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JAKE '97

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Our last regular meeting, December 1, '97 passed the following motion:

“All club members will be assessed \$3.00 per year beginning in 1998, in Addition to dues.”

This assessment is for the purpose of setting up a fund for any extra expenses, especially for the PCPA convention expense which runs around \$8,000. Seattle's will be in year 2001. All Puget Sound Clubs are being asked to do the same. In addition, all ILWU locals are being asked to assess their members \$1.50 per year for the fund. This money will be kept in a separate account with trustees to assure it is used for the purpose stated. Your cooperation is appreciated.



WHAT A CHANCE FOR PHILANTHROPISTS!

According to the United Nations Development Program, the world's seven richest people could end world poverty. Their \$80 billion, the UN agency said, could provide access to basic social services and eradicate poverty in nations around the globe. The report also noted that the net wealth of the world's top 10 billionaires is worth 1.5 times the combined national income of the 48 least developed countries.



Correspondence

Dear Pensioners:

Just a little note to express my appreciation for all you do.

I have just been reading your interesting paper. Thank you so much for sending it.

Sincerely,

MURIEL M. KOLLOEN

From Harold Seitz, Tacoma, \$10.00 contribution. Thank you, HAROLD!

From JOHN EHLI, Tacoma, \$10.00 contribution. Thank you, JOHN!

Seattle ILWU Pension Club

Dear Sir:

I enjoyed reading the copy of the RUSTY HOOK you sent me - the fall edition - to ROBERT EVERITT, Sr.

I would like to join the 'Old timers' pension Club - non-active - as ROBERT'S widow.

Please bill me for the monthly or yearly dues. Thank you.

Sincerely,

EILEEN EVERITT, widow
of ROBERT EVERITT, Sr.

Thank you EILEEN, very much, and welcome to the Club!

From JEAN GUNDLACH - who is becoming a steady correspondent!

To the editors of the RUSTY HOOK:

"When it does not yield to the rudder, the ship yields to the rock." - Anatole France, 1909

She also includes a brochure on LOG PIRATES from which we quote excerpts:

... "In the summer of 1920 a group of log pirates pulled off the largest theft in the history of logging. It occurred on the Fraser River of British Columbia and involved a huge raft of No. 1 Douglas fir logs destined for a Puget Sound sawmill.

Late one afternoon a tugboat approached Halstrom's floating guard shack, gave a couple of friendly toots and the captain called out, "Hello, Is my raft ready to go? . . .

After exchanging a few drinks and becoming best friends, . . .

"It was after dark when the tug captain announced they had to be on their way. The tug was left with Halstrom while the crew of the tug Daisy Ann worked to free the log raft and pull it into the current of the Fraser.

The following morning Halstrom was roused from a deep sleep by another tug boat. The crew claimed they had come for the big log raft. But the cove was bare. More than one million board feet of No. 1 Douglas fir logs had disappeared and were never recovered."

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She also includes a lengthy article from the Everett Herald strongly condemning U.S. sweat shops. In the side bar it says:

"This particular piece of history" (of sweat shops) "is too contemporary for comfort. Here is where the past flows seamlessly into the present: The U.S. Department of Labor cited 89 garment-industry contractors and 161 manufacturers for minimum wage and hour violations in its quarterly enforcement report issued in August, with the greatest number of violators in California. Industry representatives say the violations are technical."

JEAN Also sends along a leaflet from "Unemployed & Retired Thrifty and Payless/Rite Aid Warehouse Employees" who were suckered into a Team Work program by management and promptly laid off. ILWU Warehouse Division had organized there, but were downsized out. **Please show your union support by boycotting Thrifty Payless/Rite Aid stores. STOP corporate greed!**

Please send 2 copies of JERRY TYLER'S BOOK, "THE GANG IN MY ALLEY." Also, wish to send a contribution of \$10.00 to your Club. My wife and I really enjoy the RUSTY HOOK. Postage included.

"ROTTEN"(?) ROY McDERMOTT
Yuma, Arizona.

And thanks to you. ROY! We love to get letters from our readers!

