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## **FOR WORKERS' ACTION TO STOP THE WAR**

**WHEREAS:** On May 1, 2003, at the ILWU Convention in San Francisco resolutions were passed calling for an end to the war and occupation in Iraq; and

**WHEREAS:** ILWU took the lead among labor unions in opposing this bloody war and occupation for imperial domination; and

**WHEREAS:** Many unions and the overwhelming majority of the American people now oppose this bipartisan and unjustifiable war in Iraq and Afghanistan but the two major political parties, Democrats and Republicans continue to fund the war; and

**WHEREAS:** Millions worldwide have marched and demonstrated against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan but have been unable to stop the wars; and

**WHEREAS:** ILWU's historic dock actions,

1) like the refusal of Local 10 longshoremen to load bombs for the military dictatorship in Chile in 1978 and military cargo to the Salvadoran military dictatorship in 1981 and

2) the honoring of the teachers' union antiwar picket May 19, 2007 against SSA in the port of Oakland stand as a limited but shining example of how to oppose these wars; and

**WHEREAS:** The spread of war in the Middle East is threatened with U. S. air strikes in Iran or possible military intervention in Syria or the destabilized Pakistan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That it is time to take labor's protest to a more powerful level of struggle by calling on unions and working people in the U. S. and internationally to mobilize for a "No Peace No Work Holiday" May 1, 2008 for 8 hours to demand an immediate end to the war and occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan and the withdrawal of U. S. troops from the Middle East; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:**

That a clarion call from the ILWU be sent with an urgent appeal for unity of action to the AFL-CIO, the Change to Win Coalition and all of the international labor organizations to which we are affiliated to bring an end to this bloody war once and for all.

Submitted by:

ILWU Local 10

passed overwhelmingly after thorough debate.

(The caucus vote was 97 to 3 - HM).

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## **Employers reject ILWU stoppage request for May 1**

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The president of the Pacific Maritime Association on Thursday said West Coast waterfront employers intend to turn down a request by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union to call an eight-hour stop-work meeting on the first work shift May 1 to protest the Iraq war.

"Contractually, they've gone down the right avenue, but we are not going to agree to it," said James McKenna, PMA president. "PMA will respond to the union shortly."

The ILWU locals are permitted to call one stop-work meeting each month to discuss union business. However, the stop-work meetings must be conducted during the second work shift, when cargo activities at most ports are lightest.

If the ILWU wishes to change the stop-work meeting time, the union must request permission. The ILWU has submitted its request in plenty of time to comply with the waterfront contract, McKenna said.

Nevertheless, employers do not want all West Coast ports to be shut down for eight hours during the busy day shift on May 1, he said.

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## **S.F. Labor Council backs ILWU May Day action in West Coast ports**

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Whereas, the San Francisco Labor Council has a longstanding position calling for an immediate end to the US war and occupation in Iraq; therefore be it

Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council supports the decision of the Longshore Caucus of the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) to stop work for 8 hours on Thursday, May 1, 2008 -- International Workers Day -- at all West Coast ports, to demand "an immediate end to the war and occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan and the withdrawal of US troops from the Middle East." The Council supports the decision of Branch 214 of the National Association of Letter Carriers to observe 2 minutes of silence in all carrier stations at 8:15 a.m. on May 1st, in solidarity with the ILWU action and to express their opposition to the war in Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council encourages other unions to follow ILWU's call for a 'No Peace-No Work Holiday' or other labor actions on May Day, to express their opposition to the US wars and occupations in the Middle East; and be it finally

Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council send a letter of congratulations to ILWU President Bob McEllrath for his union's bold initiative to use the occasion of International Workers Day to stop work to stop the war.

*-- Resolution adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council March 24, 2008, by unanimous vote.*

ILWU Dispatcher, June, 9, 2008. Contributors to this report included Craig Merriless, Russ Miyashiro, Tom Price, and Jennifer Sargent.

**We stood up for America, for the troops, and agaainst war.**

On May Day, ports up and down the Pacific Coast were quiet. Nearly 10,000 longshore division workers voluntarily gave up a day's pay to participate in one of the largest and most effective "no work" actions in recent history.

The May Day action had one important goal: to protest the war in Iraq. But it also produced some unexpected benefits, including a powerful display of membership solidarity, extraordinary public support, and extensive positive media coverage.

