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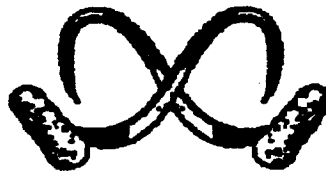
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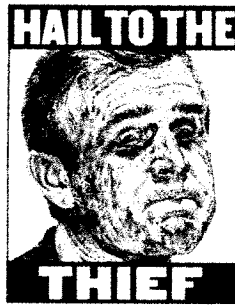
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**EDITORIAL**

**WHEN BUSH COMES TO SHOVE**

by Del Castle

When Bush (shrub) comes to shove all hell is going to break loose. He is the robber who stole the election. He is inaugurated as president by calls of "Hail to the Thief" in protest. He was selected by corporate money to be its candidate. He was defeated for election by majority vote. Gore got 500,000 more popular votes than Bush. Five conservative Supreme Court Justices selected him. Democracy was stolen. It was the steal of the century.



But the thievery is only getting started. The US treasury is the next item on Bush's list. Two and one half trillion dollars are to be given to the super rich in tax cuts. That theft alone will leave no money to guarantee Social Security, Medicare, prescription drug cost cuts for seniors, housing for the poor, environmental protection or for strengthening democracy. All social welfare programs will be cut. That is to guarantee that the rich will be spared sharing the costs of social programs in the future. rights and anti-discrimination laws are on the books.

Turning welfare over to churches is not only unconstitutional (anti-democratic), but is a signal that ordinary citizens, not the rich, will be called upon to

donate to churches for relief of the poor. And the number of poor will keep increasing as recession, layoffs and export of jobs continues. In other words, under Bush-corporate, neo-liberal, "free market" control all social welfare programs are to be cut or terminated.

Can Bush get away with such outright anti-democratic thievery? The answer is NO! There are too many anti-corporate forces in action that holler "Stop thief." The peoples' power is coming into direct opposition to corporate power- for the first time since the populist ant-trust campaigns of the 1890s and early nineteen hundreds when the rail barons were bulldozing their way through pioneer farmers land; and the meat packing trust was selling poison meat - something that is becoming a problem again today.

We won those battles along with many others such as trade union rights (never accepted in corporate circles), voting rights for women and, in only the last thirty-five years, for African-Americans, human rights, women's Environmental movements are gaining strength because human survival depends on stopping corporate destruction. These anti-corporate movements will join forces to consolidate a powerful peoples' movement to curb corporate power and strengthen democracy. As we have learned in the union cause, unity is the key to success. If the different anti-corporate movements unite into a single power, nothing can stop it!

**Book Report:**

**The Race to the Bottom,**

**Tonelson, Alan;**

Why a Worldwide Worker Surplus and Uncontrolled Free Trade are Sinking U. S. Labor Standards; Perseus Books of Westview Press; Boulder Colorado, 2000.

As suggested by its title, this book is about the efforts of giant international corporations to replace American workers by cheap foreign labor. This process involves moving factories to the world's underdeveloped countries.

In essence, this is about exporting American jobs out of existence. The book speaks of employers using treaties such as the North American Free Trade agreement (NAFTA) and international alliances such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to cut labor costs and import cheap goods.

The recent confrontations with the WTO in Seattle were centred on this issue. Those protesting at the convention of that organisation were, according to this author, fighting against high corporate profits, the exploitation of unorganised third world labor, and the enactment of laws intended to allow cheaply made foreign goods into the American marketplace. According to the author, this intervention of American business into foreign production areas is called globalism. He notes that President Clinton once said that "Globalization is the central reality of our times."

He adds that the American media have done their best to downplay the importance of globalism and to conceal the facts about it from the American People. He says they do not mention the number of jobs shipped overseas or what American products are undersold out of existence. Nor do they say anything about the very low wages paid to foreigners who do what was at one time American work.

Violations of human rights are also ignored. This includes exceptionally long hours, degradation of the working environment and the disregard of easily correctable health hazards. Worst of all is the exploitation of the millions of children who are forced to work at ages five to fourteen.

He notes that this affects American workers in sometimes less than obvious ways: wages become stagnant, benefits are surreptitiously lost and layoffs are more frequent.

