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COMIC TEAM IN KYIV GETS INTO HOT WATER

By Dave Chaddock

A member of Parliament in Zelensky’s party, Roman Hryshchuk, protests against what he calls the slanderous stereotype that only comedians run the government of Ukraine. But reporter Andrew Kramer observes that Zelensky has surrounded himself with people “drawn from his comedy studio” and the entertainment industry (movie producers and directors). Mr. Hryshchuk, who is incidentally another comedian, points out that there are also non-comedians in the government. And Zelensky

himself says that he is now showing his serious side and has not told a joke in public for two years. However, a former Zelensky supporter, Dmytro Razumkov, who was ousted as Speaker of Parliament last October, to be replaced by – you guessed it – a comedian, Ruslan Stefanchuk – is outraged. He says Zelensky’s penchant for “show business figures” has created a government of “hapless ministers and aides.” He adds: “We came for a comedy” and “wound up watching a horror movie” (New York Times, 12-26).

In an article reprinted in the Times on Feb 21st, Ukrainian reporter Olga Rodenko complains that the trouble with Zelensky is his “tendency to treat everything like a show.” What he has to say is less important than the entertaining gestures that accompany it. Furthermore, he is “notoriously thin-skinned when it comes to criticisms and challenging questions,” adds Rodenko, eventually coming to rely on “the loyal rather than the qualified.”

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KYIV (From Page 1)

When Zelensky came to power in 2019 it was clear that stable rule in Ukraine could not be achieved if some degree of autonomy were not granted to the Russian-speaking and Russia supporting areas of the Donbas adjacent to Russia. A letter from a Fulbright scholar who spent time in Ukraine in 2003 writes that the Ukrainian nationalists of the time realized that they could not be a strong united country unless the “considerable segment of the population that leaned toward Russia felt included” (NYT, 1-26). The outlines of a peaceful solution were laid out in the Minsk 2 agreement negotiated by France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine in 2015. In return for considerable autonomy, the rebellious areas agreed to disarm and return volunteer Russian soldiers back to their homes (Anatol Lieven, The Nation, 11-29-21). Informed observers realized that Ukraine could never achieve greater unity than that. In response to the efforts of reactionary nationalists to turn all of Ukraine into an “anti-Russia” the people of the Luhansk and Donetsk areas had conducted revolutions. It was too late to reabsorb them back into a Western-leaning Ukraine. Russia would never allow it. It would be like King George trying to reabsorb the United States after the American revolution.

Zelensky, however, seemed completely oblivious to this reality. From the beginning he said that his aim was to recover the “lost territory.” Ukrainian prosecutors brought hundreds of cases against people in Donbas for treason and sedition. Ukrainian troop commanders wanted to “take our land back.” An eyewitness with an interesting history, a Russian speaker but arrested and imprisoned in Donbas after switching to the Zelensky side, then freed in a prisoner exchange, declares: “The thing is, the Ukrainian Government doesn’t know what it is up against. They have the optimistic belief

that they can end the war and free Donetsk and Luhansk. This isn’t going to happen” (James Verini, “Ukraine’s Forever War”, NYT Magazine, 1-23-22). Zelensky seemed to have the hope that increased military aid would allow him to prevail without granting any autonomy to the East. But the more he accumulated advanced weaponry the greater threat he posed to Russia. Biden provided hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid but it never seemed enough. On February 20th Zelensky accused the West of “appeasement” (NYT 2-21). This was after Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia got U.S. permission to transfer Javelin anti-tank missiles and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Ukraine. And Turkey gave Ukraine a Turkish self-navigating drone which, used for the first time in October, destroyed a howitzer from miles away (NYT, 2-4). Astounded Russians, thinking they had been attacked from the air, scrambled planes in self-defense.

