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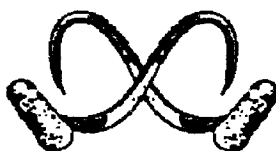
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## MEETINGS:

January, 2001	8
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March	5
April	2

## THE NEWSPAPER STRIKE

Brother Castle was invited to speak at a picket line meeting of the Newspaper Guild November 27th. He was asked because he had been on the P.I. picket line in the 1936 strike. That was the first newspaper strike in Seattle and it was for recognition of the Newspaper Guild, the newspaper workers' union. They won against opposition from many anti-union sources.

He spoke on the enormous size of that original picket line, one that extended clear around the block at Sixth and Pine Streets, three and four abreast. The meeting

cheered the talk.

In addition, the members of the Editorial Board of the RUSTY HOOK were asked to join the Newspaper Guild. Castle accepted on behalf of the other editors, Art Mink and Fred Berg. They will sign up as soon as the applications come in the mail.

So, not only is the RUSTY HOOK printed in a union shop, it will now be edited by Newspaper Guild Union members.

## LONG LIVE THE ANTI-WTOers

The first anniversary of the anti-WTO Battle of Seattle is taking place as we go to press. It is another illustrious anniversary of the many anniversaries celebrated in our City. In 1919 we had the first general strike in U.S. history. In 1934 we joined the waterfront workers of the entire Pacific Coast and made history by striking forcing the first wage gain in the Great Depression.

Also in the Thirties we elected a State Legislature that passed the first "Old Age Pension" in the U.S. The thirties also saw the birth of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, a left-wing independent political coalition that prompted an official of the Roosevelt administration to call the United States composed of 47 states and the "Soviet of Washington." It was pre-



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cedent to the Green party of today.

Before that, during the first World War, Seattle Wobblies forced the Wilson administration to raise loggers wages and clean up the logging camps.

Seattle has a proud record of leading in bettering the lives of workers and people. Therefore, we welcome those organizing a celebration of the first anniversary of the Battle of Seattle. May there cause continue to spread around the world. Upon their efforts may rest the hopes of the people of the world.



### SPECIAL NOTE

We hereby render apology to Local 23 Brothers and Sisters who donated \$3500.00 to our 2001 Convention. Our error was due to a computer glitch.

We intended to honor the \$3500.00 from the active members of Local 23 and the \$1500.00 contribution from the Local 23 pensioners. Unfortunately, a portion of the article was dropped. Local 23 was credited with the amount of the contribution from the Tacoma retirees and the contribution of the retired Tacoma members was not acknowledged.

We will make every effort to avoid any such oversight from now on.

Thank you Local 23 for your magnificent contribution. Thank you, Tacoma Retirees. With your contributions we will have a great convention in 2001.

### CORRESPONDENCE

From RUDOLPH MARTINEZ, President of our Pension Club - copy from the San Francisco Bay Area Newsletter October Bulletin, 2000:

"Congratulations to the newly elected International officers and Coast Committee and Executive Board members. It should be the policy of our pension Club to support our International officers in any way we can. By supporting them we build solidarity between them and us, and with our support they can do their job better. We also want them to remember that the rank and file has spoken, and they spoke loudly and clearly that they want unity and strong leadership from the top and will settle for nothing less."

A good message, Rudy. Unity has always been the key to our success.

A very welcome letter from DON HOPKINS, Everett, WA.:

"Editorial Staff:

I would like to take a minute of your time to thank you all for sending me copies of the RUSTY HOOK.

"After I retired in January, 1999, this paper has helped me to keep up with Brothers and Sisters that I have worked with over my years as a member of both local 32, Everett and 52, Seattle. You will find with this note a check to cover my lifetime membership, assessment and whatever the HOOK needs the rest for.

Thank you all and take care.

DON HOPKINS."

Brother Hopkins enclosed a check for \$500.00 which left the magnificent sum of \$355.00 for the RUSTY HOOK after dues and convention assessment were deducted. Again, DON, we are forever grateful. The RUSTY HOOK and the ILWU will live longer and better because of your generosity!

Letter from Brother H. Knettle, Port Angeles, WA.

"Gents:

Wasn't sure what to make this out to. However this should do it. Keep up the good work.

H. KNETTLE."

Brother KNETTLE'S check covered four years dues and \$12.00 convention assessment. Thanks to you, Brother KNETTLE. Every donation makes a difference.

