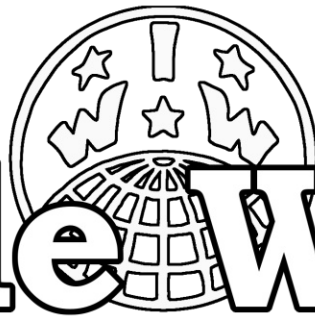


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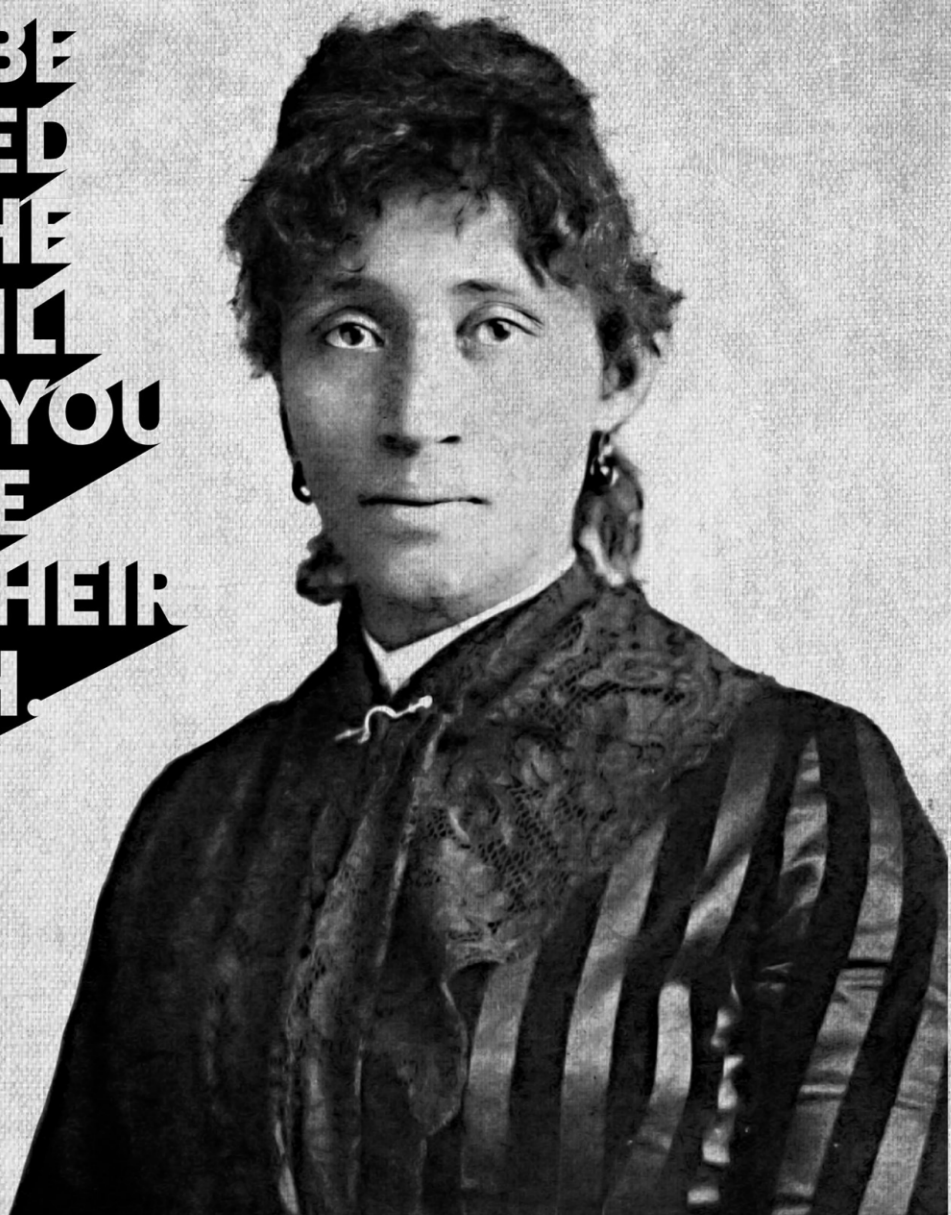


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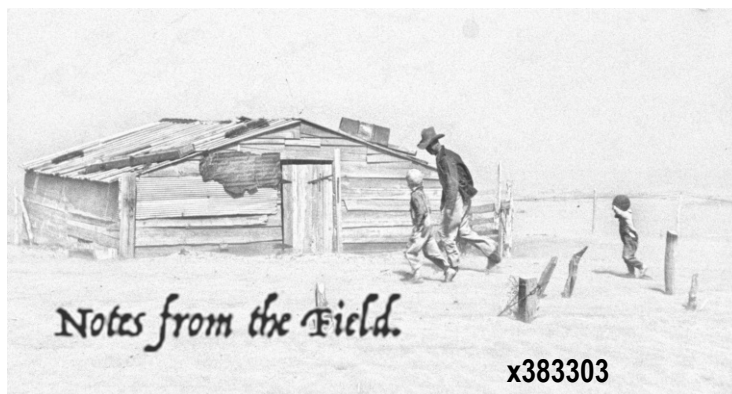
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This month's cover features Lucy Parsons, whose organizing, fiery oration, writings, direct action, defiance of the police, and free speech fights shaped the labor movement from the 1870's through 1941. She was a founding delegate to the IWW and her remarks in the founding convention became central tenets in the IWW. Cover image from an unknown artist. The photograph was taken in Chicago in the late 1880s by the photography studio Levin & Maul.



