

The RUSTY HOOK

Seattle ILWU

PUBLISHED BY
SEATTLE ILWU-PENSION CLUB

EDITORIAL STAFF
FRED BERG
DEL CASTLE
ART MINK

VOLUME 7 - No. 4
Fall, 1999

3440 EAST MARGINAL WAY S.
SEATTLE, WA 98134
(206)343-0504

PACIFIC COAST PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

MEETINGS:

December	6 Election
January	3
February	7
March	1

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

We have all heard a great deal about the World Trade Organization. What exactly is the World Trade Organization?

The World Trade Organization is undoubtedly the greatest threat to democracy, labor and human rights to appear since Adolph Hitler.

Why is this so?

It is so simply because it represents the greatest concentration of wealth and power ever before seen in history. In the past single nations or combinations have tried to conquer the world but always failed. Of course, Imperial Rome did succeed temporarily. But it finally failed and took the western world down with it. Now the essence of the World Trade Organization is to succeed in conquering the world. If you doubt that, consider this:

The W.T.O represents a combination of all the world's megacorporations in control of international trade and finance. International stock and bond transactions represents many trillions of wealth, turned on and off at the click of a computer twenty four hours daily. We are not

<CONTINUED ON PAGE 2>

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

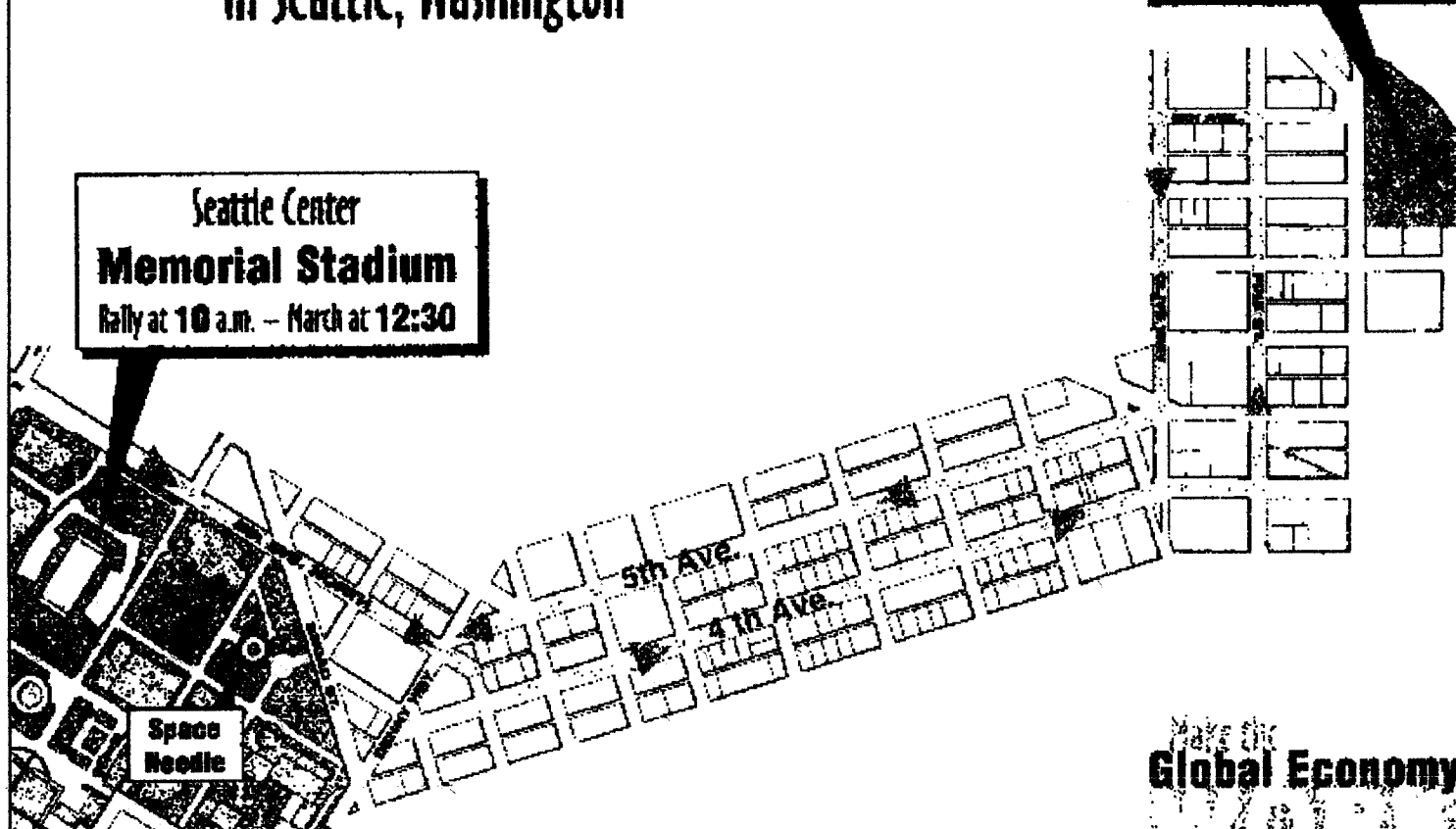


JRKE '97

WTO Rally & March in Seattle, Washington

Washington State
Convention &
Trade Center

Seattle Center
Memorial Stadium
Rally at 10 a.m. -- March at 12:30



For more information on mobilizing your union to participate, check out www.wslc.org or call 206.448.4888 or 1.888.811.2WTO

Global Economy
for working families

told about this side of W.T.O. But a moment's consideration would show that it far exceeds the amount of "free trade" in goods they tell us is their goal.

What will be the result? The result will be a constant draining of wealth and power from the people. That drain will result in an almost total deprivation of people throughout the globe.

You may ask: Isn't there something that can be done about W.T.O.? This raises the second threat of W.T.O. power. There is no government control in law at present. The heads of W.T.O. make their decisions in secret. They do not take any disagreements to any court of any country for decision. They arbitrate among themselves. No government or combination of governments, no legislative body down to local governments has any authority over W.T.O. For instance, if the U.S. government or even the Port of Seattle adopted a policy or practice the W.T.O. considered a restraint of "free trade" W.T.O. could rule it

Tuesday, Nov. 30
GATES OPEN at 8 a.m.
at the Seattle Center's Memorial Stadium
RALLY begins at 10 a.m.
MARCH begins at 12:30 p.m.

