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The House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States, together known as the Congress, which is charged with the responsibility of passing laws that are just, have now added yet another layer of inefficiency to our already over-burdened communication system. Our country is saddled with the less efficient low-orbiting T (become national). Trusted with the handling of communication satellites which AT&T favors, INTELSAT, the international communication service satellite, has been freed of the weight of government regulation. INTELSAT in orbit and others that are to follow. It was given to Congress, but to no avail. While that with a properly developed system of channels. We gather also from the experts that the first two-thirds vote when civil rights are at stake. Make no mistake about it, the law pushed through Congress by the Kennedy administration was a product of political vendetta of the Kennedy family against the Teamsters, a labor union, and its bargaining strength.

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T HE American Bar Association held its 85th annual convention in San Francisco two weeks ago. The city was filled with visiting lawyers, and judges, including three US Supreme Court Justices. Also the legal leader, Robert Kennedy, US Attorney General. Plenty of experienced attorneys hold the opinion that Bobbie Kennedy’s knowledge and experience in matters of law is not much. However, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has been led to believe that the Attorney General is the most efficient communications service under the sun. The committee voted yes to a measure that is the statement he made based on the actual record since the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law was passed in 1959: "Take the telecommunications issue. In this country we are now saddled with the less efficient low-orbiting communication satellites which AT&T favors, INTELSAT, the international communication service satellite, has been freed of the weight of government regulation. INTELSAT in orbit and others that are to follow. It was given to Congress, but to no avail. While that with a properly developed system of channels. We gather also from the experts that the first two-thirds vote when civil rights are at stake. Make no mistake about it, the law pushed through Congress by the Kennedy administration was a product of political vendetta of the Kennedy family against the Teamsters, a labor union, and its bargaining strength.

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CRDC Raps Giveaways To Big Biz

PORTLAND—Clayde Munger of Local 92 was elected president of the Columbia River Labor Council, replacing Donald Van Brunt of Longview, who served three years. Max Houser of Checkers Local 40 was reelected secretary-treasurer. Other officers elected at the annual CRDC meeting included: Bill Fisher, Local 8; Victor Crane, Local 3, Jerry Shriver, Local 4, and Russell Maine, Local 12, trustees. Officers were installed by International Representative James S. Fantz.

However, later in the meeting the Oregon senator was sharply criticized by the CRDC, for his refusal to hand over the taxpayers' stake in space to a commercial enterprise. The senator's refusal is part of the ongoing resistance offered by a handful of senators (including Wayne Morse and Maurine B. Neuberger, both Oregon Democrats, and Ernest Gruening, Democrat of Alaska), to the proposed communications satellite giveaway.

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Jack London Wrote of the People, Spoke with the Voice of a Worker

By JOAN LONDON

(Editor's Note: Joan London is the daughter of the world famous author Jack London. This article first appeared in "Rank & File" published by the Local Union 70 in Oakland, Calif. Born and raised in Oakland, Joan London has retired from her work as publication editor and research librarian for the California Federation of Labor.)

Say Jack London, and people think of The Call of the Wild, or The Sea Wolf, and the other remembered works. Yes, by this name a union member, old-timer or young-timer, and more than likely he will recall stories. But say this name to a union official, and he is sure to speak of the steel lines of the Definition of a Scab, which, during the last sixty years, has been reprinted over and over again in union papers and bulletins in every state in the nation.

Thus Jack London, who never carried a union card, belongs to the labor movement, part of its traditional past, part of its living present.

It can be said without fear of contradiction, that the story he was told as a child, that the lack of a strong labor movement in the Bay Area, in the 1890's was a powerful factor in his becoming a writer. He was no common child. He was the first full-time job at the age of fifteen, the first contribution to his family's support as a newsboy, pin-setter, ice wagonhelper. But the job he took in a week of long hours, $30—he was stunned. Years after, when he learned the truth—that two men had been earning $40 a month apiece had been fired by the superintendent and had been given both jobs at $30—he was stunned. Years after,...

Dockworkers On Retired List

SAN FRANCISCO—Following is the latest list, as of September 1, of dockworkers retired under various ILWU-PMA plans.

