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# ASSORTED THOUGHTS AT CONTRACT TIME

*By Dave Chaddock*

On March 29th the New York Times cried out in alarm that, as if we didn't have enough to worry about, with Covid 19 straining supply chains, and ships stranded offshore waiting to unload, but now we were faced with a new exasperating threat – the expiration of the contract for West Coast longshoremen. It meant “a period of grave uncertainty.” They interviewed the head of the PMA McKenna who declared that “the odds for a deal without drama” were 50-50 but he added that “the last four contracts ended up in some

sort of disruption” and the most recent one in particular – 2014 – led to “pronounced turmoil.”

The article also quoted a veteran black truck driver as saying that dockworkers “treated us like we are nobodies ... The way they talk to us, they're very rude.” Unfortunately, testimony like this can be used against us. I realize that we are often under great pressure, but I hope we can treat truck drivers with respect. We have a strong union but they are being victimized by being classed as “independent contractors.”

What I would like to address, however, are some things that are very wrong on the waterfront but of which we longshoremen are completely innocent. Farmer Scott Phippen has thirty million pounds of almonds from last year with a new crop coming in 5 months. Scott's almonds are stored in bins up to the rafters and overflowing – enough to fill 678 containers – but he has only been able to scrounge up a total of 5 boxes! What is wrong? It seems that shippers have found it more profitable to load ships with

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empty containers right away so that Amazon and Wall Mart can fill them up again. Lots of empties have been part of the scene for some time. But the problem has gotten much worse. It used to be the average ship would leave with 40% of cans loaded. Now the average is 30% at Long Beach and only 21% at L.A. Hay farmers are not even bothering to cut their crops because they can't book space. But the head of the World Shipping Council John Butler says: "Do people really believe that having the federal government on the dock with a clipboard saying 'That box goes on the ship, that one doesn't' is more efficient and fair than letting the market sort it out?" (NYT, 4-22)

Yes, indeed, a competitive marketplace can sort things out and give a result that at its best seems as if an "unseen hand" is at the helm producing a fair result. But on the other hand, when monopolies are part of the picture, the market gets distorted. Back in 1998 Congress gave carriers the right to negotiate contracts with customers "in private at undisclosed terms" (NYT, 5-7). Now that there is a battle royal for empty containers, this concession should be reexamined. Surely exporting almond growers need a better deal.

And here is another issue. At a time when we are trying to transition from fossil fuels, why has the import of solar panels come to a screeching halt? China produces the world's best solar panels, but Obama imposed tariffs on them in 2012, then Trump increased the tariffs and Biden extended those Trump tariffs in February. With Chinese panels tariffed out of the picture eighty per cent of solar panels installed in the U.S. are being imported from four nations – Cambodia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand. But now a U.S. Company, Auxin Solar, with a factory in Ohio, has filed a petition claiming that

there is too much suspicion of a Chinese connection to the four Southeast Asia exporters. They seem to be making use of Chinese cells, wafers, and other Chinese parts. Are their factories perhaps hidden subsidiaries of Chinese companies? Is China trying to use these nations to get around U.S. tariffs? In response to Auxin's petition the commerce department promises to conduct an investigation. Fearing they may be subject to retroactive tariffs, U.S. importers have halted all imports of solar panels. 318 solar projects have been cancelled or delayed and hundreds of layoffs are anticipated.

Keep in mind that neither Auxin nor any other U.S. factory is able to supply equivalent solar panels, and in order for the U.S. to be competitive with these Asian imports it would have to carry out a massive investment program. (This whole protectionist saga can be found in the New York Times of May 2nd)

Straying even further afield, but not too far for our brave pioneer Harry Bridges, who always kept his eye on the world situation, let me add a few words about the struggle in Ukraine. In her book *Not One Inch M.E.* Jarotte explains how James Baker told Russian Foreign Minister Shevardnaze as the Soviet Union was collapsing: "Would you prefer a unified Germany outside of NATO or one tied to NATO but with assurances that NATO would not move one inch further West?" (Jarotte, 55). Later, as NATO continued to advance closer to Russia in violation of this promise, Russia was told that the promise need not be kept since there was nothing in writing. As Noam Chomsky told Amy Goodman in 2015: "The unstated implication is, if you are naïve enough to think you can make a gentleman's agreement with us, it's your problem."