From over the sea in Hawaii we received the following excerpted letter:

"E" to the RUSTY HOOK gang:

"We have enjoyed the RUSTY HOOK immensely. I think you are doing a valuable job on keeping us informed about issues that would probably fall through the cracks if you were not calling them to our attention.

Enjoyed your letter from JAKE on the historical "balanced budget campaign." You can assure him that this one is different, because they are not really doing a balanced budget. They are using the funds they steal from our Social Security funds to do the so-called balanced budget.

They keep prattling on about reforming Social Security so we don't run out of money. The tragic thing is, they have succeeded in turning the younger folks against Social Security - THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PLAN FOR WORKING PEOPLE IN ALL OF THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!

We really need to counter all that Bull. All they need to do to fix Social Security is to stop stealing our money to pay back the billions they have stolen plus interest at the 30 year treasury bond rate and invest all incoming money they could get in 30 year treasuries. We would have so much money they could cut the deductions in half or less, and we would be rolling in surpluses.

On Thursday, November 20. '97, on C.N.B.C. Financial T.V. station, no less a personage than BILL SEIDMAN, Mr. banker, government expert financier said they aren't balancing the budget because they are using diverted Social Security funds to run the budget. That anyone else who did this would end up in prison. . . .

Please pull enough out of the enclosed \$25.00 to send Tyler's book to me. If there is as much bull in the book as TYLER had when we were down there working it should be a riot. Thanks a couple of tons."

Tom Sullivan
1432 N. Haihai Pl.
Waikuku, Hi., 96793-9764

To say we are thankful for Tom's "hit the nail on the head" letter is to put it mildly. Thanks, TOM - and for the \$25.00 of course!



And from far-off Greece comes a welcome letter from Cae Pitharoulis, and old friend of JERRY TYLER;

"Dear Editor:

"A note for your paper: In early Spring, 1975, just

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after the fall of the military Junta in Greece, JERRY TYLER< one of the earliest organizers of the ILWU, came to visit us in Athens with an introduction from Harry Bridges to Emmanuel Pitharoulis, General Secretary of the Greek Maritime Union during the war years and for some years after.

Union brothers do not take long to become old friends and we enjoyed seeing him. After the first discussions EMMANUEL and JERRY found out that they were, indeed, old friends: In June, 1946 my husband represented his union at the International Maritime Conference called in Seattle jointly by the International Labor Office and the International Transport Federation. Harry had asked the then young longshoreman JERRY TYLER to show the town to the then young Greek Radio Officer Emmanuel Pitharoulis.

Our relationship continued until my husband's death in 1988. JERRY continued it with me during his frequent visits to Greece. This was a very difficult time for for, in losing my Greek husband I was left without relatives and old friends in Greece and in poor health.

JERRY kept helping me with his "hang on there, gal" to this day. He put me in contact with poetry and story magazines and I began (and continue) to be published.

JERRY and our good friend DICK MOORK sent me, among other labor publications, THE RUSTYHOOK. This press has been very helpful to me and other Greek trade unionists with whom I work.

Now DICK is gone and JERRY has serious health and eye problems. Both had informed me that I had been placed on your mailing list but I have not received your paper for some time. Could I be put on again? I know we are all quite senior now (I am 81) but there is still a lot we can and wish to do."

Fraternally,
Cae Pitharoulis.

Thank you for your wonderful letter, Cae. It is heartening to hear from those overseas that are fighting the same old battle. There is more strength there than many of us realize. Rest assured you will be on our mailing list beginning with our '97 Winter issue.



**For sale: Four poster bed, 101 years old.
Perfect for antique lover.**



DINSMORE LOSES COOL

Mic Dinsmore, President and CE.O. of the Port of Seattle attended the last meeting of Local 19 in pursuit of cooperation and greater productivity. Instead he got productivity of a different kind. Upon being closely and sharply questioned by Brother Bill Proctor he began berating Proctor in a manner rather rude. The membership then took on Dinsmore and reminded him that cooperation is a two way street. He was told in no uncertain terms that while waterfront workers may use rough language at times, they are careful to show due respect for others.

