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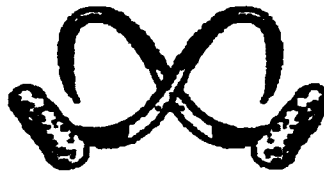
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## **THE SENATOR JEFFORDS SWITCH**

By Del Castle

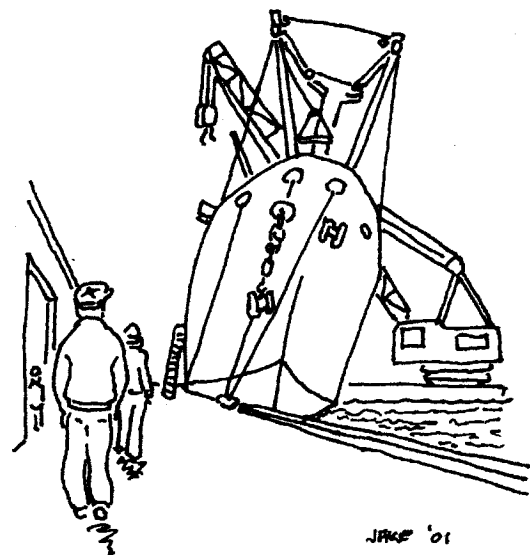
By now you have undoubtedly read and heard a good deal about why Senator Jeffords switched from the Republican party to independent and thereby put the Democrats in control of the U.S. Senate. Many reasons have been offered as to why.

For instance he said he could not represent the interests of the State of Vermont under the Republican Party. That is not difficult to understand considering that the Republican Party doesn't represent the interests of anyone in any State except the rich. In that case many more honest Republicans should follow his example.

But what is most important about Jeffords move is that it exposes a political crisis in the ruling circles of power. It is a crisis arising out of the worldwide opposition to globalization. Globalization is in danger of floundering. It is also likely to slip its tracks because the Bush program is recklessly exposing what globalization means at home: lower living standards all around, loss of jobs, busting unions, hailing corporate greed, trampling on civil and human rights, loss of religious freedom, encouraging corporate greed, and telling the rest of the world to shove it, etc., you name it. What Jeffords and his supporters is saying is, globalization cannot succeed unless some

concessions are made to soften the opposition. His move, if successful will see the U.S. Senate passing mild forms of social legislation such as guaranteeing Social Security, Medicare, anti-poverty programs, stronger education support,

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## A LICENSE TO STEAL

There are all kinds of evidence pointing to a downward spiral in living standards worldwide. In our country we see increases in the cost of electricity, fuel oil, natural gas and pump gas. While these items show up in our regular bills and out of pocket, they are added to the costs of all items in transportation costs delivered to consumer outlets and added to prices. For instance, natural gas used for cooking at home or in restaurants or generating electricity ends up increasing costs all along the line.

All of this is laid at the door of scarcity - supply and demand. But there is increasing evidence that these scarcities are corporate created, not actual shortages. As proof, one needs only ask the simple question: Why is there a shortage in 2001 when there was plenty in 2000?

OPEC is the clear example of total corporate control of supply. The oil cartel, including major U.S. gas and oil corporations (news reports put Exxon profits for the first quarter of 2001 at \$5 billion!) cuts supply and price goes up. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to get the picture. If that is not enough, according to the latest figures investors in the stock market lost over \$4 trillion dollars this year.

To sum it all up, scarcity is good for capitalist profits and very much the opposite for people. In this connection we quote the guru of conservative newspaper columnists. George F. Will who appears in the Seattle P.1. He writes: "Capitalism, he said (Daniel Bell of Harvard in 1976) depends on certain virtues such as ascetism, thrift, industriousness, self-denial, deferral of gratification.

But capitalism produces social surpluses, which begets luxury which begets materialism, self-indulgence, acquisitiveness, instant gratification.

"Even more striking evidence of the self-corruption of capitalist culture is this: once charged with countering the self-centeredness and egotism that de Tocqueville said is "commodification of everything" Now if you read between the lines of Will's sophisticated language you will get his message. It is, in simpler language, the warning: if we do not accept lower living standards, do away with the American dream, capitalism will expire. In other words, prosperity is good for the

people, but poverty is good for capitalism. This is also the message of WTO, IMF, World Bank, NAFTA, FUA, MIA and assorted other schemes of the global economy.