Local 9, Henry Breidenstein, Lawrence W. Callahan, Harry K. Foster, Frederick Holly, Joseph John Ross, Ward F. Stender.


Oakland cannery in 1891 was different.

Because the one dollar a day he earned on a ten-hour shift at ten cents an hour did not meet his parents' needs, he worked overtime—at straight-time pay, of course. For eighteen to twenty hours at a stretch he stood at the same machine; once he worked a double shift of thirty-six consecutive hours and took home the princely sum of $3.60.

Later, since he knew no way to earn a living except by his hands, he worked in a jute mill—ten hours a day at ten cents an hour—side by side, he could never forget, with children of eight or nine. When he worked a ten-hour day but received only thirty cents for the ten long hours.

And still later, deciding that the smart thing to do was to learn a skilled trade, he got a job in a power house where, the superintendent assured him, he could start at the bottom and work up to become an electrician. So he passed coal for the day as well as the night shift, thirteen hours a day, twenty-nine days a month, for $30.00 a month. When he learned the truth—that two men had been earning $40 a month apiece had been fired by the superintendent and had been given both jobs at $30—he was stunned. Years after, he wrote of this experience: "I thought he was making an electrician out of me; as a matter of fact, he was making $50 a month out of me."

He had enough. He was twenty-eight when he made the fateful decision to become an author and started on the difficult path to reach his goal.

But what he had learned from cannery, jute mill and power plant of the unconscious exploitation of workers by employers he never forgot. Early he had realized that, as individuals the workers were helpless and that they would remain helpless unless they banded together, bound by fierce loyalty not only to each other but to all organized groups of workers, to win from their adversaries, the employers, a better life for themselves and their families.

Especially in the early years of his writing career, he wrote many articles and essays about organized labor, proudly celebrating its victories, recounting with equal pride its action and conduct even when strikes were lost, and always stressing its finest attribute and most powerful support—the solidarity of the workers. So strong was his faith in solidarity, this brotherhood of working men, that he regarded with loathing and hatred anything or anyone that menaced it—epitomized, certainly, in his definition of a scab.

Thus, in an essay little known today, he sketched the events of the labor strife in San Francisco in 1901 when, once after the other, seamstresses, butchers, bakers, laundry workers, longshoremen and many others came out in support of the cooks and waiters, a newly organized local that had called its first strike: "Writing of big strikes, he said: 'These strikes become bigger, olympiads, things to date from.' 1901 was such a strike year in the Bay Area, just as long after as ear 1914 was to become for the entire Pacific Coast."

In his essay, he did more than describe, with his enthusiasm, the solidarity of labor during this 1901 strike year. Almost as if he could pierce the veil of time and see into the future, he set forth in utmost clarity the issues and the adversaries that were to dominate labor relations down to and including our own time: the local unions and their councils, backed by their internationals and the national Federation, on the one hand, and the employers' associations and the employers, on the other; higher wages, fewer hours, better working conditions of the conscienceless exploitation of the workers to organize, to bargain collectively, to strike for their demands, and to support the strike, and to band together or be helpless unless they banded together.

In the same essay, he reported the statement of a spokesman for the 1901 employers' association: "Labor cannot be allowed to dictate to capital and say how business shall be conducted. There is no objection to the formation of unions and trade councils, but membership must not be compulsory." Familiar? It should be. The proponents of the "right to work" are still saying the same thing. There are still employers' associations, and, thank God, there are still unions and loyal union members.

Despite its great strides in the past sixty years, labor's fundamental goals have not changed; merely has more to lose now if its vigilance should falter or if its rich heritage of solidarity should be weakened.

This emphasis on loyalty to a common cause remains the finest of Jack London's contributions to the labor movement. In a letter to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County a few years before his death, he said: "I wish to point out something that you all know, but something that is so great it cannot be pointed out too often, and that grows every time that it is pointed out. It is the strength of organized labor in its brotherhood. . . ."

A pioneering project for American labor—PMA Pension Fund in San Francisco's West rapidly taking shape. 299 garden apartments are being planned. Models open for inspection today. First buyers should be able to move in soon. More information can be obtained by writing a post office box, PMA Pension Fund in San Francisco.
Way Up in San Francisco's Western Addition

Reader's Digest Raps Co-ops; Called 'Misleading, Unfair'

WASHINGTON—The Reader's Digest charge that consumer cooperatives enjoy special 'tax privileges' and are growing too fast is "grossly misleading and highly unfair," Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) told his Senate colleagues recently.