From Brother A. FREDERICKSEN, 56752, Paulsbo, WA.:

"This check is for lifetime membership, \$95.00 - convention assessment,

\$12.00 - RUSTY HOOK, \$93.00.

Keep up the good work you are doing."

A. FREDERICKSEN, 56752."

Well, thank you very much, Brother FREDERICKSEN - a person of few words but big heart.

From Brother AL ALLEN, Tacoma, WA.:

"Gentlemen:

I retired from ILWU, Local No. 23 on October 1, 1999. I am not a member of the Pension Club.

However, I feel I should pay my share of the PCPA convention fund expense. Hence, I have enclosed a check for \$30.00.

Fraternally,  
AL ALLEN."

Good for you Brother ALLEN. The convention fund is coming along pretty well with your kind help. But we do wish you would join the Pension Club.

From MARYLIN KAMEL, Seattle, WA.:

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"Pacific Coast Pensioners Association  
3440 E. marginal Way S.  
Seattle, WA., 98134  
RE:Donation: \$100.00.

From the widow of JACK E. KAMEL who put in 40 plus years on the Seattle waterfront.

In appreciation of all the benefits I receive as his widow.

Thank you very much.  
MARYLIN KAMEL."

Note: MARYLIN encloses her Email address, Email mrllynkamel@aol.com in case any of you would like to correspond. And thank you Sister MARYLIN. Your concise letter and your contribution are greatly appreciated.

From DONALD C.FRANZ, Buckley, WA.  
"Seattle ILWU Pension Club

Please sign me up for Lifetime membership. Enclosed is \$137.on membership, \$12 for 4 years of PCPA assessment and \$10.00 contribution to the RUSTY HOOK. I am 59.

Sincerely,  
DONALD C. FRANZ."

Thank you, Brother FRANZ. We especially welcome your application for membership.

From RICHARD ANDERSON, Tokeland, WA.  
"RUSTY HOOK  
Am sending \$200.00

\$85.00 for Life membership. \$100.00 PCPA and \$15 for the HOOK. Good paper. I miss Toro's stories.

I've been retired for 15 years. I had two heart attacks, 1 heart failure, four way bypass surgery, prostrate surgery, and they call these the Golden years. Bullshit.

I live right on the coast. The good thing is on a clear day I can see Hawaii. If the wind is blowing right I can smell Chinese cooking.

R.E. ANDERSON."

Well, we are more than pleased to hear that you are still around and kicking. At least you can kick the bullshit from underfoot. Thanks a lot, RICHARD, especially for your membership application.

Letter from ROBERT D. DUGGAN, Kailua Kona, HI.

"Dear RUDY:

Thank you for the loan of the copies of the RUSTY HOOK. They are interesting and well written. I was saddened to learn of the deaths of so many old friends in the Final Dispatch column - 1998-2000.

I am enclosing my check for \$15.00 for the convention assessment. Also enclosed are 3 printed mailing labels at our Hawaii address. We are in Hawaii from November 1 - May 1....

The Post Office will not forward the RUSTY HOOK because of the bulk rate postage, so encourage Del to use the mailing labels for the Winter 2000 issue and the next issue if posted before April 25, 2000 -

Thanks, Bob."

Glad to be able to keep you abreast of our Club's activities, Bob, and for complementing the RUSTY HOOK. As many of you recall, Bob worked the waterfront as union member, and working his way through law school, became an attorney and represented Local 19 in the past. Our editor, Del Castle once packed sacks with him at Fishers Mill.

## Editorial

### THE NEW PRESIDENT HAS NO CLOTHES

BY DEL CASTLE

This election reminds me of the fable about how a crew of crafty tailors, (in this case spinmeisters, focus groups and high priced election consultants), sought to con an Emperor into to paying for a robe without cloth. They convinced him that the cloth was so fine that no one but those with



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### PCPA Executive Board Meeting 33rd Annual PCPA Convention

Sept. 10, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM, Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000 at the Local 10 Pensioners' Meeting Room in the Local 10 Longshore Hall.

All were in attendance at roll call excepting: Bob Harvey, who was represented by his alternate; Lou Loveridge, vice president, was absent because of the serious illness of his wife, Dorothy. For the second time Robert Bolato of San Diego was absent without explanation.

There was one minute of silence in memory of deceased brothers and sisters.

