

CONVENTION CALL

Harry Lundeborg, Acting President of the SIU, has issued a convention call for March 23. The text of his call follows:

San Francisco, California
February 11, 1942

TO ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS:

Greetings:

You are hereby notified that the first convention of the Seafarers' International Union of North America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will be held in San Francisco, at the Hotel Whitcomb, beginning March 23, 1942, at ten A.M., and shall continue until such time as the business of the convention is finished.

The purpose of this convention shall be:

1. To review the activities of the Seafarers' International since its inception in 1938.
2. To formulate the policies for the future.
3. To draw up a constitution that will govern the International and its affiliated organizations.
4. To lay down a broad organizational campaign.
5. For the election of International officers.

REPRESENTATION:

The committee on arrangements, taking into consideration the geographical and financial condition of some of the affiliated unions urges that each send as good a representation as they possibly can.

The committee has taken into consideration the fact that some of the affiliated unions are closely situated to San Francisco and site of the convention grounds, and the expense of sending a greater number of delegates to the convention shall be far less than their sister unions that are not so closely situated to San Francisco.

However, regardless of the amount of delegates each organization sends, the rules committee shall determine the number of votes that each affiliated union shall be entitled to.

All delegates expenses shall be paid by their own locals.

NOTIFICATION TIME LIMIT:

The arrangements Committee requests that the notice of attendance of delegates and credentials be submitted to the International Headquarters not later than March 9, 1942.

RESOLUTIONS:

Time limit. All resolutions must be presented to the Resolutions Committee not later than noon of Tuesday, March 24, 1942.

Fraternally,

HARRY LUNDEBERG,
Acting President
MORRIS WEISBERGER,
Sailors' Union of the Pacific
VITO B. ALIOTO,
Seine-Line Fishermen's Union
JAMES WAUGH,
Fish Cannery Workers' Union of the
Pacific L. A. Harbor Area
MATHEW D. BIGGS,
Atlantic—Gulf District, Seafarers' Int'l.

LAND IS MADE DICTATOR OF U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

ADMIRAL EMORY S. LAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINK-HERDING MARITIME COMMISSION, HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS DICTATOR OF ALL PHASES OF MERCHANT MARINE ACTIVITY. THE ONLY MARINE PROBLEMS THAT WILL NOT COME UNDER HIS AUTHORITY ARE THOSE DEALING WITH COASTAL AND INLAND WATERS.

LAND NOW HAS COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO ROUTE ALL FOREIGN SHIPPING, REQUISITION TONNAGE AND SET RATES OF INSURANCE AND CARGO. HIS WORD WILL BE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE.

LABOR RELATIONS WILL, FOR THE TIME BEING, CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED BY THE MARITIME WAR EMERGENCY BOARD.



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No. 6

Hampson's Charge Against Seafarers Is Proved Phoney

By

John Hawk & M. D. Biggs

We were sent here to headquarters of the SIU in San Francisco by the membership of the Atlantic and Gulf after receiving a wire from Brother Lundeborg that a law suit had been filed by three Communists against Brother Lundeborg as President of the SIU, for numerous offenses including obstructing National Defense, misappropriation of funds, goon squad activities and

employing counsel for members of our organization in a murder case in New Orleans in 1939 without the approval of the membership of the SIU.

Therefore, we feel it our duty as officials of the SIU Atlantic and Gulf District to make the following report of our findings:

First: We learned that the suit was filed by Resner and Andersen, Attorneys here in San Francisco, who have, for the past eight years, to our knowledge, represented nothing but the Communist Party and their members. In checking over the record of Andersen we find that he has been the leading attorney for the Commies on the West Coast since the 1934 Strike. Defending such Commie organizations as the International Labor Defense, the Civil Liberties League, and the defendants in the George Alberts' murder case, which men were convicted and shortly afterwards paroled by Governor Olsen, Governor of California.

Resner, who is the attorney for the CIO and the Communist Party, has always been in the limelight as a defense attorney for every Commie move in San Francisco, such as the Co-ordinating Council of Peace, and the International Labor Defense, is the other attorney in the suit.

