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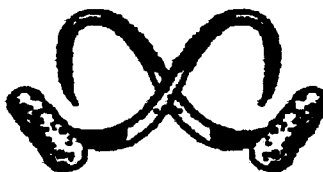
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UNITED WE STAND!

While we see a good part our world sliding toward confusion, disorder and possible collapse in some social areas, it is time to take a look at the stability of unionism.

Things are not going so well in the stock market and the economy, or in the wars of Bush's empire building, or in the stressed federal budget slipping the country toward bankruptcy, or in the scandals of the corporate world, or in the problems of morality in the Catholic church, or in the political farce of California's recall election, or in the widespread stresses of uncertainty in the population at large. We see a serious institutional breakdown taking place our country.

Where it will lead and when all this social unraveling will end is a question all are asking. In going through this we wonder if there is somewhere we can look for some kind of stability - some organization that offers hope.

Well, there is such an organization - unionism. Unions have been around a long time. They came with the early settlers who brought traditions of unionism from the old country. They have survived.

The important distinguishing feature of trade unionism is its survivability against all odds. Capitalism has always

fought unionization, especially in our country. The "American way" was supposed to make unions unnecessary as well as illegal. The very first US law on labor relations declared unions illegal. Since that time unions have had to struggle continually for survival.

That struggle has gone on for over two hundred years and is continuing, most notably today under Bushism. Unionism has survived. Today unions represent thirteen and one half million workers.

That's a pretty good record of strength. It can be said that if any other organized movement had suffered unrelenting opposition from almost all sectors of society as has trade unionism, it would have gone under.

That strength is based on one simple (if complicated in face of powerful opposition) principle: it seeks to raise living standards. That is a universal demand among all peoples. It also, in spite of republican lies to the contrary, embodies the "American Dream". In addition, unionism embraces democracy. Its affairs are largely determined by vote of its membership as contrasted to governmental affairs ruled by lobbyists and money.

So, if you are going to place any money on the future of our country, bet on unionism. The more you bet on it, the more it pays.

PORT OF TACOMA ZOOMS

Stephen H. Dunphy, in the Seattle Times - The newsletter - reports: Container volumes at the Port of Tacoma are up 28 percent through May compared with the same period in 2003 - more than double the average growth at other West Coast ports. The Port of Seattle earlier reported a 16 percent increase in container traffic through April this year.

Puget Sound may be benefiting from last October's port closures. Shippers and steamship lines are further diversifying their ports of entry after coping with congestion after the ports reopened, said Doug Lungen, the Port of Tacoma's business-planning manager.

Tacoma is on pace for a record year with port volume of 1.6 million TEU's. - or Twenty-foot Equivalent units, the standard industry measure - expected this year, a 9 percent increase over 2002."

It might be thought Tacoma longshoremen are working at neck break speed to handle that volume of containers But the increased volume at Tacoma is not a result of super productivity. It results from their having vast amounts of space for storage and handling of containers. If Tacoma runs out of container space, their increases will inevitably diminish as may happen in the Port of Seattle. Anyway, it is predicted that Pacific Rim trade will double by 2020. Container space will then be a serious problem for all West Coast ports.

We should be careful about recent moves by developers to take over the Seattle waterfront for commercial development. Recent efforts were made to cancel Hanjin's lease at Pier 46. The only reason it failed was because Hanjin refused. We should be wary of becoming another San Francisco port which lost its waterfront overseas trade to developers.



A NOTE FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary wishes to announce that it is ready to accept applications for grants from its Scholarship Fund.

Members of ILWU families are eligible. Applications must be in as soon as possible. They can be secured from the ILWU office.

For details contact the Union office or LAURA BOTLER at 206-332-1771.

THE IRAQ (VIET 2?) WAR

We see from an article in the Seattle P.I, (8/22/03) that:

"SHORELINE - A day before President Bush's visit to Washington state, about 1,100 people packed a forum organized by U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee and demanded an investigation for invading Iraq.

Inslee, a Democrat, and three panelists offered a list of complaints about what they described as the Bush administration's exaggerations about Iraq, including suggestions that Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden were in cahoots and that Saddam tried to get uranium from Africa.

"Why didn't Americans get the straight scoop?" Inslee asked.

