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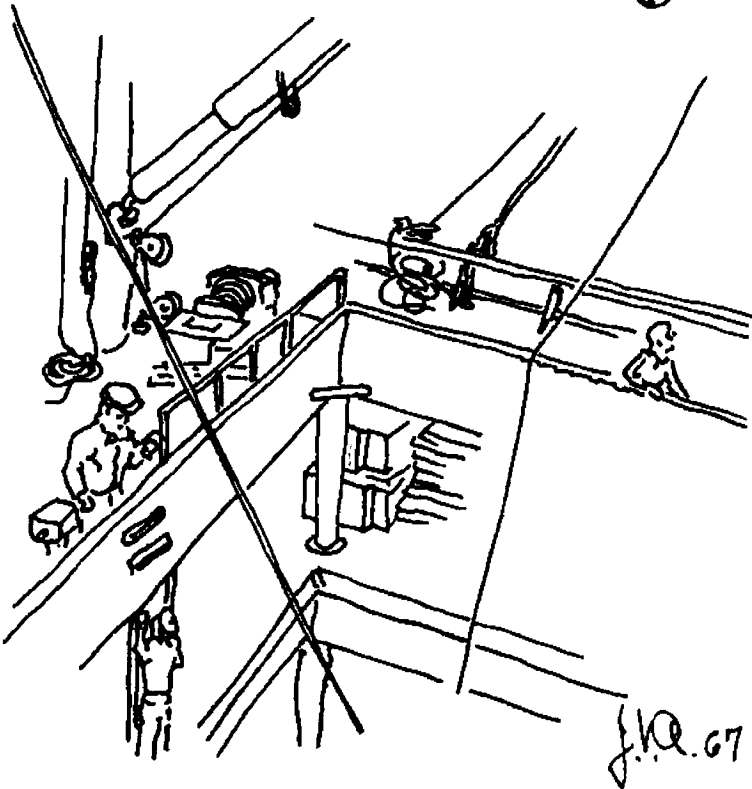
MEETINGS:

JULY 6

AUGUST 3

SEPTEMBER **August 31**

PCPA Convention: **September 14, 15, 16,**



Man on the ladder

ON LIFETIME WELFARE GUARANTEE

Whereas: It has been a policy and practice of the ILWU-PMA Welfare program to guarantee life-time welfare coverage of ILWU pensioners and survivors since the very beginning of the program, and

Whereas: Somehow by person or persons unknown to the membership of the ILWU the wording providing that guarantee was removed from the wording of the relevant documents that guaranteed life-time welfare coverage for ILWU members, retirees and survivors, and

Whereas: Such efforts to cut the provision of life-time coverage from the welfare benefits is an illegal and unwarranted violation of all fair principles of collective bargaining as contained in the NLRB law, and

Whereas: To allow such an assault on ILWU standards and its collective bargaining procedures would seriously undermine good faith in future collective bargaining contracts to the detriment of the ILWU and PMA both, now therefore be it

Resolved: That all parties to collective bargaining in the shipping-longshore industry reaffirm their commitment to guaranteeing life-time welfare coverage for all ILWU pensioners and survivors.

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ON PENSION PARITY

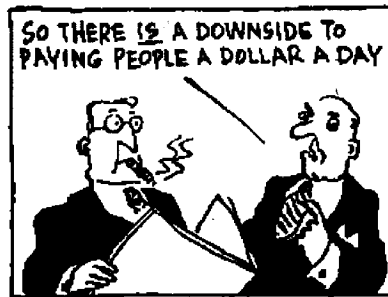
Whereas: The gap between the lowest pension for retired longshore workers and survivors is an obvious unfair and discriminatory treatment of those who sacrificed the most for the cause of the ILWU, and

Whereas: If there is a need for the highest level of longshore pension now provided at \$2400.00 per month there surely is a need for all retirees and survivors for the same level of income; especially since it seems corporate profits and Wall Street are awash in billion dollar amounts; and

Whereas: According to the last annual financial report of ILWU-PMA Welfare Fund, there is now a surplus of \$1,631,563,977 on hand; and

Whereas: It is obvious that an upward adjustment to full parity for all ILWUs and survivors would not seriously deplete the ILWU-PMA Welfare fund, now therefore be it

Resolved: That all retirement pensions of ILWU retirees and survivors be raised to the equal level of \$2400.00 per month as of July 1, 1998.