This suit was brought in behalf of Thomas E. Hampson, Gertrude Houseman and Leila Nolando as members of the SIU, so it is nothing but fair to our membership to explain just what we know regarding the characters of these parties.

Thomas Hampson, who is (or rather was) a member of the SUP, was tried by the membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific during the year 1939 for aiding, abetting and distributing a Commie leaflet known as the Rank and File West Coast Sailors, whose sole purpose was the turning over of the SUP to Bridges and the Communist Party and the Headquarters of the Communist Party in San Francisco. This Thomas Hampson was brought up on charges but was given another chance after taking an oath before the regular business meeting of the SUP in Frisco that he was absolutely innocent of the charges and had nothing to do with this rag. This occurred after six

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Boat Operators Lock Out Fishermen on Insurance Beef

The Atlantic Fishermen's Union (AFL) is getting the run-around from the boat operators, and on the same issue which forced the SIU to act more than once. The fishermen want \$5,000 war risk insurance on their lives in case a sub gets them, and the operators don't want to give it. Not only don't the employers want to shell out to protect

the men, they are so hot about the beef that they have locked out the fishermen and left their fleets idle in Boston Harbor.

The shipowners figure, no doubt, that they will be money ahead if they can take the loss on idle ships but break the union in the process.

The fishermen raised the beef several months ago when war broke out. The operators brushed the demand aside and wouldn't even consider such a "wild scheme" as providing for a man's

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AFL Hands Bouquet to Seafarers Log

This week's issue of the AFL Weekly News Service gives the Seafarers Log a pat on the back and labels one of its editorials as "the best we've seen" on the subject of "profit-hungry employers."

The editorial referred to was printed in the Feb. 2nd issue of the Log and appeared as "An Open Letter to the Shipowners." (Continued on Page Three)

Dean, Nobles & Schefstadt Are Released

The Stalinists have had another of their super maneuvers blow up in their faces. All their careful plotting against Roland Dean, Finn Schefstadt and Eugene Nobles has come to nothing.

This last Friday these SIU Brothers were freed from police custody by order of the California Supreme Court and were thus able to defeat, at least temporarily, the murder rap frame-up waiting for them in New Orleans.

For months the Stalinists have been working quietly in an effort to pin the old murder of Philip Carey, Gulf Representative of the NMU, on the SIU. The fake charges against Harry Lundeborg were part of the maneuver.

Brother Lundeborg was accused of misappropriation of Union funds at the very moment California's Governor Olson had papers on his desk calling for extradition of Dean, Schefstadt and Nobles to New Orleans.

Raise a big stink about the SIU, the Stalinists reasoned, and whether it's true or false, the Governor may be influenced into signing those papers.

Well, the Governor did sign the papers and it looked for a while like the super-dooper patriots had stolen a march on honest unionism.

But then came the decision of the Supreme Court!

We don't have at hand the Court's reasoning in freeing our SIU Brothers, but it's obvious that the Court smelled something bad.

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Auditing Committee Reports SIU Books in Excellent Condition

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We, the undersigned official representatives of unions affiliated with the Seafarers' International Union of North America, have this day gone over the income and disbursements of the general fund of the Seafarers' International Union and have found through checking into the disbursements and the income and through talking with the Certified Public Accountant who has been auditing the books of the Seafarers' International Union, that in his opinion the books of the Seafarers' International Union were very well kept; that he had seen physical evidence of all expenditures in the form of signed vouchers and canceled checks, and that all income has been properly deposited in the bank as shown by bank statements and the bank books. That these funds have been deposited in the name of the Seafarers' International Union of N. A. and not to the account of any individual, and that the checks have been signed by Harry Lundeborg, Acting President, and J. H. Prevost, Asst. Sec'y of the Sailors' Union.

We have been informed by the auditor that his audit covers the entire income and expenditures of the Seafarers' International since its inception, and would be available to all the affiliated unions the 12th day of February, 1942.

We, the Committee, agree that the records of the income and expenditures have been very thoroughly kept and find that the system used to be an excellent system and a method that meets with the approval of the Certified Public Accountant.