Dinsmore was required to apologize to Brother Proctor. Not considering that sufficient, the membership further demanded that Dinsmore write a letter of apology to Bill personally. That, we assume has been done

One might say about this that when Dinsmore and shipping line employers talk about cooperation, team work and productivity, they likely speak with a forked tongue.



TEAM CONCEPT

**Workers and
Management
Pulling Together**



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GLOBAL ECONOMY - GLOBAL CRISIS

What happened to the global economy? It was supposed to bring world-wide prosperity, jobs for all and financial security to the budgets of all countries. Instead it has suddenly brought us the threat of world crisis. If it is allowed to run its course, every major economy could collapse. It has taken hold in Southeast Asia and Japan - places where the new global prosperity was to be born.

Of course, Wall Street, bankers and economists assure us the crisis in Southeast Asia and Japan will not spread world-wide. What they are trying to do is forestall what could be the most devastating crisis in the history of capitalism by supplying lavish loans to failing economies from the International Monetary Fund. The latest is \$57 billion to Korea.

Maybe it will work. But if so, only at the cost of tremendous sacrifices from the workers and people of those countries. The strings attached to IMF loans require a sharp cut in the living standards of recipient countries. Failing banks and industries must be closed. Failing banks liquidated. Social security programs must be curtailed if not closed completely. And the budgets of those countries must be balanced at all costs. This means

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turning the economies of those countries into the opposite of what they have been during the capitalist prosperity of recent years. The most immediate effect will be reducing the buying power of the currency of the country involved. This includes raising taxes and interest rates deterrent to investment. We saw this happen in Mexico when we loaned it \$50 billion. The peso was devalued, unions were busted, as in longshore, taxes and interest were raised, wages were cut and social welfare programs were reduced to poverty..

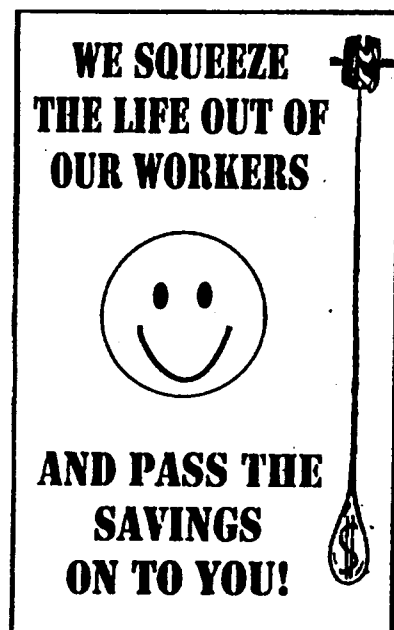
Can we be insured against this spreading to our country? Whether or not we will have a currency crisis like theirs is questionable. But there is no guarantee. We will suffer from a definite change for the worse in foreign trade. The cheaper currencies in Asia will give them a greater balance of trade advantage. We will be able to buy more of their goods because their prices will go down. But they will not be able to buy from us at our prices. Hence, our factories already downsized will be producing less for export and more U.S. workers will have to be laid off. In other words, "downsize 2." (By the way, this may not happen to longshore since we prosper on international trade in both directions.) Our country's position in the "world economy" will suffer and we will become a giant

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with clay feet. In this sense, the crisis is already of world-wide proportions.

That the repercussions will show in Europe cannot be avoided. The economies there are under threat from increasing unemployment due to less exports to Asia, as in the U.S. The effort to establish a single European

economy is something like IMF loans. In order for all European countries to qualify, they must severely restrict national budgets, slim down their industries and cut social welfare. This would give the same result as in Asia and Mexico. Basically, all this represents an attempt on the part of the globalists to take us back to the nineteenth century and unbridled capitalism.



In our opinion, those pushing the globalization of the world are in for disappointment. They will not succeed because the economic system they are working with brings inevitable cyclical depression. We hope the whole world will not be taken down with them. The force which will make a difference is that combination of trade unions and peoples' organizations that will decide that greed is out and working together to bring sanity out of financial anarchy is what it takes. And the Korean people are already showing the way. They say they do not want to be "colonized" by the IMF.