It seemed no big deal to Zelensky for Ukraine to become a member of NATO, though this would be the equivalent of Mexico or Canada becoming a member of a military alliance opposed to the United States. Yet the U.S. declared it was a “nonstarter” to even consider the idea that Ukraine could be banned from ever becoming a NATO member. It seemed as if every country in Europe could provide for its own security – that is, every country but Russia. As NATO members beefed up their arms and absorbed member countries closer and closer to Russia, Russia supposedly had nothing to worry about because NATO was a defensive alliance. But the true nature of a military alliance is not determined solely by the members of that alliance. The country at which the alliance is directed has a different perspective and its opinion needs to be factored in to get the full picture.

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CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY

By Ian Kennedy

Sue and I have been back and forth on our phones, trying to decide when I should make a trip down to San Francisco. "Harry is getting impatient, he thinks you should have plenty of news for him." She relays to me. The covid seems to be on the backside of the curve, so I decided to take a chance. I call Sue, "I've decided to fly down, but you're going to have to pick me up because I'll probably take a red-eye." Sue agrees, so I make my reservations.

When I come out of the airport, Sue is waiting, I stash my bag in back and hop in. Once we've parked, Sue tells me we have to use the front door. As we enter, I see a partition has been built to form a small alcove. On the wall opposite is a sign that reads; VACCINATED, WELCOME; ALL OTHERS, PLEASE GO HOME. Sue is smiling, "Clever ah?"

Sally Mae is clearing a table not far from the entry. She looks up, once she sees Sue and realizes who I am. She gives me a weak smile and rushes to the bar. "She's still touchy after the scare she got when she first hired on."

"You best head up, you look tired, I'll close up. The spare room is covid free so you don't have to worry." Sue directs me and I do as directed. The next morning I got up early, (I thought.) I took a quick shower, dressed and headed down stairs. Sue was already hard at work dealing with deliveries and such. She motioned me in and directed me to the warmer and my breakfast waiting for me. Afterward I had a day to kill, so I hailed a cab and headed for the city.

I arrived back at the bar late after taking in a movie, so I headed right for Harry's table. Sue saw me come in and brought over a couple of beers, sat down and asked, "Did you have a good day?" I smile, "Yes, "I got tired and thought

I'd take in a movie, it ran longer than I expected it would." Just as I was about to take a drink of my beer, Harry appears. "I read your sign and was about to leave, then decided, what the Hell. I've broken laws in the past, all you would do is kick me out." He is smiling as he takes off his coat, takes Sue's beer as he sits down.

"Okay," He starts out, "What took you so long to get here?" "Had nothing to report." I respond, "Nothing to report, wasn't there a Caucus?" He asks. "Yes," I respond, "but I didn't attend." "Why not?" He asks. "Space was limited and I didn't want to fly anyway." "Okay." He interrupts me. "Give me what news you have. I don't have all day you know." Sue was just setting down a fresh pitcher for us, She gave Harry a look that could kill. He ignored it. I pour myself a fresh glass of beer, then respond, "Well, to start with, the Caucus was faced with almost 300 Resolutions, more than any other time that I could recall, and I've been around a long time. The Biggest Pipe dream was a resolution to increase all pensions for both active and retired to '\$300 dollars per year per month.' Remember, all my information is hearsay, I haven't seen anything that came out of the Caucus. I expect this one was killed even though it sounds good to me.

There were several resolutions on both pensions and 'Health and Welfare.' I was pleased to hear that several resolutions were to bring up Pensioners money by collapsing tiers into the one or two top tiers." I sit back on my chair, trying to recall if I had any other information I can recall. "The Negotiating Committee will be getting together in early April and go through all the resolutions that were passed and they will meet with the Employers sometime in May. As the present contract doesn't expire until the morning of July first, I don't expect to see much, if any, movement

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HARRY

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before then. And remember, the Union will only work on Pensions and Health and Welfare, until they are settled.” Harry nods as I’m refilling my glass. “I can’t think of anything else.”

Harry gets up and puts on his coat, “not much to go on.” He gives me a dirty look. I respond, “I don’t see any reason to expect

anything until they are getting close to July first. If anything breaks, I’ll certainly come back down.”