(signed):

ED COESTER,
Seattle Agent, SUP
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San Francisco, California, February 7, 1942

SEAFARERS' LOG

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Another Unarmed Ship Goes Down off Jersey Coast

The United States Navy on Wednesday revealed that the W. L. Steed, a 6,182-ton tanker owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, had been torpedoed off the Southern New Jersey coast on Feb. 2, but it did not disclose that the survivors had been landed in Halifax.

When three survivors—Louis Hartz, Ralph Mazucco and Joaquin B. Vrea—arrived in New York City Wednesday, it was indicated that the thirty-five other members of the crew were missing. Nellson, whose death was reported from Halifax yesterday was listed among the missing, and so was Wayland, second mate of the ship. Nellson's address was given as 7101 Colonial Road, Brooklyn.

The crew of a British freighter reported here yesterday having put into a Canadian port to land thirty-three British seamen rescued in mid-Atlantic from a tanker that had been torpedoed. Seventeen of the crew were drowned. Those rescued were in an open life boat, suffering from intense cold as spray froze on them, for forty hours before the rescue ship sighted their flare on a stormy night and swung around to form a lee so they could be taken on board.

Somebody Gets Gravy!

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE ATLANTIC, GULF & WEST INDIES STEAMSHIP LINES, AND SUBSIDIARIES, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 1941 SHOWED NET PROFITS OF \$3,191,783, AFTER DEDUCTING DEPRECIATION AND INTEREST AND MAKING PROVISION FOR FEDERAL INCOME AND EXCESS PROFITS TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,070,906.

TRADE UNION NEWS

IN BRIEF

UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS officials of the Packard local in Detroit have charged that the slate running in opposition in the current union elections is dominated by the Ku Klux Klan. The officials say that the Klan has been conducting a recruiting drive among the auto workers for several months. . . . FEDERATED PRESS, a labor news service, is suing Associated Press for withdrawing its photo service from labor papers. FEDERATED charges that AP has a monopoly on cheap pictures and is using this means of combating the labor papers. . . . 600 members of the STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL WORKERS who work for the Newark Department of Public Works, have voted to strike if they don't receive a 15 cents an hour wage boost from the city government. . . . Philip Morris has signed its first union contract with its salesmen. The men were represented by the WHOLESALERS TOBACCO SALESMEN'S UNION. . . . Wage increases of 12½ cents per hour and union security have been demanded from Westinghouse, General Electric and General Motors by the UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS. . . . John L. Lewis's UNITED MINE WORKERS have taken over the up-state New York DAIRY FARMERS UNION which claims 22,000 members. . . . With 80 per cent of its 12,000 members jobless, PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 9 has attempted to obtain unemployment relief from the Government. . . . A Supreme Court decision is expected soon on the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS'S practice of placing an extra man on all trucks coming into New York City. . . . Negotiations for a union contract between the ALUMINUM WORKERS, the UNITED MINE WORKERS and the Aluminum Company of America were broken off because of the company's stalling on the closed shop question.

A WORD WITH

Sister Dillon

Well, boys, I finally got to see Brother Douglas Mack, who, according to his own explanation, must be made of rubber or has a charmed life. Here's the story.

Mack was on gangway watch aboard the Mary when the Second Mate came along and said, "Come with me. I want you to get a cluster light." Well, it was night and the ship was dark, but the mate had a flashlight and walked ahead. Mack followed behind him.

All of a sudden Mack doesn't see the mate and the flashlight any more. Nothing but blackness. Well, he kept on walking in the direction he thought the mate had gone and—whoosh—he's falling through space—that's all he remembers until the next day.

Next day he regained consciousness and saw that he had fallen into empty hold from the shelter deck. He tried to stand up but collapsed. He lay there until 8 o'clock the next morning. Finally some longshoremen started to work one of the other holds and heard his feeble cries.

Well, to make a long story short, Brother Mack was rushed to the hospital and lived! Not only lived, but it looks like he'll be OK. He tells me he is anxious to get back to sea.

