

The Current Trend

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Finkbook means disruption for seamen. Never under its auspices can the seamen organize, and this is why:

After the next strike the continuous discharge book will show the masters who was scabbing, and who wasn't. Valuable information to ship owners. Wars will be started among the seamen and chances for organization goes up in the smoke of battle. The seamen now need a One Big Union of Marine Workers, more so than any other industry. Such a thing seems impossible in the I. S. U. as well as in the A. F. of L. But it is not impossible in the Industrial Workers of the World. Therefore: help round out the Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union No. 510 and we shall go places.

Now do you see the hole I. S. U. politicians have brought you to? It will take a Supreme Court to save us, unless we get brains and join the MTW 510. Most sailors knew beforehand where the I. S. U. was heading but did not care to mention it during the strike because it would have had a bad effect. So there she stands, the I. S. U., a house divided against itself.

By kicking radicals out, the I. S. U. kicks rotten conditions in—and wars start all over again. The situation in the marine industry has a few gruesome details. In the midst of unseamanlike foaming and gnashing we lose sight of one important thing: Industrial Unions. Not only is the day of craft unionism past, but it is ridiculous, ludicrous. And, if anybody, the seamen should know it, and deride it..... It takes a marine Industrial Union to make shipowners eat that book.