The Senator pointed out that co-ops don't pay income tax on their customer refunds, nor does any other business. Any corporation can deduct these refunds from its taxable income, Humphrey said, "but it's apparent that most of them prefer to pay tax rather than distribute their profits to their customers. Cooperatives distribute their earnings to their customers."

The Digest article, "Why Should These Co-ops Enjoy Special Tax Privileges?" by O.K. Armstrong, appeared in its February issue, and has been used to renew attacks on the thriving co-op movement in this country.

Humphrey said the mistakes are "grossly misleading and highly unfair." The Senator contended that the Digest is "trying to create a false impression that these co-ops are growing too fast, and that they are making money at the expense of the customer."

With a touch of sarcasm, Humphrey said the Digest article was "set up to make a profit by serving farmers who compete with businesses, that's good free enterprise. But when farmers acquire facilities to serve themselves, some believe this isn't free enterprise."

The Senator said the Digest was "misleading and unfair," and that the Digest "doesn't understand co-ops. It's a farmer's marketing department and supply department, and controls those who use these services, while other corporations are organized by investors to make a profit from the customers."

The fundamental distinction between cooperatives and other forms of business enterprise, Humphrey said, "is that the outside investor."}

Anacortes Ponders Port Expansion

Port Commissioner Opposition—Expansion of Anacortes port docking facilities to double present capacity is under consideration by the port commission. One project calls for the construction of a secend ocean pier, deep water channel and turning basin at Fidalgo Bay.
Charging that radio and TV have a "deadening effect" on the American mind, and that most of the programming is not focused on any aspect of the American scene but has "resulted in a polarization of public opinion," Justice Douglas last night said in an address before the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Chicago.

"These are soul-searching questions," the Justice said. "What is the nature of the great debate? Are we to reestablish viable democratic societies or must we continue to shore up old feudal arrangements?"

As to the latter, Justice Douglas said, the Communists have arrived, and there is a great debate among the governments of the world on what is to be done about the great debate. "The free society has not disappeared. The question is what is to be done about that which has not disappeared?"

Justice Douglas said that the question of abolition of slavery in the United States has been answered by the fact that slavery was abolished.

"The question is: What is to be done about the great debate?" he said. "Is it to be answered by the military elements of society, or is it to be answered by the non-military elements of society?"

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Candidate O'Connell Calls Prop 24 Police-State Horror

SAN FRANCISCO — “The police-state is ready on the horizon,” said Harry O. Bircher and his ilk run wild with misdirected civic concern. The overall better demonstrated than it is by President Nixon himself, the November hal- lot,” Congressmen John H. S. and John A. O’Connell said this week.

O’Connell, who seeks election to Congress from San Francisco’s new Sixth District, said, “It is to be hoped that the local administration to over to Richard Nixon. Now the Bircher goes to the White House, to Louis Francis and a band of hysteri-

ical, freedom-hating supersects.”

At the Wilmington Community Fishermen’s Club, O’Connell was chairman of the Committee on Criminal Procedure, and is a na-

tionally recognized authority on constitutional law. He said in his statement to the press that: “Every move con-

servative California newspapers, like the Los Angeles Times, recognize that the so-called Francis Initiative is an unconstitutional failure.

O’Connell acknowledged that, “It’s not for any genuinely benevolen-

ten to vote against a measure that is de-

scribed as anti-Communist. But we know that some term limits are done in the name of anti-Com-

munist. Proposition 24 repre-

sents not only a legal mess but an example of everything that is wrong with the blindfold-and-shagun app-

proach to anti-Communism.”

A member of the na-

tional advisory board of the Catholic Church, Civil Liberties, added that “The important difference between the efficiency and a lack of democ-

racy is in our freedom to di-

sant. To attack freedom is the very opposite of intelligent patriot-

ism. Californians should repudiate this Biarchie born with a resound-

ing ‘no’ vote on Proposition 24 in November.”

