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HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN

By David Chaddock

As Ron Magden points out in his book *Seattle's Working Waterfront*, Seattle's longshore workers "met the Bolshevik revolution face to face" on December 21 1917 when a Russian ship docked at Pier 4. Naval intelligence feared that the ship might be bringing explosives for the native Wobblies (members of the IWW) but customs inspectors found only peas, beans and licorice. One of the crew was invited to speak at the longshore hall (Magden,93). A bit later on, Louise Bryant, wife of John Reed (author of *Ten*

Days That Shook the World), "returned from the revolution in Russia to dazzle the smoke-laden air of the close-packed longshoreman's hall" (Anna Louise Strong, *I Change World's*, 70). In December 1918, U.S. intelligence estimated that 70% of Seattle longshore workers were Wobblies (Magden, 94), and soon "Seattle longshoremen led the strike against supplying arms to Kolchak" (Strong, 71), who was fighting to suppress the Reds in Russia. At their September 16 1919 meeting union members voted not to load arms or ammo bound for Russia, and they passed out 30,000 leaflets demanding American withdrawal from the area (Magden, 108).

One of the leaders of the ferment in Seattle was Anna Louise Strong. Moving here from the Midwest, and having read Bellamy's *Looking Backward*, a fictional account of a socialistic planned economy that inspired many Wobblies, her heart was broken when profiteers "marched into the war with all of Europe" (Strong, 56-7). To salve her soul, when politics got her down, she

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became an accomplished mountaineer, leading the first winter climb of Mount Hood. But then, as she puts it, the “raw red words of the Seattle Daily Call” brought her out of the woods. She began to write articles for it, and when it folded, she continued to write for its successor, the Union Record, which was owned and controlled by the trade unions of Seattle (Strong, 66). She managed to get elected to the School Board, the first woman to do so.

Then came the election of March 1918, and up stepped the fiery candidate for mayor Ole Hanson, who vowed to take on the Wobblies and put them all in jail. He denounced the Reds for “fighting the best government yet conceived by man” (Hanson, *Americanism Versus Bolshevism*, 12). He accused Anna Louise Strong of spreading “hatred, lies and suspicion” (Hanson, 19). There should not be any “dissension between employer and employees” Hanson argued. Such antagonism is “evil” (p. 109). You could tell who the Reds were in any group of workers. While they agitated about “running things ourselves”, they were the ones who “did as little as possible. . . in as poor a manner as possible” (p. 17). What the Reds want is a “rule of the unfit, the untrained, the ignorant ... the disappointed and the failures” (p. 129). Hanson was especially indignant about “several thousand” Wobblies who had come from Butte, Montana (p.17).

Now it is true that Ole won the election and in the same election Anna Louise Strong was recalled from the School Board. But as she tells it, “the good citizens who expected a ten to one victory over a ‘handful of traitors’ won by only some two thousand votes in a total of 85 thousand” and, moreover, lost the city council” as they were concentrating on the mayor and the recall. She writes: “We celebrated our ‘victorious defeat’ in the Central Labor Council

... We proudly knew that we had an actual majority in the city if the newly arrived shipyard workers had all possessed electoral rights” (Strong, 66). And in less than a year it was these same shipyard workers who led the way, as Seattle hosted “the first general strike, involving all the workers in a city, that ever took place on the North American continent” (Strong, 72).

Though Mayor Hanson bragged about corralling the Reds, he didn’t dare make such a claim in Seattle. On the second day of the strike, after a conference with businessmen, Ole ordered everyone to go back to work, but he was met with complete defiance. Not a single union went back to work on Hanson’s orders (Strong, 81). Anna Louise may have lost the support of the Federated Women’s Clubs but she retained the backing of the longshoremen, the electricians, the boilermakers, the machinists and the metal trades (Strong, 64).

Though the big strike eventually wound down for lack of an intelligent battle plan (As Strong explains on page 82, “we expected to drift into power”), Ole Hanson faded from sight, but Anna Louise Strong went on to write many memorable books. As the Wobblies were persecuted for their opposition to World War One, many of them, including Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Big Bill Haywood, found a new home in Russia. Strong followed suit, first to Russia and then to China, writing with great insight about both places. She also wrote books about visits to North Korea and to Poland. My favorite of all her books is the one she wrote about Tibet which she visited in her seventies. It is called *When Serfs Stood Up in Tibet*. In this book she tells how the revolt by 70% of Tibetan nobles on March 10th 1959, who had mistakenly perceived Chinese leniency for weakness, freed China from its obligation to keep its promise of 1951 to leave the political structure of Tibet unchanged.

