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# AMERICA'S GREATEST THREAT IS MAKING CHINA INTO A THREAT (SAYS JAMES PECK OF NYU)

Back in 1948 our leader Harry Bridges did not support Democrat Harry Truman for President. Harry saw that Truman had abandoned FDR's wartime policy of cooperation with Russia and replaced it with Churchill's fierce anti-communism. Henry Wallace, who found himself sharply critical of the policy of setting up military bases in half the world, from which, as he put it, the other half could be attacked, decided to run

for president himself, and Harry Bridges supported him.

In the spirit of our brave leader's stance in 1948, I believe that the current situation calls for a break with Biden's China policy. Although I have no doubt that future historians will correctly analyze the disastrous missteps of the present administration, which get more bull-headed and dumb by the day, we don't have to wait for that happy occasion. The facts that are being misinterpreted are before our eyes only awaiting our clarification.

Rush Doshi, who is Director for China in Biden's National Security Council, has just written a book, the Long Game, which seems to have been endorsed by the vast majority of big names in the field of American China studies. His main thesis shows a proper appreciation of the role of Deng Xiaoping's advice to "hide our capabilities and bide our time, maintain a low profile." Deng did not intend this advice to be true for all time. As China grew stronger it was expected to become more assertive. Xi Jinping

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**CHINA**

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did not suddenly do away with the modesty of Deng. His predecessors had been moving in that direction. Xi's forthrightness should be understood as the culmination of a long process of development.

So far so good. But then at the heart of his analysis Doshi exhibits a profound lack of understanding. He has missed something that is absolutely fundamental for an understanding of China. As it wages a concerted struggle against U.S hegemony, it has no intention of setting up a hegemony of its own!

After the fall of the Soviet Union, in the 80's and 90's, as China began to deepen its role in regional organizations, Doshi tells us it was being "insincere" (p.104). He suggests that China had no real concern for the welfare of the members of these groups except as they enabled it to steal a march on the U.S. He says that the role China played in these groups was one of "undermining" them. Actually, the United States had been trying to round up Southeast Asians into an encircling anti-China bloc. By setting up neighborly and helpful relations with these countries China was (sincerely!) showing a better way. Doshi's narrow one-track mind can only see the world in terms of a titanic struggle of China to replace the U.S. When China talks of "multipolarity" and "democratizing international relations" he sees such terms as nothing but "euphemisms for reducing U.S. influence" (p.128).

Again, Doshi accuses China of having too much influence in the United Nations, which is the "core of global governance." It has managed to secure top leadership spots at four out of 15 specialized UN agencies, which is more than any other nation. Rather than interpret this as a sign of China's zealous support for the international organization, which is indicated also by China's contributing more UN

peacekeepers than any other nation, Doshi sees China using the UN for "coercive leverage" (282). If anyone should know about using the UN for "coercive leverage" it is the United States. After fighting the Korean War in the name of the United Nations, it coerced the world into giving China's UN seat to Taiwan.

But those days are gone forever. Seventy years ago, the United States was responsible for half the world's GDP. Today it only contributes just over one seventh (Peter Beinard, NYT, 12-6-20). Its "coercive leverage" is on the wane. In a poll of 53 countries the U.S. is seen as a bigger threat than China. It constantly speaks of a "rules-based" order but what rules are they? What are they based upon? What rules give the U.S. the right to impose sanctions that "verge on economic war?" (See another article by Beinard, NYT, 6-27-21) A recent vote at the UN called for the end of the blockade of Cuba. It was an overwhelming defeat for the U.S. Only two votes opposed the call, that of the U.S. and Israel. Again, when Britain introduced a call in the UN Human Rights Council to condemn China's crackdown in Hong Kong, it got 27 votes, including that of the U.S. But a contrary motion commending China's role, introduced by Cuba, obtained 53 supporters! (See the outraged article in the Wall Street Journal 10-1-20). As Doshi pictures it, China is chipping away at the "liberal values" of the West (225). These "liberal values" are allegedly being horrified by China's "genocide" in Xinjiang, which gets an undue amount of attention considering the fact that those who believe in this story are being gazumped by a completely fabricated account. (No room for it here but I promise to cover this story sometime in the future)

Lisa Ling, in a CNN presentation on October tenth covering abusive attacks on Asian people, then veered off to suggest what might happen if

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## CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY

*By Ian Kennedy*

Sue has been calling almost every day, “When are you coming down? Harry is getting antsy. He knows you won’t come on a holiday week, and he wants to know what is happening. So please come down.” I had explained to her that I’d come as soon as there was a break in the weather.

