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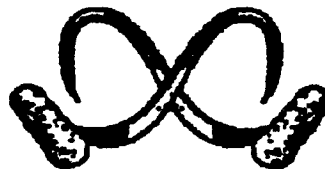
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## ON THE CONTRACT

The ninety percent vote for the new six-year contract showed the extent of the victory won by our union.

We defeated the right wing drive to weaken or even destroy the ILWU. We took on the PMA, the Bush White House, and Republicans in Congress, the Waterfront Coalition of anti-union world-class retailers and the pro-corporate media. We won. PMA's Miniace, who was hired to "make fundamental changes in waterfront labor relations" failed. He failed because he thought we might be provoked into rash action when he pulled the lockout. We didn't fall for it.

He failed because he also betrayed his ally, the Waterfront Coalition by imposing the lockout at the very time the coalition was trying to get its goods off the ships and to the merchants for the Christmas season. He failed because he underestimated the solidarity of our membership.

What really broke the anti-ILWU plans of the PMA was the solidarity of the membership in support of our negotiating committee. The lessons we have learned throughout the history of our union were not forgotten. We are still a Harry Bridges union.

Solidarity not only was solid in the union, but included the AFL-CIO, the Teamsters, the Miners union and its Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka who was with us at the negotiating table.

Waterfront workers around the world also extended solidarity. Brazil, Japan, Sweden, Canada, Spain and others pledged full support. This has always been a key to our many victories.

In addition there was broad public support from environmentalists, Jobs With Justice, and last but not least West Coast Congress Representatives and Senators, County Commissions, City councils and mayors in all West Coast ports who opposed Federal intervention. Also, Senator Ted Kennedy supported us throughout and who's help was invaluable. That put a serious crimp in any plans Bush or Miniace may have had to bust the ILWU. That mobilization of political support for a union struggle is unprecedented in US labor history. We need to remember that when it comes to voting in 2004.

Equally important, our union's victory is seen as the first major defeat of the overall Bush far-reaching plans against peace and democracy. And with the strength of the millions marching against war around the world, February 15, it looks like he will lose his plans for war in Iraq.

So far the battle against right wing plans to undermine democracy at home by breaking unions scores in our case to 1 for unionism and 0 for Bush. We hope the score against Bush's war in Iraq comes out the same.

## On the Contract

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Further on the contract we need to keep our powder dry. As we go to press, the contract has yet to be signed. The PMA has taken the technological contract proposals to arbitration. This looks like they want to arbitrate away the checker jurisdiction we won in negotiations.

This is a clear indication that the PMA is up to its old tricks. As we learned after '34, the employers will try to chisel on the contract by fair means or foul. They have six years in which to maneuver. It is very important then that our members become contract conscious at all times. An informed membership on the contract will ensure the PMA does not get away with chiseling. Our labor relations committees face a major responsibility in the future.

In addition we need to remember that organizing workers is the fundamental way to protect unionism. Support for the ILWU organizing program is one of the best ways to guarantee our future.

One of the things to watch is the reduction in pension funding in the new contract. Pension funding is reduced from 85% to 65%. While the International officers assure us that funding for our pension fund is not in danger, we need to be cautious in view of nation-wide corporate efforts to weaken or cancel pension programs.

We remember the first attack on the ILWU welfare program when the lifetime benefits for pensioners were canceled. The employers never give up.



## RIGHT WING WRECKING CREW

As the struggle between the warmongers and the peace movement escalates the true nature of right wing extremism in the Bush White House is being exposed. They have two desires. One is to promote world war. The other is to weaken, and if possible, destroy American democracy. They have made both these objectives clear, openly and defiantly.

Bush says he wants peace but he mobilizes a hundred thousand US troops and thousands of tons of war materiel in the Middle East at the cost of a billion dollars a week for war on Iraq, a tiny country run by a tinpot dictator that does not threaten our country, let alone invade us.

Meanwhile all this frantic military and anti-democratic mobilization is neglecting the much greater threat - the enemy responsible for 9/11, Al Qaida.

Bush says he wants to promote democracy in the world while he undermines democracy at home. The War Powers Act gives the President unconstitutional power to declare war. Even more, it gives the Attorney General Ashcroft power to jail any and all he thinks guilty without legal representation or trial, it also gives the government Big Brother power to get a secret warrant to search your home. It can also monitor your Internet, read your emails, examine your online purchases with little judicial oversight and the FBI is authorized to monitor your political activities and send agents into your house of worship.

What all this looks like is a belief held by warlords everywhere. It is the belief that people will believe anything if it is repeated often enough. The oft-repeated statement that Iraq must be 'regime changed' at any cost in lives destruction and money is having the opposite effect. People are not believing.

