Double-crossed by the state legislature, betrayed by the governor, scapegoated by bureaucrats, the 720 members of the Inlandboatmen’s Union employed by the Washington State Ferry System are organizing in political self-defense to win back benefits unfairly taken from them.

It’s only the beginning. Deep in the hole because of reduced ridership, unfavorable court decisions and massive bad judgement, the ferry system is barely solvent. Last year’s budget deficit was patched up with cutbacks and deferred maintenance. Now ferry system management is taking an aim at workers’ wages and benefits.

“It’s extremely frustrating,” says one deckhand. “We see all the mismanagement, all the waste, but all they can think of to do is point the finger at us, because we’re the most visible. It’s a political attack on ferry workers, and their unions. We have to respond in a political way.”

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The ILWU Political Action Fund has proven itself time and time again to be an extremely effective tool in the hands of the members of this union. As we continue to face a direct and concerted attack on the very existence of the trade union movement and everything it stands for we must make it even stronger.

The fund has been used consistently to support candidates for federal elective office who have demonstrated their willingness to support and fight for important ILWU policies and programs. It has been used to help friends of labor who have been placed on the various "hit lists" of the corporate and new right political action committees. Contributions from the fund do not translate into automatic votes. But they assure us that that our lobbyists will listened to, that our letters will be read, that our arguments will be heard.

**CONCRETE RESULTS**

The fund has produced concrete results for ILWU members. There’s no doubt, for example, that this higher political profile helped us defeat the powerful drive by the insurance companies to weaken the longshore and harbor workers compensation program, and to win last year's campaign to save the jobs of 8,000 ILWU sugar workers. We have had far greater success in lobbying against proposed restrictions on log exports, or efforts to tax employer-paid health and welfare premiums because of the fund's activities.

Our focus in this election year is first of all on ending Republican domination of the Senate. We can take away the rubber stamp which Reagan enjoys in the Senate. We can sidetrack the worst of the Supreme Court appointments which we can expect in the next two years. We can lay the groundwork for a Republican defeat in 1988.

Thirty-four Senate seats are up for grabs this year—22 of them occupied by Republicans. Many of them are among the worst of those who were carried into office on the President’s coattails in 1980. Many of them are vulnerable, Republicans now have a 53-47 edge. A net change in four seats will turn the Senate around.

**KEY RACES IN ILWU AREAS**

There are some key races in ILWU areas. California Senator Alan Cranston must be defended against strong, well-funded but beatable Republican opposition. Cranston is an outstanding advocate of humane economic and social policies. He is an effective critic of the President’s shoot-from-the-hip foreign policies, and an advocate of nuclear disarmament. He is a competent, hard-working public servant, and a good friend of the ILWU.

In the State of Washington, former Congressman Brock Adams is challenging incumbent Slade Gorton, a hard-line member of Reagan’s class of 1980, who played a particularly negative role in the fight on sugar. In Hawaii, Dan Inouye’s Senate seat seems safe enough, but a big victory would greatly invigorate the labor-community alliance which has played such a great role in that State’s history.

We also need to take an interest in Senate races in other states. A number of Reagan Republicans across the country are being strongly challenged by Democrats with whom we can work. Other seats are open because of retirements. Because we are deeply concerned about and affected by what goes on beyond our geographical jurisdiction, we have got to take a close look at key races in all these areas, and make whatever contributions we can in a selective manner.

**HELPING FRIENDS**

While the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives seems relatively safe, we have an obligation to proven friends who may be facing serious challenges, and to demonstrate continued support for people who have helped us in the past. Where a majority of a delegation is Democratic, as in California, we want to explore possibilities of increasing that majority.

We also want to get in on the ground floor with some interesting young political talent. In one Mississippi congressional district in the heart of the Delta, for example, we have a historic opportunity to help a man named Mike Espy—already running a strong race against a Reagan Republican—become the first black member of the Mississippi Congressional delegation in over 100 years.