The break came and I booked the only seat available. Yes, it was middle seat between a couple, (man and woman,) who were traveling together, obviously hoping the middle seat would be vacant. For two hours, they were continually passing things back and forth, including sandwiches, not just any sandwich, but Onion sandwiches. The mask didn’t help at all. Two hours, it seemed like six, maybe twelve hours.

I hadn’t made any plans with Sue to pick me up, so I flipped a mental coin, do I just hop a cab, or to I check to see if Sue is waiting. I was in luck, not only did I pick to look for a ride, but I won, Sue was waiting at the curb for me. I opened the back door, threw my overnight bag onto the seat, then climbed into the front. “I hope you’re here for me.” I inquire, Sue is looking at me with a deadpan expression, “No;” she responds, “I’m waiting for my mother.” I’m taken back, then I smile, “You’re not talking to your mother.” Sue smiles as she pulls away from the curb, “We could have made up you know. Aren’t you always telling me I should?” I just smiled and made no comment.

As we exited the freeway I asked Sue about The Bar, “I hired a bartender lat month, he seems to be working out. The girls, Emily and Sally Mae are doing great. Both keepers. Providing you and Harry don’t scare the bajeebers out of Sally Mae. I’ve switched her to

days for the next couple of days. But we’ll still have to be careful we don’t scare Emily.” Sue stops and I get out to open the gate to her parking area.

We entered the back way and almost ran into Sally Mae, who gave me the eye and turned away. Sue introduced me to Alex as her friend from Seattle who will be staying with her for a few days. He raised his eyebrows, gives me a slight smile and a nod then returns to his work. Sue puts together a quick meal for us. Afterwards she reminds me that she has a bar to run, so I decide to take a walk around the neighborhood. As I’m leaving Sue yells at me, “Bring back some milk for me.”

I returned about a hour later, with milk, and told Sue, “I’m going to lie down for a while, if Harry shows up, please wake me.” Sue gives me a nod, and I head up stairs. I woke up about three hours later, took a quick shower and headed down to the bar. Looked around, noted that they were about a third full and I assumed that was good for an off night. As I sat down at Harry’s table, Sue brought over a sandwich and a beer. As she set them down she remarked, “The kitchen’s closed for the

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## NOTES FROM ANDREA STEVENSON

*ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Washington Area Welfare Director*

### **Proof of 2022 Medicare Part B Premium-Medicare Eligibles**

For many Medicare-eligible participants, Medicare Part B premiums change January 1 of each year. To ensure you are reimbursed the correct premium, Medicare Eligibles (including pensioners, beneficiaries, spouses, and disabled adult children) must submit a copy of their 2022 Medicare Part B Social Security notice to the Benefit Plans Office no later than

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## **MAYDAY**

*By Lonnie Nelson (Written in 1996)*

*Eight hours for the boss,  
eight hours for the family,  
eight hours for rest,  
was the demand.*

*Celebration preparations  
were recorded by 1905  
in the small mining town  
of Roslyn on an eastern slope  
of the Cascade Mountains.*

*Union notices were posted  
at the mineheads warning  
anyone working over eight hours  
would be fined five dollars.*

*For decades the company  
had tried to smash the fight  
for a living wage with trainload  
after trainload of new workers.*

*Brought through picket lines,  
past old timers they went down  
into the mines. Some lost arms,  
some left widows, but many  
came up to organize.*

*In this small town  
the evidence is there  
for all to see. The company's  
attempts rest in  
twenty-five cemeteries.*

*One cemetery for Polish,  
one for Italian, one for Slovak,  
one for Serbian, one for Croatian,  
one cemetery for Black,  
one for Lithuanian and eighteen more  
nationalities in mixed company.*

*The spirit that united and won  
the eight-hour day in 1905  
in Roslyn  
is with us today  
when we work for jobs and justice.*

## **HARRY**

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evening, but I managed to put this together.” I thanked her as she left the table.

Was half way through the sandwich, and finished the beer when I saw Harry come through the door. He spotted me, taking off his coat, he greeted me with, “Well kid, what’s the news?” As he sat, Sue showed up with a pitcher and three glasses. “I saw you standing there and thought you might like a drink.” She gives him a big smile, he returns it then turns to me as she fills our glasses. Sue looks around, sees that she wasn’t needed, then sits down. “OK kid, what’s the news?” She mimics Harry.