Over the years, I've written about many topics; fair wages, boycotts, workers' rights, and so on. However, I've avoided bringing my personal life into the mix. This is a new realm for me.

We all have at least three jobs; work, home, and family. I no longer "work" per se as I am retired, so I have replaced that slot in my life with my union work.

About three years ago I had a balance issue with a very full plate. I was on the edge of losing it. I was a part of three IWW committees, writing for the Seattle Worker, painting my house, and starting a new relationship. What did I do when things go out of balance? I juggled projects, called upon others for a lifeline, and I hacked at the weeds in my yard.

Thirty years ago, my mother would tell how my father, Bob, would come home from work at Boeing with his head spinning and almost out of control. He would invariably grab a shovel or garden implement and start whacking. For him gardening got him out of his head and gave him space to calm down. He advised me to get a hobby to put my energy into.

With that in mind, I actually have a couple of hobbies. Geology and gardening being my primary ones.

You might not be able to do something physical or outdoors. That doesn't matter. It's about getting into a special place mentally that gives you space to calm yourself. It could be cooking or gaming or reading. Just find one (or two) that works for you.

One last piece of advice. Love and solidarity are wonderful Band-Aids for burnout.

Giving or receiving a big hug can go a long way to help someone in need. Look for folks in need. A hug or kind word can go a long way to help someone in need.



From the Secretary's Desk:

The Hidden Challenges of being Branch Secretary

By FW Noah

A lot of what a branch secretary is supposed to do, in regards to how they are meant to oversee a branch of the IWW, appears rather simple on paper or when you are being trained by a former branch secretary.

For context, branch secretaries are officers of a general membership branch that are annually elected, and are responsible for the administrative duties that allow a union branch to grow and build up the capacity for union organizing. The bare bones responsibilities include filing regular reports to headquarters once a month, making sure that your delegates are collecting and recording dues correctly, hosting business or committee meetings, and filing various tax or Department of Labor forms on a yearly basis.

However, something I have found in my experience of being the branch secretary for the Tacoma GMB is that there are a whole host of other responsibilities that you can find yourself taking on, even if they are not apparent at first or if they are not previously suggested by a former officer. Every branch secretary can find themselves in this situation from time to time, especially if their branch lacks a more active membership or finds themselves unfamiliar with a position of great responsibility. Learning not just how to do the "bare bones" aspects of the job, but the broader tasks of making sure that your branch remains focused on its mission, making sure that the various side projects being taken on by the membership are well executed, as well as maintaining a socially healthy and diverse collective of fellow workers can put a strain on anyone who is either lucky - or obliged - to be in the position. While some of these undefined duties can be delegated to other officers or branch members if they are able, many secretaries can end up taking on these tasks themselves if the membership is unable or unmotivated to do so.

One thing in my experience that I've had to reckon with, even before I became branch secretary, was the fact that it's very easy for a collective of people to agree to an ideal or project that the branch should put into action. However, when it comes time to search for volunteers, fellow workers can either be busy with

other obligations, wrestling with the challenges of their own life, or otherwise disinterested in taking on the work that needs to be done. Something that needs to be emphasized in union spaces is that everyone has to carry some portion of the work in order for the entire branch to achieve a certain goal - whatever that goal may be - and that putting all of the work on one or a small few fellow workers is liable to create burnout or resentment when it comes to union duties. It is also imperative for a democratic institution such as ours to stress the fact that there can be no genuine democracy unless the workload itself is democratized. Ideally, the same number of those who vote in favor of any project, task, or committee should be willing and able to take it on, otherwise there's no point in trying to achieve lofty goals that need more than two or three people to accomplish.

One big way our branch was able to achieve this was by creating a proportional officer ratio. This helps secretaries and other branch officers delegate their work by having peers or assistants, allowing more than one person at a time to occupy various officer positions such as branch secretary, treasurer, delegate, and so forth. This creates more opportunity to get trained and gain experience in taking on the bigger tasks that make a union branch well functioning. Creating action lists for fellow workers at the end of every branch meeting so that they have a clear picture of what they need to achieve before the next business meeting can also help fellow workers hold themselves accountable to the tasks and goals that they want to accomplish on behalf of the union. Of course, it cannot be stressed enough that secretaries should get in the habit of delegating work, even work that they want to take on, to their available branch members so that they don't become easily overwhelmed by the collective responsibility.