Outgoing International President, Brian McWilliams, spoke to us for about ten minutes thanking us for past support.

Local 13, Wilmington, CA presented a resolution to raise the expense stipend for PCPA Executive Board Members attending the Board's two meetings per year to \$175.00 for one day only from \$100.00 previously paid. Prices have risen everywhere. The stipend for members who live where the Board meets remains at \$60.00.

Local 21, Longview, WA presented resolutions regarding political contribution limits and full financial disclosure by parties and candidates; establishing labor representation within the WTO; an end to the trade embargo and sanctions against Cuba; and calling for single payer health care at both State and National levels. All resolutions were seconded, voted and accepted.

It was proposed that we hire a stenographer, Patricia Mulder, to assist Arne at the two Executive Board meetings each year. Seconded, voted and accepted.

Nothing was discussed regarding "lifetime" medical.

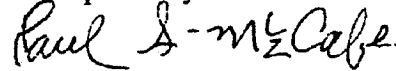
The Local 10 Ladies Auxiliary provided us with a delicious lunch.

In addition to the Board members the meeting was attended by Local 19 members:

Mr., & Mrs. Russ Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Ander-

son, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hicks, Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson, Parker Johnston, Bob Rogers and Charlie Yearka. Also attending were Ken Swicker, Local 21, Lois Stranahan, Portland, several Canadian members, a member from Hawaii, Bill Ward and Brian McWilliams. Adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully~ submitted



Local 19, Pensioners' Club

### 33rd Annual Convention ILWU Pacific Coast Pensioners' Association

San Francisco, CA

Monday, Sept. 11: Convened at 9:00 AM at Cathedral Hill Hotel. We were welcomed Joe Mosley, Host President, Local 10. We stood for the National Anthem. An Invocation was given by Dr. Amos Brown, Board of Supervisors City & County of San Francisco. We observed one minute of silence for deceased brothers and sisters.

Joe Lucas, PCPA President spoke thanking everyone for their attendance.

We were welcomed by Incoming International President Jim Spinosa, Vice President, Bob McEllrath and the new Coast-Committeemen: Ray Ortiz, Jr. and Joe Wenzl; who said that they would try to get the welfare/medical issue taken care of as soon as possible.

Tony Salcido, Al Perisho and Paul Everdell spoke about their experiences on the trip to Cuba. Tony and Al further spoke of their second trip to deliver ancient auto parts to help repair the Cuban Longshore Union's disabled car—their only transportation. They were successful in getting them "back on their wheels".

We adjourned at 11:30 to buses to take us to the harbor tour. We experienced an exceedingly fine tour of the San Francisco/Oakland harbor. Cleophas Williams proved to be an excellent tour guide and historian.

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The banquet held that evening at 7:00 PM was also excellent with fine food and entertainment.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: Convened at 9:00 AM Cathedral Hill Hotel. Brian McWilliams, Past International President spoke to us thanking us for past support.

The first order of business was the nomination of officers. John Ehly requested that he be withdrawn from nomination for vice-president because of his health. Officers nominated and elected were: President, Joe Lucas, Local 10; 1st Vice-President, Lou Loveridge, Local 13 (by acclamation, because he was absent); 2nd Vice President, John Johnson, Local 19; Secretary-Treasurer, Arne Auvinen, Local 8; (Patricia Mulder was hired as a stenographer to assist this office); Welfare Committee, Arne Auvinen, Bill Ward alternate; Education Committee, Art Alameda, Local 13; Puget Sound Delegates, Phil Lelli, Local 23 and Paul McCabe, Local 19, alternate, Robert Mackner.

All resolutions presented from the Executive Board were passed.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the per capita assessment of \$4.00 per year be raised \$1.00 to a total of \$5.00 effective January, 2001.

Adjourned at 5:30 PM to a tasty Barbecue at the Local 10 Longshore Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Convened at 9:00 Cathedral Hill Hotel. The newly elected officers were installed. Retiring vice-president John Ehly was honored with a plaque and Emma Ehly was also honored for her unflinching support these many years.

George Romero, Nick Buckles and the other area Welfare Directors spoke to us.

David Arien, past International President, spoke of the danger that the young active members would become complacent about the need for

substantial pension benefits as they take part in the employer touted 401K plans.