He follows up by saying that the out sourcing of American labor to places such as China, India, Bangladesh, Brazil, Indonesia and Mexico has progressively become more important. Such has caused the disintegration of some American labor unions, and this is confirmed by statistics.

For instance, in 1979 some 24% of our labor force was unionised. Now the figure is about 13.9%. Nor do opportunities to work at near slave wages help the people abroad. Overpopulation and under development have combined to undermine employment opportunities in third world countries. The rate of unemployment in Latin America is 9.5%, in India it is 22.5% and it reaches as much as 40% in Indonesia. This has brought forth what the author calls the race to the bottom. In recent years, 83% of Mexican workers have seen a decline in real wages. Wages, adjusted for inflation, have gone down 5.4% in China, 6% in the Philippines and 66.5% in Indonesia.

President Clinton summed up the situation very well in a recent speech to an AFL-CIO convention. "Six billion people," he said, "Live on the face of the earth; half of these live on two dollars a day and 1.3 billion on a dollar a day or less."

The author concludes this well written book by saying the trend is accelerating downwards, and by ignoring this fact our country is losing control over its economic fate.

Fred Berg



*"If we pay them starvation wages —  
Why do they need a lunch break?"*

**Registration And Activity Form**  
**34th Annual Convention**  
**Best Western Executive Inn**  
**Seattle Washington 98109**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Local # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

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Only persons using Shuttle Service to and from the Airport will be reimbursed  
when you register. SAVE YOUR RECEIPT.

Sunday: Executive meeting [Best Western Inn] No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome Barbecue after adjournment, [at Seattle Pier] No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Monday: Afternoon, Harbor tour [Seattle Area] No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

Monday: Eve. Harry Bridges Annual Awards Party at the University of Wash.  
No. of Persons Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday: Buffet Lunch: Cost \$8.00 Per. Person Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday: Banquet Dinner; No Host Bar 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Menu Selections: [Black Jack Broil] No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ [Halibut Mediterranean] No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Dinner: \$ 25.00 Total of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality Room: Dates and Times will be posted in your Registration packet.

Note: There is a block of rooms at the [Convention Hotel ]  
[Best Western Executive Inn], also there is a block of rooms at the [Travelodge]

Best Western Executive Inn  
200 Taylor Ave. No. Seattle, Wash. 98109  
(206)-448-9444 1-800-351-9444  
Cost per day \$108.00 plus tax

Travelodge  
200 Sixth Ave. No. Seattle, Wash. 98109  
(206)-441 -7878 1-800-884-7081  
Cost per day \$104.00 plus tax

**You are responsible for making your own reservations**

[Please Mail to: Seattle I.L.W.U. Pensioners Club]  
3440 East Marginal Way So. Seattle, Wash. 98134  
(206) 343-0504 Deadline 8/10/01 2001

Additional registration forms will be available at the  
club office after May 7th

## ILWU Christmas for Kids 2000

by Curt Cunningham

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the ILWU Christmas for Kids program. With your help we were able to distribute toys and enough food for over 60 families and over 200 children. We also sent over 400 gifts to the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild for the children of the newspaper strikers.

Next year we plan to help out at least 100 families and their children. We will be accepting donations throughout the year. We also plan to have plenty of raffles and a bake sale or two down at the Hall. Our office is now located in room #101 of the Dispatch Hall. We should have our own phone installed soon. The Christmas for Kids staff consists of Darla Love - Director, Becky Edson - Fundraising coordinator, Leona Cunningham - Office manager, and Curt Cunningham - Warehouse manager. The staff thanks you for making this program a success.

### About the program

For over 20 years, local longshoremen and their families have given time and resources to ensure that those less fortunate in our community are able to enjoy the simple pleasures of the Holiday Season that most of us take for granted. In 1986 the Charitable Services Foundation, a non-profit organization, was formed to expand on these outreach endeavors.

With the help of local businesses, community organizations, and individual volunteers families in need are identified and selected by the Foundation's Review Committee. These families receive enough food to help them through the entire Holiday Season, while children receive personalized, wrapped gifts complete with a card signed by Santa. The Foundation solicits support through food drives, toy drives, and monetary contributions, as well as the charitable donations of local businesses and Organizations.