Harry raises his eyebrows as I give her a big smile. “As I told you last time, The Coast wants to hold a caucus in February. They have sent out the Caucus Call for the Caucus to be held at The Westin Long Beach. They don’t know what the requirements will be regarding COVID 19 restrictions.” I pause and drain my glass and am refilling it as Harry asks me, “Are you going to go to the Caucus?” Harry asks. “I don’t know, Our Club will be holding elections at the December meeting and it is unlikely that I would be elected delegate.” Harry is looking puzzled, “Why do you feel you can’t win? After all, you have been to almost all the Caucus’s in the last 38 years, even when you paid your own way.” “I would like to go, but hotels are expensive and this is a two week caucus. But enough of me, I’ve more important information for you.”

Now I’ve really got Harry’s attention, “Well let’s hear it,” He responds. “Back in October, Jim McKenna, the President and CEO of the PMA wrote to President Adams requesting a one year extension of the present contract. He claims ‘the ongoing cargo surge’ will continue for the near future and ‘The perception among the trade community that negotiations are likely to result in some kind of disruption.’ He goes on to say

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March 31, 2022. However, please note that more time may be allowed for those experiencing extenuating circumstances which might delay their ability to timely submit their 2022 Social Security notice (e.g., hospitalization, out of the country for an extended period of time, etc.).

Please note the Plan will only reimburse premiums being paid by members. If your premium is being paid by a third party, you are not eligible for reimbursement and should notify the Benefit Plans Office.

The Social Security Administration mails you a letter towards the end of November or the beginning of December with your upcoming premium rate for the following year. Please provide the Benefit Plans Office with a copy of the Social Security letter showing your 2022 Part B premium as soon as possible. Be sure to write your Registration Number next to the name to ensure efficient and accurate processing.

If you misplaced or do not have your letter/notice, contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 to request another copy. You may also go online to [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) and print out a copy of your 'Benefit Verification letter'.

Letters/notices received by March 31, 2022 will receive retroactive adjustment to January 2022. Letters/notices received after March 31, 2022 will be reimbursed based on the month of receipt and no retroactive adjustment will be made (unless otherwise allowed by the Benefit Plans Office as noted in the first paragraph). Because Medicare Part B reimbursement payments are tax exempt, any overpayments will be collected.

Please submit your letter/notice as soon as possible but no later than March 31, 2022. If you have already submitted your notice for 2022, please disregard this request. You may also fax your letter/notice to 415-749-1400 to expedite delivery.

If you have any questions, please contact the Benefit Plans Office at 888-372-4598, extension 390.

**Prescription home delivery offers convenience and savings**

The Kaiser Permanente mailorder pharmacy offers free prescription home delivery. It's easy to get up to a 3month supply of medicine sent to a home or office address. Members simply order prescriptions online, and delivery is available in as few as 1 to 2 days. In many cases, mailorder can also lower prescription costs. Prescriptions may also be refilled (and set up for automatic refill) by using the Kaiser Permanente Washington mobile app or by calling the Kaiser Permanente mailorder pharmacy.

All persons with ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan eligibility who are eligible for ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan hospital-medical-surgical benefits through the ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan are eligible for the Prescription Drug Program administered by OptumRx.

Prescriptions by mail - You may order prescriptions through the mail from OptumRx. There is no copayment for prescription drugs ordered through the mail order service.

**From Medicare.GOV 10.5.21**

It's time for your flu shot. The CDC warns this upcoming flu season could be severe, so it's more important than ever to protect yourself against the flu. The best way to protect yourself and keep you from spreading the flu to others is to get vaccinated.

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## **WELFARE**

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The CDC recommends getting your flu shot by the end of October to stay protected throughout flu season. And, you can get a flu shot and a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time.

Remember, Medicare covers the flu shot, so you pay nothing out-of-pocket.

### **From Medicare.Gov 10.28.21**

Good news! If you're 65 or older and you're fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you can get a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot. You can also get a booster shot if you're over 18 and have underlying medical conditions, live in a long-term care facility, or work or live in a high-risk setting.

Booster shots are now available for the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines.

You can get a booster shot at least 6 months after you complete your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Or, you can get a booster shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 2 months after your first dose.

