



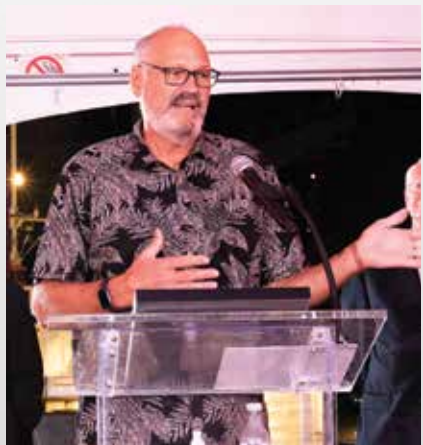
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Friends and allies: (Left side, bottom to top): Local 13 E-Board member Sal DiCostanzo, Local 13 Vice President Vic Zuniga, ISC CEO & President Cpt. Dick McKenna (Ret.); (Right side, bottom to top): ISC co-managers Pat Pettit & Merry Jo Dickey, ISC Board Chairman Guy Fox.

International Seafarers Center, a safety net for mariners, seeks secure funding stream

The International Seafarers Center (ISC), located in the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex, is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide a home away from home for sailors, providing a safe place for them to relax, sleep and access communication and transportation services.

International seafarers are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, as they are isolated and far from home. In addition, there are few legal protections for workers at sea and ship owners often utilize the “flags of convenience” system that allows them to register vessels in countries with little regulation or oversight.

“Seafarers are the invisible link in the supply chain,” said ISC Board Chairman Guy Fox. “Nobody sees

them. They see these big container vessels, but they don’t see what goes on inside them or the workers who make it all happen. They are all skilled workers. They don’t make very much money, and what money they do make goes home to their families.”

In order to combat this deprivation, the ISC has been providing facilities and services for the recreational, personal, and cultural needs of merchant mariners for approximately 35 years. It survives on grants, two yearly fundraising events, and periodic donations. The ISC is currently working towards securing stable and consistent sources of funding to keep the center afloat for the long term.

The center provides a variety of important services to the thousands of seafarers that call on the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex, including:

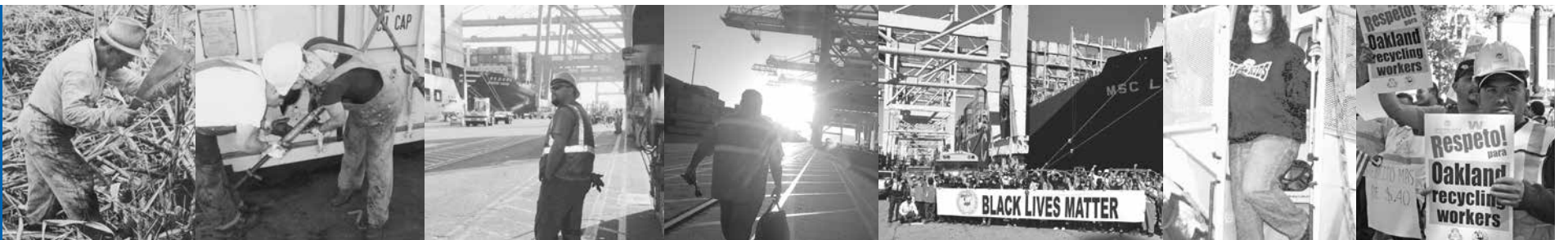
- Temporary housing with bedding, bathrooms, showers, a kitchen, and other basic amenities that seafarers need when coming to port;
- Communication services, such as phones, internet, and computers, so seafarers can communicate with family and friends;
- Ministry services to tend to the spiritual needs of seafarers;
- Transportation services via 3-fleet van to necessary destinations such as the port, banking and groceries.
- Free library, exercise equipment, and a small store with basic supplies.

Home away from home

Retired Navy Captain Dick McKenna, who serves as the President and CEO of the ISC, said that the Center can see more than a dozen seafarers using the facility at any given time, with some staying for several days to

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MUNZ marks the 10th anniversary of the Ports of Auckland Dispute

During the week of October 17th, 2022, I had the immense honor and privilege to serve as the ILWU Representative to the Maritime Union of New Zealand's (MUNZ) 10th anniversary of the Ports of Auckland Dispute.

