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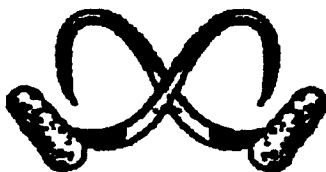
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Thus speaks President Bush. Tax cuts! Tax cuts! Tax cuts! he shouts. The louder he shouts, the more it sounds like Lies! Lies! Lies! He got a tax cut of one trillion 200 billion last year. In the last three months 500,000 workers were fired! And each week the number of new applications for unemployment comp. mount in the hundreds of thousands. Along with this it should be noted that the US dollar is devaluing at an unprecedented rate. One euro will now get you one dollar and fifty cents. Only a few weeks ago the dollar would get you 1.9 euros.

There is something seriously wrong with Bush economics. Deflation is now considered a serious threat. Deflation means prices start dropping. If that happens consumers stop buying waiting for the next drop in prices. The car you were considering buying can be held off for a better price later. This slows production of commodities for sale. More layoffs follow. That puts us smack into a full fledged depression. "Deflation" is the new word for old fashioned depression.

But there is more "deflation." Tax cuts bring still another kind of depression, one that strikes at the poverty level. Those living at poverty level before, under Bush's tax cuts hit them like a Midwest tornado. Bush's tax cuts, according to a Labor Party Press report put;

"More than 1 million low-income Americans lose government- subsidized health care."

"States have eliminated Medicaid services, including vision and dental care, podiatry care, and physical therapy."

"Eighteen states and Washington DC cut their aid to families."

"State governments employed 20,000 fewer non-education workers in December 2002 than in December 2001."

"Every state raised public university tuition and fees in the 2002-2003 school year and 13 states are cutting higher education spending in FY 2003."

"Nine states are cutting K12 education this year, and more cuts are likely for next year."

"Working families are losing child care subsidies in Indiana (7000 children), Kansas (2000 children), Ohio (15,000 children); and Connecticut (30,000 children.)"

"New York proposed to cut 30,000 working parents from Medicaid."

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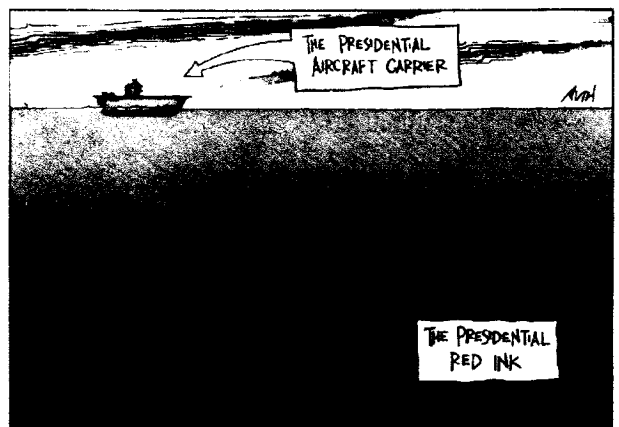
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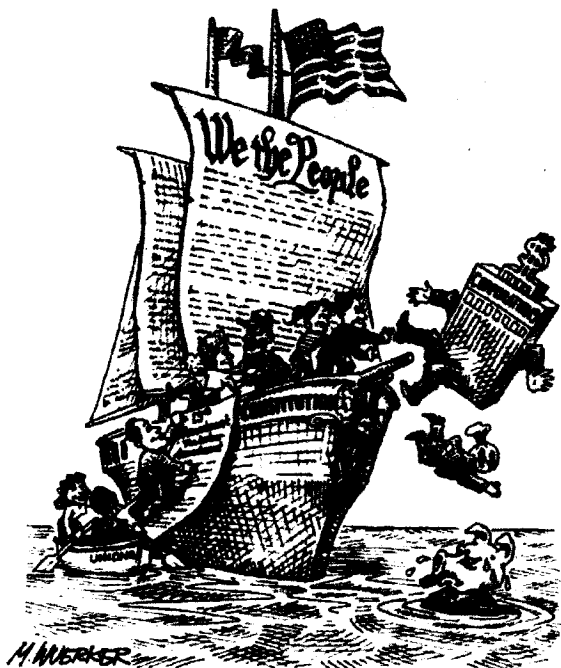
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The MWJ reports on a struggle to keep non-Australian ships out of Australian ports. It says; "Flag of convenience ships shamed in MUA protest, the Australian Associated Press report was headlined in the international press": "Merchant seafarers made waves outside a shipping company's Sydney offices today, protesting against the registration of ships under cost-saving 'flags of convenience.'"

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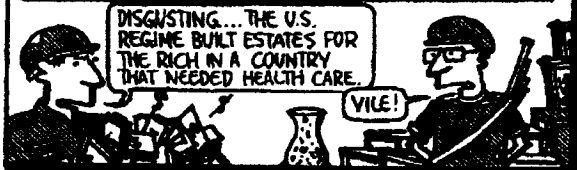
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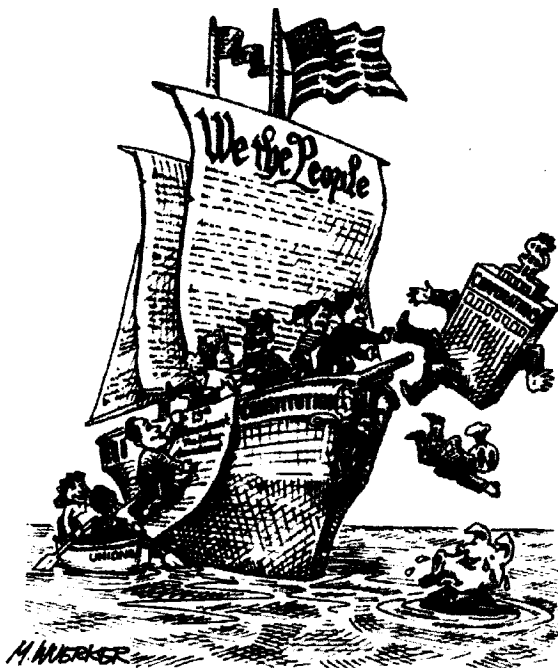
We also received two publications from our correspondents in Port Kembla, Australia. One is the Maritime Workers' Journal which displays on its cover the slogan: PEACE IS UNION BUSINESS. We like that. The other is called The Sea and Waterfront. It is put out by a group called NUSAA. That stands for NATIONAL UNIONIST SOCIALIST ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION.