Dan Wasserman
Boston Globe
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

The Big One - a film about unemployment in America with interviews conducted by Michael Moore.

FRED BERG FILM REVIEW

This film features a Flint, Michigan auto worker who takes time off to interview laid off workers in twenty-seven industrial cities of the Midwest. It documents the effects of layoffs resulting from attempts of employers to maximize efficiency and increase profits.

It also documents a pattern of layoffs due to the import of cheap goods from foreign countries where labor costs are extremely low. One such importer is the Nike Corporation in Portland whose chairman was interviewed by Moore. Nike sells shoes imported almost exclusively from Indonesia, where fourteen year old girls are hired to fit shoes together for about thirty cents an hour.

Moore interviewed the chairman of Nike and told him he would donate his life savings to any fund Nike would use to start up a plant in the Midwest where the unemployed could find jobs making shoes. The chairman dismissed the offer, observing that American workers were not interested in fitting shoes together.

Moore also recorded interviews of workers in a town in Wisconsin near Milwaukee. People who had worked at a plant for thirty or more years were laid off when the owner relocated to Reynosa, Mexico where prevailing wages average eighty cents an hour.

This film also interviews workers in another Midwest town where the boss promised his labor force extra pay for increasing production. This employer, instead of paying the anticipated bonus, used the money to relocate in the Philippines. All the workers were permanently laid off. They ironically noted that had they refused to speed up, their employer would never have been able to accumulate the funding to change addresses.

Some of this film track is also devoted to citing the huge profits corporations do not share with their workers. The immense subsidies given to corporations by the Federal Government is also noted. This money could be much better spent, he says, by taking care of the homeless and unemployed.

This documentary played in March at the Varsity theatre. Hopefully it will be distributed elsewhere in the Northwest, so all working people in the area can see it.





Solidarity!



Excerpt from Executive Board Minutes of 2 march 1988

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Dick Nelson called attention to the Compton Report on TV Channel 5 and raised the matter of help for the farm workers in Central Washington. He proposed establishing a depot in the Club office for the collection of clothing, food, and toys for them . Brother Nelson volunteered to transport the items collected to the farm workers.

Brother Nelson agreed to ask the members of Local 19 to join us in this endeavor. He will take our request for support to the Local 19 Executive Board.

M/S/C To approve the establishment of a collection place in our office for the Farm Workers. To accept Brother Nelson's offer of transportation. To provide Brother Nelson with a letter to Local 19.

M/S/C To contribute \$25 to the UFWA Apple Workers Center and to take up a tarpaulin muster at the meeting to supplement that sum.



The Solidarity shipment from Seattle Longshore Pension club to the Farmworkers sailed from North Bend at 10:00AM one weekday morning last month.

Junior Nelson's big van was filled to the overhead beams with clothing, food and toys. With Junior as bull driver and Bob Swanson as trucker the gang enjoyed a pleasant two and a half hour drive to the Farmworkers headquarters in Sunnyside, Washington. Sunnyside is about 40 miles Southeast of Yakima.

There was a meeting

going on when they arrived . They talked to the young woman receptionist for a few minutes until the meeting was over. Bob and Junior were greeted by UFWA Director, Lupe Gamboa and local worker-organizer Pastor Mejia, who said the Farmworkers were saddened but not deterred by the recent Teamster election loss in Wenatchee.

They drove the Van around to the back of the headquarters building to unload the van. With the workers who had been in the meeting helping it took about 10 minutes.

Brother Swanson says that the Farmworkers he met are very nice people. Their working conditions are very bad. For 300 people there is only one toilet and one shower. They aren't paid very much, and housing is poor, some workers have no housing. Their hope for the future is to organize and make the corporations and banks that own the orchards pay a living wage and provide decent working and living conditions.

After leaving the cargo and talking with the workers, Junior and Bob were back home by about 4:30.

Brother Swanson reports that there is enough stuff in the storage room to make another van load.

Several members of the UFWA came to our May meeting to thank us for our help and solidarity.



Headquarters of UFWA Appleworkers in Sunnyside, Washington

Bob Swanson photo

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Correspondence

We take special notice of a contribution of \$100.00 from Don Heeter, Local 52. Thanks, loads, Don. It will help the usual scrape-by RUSTY HOOK budget!

Our layout department, mainly Art Mink, informs that Brother Dutzoff may not have been given credit here for a recent donation of \$25.00. If so, we apologize and will try not to let it happen again.

