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SEPTEMBER	Canceled
PCPA Convention, Tacoma, WA	
September 8 thru 11, 1996	

MARTIN JUGUM - HE TOLD IT LIKE IT WAS

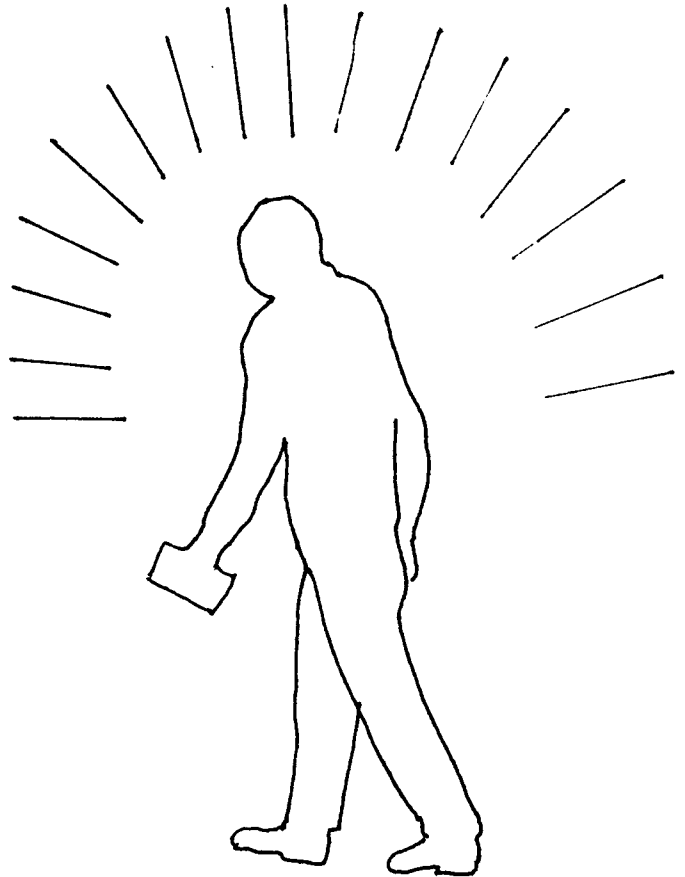
Those of us who came in contact with Brother Martin Jugum couldn't help but marvel at his grasp of what was going on in Longshore. He had the facts and he knew how to use them. From accounts of what went on at any of the caucuses and conventions he attended, down to what happened and who made it happen on the Seattle waterfront, Jugum could tell you the ins and outs! In this way, and in the forthright manner in which he dealt with others, he was a true rank and file leader. . . devoted to union democracy.

Brother Jugum spoke in what became known as "Jugum language." His message came across in a manner that left little doubt as to where he stood. Harry Bridges once remarked that if we could negotiate a contract in Jugum language, we would be better off.

But there was a lot more to Jugum than his use of the language.

Not only his unique use of the language and grasp of union principles, but the meaning of union democracy - "the rank and file has the final say" - was the hallmark of his unionism. And he did a lot to help make the ILWU one of the strongest unions in the country. He had a sharp sense of rank and file sentiment and he did his best to be guided by it.

He greatly admired Harry Bridges. At the Bridges memorial in San Francisco he called him "the



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Jesus Christ of the American working class." And he fought to keep the Bridges democratic tradition alive.

This was clear in his outstanding effort to promote the Harry Bridges Chair in Labor Studies at the University of Washington - the only one of its kind in the country.

We will always remember this "ordinary rank and filer," as he called himself, who epitomized much of what the ILWU stands for

He was quite a guy!

We will sorely miss him!