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## CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY

*By Ian Kennedy*

Last night I got a call from Sue, you remember Sue, she runs a bar in San Francisco. It's actually called "The Bar." Well, like I said, Sue gave me a call. She thinks I should come down, that is to San Francisco. When I asked why, she said that Harry is acting kind of strange. "What do you mean?" I asked. "Well," she responded, "He comes in at odd times, always asks if I'd seen you, wants to know why I hadn't and why isn't he? I don't know what to do." I told her I'd sleep on it and get back to her.

Once I was up next morning, I had decided to take a week and drive down the Coast. Stopping whenever I felt like it. I hadn't been to the Sea-Lion Caves in almost 40 years. It will be great to wander through the Red Woods. I felt great with the idea of taking my time and enjoy three or four days sight seeing. That evening I called Sue and told her my plans. She was delighted. The next morning I was up early. After a hardy breakfast, I packed up my camping gear, loaded my car and headed off to California.

I spent the first night in Astoria, visiting with some old friends. The next day was spent driving the Oregon Coast. Stopping whenever it pleased me. I spent the night at Lowden's Beachfront Lodging, just out of Brookings, just north of the California border. The next morning I called Sue to let her know I'd be in sometime that evening. After a light breakfast, I hit the road again, not rushing but pacing myself to be sure I'd arrive before she closed the Bar. I arrived in San Francisco just before mid-night. Sue opened the gate to her parking spot. I was wiped out and headed up to the spare bedroom and was asleep by the time I crawled between the sheets.

I allowed myself to sleep in, once up I grabbed a quick shower before going down to the bar. Sue and Sally Mae were hard at it. It wasn't even noon and the place was jammed. "Grab yourself some Lunch." Sue yelled at me. I fixed myself a sandwich and a beer and settled down out of the way. I'd just finished the last of my beer when Sue joined me. "God, I don't know how I did this for all those years. If it keeps up like this, I'm going to have to hire another worker." She sets down two glasses of beer, flops down into the extra chair. Before I could respond she'd drained her beer. "I've hired a part-time bartender, he wants to be called Quirk and let me tell you, he is quirky." Sally Mae brings over a couple more glasses of beer. "Harry was by last night, I told him you would be available tonight and he said he'd be here about 10:00pm." "OK, then I'll just wander around, check out the Art scene."

I wore myself out wandering through galleries, ending up with a sea food dinner. I got back to the Bar about 9:00 pm, settled down at "our" table. Sue saw that I was just sitting there. So she had Emily bring over a pitcher and two glasses. The bar was doing good business, but was comparatively quiet and I was able to relax. It was just after 9:40 when Harry came through the door. He paused, looked around the room, as if looking for someone. Then came over to the table. Sue brought over a fresh pitcher and glass as Harry settled in. "It's good to see you. I've been wondering what's been going on with everything." He looks at me as if I'm in the dog house. I shrug. "OK" I respond, "The negotiating committee has been going through the resolutions and have put together a package that was probably presented to the Employers some time this week, and, I presume, the Employers have done the same. It's hard to say if things will move along quickly or the

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## **WOMEN ON THE WATERFRONT - OUR PAST AND FUTURE**

*By Alia Lighter*

It was a spring day in Seattle, the bright sun emerged from the normative cloud cover. The hall was buzzing in anticipation of this new and innovative event. People filtered into the warehouse through the colossal roll up door bringing conviviality. I was happy to see people engaging with the interactive material that included a sign-in book and photo collage of longshore women. They gleefully reminisced and exchanged stories as they found their faces and the faces of women they know. Unity was in the atmosphere; rank and file, elected officials, casuals, families with generations of longshoremen were all in attendance. It seems that this was an event people were waiting for and very proud to attend.

As the program began, the approximately 100 attendees quieted, sat down and drew near the stage - eager to hear what would be said at this first ever Women's Event at Local 19. The event brought together esteemed ILWU women spanning several generations to discuss the challenges they faced in the male-dominated longshore industry. We have seen progress due to the courage and hard work of decades of ILWU women who fought, and still fight to make the industry more equitable and accessible to all genders.

I saw people listening intently with a desire to understand. The first speaker, Kesa Sten 58020, delivered an enthusiastic oration - "Umpiring of Privilege in Everyday Life" - describing the constraints of being a woman in the working world. This is important to know

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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)

### **Optum RX prescription drug program HELP DESK**

If you have trouble getting a prescription filled, you should call the Optum RX help desk. The Optum RX help desk phone number is located on your Optum RX card, (800) 797-9791. If you are not getting the help you need, then call the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans office. Be sure to get the name of the representative at Optum, including the date and time of your call. If you are enrolled in the Coastwise Indemnity Plan and do not have an Optum RX prescription card, please call the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans office.

