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# SCIENCE REFUTES WUHAN LAB LEAK THEORY

*By Dave Chaddock*

Bret Stephens, in almost breathless anticipation, spelled out a mouthwatering scenario: "If it turns out that the Covid pandemic was caused by a leak from a lab in Wuhan it will rank among the greatest scientific scandals in history, dangerous research . . . thuggishly covered up by a regime more interested in propaganda than human life, catastrophic for the entire world (New York Times, 6-1-21).

The United States had done a terrible job coping with Covid-19. But if it could be shown that this raging epidemic could be laid at the feet of China, that it had carelessly let it escape from a laboratory, then some of the sting could be taken out of U.S. mistakes, and outrage could be focused somewhere else. It was truly an outcome devoutly to be wished.

Unfortunately, however, the evidence not only points in another direction, but it is overwhelming. In order for something to leak from a lab, it has to be present in that lab in the first place. The head of the lab, Shi Zhengli, was a bit worried about the possibility herself, until the genome of the virus was published, and she realized that the closest bat virus in her lab was only 96.2 percent equal to it (NYT,6-15-21). You might think being 96% is quite close. But with genomes this is not the case. Consider the chimpanzee. Quite different from a human. But the two genomes are 99% similar.

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**LAB LEAK**

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Now keep in mind that when we accuse the Wuhan lab of leaking the Covid-19 virus we are assuming that either “Chinese scientists are lying about the research they do or are unaware of what goes on in their institutions” (James Gorman, NYT, 4-8-21). Is it any wonder that they take this as an insult? Dr. Shi protests that this is “speculation based on utter distrust.” And Martin Jacques, writing in Global Times, says the West has resorted to treating China as it did in the 19th century, when the Chinese were viewed as inferiors, expected to know their place, and “show due deference to white Westerners” (reprinted at the website Friends of Socialist China). Peter Daszak, an American scientist, had been doing research at the Wuhan lab for 15 years. As he told CNN on May 20, 2020: “We know everything they do. And we know that they do not have that virus in the lab prior to the Covid-19 outbreak.” Speaking to the value of his research on bat viruses at the Wuhan Institute, Daszak pointed out that a 2018 pilot survey found that nearly 3% of the inhabitants of Yunnan Province were harboring antibodies for bat coronaviruses. This suggested that the appearance of a dangerous virus like Covid-19 “was a question of when, not if.” As humans “continued to encroach on animal habitats,” he added, “we are opening new pathways for viruses, once hidden in the depths of the forests” ( The Guardian, 6-9-20). On the supposition of a Wuhan lab leak spread by his hate-filled sidekick Peter Navarro, Trump suspended the funding for Daszak’s vital research, saying it could only be resumed if U.S. officials were allowed to inspect the lab first (Nature,8-21-20).

Next we have the appearance of Li-Meng Yan on the Tucker Carlson show declaring: “This virus was made in a lab and I can prove

it.” It seems that billionaire property magnate Geo Wengui, fleeing China under the shadow of corruption charges, had found a buddy in Steve Bannon, and the two plotters had arranged to put Yan on a plane from Hong Kong to the U.S., found a place for her to stay, and supplied her with a media coach to help her with her English. In an attempt to shore up her credibility, an infectious disease expert Daniel Lucey was called upon to listen to Yan hold forth for over 4 hours. Asked if she had a smoking gun, Lucey said no. Yan then released a 26 page “research” paper. Gigi Kwik Gronyall, an immunologist at Johns Hopkins, found that the paper was “full of science-y sorts of terms” but lacking in any tangible evidence. In a second appearance on Tucker Carlson Yan announced that her mother had been arrested. A reporter called her mother, who explained she had never been arrested, and was worried that people around her daughter were keeping her incommunicado (NYT,11-22-20).