In our opinion, it is time to find a better system.

After all, we do have a strong precedent in the U.S. of curbing corporate power. President Theodore Roosevelt, who became President in 1901 and gained the title "Trust Buster", ordered the dissolution of a holding company, Northern Securities Co. His order was appealed in court but upheld by the Supreme Court. He went on to curb other monopolies such as meat packing plants. The corporate world accused him of undermining the institution of private property. His efforts are reflected in the suit against Microsoft today. By the way, he was an enthusiastic environmentalist, as well. Will history repeat itself?

There is hope!

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## THE MEDICINE MEN

If you're hoping for relief in prescription prices and health care generally, don't hold your breath. From the *Washington Spectator* we see the pharmaceutical industry has bought the Bush Whitehouse:

"The health care industry - if you wish to call it that - wants to redeem its \$18 million-plus contributions to the Bush campaign... it wants the Bush Secretary of Health and Human Services to rewrite, or maybe delete, the privacy protection doctrine....

On health issues - and others - the recent *Wall Street Journal* expose' says that the ties between the new Bush administration and its business run much deeper than money.' The newspaper found that top pharmaceutical industry executives served as Bush transition team advisers on health issues. In addition, Mitch Daniels, a former executive at the Lilly pharmaceutical company is now director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, which oversees budget and regulatory issues.

The system has a stranglehold on democracy!

## ILWU CAUCUS MEETING

The Caucus meeting convened at 9:30 AM, Monday, March 12, 2001 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco, CA.

Various concerns of the active members were addressed. There have recently been a lot of problems with racial and gender prejudice in some ports along the coast. These were discussed.

The manning scale from port to port was brought up. Let's face it, Southern California has the power and they have a high scale. Our active delegates acquitted themselves well and spoke their piece on the mike as did those from Local 23. Tacoma. Both Local 19 and 23 were well represented.

An ILA vice president and two other representatives were present and we told them that they needed to back up their Charleston, SC. Local that is beleaguered by union busting tactics and members being jailed for lawful picketing.

Local 6, Warehouse Union had an Informational Picket Line in front of the ILWU Headquarters, Harry Bridges Building on Franklin Street. It was embarrassing to the ILWU members who were staying at the Oasis (also on Franklin) to have to pass the line. There was a vote taken to handle the beef right then and there but the International won the right to handle it in the International Executive Board. The vote was close.

The main thing of concern to the pensioners was the medical. George Kuvakas, Sr. who helped negotiate the medical in 1961 and was in San Francisco along with Bruce Kreiger at the meeting with the Arbitrator, gave an excellent report in our favor on Thursday morning. He received a rousing round of applause.

John Johnson and I both left at the close of the morning session on Thursday to return to Seattle. The Caucus continued until Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM.

The Canadian Locals had a first class turnout for both the actives and the retirees.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul McCabe  
Local 19, Pensioners' Club

## PCPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

San Francisco, March 11, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM, Sunday, March 11, 2001 at the Henry Schmidt Meeting Room in the ILWU Local 10 Hiring Hall by Joe Lucas, President. In attendance were: Lou Loveridge, vice president, John Johnson, 2nd vice president, Arne Auenin, secretary-treasurer; board members from Canada, Ken Gregory, Joe Schmitter and Bill Duncan; U.S., Esther Auenin, Phil Lelli, Larry Clark, Joe Jakovac, Cleophas Williams, Al Perisho and Paul McCabe. Bill Ward was also present. The minutes from the September meeting were accepted. The first order of business was a report by Arne Auenin, on the status of arbitration on the "lifetime" medical issue. Both sides have presented their briefs and it will take a couple of months before there is a decision. George Romero, Welfare Director and Ray Ortiz, Coast Committeeman gave reports. Joe Wenzl, ILWU President; James Spinosa and vice president, Bob McEllrath all experienced flight delays and were unable to make it to the meeting. Larry Clark brought up the dredging problems at the entrance of the Columbia River and their effect on the Port of Portland. Arne discussed the health of the Pension Fund, explaining ARISA regulations regarding Employer contributions in detail. There was some discussion of what the Pensioners would press for in the next contract, namely, some semblance of "parity" for all retirees and raise the widows payment to 75% of their husband's pension. Larry Clark, Al Perisho and Art Alameda will be representing the retirees at the two day educational sessions for younger ILWU members in Palm Springs the later part of April or first of May. We didn't discuss much in the way of new business because we wanted to wait and see what would be brought up in the coming week's caucus. I want to give our new vice-president, John Johnson a pat on the back. He pays attention, takes a lot of notes and is sincerely concerned. A good man for the job. Once again Local 10 Ladies Auxiliary provided us with delicious lunch. In addition to the Board members the meeting was attended by Joe Mosley, Local 10 Pensioners President, Enola McCoy, Local 10 Pensioners vice president, Bill and Elevia Hallet, Myrt Perisho and Shirley McCabe.

We adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Paul S. McCabe,

Delegate Local 19, Pensioners' Club

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HMO regulation, prescription drug regulation, a change in foreign policy toward international cooperation, especially on globalization, and, if corporate power isn't too powerful, energy regulation for the benefit of consumers. You could add to the list.

History repeats itself! You may recall that President Roosevelt, in the 30s, did the same thing to blunt what was becoming a popular revolt in the Great Depression. His New Deal was intended to save the capitalist system. It didn't quite work. It took WWII to finish the job. The question today is, "What will save the system now?" President James Spinoza of our union, ILWU, said at the recent Peace Arch demonstration against NAFTA.

"And lastly we need to articulate an alternative economic vision of the world, one where we work and trade in ways that bring prosperity to people, in ways that promote cross-cultural understanding and peace."

**CORRESPONDENCE**

First of all we owe an apology to Brother BOB SHERARD who sent in a donation of \$50.00 to the convention fund and \$25.00 to the RUSTY HOOK. We did not credit him in our correspondence section, an oversight for which we are sorry. After all, we cannot function without the support of our readers. We want to give them full credit. But to err is human. Please forgive us, BOB.

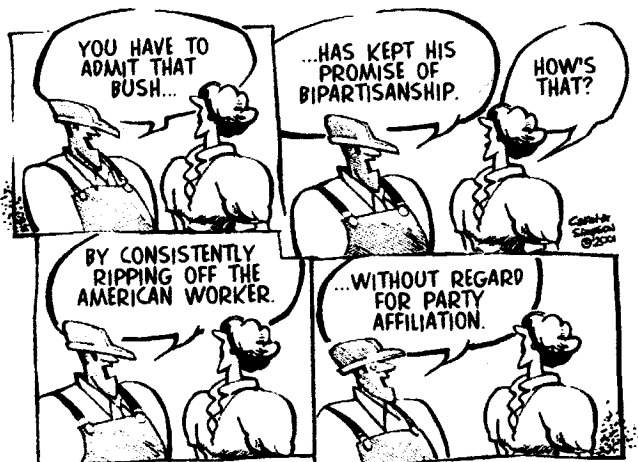
From RAY H. NOBLE, Arizona via letter from his daughter:

"Being an obedient daughter I already sent in my father's \$50.00 for PCPA assessment of \$3.00 and the rest to go to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thank you,  
TAMIA FAIRSTAD for RAY H. NOBLE."

Well, thank you TAMIA and RAY! It's nice to see "an obedient daughter" minding Dad's business, especially when it comes to union business.

From ROY MURRAY, Seattle, WA., a check for \$200.00 for the RUSTY HOOK. Thanks, ROY.



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### CORRESPONDENCE

From JERRY TYLER, our Foreign Correspondent Emeritus Extraordinaire. Another item from his diary of foreign travels.

"Another time in Czechoslovakia, I'm being taken on a tour of the Danube River port of Bratislava. We go aboard a barge, which is loading steel re-bar. Some "suit and tie characters are holding a confab on deck. The crane operator has a load hanging over the hatch.

Again without thinking, because it seems the natural thing to do, I put the heel of my hand on the end of the load and lean into it. The crane operator works with me, when Calto, the engineer who is guiding me around, he and everyone else are grinning at me. "Until you put your hand on that load everyone thought you were some kind of an official, not actually a longshoreman!" Before we leave I shake hands with every guy in the gang. My kind of people. We belong.

And in Luxor, Egypt, one morning, I'm down on the shoreline of the Nile checking the erosion of the bank. It's getting too close to the foundation of the Chez Farouk. A big motorized steel barge moves in behind me. A sailor in a ragged galabiah stands on deck holding a coil of line. No one is around to take in his bowline. I motion to him. He's surprised, a bit doubtful, he hesitates, and then he throws me the line.