The Charitable Services Foundation is a Non-Profit Organization with no paid employees. Using a volunteer staff enables us to transfer more of the donations directly to the Outreach. All contributions are tax deductible.

Donations can be sent to:

ILWU Christmas for Kids  
3440 E Marginal Way S. Rm. #101  
Seattle, Washington 98134

## ILWU Victory in Olympia!!

Story by Paul Bigman

ILWU Puget Sound area organizer

On January 11th, 2001 food service workers employed by Fine Host Corporation at The Evergreen State College voted by close to a 3-1 majority to join the ILWU. The workers will be affiliated with Local 47. The vote was 31 for the Union, 12 against and 6 challenged ballots. The challenged ballots were all challenged by the employer, and presumably were Union supporters. The food service workers initially held discussions with four different Unions before deciding on joining the ILWU. Rank-and-file activists helped them in the campaign from ILWU Locals 5, 23 and 47 and from the IBU.

During the campaign, the workers had substantial support from students, faculty and staff on the campus. They also began functioning as a Union without waiting for the NLRB, winning a grievance that resulted in the reinstatement of an unjustly terminated member.

Statements of solidarity or support can be sent to ILWU Local 47 President Keith Bausch, or to ILWU International Organizer Paul Bigman, and will be forwarded to the Fine Host Workers.

## WELCOME!

Our newest addition to the editorial staff, CURT CUNNINGHAM, Local 19. Curt will relieve Brother Art Mink at the computer. Art is busy with other publishing work, but he will remain on the Rusty Hook Editorial board. We extend deep, full thanks to Art for all his help at the master controls of the computer, and we are thankful that he will continue to help out. And our special thanks to CURT for taking over a very important part of getting out the RUSTY HOOK.

if you can't fool all of the people  
ALL of the time, who the hell needs you !



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### CORRESPONDENCE

From JERRY TYLER, our Foreign Correspondent Emeritus Extraordinaire -another item from his diary of foreign travels. Along with it he sends \$70.00 to cover dues and convention assessments plus \$70.00 for the RUSTY HOOK. A very welcome contribution, JERRY. Thanks

The diary item follows:

As a retired longshoreman moseying around to various parts of the world, I soon discovered there is a worldwide fraternity of working stiff. We can recognize each other; communicate with each other, without words.

My social headquarters in Greece is the taverna Zaxaroplastion in 1, a little village just outside of - and being swallowed up by - Athens. I have made friends of many of the regular customers but the ones I have really wanted to meet, the construction workers, have been elusive. They are among the elite of Greek workers. Proud. Not arrogant or abrasive, when I greet them with a "kale mera" they politely return the greeting and walk on by. Today, on my way back from the center of town, I pass by a new high-rise under construction. I hear someone calling. A guy on the top floor is peering down, calling for Kostas and dangling a line over a little jag of dunnage. Kosta is obviously goofing off somewhere. Without thinking I go over and signal him to lower the line. With a small stick I work the end of the line under the load, haul it up and bend a timber hitch around the standing part. Then I signal him to take up the weight. These guys use a little electric hoist. He tightens up. The sling is not centered. I signal for some slack, adjust the sling, pull the bight over to the center of the load so it will tighten up good and give him the go ahead. As the load goes up I hear him call: "Efkaristo" and I wave and go on my way. Comes lunchtime I'm sitting at a sidewalk table with a cold bottle of FIX beer reading my paper. I feel someone pause beside me. "Kale mera" I look up. Plaster splattered guy is standing there with a friendly grin and outstretched hand. We shake and he goes inside. He has started a parade. Every construction stiff who comes by, stops with a smile and a handshake.

Obviously the word has been passed from job site to job site. "You know that old round headed American hangs around Zaxaroplastion? He's O.K.

He belongs.

From CLIFF VINJE, Yuma, Az.

'RUSTY HOOK, Sirs:

Would appreciate sending the RUSTY HOOK to our winter address till April, but not including.

Enclosing \$25.00 for expenses of HOOK.

Sincerely, CLIFF VINJE

Home address the same."

Thank you, CLIFF. CLIFF is one of our Old Timers, and we are thankful for his support.