a violation. If the U.S. government or the Port of Seattle refused to accept the W.T.O. decision. It could require other governments to apply penalties against them in the form of tariff barriers against those governmental bodies and thereby restrict its trade with the rest of the world. In addition, as noted above, there is no court, national or international that has any jurisdiction over W.T.O.

This has alarmed many regarding the sovereignty of national governments. If an international body as

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL

W.T.O. has power accountable to no governmental or court, who is able to do anything about its unfair and autocratic decisions? All the governments that have signed up with W.T.O. have given up that right.

There is only one such power That is the people. the underlying source of all power. That power is now being organized by the global anti-W.T.O. movement. As you have no doubt seen in the press that it will mobilize thousands of people all over the world to press demands for limiting W.T.O.'s power on questions of labor and human rights, environmental regulation and the preservation of national power. It will ask the peoples of the world to demand that their governments limit the W.T.O.'s power.

Our Seattle Pensioners Club went on record unanimously at its last meeting to support the international anti-W.T.O. movement. We urgently recommend that all of us turn out at the anti-W.T.O. demonstrations at the scheduled meetings of W.T.O. , November 29 to 33 in protest.

The rights they are trying to save belong to the people and to you.

BOOK REVIEW

BY FRED BERG

The Ceiling of America. Inside Look at the U.S. Prison System Burton Rose, Daniel, Editor with Dan Pens and Paul Wright.

Common Courage Press, Monroe, Me. 1998.

The introduction to this book is written by William Greider who is an editor of Rolling Stone magazine and is author of One World Ready or Not - a book about the globalization of the world economy under the auspices of American megacorporations. Greider notes that the nation is addicted to building prisons rather than schools and that the media leaves out many serious facts about the inadequacies of the American criminal justice system and the inhumane prison conditions all over the country.

The body of the book consists of essays written by prisoners, among them Pen and Wright who are locked up in the State of Washington. All these writers are devoted to exposing the realities of prison life, some of which are listed as follows:

1. Most criminals are poor and as a group they have no lobby in legislatures nor are they able to give voice to their predicament to any friendly commercial press.

2. The baseball slogan ("Three strikes and

your out") unfairly targets the poor and racial minorities. In California a third strike of twenty years to life was given to a person stealing a slice of pizza from children.