### **May is Open enrollment for Medical and Dental Choice**

The annual health plan choice period for eligible active and retired longshoremen will take place in May for plan changes effective July 1, 2021.

*Note: In addition to the May health plan choice period, eligible active and retired longshoremen may change their medical and/or dental plans once at any time during the Plan Year.*

Forms for medical and/or dental plan choice, with the applicable enrollment application, must be completed by the Member and

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

submitted to the Benefit Plans Office no later than May 31, 2021 to ensure timely notification to the medical plans before the July 1 effective date. Additional Choice Forms, enrollment applications, and supplemental summary plan descriptions will be furnished upon request.

The July 1, 2008 Memorandum of Understanding between the ILWU and PMA provides that new registrants in the ports where members have a choice of medical plans shall be assigned the Kaiser HMO Plan or the Group Health Cooperative HMO Plan for the first 24 months of registration. After 24 months, those registrants who have qualified for continued eligibility under the Mid-Year/Annual Review hours requirement will have a choice of medical plans. New registrants in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland/Vancouver and Washington will have a choice of dental plans on the first of the month following registration and may change dental plans during the May choice period and one additional time during the Plan Year.

**Do you have a change of address, phone number or marital status?**

It is extremely important to keep your personal information up to date with the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans office. You can get the forms you need to change your personal information online @ [www.benefitplans.org](http://www.benefitplans.org), ask your local union hall or you can call the ILWU PMA Benefit Plans office.

**From Medicare.Gov 4.6.22**

Update on Covid-19 booster shots

In case you missed it: If you or a loved one are 50 or older, or are moderately or severely immunocompromised, you can get an additional Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 booster shot at no cost to you.

The CDC recommends an additional booster shot for certain individuals to increase protection from severe disease from COVID-19. People over the age of 50, or who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, can get an additional booster of Pfizer or Moderna 4 months after their last dose. This is especially important for those 65 and older who are at higher risk from severe disease and most likely to benefit from getting an additional booster.

**From Medicare.Gov April 2022**

You pay nothing for a diagnostic test during the COVID-19 public health emergency when you get it from a laboratory, pharmacy, doctor, or hospital, and when Medicare covers this test in your local area.

Medicare now covers up to 8 over-the-counter COVID-19 tests each calendar month, at no cost to you.

- This coverage continues until the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.
- Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) will cover these tests if you have Part B.
- You might need to show your red, white, and blue Medicare card to get your free over-the-counter COVID-19 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](mailto:astevenson@benefitplans.org). Please always include your longshore registration number and a telephone number, anywhere on your paperwork, so I can contact you.

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Anyhow, what was the need to keep bolstering NATO after the opposing Warsaw Pact was abolished? In June 1997 50 former Senators as well as former Secretary of Defense McNamara urged that NATO expansion should be stopped (Jarotte, 285). By this time the situation was getting so bad that “not one inch” was getting a new meaning – “not one inch was off-limits for NATO” (Jarotte, 261). Most recently Ukraine’s intention to join NATO was incorporated into its constitution. Jarotte asks: “Given that Russia once it recovered from political and economic collapse, would almost certainly remain a major player, because of its size and nuclear arsenal, would it not have been better to recognize this growing problem in advance by giving Moscow greater say over, and some secure berth in, a common security structure?” (p. 344) Instead, with the greater part of Europe forging a military alliance against Russia, this has led to war.

Corresponding with the military conflict, Western media has been waging an information war, “frantically expunging the historical record, eager to start the war clock on Feb. 24th – as though the conflict emerged apropos of nothing ... the aberration of a mentally ill megalomaniac, a historic battle between good and evil” (Ryan Perkins, in Beijing Review, 5-5). We are told nothing of the 8 years of civil war in the Donbas, caused by the overthrow of the democratically elected Ukrainian government, in which the U.S. played a leading role. We are not told of the 14,000 civilians killed by Ukrainian forces trying to wipe out what they called “terrorists” but who in reality were Ukrainian natives who simply preferred peace with Russia, but had been driven into revolt by the new government’s anti-Russian frenzy. We are not told of Zelensky’s