The ILWU Political Action Fund has clearly delivered for the members of this union, thanks to the voluntary contributions of our own membership, active and retired. But it cannot continue to deliver without continued support. Don’t put it off. With your help, we can take the first step in the long road back. Please send as large a contribution as possible to the ILWU Political Action Fund, 1188 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

Thank you for your continued support.

By Jim Herman
ILWU INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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The delegates acted unanimously to pro-vide the tools for rebuilding the local, ap-proving a $2,400 per year in support of union ac-tivities and service" has been submitted to the ILWU warehouse and distribution workers. Duncan's appeal was rejected. The company has now been sustained. The company is prepared to go back to work, Heddinger said.

"We were after an agreement that would preserve ILWU jurisdiction and improve work-opportunity for our members in both areas," said International President Jim Herman. "This agreement accomplishes those things while at the same time allowing the PMA member companies in this trade to remain competitive."

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"But we would much rather have had a series of raffles raised $3,000 to fix the roof, $2,400 for the floor. But it would have been for nothing without the long list of volunteers who worked evenings and Saturdays, scavenged and donated supplies to put the building back in shape."

"We had a leaky roof, broken windows, water damage to the walls and floors..." according to local president Luisa Gratz. "It was a do or die, and we really didn't have the funds to hire anyone to do the work."

"I'm just thankful to have had the ILWU to back me," said Gary Duncan, having heard recently that the ILWU will order non-union Sea Way Express to put him back to work at the Seward dock.

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Sesame Street leads to the White House

David Stockman has just published a book about his five-year stint as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. "The Revolution Failed," published by Harper & Row, is controversial. Stockman is being called a traitor to his boss for writing it so soon after quitting. But whether you think of him as a political rogue, the story he tells rings true and will continue to be read for years to come.

NO POLICY OPTIONS

How did the White House develop its original 1981 plan for tax programs, workers paying more money into the arms race, and opening new tax loopholes for the rich?

"No basic policy options were appraised, discussed, or adopted," he said. "The pace was so hectic that the White House never knew what the domestic spending level was. Our team had no serious legislative experience. No one in the team had any comprehension of the numbers and I didn't really care," Stockman wrote.

Stockman said the White House, that the 1981 tax cut and arms build-up would create a massive federal deficit. But "the prospect of needing over $100 billion in spending cuts was so remote that equilibrium appeared more opportunity than roadblock," Stockman said.

"Only 60 minutes had been allotted for a meeting between the Senate and House to try and work out a budget for the next fiscal year. I was given to review a plan in which philosophy and detail reversed 40 years of Social Security policy, that President Carter had approved it all on the spot," Stockman said.

"Spring Purge"

When the deficit still wouldn't go away, Stockman tried to limit the extra money Reagan was pumping into the Pentagon. But Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger was determined to spend the money with a single voice. "His briefing to me was inane," Stockman said. "I thought that I could hardly bring myself to believe that a Harvard-educated cabinet officer could think that way. He said, 'You're an economist from the United States. Did you think the White House and the State Department approve of spending, you?'"

In 1982, some of Reagan's advisors decided to defend his record by telling the public that the deficit would have been bigger under Carter.

"I was instructed to make the numbers prove the deficit would only have been $80 billion."

And what's the bottom line? "Our budget is now drastically out of balance. From two years of disequilibrium in 1981, all the normal mechanisms of economic governance have been ensnared in a web of fiscal irresponsibility," Stockman said.

"That's a Reaganite taking a Labor rights gain

WASHINGTON — The House Ways and Means Committee has approved language that would be part of labor rights gains in other countries an unfair trade practice.

The new language, strongly supported by US labor, would allow unions and other interest groups to petition for rules against the import of products produced under exploitive conditions. It would instruct the President to attempt to negotiate similar language in the upcoming international talks under the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT).

"We're talking about a rule that will reach that the House floor in the near future.

SACRAMENTO — Deeply alarmed by crime, but not one of the "horror stories" state legislature, hostility in the Governor's office, and by attacks on the integrity of the State Supreme Court, some 45 ILWU Northern District Council delegates met here April 21-23 to begin planning for a political war.

