SHOIP OWNERS, THRU THE USE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S INTERVENTION HAVE LAID THE BASIS FOR COMPEL SONY ARBITRATION. RACIION - THE RYAN PLAN -- OPEN SHOP -- AND AN INDEFINATE CONTINUATION OF THE MISERABLE CONDITIONS NOT THE WAILING!

WHY was Ryan's telegram that our District officials had in their possession the night of the Special Strike Meeting, calling for a 30 day postponement of the strike, not read that night?....Instead the District Officials, fearing that Ryan's telegram was not enough to stop the strike, wired Ryan, that the ONLY way to stop the strike, was for President Roosevelt's intervention. Who was responsible for this betrayal?....we will ultimately be forced to strike to defeat the Ryan Plan.

THE NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY THE MEN ON THE FRONT MUST BE:

1- The "impartial" mediation board must be given only a limited time to return its decisions.

2- These decisions must not... with the approval of the Rank & File.

3- We must keep up with the strike preparations by strengthening our union on the docks thru' dock committees. We can see from the latest moves, the fact that the Rank & File must control the strike by local and District Strike Committees. THE RANK AND FILE MUST WORK UNDER THE CONDITIONS THAT WIN FOR THEMSELVES AND THEREFORE WIL NOT SELL THEMSELVES OUT !!!!