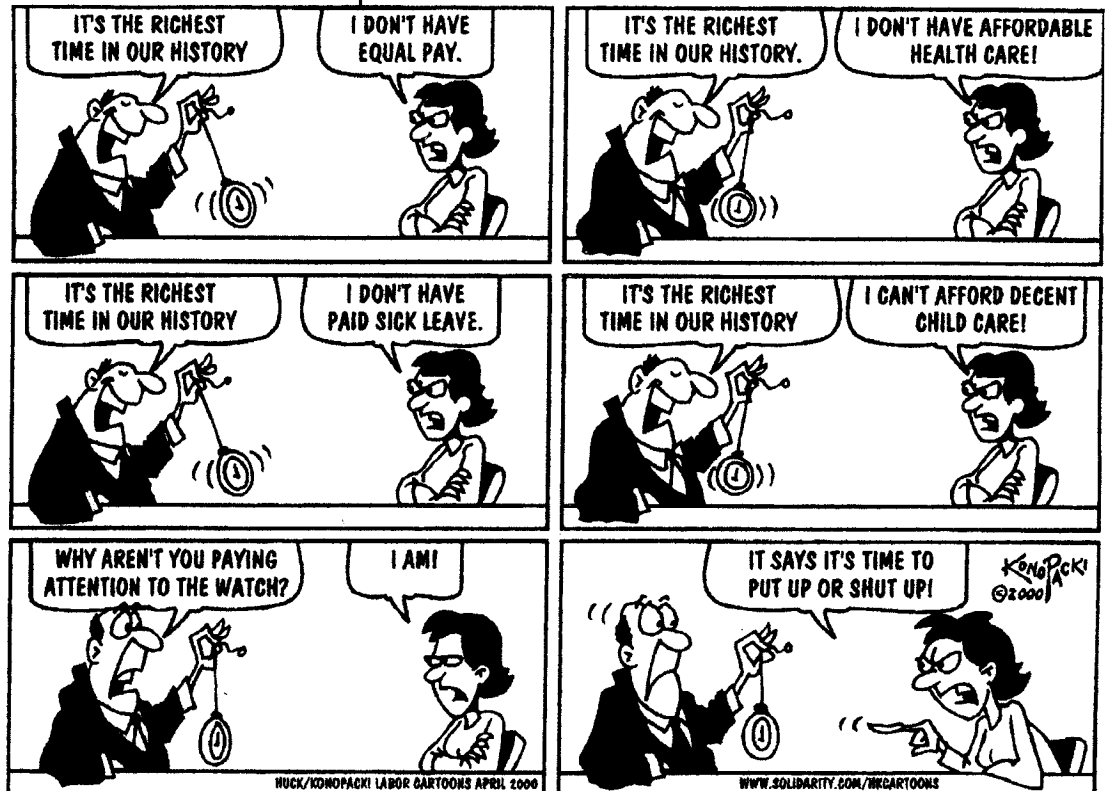
This ended the 33rd Convention and we adjourned to meet in Seattle, Sept. 2001 for the 34th Annual PCPA Convention.

There was an excellent turnout from all the ports including Canada. Local 19 made a great showing with 25 members, including Nick Buckles, attending: Mr. & Mrs. Russ Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hansen, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Terry O'Neil, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hicks, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Melton, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Mackner, Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson, Parker Johnston, Bob Rogers, Charlie Yearka, Chuck Dean Mr. & Mrs. Paul McCabe and Nick Buckles. Also we know Rudy and Betty would have been there too but for Betty's illness – they were missed and inquired about by everyone. They had not missed one in 4 years. Bill Sample was also unable to attend because of his wife's illness.

Respectfully submitted,

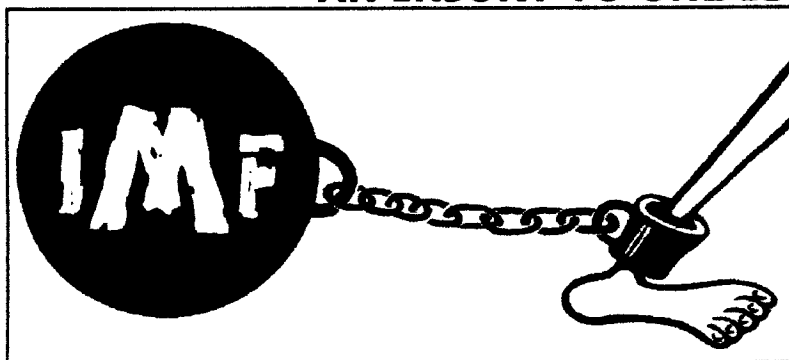
*Paul S. McCabe*

Paul S. McCabe, Local 19  
Puget Sound Delegate



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special perception could see its true beauty.