3. In Washington State possession of .65 grams of cocaine can result in life in prison, a penalty otherwise reserved to those who have committed aggravated murder.

4. The criminal justice system discriminates racially. Of the 3029 people on death row in 35 states, 40% are minorities.

5. 5.1 million Americans are under correctional control of prisons, jails, parole and probation. Percentage wise this is the highest of any nation in the world.

6. Female prisoners are often not under the control of female guards. Many cases of sodomy or rape have been reported.

7. Mental health services are often grossly inadequate. When prison sentences are used as a substitute for psychiatric care, this is considered by many as cruel and unusual punishment.

8. Prison libraries are often under stocked, especially with legal books often needed to prepare defense.

9. Most prisoners are often too poor to hire good defense attorneys. Public defenders assigned to them are often alcoholics at the bottom of their profession.

10. In the State of Washington prisoners are paid the minimum wage of \$4.91 an hour. But not only do they have deductions income tax, Social Security and Medicare, they also have to pay for guard service, resti-

<CONTINUED ON PAGE 4>



CORRESPONDENCE

Sister Marilyn Kamel sends us an article from The Seattle Press of 9/7/99 about the Minneapolis General Strike and Sean Maloney's role there. Here are excerpts:

"Sean Maloney, a retired Teamster and Longshoreman, still has the scars from being machine gunned by police when he took part in the Minneapolis General strike in 1934.

'Harry DeBoer and I were pickets at a grocery warehouse at Letts Avenue and 3rd St.', Maloney explained in a recent interview. 'Suddenly the police charged with guns and clubs. Harry, Ben Koske and I ran down the alley when we heard the shooting. When we came around the corner, a policeman opened fire on us with a submachine gun. Harry was shot in the leg. Ben's arm was shredded.'

"I was shot twice in the stomach. We couldn't go to the hospitals because the police were waiting there to arrest anyone who came in with bullet wounds or head injuries.'

"Now Maloney has been slowed by a recent stroke. He needs a walker to get around. [At present he is in the hospital.] ...

"The 1934 strike in Minneapolis marked the coming of age of the Teamsters and set off a wave of organizing in the Mid west that made the union a powerful national force....

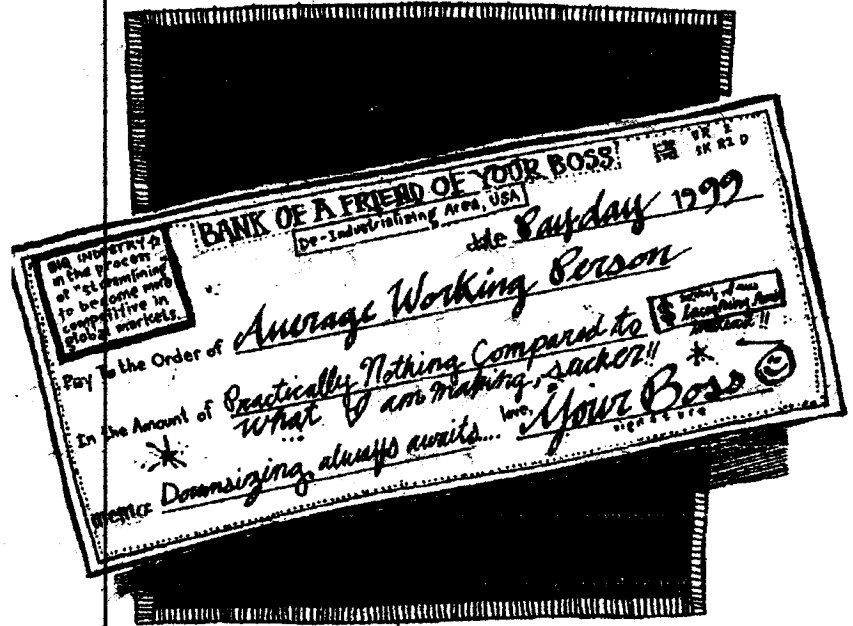
'In May of 1934', Maloney recalled, 'we struck the coal companies. We wanted a union shop and a hiring hall. The employers wouldn't meet with us and tried to create a red scare saying we were a bunch of communists and anarchists.

'We put up picket lines at first, but the police used an armored truck to to escort scab trucks through the picket line. The fire department turned their hoses on the pickets.' ...

<CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3>

tution and victim compensation. As a result they often "take home" less than a dollar an hour.