While Local 13 and other Southern California locals didn't hold rallies or marches like their counterparts up north, they made their own dramatic statements with overwhelming membership participation that sent a clear message to the politicians in Washington who continue to fund the war in Iraq.

"Our message about ending the war was received loud and clear in Washington, D.C., and the response there was overwhelmingly positive," said Local 63 Secretary Peter Peyton who was in the Capitol on May Day to help spread the word with a team that included International Secretary-Treasurer Willie Adams, Local 40 Vice President Dawn DesBrisay, plus Legislative Director Lindsay McLaughlin and Legislative Assistant Kyle Weimann.

Local 29 members in San Diego protested the war in Iraq on May Day, and President William Silva was interviewed on local TV news stations.

"All of us agree that it's time to get out of Iraq now," Silva told the local CBS and FOX outlets. "We care too much about America to stand by while our country, our troops and our economy are destroyed by the Iraq war. Soldiers from working families are fighting and dying for a stupid war." Local 29 member Ray Leyba was also interviewed by TV reporters. "We stand together not with signs but with human beings, with bodies and families who are united against the war," he told CBS, adding: "This doesn't have anything to do with our contract or negotiations."

Public support for the action by ILWU members was overwhelming, with over a thousand unsolicited "thank-you" messages that poured into ILWU locals and International headquarters. A relative handful of complaints were received – and most of them came from anti-union employers.

President Joe Cortez of Local 13 said their office received many offers to help from concerned citizens in their community. The same was true at other ILWU locals in the Southland, according to Local 29 President William Silva in San Diego and Local 46 President Dan Hultgen in Port Hueneme.

Local 46 workers in Port Hueneme took the day off to reflect on the war. One member, Victor Gallardo, was protesting 35 years ago against the Vietnam War. Today his two daughters are serving in the military, one of them on her second tour in Iraq. "Our union has always been anti-war," he told the Ventura County Star.

**"We don't have any kind of picket line today," Local 46 President Dan Hultgen told the Star. "We're just letting the country know that we're supporting our troops and asking for an end to the war."**

**In addition to sending messages and phone calls, some community members brought boxes of donuts and other goodies to ILWU members as a way to show support. Paul Krehbiel was one private citizen who drove an hour from his home in Pasadena after hearing about the ILWU action on the radio. He arrived at San Pedro with five fresh apple pies; each was decorated with an American flag and a "thank you" message. The former truck driver and construction worker said, "All of you are true patriots for what you did today, your courage is inspiring to everyone who wants the war to end."**

**At Local 19 in Seattle, the docks were quiet and cranes were "boomed-up" – a sign that usually signals a serious tragedy such as a death on the job, but not on May Day.**

**"Normally, when I see all the cranes boomed up, it makes me sad," ILWU Local 19 President Herald Ugles told a crowd of nearly 2,000 marchers at a waterfront rally in Seattle. "But today it's a great sight to see all those cranes boomed up – not just here, but all up and down the whole West Coast!"**

**With that comment, the crowd erupted in cheers, whistles and sign-waving. A diverse group of ILWU workers, community groups, and fellow union members were on-hand to celebrate the coastwise solidarity action against the war in Iraq.**

**Ugles noted the toll that the war has been taking on the troops – and on America's economy. He attacked the "decline of our country's infrastructure, including roads, rails, and bridges that have been neglected with dire results, such as the tragic deaths of innocent people who perished in Minnesota when an aging bridge collapsed." Ugles then pointed to the nearby Alaskan Way Viaduct, an elevated, double-decker highway along Seattle's waterfront that USA Today has called "a catastrophe waiting to happen." Interviewed by KOMO News 4, Ugles summed-up the views of many by saying, "We need to stop this war, bring our troops home, and let's rebuild America – not just Iraq." The spirited rally in Seattle capped a 2-mile waterfront march that began near the Local 19 union hall. The march was led by Local 19 members, and included representatives from most other Washington ILWU locals.**

**In Portland, several dozen members of Columbia River ILWU locals gathered with peace activists on a floating walkway in Portland to place flowers in the Willamette River that represented more than 4,000 American soldiers killed in Iraq.**

**The event was heavily covered by local media. Local 8 Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Holte told the Portland Business Journal that all 1,300 workers from Locals 8, 40, and 92 in Portland, Local 4 in Vancouver, Local 50 in Astoria and Local 21 in Longview, were joining the members in 25 other ports to "take a stand for the majority of Americans who oppose the war in Iraq." Members from Local 5 in Portland were also on hand to lend their support.**

**Holte told Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB), "We're very proud union members, and we feel strongly against the war. Believe me, they know back in Washington, D.C. that we're not working today – and why we're not."**

When asked if he was afraid of getting fired for skipping work to protest the war, Local 8 member Jerry Lawrence told OPB News, "If that's what they wish to do, then they gotta fire all of us, 'cause we stand in solidarity."