## **CORPORATE PROFITS FUELING RAMPANT INFLATION**

*By Kevin Castle*

Are corporate giants using the pandemic crisis to exploit consumers for higher profits? The evidence from multiple sources and comments by corporate heads themselves suggest they are. Despite rising costs of labor, energy and materials, profit margins have reached 70 year highs. It's fatter profits, not the rising costs of labor and materials that are fueling inflation. Corporations can raise prices at will and are using the pandemic related economic disruptions as cover because competition has all but died in the American economy. In other words, we can't just seek out another source of goods when one company hikes their prices beyond what we can afford to pay. Increasingly, state legislatures have curtailed corporations from profiting off of natural disasters. Big companies may have liked to charge \$100 dollars for a bottle of water after the devastation of a hurricane but that is forbidden by law. Isn't it time they do something similar in this current pandemic crisis?

arrest and repression of all his opposition. Nor are we informed of the observation of Swiss intelligence officer Jacques Baud, that on the 16th of February, 8 days before the Russian invasion, Ukrainian artillery shelling of Donbas rebels had suddenly become thirty times more intensive.

Baud’s interview with Aaron Mate dated April 15 can be found on the website The Gray

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Employers will play hardball and drag the negotiations on until the Feds step in. That could extend into the Fall.” Harry keeps looking around, as if he is expecting someone.

I’m not sure he’s been paying attention to anything I’ve said. So I just continue, “Regarding the back log of ships in the harbor, Seattle has seemed to have caught up, though there is still plenty of work. The North Berth of pier 5 is operational and work on the South Berth is ongoing.” I pause for a sip of my beer, then continue. “Pier 46 is being use as a holding area, the Port seems to have dropped the Idea of a cruise ship terminal there, the Coast Guard wants to take a big chunk of it. The Cruise Ships to Alaska have started, I don’t know if the ships are sold out or sailing with limited capacity, the virus is beginning to raise its ugly head again.” Sue has been kept busy running and hasn’t had time to join us but has managed to keep the beer flowing.

Harry isn’t saying much so I continue, “As for the Pensioners, we’ve started meeting again, we have all new officers and are having our first Annual Luncheon in in three years. And the PCPA is planning on holding its first convention in three years this September in Long Beach.”

The bar is thinning out, and Sue joins us while Harry finish's his beer, looks around, and gets up, “I have to go now.” And off he goes. Sue and I are looking at each other, wondering what is going on. “I guess I might as well get some sleep and an early start in the morning.” Sue jumps up, “Don’t go yet,” and she heads up to the bar, when she returns, she hands me the bill, “You can pay it in the morning if you want, and as Harry would say, DON’T FORGET THE TIP.”



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because the disparity of the oppressive patriarchal system is everywhere. For example: most men talk over women without a second thought, even when she is a Supreme Court Justice (Watson,S, ASHA Leader) These are realities - not theories, that women encounter everyday.

Alison Steichen 58174 followed with a short speech to introduce the moderator Sarah Esch 57958 Alternate Dispatcher and Delegate. Alison boisterously said, “...if anybody ever gives you guys shit about your pink hard hat, your painted fingernails or your outfits, just remember that the 2nd female United States Supreme Court Justice did so with a beaded collar and lace gloves.”

Sarah introduced the panel, which consisted of 5 senior ranking and pensioner women Sandra Blake Local 19 Class A member, Cyndi Anderson Hoblet Local 19 Pensioner, Mary Fuller Fairbanks Local 19 pensioner, Rachelle Morris Local 19 Class A member and LeRin Farrison Local 52 clerk. These ladies delivered a spectacular and awe-inspiring program, stating their experience so eloquently and matter of fact.

With questions like, “How do you deal with disrespect on the job?” The panel did well in producing a variety of responses. In true longshore form, LeRin answered, “If you bark at me I’ll probably bark back.” Further questions included: How has the waterfront for women changed since your first day? Sandra Blake answered, “I really like the young, fresh people that are just like, ‘this is ridiculous - it’s dinosaur age!’ What we’re doing to women and minorities is dinosaur age, I see it every day.”

The call for women in leadership was quite clear from the panelist table, especially from the Pensioner ladies Mary and Cyndi. The

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question was asked, "How do you think women can work together to make the waterfront better for each other now and the women that come after us?" Mary Fuller said encouragingly, "Run for dispatcher, run for LRC, run for president, I ran for dispatcher every single year at Local 19, never made it once, but I ran for years. Got to Local 52 and hey, guess what? I made dispatcher."