Harry turns and heads for the door.

Sue is watching as he goes. “He doesn’t seem to be in a good mood does he?” She is shaking her head, “You had better get some rest so you can make your flight.”



SEATTLE ILWU PENSIONER’S CLUB ANNUAL LUNCHEON

All active members, pensioners, and family are invited to attend our annual luncheon. If you have never been to our luncheon, this is a great opportunity to have lunch and visit with our pensioners, old friends, and buddies you have worked with for many years. Come listen to the stories.

Tickets can be purchased at the Pensioner’s club @ Local 19. You may also order by mail.

If you noticed the place of the luncheon has changed. The Masonic Lodge has a much larger room to accommodate everyone. The menu should be the same with Prime Rib, a chicken dish, and a vegetarian dish. All of this is still up in the air due to Covid. You will be required to wear a mask when not eating or drinking. We are being very hopeful.

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Thursday, May 26, 2022
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An Injury to one is an injury to all!

KYIV (From Page 2)

There is a highly sensitive military installation in Poland surrounded by razor wire. A man living in the area says: "I don't know anyone who has ever been inside." The U.S. maintains that the MK41 launchers inside are defensive in nature but some independent experts believe the launchers could easily be refigured to be employed offensively (NYT,2-17). Isn't it understandable that Russia should feel threatened by this?

What could easily be understood in the case of any other country cannot be fathomed because our unreasoned hatred of Russia goes so deep. As Ukrainian flags are being waved everywhere the situation in the Donbas never gets proper coverage. "My Family didn't ask to be Liberated" headlines an article from a woman with family members in Donetsk. But if you read the article in full you see her family is not representative. "My aunt and uncle have never approved of the self-proclaimed separatist republic." But she admits that most of the people around them felt quite different. As a result, "their circle has grown smaller, making them feel even more isolated and angry" (NYT, 2-27). They were the equivalent of Tories in a time of revolutionary ferment!

Russia had given ample warning. Troops had surrounded Ukraine and the Biden administration had tried to prevent an attack by calling for talks – talks that would not grant any of Russia's demands. Putin protested that he did not want to have "idle talk for decades" but on January 10 it was conceded that burying Russian demands in endless discussions was "exactly what Washington and its European allies would like to do" (NYT, 1-11). As Andrei Sushentsov, dean of the School of International Relations at Moscow University pointed out, Western Europe had been lulled into thinking that security could be obtained for free rather



SOURCE: THE DISPATCHER, JANUARY 12, 1973

than something that had to be negotiated. It was necessary to make clear to them that they were running a great risk by ignoring Russia's position (NYT, 2-9). Meantime commentator Bret Stephens argued that, since Putin is a dictator "whipping up periodic foreign crises" you couldn't make any concession to him whatsoever, not even a security demand which would be reasonable for any other country on earth. In Russia's case this would be "appeasement" and would only embolden him to make other demands (NYT,1-26).

The present situation is very dangerous. It is not possible to evaluate the full significance of the Russian incursion into Ukraine, as I write this on March 4, since it is still in its early stages. The U.S. may loudly declare that stories of persecution of Russians by Ukraine are nothing but "false tales" (NYT,2-20) and that Putin has no reason whatsoever for his invasion, but it has to be acknowledged that if Putin is "insane" then

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NOTES FROM ANDREA STEVENSON

ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Washington Area Welfare Director

ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Office Contact Information

As of December 1, 2021, the Benefit Plans Office in San Francisco has returned to full, in-person operations, and we are ready to assist the membership from 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Our new telephone number is: 888-372-ILWU (888-372-4598)

The phone will no longer be answered by a live operator. We are now using an automated phone tree that will guide you to a customer service representative best able to assist with your call. To get to the Pension Department, press the number 1 and listen for your options. To get to the Welfare Department, press the number 2 and listen for your options. To speak with someone regarding medical claims, press the number 7 and you will be transferred to the Coastwise Claims Office.

ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan – Coastwise Indemnity Plan COVID-19 Over-the-Counter at-home Test Kits for Medicare Retirees (March 14, 2022)

This notice applies to all ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan members and beneficiaries with Medicare Part B enrolled in the ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan. Effective January 15, 2022, COVID-19 over-the-counter at-home test kits are covered through the Coastwise Indemnity Plan with little or no cost to you. You were previously notified that coverage would be available through your pharmacy benefit administered by OptumRx. **OptumRx will not be administering this benefit for members enrolled in Medicare Part B.** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that in early spring of 2022 Medicare will cover over-the-counter COVID-19 tests. In the meantime, **the Coastwise Claims Office will reimburse the costs of up to 8 tests per individual per month – at \$12 per test, upon receipt of a claim with proof of payment.** To obtain a claim form to submit your claim, go to www.benefitplans.org. You can also obtain the form by calling the Benefit Plans Office @ 888-372-4598, or Andrea Stevenson, WA Area Welfare Director, @ 206-938-6720.

Medicare beneficiaries can request four free at-home COVID-19 test at covidtests.gov delivered free by the U.S. Postal Service. You can also call them at 800-232-0233.

Announcement Regarding Pension Form 1099-R

IRS Form 1099-R's were mailed out at the end of January to all Pensioners and Survivors. If you have not received yours, please call (415) 673-8500 or (888) 372-4598 or email the Pension Department at (pension@benefitplans.org) to request a duplicate.

Pensioners and Survivors may have received 1099-R forms where Box 12 thru Box 19 have been misnumbered. However, the box descriptions and the amount showing beneath each description is correct. For example, your 1099-R may incorrectly show "State Tax Withheld" as box 12 on the 1099-R form. The correct box number for "State Tax Withheld" is box 14. Please note that the dollar amount in the "State Tax Withheld" box is correct. Corrected forms are being mailed to the affected individuals. This updated form will have the "CORRECTED" box at the top marked with an "X".

For those who moved out of or into the State of California during 2021 you may have received two 1099-R's; you will now receive one 1099-R with all the information combined.

Important notice regarding the ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan (CIP) Prescription Drug Program (February 2022)

For those who have medical coverage under the Coastwise Indemnity Plan. The following information pertains to your Optum RX drug plan.

The Trustees of the Welfare Plan reached deadlock on a motion of the Employer Trustees concerning non-essential drugs. On December 14, 2021, a decision was made by Coast Arbitrator John Kagel.

In short, claims for certain prescription drugs will require prior authorization by Innovative Care Management (ICM) if the drug claim cost is \$500 or more. If prior authorization is granted, it will apply to the prescription including refills, except where a new prescription is required for a refill.

A list of these medications is available @ <https://www.benefitplans.org/rxdrug.html>.

This award will remain in effect unless modified by the parties in 2022 bargaining or thereafter reviewed and modified by the parties or the trustees or, in the event of their deadlock, the Coast Arbitrator.

February 2022, a formal letter pertaining to this decision was mailed to participants from the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans.

If you run into trouble trying to fill a prescription, Optum RX has a 24-hour member help desk @ 1-800-797-9791. This number can also be located on the back of your Optum RX prescription card.

From Medicare.GOV 1.20.22

Good news! Each household in the U.S. can now have four free COVID-19 at-home tests shipped directly to their home at no cost! All you need to do is visit COVIDtests.gov and enter your contact information and mailing address.

The tests are rapid antigen "at-home" or "self" tests — not PCR tests which require a lab drop-off. The "at-home" or "self" tests can be taken anywhere and give results within 30 minutes.

Guard against scammers trying to steal your personal information. When ordering tests, use the official, secure government website: <https://COVIDtests.gov>. Watch out for phone scammers, too. If you get a phone call requesting information so that free at-home tests can be mailed to you, hang up — it's a scam!

Remember: Medicare pays for COVID-19 tests performed by a lab, such as PCR or antigen/rapid tests, at no cost to you when the test is ordered by an authorized health care professional. Those in a Medicare Advantage Plan should check with their plan to see if their plan offers coverage and payment for at-home tests.

