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BULLETIN TO B. C. - I.L.W.U. MEMBERSHIP

FROM CAMP THURSTON, CHILLIWACK

Fraternal Greetings from all of us at Mount Thurston Camp, P. O. Box 320, Chilliwack.

There was never any doubt in our minds about how many ships would be worked on July 1st. We congratulate you and were happy to take a holiday with you. We had a Sports Day in camp in which we all participated. We heard the Employers position over the radio. We knew you would ignore their pleas. The fact that they put their position the way they did backs up our position taken in Court that we don't have to work on holidays. It points out, too, on what flimsy evidence and excuses Employers can get an injunction.

Neither gloomy summer weather, nor work camp routine gets us down. Fellow prisoners have accepted us without question. Things like a "bale of weed", or a chocolate bar, have become important items in our daily lives. All of us have served our apprenticeships on machete, shovel, rake and hoe on the slashing and weeding gang. This is not a "posh country club", as Jack Webster would have you believe.

We are here only because of our principles, the principles of our Union which you have shown clearly to us that you support 100%. We will not back down. The only way we will be released before our three months are served will be by pardon, amnesty or the Employers withdrawing the contempt charges. We will not pay the fines, seek a parole or appeal. If we do, it would be conceding that the Employers have a right to put us in jail through injunction action anytime we defend our rights.

Our position in negotiations remains the same and we here at camp believe that you have the guts to see our Union through this trouble.

We did not ask for trouble. Why did our Employers not continue their "injunction clubbing tactics", on July 1st Holiday?

If our Employers have taken a second look, if our Employers would like to get rid of the Conciliation Board, and, get our people out of jail -- then, only then, honest, dignified bargaining may commence.

How can ILWU people forget that our Employers asked the Courts to put our officers in jail? Specifically, in Oakalla.

How can B. C. longshoremen forget the ridiculous proposals, in yellow covered binding, which, if accepted by our Negotiating team, would have set longshoremen back twenty-five years or more.

The British Columbia Maritime Industry needs stability. Longshoremen want a decent contract. B. C. Longshoremen are prepared to make personal and financial sacrifices if need be, to protect, and improve working conditions.

Be fully informed - know our programme and keep up the good work, fellow ILMU men.

TELEGRAMS RECEIVED AT CHILLIWACK

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From San Francisco, California

First action of the reconvened Caucus was unanimous motion to acknowledge the dispute in Canada and the Trade Union tradition you and our Union are espousing, and to express the solidarity and whole-hearted support of Caucus delegates representing Coast, Alaska and Hawaii. Anything that can be done to assist you and your Negotiating Committee come July 31st will be done. The Caucus salutes each of you. Best personal and fraternal greetings.

Caucus Delegates - 6/24/66 Duane Peterson Secretary

Roy Smith

From Honolulu, Hawaii

President, ILMU Canadian Area  
Chilliwack, B. C.

To all ILMU Officials who are in jail for contempt of court in British Columbia, 100% support by Hawaiian Longshore Negotiating Committee.

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The Officers don't intend to get into a paper war with the BCMEA but their last bulletin shouldn't go unanswered. "In many cases, injunctions have been obtained by Employers which actually have worked to the benefit of the Employees. Had they not been obtained, many of them, individual or mystery pickets, would have prevented you from working and you would have suffered financial loss."

The above statement would be amusing if it wasn't so far from the truth. One of the last injunctions our Employers got to remove pickets was one to remove our ILMU pickets when they were picketing for work which was rightfully ours. As everyone knows, we have a signed agreement to this effect now. We repeat again to the Employers, don't go running to the Courts on our behalf to remove pickets. The ILMU can take care of this problem in their own way.

As to the last paragraph on that page, we won't take the time to report on it, but for the Employers to say that our people can't think for themselves is idiotic.

At the Longshore Caucus in San Francisco last week, it was reported that a Contract is nearly completed. Three of the main items agreed to are an increase of 50¢ per hour, a raise in pensions to \$235.00 per month with normal retirement reduced to age 63 and an increase in the M & M Fund from \$7,920.00 to over \$12,000.00. It would seem that the Employers got down to business and negotiated seriously. We know the same can be done here when the BCMEA cut out their clubbing tactics and do likewise.

We will be reporting at membership meetings shortly to keep you fully informed, and remember to drop a line or a post card to P. O. Box 320, Chilliwack, as the boys are all anxious to hear from all of you.