What I'd like to ask Mr. Shipowner is why the AB's on gangway watch are not provided with flashlights after dark? And furthermore, why in heck didn't the mate try and find out what happened to the AB who was following him under orders?

Oh, I nearly forgot—Brother Mack told me that when he came to in that empty hold, the first thought that crossed his mind was that the Japs had captured his ship.

I was at Ellis Island hospital yesterday and saw one of our old shipmates Jim Daly. He was doing fine after having insisted on leaving the hospital before he was ready. He almost collapsed in the SIU hall last week and I, with a couple of other Brothers, got him back to the Marine Hospital. I'm going to try and keep him in the hospital this time until he is completely recovered.

Stopped over at St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken and found that Brother Fennell had checked out and gone back south to his home. He was one of the three survivors of the City of Atlanta. I guess he's completely recovered from his harrowing experience. I expect to see him shipping out again soon. You can't keep an SIU man down.

And boys, don't forget Brother Watts. He's still at Staten Island and would like to see his old shipmates. So drop him a line, won't you? Or if you're in New York, take a couple of hours off to go and see him.

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What's Doing ...

Around The Ports

Reports from Philadelphia, Savannah and New Orleans, arrived too late to be included in this issue. Agents should see that their reports reach the Editor by Thursday of each week.

NEW YORK

By

DON RONAN

Seamen today are just as they always have been and always will be in one respect; when shipping is good, the boys are independent as hell and as soon as the board starts to remain empty for a while, everyone is fighting for each job.

Last week word was sent in from the Maritime Commission that any time a vessel is delayed 24 hours or more because we cannot man any one or any group of vessels, they (the M. C.) will be tickled to death to send their "MEN" to the jobs—these men to be "SEAMEN" with three months experience on the "American Seaman" or the "American Sailor."

I doubt very much that any brother on deck would want the men in the engine room "protected" by these three-month stiffs; so now is the time to smarten up and man these ships in order to keep the union we have moulded through three years of hard work together, so that when this war is over, we won't have to do it all over again.

With Eastern and Seatrains getting ready to call it a day, the coastwise service has damned little left to offer, and runs between here and the Gulf are going to be few and far between. This ought to mean that if the boys are going to keep them sailing, there would be a surplus of deepwater men in a few years.

Relics From the First World War

Souvenirs of World War I have been uncovered by workmen at the shipyard of the Commercial Iron Works, near Ross Island Bridge, Portland, Ore., according to a report from that city. Identification badges used by workmen of the old Coast Shipbuilding Co. on the same site in 1917 and 1918 were found twelve feet underground by workmen excavating for the 1942 project. The badges are similar to those now in use, although the present ones use the word "Defense" whereas the old ones were marked "War Service."

PERSONALS

CLAUDE H. RANDOLPH

Your sister is seriously ill. She would like to hear from you immediately. Address Mrs. M. A. Hall, 305 22nd St., Galveston, Texas.

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TAMPA

By

CLAUDE SIMMONS

Well, Brothers, if I can keep Jug Head Parker out of this swivel chair long enough, I will attempt to rattle off a few lines here.

Things have been pretty lively around the port of Tampa lately. We are still kept busy shaking sailors out of these orange trees and gin mills. We had a few of the boys up this morning to find out how to go to sea with the Union. These boys are paying out of the maritime training school as firemen and AB's. Seeing, as the Navy has already told us, that if we couldn't man these ships here that they would make arrangements to man them with Navy men. I think, it would be a good idea to take in some of these boys and make union men out of them.

If we continue to run these ships short-handed, the Maritime Commission will shove them down our throats as finks. Whereas, if they are taken in and shown the benefits of sailing under a union banner, they will be fighting with us instead of against us when the going gets tough.

We have the Pan York and Pan Crescent running in here on regular schedule now and according to the local news, arrangements have been completed to put a ship back in here on the Tampa to Havana run. So that makes the future a little brighter for this port. We are carrying on the crusade started in New Orleans in regards to cooperating with and patronizing union locals and shops.