11. "Privatization" is not only a threat to Social Security. At the present corporations run prisons with 60,000 beds and the figure is expected to rise to 300,000 within a decade. Prison reformers note that profit is based on keeping prisoners locked up. Moreover, rehabilitation counseling and the promotion of literacy are seen as cutting into profits. Even worse, medical care and psychiatric



Z MAGAZINE OCTOBER 1999

"Within a few days Teamsters driving in other industries walked out in support of the striking coal drivers..

"The strike lasted until Labor Day. At least half the strikers were arrested during the strike.

"Finally the Governor declared martial law and forced the employers to sit down and bargain with the strikers.

'We won the strike,' Maloney said proudly.. 'We got a contract. We didn't get everything we wanted , but it was a start: Union recognition and an hourly wage of 52 and 1/2 cents.' ...

'n the next few years Maloney worked as a staff organizer for the Teamsters in the Midwest. The union ultimately won an 11-state agreement covering over-the-road truckers. ...

"Today, Maloney keeps an eye on the Seattle labor movement [from his sick bed.] He used to watch from his home overlooking the SODO industrial area. He built the home himself on the north slope of Beacon Hill where he bought five lots for \$150 each in 1942."

help is limited for the same reason.

12. Correction becomes a punishment . The infliction of pain is often substituted for rehabilitation.

13. The American prison system is worse than those found in South Africa under apartheid.

14. The editor says: "The ailments of a society are reflected in the conditions found in its prisons."

If this keeps up our country will likely become a nation of cops and prisoners!

< Correspondence Continued >

FROM THE DAILY NEWS:

“Those environmentally friendly high-tech jobs are contributing to a steady decline in the quality of life in the Northwest and a widening gap between rich and poor. More key findings:

Second-home development has begun to outpace first-home development. Trophy homes and other new developments are consuming an acre of rural land every nine minutes.

Sport-utility vehicles and trucks make up more than half of new motor vehicles sold in the Northwest and are likely to outnumber cars by 2005. The fuel appetite for these vehicles has wiped out much of the progress in the region on energy conservation.

Six individuals in the Northwest own 10 percent of all private wealth, more than the bottom two-thirds of households put together. Annual income of the top fifth of families with children increased from \$90,000 to \$107,000 in a decade while the poorest fifth of families with children saw income drop from \$12,000 to \$10,000.”

Brother ESQUIBEL informs us that Brother MIKE SISTI, donated \$200 to the RUSTY HOOK last month. Hurrah for you, Brother SISTI. That kind of donation heartens our efforts at the RUSTY HOOK!

From AUDREY DOREMUS in Everett, who writes that she “Just wanted to say thank you for sending me the RUSTY HOOK. I really enjoy it. It's one way of keeping up with things, that and the DISPATCHER. I hope they can get dental care. I know without my Group Health I could not afford all my medicine. Keep up the good work, ILWU> Sorry I can't send more this month.”

Thank you sincerely for the \$10.00, AUDREY. Any amount from our Sister survivors is especially welcome!

There seems to be some confusion as to whether we gave credit to brother RICHARD E. MACLELLAN, (“BIG MAC”), notice of his \$200.00 contribution to the RUSTY HOOK in our last issue. If we missed his fine contribution, we apologize herewith. Also, he passed away since, but not before donating \$100.00 to our Kitchen Found so we could “all have a doughnut on him.” Thanks again to our dearly departed “BIG MAC.”

Also, ANTON OBLACK from Bainbridge Island sent in a welcome donation of \$100.00 to the RUSTY HOOK. Thanks a lot brother OBLACK.

Note - Letter from Editors of RUSTY HOOK to its readers:

We feel gratified that our members are supporting publication of our RUSTY HOOK in such generous fashion. We must be doing something right! Many thanks!

ILWU PACIFIC COAST PENSIONERS ASSN. 32nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

Burnaby, Canada; Sept. 13, 14 15, 1999

The Executive Board convened at 9:00 AM Sunday, Sept. 12th. We opened with one minute of silence in memory of deceased Brothers and Sisters. At roll call every port belonging to the Pacific Coast Pensioners Assn. was represented.

Everybody seemed to be happy with the contract and praised the Coast Negotiating Committee for a job well done.

International Welfare Director, George Romero attended and sat in on the Executive Committee meeting. I asked quite a few questions about the “lifetime” medical benefits and there was quite a discussion. I’ll say this about Romero, he doesn’t avoid the question. He gave direct answers. I think in his own mind he believes that we had it for the life of the individual not just during the, existing contract. He is a lot better than the fellow he replaced. Since he has been in office he has made every convention.