Their arguments drew thunderous applause at nearly every turn. At one point, Inslee asked - to no avail - if there was anyone in the audience who would defend the president."

A REST HOME PROBLEM

We haven't dealt with problems in rest homes very much, but they are of concern to many of our members who face the possibility of rest home incarceration at colossal costs and poor treatment.

One problem of real neglect came to our attention recently:

A young person took his Dad to a rest home where he was to stay. He wheeled him in his wheelchair, set him to one side and went over to do the paper-work.

While he was thus busy, in a short while his father began to lean to one side in his wheelchair. Immediately a nurse grabbed a pillow, came over, straightened him up and pushed a pillow between that side and the arm of the wheel chair. After another short while Dad started to lean to the other side. Again the nurse hurried over, straightened him up and put another pillow between him and that side. Well, in a short time again old Dad started to lean forward and the nurse rushed over with a pillow, straightened him up and pushed a pillow in his lap.

The son noticed this quick attention and was impressed. Finishing the paper work, the son took his Dad to his assigned room, settled him in and left him saying he would check on him the next day to see how things were going.

Arriving there the next day, he asked his Dad how they were treating him.
" Oh, pretty good, I guess", replied his Dad, "except for one thing".

"What's that?", asked the son.

"They won't let me fart", replied his Dad.



CORRESPONDENCE

Our correspondence has grown enormously for this issue. That's partly because we are catching up on some previous letters that were pigeonholed somewhere in our Secretary's desk and didn't see the light of day till this issue. We are sorry for the mix-up, but we'll strive to do better.

We are glad to get your letters. If we have missed one of your letters, please send a copy, or another letter and we will make sure it gets in the RUSTY HOOK. Or, if we are printing one of yours twice, no extra charge!

Our members and friends like to hear from Old Timers and others. So, no matter what you have to say take a pen to paper and send your thoughts in, even if you have criticism. So here goes:

From RICHARD E. ANDERSON, Tokeland, WA.
Brother ANDERSON donates his \$250.00 strike fund money. Thanks, RICHARD. You help a lot.

From ROBERT B. COLLEN, Seattle, WA.
In response to the ILWU Pacific Coast Pensioners Association Executive Board that all members donate \$50.00 a month - sounds good.

Brother COLLEN sends in \$100.00 dollars.
Thank you, ROBERT.

From JOHN L. FERN, Quincy, WA.
"Terry,
\$10.00 for the RUSTY HOOK and \$40.00 for the strike and lockout fund. Keep up the good work, guys."

Thanks, JOHN.

From WILFRED KOVER, Olympia, WA.
\$50.00 - no message except green.

Thank you, WILFRED.

From W.P. LEWIS, Shoreline, WA.
No note but 100 green ones. Expressions of gratitude from us, BILL!

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From JERRY TYLER, Everett, WA.

"Enclosed my check for \$150.00 covering my contribution for the month of February, March and April to the strike fund. You said that this money would be returned if unused.

I protest. For my money to that fund should have been left alone, added to and drawing interest. By now we would have had a formidable strike fund. At one time we did have a strike fund among our ranks. However, there were many greedy people who wanted that money refunded. The HOOK, at that time, dubbed this the "Little Lump." In my opinion, the refund was short-sighted. The money went down the tube, and we still had bills to pay.

I urge our PCPA officials to take steps so that we will always have a strike fund." JERRY TYLER

Thanks, JERRY. Your proposal is well put.

From DAN SORENTINO, Everett, WA. Dan sends us \$50.00 for the RUSTY HOOK and \$50.00 for the general fund.

Many thanks, DAN.

LOUIS EVANCICH, Seattle, WA. A short note: " 2 years dues and assessments and \$35.00 for the HOOK"

Thank you, LOUIS.

From A. SMITH, Chimacum, WA. No note, just a sizable \$500.00 to the strike fund. Thank you Brother SMITH!

From DONALD P. REIDEL, Port Angeles, WA. "Brothers; Enclosed is my assessment for February, March and April for \$150.00 plus \$20,00 for my yearly assessment and the RUSTY HOOK. Keep up the good work as I for one really appreciate it.

Thank you, DONALD P. REIDEL"

And thank you Brother REIDEL.