Washington Lobbyist Has a Weak Moment

Washington, Feb. 7. — The frankest spokesman for big business in the memory of Washington's oldest inhabitant had his day on Capitol Hill this week—and his testimony left the rest of the lobbyist tribe in a dither as they sipped their scotch and sodas.

James E. Barnes, 67-year-old Washington agent for the Todd Shipyards was the man who caused the 24-hour sensation. He did it simply by telling the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that his firm was piling up "outrageous profits" on government contracts.

Most of the lobbyists earn fat salaries pointing out to a weary public that their firms perpetually have one foot in a bankruptcy court.

Barnes admitted freely that Todd is making profits of 50 per cent a year on its invested capital.

PROVIDENCE

By

J. E. LAPHAM

Here we are digging ourselves out of a six-inch snow storm and, believe me, that is something.

Shipping stays good here, with the help of Boston calling for men. Business is not too bad for this time of the year. Seems that in the winter time dues do not come in quite as fast; why, I do not know. But any way, we are keeping our heads above water, and that is something.

I had a call from the family of Sylvester Furtado, an AB, No. 5238, from New Bedford, Mass. Will he please get in touch with his family, as they are worried about him.

Had quite a busy week, helping the men here get the Coast Guard pass. Strange, up this way it takes from two to three weeks to get the pass, while in other ports the men get them the same day.

AFL-CIO "War Cabinet" Meets With Roosevelt

Washington.—President Roosevelt's informal "war labor cabinet" discussed "shoes and ships and sealing wax" at its first meeting Feb. 6, it appeared, as members of the six-man group referred inquiries back to the President.

Also attending the meeting were Sidney Hillman, former associate director general of the OPM, and Anna Rosenberg, New York regional director of the Social Security Board, who was named secretary of the group.

It was reliably reported that prior to the meeting, Hillman submitted his resignation as director of the labor division of the War Production Board to the President, but it could not be learned whether a new job for Hillman was discussed with the cabinet.

Following the hour and a half session with the President, the six men, three from the AFL and three from the CIO, had lunch together and presumably talked some more. Their next visit to the White House is scheduled for around Feb. 20.

DO NOT SHIP

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MORE ABOUT

FISHERMEN LOCK-OUT

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family if he is killed in line of duty.

The fishermen finally took the beef to the newly established War Labor Board, and the Board sided with them. A special decision was handed down by the Board, instructing operators to pay the premiums for insurance on the men. The employers ignored the Board's decision and told the men that they might "consider" the question of insurance, but only if the Union sacrificed on the question of wages and hours. This the Union has refused to do.

Negotiations are continuing, but in the meantime the boats lie idle, the men are without work and therefore without money to buy food and pay rent.

This is the first case of open defiance of the War Labor Board by the profit-hungry employing class.

We can imagine the howl that would have gone up if a Union had balked at a Board decision. In this case, however, there has been nothing more than an exchange of correspondence between the Board and the operators.

Special Naval Board Will Probe Blaze On Normandie

Thorough study of all aspects of the fire which damaged the liner Normandie will be made by a special naval board of inquiry, according to a spokesman for the Third Naval District. At the same time a general inquiry into the fire, which left the vessel over on her side, was made by the Third Naval District, but resulted in no definite indication of how the ship can be righted.

Emphasis was placed yesterday on the statement that the special board's activity is entirely independent of the study started Tuesday by a board of technical experts, both naval and civilian, of the problem of salvaging the former French luxury liner.

It is impossible for anyone to estimate the odds with respect to the salvage work, said the Navy's spokesman. However, preliminary work was said to be under way, as workmen appeared around the ship on Wednesday.

MORE ABOUT

BOUQUET FROM AFL

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The Log charged the shipowners with direct responsibility for the death of 59 SIU Brothers because of the absence of guns and life rafts aboard the City of Atlanta and the Venore when they were torpedoed.

Philip Pearl, Editor and National Publicity Director of the AFL, comments on the Log editorial in his column "Facing the Facts."

"If anyone tries to tell you that labor is not making any sacrifices in this war," Brother Pearl writes, "and is, in fact, getting rich and fat out of the war production program, we wouldn't blame you for getting sore."