*Brother Jugum holding a photograph of Harry Bridges
(Courtesy of "Building Bridges" newsletter of the
University of Washington Center for Labor Studies)*

(Donations to a Martin Jugum Scholarship fund at the Harry Bridges Chair of Labor may be sent to Bob Duggan's attention at Levinson, Friedman, Vhughen, Duggan and Bland, 2900 One Union Square, 600 University St. Seattle, WA 98101-4156. Checks should be made out to "Jugum Scholarship")

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DELEGATE'S REPORT

LABOR PARTY FOUNDING CONVENTION

June 6-7-8-9, 1996

Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio

The Convention convened at 3:00 PM Thursday, June 6th, 1996. After opening ceremonies the first order of business was presentation of the proposed constitution (or platform) of the Labor Party. Adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The ILWU delegation convened a caucus at 7:30 at the Sheraton Hotel, a block away. We read and discuss the articles of the proposed constitution. It was decided that with 1400 delegates and 1400 interpretations it would be a waste of time to nitpick every article. After a lively discussion we determined that the key issues for us were whether the Labor Party should be an electoral party or a pressure-lobbying organization and the issue of pro-choice abortions. While we were fully aware that it would be impossible to field a slate of qualified candidates for the '96 elections, we were in agreement that our purpose should be to form an electoral party and that another lobbying organization would be just a waste of time and money. The pro-choice issue did not require much discussion since the ILWU has traditionally supported this issue. We adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Friday, June 7, 1996, the Convention convened at 9:00 AM. Delegations presented proposed amendments to the article of the proposed constitution. We adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, June 8, 1996, the Convention convened at 9:00 AM. There was further presentation of amendments.

It appeared that the Chair (Robert Wages, President of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers

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International Union) was bypassing and not recognizing individuals in our delegation or delegates from small locals of other unions when they wished to speak on the mike. So, at 11:30 the ILWU delegation walked out as a body to caucus at the Sheraton. Tony Mazzocchi, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union and founder of the Labor Party Advocates, followed us and requested to negotiate. We talked until 1:30 with no result. Finally, I got the floor and said, "We came up here disgusted because we were not getting our fair share of time on the mike. Either our delegates get recognized to speak or we walk! It appears that the Chair, Robert Wages is playing games."

They reconvened at 1:00 PM. We came in at 1:58 and received a standing ovation. The gavel was turned over to a delegate from a California Local of a Nurses Union. She did a bang-up job and was fair to everyone seeking the mike, including all the small locals—which was only right.

Ralph Nader spoke to us.

We voted on the electoral issue. We lost.

We adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, June 9, 1996, the Convention convened at 8:00 AM. We voted on the abortion issue. We were defeated. Former Governor of California Jerry Brown spoke. We adjourned at 1:30 PM.

SUMMARY: Unless the Labor Party accepts and works toward a goal of becoming an electoral party with qualified candidates for elected office it will accomplish nothing and will fade away. There is nothing to be gained in organizing another pressure-lobbying group. It is true that Republican and Democratic candidates have become interchangeable and for the most part Democratic candidates no longer represent our issues and needs. However, if we hold to the premise of not supporting any candidates and offering NONE of our own; how can we be a pressure group? Where is our bargaining power? We have none!

Members of our delegation, as well as myself, may have judged Sweeney, President of AFL-CIO harshly for not attending the assembly although he was in Cleveland on other business. In a newspaper article he cited the impossibility of fielding a slate of candidates for the '96 elections. However, upon reflection and after reading Alexander Cockburn's column in "Nation", I think Sweeney may know these people (Wages and Mazzocchi) better than we do. There is a definite possibility that they are using the rest of us to build a power base to exert pressure for OCAW inside the AFL-CIO.

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"When do they start downsizing greed?"

In his book *The Work of Nations* (1991) Secretary of Labor Robert Reich explained that the economic globalization...has severed the interests of the wealthy classes from a sense of national interest and thereby from a sense of concern for and obligation to their less fortunate neighbors. A thin segment of the super rich...has formed a stateless alliance that defines global interests as synonymous with the personal and corporate financial interests of its members.

This separation has been occurring in nearly every country in the world to such an extent that it is no longer meaningful to speak of a world divided into Northern and Southern nations. The meaningful divide is not geography—it is class.

The world now has more than 350 billionaires whose combined net worth equals the annual income of the poorest 45 percent of the world's population. That gap is growing.

from "The Limits of the Earth" by David C. Korten, *Nation*, 7/15/22/96

SOLIDARITY!