New Business We voted to accept ILWU Canada Pensioners into the Pacific Coast Pensioners Assn. should their membership vote to join.

A \$500.00 donation was voted to the ILWU History Film Project being carried on by Pilar Wright, Video Director of the Harry Bridges Institute. This girl does an excellent job recording all our activities on fib. and her salary doesn’t provide for the expenses involved.

I presented our resolution on “lifetime” medical and lost the vote 10 to 3. (The only three voting for it were Lou Loveridge, Local 13, San Pedro, Phil Lelli, Lo-

Final Dispatch

Pensioners		Survivors	
Eugene Epperson	19	Margaret casperson	19
Verl E. Hall	19	Marie McCann	19
James T. Hill	98	Linnea E. Fox	19
Ernest B. Lewis	98	Agnes C. Hagen	19
Herbert W. Liles	52	Mildred Leonard	19
Chester B. Sproul	98	Margaret A. Lotter	98
R. E. MacLlelan	19	Wauneta McMaines	19
Maynard Wick	19	Lillian S. Poynter	98
Raymond Wittmier	19		

< Convention Continued >

cal 23, Tacoma and myself, Local 19, Seattle.)

Monday, Sept. 13, 9:00 AM

After an opening Welcome by ILWU Canada President Tom Dufresne and the playing of the two National Anthems an Invocation was given by Jean Ordano, President of ILWU Federated Auxiliaries.

Brian McWilliams spoke to us about the new contract and solidarity, etc.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members to take advantage of the two tours provided by our hosts, One, a most enjoyable harbor cruise in beautiful weather and the other a highly interesting tour of the city.

That evening we enjoyed an excellent Banquet and entertainment by the impressionist, Ian Ruskin in his "Harry Bridges" one man show.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 9:00 AM

Resumed meeting. We heard Guest speaker, TAS Bull, Secretary General (retired) Australian Transportation Union.

Approximately 260 people attended the convention. Every year it gets bigger. Seattle had between 30 & 40 people.

Nominations for office and the election took place in the afternoon. All of the incumbent officers and delegates were reelected.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 9:00 AM

The meeting was closed and adjourned to meet in San Francisco next Sept.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. McCabe

Paul S. McCabe
Local 19 Pensioners Club Delegate
ILWU Pacific Coast Pensioners Assn.