The warmongers propaganda campaign is having "unintended consequences". It is causing growing numbers here and around the world to emphatically disagree. The monumental millions of peace demonstrators around the world February 15 proved the failure of their Big Lie. The simple truth stands out that yes, Saddam Hussein is a bad guy, yes, he ought to be deposed and yes, the Middle East is a sore spot that needs medication, but throwing bombs will not solve the problem, it will create more problems.

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Nor will the abrogation of democracy at home solve problems. It will create a myriad of problems as Americans struggle to reestablish democratic rights, as they will surely do.

What all this boils down to is that the Bush warmongers are engaged in a colossal gamble. They are gambling the future of peace and democracy in the high stakes game of controlling the world. If they win, like empires of the past, they will have to militarize the entire world at an unbelievable cost in lives, finances and freedom, and ultimate collapse.

This world they seek to dominate is not composed of simple, weak, primitive societies such as were conquered in the past. It is a world of more advanced societies and cultures that won't run for the tall grass when a few artillery pieces are fired. The world is far more complicated, advanced, organized and well able to see the consequences of being conquered by an imperialist superpower. They know freedom does not come out of the barrel of a superpower gun. That world is resisting and will continue to resist. That lesson was learned by the Hitler superpower. We hope Bush and the warmongers learn that lesson of history. Unfortunately they seem to be at the bottom of the class. If they overlook the lesson they will bring a technological holocaust to the world. Surely we deserve to be spared that fate.

To say there is no other way of handling tinpot dictators is to say we are incapable of humanity. To refuse peaceful alternatives to a war of unforeseen consequences in Iraq is to say we fail as a civilization.



The contrast between our reaction to North Korea and Iraq puts the lie to war in Iraq as the only path. They bring a colossal war machine to bear on a weak Iraq while they deal circumspectly with the far more dangerous, nuclear-tipped North Korea. It is true that the world would be a better place with a nuclear free North Korea. But as almost everyone agrees, military threats are too big a risk there. So we will have to seek a peaceful method of countering North Korea. If it can be done peacefully in North Korea, it can more easily be done peacefully in Iraq.

The horrendous designs of the right wing crew are having more unintended consequences, however. They are making clear everyday just what their program means as they continue to threaten peace and democracy at home and abroad. They are being exposed as wreckers.

They cannot continue to weaken the economy with wild tax cuts for the rich without being seen as financially reckless. They cannot continue destroying the environment without being seen as ruining the natural world on which we all depend. They cannot continue cutting needed social programs regardless of human suffering without being seen as heartless. They cannot continue abandoning international treaties founded on humanity's welfare without being exposed as an international bull in the china shop. They cannot continue abandoning international treaties founded on humanity's welfare without being exposed as a reckless superpower.

They cannot follow a policy of every advantage for the richest at the expense of rest of us without being seen as morally bankrupt

I view of all the above the unprecedented spontaneity and enormous volume of protest against an undeclared war can be seen in a new light. The protests are not just against war in Iraq. They are a protest against the way things are going generally under right wing dominance. People are sensing a risk to the general welfare symbolized in a war against Iraq. It is the risk felt in 401k corporate capitalist recession. It is being seen as a slide to the bottom on a right wing corporate bobsled.

As more and more of us see this full meaning of the right wing wrecking crew's program, the sooner we will get rid of them. We can build a new system of peoples' law instead of corporate law. As we build a movement in defense of peace, democracy and prosperity, remember:

**A BETTER WORLD IS POSSIBLE!**

## HOW NORTHWEST PORTS ARE DOING

While the Port of Tacoma lagged behind Seattle for years, the "Wired City" port is forging ahead. The latest figure for 2002 put its container count at 1.471 million containers, with Seattle at 1.447 million. Vancouver comes into the northwest picture at 1.458, also ahead of Seattle. While those are small differences, it puts Port of Seattle on the short end. The reason offered for the differences is container space. Both Tacoma and Vancouver have open tracks of land for containers. Seattle is reaching saturation.

This might cause us to wonder why the developers are getting cooperation from the city to make pier 46 into a shopping, apartment and office building area if Hanjin moves to pier 5. Are we following in the footsteps of the Port of San Francisco, which developed and vacated its waterfront to the Port of Oakland?

It seems developers are not only an urban sprawl and environmental problem; they are also a threat to commerce in this case.

This is especially troublesome because economic forecasts show Pacific Rim cargo movement doubling by 2020. If that happens all ports will require increased container capability. Not even Southern California could handle all of it. Shipping will have to increase in all pacific ports.

This was demonstrated after the lockout when L.A. could not handle all the jammed cargo. A good deal of it had to be diverted to Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver.

What would help the Port of Seattle, points out Seattle Times economic columnist Stephen H. Dunphy, is a "fast" train corridor to move cargo East. Seattle remains a convenient port for cargo moving to the Midwest. If it can be speeded up lack of container space would be less a problem. If we cannot supply a fast train corridor we will continue to fall behind Tacoma and Vancouver.