Please be sure you open ALL mail in regards to your ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans

Correspondence pertaining to medical, dental, vision or the prescription plan. If any part of your bill doesn't look right (i.e.: remaining balances unpaid or no payments at all) please contact WA Area Welfare Director, Andrea Stevenson. Do not hesitate to call (206) 938-6720 (office), (206) 938-6726 (Fax) or email astevenson@benefitplans.org. Please always include your longshore registration number and a telephone number, anywhere on your paperwork, so I can contact you.

RUSTY HOOK CORRESPONDENCE

By Mary Fuller, February 1, 2022

From RICHARD GOMEZ, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. DICK you were right. I went back through the old Rusty Hooks to 2018 and finally found your name. And yes, you are caught up on dues. I can't tell you what happened. Shit happens!! Thank you DICK for bringing this to my attention and for paying your dues and the extra for the Rusty Hook. From KATHLEEN BROWN, \$30.00 for 2022 dues. Thanks KATHLEEN. From SALLY ROACH, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you so much SALLY. From MARY FULLER, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks MARY. From JOAN RETTINGER, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$100.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you JOAN. From LANNY McGREW, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$100.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you LANNY. From MICHELE DRAYTON, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$20.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks MICHELE. From IAN KENNEDY, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$20.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks IAN. From DON FRANZ, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you, thank you DON. From HANK BRUEHER, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$100.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks so much HANK. From MARLAND SYBOUTS, \$60.00 for 2022 and 2023 dues and \$40.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you MARLAND. From LORNA MacDOUGALL, \$100.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you LORNA so much and so sorry about your mom. What a life, 97years old! From BIG AL WITZLER, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$20.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks BIG AL (you will always be BIG AL). From STEPHEN SNOW, \$150.00 for 2022 through 2026 dues and \$100.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks so much STEPHEN. From GERALD ANDERSON, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$20.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks JERRY. From LEONARD McDONALD, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook in memory of BROTHER STORMY KING. He is a legend, always will be. Thank you PEPE. From JACK SPIERING, \$30.00 FOR 2022 DUES and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks JACK. From HARRY ACKER, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$170.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you, thank you HARRY. From NOKI LeMAY, \$50.00 donation to the Rusty Hook in memory of her husband, BROTHER E.R."BUZZ" LeMAY. He was a checker. Thank you NOKI and I have changed your address. From GARRY SCRIBNER, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$100.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you so much GARRY. From RICHARD DAVIDSON JENKINS, \$90.00 for 2022, 2023, & 2024 dues and \$40.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you, thank you RICHARD. From GLEN DREIER, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$30.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks GLEN.

Recent Retirees

*Kurtis Buslach Local 19;
Tamara San Miguel Local 19;
Barry Mitchell Local 52;
Gary Brown Local 98;
Scott West Local 98;
Daniel McLaughlin Local 19;
Jeffrey Head Local 19;
Max Vekich, Jr Local 52.*

Final Dispatch

*James Bump, Local 19
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Howard McCay, Local 52*

Rusty Hook Publication Schedule: 2022 - 2023

- Summer 2022: Submission deadline is May 16th, to be published May 31st, 2022.
- Fall 2022: Submission deadline is August 15th, to be published on August 29th, 2022.
- Winter 2023 Submission deadline is November 18th, to be published on December 2nd, 2022.
- Spring 2023: Submission deadline is March 17th, to be published on March 31, 2023.

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the 68% of Russians who declared in a poll that they supported his “special military operation” are also insane (See Alexy Novalney opinion article in NYT 3-3). In a sober analysis in the Times on March first, we read that “it was far from clear whether the sanctions would help turn more Russians against the war or whether they would only increase their resentment of the West, confirming that the United States and Europe were determined to dismantle their country.” And in reply to a French declaration that Europe would wage “total economic and financial war” against Russia, former Russian Prime Minister Medvedev (Remember him?) declared: “Watch your tongue, gentlemen. Don’t forget that in human history economic wars often turn into real ones” (NYT, 3-2).