The Ports of Auckland Dispute was a defining moment for the MUNZ. As a hostile port authority, the Ports of Auckland did everything they could do to destroy the union. The dispute started on March 7th, 2012, with the announcement that more than 300 workers would be fired. This announcement came after months of negotiations, a lock-out and strike actions. On March 10th, over five thousand community supporters marched on the ports chanting, "Who's port! Our port!" Finally, on April 5th, after mobilizing massive community and international support, and a few legal battles, the workers of MUNZ Local 13 'took back the port,' and walked back in through the gates of the Ports of Auckland to resume their jobs.

The battle may have been over, but the war was not. The following decade would continue with port management attempts to undermine workers through speed-ups (which resulted in two workers' deaths), an

attempt to implement a completing in-house company Union, and a massive automation project began in 2016. In 2021, after a workers' vote of no confidence in Port CEO Tony Gibson, Mr. Gibson resigned, and is now awaiting trial for charges brought my MUNZ under health and safety laws. 2021 saw huge positive changes for the Port and the Union, culminating in the announcement in early 2022 of the abandonment of the automation project. In short, the port and union are now again enjoying a positive relationship resulting in safety, productivity, and jobs.

The week ended with the anniversary dinner, where over 200 invited guests packed into the Princes Wharf Maritime room in downtown Auckland. International Affiliates from the MUA, ETU, ITF, ILWU and many others were in attendance, along with many rank-and-file MUNZ members. Speeches were heard from Craig Harrison and Carl Finlay of the MUNZ, Warren Smith, Will Tracey, Jason Minors, and Paul Keating of the MUA, Paul McAleer of the ITF, and myself on behalf of the ILWU. The speeches were powerful. The importance of political engagement and solidarity at the Local, National, and International level across all sectors of workers could not be overstated. A special moment was given to George Lye, a



Left to right: MUNZ National Secretary Craig Harrison, Local 23 President Jared Faker, MUNZ National President Carl Findlay.

Tauranga-based Union member who was given a special "solidarity" award for his 5-year fight to bring the MUNZ to his workplace.

I was honored to receive on behalf of the ILWU a plaque which reads: "Presented to International Longshore and Warehouse Union to acknowledge the solidarity and unity given to the members of Maritime

Union of New Zealand Auckland Branch Local 13 during the 2012 Ports of Auckland Dispute." This plaque marks the 10-year anniversary of the dispute. The Union movement to this day still remains 'unbroken.' Proud to be union.

An Injury to one is an Injury to all.

— Jared Faker
President, Local 23

ILWU says Congress must uphold collective bargaining in railroad negotiations

The ILWU, which has issued several statements of support for the nation's railroad workers throughout negotiations, issued a statement on November 29 blasting the movement in Congress to impose a contract that workers have rejected for lack of paid sick leave.

"Warren Buffet can afford to pay wages for railroad workers who get sick and need to stay home or see the doctor," said ILWU International President Willie Adams. "If Congress imposes a contract siding with Warren Buffet against the will of our nation's 115,000 railroad workers, this would be a watershed moment that undermines union rights in America akin to the replacement of air traffic control workers during the Reagan Administration."

Warren Buffett's company Berkshire Hathaway owns Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), one of the nation's main railroads.

"The ILWU continues to unequivocally stand in support and solidarity

Pres. Adams says profitable private railroad companies, not workers, have brought the country to the brink of a strike: "Warren Buffet can afford to pay wages for railroad workers who get sick"

with the nation's railroad workers and their 12 rail unions in their fight to get a fair agreement with the private rail companies that have reaped record profits from U.S. rail network during the pandemic," said Adams.

"The ILWU continues to unequivocally stand in support and solidarity with the nation's railroad workers and their unions in their fight for a fair agreement with the private rail companies that have reaped record profits during the pandemic," said ILWU International Vice President (Mainland) Bobby Olvera, Jr. "The railroad barons' profits have contributed to #inflation, and they do not need any favors from Congress — especially at a high cost to workers and collective bargaining.

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a week. He said the ISC provides seafarers with a “home away from home” and a comfortable place to stay while they are off ship.

“These are not stereotypical sailors who want to go out carousing and hitting up the bars,” McKenna said. “They have families and just want a comfortable place to relax when they are in port.”

The center operates out of a building on land owned and donated to the ISC, by the Port of Long Beach. The Port recently helped to renovate the space by installing new windows, among many other improvements. However, the ISC pays for all the ongoing operating expenses, including the property taxes on the building.