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NOTES FROM ANDREA STEVENSON

ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Washington Area Welfare Director

Delta Dental – Print your dental ID Card

Delta Dental of WA now has an ID Card Landing Page that allows any member to enter their DOB, name, and address and receive their ID card to print or download. This is separate from MySmile, <https://www.deltadentalwa.com/mysmile>, and does not require an email or account login creation.

Here is the landing page to print your ID card – try it out for yourself to see how easy it is. <https://www.deltadentalwa.com/idcard/validation>

For those enrolled in Dental Health Services (DHS), you should have received a dental card directly from DHS. If you have not received your DHS card you can call their customer service phone number @ (800) 637-6453.

ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan Proof of 2024

Medicare Part B Premium-Medicare Eligibles

Each year the Medicare Part B premium, deductible, and coinsurance rates are determined according to the Social Security Act. Medicare B Premiums may increase in 2024, prompted by a new Alzheimer's treatment. Be watching for your Medicare B premium notices. It is common for the Social Security Administration to mail you a letter towards the end of November or the beginning of December with your upcoming rate for the following year. Please provide the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans office with a copy of the Social Security letter showing your 2023 Part B premium as soon as possible. Be sure to write the longshore Registration Number associated with your family next to the name to ensure efficient and accurate processing.

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JUNETEENTH

By Alia Lighter

The morning of June 19th, 2023 ILWU Local 19 led a Stop Work action in honor of Juneteenth. June 19, 1865 the calvary rolled into Galveston, Texas and freed those slaves after 2 ½ years of the employer refusing to abide by the Emancipation Proclamation. This is a day long celebrated by African Americans, but only recently became a federal holiday and popular to celebrate in the mainstream. Local 19 has had an action every year since 2020.

The march left the Local 19 dispatch hall at 10am 120 strong, a dozen of which were children. Various unions and organizations brought their banners to follow behind ILWU Local 19's, including Organized Workers for Labor Solidarity, A. Philip Randolph Institute, Transit Union Local 587 and UAW 4121. Various others brought their signs and swag including the IBU, Freedom Socialist Party, Puget Sound Mobilization For Reproductive Justice, UFCW 3000, UFCW 21, NW Carpenters Union and more. We walked about 1.4 miles while chanting, "Jeff Berry say his name, Anthony Lemon say his name, Ronnie Thomas say his name! PMA say their names!" These are the names of three black men from ILWU Locals 19 and 52 that died from COVID during the pandemic. We worked valiantly through the pandemic and took heavy losses. We will not forget.

After marching for 40 minutes participants were greeted with the sounds of C.T. Thompson and the Classic Soul Band crooning, "A Change is Gonna Come", along with water and refreshments. Those already at the rally bumped the number of participants up to about 200. After 2 more songs from the band the 2 hour program began, which would include

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POWER OF THE CRANE

By Kevin Castle

There's a sound the crane made when I hoisted a container from the dock up and over the ship's rail to land it on the deck of the ship docked on Elliott Bay. It was the sound of 80,000 watts of electricity surging through the arteries of the huge machine with each lift. A whooshing sound, like the sea sighing. And it was a kind of euphoria to sit atop this marvel of technology, to feel it surge beneath me, a sound like the wind in my hair, as I simultaneously pulled the handle that lifts the rack and pushed the other handle that moves the cab forwards on the crane's boom from the dock to the vessel. Dangling at the end of 150 foot cables, the rack with the container it gripped swaying as I transported it from the ship to shore. I worked to make the fine adjustments, speeding then slowing to steady

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CONTRACT YEAR CONTINUOUS

By Alia Lighter

*Another start to the week without RTGs
How much longer are they gonna do this?
2 flex machines per dock
How long will 8 o'clock guys do flex work?
Another nightside 0 back 0 new - no needs at this time
Start - finish or just starting, finishing on the nightside
How long will they keep starving us?
Another trucker job on the cruise ship drowning in the corral
What happened to the 8 o'clock truckers?
Diversion of cargo, pandemic - we work thru it all
United we stand, divided we crawl*

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16 speakers with song breaks in between. Speakers included Local 19 Vice President, Local 52 President, MLK Labor, Railroad Workers United and more.