A very welcome message from LEWIS LOU LOVERIDGE, Carson, CA., in support of our convention expense, \$50.00 donation. It should be noted that LOU'S contribution is strictly volunteer since he is not a northwest member. It is doubly appreciated. He says:

"Dear Fraternal Brothers:

I have enclosed a small token for your Pensioners upcoming Convention expenses. I am looking forward to being there if God willing. I have always sincerely enjoyed and appreciated the solidarity, comradeship and friendship of all your active members, delegates to conventions and caucuses also since retiring your pensioners, widows, etc., especially at all the pensioners conventions. I also appreciate receiving your "RUSTY HOOK" newsletter. I also appreciate phone calls from PAUL McCABE and others.

I wish to thank your group that recognized and sent cards, calls, etc. regarding the passing of my wife DOROTHY. I have always considered Seattle a home away from home. Fraternally and best wishes for the New Year. LOU LOVERIDGE." Again we express our appreciation, LOU. It is Old Timers like you that have built the solidarity and union cause that we all enjoy. May the fates look kindly upon you.

Another \$20.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK comes from a long time supporter, JOHN EHLIY, Tacoma. No message except the one that counts, financial support.

Thanks again, JOHN.

We know we can always count on you for the cause of strong unionism.

From JOHN WOLD, Seattle.

No message but \$100.00 for our RUSTY HOOK.

Thanks for the contribution, JOHN! JOHN is an early financial supporter. The RUSTY HOOK couldn't do without him and many like him. Thanks again.

## CORRESPONDENCE

From DAN SORENTINO Seattle #7161 No message but sends in \$50.00. Thank you very much..

Another "no message" from MIKE CASO, Seattle: \$50.00 for the RUSTY HOOK. Such "no message" donations speak words to strengthen the cause of the RUSTY HOOK and our ILWU. Thanks a lot, MIKE!

From JOHN S. or ALICIA M. BRACE, Dipotog City, Philipines:

"Seattle ILWU Pension Club Dear Brothers:

Find enclosed my check for \$17.00 for 2001 dues, \$10.00, PCPA assessment year 2000 and 2001, \$3.00 each and \$1.00 for under payment of 1999 assessment. Best regards to my contemporaries, FRED BERG, DICK MELTON, and all the others, think of you often.

Sincerely, JOHN BRACE, 56275.

Thanks for keeping up on your dues and assessments, JOHN. We hope you set an example for those members who may be behind.

We wish to call attention to an outstanding donation to convention expense from A. V. "BUD" HAVLISCH who sends a whopping \$500.00 for our PCPA convention. He writes:

"ILWU Pensioners:

Enclosed is a check for \$500.00 in memory of SHAUN "JACK" MALONEY No finer or wiser dedicated union person has ever graced this planet. I would like this money used for PCPA expenses in the year 2001 convention.

Fraternally, A.V. (BUD) HAVLISCH  
ILWU Local # 52, Retired

P.S. Long letter to follow when I get time. Well, many thanks to you BUD. Your generosity exceeds our expectations. You may rest assured it is very much appreciated and will be put to good use. Hope to see you at the convention. Thanks a whole lot.

Last but not least. Our thanks to Local 52 for the contribution of \$138.00 which enables us to continue to send the RUSTY HOOK to all active and retired members of Local 52.

## How Government Works

Article reprinted from the Internet

Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of the desert. Congress said, "someone may steal from it at night." So they created a night watchman position and hired a person to do the job.

Then Congress said, "How does the a night watchman do his job without instruction?" So they created a planning department and hired two people, one person to write the instructions, and one person to do time studies.

Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" So they created a Quality Control department and hired two people. One to do the studies and one to write the reports.

Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So they created the following positions, a timekeeper, and a payroll officer, then they hired two more people.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?" So they hired an Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer, and a Legal secretary.

After a year had passed Congress said, "We have had this command in operation for one year and we are \$18,000 over budget, we must cutback overall cost."

So they laid off the night watchman

## 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.

Lifetime 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.



BY HELLER FOR THE GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE, WI.

## While Bush Sleeps, Who Really Governs?

By David Lytel,  
Managing Partner Democrats.com

George W. Bush wants to make sure we all know that being president is a piece of cake. A day at work for Bush is like a day on vacation for any of the rest of us. He gets a late start, spends time at the gym and takes a nice long afternoon nap. So this leaves the messy business of governing the country to others. But who, exactly, has Bush gotten to mind the store while he takes it easy?