Layer of protection

Local 13 Executive Board member Sal DiCostanzo said that the ISC not only provides important resources to seafarers, but is also a refuge that can help protect them from exploitation. During the pandemic, the ISC worked closely with the Port of Long Beach, the Long Beach Department of Health and

Human Services, and the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) to provide free COVID vaccinations to more than 13,500 seafarers. Unscrupulous ship agents were trying to charge desperate seafarers \$300 for the vaccine.

“These workers are making \$600 a month on average and some agents were trying to get half a month’s pay from them for a vaccine that was ultimately made available at no cost. That’s one example of why a place like this is so important,” DiCostanzo said.

“It’s not just for the amenities that the ISC offers, but they also help check the people that would otherwise take advantage of the crewmen,” DiCostanzo said. He added, “The ITF uses this facility as a launching pad to intervene on the mariners behalf, making sure that seafarers are getting paid properly, that they are not being otherwise abused. These are the workers that bring the cargo to our ports. We have a responsibility to watch their backs.”

Network of support

McKenna recalled a situation about 10 years ago when a ship caught the eye of the local ITF inspector. “A ship that pulled in—it was a rust bucket—watertight integrity was looking terrible, and everything was rusty, so the ITF went onboard and they discovered the crew hadn’t been paid,” McKenna said. “The inspector turned it over to the Coast Guard, who arrested the ship and then the owner of the ship just walked away, leaving the Filipino crew stranded with no money and no way to return home.”

He said the ISC worked with the local Filipino community to raise money for the stranded crew so they could get home and give them a bit of money to recoup some of their wages that were stolen from them by the employer.

“Seafarers are the most vulnerable workers of the supply chain,” said Local 13 Vice President Vic Zuniga. “In many regards, they don’t have a voice and don’t have a lot of people looking out for their best interests. They should feel assured that when they come into this port, they will have dignity, and respect, and will be assisted to get basic necessities while they are here.”



Dick McKenna (left) and Local 13 Vice President Vic Zuniga at the International Seafarers Center.

Fight for funding

The ISC supports itself with two annual fundraisers, grants, donations—including a \$10,000 donation recently approved by the Local 13, 63, and 94 Executive Boards—and a small voluntary fee of \$35 billed to shipping companies for every ship arrival in the ports of Los Angeles or Long Beach. “We get something like a 25 percent response from all the ships that arrive here,” McKenna said. Only a few companies—Pasha, APL, and Matson—pay the voluntary fee, according to the ISC.

“I’ve told both Ports that the International Seafarers Center is an integral part of the port complex, and we should be on their budget,” Fox said. “We want a five-star Seafarer’s Center to represent this five-star port complex.”

The ISC is careful with its resources, with only two employees who collect a modest salary. Both McKenna and Fox work pro bono and do not receive a salary. McKenna said that the seafarers who stay there often help during their stay by performing maintenance and repair work.

Pat Pettit, one of the center’s managers, has been with the ISC since the beginning. “I’m 73 now and I’ve been here since I was young,” Pettit said. “I used to work in the port. My grandfather sailed, my dad sailed, and my stepdad sailed. I know how hard this work is. My dad was never home for

birthdays, Christmas, or anything like that. I didn’t understand at the time, but when I got older, I realized he was out there working for us.”

Labor helping labor

“The Local 13 Executive Board voted unanimously to donate to the ISC, and Local 13 President Ramon Ponce de Leon has been active in encouraging support for Seafarers Center,” Zuniga said. “We understand the importance of the services that this facility provides to seafarers and how this place has become a necessity for them.”

“This facility is more than just somewhere to sleep, somewhere to get something to eat, and transportation to go pick up supplies—things that we take for granted daily,” said Zuniga. “It’s labor helping labor, and that is why we’re firmly behind this organization. I think that we will continue to provide support and work to ensure that they continue to be able to provide these important services to seafarers when they come to our port.”

DiCostanzo said the ILWU challenged marine terminal operators to match Local 13’s donation. “Some of them did, and some donated that maybe hadn’t donated in the past, but it’s about raising awareness and doing right by the most vulnerable link in the supply chain,” said DiCostanzo.



ISC Chaplain Sam Chauhan on why he became a chaplain for seafarers: “Basically, because of a love for the sailors,” he said. “Those who come to our shores and bring us a lot of goodies from around the globe. They are marginalized. Not many people notice them or know about them. So we care for them. We visit them. We show them that all of us care. We give them gospel, good news, encouragement, and transportation. We give them all kinds of gestures, which shows them that we care for them, and that we love them. That’s how I was drawn.”