Speakers climbed handcrafted stairs onto a secure flat rack with a banner below that read in big orange letters, "ALL WORKERS WIN WHEN SLAVERY ENDS" Ricky Reyes spoke from WA NA WARI, an organization that promotes black ownership of the preservation of their culture. Ricky said, "When we look at all the people who do this work a lot of the time none of them really look like us. They don't come from our own communities... we want to look at how black folks can take history keeping into our own hands and collect stories about us for us and archive them in our own communities..." I include this quote because there I was, sitting in the front row being reminded of my whiteness as a lead organizer of this Juneteenth event. I think we need to constantly remind ourselves, those of us that are white, to uplift black folks and people of color, let them lead and continue to educate ourselves.

The Black Prisoners Caucus, formed over 50 years ago inside Washington State prisons, spoke, "They created the 13th amendment which supposedly freed people but they slid in that clause that allowed prisoners to work for free. Does anyone know how much a prisoner makes in WA state? \$0.30/hr. After six months you get a raise. You know how much the raise is? \$0.06...and you top out at \$0.42" They requested help from the labor movement. Incarcerated people making pennies an hour is a labor issue.

A professor from University of Washington Department of Labor Studies Moon-Ho Jung said, "Every fall I ask my students at UW this

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ABORTION SLAVERY

By Kevin Castle

Alabama attorney general Steve Marshall claimed in a court filing last month that Alabama, which has one of the strictest abortion bans in the country, can prosecute people who help women travel out of the state to obtain an abortion.

At least 51 jurisdictions in Texas have passed ordinances to make it illegal to transport anyone within city or county limits to get an abortion, laws that effectively trap pregnant women in the antiabortion state.

The laws also allow any private citizen to sue any person or organization they think is violating the ordinance, legally endangering the people who would help someone trying to get an abortion.

Such barriers are precisely the same as those for people trying to leave authoritarian countries.

Crucially, authoritarian countries also urge people to turn on each other, reporting them to the state for punishment, often in exchange for a reward.

Republican presidential candidates Mike Pence and Tim Scott both support a federal ban on abortion which would undoubtedly lead to similar, extreme laws nationwide.

The attempt to restrict those who are supposed to be equal citizens from leaving extremist states is the kind of law slaveholders used to control slaves two centuries ago. It violates our constitution, bullying and enslaving vulnerable women in Red states where the document — and the democracy it enshrines — is apparently expendable.

CHADDOCK

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The reactionary and cruel system of serfdom was uprooted. Forced labor was abolished. No longer would every serf have to be assigned to a master, who had the right to punish a rebellious serf by cutting off a hand or a foot or gouging out his eyes. Under the old system only a few could enjoy life and the vast majority were miserable. The serfs had all been taught that their misery was a result of bad deeds they had committed in previous incarnations. Strong interviewed a lama who had been put in a monastery at the age of nine and had been flogged at least a thousand times. Though he often heard the slogan of “kindness to all living creatures” one thing he never saw was kindness by an upper lama for a poor lama. Now he wanted to leave and get married. Nobles who had taken no part in the revolt would be allowed to keep enough land for their personal use but

their serfs would be freed and given land of their own. Israel Epstein, in the introduction he wrote for the 1965 edition of the book, noted that “reporting of a quality that lives on as history is rare but with Anna Louise Strong it is a habit.”

Fast forward to more recent times and we find that here in the United States the truth about Tibet is hard to find. One person with a bit of knowledge on the subject is Senator Steve Daines from Montana. Daines had spent six years in China working for Proctor and Gamble. As a senator he had been able to increase Montana beef exports to the Chinese. He had also led a delegation to China in April 2017 that visited Tibet. And he was quoted in China Daily as saying that Chinese officials in Tibet had “done a good job in environmental protection and traditional cultural preservation.”

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An Injury to one is an injury to all!

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question: who was the most responsible for the abolition of slavery? Usually more than half write down the answer that we are taught to believe and that answer is Abraham Lincoln. He supposedly freed the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1st 1863. The answer that generations of American historians have tried to ignore and dismiss is - the people most responsible for the abolition of slavery were the enslaved black people themselves." He called it one of the greatest slave rebellions in world history and quoted W.E.B. Du Bois who said it was the general strike of a half million black workers.

Thanks to the different unions and organizations who showed up for this event. Along with all the wonderful speakers and the band. To be successful in our labor movement, we need to incorporate community and other organizations in addition to other unions. The Juneteenth Committee to Stop Police Terror and End Systemic Racism is longshoreman-led but comprised of different unions and organizations and that is what made this event possible. Thanks to our committee members and chair, Gabriel Prawl - Vice President of Marine Clerks Local 52, who has been an invaluable resource to me personally and who has taught me what a good leader is. He is extremely well qualified and has a decades long record of passion and experience in the labor movement. These Juneteenth events would not be possible without a leader of his caliber. This event was covered by multiple local news stations. The full video of the march and rally can be found on YouTube by searching "Juneteenth March and Rally 2023" and on our Instagram @stoppoliceterrorseattle.