Also, due to personnel changes in the Club office, we overlooked mailing out copies of Tyler's "The Gang in My Alley." We will get them off quickly! Sorry.

Continuation of Jessie Hraska story from last issue:

As you may recall, a group of loggers found A Weyerhaeuser's grandson pinned under the branch of a fir tree. To continue: "Quickly the men tourniqueted his bleeding. Then they fixed a stretcher and proceeded to carry him to the nearest hospital which was fifteen miles away, stopping every fifteen minutes to loosen the tourniquet. The young man cried out, "Just wait till I tell my dad how you are saving my life." The loggers replied, "SHUT UP! Your dad doesn't care about us! If he did, he'd care enough to grant us our union!" But still the young man kept on declaring "Just you wait till my dad finds out how you are carrying me on foot all these miles! I know he'll pay you for taking all this trouble of snaking your way through all these trees!"

Again the loggers barked out, "We don't want your filthy money! You dad got it from our hard work, our being exploited and made to work like slaves so he could make money off our labor!" Still the young man, all the way to the hospital doors, assured them his dad would make things right. The loggers again said, "Yeah! Yeah! Just shut up! You don't understand!" The last thing the young man said was, "My dad's got a good heart, just you wait and see!" "Yeah! Yeah!" the loggers replied.

However, within two weeks the strike was settled. Weyerhaeuser signed a contract with the Union. A truly fine raise for the men; maids to see that the bunks were cleaned and changed every week, the place tidied up and swept and cleaned as slick as a whistle. And talk about food! It was said if anyone wanted a really good meal, go to a logging camp. Pies, cakes, all kinds of meats, vegetables, you name it, was on those tables.

And now the first World War came up! Such an outcry from the people of Aberdeen! They knew what war was! They were against it! Papa was in the forefront here. He joined the Socialist Party.

The hysteria that swept the country! In Aberdeen

patriotism was the main topic. Actually, it went further than that: JINGOISM.

We children were marched out every Monday to salute the flag. Papa told me not to do it! I was the only child in the whole school that stood there with her hands at her side. . . . When word got out about this, did I ever go through the gauntlet! Some of the boys knotted a rope and waited for me to come along and then dashed out from where they'd been hiding and ganged up on me. . . . How could I forget those awful experiences? The taunting words of those boys: "Yeah! Yeah! Socialist! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Socialist! Let's kill her! Come on, let's kill her" The knotted ropes were flailing at me, but as I said before I was a fast runner! (Ha!)

And then came November 11, 1919. The "CENTRALIA MASSACRE," was like the "shot heard around the world!" The news spread out into the lands beyond our borders! The Wobblies were having a meeting in Centralia. The American Legion was bound and determined to make an example of them. They demanded entrance to the hall. The Wobblies refused, whereupon the Legionnaires broke down the door and commenced shooting, killing many. They dragged out NATHAN WESLEY EVEREST, head of the Centralia Industrial Workers of the World, tortured and castrated and then hung him from a bridge beam over the Chehalis river. Everest's lynching and the jailing of ten fellow Wobblies was an attempt to crush union efforts to organize the timber workers of Washington. They wanted an eight-hour day, minimum of \$60.00 month wage; plus mattresses, bedding and no more than twelve men to a room in the lumber camps.

Centralia was boycotted by all who understood this awful situation. No people of conscience would ever stop at Centralia for meals! And now, after all these years, seventy, the hush-hush situation that hung over Centralia, is now being commemorated by a great mural, (see back cover picture of mural) coming out in the open for all to see and never forget the CENTRALIA MASSACRE OR NATHAN WESLEY EVEREST!

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

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Cooperation?

A couple of weeks ago Mr. John Swanson, Labor Relations Director, Port of Seattle, wrote a letter directed to Brother Castle appealing for cooperation between the port and Local 19 - to build the greatest port in the world, as he put it. Brother Castle's reply is reproduced here:

John Swanson Labor Relations Director Port of Seattle P.O. Box 1209 Seattle, WA., 98111

Dear John:

While you and I have seen the necessity of cooperative labor relations in our Port, I am afraid the Pacific Maritime Association and its President and CEO, Mr. Miniace do not agree. This is made all the more regrettably obvious in the article recently published in the Seattle Times by Alexander Cockburn. In it he describes in some detail that the Pacific Coast waterfront employers have decided to do away with the ILWU. In addition a report issued by Mr. Miniace in 1996 served notice on the union that he would no longer tolerate working conditions and, by implication, safety and other provisions that have long been part of waterfront agreements for the past sixty-odd years.