Southern California ITF Inspector Stefan Mueller retires



Outgoing ITF Inspector Stefan Mueller (left) was recognized for his work supporting the International Seafarers centered. On the right is Joshua Busic who will be the new ITF Inspector in Southern California.

Long-time Southern California International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) Inspector Stefan Mueller retired on November 1, after more than 17 years of service protecting the rights of seafarers

“During his time as an ITF Inspector, Stefan has worked tirelessly for seafarers who cannot always defend themselves, championed their cause at all times, and has done so with empathy and a quiet determination to see that rights of seafarers are upheld,”

said Steve Trowsdale, ITF Inspectorate Coordinator. “In addition to being an ITF Inspector, Stefan has also maintained board member positions on the International Seafarers Center in the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, helping to ensure the best possible welfare services provided to visiting seafarers.”

“Stefan started as an ITF Inspector in February of 2005,” said ITF West Coast Coordinator Jeff Engels. “He did a great job not only working diligently to help the forgotten workers on the Flag of Convenience ships that called

on the Ports in Southern California, but also worked to protect the jurisdiction of longshore workers utilizing the “Dockers Clause” in the ITF collective bargaining agreement. He will be missed.”

Joshua Busic, a 13-year member of the Inlandboatmen’s Union, the Marine Division of the ILWU will be the new ITF Inspector for Southern California.

ILWU delegation travels to Australia to celebrate MUA's 150th anniversary

Australian Prime Minister thanks MUA for 'fighting for the aspirations of working people'



ILWU International Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris (on the right at the microphone) along with the ILWU delegation, presented MUA National Secretary Paddy Crumlin with a gift to honor union's 150th Anniversary.

A diverse delegation of ILWU members attended the 150th Anniversary of the Maritime Union of Australia in Sydney for several days of festivities from October 10th-14th.

Events included historical tours honoring the history of Australian wharves and Indigenous culture and International Solidarity Day, which included trade unionists from around the world highlighting the common bonds shared by workers.

The celebration culminated in a gala dinner on Darling Island in Sydney Harbour that honored the history and the enormous contributions the MUA has made to the international union movement and working-class struggle. More than 600 guests attended the event, including delegations from unions around the world and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

"The ILWU and the MUA are cut from the same cloth of militant, rank-and-file unionism," said ILWU International President Willie Adams. "Our solidarity stretches across oceans and is an unbreakable bond of unity and friendship. We've always had their backs and they have always had ours and will continue to in the future."

150 years of militant unionism

The MUA was created through an amalgamation of unions starting with

the Sydney Wharf Labourers Union in 1872, which eventually led to the formation of the Waterside Workers Federation in 1902. In 1906, several unions came together to form the Seamen's Union of Australia. The MUA was formed in 1993 with the uniting of the Seamen's Union of Australia and the Waterside Workers' Federation. Throughout its 150 years, the MUA has been known for its internationalism and militant commitment to the betterment of maritime workers and the working class.

Shared history

The ILWU and MUA have a long, shared history that predates the official founding of the ILWU in 1937. ILWU co-founder Harry Bridges was a member of the Seamen's Union of Australia before immigrating to the United States.

Gala event

Speaking at the gala event, the MUA National Secretary Paddy Crumlin said that the various struggles, setbacks, and victories from MUA's past would put it in a good position to continue fighting for the working class long into the future.

"We are proud of what we have achieved," said Crumlin. "We are proud of everything we have stood up for. We are proud that we are providing a strong base for working men and women to live better lives, just as we have for 150 years."

Crumlin said that the union's success has always been tied to the international trade union movement.

"The great thing about the trade union movement, and particularly our beautiful union, is that if we made an achievement, we never made it without wanting to reach out to someone else – whether it's the union next door, or down the supply chain, or anyone else under pressure around the world," he said. "We have always had a sense in ourselves that if we're able to win power, then we can translate that not just into a better life for ourselves and our families, but a better life for our community and for our own nation, and also for a better life for international working people."

The gala featured contributions from the MUA's pensioners, who they refer to as veterans, led by Jim Donovan and Fred Krausert, a retired seafarer who serves as the National President of the MUA's Veterans. He reminded the gathering that despite being retired from the job, the vets remained wholly committed to the struggle. Krausert told the crowd of the many long, hard-won rights and entitlements that had been delivered by collective action and solidarity in the workplace.

Secretary-Treasurer Ferris

International Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris spoke at the gala on behalf of the ILWU. "The relationship that we have with all of you is so precious to us," Ferris said. "We're all in this together; because we have each other's backs, international solidarity is going to be the key to success."