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WELFARE

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Covid-19 Over the Counter at-home Test Kits

As of 5.11.23, Covid-19 home test kits are no longer covered under the HMO (Kaiser WA) Plan, Medicare and Optum RX for the PPO (Coastwise Indemnity) Plan.

As of 9.1.23, the HMO Plan (Kaiser WA) still does not cover Covid-19 Over the Counter at-home Test Kits. This includes the HMO Medicare eligibles.

The PPO Plan (The Coastwise Indemnity Plan) participants and those Medicare eligibles can access (8) eight Over the Counter at-home Test Kits. You must purchase them upfront, save the receipt and file a claim for reimbursement with an ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan Medical Supplemental Hospital, Medical, and Surgical Benefits Claim Form. These forms can be found at the union halls or online at www.benefitplans.org/forms.html. If you call my WA office, I will gladly mail you one. (206) 938-6720

RSV vaccine

As of 9.1.23, Medicare Part B does not cover the RSV vaccine. As of 9.1.23, the PPO (Coastwise Indemnity) Plan does not cover the RSV vaccine. Stay tuned.

The HMO (Kaiser WA) Plan covers the RSV vaccine when administered at Kaiser Permanente, contracted retail pharmacies or contracted facilities. This is for Actives, Retirees and Survivors plans. I am waiting for confirmation from Member Services to see how it is covered on the Group Medicare Plan for ILWU.

Please be sure you open ALL mail regarding 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. The San Francisco Benefit Plans phone number is: (888) 372-4598.



CRANE

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it, control it so that I could successfully land it on deck or onto a semi waiting beneath the crane legs. I was harnessed to the behemoth, hunched inside my glass cab, seatbelt strapped across my lap, 20 stories above the asphalt pier, moving on the track of the boom backwards and forwards, the cans rising and falling as I gripped the handles on either side of my seat, pushing and pulling them in one continuous motion, holding my breath, landing the steel boxes onto the stacks of containers on deck and then falling back down to the dock to grab another, feet planted on the transparent floor, the world beyond the ship and the dock forgotten as I focused on the task of of controlling this powerful, precarious movement from ship to shore and back again, like a choreographed dance, the heavy containers moving as if weightless in the grip of the colossus that crouched like a giant raptor on the edge of the bay, as the tide below me ebbed and flowed, and the cab glided across the boom, the intake and outtake of my breath, the hammering of my heart, the lift and sigh, and whine, pumping the controls, until the dark vessel bound for China was loaded, until, finally it was time to sail.



RUSTY HOOK CORRESPONDENCE

By Mary Fuller

A BIG thank you to all members who paid their dues and also a donation to the Rusty Hook.

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Final Dispatch

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JAMES CHARON, Local 19

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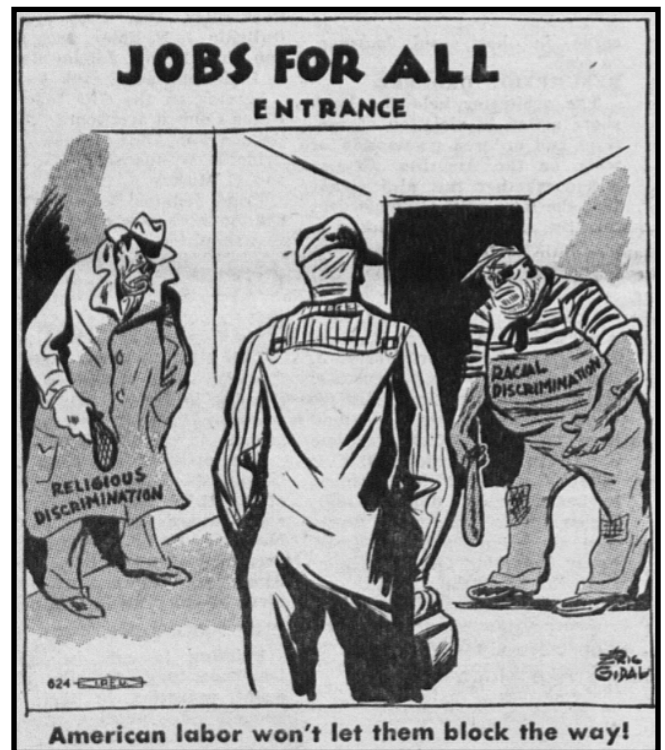
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But in a book written by Josh Rogin called Chaos Under Heaven; a book recommended by both Jake Tapper and Wolf Blitzer, two top newscasters on CNN, Daines is raked over the coals: “The CCP had put their propaganda in a U.S. Senator’s mouth “ (p.128). Didn’t Daines realize that Tibet had become an “open-air prison” in which people are “suffering with no end in sight” (pp. 104-5) ? [Many copies of Strong’s report on Tibet are available for order on the internet. Under “banned books” you can even read the whole book at no charge. Also, for a vehement attack on the military-industrial complex, the subject of my last essay, check out one of the many addresses on You Tube by Col. Lawrence Wilkerson.]