If we add what has happened at the Mersey Docks in Liverpool and the recent employer assault against the longshore union in Australia, I think you must agree that anti-unionism has been an increasing threat against maritime unions everywhere with longshore the main target.

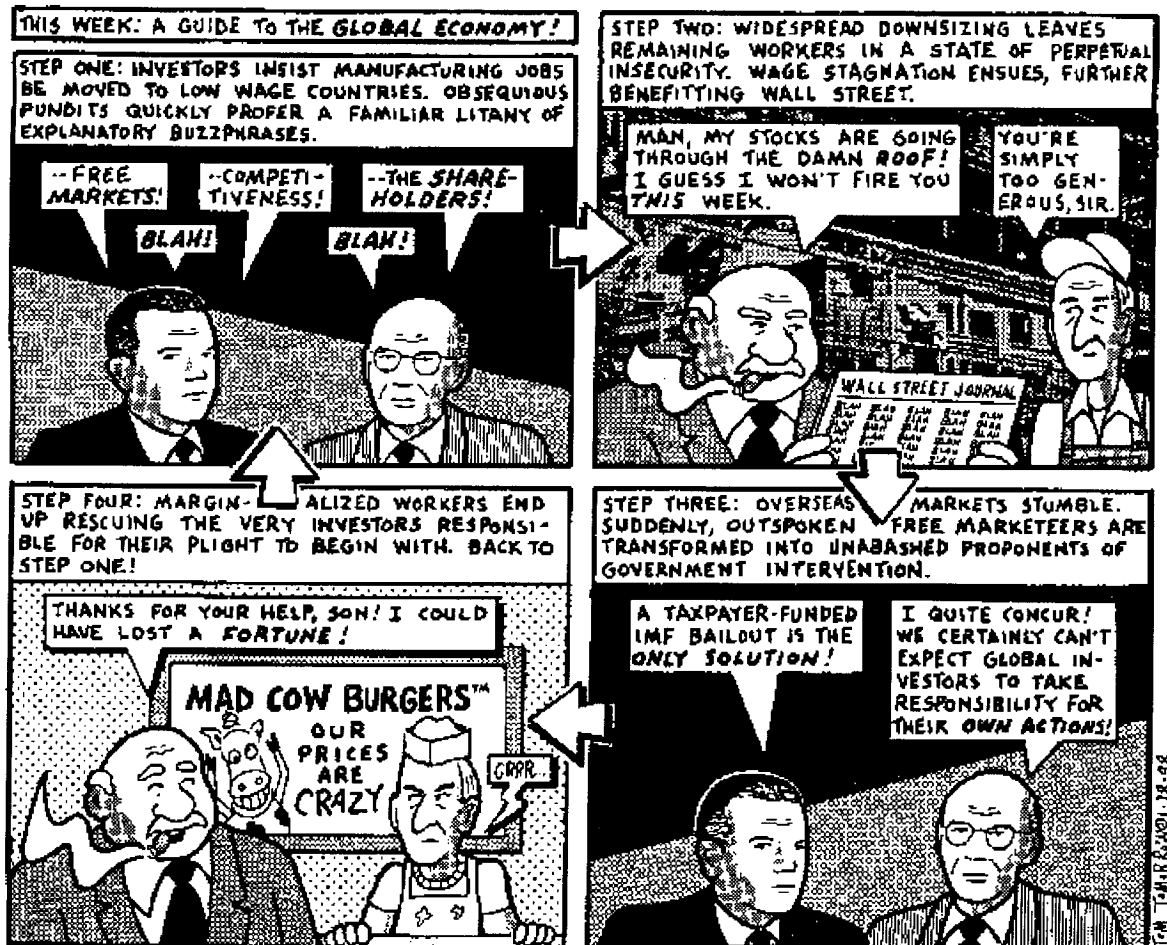
As you know, we in longshore have long believed in and have worked to enforce our collective bargaining agreements. We believe that is the type of labor relations that is most productive for the industry and workers. We have faithfully abided by all such agreements negotiated between the Pacific Coast waterfront employers and our union. As you are aware, we have had

only one coast-wide strike since 1948., in '71-'72.. Other than that, we have had peaceful labor relations, productive industry and well off workers. Now it seems the employers are not satisfied with such positive, prosperous labor relations.

