**Why Is U.S. Seizing Seamen's Literature?**

**SS Monterey, at sea, Feb. 18th.**

Could it be possible that the forces of reaction, and particularly the shipping bosses, are able to utilize the government employees and trade union members in order to involve the U.S. in war, so that the "economic royalists" can protect their profits, by making war? This is the question that has bewildered many of the stewards on board the Monterey.

I shall let the reader decide for himself in this article. Have the shipping bosses been employed as a steward on board the Monterey for a love trip? I have had the opportunity to observe that the stewards are not members of the strike committees of the International Seamen's Union in Honolulu. On our previous voyage from Australia, Jorner 3, a member of the organization on this ship, had his diary and 32 pieces of literature and some books confiscated by the U.S. Customs. His diary was his own personal property. Brother Somner, who pleaded the confiscation of his personal property was manslaughter and treated with arrest. Only the action of the other members of the stewards' department, who observed the manslaughter, made the Customs decide to leave their victim on board the ship.

The apparent violation of civil liberties on the part of the Customs was condemned unanimously in a protest of the 22 stewards' department aboard the ship. The resolution was introduced at the regular branch meeting of the I.S.U.A. in San Pedro. At the time of writing this (Feb. 18th), a similar resolution from the S.S. Manhattan has just been received. The resolution states: "The customs (Hono- lulu) have wanted us (the stewards) not that if locked in our bunk and luggage is left open they will be broken open."

This instance of violence has occurred the freedom of the press is being curtailed on all passenger ships in the Port of Honolulu. Although vigorously contended, the men have intensified their attack to civil liberties. During our present voyage, both on deck and in the cabin, the Canadians boarded our ships on their regular duties and impounded me and my luggage, as well as that of other members searched thoroughly for literature. All my personal effects were searched and they read my personal mail. Upon my return I decided to question them. Again, as I expected, I was confronted with two Canadian men. Mr. Nash, who handled my going south, was again in charge, with this time an assistant. Following is a sample of the literature and "subversive" materials given me. I was left to the Customs and do not need one.

Q. Then you personally are the one who decides whether the literature is "subversive" and "Communist"?

A. Yes. We have been on shore before for such literature, and been searched by others who have been searched, I presume you are well acquainted with communist literature.

Therefore, could you give me a definition of the word "Communist"?

Ans. I don't know anything about it and do not want to know.

Q. Whatever you think is communist, you con- trol it, that right?

Ans. Yes, and we give you a receipt for it and if it is "Communist" and "subversive".

Q. You read and went through my personal mail, while I read your mail you noted that such an act was a violation of the Constitution when you have no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the person to be searched, and the things or persons to be seized.

Ans. I don't have anything about that.

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**Shippers Open Drive to Sell Intercoastal Tubs**

(Bishop W. D., Page 8, for National)

SAN FRANCISCO—Apparently speaking for the industry, the Waterman Co. Wednesday opened a campaign to sell intercoastal ships or switch them to the Atlantic trade. The campaign is the first attempt made by the Waterman Co. to overcome the financial difficulties of the industry. In the photo are three presidents: Left to right, Mrs. Charles Englund, outgoing president of the NMU, secretary of the Maritime Federation; Mrs. Charles E. Brown, of the S. S. United States; and Mrs. William W. Burden, of the S. S. United States. The orders roll in.

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**Scandal In Ship Subsidies DUE, U. S. Warned**

NEW YORK—Another step in the campaign of the maritime union officials is the demand for an investigation of the subsidies due to the maritime industry. TheWaterman Co. said that, "You want some idea where dividends on capital stock have been employed as a steward on board the SS Monterey for a few trips, I have had the opportunity to observe that the stewards are not members of the strike committees of the International Seamen's Union in Honolulu. On our previous voyage from Australia, Jorner 3, a member of the organization on this ship, had his diary and 32 pieces of literature and some books confiscated by the U.S. Customs. His diary was his own personal property. Brother Somner, who pleaded the confiscation of his personal property was manslaughter and treated with arrest. Only the action of the other members of the stewards' department, who observed the manslaughter, made the Customs decide to leave their victim on board the ship.