Barriers to leadership for women were explored, including imbalanced family duties, fear of being shot down and lack of encouragement and support. To that same question that was asked, "How do you think women can work together to make the waterfront better for each other now and the women that come after us?" Rachele replied, "If folks weren't talking very nice to me, people stuck up for me and changed the direction of the conversation - those people make our union stronger. We need to uplift everybody."

We were honored to have Kevin Castle 56876, the first female Local 19 crane operator in attendance. She recited a poem she wrote about 10 years ago titled, Crane Operator, recalling her experience on the job. Terri Mast, Inland Boatmen Union Secretary Treasurer was also in attendance. Terri reviewed the Bread and Roses Strike of 1912, a great moment in women's labor history.

Meanwhile, the system that perpetuates gender inequality has been in place in colonial society for thousands of years. Women have made some steps forward, such as gaining the right to vote and hold office in 1920 and breaking through to labor industries like shipbuilding, aeronautics and factory work throughout WWII. Also, Kamala Harris became the first woman to hold the U.S. Vice Presidency in 2021. This year we saw the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first black woman Supreme Court Judge. It is bittersweet. It took 100 years for America to allow this to be possible for women. We came all this way to hold office in a structurally flawed system.

Personally, my hope comes from seeing male allies at the event being intentional in showing their support. I was surprised to see nearly as many men as there were women. In a male dominated industry, they set the standard pertaining to attitudes and ideals. If men began to demonstrate encouragement and advocacy towards women a new culture can be established. The structure of the system can change. A Local 19 Class B longshoreman, Tony Cappiello 58152, jovially said, "I enjoyed hearing from the pensioner ladies about the change from their time and how things have become more accepting, progressive and welcoming. I was proud to be a part of it."

This event has been in the works for a long time. I am young in the industry and did not experience this event's prenatal stages through the years. Several women were persistent in attempts to organize this event, including Jodi Itman, Sandy Blake and Ali Vekich. I would like to thank the recently elected Local 19 Education Committee Chair, Brad Herman 58000, who gave the Women's Event Planning Committee, including A, B and casuals, carte blanche and really supported us in taking charge. We feel optimistic and empowered by the novel attendees and the ideas that are being shared. The Local 19 Education Committee next meeting is Wednesday June 1st @ noon in the Local 19 hiring hall. We currently are scheduled to meet on the first Wednesday of every month. A, B and casuals are invited, your input is needed.

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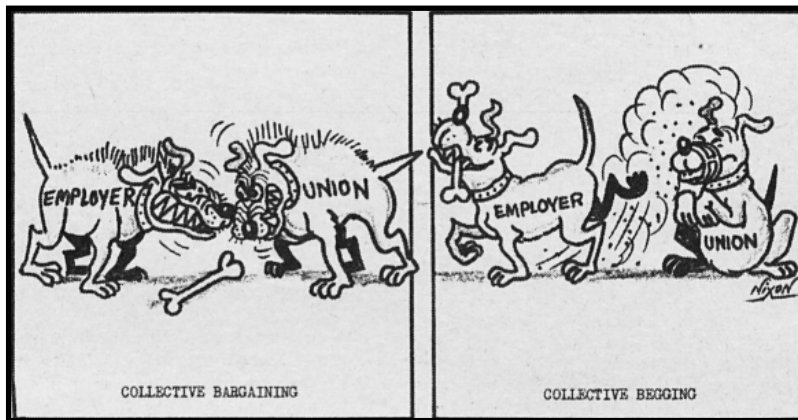
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By Mary Fuller

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Carl. From STEVE for lifetime and \$90.00 Thanks Steve... keep love them! From BILL for dues... thanks today! From EARL for dues and \$70.00 Thank you so much! MELTON \$30.00 for the Rusty Hook. Tank generous donation!