Local 8 President Jeff Smith published an opinion piece on Oregon's most influential blog on May 3rd, thanking the community for their generous expressions of support. He wrote, "We've run out of patience with the endless excuses for why this war goes on and on with "goals" that seem to change all the time. It's time to thank our troops for their service by bringing them home so they can raise their kids."

Smith's opinion piece drew effusive positive comments from readers statewide who thanked locals and the International Union for taking a stand against the war.

In Tacoma, Local 23 workers also protested on May Day, and got good media coverage for their strong show of solidarity.

"We have a long history of taking-up social causes even if they aren't popular," explained Local 23's Scott Mason to the Tacoma News Tribune, "Our job is to get ships in and out, but today we need to get those troops home."

Local 23 members showed some solidarity on the home-front by attending an afternoon rally to support security guards at their port who want to join the ILWU, but are getting the run-around from management.

Local 54 members in Stockton took the day off to protest the war. At a local May Day rally, teachers, Teamsters, nurses, and Stockton City Councilwoman Susan Eggman joined two veterans who spoke against the war.

"It's a small group, but we have a statement to make," Secretary-Treasurer Gene Davenport said. "It's time to end the war—now."

One of the ILWU's largest May Day events happened in the San Francisco Bay Area where union members and community supporters gathered at the Local 10 hall until Local 10's Drill Team members led-off a waterfront march at a smart clip. Longshore workers followed behind with family and friends, passing old piers where longshoremen once loaded ships by hand and fought to establish the ILWU. They passed the Ferry Building and Harry Bridges Plaza near the spot where longshoremen were gunned-down in 1934.

Joining longshore workers were a colorful mix of supporters that included teachers, nurses, activists from the "Raging Grannies" and unionized exotic dancers from the Lusty Lady Theater. Together they filled the plaza with more than a thousand protestors who gathered for a noon rally where Local 34 President Richard Cavalli was one of the first speakers.

"This war, like all wars, is killing the sons and daughters of workers. George Bush's daughters are getting married in the White House while our daughters are getting buried in Iraq. The politicians in office have failed to end this war—and it's not going to end until we get people into the streets."

ILWU International Executive Board Member Lawrence Thibeaux read a statement from ILWU International President Bob McEllrath: "The corporations that control global shipping today aren't loyal or accountable to any country. To them, it's all

about making money. But longshore workers are different. We're loyal to America, and we won't stand by while our country, our troops, and our economy are destroyed by a war that's bankrupting us to the tune of \$3 trillion dollars."

Actor Danny Glover was on hand to lend his support and thank longshore workers for taking a stand. Local 10 members Jack Heyman and Clarence Thomas also spoke, joining a host of community activists.

After the San Francisco rally, some members from Local 10 and 34 attended the Immigrant's Rights Rally at Dolores Park, then marched to San Francisco's Civic Center. ILWU members in the East Bay also attended an immigrant's rally in Oakland at the Fruitvale BART station, then marched to Oakland City Hall.

Local 34 capped-off the day of action by hosting a Community May Day Potluck Celebration with Local 10 at their union hall on the waterfront. Special guests performed at the event, including singer Renee Gibbons, signer/poet Raymond Nat Turner from the group Upsurge, signer Elisa Welch from the activist group Code Pink, and entertainers Kingpin Row & Lady Yen who performed songs and poetry as the Elite Team.

Local 34 members Jacqueline Hart, Guillermo Morales, Messina Bishop, Karl Bishop, Sean Farley, Juan del Pozo, Tony Boyadzis – plus Christopher Cadelago of Local 10 – all worked hard to make their celebration a successful conclusion to a historic day for all ILWU members.





**MAY DAY, 2008 -- ILWU WAR PROTEST  
-- LOCAL 10 - SAN FRANCISCO -- MARCH AND RALLY**

**THE LOCAL'S DRILL TEAM WARMS UP --  
AS MARCHERS GATHER AT ITS HIRING HALL...**





THE MARCHERS ON THE EMBARCADERO ...