Another aspect of being branch secretary that isn't immediately apparent is handling multiple responsibilities related to the office, and at the same time, checking in with other committees or fellow workers who have taken on the work of the union. Being a branch secretary means being able to have an objective bird's eye view of all of the various committees and activities that the union is engaged in, and getting a good sense of where your collective efforts are being applied and where

future efforts should be directed as needed. Sometimes you may notice that the collective efforts of your branch are towards projects or efforts not directly related to labor organizing or education, or overextending its membership by taking on multiple labor-intensive projects. It will require you from time to time to call upon the membership and motivate them to refocus on the main mission of the IWW: educating, organizing and unionizing workers.

Balancing this workload, between your own immediate duties as a branch secretary as well as occasionally helping out with the work of various committees and projects, can become exhausting or overwhelming, especially if you're the type of person who is overeager to help out your fellow workers. Developing trust in your branch membership to help out with the work of the union can be a leap for some, especially if it seems like your branch might be biting off more than it can chew or if the membership is suffering from a lack of morale. Keeping your branch realistic in its scope of what can be accomplished is a must, and helping other fellow workers gain a perspective on how a task or project can be broken down into smaller parts can make the work of the union more approachable and achievable for even the most hesitant member.

On a final note, it's important to stress that branch membership should not just be active and diverse, but should also maintain a common standard of respect and decorum when it comes to the treatment of our fellow members. Having to manage interpersonal conflicts, safer spaces violations, or a socially fraught or low morale membership can be especially stressful and dread-inducing especially if you aren't used to having to

mediate such conflicts. Sometimes fellow workers clash over a difference in ideology, projects or organizing campaigns that they think the branch should prioritize, and other aspects of the union's health such as its finances or relationships with other organizations. It can also be difficult to maintain a healthy social environment when your branch members feel like the only thing they do as members of the union is busy work, even if that busy work is in the service of larger and more meaningful goals.

Having regular socials with members, especially where you can interact with the public, has been one way the Tacoma GMB has managed to get together and practice community, both internally and externally. Taking time to engage with our mission artistically, such as banner making, writing, or producing our home-grown radio show - WOB Radio - gives us a time and space to set aside the more strenuous work to create something that is both enriching for the membership and informative and entertaining for the public.

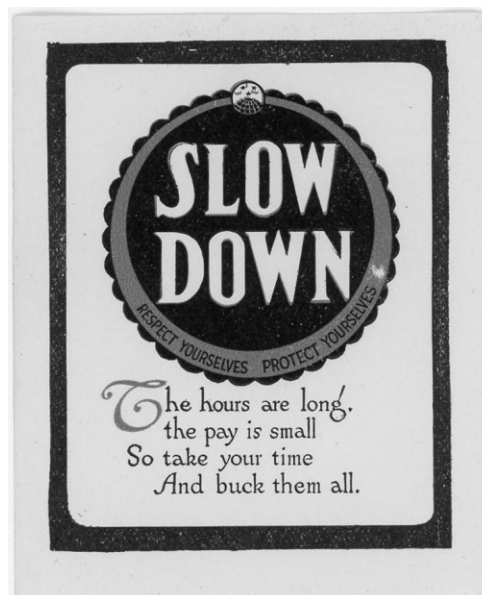
As for managing conflict, creating a safer spaces policy moderator for meetings that can step in or be receptive to possible problematic behavior is a step in the right direction. However, learning how to handle and resolve conflict between members takes both a resolve to be considerate of the feelings of others in union spaces, as well as the proactive necessity of putting yourself in a tense situation and mediating towards a resolution. It's not a fun experience for anyone involved, but it is absolutely necessary to the health of a branch and the wellbeing of its members that you are able to identify and navigate conflict so that a respectful and caring union environment can be maintained. Otherwise, undermining,



IWW Hall in Arlington, 1910s

bullying, or even abuse behavior can go unchecked to the point it features membership trust in both you and the union's values. The IWW's Conflict Resolution Training Manual is available through the Education Department,, and the IWW Constitution outlines grievance and mediation procedures for complaints charges. Both of these are incredibly helpful to any fellow worker facing these kinds of situations.

These are just some of the things I've learned as a branch secretary, with just under two years in the position. Hopefully, these ideas can help you understand what it's like to be an officer of the branch, and give you a more realistic expectation of the job if you hope to get elected to the position yourself. I certainly look forward to continuing my growth in these skills, and now that you know them, you too can use them to help grow a productive and successful union branch. Help the work along!



Why I Joined the IWW

by Thomas Tobiason

I've been retired for 10 years. A few years ago, I joined the Industrial Workers of the World, (IWW). I didn't join for a work reason as I was and am out of the world of work. So, why did I join?

The way I see it, the world is facing two huge problems at present. The rise of fascism/authoritarianism and global warming/climate change. There is no shortage of writing, bolstered by reams and reams of evidence and logic on both topics that argues against these positions. Yet the opinions of those favoring fascism or opposed to any action in an attempt to mitigate global warming are largely unchanged.