To Management

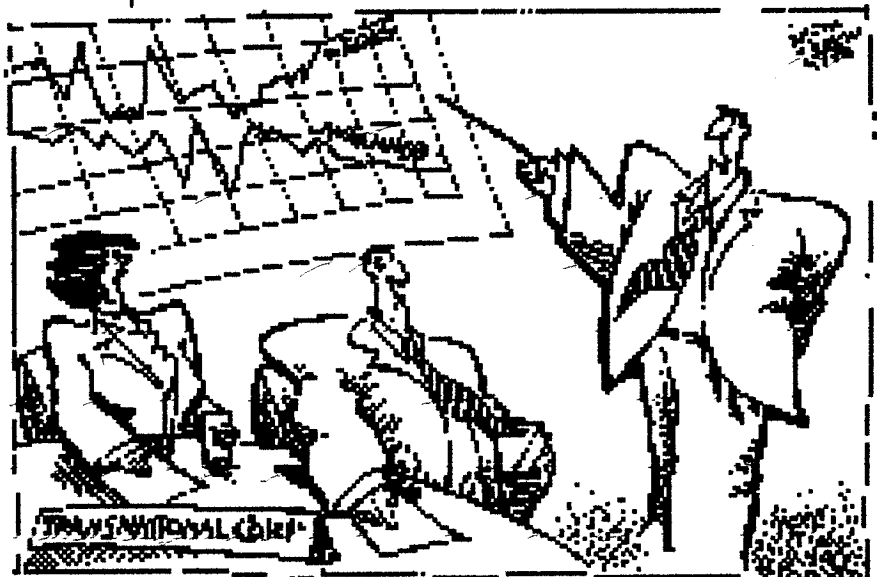


**Every Worker
is Temporary**

**THE INCREDULOUS ADVENTURE OF
CAPTAIN JIMMY JONES, A WELSHMAN WHO
HIJACKED HIS OWN SHIP IN 1865 - THE
"JENNY JONES"**

Having gotten into financial difficulties with his U.S. debtors back East, Jimmy Jones, a Welshman and owner of the vessel Jenny, fled to Victoria, B.C. where he had friends, along about 1865 in hopes of eluding his creditors. But a U.S. Marshall met him at the dock and he was incarcerated in the local slammer. His First Officer took the Jenny across the straight to Olympia, trying to keep her from being impounded. As luck would have it, however, he was met by another Marshall who promptly impounded the vessel. Meanwhile some waterfront friends spirited Jimmy Jones out of jail impersonated as a woman. After arriving, Jones learned his vessel was in the hands of the U.S. Marshall at Olympia. There he found out that the Marshall was to send the Jenny to Seattle to be auctioned to satisfy creditors, Jones boarded her as a passenger. En route she tied up at the Steilacoom dock for the night. The Marshall and passengers, preferring hotel accommodations to the hard bunks of the ship, left her for the night. Captain Jones seized the opportunity and let go the lines. He drifted silently away from the dock with fuel only for a 40 mile run. He started the engines and made Port Ludlow before his fuel ran out.

There with the help of local Indians he stowed enough cord wood to get to Nanaimo, B.C. where he was denied coal but got additional supplies. However, he went to the town's abandoned coal dump and hired some Indians to get 12 tons of coal dust. Steaming further North in



"Finally, we've found the solution to global warming... a global wage freeze."

MERGER-MANIA, UNABATED...



of transport.

The ITF exists to provide help and support for its affiliated unions. It fights for social justice, against unemployment and poverty, for decent wages and working conditions and for a safe and healthy working environment. It is dedicated to the advancement of free and democratic trade unionism and to the defense of fundamental human and trade union rights. It believes in the need for a social dimension to all international and regional free trade arrangements.

search of more fuel, he encountered a sinking sloop with a crew begging to be rescued. Jones obliged but only after removing all supplies from the sinking ship and signing on the men as his crew.

Sailing out of the Straits he successfully made his way to San Blas, Mexico after a 25 day voyage.

His disgruntled crew, however, went to the U.S. Consul to have the Schooner seized for unpaid wages. Frustrated and disgusted, Captain Jimmy Jones sold the Jenny to some Mexican interests for \$10,000 and took passage for San Francisco. Here his luck ran out and he was met at the plank by the U.S. Marshal and taken into custody.

However, his lucky star still shone, and the Judge at his trial, enthralled by Jones's adventurous escapades, ruled the Jones had not actually stolen the vessel, but that the Marshal, while at Steilcom had been derelict in his duty, Jones was set free. But, still pursued by the law on behalf of bondsmen who sued for \$4,600 in Steilcom, Jones and his engineer, Charles Hughes stood trial again. However, by 1868, three years later, they were both exonerated and the case closed..

What is the ITF?

The ITF brings together some 500 unions in more than 125 countries in every part of the world, and represents over 5 million trade union members in every branch

the International Trade Secretariats — global bodies each representing workers in a specific industry — which, together with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, brings together national trade union centers, to make up the international trade union movement.

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

Special Message to All Lifetime Members:

Life time membership does not include the assessment for the PCPA Convention to be held in Seattle in 2001.

The assessment is \$ 3.00 per year for 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL

"THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WISHES TO ANNOUNCE HE IS DINING TODAY IN THE EMPLOYEE CAFETERIA TO DEMONSTRATE THAT, IN HIS WORDS, 'WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.' NOW, PLEASE CONTINUE EATING YOUR BALONEY SANDWICHES."



Seattle ILWU Pension Club



President
Rudolph Martinez
Vice President
Paul McCabe
Secretary,
Treasurer
Terry O'Neil
Recording Secretary
Bill Sample
Trustees
Val Swegal
Ed Hepokowski
Bob Swanson



Harry Bridges Chair in Labor Studies

Room 101 Smith Hall

Margaret Levi, Professor

Betsi Beem, Assistant Director

Office Hours:

Tues. & Wed. 1-4

and by appointment.

Phone: (206)543-7946

ILWU Benefits Office
Nick Buckles, Director
Jefferson Square
4700 42nd Ave. S.W. #551
Seattle, WA 98116
(206)938-6720

"THE RUSTY HOOK"
3440 East Marginal Way S.
Seattle, WA 98134

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SEATTLE, WA
PERMIT NO. 6631