The delegates adopted a program calling for the election of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, who won the ILWU endorsement for his race for the governor's chair.

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SUPREME COURT DEFENDED

Convening at the state capitol, the delegates heard Sen. Ralph Dills (D-Los Angeles), author of the ILWU-sponsored bill to force installation of elevators on cruise ships, speak about the need to defeat an effort to rewrite the state constitution.

"We sat there happily hacking away at the state constitution. It's our worst nightmare, our worst nightmare," said the former General Counsel of the ILWU.

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Local 27 helps buy safety gear

PORT ANGELES—ILWU Local 27 helped build $82,000 worth of special equipment for the first fire department here which now allows rescuers to quickly hoist victims of accidents down the bellies of the ships.

The equipment, which consists of a fiberglass ladder and cables that can be attached to a ship's crane, was tested by the department. In a simulated accident deep in the ship, the department's senior paramedic was lowered into the ship, strapped the "injured" man to the ladder and had the crane operator maneuver them both out of the ship's hold and onto the ship's side.

Also contributing to the cost of the equipment were Stevedoring Services of America, Inc., Jones Washington Stevedoring Co. and the Port Angeles port.

Fumigant ban announced

The EPA recently restricted the use, sale and distribution of grain fumigants containing carbon tetrachloride, carbon disulfide (carbon bisulfide), or ethylene dichloride and the Coast and Conference has imposed ILWU locals of the changes.

Altogether the EPA banned only grain fumigants that will be available for use are those that contain aluminum phosphide such as Phostoxin, and phosphine oxide, methyl bromide and chloropirone, the letter from Coast (the immediate) and Rodenhaver and Randy Vekich said. "EPA has, or will, propose regulations that will be label requirements for the available grain fumigants. The label has the force and effect of law, and must be followed exactly.

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Pension trustees make proposals

At Ford Motor Co., the joint trustees supported several shareholder proposals, as follows:

• That Ford terminate the sales of all nuclear weapons and all contracts with the South African military and police until the government of South Africa officially commits to the termination of apartheid and takes meaningful steps to achieve political and social equality for its black majority population.

• That Ford take a series of concrete steps to end its support for the Nationalist government with its policy in South Africa or to divest from South Africa.

• That Ford make a report to stockholders on the activities of Ford South Africa and the implications of its involvement with the space weapons contracts and research it may be doing.

• That Ford support the Strategic Defense Initiative or "Star Wars" project.
RESOLUTIONS FOR CHICK — The Los Angeles Harbor Commission passed a resolution in memory of L. L. "Chick" Loveridge to "stress to young people like him," commission president Joe Zaninovich said at the presentation ceremony. Also, Assemblyman Dave of the 57th District, passed a resolution that the city of Los Angeles name a street after the late Mayor Tom Bradley.

Mary Jackson Sullivan was one of the "parents" because they provide food and shelter for the elderly. The new librarian, Sarah Stewart, comes from ILWU Local 9 during National Maritime Week. The Conference passed a series of resolutions honoring former Local 142 Secretary-Treasurer Saburo Fujisaki, and Office Manager Newton Miyagi, Business Agent Tony Saburo, and Office Manager Yotomasa Oshiro on their recent retirements.

Carol Schwartz (l) and new librarian Sarah Stewart.

Librarian Carol Schwartz retires

SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU Librarian Carol Schwartz will retire on May 30 after more than 20 years of association with the union.

"Carol is truly a symbol of the ILWU's commitment to preserving and learning from history," International President Jim Hoffa said. "Her dedication to the task of documenting the lives of working class people and the sweep of labor history has helped to make the union's library one of the most important archives in the country. The officers, and I'm sure, every member of the ILWU to have her see her leave, but wish her the very best for the future," Hoffa said.

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ILWU Voting Recommendations for California

Following are the statewide recommendations of the ILWU Unit 20 and Southern California District Councils for the June 3 primary. These are joint NCDC/SCDC-endorsments.