ITF's General Secretary Stephen Cotton sent a video message highlighting the impact made by the MUA far beyond Australia's shores.

"The MUA continues to fight for Australian and international seafarers through the Flag of Convenience campaign and continues to fight for decent, safe work for dockers around the globe," Cotton said. He also congratulated the MUA on recent political



Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese



ILWU Canada Secretary-Treasurer Bob Dhaliwal

victories that will deliver new jobs on the Australian coast.

"Your anniversary comes at a time of promise for maritime workers in Australia," Cotton continued. "Your new government represents hope for the union's members, and the Albanese Labor Government's promise to create an Australian-flagged and crewed strategic fleet was brought about through the MUA's campaigning and strength." The event concluded with a speech by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who spoke of his great respect for the MUA and his gratitude for the contributions the union had made to Australia's social and political fabric over its 150-year history.

"The MUA has been fighting for the aspirations of working people for such a long time," said Prime Minister Albanese. "The journey from the Hungry Mile is an inspirational tale of adversity overcome, and an enduring lesson in the power and strength of collective action. The great truth of the story that we all share as members of this great labor movement, is that progress is never found at the end of a smooth road. The things worth doing, the changes worth making, are always hard going, always hard fought, and always hard-won, but we are always better for the battle and our country is always better for the victory, and that is something our opponents have never understood."

"Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Maritime Union of Australia was a great experience," said Local 13's Brandi Goode. "I had the opportunity to collaborate with different comrades from all over the world at the International Solidarity Conference. For me this experience showed that while we represent different parts of the globe, we share the same challenges and victories."



ILWU delegation at the Maritime Museum in Sydney.

Report on MUA's 150 Year Anniversary

Report by Ziggy Mangat (Secretary Treasurer ILWU Canada, Local 400 Marine Section)

Local 400 Secretary-Treasurer, selected in a raffle at this year's LEAD conference to attend the Maritime Union of Australia's 150th Anniversary event, reports on events

Winning the trip to Australia at the 2022 Lead Conference by raffle was bittersweet. Representing the ILWU as an International Delegate from Canada was a great privilege, yet at the same time, I felt anxious leaving behind my union duties and ongoing industrial disputes. Nevertheless, I was excited for the challenge of managing my workload from abroad to best be of assistance to all my brothers and sisters of the Great ILWU.

My biggest mistake leaving for Sydney was thinking it was going to be tropical in Australia and packing for a warm climate. Upon arrival, I quickly realized that I had left warm weather behind in Canada; we had arrived at chilly Australian springtime. After a short 15-hour direct flight from Vancouver, Canada, I arrived Monday Oct 10th, (Thanksgiving – at home) linking up with other ILWU delegates: Sisters Brandi Williams (Local 13), Melanie Bowers (Local 23) & Terri Mast (IBU) and Brothers Ed Ferris (ILWU International), Collin Mansanas (Hawaii-Local 142), Matthew Coleman (Hawaii-Local 142) and Bob Dhaliwal (ILWU Canada).

Late afternoon on our first day, we were greeted by 15 representatives of the MUA who took us for a solidarity lunch. As the introductions continued, I found the hardest worker in the group, Robbie Paterson, a tow boater as we call them. I managed to pry out all the information I could out of brother Paterson about their ongoing issues with Svitzer and their tug crews, as we are having very similar issues in Canada.

Our week was organized with a fun-packed schedule, beginning with the International Solidarity Day. The day opened with a respectful acknowledgement of the Indigenous territories and a very moving ceremony. This was followed with inspirational speakers, including brother Alex Gordon from the UK's National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT), and an International Dockers Movement Panel. My favorite presentation of the day was by Penny Howard (MUA - National Research Officer) speaking on "Offshore Wind and renewable - Struggles and issues around offshore wind."

The afternoon brought more learning about national issues faced by the MUA, Maritime Union of New Zealand (MUNZ) and the All Japan Seamen's Union (JSU) around Cabotage, followed by the Asia Pacific Campaigning later in the afternoon. To wrap up the conference, we heard wonderful solidarity speeches from Venezuelan Ambassador Daniel Gasparri and Cuban Ambassador Ariel Lorenzo Rodriguez.

In the evening of the International Solidarity Day, we had the pleasure and the honor of witnessing the unveiling of the "Wharfie's Mural." The story behind this mural, and what it took to save and preserve this piece of art, was quite stirring. I was very pleased to know that this piece of art would be preserved for future generations to appreciate the struggles of the MUA and the Labor community in the most appropriate place ever - The Maritime Museum.