LEN BAKER, Portland Local 8 dispa-

tcher, offers the following information for those who seek the larger, stream rainbow in virgin set-

ting.

“Go to LaGrande, Oregon; take the milk train to Joseph to a spot where the Grande Ronde and Wal-

tum river joins.

“It’s a rather long journey for only 25 miles of track; takes four hours or so to get there but the trout fish-

ing thereabouts is worth it.

“In the many years I’ve been fishing this area since I was a boy I’ve never seen but one angler come out of there. This was a man who obvio-

ously fished below us, about four or five miles, and he had a few thousand-dollar rainbow on his stringer.

“The train will stop at whatever spot you designate and pick you up on the way back; a day or several days later.”

A PAIR OF avid salmon fishermen from the “South Fork” country, John, his two sons, his brother-in-law and son-in-law, scored a “full house” iv elk in two days of hunting.

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New Paper Pier Readied in SF

SAN FRANCISCO — A newly

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nounced this week by the Port Au-

thority.

Pier 1 is being remodeled for

Crown Zellerbach Corporation, which is chartering two specially designed Norwegian ships for construction to carry newsprint from mills at Ocean Falls and Elk Falls, British Columbia. The ships will have special equipment for rapid loading and discharging of paper rolls.

Pier one construction is to be done by the Clearsides Pier Company under contract with the Port Authority.

The pier, immediately north of the famed Ferry Building, will have its shipside dock area widened from 15 to 30 feet and cargo door in the covered shed enlarged. The berth will be dredged to take ship draft 29 feet.
Emergency Care At Kaiser

The emergency room at Kaiser Hospital is for service to people not suffering sudden, acute illness or an accident.

In case of non-emergency illness go to the Doc-In Clinic where specialist and general practitioners make appointments for neither the Pacific Maritime Association, nor the American Federation of Labor. An examination must be made at the hearing before the first day.

If you do not need immediate medical attention, you can avoid a crowded clinic, which requires seeing a doctor, by calling for an appointment. Free emergency service is available at all the hospitals on a 24-hour basis, 7 days a week.

Pensioners Give Aid To Ailing Members

PORTLAND — The Columbia River Packers Association recently purchased its first hospital bed, which will be available to disabled or ill members up to age 65 who are disabled or ill. The company has agreed to have the bed made by a local firm, which will be available at all the hospitals on a 24-hour basis, 7 days a week.

Local 43 Acts to Avert Fume Danger

PORTLAND — Longshoremen, shipclerks, and walking bosses under the ILJUI-PMA Benefit have been given the option to apply for early retirement. For example, a member with 25 qualifying years in the industry, drawing his M&M money, would get twelve months' survivor's pension at $115 a month. In the month when he dies, what will my wife get? A: If you die before 65, she will get only any unpaid balance of your pension. At 65, since you had 25 qualifying years, the ME:111 provides American-Hawaiian -line benefit payments of $110 a month until the maximum of $7920 has been paid.

Q: Can I get more than one kind of M&M benefit? A: As a permanently and totally disabled man over 65 with 25 qualifying years in the industry, you will get lifetime Disability Pension of $115 per month and Medical Assistance. If you have some other kind of pension in addition to Social Security, and monthly M&M Disability benefit payments of $110 a month, the maximum of $7920 has been paid.

Q: I retired on my 62nd birthday. I had 25 years in ILWU, drawing my M&M money. When I die, what will my wife get? A: If you die before 65, she will get any unpaid balance of your pension. At 65, since you had 25 qualifying years, you will automatically become an ILWU-PMA pensioner at $115 a month. In the event of your death after that, you will get twelve months' survivor's pension at $115 a month, and continued medical services. Industrie,s will threaten to run away from companies that are separated, they rarely have any chance of survival.

Here Is Q & A on ILWU-PMA M&M and Other Benefit Funds

Q: Do you have any ideas about the quality of the fumes? A: As a permanently and totally disabled man over 65 with 25 qualifying years in the industry, you will get lifetime Disability Pension of $115 per month. As a permanently and totally disabled man with fifteen or more qualifying years, you will be eligible for Vesting or Disability benefits. For example, a member with 25 qualifying years in the industry, and 15 qualifying years, would be eligible for vesting or Disability benefits.

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