**Statewide Offices**
- Governor: William M. BENNETT
- US Senate: Alan CRANSTON
- Lieutenant Governor: Leo McCARTHY
- Secretary of State: March PONG EU
- Controller: Gray DAVIS
- Attorney General: John VAN DE KAMP
- Treasurer: Jesse UNRUH
- Supt. of Public Instruction: Bill HONIG

**Board of Equalization**
- District 1: William M. BENNETT
- District 2: Conway H. COLLIS
- District 3: Jesse UNRUH
- District 4: Paul CARPENTER

**State Propositions**

42 – $850 million bond issue for farm, home loans to veterans: YES
43 – $100 million bond issue for regional parks, beaches: YES
44 – $500 million bond issue for water conservation: YES
45 – Landmarks and deposits of state monies in credit unions: YES
46 – Permits property taxes to be raised by 3%, vote about current 1% limit for acquisition of real property: YES
47 – Allocation of auto license fees to local governments: YES
48 – Respite services for legislators, judges, statewide officeholders: YES
49 – Prohibits political endorsement for non-partisan offices: YES
50 – Provides property owners from reassessment at higher level if property is destroyed or damaged: YES
51 – Limits amounts that can be collected from any one defendant in a damage suit when more than one defendant is judged jointly responsible: YES
52 – $450 million bond for construction of county jails: NO

Following are the recommendations of the Northern California District Council and various Northern California ILWU legislative committees for the June 3 primary.

**San Francisco County**

- US House of Representatives
  - District 5: Sala BURTON
  - District 6: Barbara BOXER
- State Senate: Louis PAPAN

**State Assembly**
- District 16: Art AGNOS
- District 17: Willie BROWN
- District 18: Mike NEVIN

**City Charter Amendments**
- A: Risk management, claims investigation: NO
- B: Purchaser enter into contracts without CAO: NO
- D: Remove administration of civil service system from commission to department of personnel administration: NO
- E: Ballard Reservoir development ban: NO

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- Supervisor, District #2: Charles SANTANA
- Supervisor, District #3: Sandre SWANSON
- Auditor-Controller: Patrick F. O'BRIEN
- Sheriff: Donald L. KROGER

**Union Sanitary District**
- Daniel I. WILKOWSKY: Rudy REYNA, SR.

**Democratic County Central Committee**
- 1st District: Vi BETTENCOURT
- 2nd District: Joyce LANTO
- 3rd District: Thomas I. CSEKEY
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- 6th District: Ramon SEVILLA
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- 12th District: Royce KELLEY
- 13th District: Bob KEGELES
- 14th District: Bob BOUTELLA
- 15th District: Bob BOYD

**Fresno County**
- US House of Representatives: Tony COELHO

**Humboldt County**
- US House of Representatives: Doug DOUGLAS

**Yolo–Sacramento Counties**
- US House of Representatives: Robert MATSUI

**Judicial Offices**
- Seat No. 7: Horace HASTIE

**Fifteen-Member Statewide Recommendations**

- Compensated advocacy and campaign limits: NO
- South Africa boycott policy: YES
- AIDS research: YES
- Freedom of Embarcadero Freeway, partial replacement: NO

**San Joaquin County**

- ILWU House of Representatives | District 4: Vic FAZIO
- District 11: Tom LANTOS

**Alameda, Contra Costa Counties**

- US House of Representatives
  - District 19: Mike NEVIN

**State Senate**
- District 8: Louis PAPAN

**State Assembly**
- District 12: Dan McCORQUODALE
- District 18: Delaine EASTIN
- District 21: Byron SHER
- District 22: Brent N. VENTURA
- District 23: Dominick CORTESE
- District 24: Rusty ARBIA
- District 25: Rusty ARBIA
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**Northern County**

- Seat No. 7: Horace WHEATLEY

**Sacramento County**

- District 9: JoHanna P. WILLMAN
- District 11: Patrick JOHNSTON
- District 12: Phil ISENBERG
- District 16: Art AGNOS
- District 18: Bill HONIG

**Mono County**

- District 4: Robert MATSUI

**Washington County**

- District 12: Dan McCORQUODALE

**Fresno County**

- District 6: Robert MATSUI

**Iowa**

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**Jackass County**

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A resolution originating with Auxiliary 14 placed the convention on record urging unsigned of the ILWU-PMA Health & Welfare Plan to include provision of mastectomy prostheses in their next contract.