### **Exploiting the Coronavirus: Watch out for These Scams!**

*From KnowBe4.com*

Look out! The bad guys are preying on your fear and sending all sorts of scams related to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak. Below are some examples of the types of scams you should be on the lookout for:

- Emails that appear to be from organizations such as the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), or the WHO (World Health Organization). The scammers have crafted emails that appear to come from these sources, but they actually contain malicious phishing links or dangerous attachments.
- Emails that ask for charity donations for studies, doctors, or victims that have been affected by the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Scammers often create fake charity emails after global phenomenon's occur, like natural disasters, or health scares like the COVID-19.
- Emails that claim to have a "new" or "updated" list of cases of Coronavirus in your area. These emails could contain dangerous links and information designed to scare you into clicking on the link.

Keep in mind, these are only a few examples and these scam artists are constantly coming up with new ways to fool you.

### **What Can I Do?**

Remain cautious! And always remember the following to protect yourself from scams like this:

- Never click on links or download attachments from an email that you weren't expecting.
- If you receive a suspicious email that appears to come from an official organization such as the WHO or CDC, report the email to the official organization through their website.
- If you want to make a charity donation, go to the charity website of your choice to submit your payment. Type the charity's web address in your browser instead of clicking on any links in emails, or other messages.

In solidarity,

Andrea Stevenson

WA AREA Welfare Director

## **RUSTY HOOK CORRESPONDENCE**

*By Mary Fuller, November/December 2021*

From SAM MOSS, \$30.00 for 2021 dues and \$270.00 donation to the Rusty Hook in memory of BILLY PECK. Everybody loved BILLY. Thank you SAM. From CHUCK ALEXANDER, \$30.00 for 2021 dues and \$20.00 donation to the Rusty Hook in memory of his dad RUSS ALEXANDER, and in memory of KEVIN & AL FREDERICKSON. Thank you CHUCK. From DON BRADY, \$30.00 for 2021 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you so much DON. From TERESA LEWIS, \$30.00 for 2021 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you, thank you TERESA. From MIKE HURLOCK, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$20.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks MIKE. From BILL CRAWFORD, \$30.00 for 2022 dues. Thanks BILL. From PAT O'CONNOR, \$60.00 for 2022 and 2023 dues. Thank you PAT. From MARK DOWNS, \$60.00 for 2022 and 2023 dues. Thanks MARK. From JO KING, \$50.00 donation to the Rusty Hook and \$100.00 donation to Christmas for Kids, in honor of BROTHER STORMY KING. Thank you JO. STORM will be forever in every ones heart. From THOMAS SONNENBERG, \$20.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thanks THOMAS. From BILL SODDEN, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you BILL. From BILL PROCTOR, \$30.00 for 2022 dues. Thanks BILL. From EUGENE CROTTY, \$30.00 for 2022 dues. Thanks EUGENE. From FRANK ANSLEY, \$30.00 for 2022 dues and \$70.00 donation to the Rusty Hook. Thank you FRANK.

To All:

First, I want to wish all of you a Joyous Holiday, no matter what you believe in, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. This December we held elections for the ILWU Seattle Pensioners' Club officers. The newly elected officers for 2022 are:

President: Mary Fuller  
Vice-President: Carl Woeck  
Recording Secretary: Sally Roach  
Secretary/Treasurer: Kathleen Brown  
Puget Sound Council, WA Delegate: Rod Peeler  
Convention Committee Delegate: Joe Toro  
PCPA Executive Board: Ian Kennedy

Luncheon Committee: Mary Fuller  
Sick & Wellness Committee: Bill Lassiter

Trustees:  
Michele Drayton,  
Bill Crawford,  
Lanny McGrew.

I want to thank everyone who came to the meeting to vote. We held the meeting in the ID casual hall on the south side of the building. A lot more room for social distancing. We will continue to hold the meetings there if all works out.

In Solidarity,  
The Seattle Pensioners' Club

## Recent Retirees

*Albert Holthenrichs Local 19; Pete Mezich Local 19; Samuel Moss Local 52; Maurice Hill Local 19; Michael Morris Local 19; Robert Watson Local 19; Thomas Farnam Local 19; Robert Lindsey Local 19; Arturo Perez Local 19.*

## *Final Dispatch*

*Roger Folland, Local 19  
Shawn Brennan, Local 19  
Walter Vining, Local 19  
Perry Miller, Local 19  
Daniel Sorrentino, Local 19  
Theodore Farrison, Local 98  
Todd Sarkies, Local 98  
Thomas Stevenson, Local 19  
Ralph Moreno, Local 19  
John Brown, Local 19  
Tommy Brown, Local 19  
Larry Mooneyham, Local 52*

## HARRY

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how any disruptions could lead to Government intervention.”