The reason evidence and logic fail to produce any changes is that the OPINIONS of those that support fascism and oppose efforts to fix global warming are NOT supported by evidence or logic. These are EMOTIONAL positions, residing in the realm of VALUES. The only way to change their opinions will be to appeal to and change their hearts, their values. No amount of evidence or logic presented in a debate scenario will touch their hearts.

So, going forward, my opinion is that we need to support elements of our society and culture that have these two core values: all men are created equal and all men are deserving of equal respect. I believe that supporting institutions and organizations that have these core values will eventually lead us to a better world.

I once had my hopes pinned on politics, but politics has devolved into something that ignores values. Most Americans would support these values were the question asked in a political context. The spirituality community holds these values. And, the IWW holds these values. The Wobblies evidence these values everyday in all their interactions with the world and all their internal affairs.

Joining the IWW and paying the monthly dues, is, for me, the best way I can make a material difference to the possibility of a better future. As the IWW works as a model and example of how we humans should conduct our affairs, I believe that eventually this will rub off on society as a whole.

Feedback Wanted! For the Little Red Songbook

Greetings Fellow Workers,

The Little Red Songbook (LRS) Committee has been working for two years on the new 39th Edition of the songs of the IWW. The Literature Committee sent requests to the GOB, IW, Wob Forum, and the Seattle Worker seeking committee participants, submissions, and ideas. A survey for song suggestions was created and widely distributed. With input from many Wobs, we reviewed over 150 songs for their potential publication in our new edition of the songbook.

The Songbook has been a part of the IWW since its first publication 1909. Published in Spokane, Washington during the 1909 Free Speech Fight under the title, Songs of Workers, on the Road, in the Jungles, and in the Shops.

The songbook is a foundational piece of our Union. The songbook is the most widely distributed piece of IWW literature

to the general public, and might be the best-selling item in our store inventory.

Members of the Committee judged songs based on their pertinence to today, musicality, and content. We submit the following list of song for publication. We ask for your comments and opinions.

Our goal for the next year is to finalize the song list and to start the process of laying out and creating the new edition complete with cords, lyrics, notes, and art. We are hoping to create a rough draft by September 2026.

Contact, comment, and join the LRS Committee by sending a note to: lrs-39@googlegroups.com

For the OBU.

Song List:

1. A la Huelga -Chico Sánchez Ferlosio
2. All Used Up
3. All You Fascists Are Bound to Lose - Woody Guthrie
4. Banks of Marble
5. Bread and Roses / Du Pain et des Roses
6. Dump the Bosses Off Your Back
7. El Derecho de Vivir en Paz (2019 version) - Victor Jara
8. El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido -anonymous
9. En la Plaza de Mi Pueblo -anonymous
10. God Bless You Very Wealthy Men
11. Hallelujah, I'm a Bum
12. Hold the Fort / Recordad!!
13. Huelga En General
14. I Dreamed I Saw Joe Hill Last Night - Alfred Hayes & Earl Robinson
15. If They Come For You - Ed Peckford
16. Joe Hill's Last Will
17. May Day
18. Minimum Wage Strike
19. Never Cross a Picket Line - Billy Bragg
20. Niños Campesinos
21. Paper Heart - Si Kahn
22. Rich People - Carsie Blanton
23. Roll the Union On - John Handcox
24. Solidarity Forever / Solidaridad pa' siempre / Solidarité mes frères sœurs
25. Stung Right
26. That Sabo-Tabby Kitten
27. The Chemical Worker's Song - Process Man
28. The Internationale
29. The Little Flame, Carsie Blanton
30. The Little Red Songbook - Richard Brazier
31. The Popular Wobbly
32. The Preacher and the Slave / Pastel Celestial
33. The Rebel Girl - Joe Hill
34. The Right to be Lazy
35. There is Power in a Union
36. There is Power in a Union (Pride Version) - Billy Bragg
37. Tierra y Libertad
38. Union Maid
39. We Have Fed You All for a Thousand Years
40. What Shall We Do with the Starbucks Bosses?
41. Where the Fraser River Flows - Utah Phillips
42. Which Side Are You On?
43. Wobbly Doxology
44. Workers Song - Dick Gaughan
45. Working Folk Unite
46. Ya Ain't Done Nothing if ya Ain't Been Called a Red - Faith Petric