From Rita M. MacDONALD, Seattle, WA. "Pension Club: Please accept \$50.00 in appreciation for all you are doing. If the contract agreement is reached with no problems - donate to the RUSTY HOOK.

Widow of LEONARD MacDOUGAL"

Thanks a lot, RITA.

From HAROLD BJORND AHL, Aberdeen, WA. "Hello to all: I am sending \$250.00 to cover February through June hoping it won't be needed. But it will show that we are ready.

Hoping for the best, good luck to all of us. HAROLD BJORND AHL."

Thanks, HAROLD.

From SAM AND EVA ROSENBERG, Camano Island, WA. "Hi, Enclosed is my check for \$250.00 as per the suggestion of the PCPA Executive Board. Lets hope it isn't necessary to go on strike, and Miniace comes to his senses.

Hello to all." SAM."



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From GEORGE DALY, Midland, South Dakota.

"Dear Old Farts:

I'm paid for life member, but if you need some dues for 2003 here is \$12.00 plus \$3.00 convention assessment.

You have no idea the abuse I take from these cowboys in So. Dakota. I made the mistake of telling them about my pension, health care and Social Security. They say the Unions are the problem in this country. Then the next day they get a big check from the gov't. for disaster payments and about 10 other subsidies they receive.

Keep up your good work.

Hello to all.

GEO. "COWBOY" DALY."

Thanks, GEORGE and tell the So. Dakota cowboys, that if Bush keeps digging a deep deficit hole in the Federal Treasury, they won't get any more subsidies!

From CURLY McFARLANE, Seattle, WA.

\$50.00 donation. Thanks CURLY, who has been a regular.

From JOHN F. PRONG, Woodland, WA.

\$85.00 to the strike fund. Thanks, JOHN.

From WILLIAM L NEILL, Shelton, WA.

WILIAM sends \$100.00 - "Where it is needed most."

Will do, WILLIAM and lotsa thanks.

From BILL HUBERT, Aberdeen, WA.

"Dear Brothers:

Here's \$100.00 to the greatest people anywhere. After 35 years in Local 24, Aberdeen and then top it off with 7 1/2 years in Local 52, Seattle at T-5 with wonderful coworkers and then go into retirement, that is absolutely A-1.

Thank you! Thank you!

BILL HUBERT."

And many thanks to you, BILL!

From A. WHETUNG, Sultan, WA.

"To the RUSTY HOOK, \$25.00. The balance, \$100.00 to help with negotiations.

AMOS WHETUNG."

We are very thankful, AMOS.

From LONZO FLICK, Seattle, WA.

"For whatever I owe - \$85.00." Thanks, LONZO.

From DONALD C. FRANZ, Cle Elum, WA.

"\$60.00 for "Fighting Fund" and \$40.00 for the General Fund - take out \$3.00 for PCPA convention."

Thanks to you, DONALD.

From GRANT MYERS, Seattle, WA.

WOW! "\$300.00 to the RUSTY HOOK." Many real thanks, GRANT! Some may remember GRANT was formerly Welfare Director for Washington State injury claims for Local 19. He changed over to Local 23 subsequently.

From DAVE BATES, Seattle, WA.

"Hi Guys:

To the best bunch of guys that ever put on a pair of work gloves. Thanks for all your hard work over the years.

Hope this helps.

(Almost retired) 56370 DAVE BATES "19"."

Thanks to you, DAVE, for your contribution and your jaunty note.

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 Conventions.

The assessment is \$3.00 per year .

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From TANK NELSON, Morro Bay, CA. - who is becoming a regular So. California RUSTY HOOK correspondent. He sends us many interesting clippings and were sorry we can't use all of them for lack of space - but we do appreciate his help. "\$20.00 for donuts. Laugh lots!"

Thanks, TANK.

Among the clips he sent, besides a couple of his own columns, is one listing the contents of Coca Cola:

1. The active ingredient in Coke is phosphoric acid. It will dissolve a nail in about four days. Phosphoric acid also leaches Calcium from bones and is a major contributor to the rising increase in osteoporosis.

2. To carry Coca-Cola syrup (the concentrate) the commercial truck must use hazardous material placards reserved for corrosive materials.

3. The distributors of coke have been using it to clean the engines of their trucks for about 20 years! Now the question is, would you like a glass of water or Coke?"