After a “friendly intelligence agency” supplied the dubious information that three workers in the Wuhan lab had been hospitalized with “flu-like symptoms” prior to the outbreak (Could that have been how Covid began?) President Biden gave U.S. intelligence agencies 90 days to come up with a “deeper investigation” of the possibility of a lab leak. It seems the WHO (World Health Organization) scientific investigation in mid February of 2021 (with 34 members, half from China) had been accused by some of a “whitewash” that could well be “concealing potentially important clues” (NYT, 11-3-20). The lab origin was considered “so unlikely that it was not worth further investigation” (NYT, 2-15-21). In its

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## **NOTES FROM ANDREA STEVENSON**

*ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Washington Area Welfare Director*

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## **CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY**

*By Ian Kennedy*

After several phone call and texts between myself and Sue, It was decided that I would fly down to San Francisco for my meeting with Harry. Sue had agreed to pick me up at the airport. I was traveling light, as I only had a carry-on bag, so I headed straight for the street where I found Sue waiting.

"I didn't expect you to be waiting." I said as I got into her car. "I hired another Wait Person a couple of weeks ago." I then inquired, " So you did have to replace Sally Mae?" "No, no," she responds, "She's a great worker, just a little nervous of the shadow world. She's still my evening help, I've just had to get her and Emily to switch shifts for a couple of days." Sue continues, " Harry assured me he would be in tonight, so you won't have any trouble with your flight home tomorrow." As we exited the

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**HARRY**

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freeway, I decided to let Sue concentrate on the San Fransisco traffic.

Once Sue had the car parked, I grabbed my carry-on and we entered the bar. Sally Mae saw me and got a strange look on her face, Sue laughed, "Don't worry Sally Mae, Ian promised he wouldn't play any tricks on you." Sally Mae nods, though looks like she's not sure. Sue reacts, "Why don't you take the rest of the day off. It doesn't look like we'll be busy until Happy Hour." Sally Mae gives her a half smile, nods and grabs her coat on the way out. Sue gives a shrug and responds, "She deserves a break anyway, Emily will be in soon and we only have three customers and they all look happy." She continues, "Why don't you get settled upstairs, freshen up and then we'll talk about dinner."

I did as Sue directed, we then ordered dinner from the local Chinese restaurant Over dinner we discussed how to keep Emily from freaking out when Harry joined us. We decided that we would change seats so that Sue could keep an eye on Emily and help her out whenever customers sat in our area. She set out four glasses and figured if Emily questions it, we would tell her we were expecting another couple. Happy Hour kept both Sue and Emily running and neither were aware when Harry came in. He gave me a smile, settled himself and poured the last of my pitcher into the extra glass that Sue had left on the table.

Harry looked around, "Nice crowd today." He remarked. I filled him in on how we would deal with Emily and we hoped that there would be no problems. He nodded, and then changed seats so that Sue would have the view she would need. Sue saw that Harry had arrived and brought over a fresh pitcher before returning to the bar. "Lets not waste time, I'm sure you have a lot to tell me."

"I'll start with the convention that was held virtually. As I wasn't elected as the official delegate, I didn't worry about taking good notes as that was Brother Dean's job. The convention would convene at 11AM and run to 10 or 11PM. I had expected that the officers would have several people running against them, but that didn't happen. The President, Vice President Mainland, and Treasurer were unopposed. The Vice President Hawaii was the only position with two candidates running. It seems the Longshore Division is happy with all the Officers as both Coast Committeemen are also running unopposed." I sit back, refill my glass and then drain it. "I had problems in how to maneuver through the system thus missed a lot of what was happening."

After a few minutes Harry asks, "As the Caucus follows the Convention, was it also virtual?" "No," I reply, It was held live but with restrictions on who and how many could attend. In the case of Pensioners, we were limited to two per area for a total of eight. Seattle was sending Dean and as no one from the rest of the area wanted to go, we sent a second." Harry asks, "You didn't go?" I replied, "No, I was going too, but I backed out so Sam Huniu could go." Harry looks at me, then shrugs his shoulders and asks "did you get the reports?" "Not at this time, you never know, it may be in the mail." I respond.