The MWJ reports on a struggle to keep non-Australian ships out of Australian ports. It says; "Flag of convenience ships shamed in MUA protest, the Australian Associated Press report was headlined in the international press": "Merchant seafarers made waves outside a shipping company's Sydney offices today, protesting against the registration of ships under cost-saving 'flags of convenience.'"

We all know the history of "flag of convenience" ships. They have been used for years as a means of cutting union wages.

The other journal with its "Socialist Activities" is promoting a campaign to stop efforts of the Australian Medicare:

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CORRESPONDENCE

"From the outset, we state our position that we are in favor of a publicly funded universal health care scheme. We are against profit driven solutions to the present crisis in health care. Private Health Funds are making inroads into health care needs with the result we are rapidly approaching the American system of "user pays" and if you can't pay what happens then?"

So we see the struggles of the working class and people everywhere are much the same. No matter where, bosses and their government never give up in their efforts to lower living standards.

NEW MEMBERS

We have been taking in new members in increasing number lately. For instance, in the last six months we have welcomed the following new members:

- TED LEONARD - Lifetime membership.
- FRED LEONARD
- PHIL ERVIN
- JOHN BLOOMER
- FRED DALZELL
- RODNEY FORS
- WILLIAM FAIRBANKS
- LARRY FOWLER

We heartily welcome these new members who show real understanding of the need, and the benefits, in joining our Seattle Longshore Pensioners Club.

Final Dispatch

PENSIONERS

- Lee O. Bailey 98
- William R. Fisher 19
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- Charles D. Yearka 19

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They know that our pension welfare cannot be left to others. The Pacific Coast Pensioners Association's attention and support to our pension and welfare is the same as our Longshore Union is to the welfare of Longshore Union members.

The Union and Pension Clubs represent and defend their members' interests. If our Pension Clubs were to go out of existence - did not get the active support of Pensioners - The union would not be informed of our needs. In fact, if we did not have our Club, our needs would gradually become ignored at critical periods of labor relations negotiations. This is not to say the union would deliberately ignore our needs - they have never done that. But unless we are at their side when they need our advice and cooperation, they will lose touch. Our role is to keep them in touch with pensioners needs.

Our Club plays another real need - a social need. We keep our headquarters open so members can socialize, have coffee and donuts, chat with fellow members, keep in touch with what's happening on the front. There is no reason for any Old Timer leading a lonely life. We are there for you. Instead of being glued to the armchair and the tube and feeling alone, c'mon down to our headquarters and shoot the breeze with the brothers. They are a likable bunch willing to listen and offer comfort In these troubling times. You will be welcomed and appreciated by our Pension Club officers who do a real unpaid service to all our members in keeping the headquarters ship shape.

So c'mon down and see us sometime - you'll like us! Join the Club. Join the cause for defense of your interests and the interests of all pensioners.

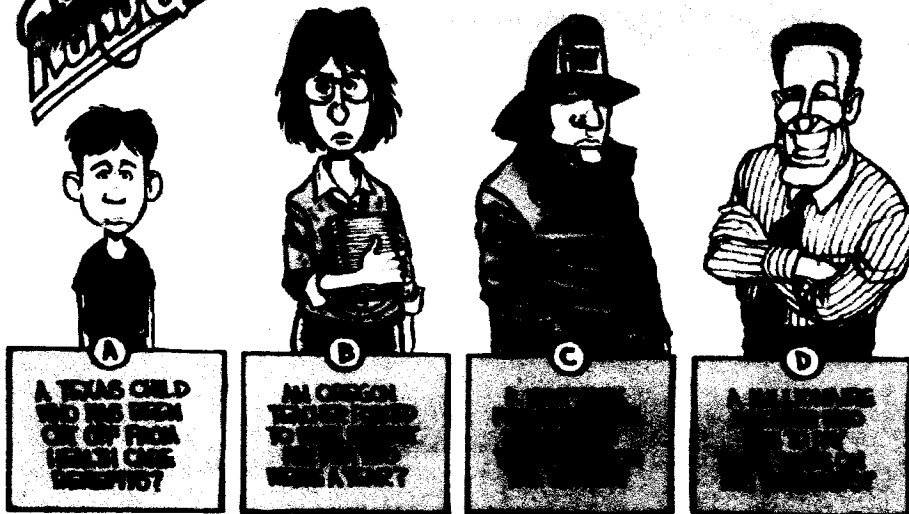
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Today's
Puzzles

THE PRESIDENT IS MARSHALING ALL THE
WEST RESOURCES OF THE WHITE HOUSE TO
COME TO THE AID OF THIS CITIZEN. ♣
WHICH ONE IS IT?

Hokey



* HINT: IF YOU DIDN'T PICK © YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION.

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