Don't take our word for it. No less an authority on global economics than Morgan Stanley/Dean Witter has challenged the strength of the U.S. economy.

"The conventional wisdom, he said, is that the economy is in a "rare and powerful recovery" led by increased worker productivity, produced by globalization, deregulation, and technology-led Information Age. His own explanation - and his much more pessimistic forecast - was based on the premise that the so-called recovery was led not by increasing productivity but by the super-exploitation (not his phrase, of course) of workers. There hasn't been a significant improvement in productivity, he said, but there has been a 'dramatic realignment of the nation's economic pie, with a much larger slice

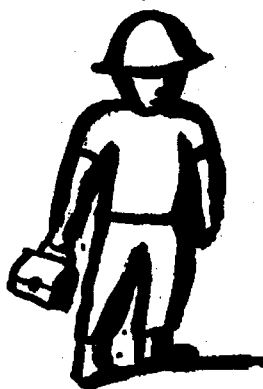
going to capital and a smaller one going to labor. Call it a labor-crunch recovery, one that flourishes only because corporate America puts unrelenting pressure on its workforce.'

What, then, is the consequence of such a 'labor-crunch recovery'? A 'raw power struggle occurs between capital and labor.'" (quote from the MONTHLY REVIEW Press bulletin, October, 1997)

Therein lies the Achilles heel of globalism.

Office Upgraded!

Our Old Timers office is undergoing a complete renovation. Under the auspices of President RUDI MARTINEZ, DICK NELSON, CHARLIE YEARKA, and others the office is sprightly cleaned, painted and scrubbed! Special thanks go to two brothers from Local 19, CARSON STRAND and RANDY LATTA who donated time, labor and paint for the bright new walls and ceiling! We



are sending them a special letter of thanks.

Drop around and take a look-see!

Notice

If anyone has a useful and unneeded T.V. or VCR our bright, new office would appreciate donation of such. We need to bring the Old Timers into the Information Age. Thanks!

MORE CORRESPONDENCE, WINTER, '98:

From Miami:

"Sending \$85.00 for my Lifetime Membership in Seattle ILWU Pension Club

"Keep punching. I always read the RUSTY HOOK with pleasure.

After my 78 birthday, I start to slow down.

Hello to all the boys and see you all in Seattle soon."

Luis Castillo

**Join The Old Timers
Seattle ILWU Pension
Club
3440 E. Marginal Way S.**

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Further from John Ehly, Tacoma:

"I have read your RUSTY HOOK and you are doing a good job. Keep up the good work. I thought I would drop you a line and let you know what our Local 23 is doing in 1998. (Copy in office) This letter that I am sending out to all of Retirees and Widows to let them know what we are planning for the coming year. You will note we are planning a joint visit with the two clubs in April. We will get together with your local as to the final arrangements. We like to tell you that you are invited to all of our functions, I mean Local 19 Retirees. My wife was sick on the 1st, so I missed your meeting, but she is doing better now."

Thanks, John. We hope your wife is fully recovered

THE TOP 10 LISTS

Corporate Campaign Contributors

1. Phillip Morris (\$3 million)
2. RJR Nabisco (\$9 million)
3. AT&T (\$984,524)
4. MCI Communications (\$934,514)
5. Federal Express (\$773,525)
6. Anheuser-Busch (\$736,057)
7. Time Warner (\$726,250)
8. Chevron (\$702,306)
9. NYNEX (now Bell Atlantic) (\$651,602)
10. Textron (\$648,000)

Corporate Toxic Releasees

1. DuPont (86 million lbs.)
2. Renco Group Inc. (73 million lbs.)
3. ASARCO (65 million lbs.)
4. General Motors (93 million lbs.)
5. Monsanto (37 million lbs.)
6. Courtaulds Aerospace USA (36 million lbs.)
7. International Paper (32 million lbs.)
8. Cytec Industries (29 million lbs.)
9. British Petroleum America (28 million lbs.)
10. Arcadian Corp. 928 million lbs.)