I pick it up and sign language "where do I tie up?" I follow his pointing finger to a piece of steel railing sticking up out of the bank, carry the line over and make a round turn. As the barge moves in I take up the slack. When she touches and bounces away keep her snubbed, paying out just a bit until she stops and comes back. When she settles I make her fast.

Then comes a warming moment I will never forget. We look at each other, this Egyptian boatman and this retired Seattle longshoreman. We grin at each other. No words are necessary we understand each other. We belong.  
JERRY."

From JACK DENNISON, Tacoma, WA.

Dear RUSTY HOOK

Just a line with my by-yearly donation (\$50.00) and a word about Brother JERRY TYLER.

Early one morning, after an evening of touring the popular watering holes, I ran into JERRY in front of Nifty's while waiting for them to open, he asked me if I would care to join him in a drink. Anyone knowing JERRY would know he loved his Vodka! He had about 1/3 bottle of Vodka and a six pack of beer. As we conversed and toasted, the Vodka shrank, reaching for the bottle he said, "its all gone, hell I could have done that all by myself!!" He didn't care about the beer, but he surely loved that Vodka!

Hello to all the Brothers - JACK DENNISON.'

Another letter and donation from JACK DENNISON.

"Dear RUSTY HOOK:

Since prices on power and water have gone up, guess expenses for you have also. Here's a little something to help! Best to all - JACK DENNISON, 56356."

Well, thank you, JACK, for the great donations and the memories of days gone by. We're sure many other Old Timers have similar stories from the rich past of the Seattle Waterfront Send them in, please.

From VLADIMIR DZUTSOFF, Raymond, WA, addressed to PARKER JOHNSEN: "Enclosed is an extra \$10.00 I did not pay and thank you for paying it. What with illness in the family and as they say, Old Timer's Disease, I guess we all forget."

VLADIMIR DZUTSOFF.

Hey, man, we all suffer from Old Timer's disease. God help us!

We want to pay special thanks to LOCAL 52 for their subscription to the RUSTY HOOK. They subscribe for their entire membership and retirees and pay regularly every issue. Such subscriptions are the backbone of our efforts.

The same goes for LOCAL 19, which subscribes for their membership. LOCAL 19 was the original sponsor and subscriber. We owe them a lot.

Also, the KELSO-LONGVIEW LOCAL subscribes for 10 issues yearly, which is greatly appreciated.

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From CARSTEN STRAND, Sun City, AZ. \$100.00. \$18.00 convention assessment and \$82.00 to the RUSTY HOOK. CARSTEN writes:

"This pays my \$12.00 dues. Use the rest any way you need it.

STRAND 56508."

Thanks a lot, CARSTEN. We feel grandly supported.

From JEROME LUI, Shoreline, WA. who pays for lifetime membership plus \$15.00 to the RUSTY HOOK. Thanks JEROME for your membership dues and the donation. We welcome back dues, current dues, lifetime membership and all those others who are in dues arrears and especially new members!

JEROME writes:

"This is for my lifetime membership plus assessment. Please put what is left to the RUSTY HOOK."

So done, JEROME, and thanks for sure.

From ELIZABETH A. BLOOD, Edmonds, WA. ELIZABETH sends \$100.00 to the RUSTY HOOK with the following letter:

Please apply enclosed check to the RUSTY HOOK. I thoroughly enjoyed it especially DEL CASTLE'S editorial "Hail to the Thief."

Sincerely, ELIZABETH BLOOD,  
Mrs. ROLAND BLOOD; Local 98."

From BUD JOHNSON, Florence, AZ. Bud sends in \$197.00. He writes:

"Lifetime membership. \$85.00. \$12.00 dues and \$100.00 to the RUSTY HOOK, which I enjoy.

BUD JOHNSON.

P.S. "You got Bush pegged just right."

We are more than grateful BUD! We feel you are not only helping the Old Timers and the RUSTY HOOK but also our union, the ILWU which makes all of us better off!

We are more than pleased to have an order from JOHN EHLI of the Tacoma Old Timers for 25 copies of the RUSTY HOOK to distribute to their membership. We are very grateful for the order and hope it will serve a good purpose. JOHN has been an early supporter of the RUSTY HOOK.