The second day consisted of an Indigenous-led tour of the Maritime Museum, which provided a detailed understanding of the Indigenous culture. For me this was a highlight of the trip. The day ended with a charity event called "The War on the Wharves," a boxing event between fighters of from the Maritime Unions of Australia and New Zealand to raise donations for Souths Cares. Souths Cares is a charity that supports disadvantaged, marginalized, Indigenous youth and families with a focus on education, training, health and employment.

The third day consisted of yet another busy day, starting with a MUA Veteran-led bus tour, exhibiting the local labor historical sites, and ending with a scrumptious lunch at Harry's meat pie (street vendor). I am still debating whether getting mashed peas on a meat pie was a good idea or not.

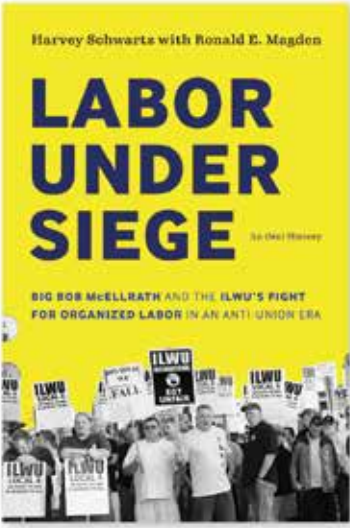
The evening was the final dinner for the 150th Year Anniversary, which prompted numerous speeches from International Unions, International Ambassadors and the Australian Prime Minister, gifts, and solidarity videos. It was a true pleasure to be present at this dinner and to meet and connect with all the various Labor and government leaders.

The last and final day consisted of a bit of souvenir shopping and ITF Hybrid Conference.

As we all departed the following day, we collectively decided to take a "short" ferryride to view the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. This quick 45-minute ferry turned into a 2-3 hour round trip as we had no idea on how the stops operated. It ending with us rushing to the airport with not a minute to spare.

In short, it was a very fast-paced week full of interesting events and learning about shared experiences and struggles. It was a pleasure to represent my union and stand in solidarity with the MUA.

Congratulations to the MUA on their 150th Anniversary.



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Labor under Siege

Big Bob McEllrath and the ILWU's Fight for Organized Labor in an Anti-Union Era

Harvey Schwartz and Ronald E. Magden

COMPELLING STORIES AND FORCEFUL VOICES CAPTURE A TENACIOUS UNION IN TRANSITION

Big Bob—six-foot-four Robert McEllrath's waterfront handle—was heralded for his powerful speaking style, charisma, unifying vision, and negotiating prowess. President of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) for twelve eventful years, McEllrath retired in 2018 after nearly forty years as a union officer. More than just a telling of a storied career, *Labor under Siege* explores how the influential union persisted in an era when the US labor movement was under attack and seemingly in retreat.

In the face of grave dangers since the 1980s, including threats from corporations, government authorities, law enforcement agents, and even other labor unions, the ILWU has persevered and retained its vibrancy. Offering insight into Big Bob's leadership and a close-up view of how decision-making and policy were carried out to ensure the union's survival, *Labor under Siege* shows how union officers and rank-and-file members shaped ILWU strategy and furthered the union's legacy of advocating for workers' rights, democracy, and justice.

"A model of oral history. The ILWU is such a fascinating union with its militant past that bleeds into the present, making *Labor under Siege* all the more compelling." —Erik Loomis, author of *A History of America in Ten Strikes*

"Robert McEllrath steered the legendary, militant West Coast dockworkers union through some of its most tumultuous waters. Schwartz, a consummate oral historian, lets the voices of Big Bob and those around him describe those stormy seas." —Peter Cole, author of *Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area*

"As labor reasserts itself, it can learn from those who recall the importance of effective leadership, maintaining solidarity locally and internationally, supporting social justice causes, and upholding the ILWU motto, 'an injury to one is an injury to all.'" —Laurie Mercier, author of *Speaking History: Oral Histories of the American Past, 1865–Present*

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UW's Harry Bridges Center's new Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies has 20 years of ILWU ties

The Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies announced Moon-Ho Jung, Professor of History, as the latest holder of the Harry Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies at the University of Washington. Created in 1992 by members of the ILWU, the Harry Bridges Chair recognizes a distinguished scholar in the field of Labor Studies. The Chair also serves as the Director of the Harry Bridges Center, overseeing the Center's mission to advance the study of working people and their organizations through research, teaching, and community outreach.