The delegates also opposed any and all aid to the Contras in Nicaragua.

Jesse Stranahan, a convention visitor, spoke on S 1774, new Hobbs Act legislation, the Right-to-Work (for less) Committee is trying to ram through Congress. It would apply only to labor, not to employers or to strikebreakers, and under it even minor picket incidents would be considered federal crimes, with penalties of up to 20 years in prison.

Many delegates had never heard of S 1774, but after Stranahan's speech, a policy statement opposing the bill passed by unanimous vote.

**MEMBERSHIP GAINS**

Auxiliaries reporting membership gains included Auxiliary #10, Seattle and Auxilliary #2, Portland. Auxiliary #14 reported "generous support from the men. Convention-goers toured the spacious and recently painted auxiliary headquarters in the Local 21 Hall, where they were served snacks and coffee.

Barbara Pinkerton, 34, youngest delegate at the meeting, read the report of the organizing committee to the convention. It stressed the need for the ILWU to "work together for peace, equal rights, throughout the Northwest to the Federated theme "Peace in the World Or the World in Peace.""
Ferry workers charge 'double-cross'

SEATTLE—Double-crossed by the state legislature, betrayed by the governor, scapegoated by bureaucrats, the 720 members of the Seattle Local of the International Brotherhood of Seamen (IBU), the only union employed by the Washington State Ferry System are organizing in political self-defense to keep alive the services taken from them.

Health and welfare benefits negotiated over the last 26 years were cut to ribbons last month when Gov. Booth Gardner approved a supplemental budget which will cut the present level of benefits to the level of a vastly inferior plan applying to other state employees.

FILLING THE GAP

"It's not that we think that we're better than anyone else," said IBU Puget Sound Region Director John Bickford, "But we have unique problems because we're maritime—most of us aren't covered by workers' comp. So over the years we've negotiated some benefits with coverage for those who are injured on ship, and time-loss payments. The supplemental budget says, in effect, that we can no longer enjoy those benefits.

"It's a double-cross. We agreed to give up the right to strike in exchange for binding arbitration where problems could be solved. But the state refused to take this issue to arbitration, and now we're out in the cold. They are stuffing a major hole because of reduced ridership, unfavorable news media and the political pressure they get from the legislature, where some 22 bills to reduce ferry workers' benefits or wages, or to cut the health and welfare takeaways are introduced. "We did a lot of lobbying, we had a big presentation with a lot of people. We got our hopes up, but they got themselves off the hook by pointing to the supplemental budget."

LOW EARNINGS

"We see the waste, we see the bad decisions. We have no control, yet we take the rap."

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"Everyone pays their dues," he says.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

There's no way getting directly involved in politics if we want to protect ourselves," says Tyson. "We've got to raise our profile on these issues that affect us so directly."

As the revived IBU Puget Sound Political Action Committee has shown, there are other things we can do, in addition to getting involved in politics. Members will also be interviewing candidates for legislative office, attending relevant legislative hearings and political functions, running a voter registration drive, and in general restoring the political strength of the marine division to a level where all employees can be interviewedpoly.

The IBU is also working as a member of a coalition of ferry workers united to protect their jobs.

As this issue of The Dispatcher goes to press, the IBU and the other members of the coalition have set tentative dates for negotiations for the two-year period beginning July 1, 1985. "With any luck, we'll have it tied down by the end of the year, just in time to start thinking about the next agreement," says Hatch.

UNION-BASHING

System—lack of good management. To put this bluntly, the feeling among ferry workers is that M&P&E got theirs and we damned well intend to get ours by the legitimate means of collective bargaining.

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