Thank you very much, JOHN.

From CLARA GOLDSTONE, Seattle, WA. Sends in \$30.00 dollars to cover dues and convention assessment. No letter. But we appreciate her donation especially because too few women are joining and paying dues. We need more of them and we feel they need us to protect their pensions and medical. So, don't let gender divide us. Join up, one and all!

From another of the feminine side: GALE GROVES who sends in \$3.00 for convention assessment. No letter. Thanks GALE for the same reason as above.

From JERRY TYLER, Everett, WA., who, by the way, has a follow up article from the last issue on international labor solidarity (page 5). He sends in \$100.00 dollars to the RUSTY HOOK. Jerry is one of our early supporters and editor of the HOOK, predecessor of the RUSTY HOOK. We are more than thankful, JERRY. Like many Old Timers JERRY went through the many labor struggles of the now distant past and is still fighting the peoples' battle for a better world. We need many more like him!

From WES YOUNG, Seattle, WA. WES, Local 98, is our guy who takes charge of our barbecues, for which we are always deeply grateful. May his kind always be with us! No letter, but a contribution of \$100.00 to the RUSTY HOOK. Many thanks, WES; your generosity is exceeded only by your barbecues!

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### Special message to all lifetime members.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

From M.J. KAHN & ASSOCIATES, Seattle WA. No letter but a \$15 subscription to the RUSTY HOOK. This is a new one on us. First sub from a firm (law we assume). However we certainly welcome subscribers of any kind. Thanks very much! You're on the mailing list.

From PETE GIVOGRE, Seattle, WA.: "Please find enclosed a check for \$15.00- \$12.00 for my 2001 dues and \$3.00 convention assessment. Thank you, PETE GIVOGRE." especially for keeping up your dues. We need that kind of solidarity.

From KENNETH D. FIELD, Seattle, WA. He sends in \$107.00.

"Dear Brothers: Enclosed is \$107.00 for lifetime membership plus, \$95.00 plus \$12.00 assessment for 1998,1999,2000 and 2001. Just like to say I enjoy the RUSTY HOOK very much, keep up the good work. KEN FIELD."

Thanks, KEN. We really appreciate your keeping up on dues and assessments. We hope others take notice!

From JAMES L. CARDINAL, Monroe, WA. who sends check for dues and assessments for 2000 and 2001. Thanks, JAMES - appreciation as above.

From Mrs. BEVERLY J. CLARK. Beverly paid dues and assessments for 2001 and adds \$10.00 for the RUSTY HOOK. We're glad about the dues and donations from another of the "fair sex," especially when it takes real commitment from women pensioners whose pensions are slim, Thank you, BEVERLY.

From LOCAL 9, Seattle, WA \$150.00. And from LOCAL 27, Port Angeles, WA \$100.00 for our coming PCPA convention to be held in Seattle September 16th to 19th. Thanks to you, LOCAL 9 and LOCAL 27 Mailings on particulars have been sent Please come, one and all! And thank you for your generosity!

From the TACOMA CREDIT UNION a very welcome \$2000.00 donation to the convention fund. Many thanks, Tacoma Credit Union. Your help is generous!

From EVELYN LANNGE, Seattle WA. She writes: "To RUSTY HOOK:

Dear Friends:

This is to give you permission to take my name off your mailing list as my husband, NILS LANNGE passed away several years ago now. NILS belonged to the San Francisco area ILWU in San Francisco. And I have been on their mailing list. I am an 86 year old widow now, whose memory is not so good now so I want you to use whatever expense it was for memory is not so good now so I want you to use whatever expense it was for the good of the union. Nils was a personal friend of HARRY BRIDGES and helped to get the HARRY BRIDGES chair at the University of Washington.

Best wishes, EVELYN LANNGE. P.S. He was a good union member."

Thanks for your consideration, EVELYN. We appreciate your concern. However we feel you should not cancel since one of our real concerns is to keep our Old Timers in touch with the membership and vice versa. Since you can write such a welcome letter we feel you can read as well. So, keep in touch, EVELYN.

And from KAY ANDERSON, Seattle, WA. KAY sends a very welcome \$100.00 to the RUSTY HOOK. No message except one hundred green ones. We express great appreciation to say the least! It is for a good cause and a good union.

*Final Dispatch*

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