Lifetime Memberships

A single payment according to the following schedule:

Age 55—60	115.00
Age 60—70	95.00
Age 70—90	85.00

Downsizers

1. AT&T (48,640 workers)
2. Wells Fargo (15,100 workers)
3. Aetna Life Insurance (10,800 workers)
4. Lucent Technologies (10,000 workers)
5. US West Communications (9,000 workers)
6. Unisys (7,900 worker)
7. Digital equipment (7,500 workers)
8. Merry-Go-Round Enterprises (7,000 workers)
9. Apple Computer (6,900 workers)
10. ConAgra (6,500 workers)

CORPORATE WELFARE RECIPIENTS

1. Flo-Sun, Archer-Daniels-Midland (quotas resulting in \$1.4 billion in higher consumer bills)
2. Cargill, Inc. (\$1.3 billion since 1985)
3. Boeing (\$1 billion subsidy for acquisition of McDonnell Douglas)
4. Citibank (\$795 insurance, \$25 million financing)
5. General Motors (key recipient of \$240 million federal appropriation for research)
6. Barrick Gold, Newport Mining and Echo Bay (\$200 million; free removal of minerals from federal lands)
7. Phillip Morris, RJR Nabisco (indirect beneficiary of \$40 million annual federal subsidy to tobacco producers)
8. Sea-Land Service, Inc. (\$321.5 million subsidy)
9. Xerox (\$6 million)
10. Sunkist Growers (\$2 million)

And we thought free enterprise was free!

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our Old Timers Club which started this bulletin have launched an ongoing campaign for PENSION PARITY. We will be repeating this campaign with every issue of the RUSTY HOOK. This is to notify all concerned, especially the PMA, that we will not let up until justice is done! If we are entering the 21st century, it is time catch up with time and bring pensions up to speed. So, we are keeping our powder dry and looking for the whites of the employers eyes!

Final Dispatch

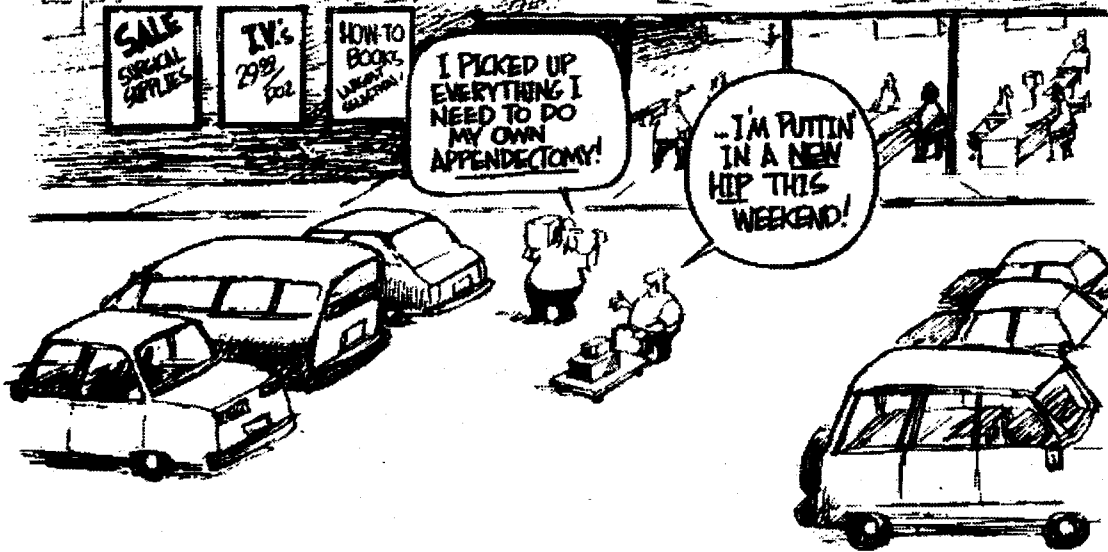
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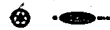
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