Soon word spread through the kingdom that only those who lacked good taste would fail to see the Emperor's beautiful new, virtual robe. On the day the Emperor was to wear the glorious new robe in public, everyone gathered around. Of course, the Emperor appeared naked, but no one would admit it for fear of being thought stupid. But a young lad in the crowd shouted out, "The Emperor has no clothes." Whereupon the Emperor was deposed and all his subjects vowed they would never again be taken in by crafty tailors.

This may remind us of the present election for President. All the crafty spinmeisters, focus groups and high priced election consultants are trying to sell us a President without a majority vote or a mandate to govern. The new President - likely Bush - is not clothed with authority.

First, he didn't win by a majority. Second, he will have to flounder around with a 50-50 divided Senate and an almost evenly divided House of Representatives. Third, he will also face a Congressional election in two years that will likely divide Congress into warring camps looking to win the 2004 presidential election. That means that projected hopes for a "coalition of Democrats and Republicans" in the Bush administration is highly unlikely. Last, but not least, the outright conservatives in the House and Senate are, on the record, unwilling to compromise except on their own anti-labor, anti-social security, anti-civil rights position.

It is time that the people see through the crafty tai-

### 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

lors' no cloth robe elections and begin to forge an independent political force that can expose the spinmeisters, focus groups and high-pay election consultants and their Presidents without clothing.

### Waterfront Credit Union gives \$2000.00

Convention Committee chairman Bob Rogers reported to the November membership meeting that the Waterfront Federal Credit Union has contributed \$2000.00 for the 34th Annual PCPA convention which will be held here in September 2001. This is twice as much as the Credit Union contributed last time we held a convention. It is indicative of the growth of the Credit Union and its importance to the Seattle waterfront workers. Bob says that the committee is meeting regularly and everything is on target at this time.

### THE FASTEST DAD

Three young lads were boasting about how fast their dads were.

The first one said, "My Dad is an archer and he can shoot an arrow, run after it and catch it before it gets to the target."

The second one said,

"My dad is a policeman and he can shoot his revolver, run after the bullet and catch in his teeth before it gets to the target."

The third one said,

"My Dad beats both of yours. He's a longshoreman, and he can work a full 8 to 5 shift and get home at noon!"

Darwin's theory of the struggle for existence and the selectivity connected with it has by many people been cited as authorization of the encouragement of the spirit of competition. Some people also in such a way have tried to prove pseudoscientifically the necessity of the destructive economic struggle of competition between individuals. But this is wrong, because man owes his strength in the struggle for existence to the fact that he is a socially living animal. As little as a battle between ants of an ant hill is essential for survival, just so little is this the case with the individual members of a human community.

---Albert Einstein, from an address at Albany, NY, October 15, 1936

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### international transport workers' federation Week of action an "outstanding success"

Figures released by the ITF today back up the organisation's claim that its recent Asia Pacific week of action (16 to 20 October) against sub-standard shipping was an outstanding success.

The figures are not yet fully complete, but according to the latest information:

- ITF inspectors, assisted by volunteers from seafarers' and dockers' trade unions, inspected 499 ships during the week.

- US\$1,258,816 of outstanding wages has been recovered so far. (Inspectors in Japan expect to achieve a further US\$334,696).

- 23 new agreements were signed and more are under negotiation.

Stephen Cotton, Secretary of the ITF's Special Seafarers Department, stated: "Nearly 500 ships inspected, over one and a quarter million dollars recovered for crews so far – this has been a hell of an event. Everyone involved can congratulate themselves on putting in such a tremendous effort to make the seas safer for seafarers."

He continued: "We know that some owners have been keeping the worst of their vessels out of the ports in which inspections have been held. This week of action and the ones in Europe and North America have been immensely valuable in teaching us how to combat that kind of evasion. What we have learned in these events will allow us to plan even better targeted and more focused actions in the future."

The countries participating in the Asia-Pacific week of action were: Australia; Bangladesh; Canada (west coast); Fiji; Hong Kong, India; Indonesia; Japan; Kiribati, Korea; Malaysia; New Zealand; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines, Russia (Vladivostock); Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Taiwan; Thailand; Tuvalu, USA (west coast); and Vanuatu.