... AND AS THEY ENTERED JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA.

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## **Longshore union strikes against war**

By PETER COLE  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**On Thursday, May Day, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union will declare an eight-hour strike to protest the war in Iraq. Since the ILWU controls every port along the U.S. Pacific Coast, including Seattle and Tacoma, this strike demonstrates the collective power of workers willing to use it.**

**The ILWU is demanding "an immediate end to the war and occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Middle East." Although the majority of Americans repeatedly have expressed their desire to end the war, President Bush has not obliged us, so it drags on. Because our leaders refuse to listen, ILWU members are taking the next logical step for workers: Strike.**

**For those unfamiliar, the ILWU is perhaps the most militant and politicized worker organization in the nation. It operates in one of the most important sectors of the world economy -- marine transport -- and, thus, is in a strategic location to put peace above profits.**

**Forged in the fires of 1930s worker struggles to gain basic rights, the ILWU was born in 1934 when longshoremen (there were no women in the industry then, though there are now) performed the incredibly hard, dangerous and important work of loading and unloading ships. To improve their wages and wrest some control over their lives, men all along the coast struck -- and in a few instances died -- to gain union recognition.**

**The ILWU is highly democratic. A caucus of more than 100 longshore workers representing every union local establishes policies for the Longshore Division. It was this caucus that voted to declare the May Day strike.**

**Dockworkers, including those in the ILWU, have a proud tradition of political action. For example, in the 1980s the ILWU respected the strike of British dockworkers by refusing to unload a ship worked by scab labor. Just last week, union longshoremen in South Africa refused to unload a Chinese vessel carrying military supplies destined for autocratic Zimbabwe -- a tremendous example of solidarity.**

**That the ILWU chose International Workers' Day to declare this strike suggests its political commitment and internationalism. Around the world, workers honor labor by taking a holiday. What few Americans know is that the tradition of a May Day strike originated not in the Soviet Union in the 1950s but the United States of the 1880s.**

**These days, such examples of worker power are increasingly rare in the U.S. The tragedy is that, historically, labor activism gave us the 40-hour workweek (and the weekend) and helped humanize the exploitative excesses of unregulat-**

ed capitalism. As income inequality continues to grow in the United States, it is wise to remember how, in the past, strong unions created a larger middle class as well as a more democratic and egalitarian nation.

The ILWU strike also reminds us that unions still have an important role in public discussions beyond the workplace. As a democratic institution, the ILWU is precisely the sort of "civic society" that the Bush administration has been trying to create in Iraq. On May 1, dockworkers will speak loud and clear -- end the endless war in Iraq. Other American workers who want to support our troops by bringing them home can make their voices heard by joining with the brave men and women of the ILWU and taking the day off.

*Peter Cole is an associate professor of history at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill. His book "Wobblies on the Waterfront: Interracial Unionism in Progressive-Era Philadelphia" was published by the University of Illinois Press.*

## **May Day Message From Iraqi Docks Union**

From: The General Union of Port Workers in Iraq

To: The International Longshore and Warehouse Union in the United States

Dear Brothers and Sisters of ILWU in California:

The courageous decision you made to carry out a strike on May Day to protest against the war and occupation of Iraq advances our struggle against occupation to bring a better future for us and for the rest of the world as well.

We are certain that a better world will only be created by the workers and what you are doing is an example and proof of what we say. The labor movement is the only element in the society that is able to change the political equations for the benefit of mankind. We in Iraq are looking up to you and support you until the victory over the US administration's barbarism is achieved.

Over the past five years, the sectarian gangs who are the product of the occupation, have been trying to transfer their conflicts into our ranks. Targeting workers, including their residential and shopping areas, indiscriminately using all sorts of explosive devices, mortar shells, and random shooting, were part of a bigger scheme that was aiming to tear up the society but they miserably failed to achieve their hellish goal. We are struggling today to defeat both the occupation and sectarian militias' agenda.

The pro-occupation government has been attempting to intervene into the workers affairs by imposing a single government-certified labor union. Furthermore it has been promoting privatization and an oil and gas law to use the occupation against the interests of the workers.