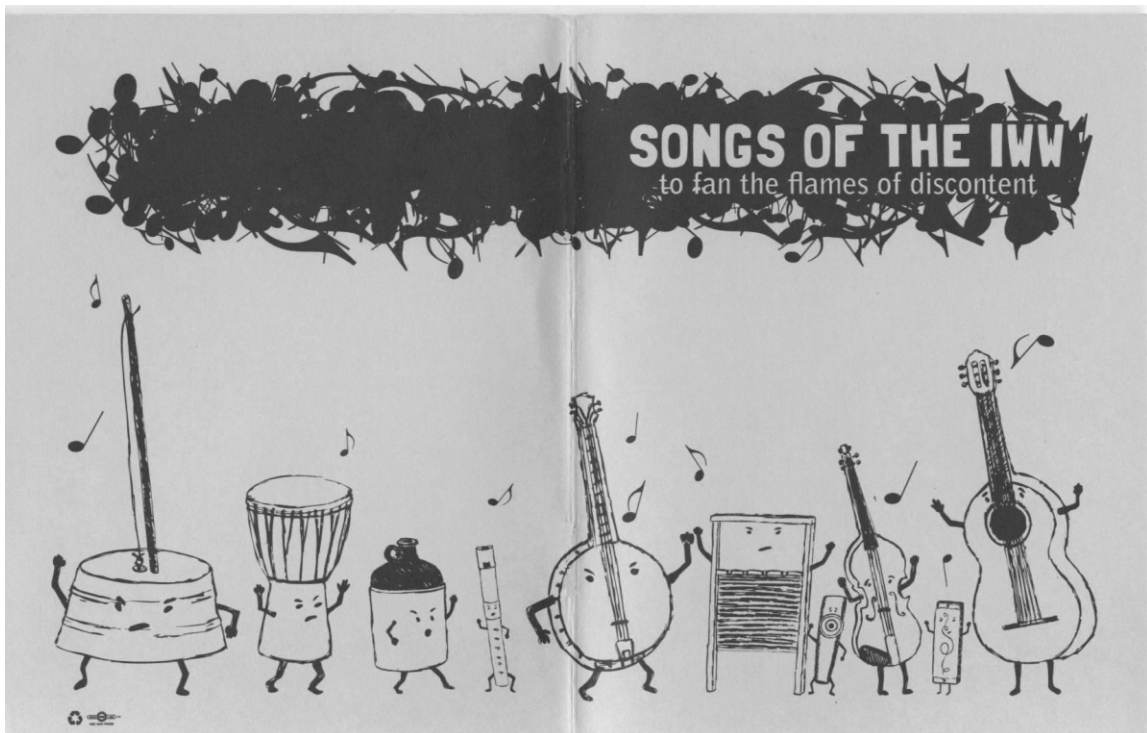
Bread and Roses

As we come marching, marching, in the beauty of the day,
A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill lofts gray
Are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses,
For the people hear us singing: "Bread & roses! Bread & roses!"

As we come marching, marching, we battle too for men –
For they are in this struggle, and together we may win.
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes –
Hearts starve as well as bodies: Give us bread, but give us roses!

As we come marching, marching, unnumbered women dead
Go crying through our singing their ancient cry for bread.
Small art and love and beauty their drudging spirits knew.
Yes, it is bread we fight for—but we fight for roses, too!

As we come marching, marching, we're standing proud and tall,
The rising of the women means the rising of us all.
No more the drudge and idler—ten that toil where one reposes—
But a sharing of life's glories: Bread and roses! Bread and roses!



Organizing Incarcerated Workers

by FW Colin

“Crime” is an abstract category, but many of the things in that category are deeply harmful. If you’ve ever been victimized by another person, then you know that these things are no joke. So when activists come along and sing the tune of police/prison abolition, but cannot provide real answers as to what public safety will look like in the absence of coercive state power, it should be no surprise that most (although, notably, not all) people from working class communities reject this agenda as fantastical and naive.

However, if you’ve ever called 911 or filed a police report after something bad happened to you or someone you care about deeply, you know how it feels to wait around for the cops to show up, then wait while they take statements and some notes, and then you wait around for days, weeks, or months to hear what’s going on. And of course, worse things can and do happen, like them arresting the wrong person, or just shooting someone with no real cause.

What is an exploited working person who just doesn’t want violence taking place in their community to do?

The Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee of the IWW offers a more realistic path towards the abolition of the state’s monopoly on the “legitimate” use of violence, in tandem with the IWW’s bottom-up way towards the abolition of bosses and the wage system. Rather than focusing on the final goal, we focus on the here and now, but with a grounding in values and understanding that harmful behavior needs to be corrected, and that abiding it is antithetical to solidarity-based organizing.