From ROBERT GUY CASO, Port Angeles, WA. ROBERT sends in money for Lifetime dues and 5 years assessments.

Way to go, ROBERT!

From JOHN BARRETT, Tucson, AZ.

"Hello

To all my friends in Local 19 and 52. Take this \$100.00 and pay my back dues and throw the rest in the pot. Its been great down here in Tucson. I miss Seattle, but the weather and golf is so nice it makes up for the loss.

This is a terrible non-union state. They work these guys in the heat and pay them whatever they can get away with. The border is close and its a mess, but you can divide the pie so many ways.

JOHN BARRETT."

Will do, and thanks, JOHN.

From DONALD L BURFITT.

"Dear TERRY

I received a letter from RUDY that says I owe \$12.00 for dues from last year. Tell Rudy I have a lifetime membership. I have enclosed \$50.00 for convention and other things. You can use as needed.

Thanks, DON BURFITT."

Thanks, DON.

From JOHN VLASIC. Port Orchard, WA.

JOHN sends \$15.00 for 2003 - 2007 dues and \$35.00 credited to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thank you, JOHN.

From LONNIE NELSON, (daughter of BURT NELSON), sends in a clipping from the SKANNER, Seattle, that reports,

"Tacoma Duo Wins Paul Robeson Award."

'Willie Adams and Mike Chambers, both Tacoma longshoremen, were honored for organizing a popular event known as "Black and Labor History" they put on in Tacoma each year. ...

"The idea behind the event is to draw Black history and labor together. The labor movement supported African Americans even before civil rights, and as speaker Ozzie Davis said last year, labor was the first area in the working world where African American workers found jobs."

Thanks, LONNIE. We need more information on Black-Labor relations as we will have to unite to defeat what we both consider the enemy - the Bush crowd for war and fascism.



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From AUDREY J. KOVER, Olympia, WA.

"Seattle ILWU-Pension Club:

Thank you for keeping us informed through the RUSTY HOOK about events that affect us all: Pensioners and Survivors. I am enclosing a check for the "Fighting Fund."

I remember my Father-in-law, LEE M. KOVER, Local 47 retiree talking about the Survivors Benefit program to go into place July 1st, 1965. He was so pleased to know that his wife would be receiving a portion of his pension upon his death. He passed away very suddenly July 2, 1965. Now 38 years later I find myself a Survivor and truly grateful to all those Union members who made this program possible.

Sincerely AUDREY KOVER
(WILLIE KOVER'S widow.)"

AUDREY encloses a check for \$20.00.

Thank you very much AUDREY for your contribution and fine note.

From KENNETH ROBERTS, Central Point, OR.

As long as I am writing this I will donate \$150.00 to the defense fund and I assume I am in arrears for the PCPA convention assessment so I will pay up 12 years retirement \$36.00 and the \$150.00 - for \$186.00. Sorry I'm late. We are moving and I don't want to miss the RUSTY HOOK."

Thank you, KENNETH and SHIRLEY ROBERTS."

Good for you, KENNETH and SHIRLEY. Will do.

From W.P. LEWIS, Shoreline, WA.

"Pensioner Club.

This is the first RUSTY HOOK for a long time. Very glad to get it. Donation is for S/Lo Fund, dues, RUSTY HOOK, etc. Thanks again.

W. P. BILL LEWIS. 53704, Local 52

P.S. Keep UP The Good Work."

Thank you BILL.

"From The PORT KEMBLA RETIREES, Australia:
Many thanks for the ongoing RUSTY HOOK."

The PORT KEMBLA RETIREES also sends us a copy of the Maritime Workers Journal, official journal of the Maritime Union of Australia which has many fine articles on union solidarity and other worthy topics. We would like to comment on them, but we're short of space.

From JACK DENNISON, Tacoma, WA.

"Here is my donation to the fund or wherever it is most needed."

JACK DENNISON, #56356"

Thanks, JACK.

NOTE: We are not able to publish the amounts of some of the contributions above. We are searching the records and will publish them as soon as we get the information. Sorry, but sometimes our OLD TIMERS lose track now and then, If you would like, give us a call regarding your very welcome contribution, please do so.

Thanks, again.

Final Dispatch

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