It looks to us that they would like to try their hand at union-busting. We are informed that Miniace has hired a notorious anti-labor attorney in Texas to head up their negotiating team in 1999. Thus we are left with no choice but to prepare for a new form of class struggle instigated by the employers. We are well prepared to do battle if it comes to that. Our long tradition of militancy will not leave us. We have supporters from many unions locally, on the Pacific Coast, nationally and world-wide. In addition, many community groups friendly to labor can be counted on for support. They all feel that a threat to the ILWU is a threat to all unions and supporters.

We cannot long live as a divided nation with a few rich at the top and millions at the bottom in virtual poverty.

Sincerely, Del Castle
Recording Secretary,
Seattle Longshore Pensioners Club



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Plans move ahead for 31st Annual PCPA Conventfon

FROM THE PCPA NEWS

The 31st Annual PCPA Convention will be held in Longview, Washington September 14, 15 and 16 at the Hotel Monticello. The Hotel is located at 17th Avenue and Larch Street. The PCPA Executive Board will meet 9 a.m. on September 13 at th~ ILWU Local 21 Hiring Hall, 617 14th Avenue. Any interested PCPA members are invited to attend. The general session of the Convention will convene 9 a.m. Monday, September 14.

Lodging

Rates at the Hotel Monticello range from \$61.20 plus tax to \$76.50 plus tax depending on what your needs might be. The higher priced rooms are suites. All rooms are being renovated with new carpet and furnishings. Reservations can be made by calling (360) 4259900. In order to receive the above rates you must state you are attending the PCPA Convention. The Oregon Area Convention Committee will provide a continental breakfast in the Hospitality Room for those attending the Convention. Call early for your choice of rooms. All reservations should be made by August 31.

There are a limited number of rooms available at the Monticello. A second choice, which is recommended by the Hotel's employees, restaurant employees and Local 360, is the Holiday Inn Express (723 7th Avenue, Longview, WA). For reservations, call (360) 4141000. Rates are \$65 per night and includes a continental breakfast. Again, you must say you are attending the PCPA Convention. The Holiday Inn is one and one-half miles from the Convention hotel. The Hotel Monticello and the Oregon Area Convention Committee will have a shuttle for those needing transportation between the two sites. There are motels closer to the Monticello but they have resisted discussing the Unions efforts to organize. The Holiday Inn, a fairly new motel has taken a different stand. Lets support the locals wishes.

Luau

Plans are in process for a banquet and luau during the Convention. There will be a charge for all attending the ban-

quet — the amount is yet to be determined. Our local ethnic Hawaiian families are preparing the luau (some came here as longshoremen in 1964). The luau is free to PCPA members. Guests will be charged \$10.

Mt. St. Helens

A tour to the Mt. St. Helens Volcanic Monument is planned for the afternoon of September 14. Transportation and some points of interest are free to PCPA members. Non members will pay \$10. Those who wish admission to the Johnson-Ridge Observatory will need to purchase tickets at the observatory. Tickets to the observatory are \$8 for adults and \$4 for seniors. Inside you will be able to see a 180-degree panoramic view of the devastation caused by the volcanic explosion on May 18, 1980. With the aide of a high-tech theater and a big volcano model, you will be able to witness what happened on that fateful day. You will also see how nature is slowly bringing life back to the area. The tour will consist of approximately a two hour ride and three hours at the observatory and will return to the Hotel in time for the banquet.

Banquet

The banquet will consist of three entrees — Prime Rib Au Jus, grilled Alaska Halibut or Almond Crusted Chicken. Be sure to make your preference known when you send in your banquet reservations. The musical group General Strike will entertain us. General Strike is well known in the Portland area. Their repertoire includes exclusively labor ballads and songs. There will also be a band for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Those wishing to partake in the Mt St. Helens tour, banquet or luau must fill out the reservation form (*Abbreviated and condensed from the PCPa buletin*) included in this newsletter. All forms must be in the hands of the Oregon Area Convention Committee by August 31 to insure a reservation. Reserved tickets may be picked up and paid for at the Convention when you register. Other activities may include a bowling or golf tournament if enough interest is shown. The Committee has already mailed out questionnaires to the various Pension Clubs to find out who might be interested. The tournaments are planned for September 11, 12 and 13.