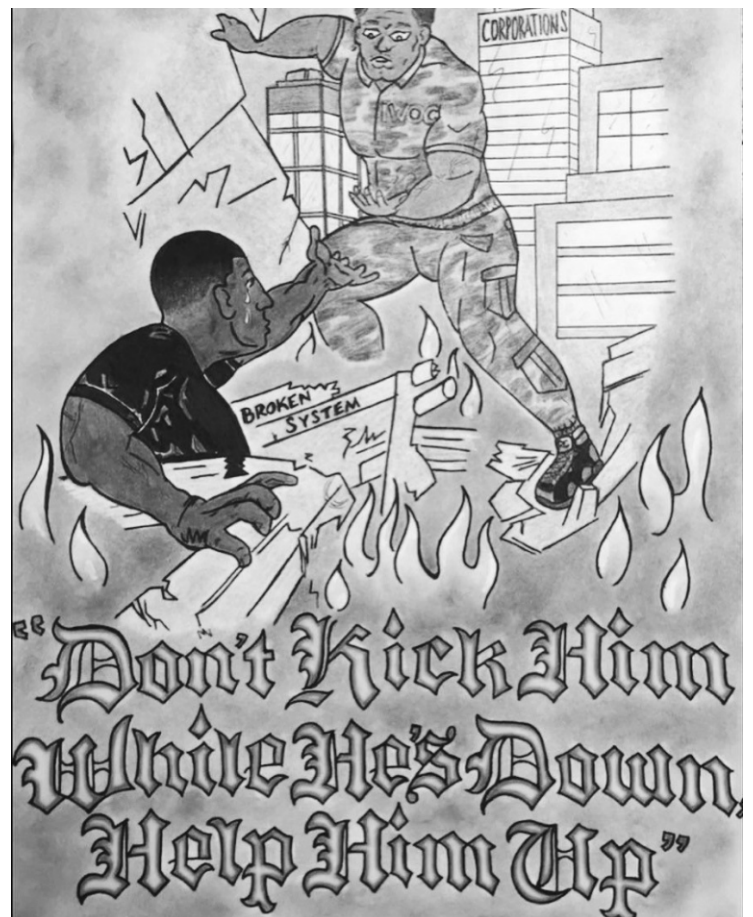
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Accountability, not as an empty slogan or vibe, but as a concrete practice is at the heart of what IWOC does. Our focus is on holding the state’s most violent institutions accountable for their gruesome brutality and shameless hypocrisy.

One of our unofficial slogans is, “there is no law, only enforcement.” What we mean by this is that the state expects everyone else to abide by its laws, but routinely deems itself immune. This is not just a moral failing; it is a feature of modern governance everywhere. It can only be overcome through social struggle to transform society.

Our criminal-legal system is not set up to address interpersonal harm. For all the talk of the shameful acts that a distinct minority of prisoners are in prison for, there is a chilling silence about the fact that most people who commit such acts are never arrested or charged for them, let alone convicted or sentenced. Why not? Because despite the propaganda, criminal-legal systems are not set up for victims. Or at least, not most victims. They are set up to “maintain social order,” which means maintaining our subjugation to the bosses.

As we organize and carry out our struggle, conflicts naturally arise, and must be dealt with in one way or another. This cannot be avoided, it is simply part of the human condition. The question of how to deal with it is not simple, but must be based on context. However, we have come up with certain guidelines. The needs of the person or people who have been harmed should come first, and be held as a higher priority than confronting the person or people who’ve done harm. The most

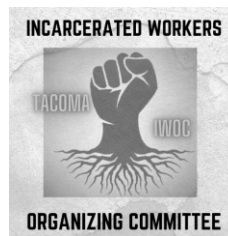
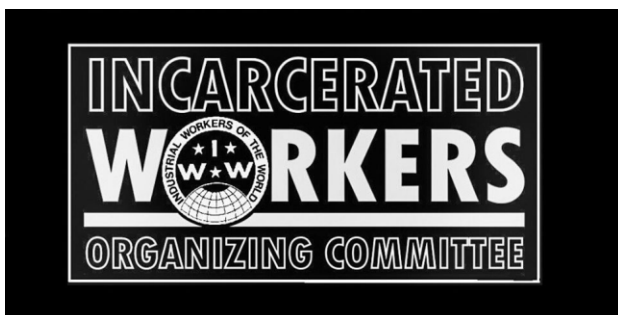


often neglected guideline is this; the burden of labor in holding someone accountable should never fall on the people who have already been harmed. Ideally, it should be borne primarily by those who have done harm. If they are willing, it can take the form of guided self-education or introspection. Kicking people out of groups or spaces (and more) is not inherently “carceral,” or a “punishment,” as some insist. It is necessary when unacceptable behavior is not changing, or when including a person who has done harm means, by default, excluding others. With similar guidelines, although no doubt with more sophistication and experience, most human societies throughout history have managed to exist and even thrive without prison or police.

One aspect of the social revolution we seek is holding our exploiters and oppressors accountable for their misdeeds. Direct actions like marching on the boss, or unionizing as a whole, are, in significant part, efforts at achieving accountability for harm that’s being done to us as workers. Unionizing, done properly, is a sort of revolution in the workplace, in which subordinated workers unite, demand, fight for, and achieve a measure of control and stability in their work and lives. The concept of doing this in the prison setting isn’t new or original to IWOC - at least some people will always be fighting for better conditions in any given context. The question that IWOC is always seeking better answers to is how best to coordinate, aid, and ultimately scale the existing and intrinsic resistance to incarceration by the incarcerated themselves.

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Despite numerous and obvious obstacles and differences from “normal” workplaces, the fundamentals of organizing still apply in prison. When you’re being paid less than a dollar an hour at your job and are not allowed to leave the premises, not a lot of people are convinced their exploiters care about them. The major obstacles are fear and hopelessness, and basics like mapping and AEIOU still apply. Some activists like to put imprisoned people on a pedestal. They say things like, “incarcerated people already know how to organize.” And obviously, some do, but most don’t. Just like workers in any other



industry or setting. A big part of what IWOC does is breaking down organizing into tangible steps that incarcerated workers can follow. For incarcerated members (or incarcerated future members) who are already having some success organizing, we connect with them and offer them what we can. It’s often modest, but it can nonetheless make a big difference, both materially and in terms of morale.