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They Clean Blood Stains

NMU Gains Case Appeal

HOPKINS GETS BEEF ON FLINT SKIPPER

NEW YORK—Commander R. S. Field, Director of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, exceeded his authority in refusing to investigate the conduct of Captain Gainard. The case has been appealed to the International Labor Commission.

Commander Field's action has been criticized by the NMU, who claim that it is an attempt to prevent the investigation of a serious matter.

Geyer Acts To End Poll Tax

The NMU has filed a new lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the poll tax.

CIO Dance Saturday

The NMU Local 101 held a CIO Dance on Saturday night.

Boatmen Quit AFL for CIO

The Boatmen's Union of New York City has joined the CIO after a long strike against the AFL.

NMU's Day of Peace

April 6 to Democracy

The NMU has declared April 6 as a Day of Peace.

The Cosmic Capitan

The Cosmic Capitan, a freighter that was recently seized, has been released by the NMU.

SS President Adams

The SS President Adams, which was seized by the NMU last month, has been released by the NMU.

SS W. R. Chamberlin

The SS W. R. Chamberlin, which was seized by the NMU last week, has been released by the NMU.

U.S. Lines Owns 'Foreign' Ship in War Zones

The NMU has announced that it will purchase the SS W. R. Chamberlin, a 'foreign' ship in war zones.

Sparks, "Yeh, 'Sparks!"

"We'll only get one beef to report," says James. "But what a beef! They hit the water because the keel was not strong enough. This was the worst blow of the season."

The ship was the SS Columbia, and it had been carrying a cargo of steel.

Sparks dances and rejoices.

"We're getting these things out of the way!"

"Well, that's the end of it, then!"

"Not much to report, nothing serious."

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Marine Cooks and Stewards

Buy a CIO Organizational Stamp!

Columbia River Council Unanimous in Backing MFP's Peace Plan

Portland Section

Name Committee To Contact Unions


Thursday, February 29, 1940. VOICE of the FEDERATION Page Three

Don't Have Mail

Time Commission ship to operate under the two -month shipping Amendment: applies to bakers, butchers, and to both cooks and waiters.

ON ALL

Are you in favor of adding

Don't be just a member

There's quite a program scheduled

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Are you an active member

You know right from wrong,

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VOICE OF the FEDERATION

Thursday, February 29, 1940

Looting the Treasury

Shipwreck Stoppa Gets New Deal Jobs After Convention Deal

(From the mouth told of the condition of the Merchant Marine during the present depression, 'baptism of fire' of the New Deal - a protected one, gave, homegrown, maritimeism - it was obvious that the merchant ships were the ships of the depression. The New Deal was not broken up, but shipped down, and the wages were held, underpaid and poorly fed for.

"We are not satisfied when the wages in the docks are but $3.50," said the President of the New Deal rolls. "We are not satisfied when the wages in the docks are but $3.50."

New Deal wants to make sure that the wages in the docks are $3.50 or better, and the New Deal will continue to exert all the means at its command to see that this is done."

The Big Man Who Isn't There

The President Says

The San Francisco commission of the California Maritime Community said that it had received a letter from the New Deal, asking for the New Deal's opinion on the New Deal's stand on the New Deal. The New Deal and the New Deal stand on the New Deal's stand on the New Deal.

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Editor, "Voice of the Federation":

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Editor, "Voice of the Federation": In 1923; Jack Spaulding, 1940; D. Bridges and the reds.

He Blasts Sokolsky's Mud-Slinging

Editor, "Voice of the Federation": He said, that's all they have got; outside of rotten conditions.