A peak backstage at the presidential theater is truly frightening, since what you see isn't even representative of the Republican Party, let alone the country at large. The Republicans managed to put the Supreme Court in a position to decide the election only by holding together its four factions – Wall Street fat cats and the super rich, the Main Street small business types, the cultural conservatives who are concerned about moral decline and family values, and the angry white men who feel that gains in status achieved by women, minorities, gays and others come at their expense. However, that coalition is not what has been asked to govern the country.

What should be alarming even to Republicans is the degree to which a very small cell of right wing ideologues has been put in the drivers seat by a president who is happy to take a nap in the back seat.

I'm referring to the laughably mis-named "Federalist Society," which is a group of no more than maybe 25,000 right wingers who are using the language of democracy to try to fight against some of democracy's greatest achievements.

undermining democratic institutions from within until public support for them had vanished and the remaining veneer could be swept away so a people's dictatorship of the right or of the left (take your pick) could be put in power.

You almost have to marvel at the tremendous discipline of the right wing fanatics, who now have public office and recognition from the news media to add to their tools for controlling the public agenda. Unless progressives begin to bend down and pick up the tremendous potential power we have to organize a potent opposition we are very likely to find ourselves blocked from returning to power by zealots who have proven that their ultimate commitment is not to God or to democracy but to seizing and holding power by any means necessary.

The key question is how can we use the new tools of activism to help the Democratic Party unlock its inner majority and build a center-left coalition that is the 21st century's dominant political force. I, for one, am up to the challenge.

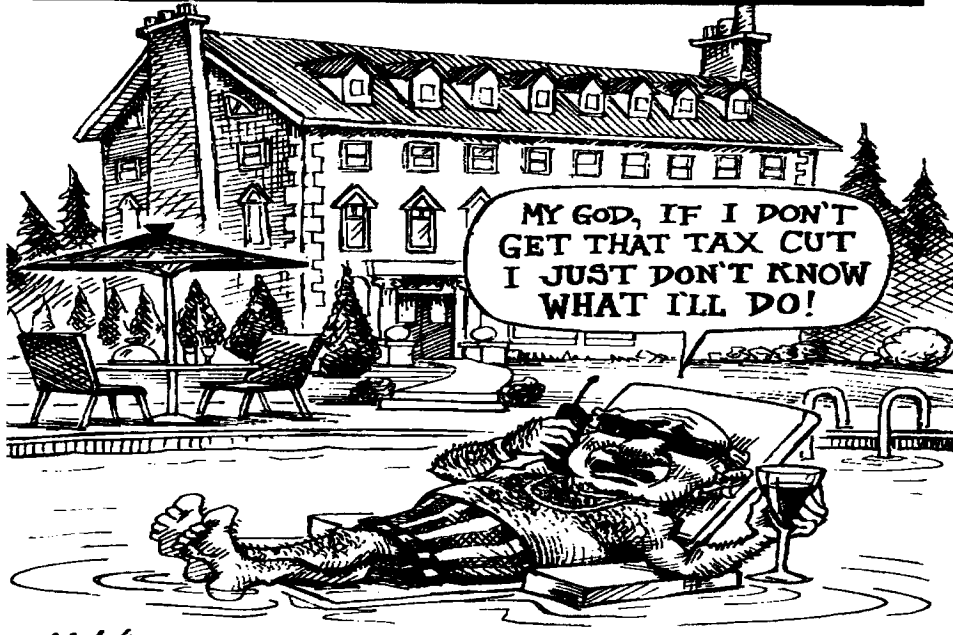
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SWEDISH CLUB  
1920 Dexter Avenue North  
THURSDAY MAY 17, 2001  
\$15.00  
cocktail hour 11:30– 12:30 luncheon 12:30

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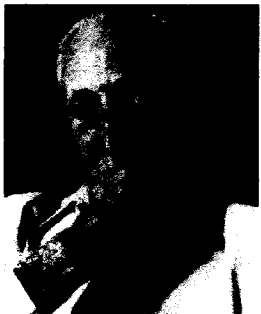


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