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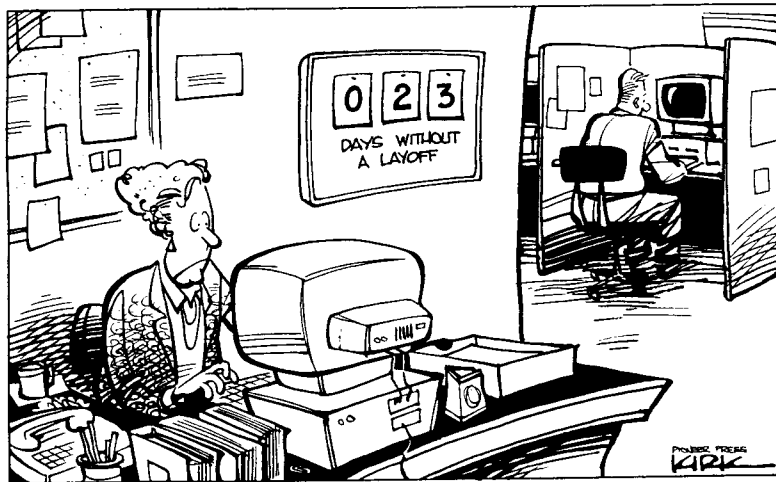
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Recognizing this, I believe that it was important that our delegation was in attendance. We were represented by an excellent delegation. In particular Luisa Gratz, Local 26 is an outstanding spokesperson, totally dedicated, remarkably well informed, well organized and competent. ILWU is indeed fortunate to have her and we should support her for International Office. Other worthy of note who performed with distinction were David Arian, Jessie and Lois Stranahan, ILWU Columbia River Pensioners; Jack Heyman & Leo Robinson, Local 10; Ralph Sousa, Southern California Pensioners; Chuck Dean, Local 19 and Jeff Engles, IBU Puget Sound Region.

I would like to record respect for the delegation from the Northern California Nurses Association who backed us 100% and for the Marine Firemen who sent a delegate. We noted that the ILA did not send a delegation. An East Coast member of Master Mates and Pilots came on his own

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL S. MCCABE



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We got several interesting responses from readers of our last issue of the RUSTY HOOK. As we stated, we welcome such letters, please keep them coming.

A short note from Jerry Tyler called the Spring issue an "excellent issue." That's a real compliment from the one who did the original Local 19 HOOK in times past.

We also got five applications for new memberships - something that shows the power of the pen. For instance, from far off Phillipine Islands we got two applications from Brothers John Brace and Bob Beauvais who wrote that:

"The other day while down at the beach house of my old partner, Bob Beauvais, we had just finished reading the

RUSTY HOOK, April '96 issue when we decided we had better join the Pensioners Club even though we cannot take an active part in it" . . . He also sends: "My best greetings to you all and particularly, Fred Berg," (one of our editors) "my contemporary."

Another letter from George Anderson in Port Angeles, retired in 1993 from Local 98. He expresses his bad feeling about the way older Pensioners were treated in the last contract, he says:

"I would like to join your organization. . . . let me know how much the dues are and I will gladly remit same and help in any way I can."

Jessie Hraska is becoming something of a regular correspondent. As you remember, she wrote the fine poetry which we excerpted in the last issue. She sends along a couple of lengthy articles which we will have to excerpt again because of our limited publication space. We hope she will understand.

One concerns a tribute paid to her Father, Joseph Thomas, who did so much to organize workers in Aberdeen, WA. It was written by Kingsville Commander, Editor, the Tacoma Tribune, April 17, 1929:

"SERVICE! GIVING! In those words, we have the keynote of his life on all planes of existence. The sweep of his vision . . . so far exceeded that of most of us that he was misunderstood by many; . . . I do wish to offer my earnest testimony by saying that in an experience of nearly fifty years between the Atlantic and Pacific, I have met no more splendid, upright, true-hearted character than Joe Thomas. . . .

"His memory will always be a precious inspiration to those who really knew him.

"Comrade and brother beloved, Hail and Godspeed!"

How often can we expect to hear such a glowing tribute to a labor organizer in today's press?

.....Editors.