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dues. Thank you MCMANUS \$10.00 for Rusty Hook. send the e-mails.. CRAWFORD \$30.00 Bill... nice seeing you ALEXANDER \$30.00 for Rusty Hook... From RICHARD dues and \$100.00 for you Richard for the From SHARON

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years (lifetime membership) and \$160.00 for the Rusty Hook. Hey Charlie! Thank you! From BARBARA LOFTUS \$30.00 for dues and \$170.00 in memory of JERRY LOFTUS. We miss that guy! From ROBERT DELAY \$30.00 for dues and \$70.00 for the Rusty Hook. Thank you Robert! From SVEN LERBREK \$30.00 for dues and \$70.00 for the Rusty Hook. Thank you so much, Sven. From MIKE HEBBLETHWAITE \$30.00 for dues and \$30.00 for the Rusty Hook. Thank you Boss! From MEL SALLAS \$30.00 for dues and \$10.00 for Rusty Hook. Aloha Mel! From GERRY COLLEN \$30.00 for dues and \$10.00 for Rusty Hook. Thank you Collen! From MIKE CASO \$30.00 for dues and \$70.00 for Rusty Hook and Xmas for kids. Thanks Mike! From ROD BAKKEN \$30.00 for dues and \$70.00 for the Rusty Hook. Thank you Rodney! \$60.00 for two years dues and \$40.00 From JIMMY BUSSANICH \$30.00 and \$70.00 for Rusty Hook. Hope your enjoying retirement! From GARY BROWN \$60.00 for two years dues and \$40.00 in memory of R.K. BROWN and RANDY BROWN. Thank you Gary. From STEVE NOE \$30.00 for dues and \$70.00 for Rusty Hook. Play that Ukulele! From JOSEPH WENZL \$60.00 for 2 years dues and \$40.00 Rusty Hook. Thank you Joe! From JAMES SYBOUTS \$30.00 and \$70.00 for Rusty Hook. Enjoy Moses Lake! From LYLE GILL \$150.00 for 5 years of dues and \$100.00 for Rusty Hook. Thank you for your generous donation. From MANUEL ALMO \$30.00 for dues and \$50.00 for Rusty Hook. Thank you Manny. From JOSH TURGEON \$30.00 for dues and \$60.00 for Rusty Hook. Thank you! From TERESA LEWIS ( in memory of Butch Bowman) \$30.00 for dues \$70.00 Rusty Hook. Did I spell it right? From DAN PHILIO \$30.00 for dues and \$10.00 for Rusty Hook. Hey Danny! From MIKE HEDRICK \$30.00 for dues and \$70.00 for Rusty Hook. Thanks Mike! From JOANNE HOPPER in memory of RICHARD HOPPER, \$30.00 for dues and \$70.00 for Rusty Hook. Thank you so much! From new members... JOHN AND JEREMY HOBLET \$30.00 each for dues. Thanks kids!

## *Final Dispatch*

*Mark Taylor, Local 19*

*Dallas Delay, Local 19*

*Albert Johnson, Local 19*

*Michael Freeman, Local 19*

*John Munson, Local 19*

*Anthony Lemon, Local 52*

*John Modrow, Local 19*

*James Crotty, Local 52*

*Jerry Storvik, Local 52*

*Danny Martinez, Local 19*

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Zone. In another Gray Zone article of March 4th written by Alexander Rubinstein and Max Blumenthal titled “How Ukrainian’s Jewish President Made Peace with Neo-Nazi Militaries” you can read how Zelensky, though elected on a platform to de-escalate hostilities, was confronted on the front lines by members of the Azov Brigade. An Azov leader, who had once pledged to “lead the white races of the world in a final crusade” warned Zelensky that if he tried to interfere with the effort to suppress Russian supporters his government would be overthrown. Since this confrontation Zelensky has unflinchingly supported the notion of defending every inch of Ukrainian territory, including the Donbas, and he is supported to the hilt by the U.S., which floods Ukraine with arms.

Another source of insight is the website “Crosstalk RT” which so far continues to be available even though RT has been disbanded. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday host Peter Lavelle moderates discussions almost all on Ukraine, with a host of independent thinkers like Scott Ritter and George Szamuely.

Perkins (quoted above) compares the false narrative engineered by the U.S. information war to George Orwell’s 1984 and Goebbels “big Lie” but he quotes Goebbels himself as saying that “the lie can be maintained only for such time as the state can shield the people from the ... consequences of the lie.” He predicts that the consequences of the present conflict “might be harder to hide” than anything the U.S. has managed to obfuscate and forget in the last 20 years. Indeed, I expect a crisis reminiscent of the anti-Vietnam War period that led to my political awakening back in the sixties.



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Jerry's obituary is available on the Evergreen Washelli website. Thank you for your love and support. We look forward to seeing you all in June.



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Be well and stay safe.

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