The Committee is also planning other sightseeing tours and shopping trips for those interested. We plan to have shuttle vans available for transportation.

Mail to: Oregon Area PCPA Convention Committee, 617 14th Avenue, Longview, WA 98632

I/We will be attending the 31st Annual PCPA Convention in Longview, WA. Sept. 14, 15 and 16, 1998

I/We will be arriving in Kelso, WA by Amtrack. Our arrival time is _____

I/We would like transportation from PDX to Longview, WA

I/We will be attending the Banquet. We would like the following hot entrée:

Prime Rib(s) _____ Grilled Alaskan Halibut(s) _____ Almond Crusted Chicken(s) _____

I/We would like to take the tour to Mt. St. Helens Volcano Monument' September 14, 1998

I/We will be attending Luau at the 31st Annual PCPA Convention in Longview, WA ,September 15, 1998

Name(s) _____ Pension Group _____ Date _____ Number in Party _____

Airline _____ Flight Number _____ Arrival Time _____

I/We will pay for my/our tickets when registering at the Convention.(Please return by August 31, 1998)

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PENNY A SHARE TAX

We hear a lot about taxes these days. It seems to be a problem that no one knows what to do about. This is always a problem when our present tax system seeks to make the poor pay the entire bill. Instead of taxing the upper one percent who own forty percent of the wealth Congress wants the poor to pay most of the tax bill.

Everyone knows that, while the budget is now "balanced" we still owe a national debt over five trillion dollars. Also, it seems, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are supposedly on the brink of bankruptcy. This in spite of the fact that the whole Aid to Dependent Children program has been eliminated from the budget. The answer most "experts" tell us is to either cut Social Security, privatize it by investing it in the Stock Market gamble or reduce it to social insecurity.

None of the experts have considered that if money is needed for Federal programs, you have to go where the money is - like the bank robber said.

To us, the money is in the Stock Exchange. It is afloat in money, to the extent of trading some 500,000,000 shares a day or more according to the stock market reports daily on the TV news reports. There must be a lot of money involved. For our purposes, however, we will suggest a very modest tax on Stock Exchange transactions of a penny a share. Surely this would not be an undue burden on those well enough off to gamble the millions involved.

This would yield \$5,000,000 a day. We understand the market shuts down weekends and holidays. So, roughly speaking, eighteen days a month would yield \$90,000,000. Multiplied by 12 then, the Stock Exchange tax would yield \$1,800,000,000 per year.

This would not make a large contribution to the Federal budget. But if they were to add Nasdaq transactions and include all other local exchanges, many billions more could be added. So, at a penny a share, we could very well finance all social welfare programs with some left over.

Of course, Congress and the rich class would resist such a proposal. And with the power they have over Congress and the politicians, even a penny a share would be considered an undue interference with profit making and free enterprise.

But wait. There are now two tax programs being promoted by such representatives of the rich as Forbes, the clown of presidential elections, and Representative Armev of Texas. Called by Forbes a "flat tax" and by Armev a transaction tax of 17%. If these two tax schemes, aimed at the middle class and poor were applied to the stock exchange, the Federal budget would be afloat in

money and the rest of us could be relieved of what most agree is a grossly unfair tax burden.



Equal Rights Medicine??

Arizona Rep. Jon Kyl is pushing an AMA bill in Congress that would enable doctors to present their sick Medicare patients with this ultimatum: "Agree now to pay any fee I want to set, or I won't perform that operation you need."

Kyl calls it "The Medicare Beneficiary Freedom to Contract Act." It would destroy the "balance billing" provision that protects Medicare patients from being charged more than 115% of a specified schedule of "allowable" payments.

In a sardonic response to Kyl's bill, California Rep. Pete Stark has introduced "The No Private Contracts to Be Negotiated When the Patient is Buck Naked Act"

"To promote equality in the negotiation of private contracts," the Stark bill would prohibit "signing of private contracts at any time (a) the patient is buck naked and the doctor is fully clothed" or "(b) the patient is wearing one of those short, flimsy little hospital gowns that don't close in the back"

But Stark bends over forwards ... er, backwards...to be fair to doctors. His bill also prohibits entering into contracts any time the patient is fully clothed and the doctor is naked.

I see in the near future a crises approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country.... corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working on the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic in destroyed

Abraham Lincoln Nov. 21, 1864

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Chehalis Massacre memorial

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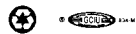
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