In addition, Jessie sends us a fuller article telling of her and her Father's experience in organizing the women laundry workers of Aberdeen in the days before there was any union. Her father, Joe Thomas, incensed at the treatment of Aberdeen's laundry workers, decided the time had come to organize them into a union:

"One day when he came home (from his custom shoe shop) . . . he was much more emphatic saying: 'Something has got to be done! Things cannot go on like this! Two women fainted today at the laundry. They were picked up, placed on a bench and no one could take the time from work, to do something for them. The bosses wouldn't let anyone help them! . . . He felt he was chosen to lead the way for workers' rights in Aberdeen."

At the meeting to organize for a strike, little Jessie was enthralled by the proceedings:

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"It was the drama and intensity of their faces. Papa got up to make a point. The men listened. Some had closed their eyes; some brows were furrowed; some had clenched fists, not in anger, but in such serious pondering. Some felt it was a big risk; couldn't possibly be pulled off.

"Yes! Joe's right! Let's do it! All the men were to pick up leaflets and distribute them all over town. . . . I stepped onto a stoop to leave a leaflet, when the door opened and there stood a huge man with a gun pointed at me. He yelled to Papa: 'Get that kid to take the leaflet off my porch or I'll blow her brains out!' Papa called to me: 'Go and get it, Jessie.'

"The day the leaflets were passed out, a meeting and rally was held at the Red Finn Hall in East Aberdeen. . . . I heard him [Papa] say:

"This is a moment, my friends. We are here to demand justice for our friends, the laundry women who have been working 10 and 12 hours a day for starvation wages. . . .

"Tomorrow is The Day that the women will walk off the job and we will be there to support them. . . . We want them to get a union contract and an eight hour day with a raise in pay! . . . The people cheered! . . . I was that one, I am pretty sure, that was supposed not to forget this eventful day to record it for Aberdeen's future, where the First Eight Hour Day was established in AMERICA!"

One additional letter we wish to note is from Mildred Leonard who sent a generous contribution to the RUSTY HOOK and asked to join. We excerpted two years due for '96 and '97 and put the rest on publication expense. Thank you gratefully, Mildred!

We want to thank all those who have sent in contributions. Most are sent in with dues payments, plus a RUSTY HOOK addition. Thanks, again!

....Editors.

Final Dispatch

Dick Haverty
Warren Weeks
Walt Benson
Martin Jugum
Tom Simmons
Leon Bennet
Ollie Peeler
John Holland
Thelma Fairbanks
Charlie Kaiser

Ms. Marge Hicks — wife of
Randall and mother of Ted Hicks

Trailmobile Workers Win



(Locked-out Trailmobile workers in the United States called attention to the company's ties to Indonesia's military government)

From the July 1996 Progressive
Charleston, Illinois

We've heard a lot about U. S. companies exploiting Indonesian workers. Here's a story about an Indonesian company exploiting U. S. workers.

The Charleston dispute began in January when Local 7591 of the United Paperworkers International Union (UPIU) rejected a contract offer that included a three-year wage freeze (coming on the heels of a four-year wage freeze from the previous contract). The workers voted to continue working during negotiations. But company officials locked out 1,200 workers on January 21.

Fighting back, the union chose to draw links between Trailmobile and Indonesian atrocities. The union says Trailmobile is controlled by the Gemala group, which is owned by the Wanandi family. Edward Wanandi is president of Trailmobile. His brothers have long-standing ties to the brutal Indonesian military, the union says.

According to the union, Edward Wanandi's brother, Sofijan Wanandi, also a Gemala official, once served as an advisor to top Indonesian generals. Today he is involved in "tourist development" in East Timor. Another brother, Jusaf Wanandi, founded the military-intelligence institute that helped plan the East Timor invasion, the union says.

One of the leaders of the Timorese resistance movement, Jose Ramos-Horta, visited Charleston in May to support the locked-out workers. "It struck me as incredible, when I heard of this labor dispute and its connection to a much-hated family where I come from, that I would find the Wanandis and their tentacles wrapped around a small town in the hinterland of America," said Ramos-Horta.