Professor Jung is the tenth University of Washington professor to hold the Harry Bridges Chair, now celebrating its 30th anniversary. Through the continued support of ILWU members and other activists in the labor movement, the Harry Bridges Center has grown into the premier Labor Studies program in Washington State, enrolling hundreds of students each year in classes on labor topics, offering student internships in the labor movement, and annually awarding over \$100,000

in scholarships and research funding.

In 2010, the Washington State labor movement, the ILWU, and the Harry Bridges Center founded the Labor Archives of Washington, dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of working people. Many of the Bridges Center's awards honor ILWU members of the past, including Local 19 leaders Martin Jugum, Frank Jenkins, Jr., and Art Mink; longtime ILWU secretary Jean Gundlach; Local 37 leaders Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes; and retired Local 52 members Ian Kennedy and Michele Drayton.

Professor Jung brings two decades of experience as a highly accomplished scholar and teacher. A historian of race, labor, and politics in the United States, with a particular emphasis on Asian American history, Jung's work focuses on the struggles of working peoples.

He is the author and editor of four books, including *Coolies and Cane: Race, Labor, and Sugar in the Age of Emancipation* (2006), which tells the story of how thousands of Chinese workers were recruited to work alongside African American workers in Louisiana after the Civil War.

Professor Jung also edited *The Rising Tide of Color: Race, State Violence, and Radical Movements across the Pacific* (2015), a volume of essays by scholars

on grassroots struggles against racial capitalism and state violence, collected and selected from a major conference organized by Jung in spring 2011.

His most recent book, *Menace to Empire: Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State* (2022), excavates the entwined history of anti-Asian racism and US government repression of labor and political radicals, including the Hawaii division of the ILWU and cannery workers union ILWU Local 37 (now Inlandboatmen's Union, Region 37).

The history of the ILWU is a frequent topic in Professor Jung's classes, particularly the story of union activists Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes, who were murdered by agents of the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship in Seattle in 1981 for their union reform and international solidarity efforts.

Since first joining the University of Washington faculty in 2001, Professor Jung has played a major role in the Harry Bridges Center's development. In 2003, working with former ILWU Education Director Eugene Vrana and ILWU Local 52 member Joseph Wenzl, he co-chaired a strategic planning committee that laid much of the groundwork for the Harry Bridges Center's growth over the next twenty years.

From 2005 to 2011, Profes-



Prof. Moon-Ho Jung, Harry Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies at the University of Washington

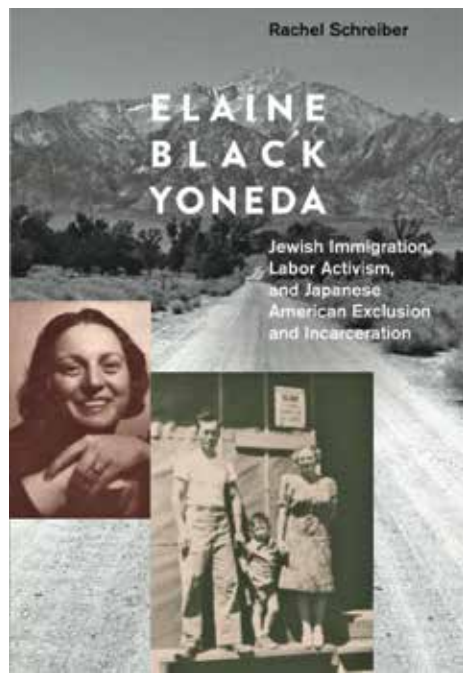
sor Jung played a leading role in the Bridges Center's Race, Radicalism and Labor Working Group, and received funding from the Bridges Center for several of his books. He has also served for many years on the faculty Standing Committee, the governing body of the Bridges Center.

"We are living through a seemingly endless wave of crises, with an immense toll especially on the most vulnerable among us," Professor Jung wrote (where?). "That is why Labor Studies matters now more than ever. To me, Labor Studies is ultimately about framing, understanding, and highlighting the struggles of those who confront the horrors of racial capitalism, state violence, and gendered exploitation every single day. I believe it is in studying those struggles that we can find hope and creativity in our own strivings for collective justice."