It will take political pressure to get federal money for Seattle port development. That is the source of money for such projects. So think carefully about your vote in 2004. We will never get any development money as long as most federal money now goes to war or tax cuts for the rich.

## SPRING TO WINTER

We wish to quote excerpts from a short article written by Tony Sacco for the Garden News published by City People's Garden News:

"But as the natural world becomes tilted off balance, the gardens react and so do the quiet spaces. This is a complex dance we are only beginning to see. Can we listen carefully enough to hear what nature is trying to say? Whether we choose to act on it or not, our interconnectedness with the natural world is becoming harder and harder to ignore.

"Maybe it's not quite spring. No little blue eggs in those nests yet. Is it an early spring and the birds are finding themselves out of phase with the food supply? Will winter come back in March? Have our own cycles been thrown off, leading to a sense of unrest or numbness as the changes come in greater numbers? Will nature be able to balance such sudden climate change and still maintain the life we know?

"If the natural world changes too fast for the plants and critters to adjust and if this is allowed to continue, will our quiet spaces change in ways that will upset a balance in our own internal spaces? What does a rapidly changing climate look like in the hearts and psyches of the human family, who are so dependent upon the natural world for survival? If we look to nature as the most necessary center of this life on earth, and the gardens we love as microcosms of that natural world, how far can we let destructive forces go before things fall apart? As people of this planet who need the complexity of our gardens, for among other things, places of refuge, do we all have a responsibility to make changes, to help retain the balance of nature? Or perhaps we will all throw up our hands as a deep frost hits all the newly forming leaves in late March and say something about how enriching the gardens once were before we upset the balance?"



## THE 10 TOP QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

Roger Tauss, Transport Workers Union

10. Why does giving more money to laid-off workers in the form of unemployment benefits encourage them to "leave the workforce and be lazy" while giving more money to the wealthy in the form of tax cuts encourages them to work harder at investing their money?
9. Why did the wealthy ask to share the sacrifice during World War I by having their taxes *increased* while the wealthy want to have their taxes cut during this war?
8. If the justification for a tax cut is economic stimulus, why give the money to the wealthy who can't spend all the money they have already, instead of the middle class who will spend it and create jobs.
7. Why is the Administration proposing to cut taxes during a war for the first time in American history?
6. Why has the Administration chosen to cut the two taxes paid disproportionately by the wealthy (income and estate taxes) and do nothing about the taxes paid largely by the middle class (sales, property, and payroll taxes)?
5. Why did Mitch Daniels tell Meet the Press that we have the highest tax rate ever "for a peacetime economy" when we're supposed to be at war with terrorism?
4. Why are the fighting men and women, risking their lives overseas, also expected to spend the rest of their lives paying off the debt from that war in order to give a tax cut to the billionaires?
3. Why are they proposing that billionaires and their heirs never pay a tax of any kind on most of the wealth in their portfolio? (There is already no capital gains tax on stock held when a person dies - and now they propose to eliminate the estate tax as well.)
2. Why is there such a high correlation between Bush campaign contributors and those who benefit from his tax cut?
1. Why does the Administration consider it an honor to die for one's country but a burden to pay taxes to it?

### 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 .

## CORRESPONDENCE

From CATHERINE GILMORE, Seattle, WA.  
with apologies,

"RUSTY HOOK; Today I received JIM'S RUSTY HOOK and I was so very disappointed and really hurt.

JIM W. GILMORE, my husband, passed away Sept. 6, 2002 after being a member of Local 52 for 46 years. You didn't even mention him in the column of the Final Dispatch! I think that is a very poor way to treat a fellow union worker who loved his job. I hope no other wife has the hurt I am feeling today!.

CATHERINE GILMORE  
Seattle, Washington

Dear CATHERINE. Our profound apology! A terrible mistake. Your hurt feeling will make us try to be more careful in the future.

From ERNEST JENNINGS wife notifying us of a misspelling of his name on the final Dispatch list. We are very sorry and apologize. We'll have to watch this in the future. And, to make matters worse, we didn't include JAMES GILMORE'S name on the Final Dispatch. Our sorrow is made more so and we apologize fully. Maybe old age is catching up with us. We'll try harder.

From RON THORNBERRY, Everett, WA.  
"For the "Kitty". Keep up the good work.  
RON THORNBERRY - 64098. My 40th."

RON encloses a fine check for \$100.00. Many thanks, RON. That really helps to keep up the "good work."

From RUDY MARTINEZ, President of Local 19 Pensioners, Seattle, WA.

"\$50.00 for the RUSTY HOOK.  
Donated by RUDY MARTINEZ on behalf of the pensioners on the contract voting committee."

Thank you, RUDY. The contract voting committee did a very commendable job.