I take a break to finish my beer and pour another. Continuing, “ President Adams responds by calling McKenna’s attention to approximately 38 articles of the last year showing the ‘hand over fist profits’ (of the shipping companies,) and that the Union had already given the PMA a three year extension. How the Union ‘has played a vital roll in keeping the ports up and running during the COVID-19 health crisis. He goes on to tell McKenna of the importance collective bargaining plays in persuading people to stay and commit their lives too tough, physical labor - the glue of the U.S. economy.” I pour myself a fresh glass of beer and relax, while sipping on it, I notice Harry checking the time and looking a little worried. “I don’t want to keep you but I Just want to point out that President Adams was invited to meet with President Biden,” (see the Dispatcher.) Harry got up and was putting on his coat as he turned to me, “Give your President my best wishes when you see him.” He gave Sue a hug and headed for the door.

Sue turns to me, “Who’s going to pay for all this beer?” With a stern look on her face. “I think I’m stuck with the bill.” She smiles, “You had better get some sleep if you’re going to catch that morning flight.”



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- 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 December 16th, to be published on December 30th, 2022.



**CHINA**

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we had a collaborative relationship with China. She offered an example of an electric bus factory set up in California by Chinese company BYD which provides 500 good jobs. There are many similar examples. In Kentucky Shanying International re-opened a closed paper mill saving many of its 300 jobs (NYT, 7-22-19). In Dayton Ohio Fuyao Glass America occupies a closed GM plant and provides 2,400 jobs (Beijing Review, 9-12-19). Golden Dragon Copper Tube has established a plant in Alabama in one of the poorest counties in the United States providing 290 jobs (WSJ, 2-29-16). China has steadily pumped millions into Michigan, buying crumbling factories, building new ones, supporting over 10,000 jobs. With its deep pockets, China was able to purchase from bankruptcy a maker of batteries for electric autos. But Trump's henchman Peter Navarro didn't like to see Chinese companies creating good jobs in America. Instead of seeing it as admirable cooperation he described it as "conquest by purchase" (NYT, 7-13-18). And again, when CRRC, the world's largest train maker, built a hundred-million dollar facility in Chicago, intending to build subway cars for urban transit agencies suffering from tight budgets, Trumpist senators blocked future contracts on the ridiculous charge that the subway cars might be wired up as spy trains! (NYT, 9-15-19).

Stoughton Trailers in Wisconsin started building intermodal chassis in 1993 and did OK until China International Marine began offering chassis at a price lower than Stoughton paid for its raw materials. Trump imposed a 25% tariff on the Chinese chassis and last May Biden increased the tariff to an astounding 246%. A CIMC chassis that would have cost \$10,000 now goes for the prohibitively high price of \$35,000. Behind the high tariff wall

Stoughton is now able to price its chassis much higher than before. Everything that travels by chassis is now more expensive. Not only that, but American chassis-makers are only able to supply less than half of the annual demand, which explains why ports and trucking companies are having chassis shortages. Binyamin Applebaum concludes: "A country that tries to make everything itself will be poorer and weaker" (NYT, 11-25).

Switzerland offers us a good example. Leading the world on the UN global innovation index, Swiss companies have decided to prioritize China in their investment plans, launching 1,000 Chinese projects worth \$8 billion. The two countries have launched a strategic partnership, collaborating in high-end manufacturing, such as precision machine tools (BR, 5-6).

In her book *Finding the Mother Tree*, Suzanne Simard tells us that competition is not the only way that plants relate to each other. They also cooperate. The traditional method used by lumber companies (called "free to grow") was to eliminate all neighboring vegetation so that newly planted trees would have no competition for sunlight. But it turned out that short-term gain of light was not enough to ward off long-term decline. In a mature forest fungi gather water and nutrients from the soil and exchange them for the sugar produced by the tree. It is more efficient for the tree because tree roots are thicker and require much more energy to produce than the thin mycorrhizal filaments. Just as a forest produces a cooperative network, the countries of the world can avoid wasteful duplicative systems and work together. China is more than willing to do this, as it constantly calls upon the U.S. to join hands.