"What else has been going on, you must have some news?" "As I told you last time, The Panama Division has withdrawn from the Union, so that NLRB action is mute. The law suite by ICTSI is in limbo as a new trial has been ordered by the Judge. No dates have been determined to my knowledge. Let's see, the work picture is good Seattle has ships at

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*An Injury to one is an injury to all!*

# GRANDDAUGHTER OF PENSIONER AND DAUGHTER OF ACTIVE 'A' MEMBERS BATTLING A LIFE THREATENING BLOOD DISEASE

*By Lorie Huniu*

For the past 14 months, Madison Freedle had been battling an undiagnosed life-threatening illness. After months of seeing doctors in 3 different states, endless tests, and countless blood and platelet transfusions, she was finally diagnosed with acquired Aplastic Anemia, a rare blood disease that has caused complete bone marrow failure. A cure for Madison requires a bone marrow transplant on 10/8/21 at the Fred Hutch Cancer Center. This is her best chance for a full recovery which includes 5 months of treatment, consisting of chemotherapy, radiation and ultimately, a bone marrow transplant.

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## CRANE OPERATOR

*She enters her cab and smells  
last night's driver. the Old Spice,  
the sweat. Cigarette ashes swirl  
inside the glass gondola as she pushes  
the steel door closed, folds herself  
into the hard cup of her seat and prepares  
to boot up the machine that crouches  
at the edge of the bay.*

*Beneath her forearms, polished steel panels  
studded with buttons, blinking domes and switches  
await her fingers. A large lever rises from either side,  
topped by the knobs she'll clutch until day's end.*

*She bends forward, feet planted on the glass floor,  
torso resting against her thighs, knees wide,  
straining over them as if to polish her toenails.*

*The seatbelt slices her in half, a thread  
between her, the glass envelope of her  
workplace and the blacktop*

*twenty five stories below.*

*She lets out the cable, drops her rack  
and aims for the forty foot box  
that appears in miniature beneath her.*

*She guesses the edges, corners and pockets  
below her cab as she lets down fast to cap  
the container with her forty foot rack and*

*lock onto forty tons of cargo.*

*It used to be like groping for light.*

*Now she can feel where it is.*

*Hoisting the load up she leans one lever  
toward the ship. The cab surges forward  
on its horizontal boom. It crosses the dock  
apron, clears the ship's rail and hovers  
as she aims before sliding the can into  
a cell below deck. She pulls her rack out,  
drags the lever back and drops to the dock.  
It's the arc she travels as she races from ship  
to shore, loading and discharging containers*

*thirty times each hour. Her slams  
resound above the din of the semis  
and strads with each push into the  
tight cells that swallow the boxes, steel  
eating steel. She forgets to breathe,  
prays instead, squeezing inside the dark  
holes, pumping, fingers cramped, knees  
burning, suppressing the desire to view  
the mountains because it's up to her when  
the ship sails, when everyone goes home.*

## **TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVE IT.**

*By Kevin Castle*

That's what the song says. But more people are taking it to heart nowadays. In June, nearly 3.9 million American employees quit their jobs voluntarily. The pandemic helps to explain it. Many, like waiters and waitresses, are afraid to return to jobs that put them at risk of Covid infection. But for others, a dead end job that pays a pittance, demands long hours and grinding commutes is suddenly less attractive. While lockdowns and social distancing took their toll, they also gave people more time with family and friends. They've come to cherish time to pursue other interests. They're loath to return to occupations that leave them spent and unable to do more than watch TV. Others have turned to new fields with higher pay and opportunities for advancement. This creates pressure on employers to raise their wages and benefits us directly because low wage jobs force workers to use our tax dollars in the form of food stamps and other government relief programs that take up the slack for stingy employers.

What's historic is that for the first time in a long time, America's workforce is demanding the humane working conditions we, in the ILWU already enjoy. And the more other workers demand better workplaces, the more secure ours will be.