"That's what the newspapers have been trying to tell all of us in this country, day in and day out, and we don't mind saying that we are hot under the collar about it."

"The outrageous lengths to which the newspapers are resorting in their efforts to smear labor, while going all-out in their tearful defense of big business, violates all principles of American fair play."

"There are any number of factual answers available to such lying propaganda. One of the best we have seen, covering any specific situation, appears in a front-page editorial of the Seafarers' Log."

Pearl then reprinted the editorial in full. He concluded with the following:

"Surely, if the newspapers wished to be of some constructive use to the nation in time of war, they could enlist their service in the cause of 'the men who sail the ships' and other victims of carelessness and negligence on the part of profit-hungry employers."

Vessel Cynthia Olsen Is Given Up for Lost

The Army today announced that the steamship Cynthia Olsen, under charter to the War Department, had given up for lost. She had not been heard from since December 7, when she radioed that a Japanese submarine was attacking, 1,200 miles west of Seattle. Thirty-five men are missing.

SEATRAN SUSPENDS COASTWISE SERVICE

Temporary suspension of its coastwise services between New York and Havana was announced by Seatrain Lines, Inc.

The move was made necessary, the carrier said, by "further requisition" of its tonnage by the Maritime Commission. The Seatrain Texas, which was to have sailed this week from New York to Texas City, it was added, will be delivered to the Commission at New York and the remaining vessels of the Line must, for the present, be employed in the Gulf-Havanna trade.

Bethlehem Yard Dispute Certified

A labor dispute involving 26,400 CIO employees of eight Bethlehem Steel Co. shipbuilding plants was certified to the War Labor Board today by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

The case was referred to the board after negotiations between the company and the Marine Shipbuilding Union became deadlocked. The dispute involves demands for a union shop, a union maintenance clause, vacations, minimum wages, and union activity and no strike clauses.

The shipyards involved are two in Brooklyn, three in Baltimore, and one each at Staten Island, Hoboken, N. J., and East Boston, Mass.

Maybe Labor Had Something to Say About the Change

Philadelphia, Feb. 10. — For having "the courage and magnanimity" to reverse his labor policies last year and accept a CIO contract, Henry Ford will be awarded one of three La Salle Gold Medals given this year by the La Salle Civic and Social Congress, it was announced today.

Torpedo-Proof Ships Promised by Inventor

Torpedoes soon will be ineffective in sea warfare, Franklyn C. Barnes, inventor of the magnetic anti-mine device for ships, said on his return from England.

"I have a device now that will prevent any torpedo from reaching its target," he asserted.

Mr. Barnes said he had an idea for reducing gun recoil to such an extent that an eight-inch gun could be substituted for one half that caliber.

94% of Strikes End In Labor Triumphs

AN UNUSUALLY HIGH BATTING AVERAGE OF VICTORIES IN STRIKES DURING 1941 WAS REPORTED BY ORGANIZED LABOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REVEALED THIS WEEK.

THE DEPARTMENT'S "BOX SCORE" SHOWED THAT 94 PER CENT OF THE WORKERS INVOLVED IN WALKOUTS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR WON THEIR DEMANDS, IN WHOLE OR PART.

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MORE ABOUT

HAMPSON'S PHONEY CHARGES

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branches of the SUP had already gone on record to expel him for 99 years on suspicion of being a Commie. Since that time he has defended several Commies in the SUP on the floor of the regular membership meetings who were being expelled for Communist activities. In addition to the above he was recently removed from the S.S. LUR-LINE of the Matson S.S. Co. by the U. S. Intelligence Department "for his record, actions, and sympathies toward the Communist Party" and deeply questioned. He was told . . . "that he would not be allowed to sail on any American vessel engaged in carrying Naval contracts in the future" and is not available for questioning by the membership of the SUP at the present time.

Gertrude Houseman, the second signer of the suit, when questioned by a newspaper reporter, stated that she had never given the law firm of Resner and Anderson permission to file the suit on her behalf and knew absolutely nothing about it. However, at a later date she stated that she remembered signing a paper several months ago. Immediately after the suit was filed, R. D. Campbell, President, Morgan King, Secretary-Treasurer, and Ivan Sinner, Business Agent of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers' Union, made an official statement that the Union had not authorized the suit, knew nothing about it and that the books and records of the SIU have been open to the representatives of their Union at all times.