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Or the U.S. could continue to try to build a group that excludes China as much as possible with the hope of besting it in competition. But China, which rose to be the second biggest economy in the world in a short period of time, and has learned from the U.S. the value of a

market economy, has certain advantages. Global Times calls the infrastructure bill a “feeble imitation of China,” pointing out that it might raise U.S. infrastructure spending to 1.2% of U.S. GDP but China already spends 5% of its GDP on infrastructure (NYT, 11-17). A professor at U Cal declares: “It’s a lot harder to build projects here ... We’re not as skilled at doing it.” The high-speed rail project from LA to San Francisco, originally

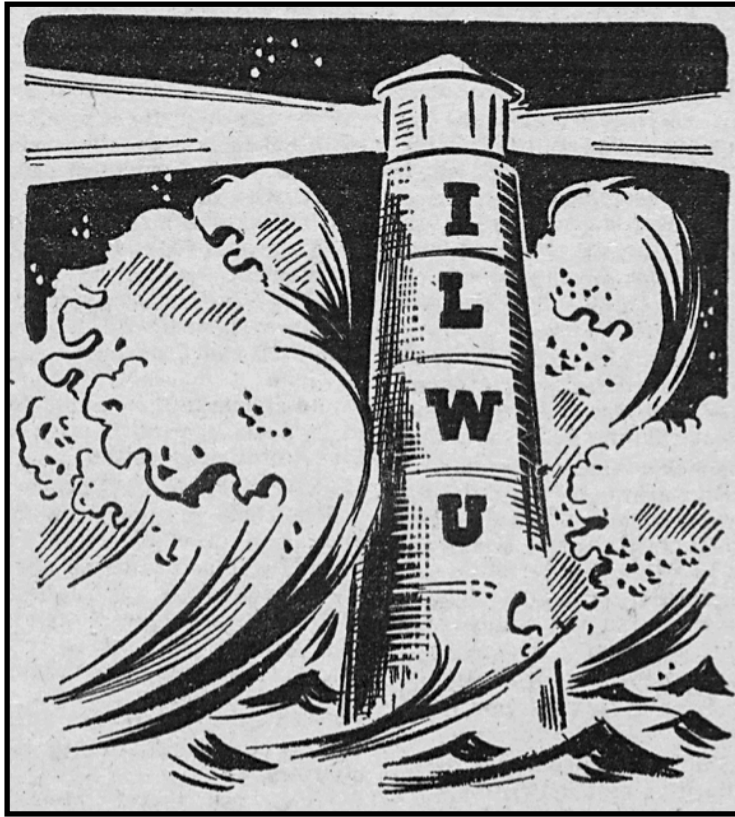
supposed to cost \$33 billion and be finished by 2020, is now priced at \$100 billion and is not expected to be completed until 2033. It doesn’t help that the price of steel (protected by tariffs) went up 142% in the last twelve months (NYT, 11-29). China graduates four times as many students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and it features “top-down coordination between state-owned and private enterprises, together with universities” (Peter Walker, BR, 5-20). When Winkin Blinkin recently visited Africa to push for Biden’s “Build back better” he had a close look at China’s

enormous head start. As he drove into Nigeria’s capital, he passed a “domed, almost palace-like structure” which was the China Chamber of Commerce Building. A day earlier, in Nairobi, he drove alongside “a great expressway under construction by China” and “Chinese characters could be seen on tractors and heavy equipment.”

Also a Chinese business group was being hosted at his hotel (NYT, 11-20). At China’s 4th International Import Expo, 200 U.S. enterprises attended. As China’s imports reached a record high, there were also present at the expo 600 companies from over 20 Latin American and Caribbean nations (BR, 11-18). The UN 2021 World Investment Report listed China as the world’s most attractive country for foreign investment. In the first 5 months of this

year, 18,000 new foreign enterprises were established in China, up 45.6% over last year (BR, 7-15). The big names on Wall Street agree that China’s economic prospects are “rosier than ever.” Black Rock, the world’s biggest asset manager, along with J P Morgan and Goldman Sachs, all feel that China is “too big to ignore” and its “stocks are too undervalued to pass up” (NYT, 10-7).

As for Biden’s attempt to stay aloof from all this and best China in battle, good luck with that!



SOURCE: THE DISPATCHER, DECEMBER 19, 1949



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

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Please keep us updated on change of address or phone number. We would also like your e-mail if you have one. We are trying very hard to get the address list for the Rusty Hook updated. The Rusty Hooks are NOT forwarded. They come back to us if not deliverable. Thank you.

In solidarity,  
Mary Fuller



**Correction:** Last issue we published a poem entitled "Crane Operator" without credit to the author. The author of the piece was Kevin Castle. At The Rusty Hook, we always want to credit those that contribute. Please accept my apology for the oversight.

Josh Turgeon, Publisher.

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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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