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An Injury to one is an injury to all!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Recently I have heard from one of our members that the Tacoma Pensioners Club put out a challenge to the active and retired members of Local 23. The result was 75 new members. They have been building up their membership and we need to do the same. Our membership has been decreasing and we need new members, both active and retired. New membership cards will be available at the Pension Office. Just fill out a form with address, pay your dues and you are in. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 10 am to 1 pm. The yearly dues are only \$30.00, but you may contribute more with a donation to the Rusty Hook. If you can't make it down to the hall, you can mail your dues money along with the filled out form in the Rusty Hook. Our address is:

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All active and future pensioners, please we need your updated information. Phone number, address, and e-mail address. We would like to have an e-mail address and web site where notices will be posted on line. If anyone out there can help us old timers, please step forward. We need your help. Our meetings are on the first Monday of the month starting at 11:00 am. Come and join us.

Send all submissions for the Rusty Hook to rustyhook@ilwu19.com. We will be getting a new editor. Josh Turgeon is moving on to run for LRC so we will have Curt Cunningham editing the Rusty Hook. All correspondence for the RH should be sent to Curt.

In Solidarity,
Mary Fuller



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- Summer 2024: Submission deadline is June 7th, to be published June 21st, 2024.
- Fall 2024: Submission deadline is September 9th, to be published on September 23rd, 2024.

Now and Then

We have read a lot about a Captain E. Alexander in books about our history, but who was this guy?

His name was **Captain Ezekiel Alexander**



BIRTH 20 Sep 1845
North Haven, Knox County, Maine, USA

DEATH 3 Jul 1917 (aged 71)
Oakland, Alameda County, California, USA

BURIAL Cypress Lawn Memorial Park
Colma, San Mateo County, California, USA

PLOT Removed from Laurel Hill Cemetery San Francisco

Captain Alexander was captain of the "Ada Frye" Patrick P. Frye. "St. Louis", "Monterey" and "Constantine" along with "Queen of the Pacific", one of his favorites. After the explosion on the Queen he then became captain of the "Santa Rosa". He spent 60 years at sea and was known to many as the "Archbishop of the Sea" by friends and fellow sea captains.



Queen of the Pacific

MILITARY SERVICE FOR SEA CAPTAIN

The funeral of Captain Ezekiel Alexander, veteran coastwise sea commander, will be held tomorrow afternoon. Following a service at the Taylor chapel, Fifteenth and Jefferson streets, to which all old-time friends are invited, private interment will be made at Mountain View cemetery. He was a member of George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R.

A native of Maine, 72 years of age, Captain Alexander devoted his entire adult lifetime to the sea. His fearlessness as well as his humane qualities made him a friend of every seaman on this coast. It is said that in various emergencies his cool head had saved fifteen people from sudden and horrible death. For sixty years he sailed the sea, much of that time spent on the Pacific and in the service of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

Captain Alexander died yesterday afternoon at his home, 1450 Franklin street. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Lou E. Alexander; two daughters, Miss Luella Alexander and Mrs. James H. Lavenson, and one son, Earl G. Alexander. Rev. William Day Simons, an old friend, will officiate at the funeral services.

From one end of the coast to the other, Captain Alexander was known as the "Archbishop of the Sea." During the disaster of 1906 it was his leadership and courage which saved the docks of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. He led his men into the flames and by persistence bent them out.

Born in 1844, he had just arrived at his maturity when the Civil War broke out. He served in the navy, the monitor Monadnock being his vessel. His ships on this coast included the St. Louis, Monterey, Constantine, Los Angeles, Queen, Orizaba and City of Pueblo.

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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.ilwucovid19support.org>

For information in Washington State:

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