In June, workers and other supporters gathered in front of the Indonesian embassies in Washington, D.C., and Canberra, Australia, to protest the lockout. They also pointed up the alleged connection between Trailmobile and the Indonesian government's atrocities in East Timor.

In the end, Trailmobile gave workers what they were looking for. And the company dropped its demand that the union apologize to Edward Wanandi.

"The unity of Trailmobile workers in Charleston, coupled with UPIU's strategic campaign against the company's owners has proven that union workers can stand up to corporate tyrants and win," says Local 7591 president Gary Collins.

Leah Samuel

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PACIFIC COAST PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

29TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Sheraton Tacoma Hotel
1320 Broadway Plaza

Hospitality Room No. 510-514
(Elevator to 5th Floor)

Sunday, September 8, 1996

- 8 a.m. Registration at Sheraton
- 9 a.m. Executive Board Meeting,
Local No. 23 Longshore Hall
17th & Market Street
- 12:30 p.m. BOX LUNCH AT THE HALL
- 2 P.M. Resolution Committee
in the Board Room at the hall

Monday, September 9, 1996

- 8 a.m. Registration (packets) at Sheraton
Hotel Broadway Board Room
- 9 a.m. Call to Order
BALLROOM (Lower Level)
Guest Speaker,
Introduced by Harold Seitz
MEETING CONVENED
- 12 Noon MEETING ADJOURNED
BARBECUE
Transportation provided to the
Tacoma Longshore Hall, 1710
Market Street, Tacoma

Tuesday, September 10, 1996

- 9 a.m. MEETING CONVENED
- 2 p.m. MEETING ADJOURNED
DINNER AT THE PROPELLER CLUB
TRANSPORTATION STARTS AT 4 p.m.
Happy Hour 4:30 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.
Program to follow
Transportation back to the hotel
whenever you wish

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

- 9 a.m. MEETING CONVENED
Announcement of afternoon
entertainment
MEETING ADJOURNED

THE GROUP HEALTH PROBLEM

At this writing it looks like Group Health Cooperative is about to be swallowed up by the medical conglomerate. Since it has amalgamated with Virginia Mason it is likely to become an HMO for profit, or some combination of cooperative and private enterprise. This is the likelihood according to the Concerned Consumers of Group Health which has been struggling to maintain Group Health's cooperative principles alive. I was very successful in holding down costs over the years.

The struggle was almost lost when the question was put to a vote of the membership. In the vote for preserving Group Health as a cooperative the membership was maneuvered by the Group Health Board to such an extent that the Election Committee refused to certify the ballot. Nevertheless, Group Health management pushed the amalgamation with Virginia Mason - a non-union, private hospital.

What this means is that the quality of health care under the new set up will go down and costs will go up. Band aids will be substituted for surgery; pregnant Mothers will hardly be able to catch their breath after giving birth before they are whisked out of care; and referrals by primary physicians to specialist care will be discouraged. All to cut costs of health care. Patients are now to pay in reduced care for the highway robbery of the medical conglomerate.

The Concerned Consumers, however, gained agreement to have a special meeting of the Group Health membership to re debate the issue. In addition, a page of the regular Group Health bulletin will be turned over to Concerned Consumers to present their warning to the membership before the meeting. Also, some procedure is proposed to allow monitoring of the quality of health care.

The Concerned Group Health Consumers are supporting Rod Dimoff in the 1996 GHC Board Elections. We are also circulating a petition committing GHC to support of a Single Payer National Health System.

Where all this will lead cannot be predicted at this point, but we will keep you posted.

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SOCIAL SECURITY RIPOFF

One of the most fraudulent proposals for "solving" the Social Security problem (a "problem" manufactured by those seeking to rob the poor to pay the rich) is to have workers invest their Social Security tax in the stock market. This is like having us invest in the lottery. The stock market is a gamble. It is for those who have enough surplus funds to play roulette. It is not for workers on less than the income of millionaires. What it boils down to is simply giving the Wall Street gamblers some of our hard earned money to play with.

That the stock market is a risk is well described by even a Seattle Times financial commentator who pointed out that not only is it a risk, but its future losses are inevitable. It follows the old rule that what goes up must come down. It may not crash as in '29 (although there is no guarantee of that), it will inevitably fall into a "bull market" - the downer.