## **RUSTY HOOK CORRESPONDENCE**

*By Mary Fuller, September 2021*

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## DAYS

In hiring halls  
we set to work,  
stevedores before  
the peg.  
The lore of ships  
and longshore ways.  
Bullrail gulls shriek  
in defiance  
at a ship named  
the Mary Lukenbach,  
rising from her  
waterman's grave.  
The once breaker  
of backs  
lays in the rip  
of muscle memory  
wings abreast,  
We meet the hook  
and belly packed...  
deep in the  
hatch of days.

(Written by Al Valenzuela)

(Note: This poem was in the book written by Dr. Ronald Magden "A History of Seattle Waterfront Workers")

## MADISON

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The search for a bone marrow donor match for Madison was extensive and stressful ending unsuccessfully on the world-wide bone marrow registry (out of over 20+ million people registered.) Luckily, her half-sister Miranda Steiner, was tested, and even though the chances were extremely rare, with only a 12% chance that she would be a match. Miranda actually tested at an 8 out of 10 match, (with 10 out of 10 being ideal) and will be Madison's donor. The family is incredibly thankful for Miranda's match! Madison has tackled this disease head on and plans to continue fight it with all she has, in hopes of a cure and complete recovery.

Madison's family has created a medical fundraiser on her behalf to cover extensive medical expenses not covered by insurance, such as travel, required SCCA housing costs post-transplant, daily living expenses, loss of income and medications. If you would like to donate, please visit:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-madisons-bone-marrow-transplant>

Madison Freedle and Miranda Steiner are the granddaughters of pensioner Samuel Huniu, #56796, and daughters of active A registered members Lorie Huniu #57997 & Leo Steiner #57925

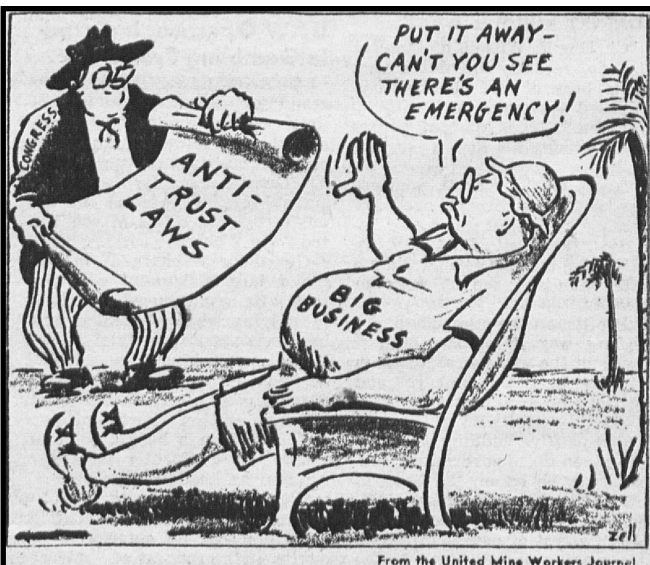
## OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Please consider donating blood and platelets regularly. Seattle is currently experiencing a CRITICAL shortage of blood donations. Visit Bloodworks Northwest for donation sites in your area or to schedule a donation.

<https://www.bloodworksnw.org>

Please consider becoming a bone marrow donor. It is a simple mouth swab with a FREE kit you can order and swab yourself at home. We urge to help save a life by signing up at:

<https://bethematch.org>



From the United Mine Workers Journal

SOURCE: THE DISPATCHER 09-17-1948

## **Recent Retirees**

*Arni Scheving, Local 19; Carman Philip, Local 19; O'Neill Gregory, Local 19; Bushnell Scott, Local 19; Alexander Charles, Local 52; Deborah Johnson, Local 98; Teresa Lewis, Local 52; Ronald Dalzell, Local 19; Kevin Frazier, Local 19; John Persak, Local 19; Barney Hattaway, Local 52; Randy Head, Local 98.*

## *Final Dispatch*

*Roger Folland, Local 19  
Gary Unser, Local 19  
George Eckert, Local 19  
Robert Green, Local 19  
Matthew Gallardo, Local 19  
Rodney Emery, Local 19  
Douglas Woeck, Local 52  
Robert Lomax, Local 52  
Robert Burden, Local 19  
George Nelson, Local 52  
Ron Thomas, Local 19  
Rodney Ulmer, Local 19  
Howard Massey, Local 19  
Walter Kennison, Local 19  
Robert Beauvais, Local 52  
Eboja Aja, Local 52  
Albert Gross, Local 98*