In today’s United States, there is profit being made off of incarcerated people whether they perform labor or not, and non-working people who find themselves locked up still have ways of struggling to improve their conditions that deserve our solidarity. However, the whole system would be unprofitable and thus unsustainable if not for certain essential upkeep work that incarcerated people are coerced into doing. Workers at these essential worksites, an in-house textile plant run by the California Prison Industries Authority (PIA) recently held a work slowdown in explicit defiance of their quota, demanding that they be granted sufficient access to commissary (aka canteen) to spend their wages. They requested and received solidarity from California IWOC, who emailed PIA officials on their behalf. The demand was quickly met.

Although this was a clear-cut example of the kind of direct, collective labor action that the IWW advocates, we should not neglect that incarcerated workers often resist in smaller and less visible, but no less collective or organized ways. For example, after years of physical and sexual abuse, a whisper campaign became a sort of open-mouth strike, and got the longtime warden of Central California Women’s Facility (CCWF) removed, and a particularly predatory guard arrested and charged for multiple rapes. The facility is still rife with abuse. Guards on its D yard call themselves the “delta dogs,” and engaged in mass beatings of defenseless imprisoned women late last year. One of the former LAPD officers charged in the Rodney King beating, which set off the 1992 LA riots, now works as a CO at CCWF.

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One of the ways that many people who find themselves in jail or prison choose to struggle against their conditions in the long term is by giving themselves an education. While prisons do sometimes offer educational courses, they are rarely enough to meet the demand, and many who would like to be admitted are not. Prison is not just a place where our society collects poor and

desperate people, it is also where our society collects its least accomplished readers, many of whom struggle with dyslexia and never received proper instruction on how to overcome it. In some parts of the country, policy estimates of how many prison beds will be “needed” in the future have been based on standardized test scores from children as young as 3rd graders.

Prison is where many, many people first discover the joys of literacy. However, their reading options are often limited. The most commonly requested book is the dictionary. Much of the literature available to imprisoned people by default regurgitates the standard American myths of starting businesses, pulling yourself up by your bootstraps, etc. IWOC plays an important role in helping incarcerated IWW members gain access to literature on solidarity organizing, other concrete skills that they can use when they get out, and shared histories of struggle. However, the most essential aspect of the IWOC literature program is supplying those who’ve taken action and been retaliated against with books to read during their stay in solitary confinement.

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Building an outside IWOC branch is not an easy task. However, like most organizing in the IWW, it has been made easier by trial-and-error over the years, and there are many lessons to pass on. Although they cannot all be related here, some essentials include:

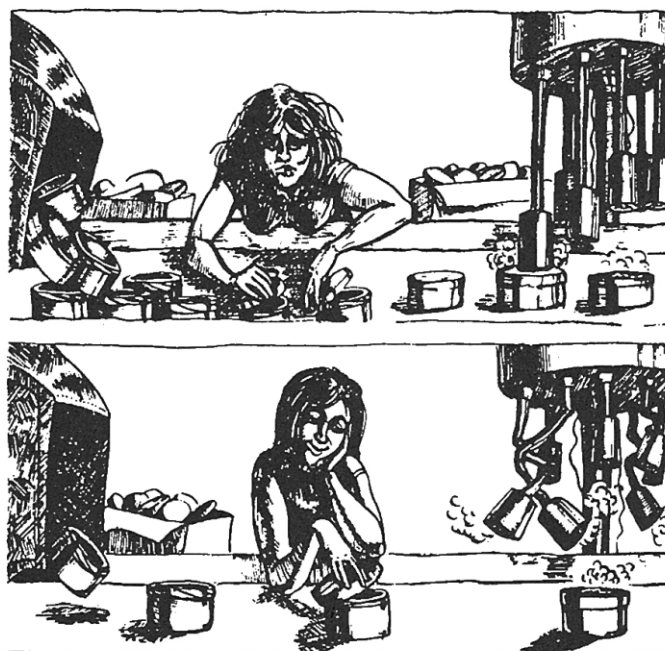
- ◆ Map the prison / jail system, and take copious notes. Where are the facilities? What are their least popular policies? What are their policies on inside-outside communication? What are the most common prison jobs? What are the most essential prison jobs? Etc.
- ◆ Obviously, don’t look down on incarcerated people, but don’t put them on a pedestal or treat them like a monolith either. You will get a lot of requests you’ll need to say “no” to. On the flip side, do not go into this assuming you have so much to teach incarcerated people. Maybe you do, maybe you don’t, but they probably have a lot to teach you, too.
- ◆ When you find solid inside organizers, stay in touch. The ball is always in your court. If you just stop hearing from them, find a way to get back in touch.
- ◆ If you say you’ll do something for an incarcerated person, do it. They are waiting around in prison thinking about what you said you’d do for them. This magnifies the impact of your words and actions significantly. A lot of people have already been let down before. Trust requires reliability, but

late is always much better than never.