BOOK REVIEW

Elaine Black Yoneda: Jewish Immigration, Labor Activism, and Japanese American Exclusion and Incarceration

by Rachel Schreiber; Temple University Press



A new biography by historian Rachel Schreiber tells the complex story of Communist labor activist Elaine Black Yoneda, who was a participant in many of the defining issues of the 20th Century: the rise of the American labor movement, emerging movements for civil rights and civil liberties, the fight against fascism, and the contradictions embodied in U.S. government policies that embraced racial classification

systems at home while fighting against similar systems Europe.

Elaine Black Yoneda has received far less attention from labor historians than her husband, Japanese-American labor organizer and ILWU longshore worker, Karl Yoneda. It was her relative anonymity that drew Schreiber to want to write a biography of her. Although Yoneda is not well known, she had strong ties to the ILWU. Anyone who has been to the Local 10 dispatch hall in San Francisco has probably seen her portrait—"The Red Angel"—which is a part of a mural inside the building.

Yoneda's labor activism resulted in her arrest more than a dozen times on charges such as disturbing the peace, inciting riots, "seditious utterances," and unlawful assembly. In 1935, she was arrested in San Francisco's Dolores Park protesting Criminal Syndicalism laws that targeted radical labor unions like the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). Although she never finished high school or had any formal legal training, she defended herself and others in court and used the trial as forum to bring to light violations of civil liberties, including the right of free speech and the right to assemble.

Born in New York in 1906, Yoneda was a Jewish-American woman and the daughter of Russian immigrants. She was a radical labor activist and was the

only woman to serve on the executive committee of the 1934 San Francisco General Strike. It was during this time she earned her nickname "Red Angel." It was Yoneda who identified the body of Nick Bordoise who was killed by police along with Howard Sperry on Bloody Thursday.

She was an organizer with the International Labor Defense (ILD), a legal defense organization of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) that organized legal defenses for imprisoned labor activists and assisted in legal defenses for civil rights and anti-lynching movements. The ILD participated prominently in many high-profile cases including Sacco and Vanzetti, Tom Mooney, and the Scottsboro Boys.

Yoneda, along with her husband Karl and son Tommy, spent eight months incarcerated in the Manzanar War Relocation Center, one of ten American concentration camps, where more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned during World War II after the bombing of Pearl Harbor under Executive Order 9066.

Schreiber deliberately uses the term "concentration camp" in her book. She notes, "While incarceration was happening, [these sites] were referred to as concentration camps. After the Nazi camps were liberated, the U.S. went on a campaign to call them internment

camps as they wanted to differentiate that history."

Elaine could likely have avoided going to Manzanar based on her race, but chose to go the camp with Karl. A surprising revelation the book explores is that, despite a lifetime of standing up for labor rights and civil liberties, both Elaine and Karl remained faithful to the CPUSA party line that supported Japanese incarceration and exclusion as a necessary anti-fascist wartime measure against the Axis powers. The loyalty didn't flow both ways, however. Elaine and Karl, along with all Party members of Japanese descent and their spouses, were also expelled from the CPUSA. They eventually rejoined the after the Party reversed the expulsions and apologized.

After the war, the Yonedas settled in Sonoma County, California, and became chicken ranchers, and maintained their ties to the ILWU. Karl, who served as United States Military Intelligence Service in China, Burma, and India after Manzanar, attempted to return to the longshore work, but was physically unable to perform the work after contracting malaria during his service that resulted in the loss of a kidney. Both remained active in the labor and social justice movements. Elaine worked as a clerical worker for the ILWU-PMA pension fund until

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1973 and was a member of OPEIU Local 29. She was president of Auxiliary 16, active in the Bay Area Pensioners, an outspoken member of the Northern California District Council, and a frequent guest speaker and organizer of many ILWU events, including the union’s annual Bloody Thursday celebration.
In 1960, Elaine and Karl attended the Sixth World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs in Tokyo, Japan, on behalf of the ILWU. Karl represented Local 10, and Elaine represented the Federated Auxiliaries (then called the Women’s Auxiliaries). After the conference, the Yonedas vis-

ited Hiroshima, where Elaine finally met Karl’s mother, a survivor of the atomic bombing.
Both Elaine and Karl worked with the ILWU-led program for redress/rep- arations for those incarcerated under Order 9066. Karl spoke at the ILWU’s General Convention in 1979, and Elaine spoke at the 1981 General Con- vention in support of the redress cam- paign along with Nikki Bridges, wife of Harry Bridges.
Schreiber uses the biography to “make visible those who are often invis- ible in our society,” and in doing so, tells an important story about the way marginalized people have challenged prevailing systems of power but with- out shying away from exploring her subjects’ own individual contradictions.

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