## **HARRY**

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anchor in the bay and around Puget Sound. Los Angeles/Long Beach is unbelievable, they have no space, with 126 ships in port and at anchor, with an additional 17 ships in so-called drift zones. Incoming vessels are being told to slow down and expect drift in open water. The local as just completed taking 450 new ID's and are going to take another 600, 100 per month for six months. While Local 63 has added 100 new Clerks." I sit back and empty my glass. Seeing the pitcher was also empty, I look around for Sue who is busy helping out Emily. I hold the Pitcher up as Emily is looking around, Harry holds his glass under the table. "Wait a minute," Harry interrupts. "Don't you Northwesterners refer to holders of limited registration as "B" persons while Local 13 refer them as IDs?" "That's correct, by the end of the six month period Local 13 will have added 1050 new Limited Registered Longshore workers." I finish off my beer and refill my glass, as well as Sue's and Harry's. Then I continue. "The Coast has informed the Locals that the Contract Caucus has tentatively been scheduled for two weeks starting January 31, 2022 for two weeks. It will be held at the Westin Long Beach. And PCPA President, Greg Mitre has told me that if the Caucus is called, the PCPA Executive Board will meet on Sunday, the sixth of February." Harry notices that my glass is empty, he refills it. We all sit back, trying to digest all that information. Sue jumps up and heads to the bar, returning almost immediately, she sets down three glasses of whiskey and a glass of milk for Harry. "I thought tonight calls for something special." She sits down and in unison, we down the whiskey and Harry follows it with the milk. Harry gets up and puts on his Jacket, "My time is up, I'll see both you next time." Sue gives hime a hug and he heads for the door. She turns to me, "Don't forget to give Emily a good



tip.” She gets a big grin on her face, “Get some sleep and I’ll take you to the airport in the morning.” As she heads back to the bar.



## **LAB LEAK**

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final 313 page report in March only 4 pages were used to discuss it. But this seems about right for a theory that Peter Daszak called “baloney” and lab-head Shi, her voice “rising in anger,” dismissed emphatically: “How can I offer evidence for something where there is no evidence?” (NYT,6-15-21) Shi knew nothing about the three alleged “flu-like” victims, asking “Can you give me their names?” But in any case, all the lab workers had tested negative for Covid-19 antibodies (WSJ, 5-24-21).

In line with Biden’s new policy of turning to spies rather than scientists, Secretary of State Blinken (“Winkin Blinken”) made an unscheduled visit to the head of the WHO to get him to endorse the call for further investigation in China. China Daily complained that the U.S. wants the WHO to “do its bidding” (CD,7-30-21). During the 90 days intelligence officials went through a “raft of unexamined evidence” in search of a hidden E-mail or text message giving away evidence of a “lab accident” (David Sanger, NYT, 5-28-21). The result of this elaborate farce was inconclusive. Prior to the investigation, two of the five agencies thought there had been a lab leak. At the end it was only the FBI who still thought so with “moderate confidence.” Four agencies preferred a natural origin, but their confidence was “low” (NYT, 8-28-21).

Nicholas Wade, writing in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (8-17-21) points to what he calls an “electrifying memo” written by virologist Kristian Anderson to Anthony Fauci on Jan.

31st 2020 asserting that “some features of the virus made him wonder whether it had been engineered.” However, Anderson quickly reversed himself in what Wade considered to be unseemly haste. Wade hinted at sinister forces at work aligning Anderson with the “autocrats in Beijing” when he should have “left the question open.” Although Jeremy Farrar, who organized a February 1st teleconference of virus experts, including Anderson, maintains that it took “endless analyses” and “intense discussions” to reverse Anderson’s opinion, Wade argues that it took only 3 days before Anderson sent an E-mail to Peter Daszak agreeing that lab release was a “conspiracy theory.” But this is not true. Anderson’s E-mail of Feb. 4 referred to “crackpot theories going around” that the virus was “engineered with intent.” Intentionally creating and releasing a deadly virus is not the same thing as accidentally releasing it, a possibility that Anderson continued to hold until endless discussions produced a paper on March 17 asserting that a lab leak was “implausible.” Anderson explained simply that based on limited data in January he had observed features that “appeared to be unique” to Covid-19 but that further investigation revealed these same features to be “present in other related viruses” (NYT,6-22-21).