We the port workers view that our interests are inseparable from the interests of workers in Iraq and the world; therefore we are determined to continue our struggle to improve the living conditions of the workers and overpower all plots of the occupation, its economic and political projects.

Let us hold hands for the victory of our struggle.

Long live the port workers in California!

Long live May Day!

Long live International solidarity!

The General Union of Port Workers in Iraq An Affiliate Union with General Federation of Workers Councils and Unions in Iraq (GFWCUI)

## **May Day 2008 Statement from the Iraqi Labour Movement**

To the Workers and All Peace Loving People of the World

April 29th, 2008

On this day of international labour solidarity we call on our fellow trade unionists and all those worldwide who have stood against war and occupation to increase support for our struggle for freedom from occupation - both the military and economic.

We call upon the governments, corporations and institutions behind the ongoing occupation of Iraq to respond to our demands for real democracy, true sovereignty and self-determination free of all foreign interference.

Five years of invasion, war and occupation have brought nothing but death, destruction, misery and suffering to our people. In the name of our "liberation," the invaders have destroyed our nation's infrastructure, bombed our neighbourhoods, broken into our homes, traumatized our children, assaulted and arrested many of our family members and neighbours, permitted the looting of our national treasures, and turned nearly twenty percent of our people into refugees.

The invaders helped to foment and then exploit sectarian divisions and terror attacks where there had been none. Our union offices have been raided. Union property has been seized and destroyed. Our bank accounts have been frozen. Our leaders have been beaten, arrested, abducted and assassinated. Our rights as workers have been routinely violated.

The Ba'athist legislation of 1987, which banned trade unions in the public sector and public enterprises (80% of all workers), is still in effect, enforced by Paul Bremer's post-invasion Occupation Authority and then by all subsequent Iraqi administrations. This is an attack on our rights and basic precepts of a democratic society, and is a grim reminder of the shadow of dictatorship still stalking our country.

Despite the horrific conditions in our country, we continue to organise and protest against the occupation, against workplaces abuses, and for better treatment and safer conditions.

Despite the sectarian plots around us, we believe in unity and solidarity and a common aim of public service, equality, and freedom to organise without external intrusions and coercion.

Our legitimacy comes from our members. Our principles of organisation are based on transparent and internationally recognised International Labour Organisation standards.

We call upon our allies and all the world's peace-loving peoples to help us to end the nightmare of occupation and restore our sovereignty and national independence so that we can chart our own course to the future.

1) We demand an immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from our country, and utterly reject the agreement being negotiated with the USA for long-term bases and a military presence. The continued occupation fuels the violence in Iraq rather than alleviating it. Iraq must be returned to full sovereignty.

2) We demand the passage of a labour law promised by our Constitution, which adheres to ILO principles and on which Iraqi trade unionists have been fully consulted, to protect the rights of workers to organize, bargain and strike, independent of state control and interference.

3) We demand an end to meddling in our sovereign economic affairs by the International Monetary Fund, USA and UK. We demand withdrawal of all economic conditionalities attached to the IMF's agreements with Iraq, removal of US and UK economic "advisers" from the corridors of Iraqi government, and a recognition by those bodies that no major economic decisions concerning our services and resources can be made while foreign troops occupy the country.

4) We demand that the US government and others immediately cease lobbying for the oil law, which would fracture the country and hand control over our oil to multinational companies like Exxon, BP and Shell. We demand that all oil companies be prevented from entering into any long-term agreement concerning oil while Iraq remains occupied. We demand that the Iraqi government tear up the current draft of the oil law, and begin to develop a legitimate oil policy based on full and genuine consultation with the Iraqi people. Only after all occupation forces are gone should a long term plan for the development of our oil resources be adopted.

We seek your support and solidarity to help us end the military and economic occupation of our country. We ask for your solidarity for our right to organise and strike in defence of our interests as workers and of our public services and resources. Our public services are the legacy of generations before us and the inheritance of all future generations and must not be privatised.

We thank you for standing by us. We too stand with you in your own struggles for real democracy which we know you also struggle for, and against privatisation, exploitation and daily disempowerment in your workplaces and lives.

We commend those of you who have organised strikes and demonstrations to end the occupation in solidarity with us and we hope these actions will continue. We look forward to the day when we have a world based on co-operation and solidarity. We look forward to a world free from war, sectarianism, competition and exploitation.

Endorsed by: (signers as of 4/29/08)

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