A better proposal for solving the Social Security crisis is to reverse the above. That would be simply to tax the rich. If the country needs money for social welfare it might as well get it where it is - from the rich.

Some would say that is impossible; and, as long as the rich run the government, that may be true. But consider that the rich are also part of the country and that they earned their money from the workers without whom they could not have gotten rich. If it were possible to become rich without workers they would have gotten rid of us long ago. If they are patriotic citizens, they have the obligation to see that the country is in good shape including the elderly, the sick and the infirm, and especially women and children.

So we should tell the rich they owe us and the country a responsibility to see that the country and its citizenry is kept in good shape.

NEW CONTRACT

After extending the old contract for 26 days plus, The ILWU and PMA negotiators reached a tentative agreement for '96-'99. At 1:20 AM, Saturday, July 26 agreement was reached. The negotiating caucus then ratified by majority vote and referred it to a rank and file referendum to be completed by September.



While you will be receiving a full copy of the terms from the International, we have good news to report:

1. Retirees before 1981 will receive a \$200.00 pension increase over the three year period of the new contract.

2. Widows will receive a \$75.00 pension increase over the same period. Of course, the exact amount for both pensioners will depend on the number of qualifying years involved.

3. ILWU jurisdiction has been increased to cover drayage, M.&R and other areas. Checkers will get jurisdiction over cargo planning.

4. Basic wage will increase \$2.00 per hour; and crane operators will get a 20% increase. Other skilled increases are included.

Local 19 will vote on the contract on August 14, 15, and 16.

Further details will be forthcoming in the official report of the negotiating committee and the International. As far as we can tell at this point, it is a good contract.



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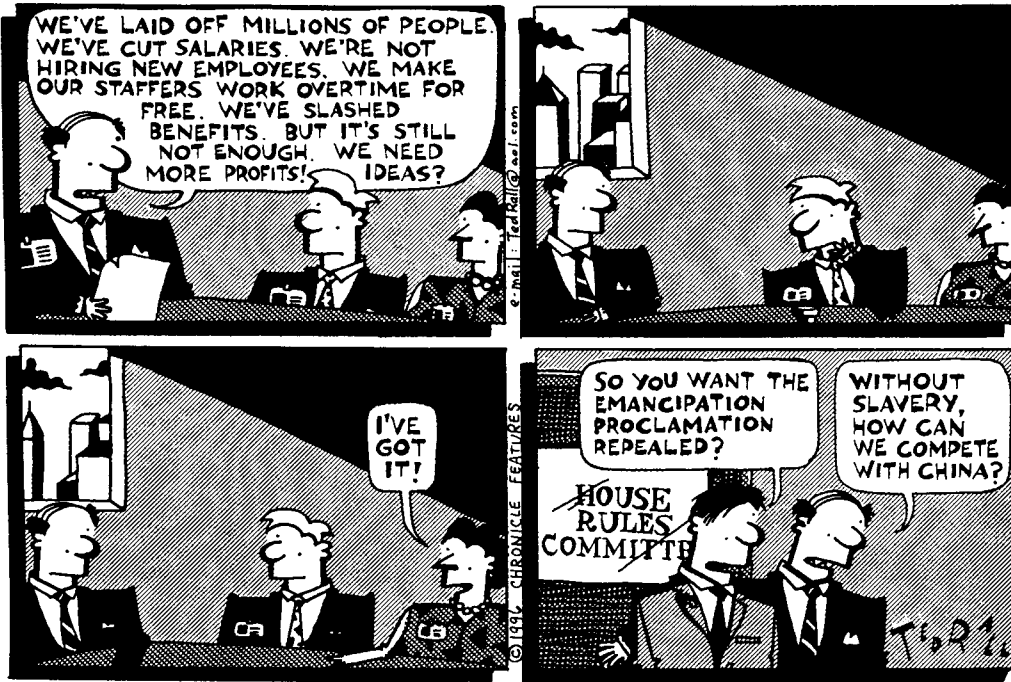
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