But the lab leak theory is not going to go away. Alina Chan, a post-doctoral fellow, though criticized by many senior virologists for her lack of expertise, argues that it looked like Covid-19 when first detected “had already picked up the mutations it needed to be very good at spreading among humans.” She is being touted as a rising star and has a book contract with Harper Collins for publication in November. Though she contends she has an open mind about the question of a lab leak

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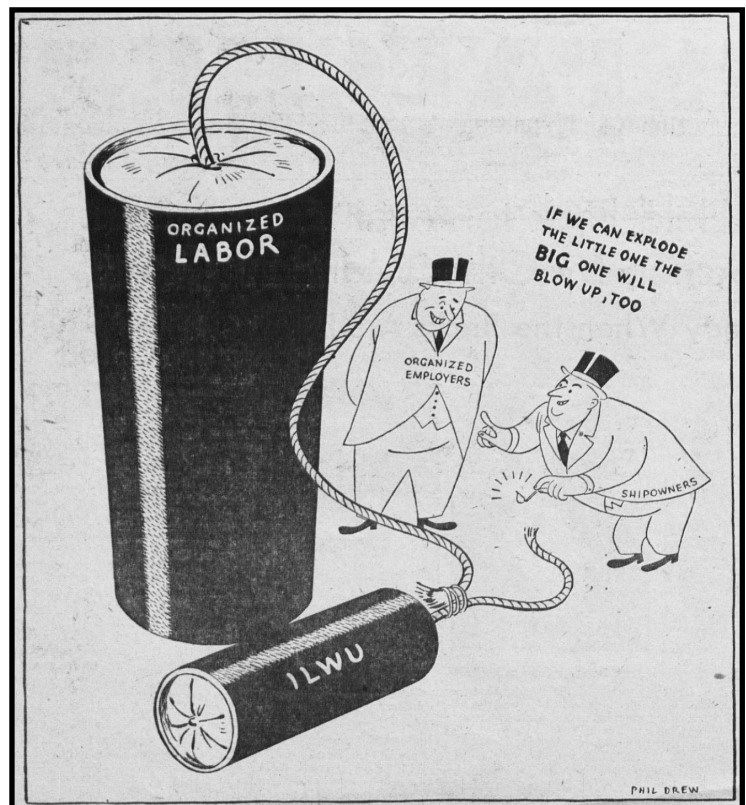
verses a natural origin she says she feels “really sad” for the situation of Dr. Shi at the Wuhan lab, implying that the onus of a suspected leak will persist (NYT, 8-24-21).

Though the origin of Covid-19 has not been traced directly to a wet market in Wuhan, the consensus of scientific opinion is that it had a natural origin somewhere else, and China would like other areas to be investigated. But also, though the lab leak hypothesis has basically been ruled out at Wuhan, it hasn’t been ruled out altogether. China wonders about the secretive and notorious Fort Detrick in Maryland, whose leading lab lost its license to operate for 8 months in August 2019 for biosafety failures (Beijing Review, 8-12-21). An article in the NY Times contends that bringing up Detrick is “disinformation”, that it is peddling “groundless theories”, that it is “baseless speculation”, and that it is “aggravating frayed relations” (8-26-21). But if it is really all that implausible, why not prove this by inviting international scientists to come and investigate, as China has done in Wuhan?