- ◆ Have an orientation for new outside members that covers the aims of IWW and IWOC, the structure you have locally, the ongoing organizing activities, your written accountability process, why people want to join, what they envision their participation looking like
- ◆ Find a comfortable role for everyone interested, don’t just try to get them to do what needs doing.
- ◆ Be caring and let people, including yourself, take breaks without feeling bad about it. This kind of thing is traumatizing and it can get exhausting. Life events come up. Everyone needs breaks now and then, and transparency around this should be encouraged. As some put it, the question needs to be “how have you been?” and not “where have you been?”
- ◆ Make it social. Most IWOC organizing tasks can be done from home. However, organizing is a social experience. Caring, trust and friendship are essential forms of social glue that hold solidarity organizing efforts together.

If you are interested in organizing with IWOC, reach out to us at iwoc@iww.org.

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Leslie Fish (Industrial Worker, August 1975)

Surviving Through Mutual Aid

by Cedar Bushue

Mutual aid is how humanity has survived through the many tens of thousands of years that we have been a species. This is further shown in a 2020 article on Truthout.org; 'Mutual Aid is Essential to Our Survival Regardless of Who is in the White House' by Dean Spade. Long

before we had civilization, we survived through cooperation. Was there also violence? Of course. So what does mutual aid have to do with survival in our current days, amongst our working class that makes up 90+% of our population, regardless of political ideals? Simply put, if we don't band together, we're dead.

I have written before about the capitalist past of my Grandma's family. Why did I stop my family's cycle and start switching my ideals? Even though we had decent money, the end game of capitalism is to cannibalize 99% of the populace and give it to the 1%. As with the French during the Revolution - and many other empires where the minor nobility sees the 'writing on the wall' so to speak - I did as well. This really started for me in AmeriCorps, where I began to see just how poorly the 1% treat the rest of our populace.

Over the past few years, I began to see that the country was really in a death spiral. So, how do we the people survive? Re-arming the unions, through militant action. Examples from the past year include the ILA port worker strike that threatened the economy, and the French, Greek, and other dock workers that refused to load cargo for Israel. Mutual aid can look like a lot of different aspects; tenants and homeowners coming together to fight to keep their homes, community gardening projects such as building pallet gardens and pallet cabins. Both are simple and they even have youtube videos online explaining how to do either. Mutual aid helped workers in their brutal fight against the bosses during the Great Depression, where workers ate as families. Mutual aid is how we will survive. Arming our populace and workers is important, because when we did not, that is when the Pinkertons and Robber Barons used to have workers slaughtered.

Ironically, one of my main drives to participating in mutual aid and expanding my efforts is Pat Tillman. What does a former, assassinated soldier have to do with mutual aid? An interesting read



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on this covering what the mainstream media will not cover is the 2022 article onallthatsinteresting.com by Marco Margaritoff; How Did Pat Tillman Die? Inside The Tragic Demise That The U.S. Military Tried To Cover Up Well, he was becoming one of us when he was

assassinated (associates of my Grandma's family may have had something to do with that, knowing what I do now of the elite my grandma's family associated with, it would not surprise me). He was a free thinker, and was going to meet with Noam Chomsky when he got back, and this, the elites could not allow. An anonymous source who was serving at the time also told me that most of his stuff (like his journals), were also burned. I forget now if the people who killed him were bribed or threatened or both; but many had a lot to lose if he remained alive (countless politicians with investments in the war industry, as well as the corporations itself). There were even whispers that the people responsible were working with Jacob Rothchild, which wouldn't surprise me either.

I did not speak on this earlier in my life, because doing so would've involved me being kicked out of the wealthy ownership class, that would've allowed me to get into the top 1% if I'd played my cards right. I think I threw out any chance of a large inheritance with my stance against Bezos, so it happened regardless. Also, until 2012 and involving myself in AmeriCorps, I did not realize the importance of team bonding and mutual aid, that the government did not mean to teach me.

Part of coming together is refusing to fight for a government that enslaves its own people. Supporting article 2020 by Chris Hedges; Class: the Little Word the Elites Want You to Forget on Common Dreams. This Western imperialist doctrine of 'colonialism' and 'Manifest Destiny' will sacrifice us all on the altar of capitalism. This includes the military, and the cops, who the elites both view as disposable. As the wealthy have said in the past, that they only need to convince one half of the working class to kill the other. This is until the rollout of machines in a few years, that will 'purge' these unnecessary parts of the workforce, as well as most of the working class, that which isn't enslaved.

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Preamble

to the IWW Constitution

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

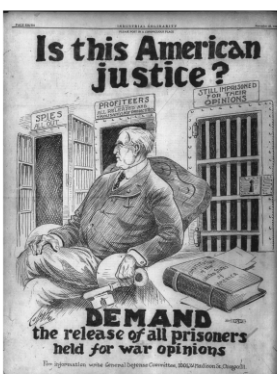
Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.



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