**PENSION CLUB  
LUNCHEON CHANGE**

Under our new luncheon chairman,  
BOB MACKNER, (who is also a new Trustee) the  
luncheon has a new location.

It will be held at the Lake City Elks Club located at  
145th and Lake City Way.

To get there, take the 1-5 off ramp at 145th and pro-  
ceed east to Lake City Way.

Brother MACKNER promises us a good time, good  
grub and time to associate with our brothers and sis-  
ters.

Cocktail hour at eleven and lunch at 12:30

The tickets are \$15.00 regular.  
Tickets free to Survivors and ladies Auxiliary.

Tickets can be reserved by mail.

Mail to:

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3440 E Marginal Way S.  
Seattle, Washington 98134

Come one come all!

*Final Dispatch*

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

From DON REIDEL, Port Angeles, WA.

The RUSTY HOOK Brothers BERG, CASTLE,  
CUNNINGHAM, & MINK: The donation for the  
strike fund – I would like to donate in memory of  
BOB TEETER who was my hunting buddy. Gladys,  
his wife, was wondering if because BOB died that the  
Hook had stopped coming? Could you send it to her  
at:

GLADYS TEETER  
3620 Snug Harbor rd. N.E.  
Olympia, WA., 98506

A job well done on the contract. DON REIDEL."

Will do, DON and thanks for the note and donation.  
From TANK NELSON, Morro Bay, CA.

He sends us a number of interesting clippings about  
the life of a Local 13 retiree, unfortunately too much  
to cover in our RUSTY HOOK. He does say: "FRED,  
DEL, CURT, ART: "I'm hooked. & laugh lots!"

Seems he travels around L.A. area quite a bit, enjoy-  
ing his retirement.

He sends a very timely quote from William Shake-  
speare:

"Beware of the leader who bangs the drums of war in  
order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor for  
patriotism is indeed a double edged sword

It emboldens the blood, just as it narrows the mind.  
And when the drums of war have reached a fever  
pitch and the blood boils with hate the mind has  
closed. The leader will have no need in seizing the  
rights of the citizenry. Rather the citizenry infused  
with fear and blinded with patriotism, will offer up all  
of their rights to the leader and gladly so. How do I  
know, for this is what I have done, and I am Caesar."

A very timely quote., TANK!

He also sends along a "20.00 tarpaulin muster. Buy  
coffee and donuts. " L.L."

Many thanks for the twenty bucks, TANK'

**CORRESPONDENCE**

From DON MINIKEN, Port Orchard, WA.

"Hi Guys

I just received the first copy of the RUSTY HOOK that I've ever seen. I find it a quality newsletter, but don't know how anyone knew I had retired.

It was great to see how many names I recognized in the letter and sad, but natural, to see those names of recently deceased. Enclosed is my check for lifetime membership and a little for printing. costs.

Thanks, D. Miniken."

And thanks to you, DON, an old '57er that went bossing.

From LUIS CASTILLO, Miami, FL.

"Dear Brothers:

Just a few lines to say hello' Also to tell you that I am moving to an apartment better than I had before.

I am sending a little money to help the club.

Keep punching,

Your Brother LUIS CASTILLO, 53191.

Luis includes a \$50.00 check. Many thanks, LUIS

New address

LUIS CASTILLO

4204 SW 13 Terr

Miami, FL, 33134.

From ART MINK, Seattle, WA.

\$25.00 to RUSTY HOOK. An only green message - and thank you ART even if you are part of the staff.

From KENNY WOODING, Seattle, WA.

(via RUDY MARTINEZ). \$25.00 to RUSTY HOOK.

Thanks, KENNY, for your help.

From E.D. RODENBURD, Seattle, WA.

\$20.00 to the RUSTY HOOK. Thanks Brother RODENBURD and many of them.

From PAT VUKICH, Seattle, WA.

Thanks PAT for the \$50.00 check for the RUSTY HOOK. Money talks even without a little letter.

From Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST SHIPMAN, Puyaliup, WA.

The SHIPMANS send us a generous \$100.00 check for the RUSTY HOOK.

No message except the heavy green. Many thanks, SHIPMANS! We love that kind of message. We only hope the RUSTY HOOK continues a worthy purpose.

From Brother CULP, Yuma, AZ. (via Brother CLIFF VINGE)

Brother CULP SENDS THE CLUB \$25.00. No message but one that counts.

Thanks to you Brother CULP.

**NOTICE**

We are going to list all those who donate their strike fund money to the club without listing the amount involved. We do this in the interests of privacy. Some members may not want others to know the extent of their donation:

Brother DAVE BATES donated his strike fund contribution to the Pensioners Club. Thanks to you, DAVE.

Brother DON REIDEL did the same.

Many thanks, DON.

WHARFIES, Port of Kembla, Australia.





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