Crew of Mauna Kea Donates To 'Voice'

Editor, "Voice of the Federation": The "Voice of the Federation" is the official paper of the Federation.

ADMIRAL WILLIAMS' BLACK GANG AIDS 'VOICE'

Editor, "Voice of the Federation": Admiral Williams' black gang aids 'voice'.

NMU CREW GIVES $9.00 FOR NATIONAL UNITY

Editor, "Voice of the Federation": The NMU crew gives $9.00 for National Unity.

San Francisco Meetings

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 23, 1940.

Editor, "Voice of the Federation": San Francisco Meetings.

ENJOYING A DINER AT LIMITATION

Editor, "Voice of the Federation": Enjoying a diner at limitation.

Maritime Commish Opposes Clark Bill to Limit Fishing

Editor, "Voice of the Federation": Maritime commish opposes Clark bill to limit fishing.

Wage Boost

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Special to the Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO—The verdict of the jury in the longshoreman's case pending before the Supreme Court is still sitting on the case.

The jury returned their verdict in the case of John M. Shepard v. The United States, a case involving a governmental contract with the United States Government.

The case arose out of a dispute between the government and the longshoremen over the interpretation of a clause in the contract which provided for the payment of wages to longshoremen for work performed on the federal government's behalf.

The United States Government had refused to pay the wages claimed by the longshoremen, alleging that the clause in the contract was ambiguous.

The longshoremen, represented by the American Federation of Labor, had brought the case to the Supreme Court, contending that the clause was clear and unambiguous.

The court is expected to rule on the case within the next few weeks.
San Pedro Section

Herald, Teamsters' Head Fight Pedro ILWU

AFL Local's Shift To CIO Irks Them

BY TOM BROWN

The latest in a series of battles between the Washington Labor Herald, AFL, labor publication, and the local Teamsters' Union was waged this week in San Pedro. In this struggle, the Herald accused the Teamsters of attacking persons who belong to the AFL in establishing a program of non-Communist orientation.

The Herald said it was forced to cancel a meeting scheduled for February in the room of the Sunnyside Hotel. The Teamsters charged that it was the union's intention to force the small group of AFL members left on the waterfront to join the Teamsters.

In reply, the Herald announced it would allow the union to use the same room for meetings, but would not accept its suggestion that the AFL members be forced to attend it. The Herald also announced that it would not provide a club for the Teamsters to use as a meeting place.

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"subversive" literature... the Dies Committee in a national sensation.

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completed his search of my locker... search for that.

saying... occupied by six persons, of which... was neatly wrapped and sent to...

they do not know anything... Ans. Yes, I heard about it.

100% Union — Meet your friends at the Marine Cafe

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286 THIRD STREET

0 FISHERMEN & ALLIED WORKERS OF AMERICA

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Chief about the parcel. Brother... the parcel. C. Mew who had been a witness... He learned Why

and economic ills, and they tried... crime should make every peace...

and most reliable workers he had... invalidity.

Death and invalidity are compensated at double the rate pro-

be paid for loss of vessels, tools, etc.,... for war risk insurance in...

NORWAY—War risk insurance... by war. Firms, etc., for the longshoremen were...

Another move of the many affiliates of the International Fishermen and Waterfront Workers, the Big affiliate headed by William B. Ackerman,..

United Fishermen

Seattle Fishermen

Active at Ballard

BEATTLE—They're sending the note and extending the invitation of the boys of the Northwest fishermen's unions to get everythi... barnacles off... the hulls of the fishing boats at Ballard Fishermen's... barnacles...as the Northwest fishermen start the tough job of fixing nets, overhauling engines, putting... time at the end of this month, depending on the weather. Hall... for what sole and cod they can pick up in Puget Sound.

As V. N. Young, an old-timer and owner of the Anna B., puts it: "The boys of the Northwest fishermen's unions are getting everything shipshape for the rain. Ballard Boys, the Big West Coast trial is to Seattle Fishermen's last...