Meanwhile, as the attempt to put the blame on China for “spawning” Covid-19, as Peter Navarro liked to put it, how goes the real battle of coping with it? The number of new cases in China recently rose to 283. In the United States, we are getting more than 160,000 new cases a day, and on most days 1500 Americans are dying from it (NYT, 9-6-21). A professor at Seton Hall, Yanzong Huang, argues that China is too strict. A single case can trigger draconian measures. And this slows the economy down. Other governments have already shifted to “living with the virus.” Shouldn’t China do the same? (NYT, 9-9-21).

The Trump regime bragged about getting vaccines at “warp speed.” But it completely fell down on the issue of testing. I am amazed at

the success of testing in China. On July 10, a passenger on an inbound flight from Russia tested positive for the Delta variant at Lukou airport in Nanjing. Then the virus infected people who cleaned the cabin, who compounded the problem by going on to clean domestic flights. Authorities immediately conducted nucleic acid testing of everyone in the city, finding 74 positive cases. Lan Xinzhen in Beijing Review argues that the U.S. “allowed for the wildfire-like spread of Covid-19, all in the name of protecting the economy. Hundreds of thousands of Americans paid the price with their lives.” Whereas China opted to take effective, strict and comprehensive measures, albeit at a tremendous cost” (BR, 8-26-21). Which policy is better?



SOURCE: THE DISPATCHER 04-05-1946

## EPILOGUE

Most of the men who fought in the 1934 strike are gone now. Only 26 of the 1,182 Seattle men who participated in the Big Strike are still alive. Their legacy is intact. The coastwise contract is still in effect. The rank and file continue to elect the dispatcher. The Seattle longshore union has a different name, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Local 19, but the traditions of the past prevail today. The 105 year old principle of rotary dispatch continues. Union meetings are as democratic as ever. Since 1934 there have been four major strikes. Nowhere as many as the first forty-eight years witnessed. Today Seattle longshoremen are pitted against the machine in a race for survival. If they demonstrate the same determination and resourcefulness of their predecessors, Seattle waterfront workers will continue to control their destiny.

(Note: This Epilogue is in the book written by Dr. Ronald Magden "A History of Seattle Waterfront Workers, 1884-1934". This book was published in 1991.)

### 'Eat Less' Taft Accorded Frigid Seattle Reception

SEATTLE, Wash.—Longshoremen and warehousemen of ILWU Locals 19 and 9 here joined in a frigid railroad depot greeting to Senator Robert A. Taft, co-author of the slave act and murderer of price control, upon his arrival in Seattle on his West Coast "I-wanna-be-president" tour.

The ILWU members were among an estimated 1,500 AFL, CIO and independent union members, including Marine Cooks and National Maritime Union seamen, who let out a steady chorus of boos and chanted "Get

out of town" as the senator's car passed by.

A Republican subordinate, one of a dozen gathered in the GOP welcoming party, slammed the door of Taft's sleek official station-wagon on the senator's hand in the general rush to get away from the demonstration.

#### MARITIME UNIONS PROTEST

Later the CIO waterfront union members took part in two hours of picketing outside the Eagles auditorium here, where the multi-

millionaire Ohioan defended the Taft-Hartley act and asserted feebly that rank-and-filers love it.

There was booing and shouts of "eat less" within the auditorium and a substantial number of the audience left before the Senator had finished speaking.

The anti-Taft demonstrations kept up the picket treatment the Ohio solon has undergone in every major address since his political junket began. The two demonstrations were considered the largest and most effective in recent Seattle labor history.

THE DISPATCHER OCTOBER 3, 1947

### Members,

Just a reminder that we have elections for officers coming up in December. If you would like to run for an office, please, come to a meeting and submit your name. We had a meeting on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and if everything went well we will have our next meetings on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. We have contract coming up in 2022 and the Pensioners always get involved. Let's turn this next year into the best year.

In Solidarity,  
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ing their jobs. It is our hope that this website will provide the necessary information and support for our members and their families during this difficult time.

For further questions and support, please contact ILWU International Headquarters as 415-775-0533.

For members of the Coast Longshore Division, please contact your local office for more information.

Be well and stay safe.

VISIT: <https://www.ilwuovid19support.org>

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