

WATERFRONT WORKER

ISSUED BY A GROUP OF RANK & FILE STEVEDORES IN THE I.L.A.

EXTRA

STRIKE POSTPONED-WHY?

The urgent necessity of the rank and file being in absolute control of the strike becomes apparent MORE 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"?

THE SHIP OWNERS, THRU THE USE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S INTERVENTION HAVE LAID THE BASIS FOR COMPULSORY ARBITRATION -- THE RYAN PLAN -- OPEN SHOP -- AND AN INDEFINITE CONTINUATION OF THE MISERABLE CONDITIONS NOW BEING PREVAILING!

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 meet with the approval of the Rank & File.

3- We must keep on 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 WILL NOT SELL THEMSELVES OUT !!!



BEHIND THE SCENES - PREPARE RANK AND FILE CONTROL! STRIKE TO WIN!