Leila Noland joined the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers' Union as a probationary member and after one month transferred to the Frisco Fish Cannery Union. Immediately after this suit appeared in the Frisco Chronicle she was ordered to appear before the Executive Board to the Frisco Fish Cannery Workers' Union to answer certain questions. After this happened, Agnes Tuoto, Business Agent of the San Francisco F.C.W.U. held a meeting of the local which went on record to give Brother Lundeberg a standing vote of confidence, and also stated that the books and records of the SIU always had been open to the representatives of their local at all times.

Stalinist Tie-Up With Press

One other party who should be mentioned at this time is Resner's brother, the reporter for the Chronicle and the one who wrote up this entire article blasting Lundeberg, the SIU-SUP, etc., less than 24 hours before Governor Olsen was to hear the case of Dean, Schefstadt, and Nobles: For the membership's information, this guy is none other than the brother of Resner, the Commie lawyer who filed the suit. Remember this when you read the following developments of this frame-up. Also remember that the Peoples World has had large headlines for this entire story, all the way through as well as publishing leaflets which are being distributed on both Coasts to discredit Lundeberg and the SIU in this Commie smear campaign.

Among other things Brother Lundeberg was accused of in this suit was the misappropriation of \$150,000, which we all know to be absurd, as the entire income of the SIU International Headquarters has not amounted to anything like this sum. In other words, the suit was started for only one purpose and that was to influence Governor Olsen who was holding an extradition hearing on the case of Roland Dean, Finn Schefstadt and Eugene Nobles, which was coming up the following day after the suit was released to the press.

This Commie publicity served its purpose and Governor Olsen signed the Extradition papers for those three brothers to be sent back to New Orleans. However, the attorneys are taking this matter to the Supreme Court, and we will still have chances of freeing these men before being forced to return to New Orleans.

They also try to state that Convention for the SIU has never been called and that we are operating without a Constitution. However we know that the reason a Convention of the SIU has not been called to date is due to the fact that the majority of these locals are small and were, as well as the Atlantic and Gulf District of the SIU, still on an organizational basis and until very recently did not have the funds to send delegates.

This convention is being called for March, 1942, at which time all SIU locals will be expected to send delegates.

Books in Excellent Shape

After arriving here in San Francisco, a Committee was elected from representatives of all the SIU locals to go over the books, records, incomes and expenditures of the SIU finances since it was formed. This was done along with Certified Public Accountants who had stated that the records of the SIU were in far better condition than 90 per cent of all the other firms that they represented—in fact, we discovered vouchers for every dime expended by the organization by all organizers, employees and officials. This we knew was unnecessary, since the books of the SIU have been always open to any representative of any local and have been kept up-to-date by Certified Public Accountants. However, in order to clear up this entire question for our membership as well as the people who are instrumental in instigating this suit, we have again made a thorough check and a report will be forwarded to all the locals.

Every charge that was made in this suit was found to be a deliberate lie and the further we went into it, the more we were convinced that the suit was filed for only one purpose, that being to extradite Dean, Schefstadt and Nobles back to New Orleans, where an attempt will be made by the Communist Party to frame them for the murder of one CIO organizer by the name of Phil Carey. Our membership was and is still of the opinion that Carey was murdered by the Communists within the CIO for the sole purpose of trying to frame certain officials of the SIU in order to split the organization.

The suit also accuses Brother Lundeberg of hiring legal talent to defend Dean, Schefstadt and Nobles in this frame-up without the authority of the membership. But every member of the Atlantic and

Gulf District knows very well that the organization has gone on record to back these men up one hundred per cent and also to pay for their legal defense. This we feel is what caused the Commies to instigate this suit as they were of the opinion that the four men who had been in the Carey murder case would be brought to trial with no assistance from the organization or legal representation, which would have meant the Commies could have easily framed them and placed the responsibility for this murder on the backs of the SIU men.