The week of action was designed to identify problem and unsafe shipping, fight for the rights of crews and highlight the abuses that the Flag of Convenience system too often allows to take place.

## Final Dispatch

### PENSIONERS

Herbert Goodman	19	Alice M. Brown	19
Alphynse S. Holmes	19	Thelma J. Gacek	19
Byram P. Julian	52	Anna M Fallbom	19
George W. Money	52	Genevieve Haley	19
Robert W. Rhodes	19	Miriam Hiatt	19
Willaim H. Whitfield	19	Ida D. Hammond	19
		Mary Martsh	19

### SURVIVERS

Margaret Allingham	19	Edith G. Squire	19
Lottie Bills	19	Gladys Tierney	19
Anna C. Burchett	19	Esther Wilson	19



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The Asia Pacific event followed similar weeks of action held in Europe and North America.

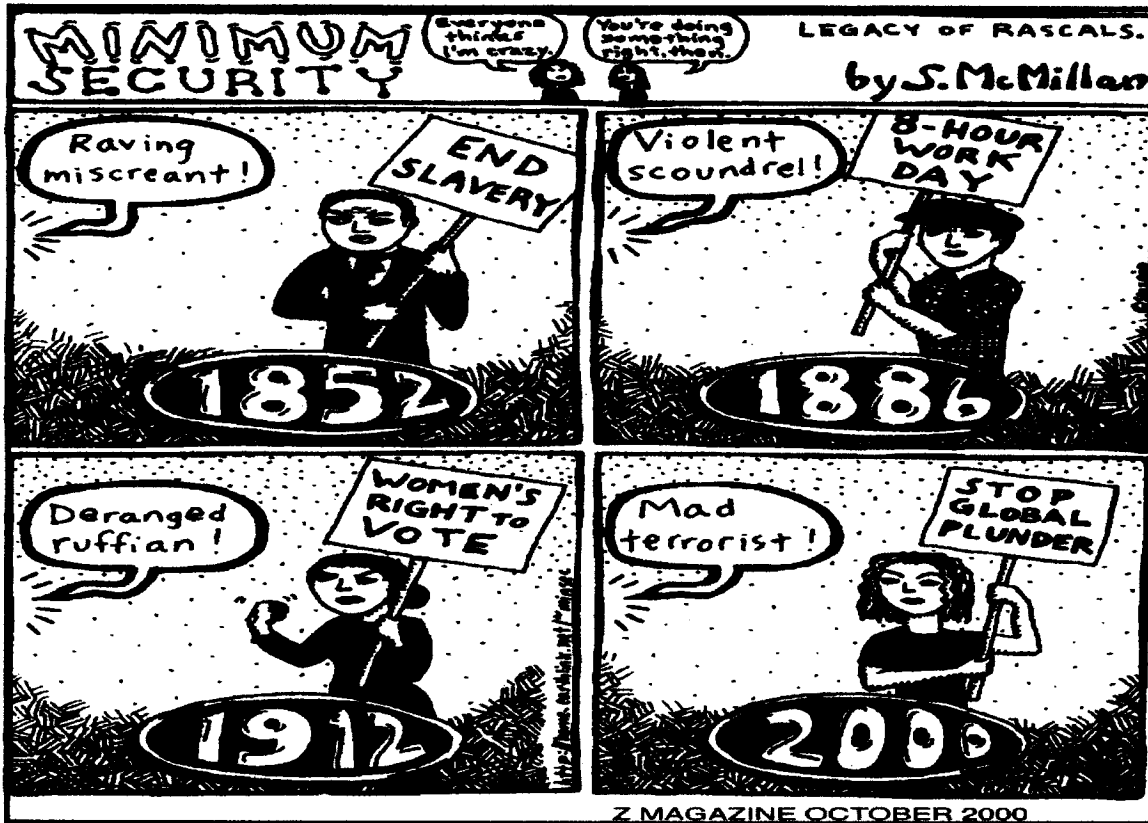
### Special Message

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.*

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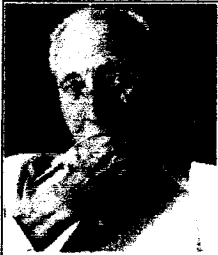


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