If, as seems likely, increased sanctions do not deter Putin, what then? Anriy Yermak, the head of Zelensky’s Presidential Office, says we need to kick Russia out of the United Nations and also institute a no-fly zone (NYT, 3-3). Great. Dogfights in the air between Russian and American planes. Maybe the initiation of World War Three. As tensions deepen, will more Americans agree with Yermak?

Winkin Blinkin and Company may gloat over the lopsided vote at the UN condemning Russia. But more meaningful, I would suggest, is the vote of abstention cast by China, questioning the resolution for not giving full consideration to the “history and complexity of the current crisis,” an abstention supported also by India and 34 other nations, including half the countries in Africa. An additional 12 countries refused to vote at all.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you all know the beginning of a new year is when we ask for everyone to pay their \$30.00 annual dues. If you have already, thank you very much. We have been working hard to keep the Pension Club going. Carl is teaching me all the ins and outs of being a president.

The Luncheon is scheduled to happen on May 26th at the Alki Masonic Lodge in Seattle, Alki. This all depends on Covid. We have made reservations in case we can have the luncheon. The dining room at the Lodge is much larger than at the Eagles in White Center. Masks must be worn unless you are eating or drinking.

We had a meeting in December, but not since. The next meeting will probably be in April. We will keep everyone posted. When we do meet we will have the meetings in the ID Casual hall on the south side of the building.

One of the first things on the agenda when we get to have a meeting is to establish an Executive Board for the Pensioners Club. We need to have some kind of decision making body when we cannot have meetings. So as President I am making an executive decision to appoint all elected officers to be the executive board until we have a meeting. On the executive board we will have Carl Woeck, Sally Roach, Kathleen Brown, Rod Peeler, Joe Toro, Ian Kennedy, Bill Lassiter, Michele Drayton, Bill Crawford, Lanny McGrew, and Mary Fuller.

In Solidarity,

Mary Fuller

President

ILWU Seattle Pensioner's Club

NICKNAMES

Tell us your favorite NICKNAMES for people you worked with and we'll publish them along with your name in one of the upcoming issues of the Rusty Hook. Send the nickname, along with the person it refers to, to kevincastle@avvanta.com. You can include a few words about why the nickname suited your colleague.

One of the funniest nicknames I can think of was the one we used for Bob Flannery. He was the oldest man registered when we came into the industry as B-people in 1980. In addition, Bob was a slight man and he sometimes struggled to keep up with the demands of the job. "Flannery Will Get You Nowhere" is how we referred to him. Sometimes, he would sneak up behind me and say, "Do you feel Old Age creeping up on you?"

-Kevin Castle



ANNOUNCEMENTS

30th anniversary

Come November 13th the HARRY BRIDGES CHAIR and LABOR CENTER will celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Save the date and prepare to join us. More information to come as it develops.

The Magden Book

For those of you that have been wondering, then let me tell you, it is alive and well. We will be self publishing and are presently rapping up the last couple of chapters and doing fund raising. Our goal is to have the book ready for distribution during the Labor Center's 30th anniversary. We will keep you informed as things develop.

Max Vekich

Last month, (or so,) President Biden appointed Max Vekich to the Maritime Commission, and he was approved by the Senate. Max retired from the ILWU as of the first of this month. Good luck Commissioner, we look forward to hearing good things from and of you.

Yes, I would like to join the SEATTLE ILWU PENSIONERS' CLUB. Dues are \$30.00 per year.

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To our members -

On behalf of the International Titled Officers, welcome to the **ILWU COVID-19 Support** website.

The ongoing pandemic has affected each and every one of us in many ways. We know this is stressful and overwhelming, especially for those that are ill with COVID-19 or losBe well and stay safe.

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>

For information in Washington State:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard>

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