A "Patriotic" Witch Hunt

The suit also charges Brother Lundeberg with blocking the efforts of the membership of the SIU and SUP to cooperate with other Unions and their efforts to defeat the Axis. And further states that Brother Lundeberg's subversive and un-American activities were embarrassing the SIU. This is referring to the offer of the Commie-controlled NMU of a reciprocal shipping and Unity program which, they state, the SIU turned down flatly. Their purpose in making this offer was to get the membership of their union on SIU ships where the wages, living conditions and the working conditions are at least 40 per cent above any vessels the NMU has under contract. The SUP and the SIU have gained these conditions over a period of years, and we are not going to allow the Commies to move in there and enjoy these benefits under the disguise of National Defense or National Unity. Our record speaks for itself in regard to cooperating with the American Defense effort to defeat the Axis which has been made public knowledge through press releases on numerous occasions. However, this does not mean that we have offered to support Joe Stalin's form of Dictatorship. If the things charged in this suit were true and even one of the many charges could have been substantiated it would have been the greatest victory the Commies ever accomplished. In other words, it would have tied up the funds of the International and blocked any future organizing of seamen for the duration of the war, but this time we were not caught sleeping and the suit has flown back and hit the Commies right in the face.

When we return to the Coast we will give a full detailed report to the membership exposing all the dirty tactics that have been used both here and on the Pacific Coast and in the Gulf in order to break the SIU.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been spent for this purpose by the Communist Party and they are on record at the present time to spend any amount in order to frame Dean, Schefstadt and Nobles for the murder of Phil Carey and discredit Brother Lundeberg, as well as the membership of the SIU.

AFL Supports SIU

When this case was released to the press by the Commies, telegrams, long distance telephone calls and other messages started pouring into the Headquarters of the SIU pledging the one hundred per cent support of these organizations and stating that they knew this was another Commie attempt to discredit Brother Lundeberg and the American Federation of Labor seamen. These wires are still arriving in great numbers and have been received from parties like the California State Federation of Labor who immediately sent their own auditors, Skinner and Hammond, one of the oldest and most reputable firms in the State of California down to the SIU office, who went over the books of the SIU and published the statement for the press that the records of the SIU and its books were more accurately and much better kept than 90 per cent of the business firms they have ever represented.

Telegrams were also received from William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, which stated that he was behind us one hundred per cent and knew that this was just another Commie attempt to break this organization. In addition to this, wires have been received from all the SIU locals in the U. S., pledging their one hundred per cent confidence in Brother Lundeberg and the honesty of the officials of the SIU and also instructing him as Acting President of the SIU to carry this suit to the highest Court in the land in order to expose this Communistic move and drive the Commies off the waterfront. This we knew after thoroughly investigating the case can be done and steps will and have already been taken to accomplish just what the membership of the SIU is demanding.

The Commies have already learned that the membership of the SIU has too much confidence in Brother Lundeberg and their officials to get panicky by any cheap publicity stunts of the Commies in order to stampede the membership. So the dirtiest, rottenest and most double-crossing stunt ever attempted to break the SIU has again met with complete failure through the falsity of the claims of the suit and the confidence and cooperation of the membership.

The following statement was released to the press by Edward D. Vandaleur of the California State Federation of Labor and appeared on the front page of all the leading San Francisco newspapers: "HARRY LUNDEBERG, ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE SIU AND SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE SAILORS UNION OF THE PACIFIC will have the complete and unqualified backing of the State Federation in his fight against civil charges of fund juggling and lack of accounting in the two unions he heads. This obviously is the target of a plot to discredit him on the waterfronts and the Pacific Coast. Lundeberg is fighting and always has fought for the American form of trade unionism. Unfortunately he has been fighting alone. In this fight he will not be alone. The California State Federation of Labor is behind him all the way one hundred per cent plus." Signed: Edward D. Vandaleur, President, California State Federation of Labor.

It is such spirit and cooperation as the above which strengthens the unity within the ranks of the American Federation of Labor's seamen and helps us to build a stronger and larger organization.