

San Francisco General Strike, July 1934

Some Sources at the Labor Archives:

LARC Ephemera File - folders:

"San Francisco Maritime and General Strike, 1934," "Individuals file, Harry Bridges,"
Longshoremen and Warehousemen files (ILWU)

Books:

The Turbulent Years: A History of the American Worker 1933-1941, by Irving Bernstein, 1970.

Working People of California, edited by Daniel Cornford, 1995 has chapter by Bruce Nelson on
"The Big Strike."

A History of the Labor Movement in California by Ira Cross, 1935 p. 254-62.

The Waterfront and General Strikes San Francisco, 1934 (A Brief History by Paul Eliel, Director
Industrial Relations Department Industrial Association of San Francisco, 1934

The Big Strike: A Pictorial History of the 1934 San Francisco
General Strike, by Warren Hinckle

Reds or Rackets: The Making of Radical and Conservative Unions on the Waterfront, by Howard
Kimeldorf, 1988.

Harry Bridges: The Rise and Fall of Radical Labor in the U.S. by Charles P. Larrowe, 1972

Shape-Up and Hiring Hall: A Comparison of Hiring Methods on the New York and Seattle
Waterfronts, by Charles Larrowe, 1955. Gives a summary of west coast and Seattle longshore
strikes from 1907 forward. See index under "Strikes."

Workers on the Waterfront by Bruce Nelson, 1988

The Big Strike by Mike Quinn copyright 1949

The March Inland: Origins of the ILWU Warehouse Division, 1934-1938 by Harvey Schwartz,
1978.

A Terrible Anger: The 1934 Waterfront and General Strikes in San Francisco, by David F. Selvin,
1996.

Endangered Dreams Kevin Starr

Red Angel The Life and Times of Elaine Black Yoneda 1906-1988 p. 72-73 has an account of the
murder of Sperry and Bordoise

Oversize Newsprint:

Issues, June-August 1934 of San Francisco Examiner

Clippings :

Oakland Port Authority Clipping Files
(currently being xeroxed by Jean Pauline)

Newspapers:

Labor Clarion , July 13, 1934

Voice of the Federation, 1935 - has anniversary article on strike

The Western Worker, July 1934 (very fragile!)

Waterfront Worker, in Archie Brown collection.

Organized Labor?

Oversize collection:

Sacramento Union, Friday July 6, 1934

De Losada Scrapbook 1990/043

Newspaper clippings:

Oakland Port Authority strike files

Phillips Pamphlet collection:

San Francisco Strike as I have Seen It -	folder 245
Strikes	folder 248
Great San Francisco General Strike"	folder 230
ILWU story	folder 700,805
Strike as a Weapon of Labor	folder 233
Report of the Pacific Coast Maritime Industry, p.14	folder 744
Maritime, A Historical Sketch,p.143-171	folder 659
The Pacific Coast Maritime Strike p.31	folder 683
A.B.C.'s of the Maritime Strike p.18	folder 257
Treacherous Passage p.35	folder 727
This is the N.M.U. p.143	folder 213

Thesis and Dissertation collection:

Delia, Joseph Two Shades of Red: An Analysis of Radical Influence in Two Strikes of 1934,
1981

Chiles, Frederic Claire, War on the Waterfront , 1981

LARC publications:

LARC "San Francisco Labor History Tour" pamphlet

LARC bibliography of "Theses and Dissertations on California Labor" for SFSU and UCB theses
and dissertations

LARC photograph collection - Funeral Procession, General subjects
Sid Roger donation - 300 or so b/w 4x5 photos

LARC collections:

Minutes of the Machinists (unprocessed collection) has discussion re strike

Elaine Black Yoneda collection

Archie Brown collection - copies of the WaterFront Worker.

Institute of Industrial Relations Boxes 8,9,13,14.

Includes reports, testimony, records of the Industrial Association of San Francisco and the WaterFront Employers Association.

William Lewis papers (received 02/28/97) not processed

Business and Economic Library materials

Items from the Social Sciences Library, UCB Locked case, HD5325 "S.F. WaterFront Strikes 1934: A Collection of Pamphlets, BroadSides, etc. SF 1934." Collection is temporarily referred to as the "Business and Economic Library Accession." Note: the pamphlets were given to the Labor Archives when the Business and Economic library broke up its labor collection.

However, 2 vols., described by our archivist Leon Sompolsky on a visit to UCB pre 1990 as "including pamphlets and circulars put out by the Strike Committee" were not given to us and presumably are still at UCB..

Oral histories:

Paula Krotser - 2 tapes, and transcript. Her experiences during the 1934 general strike and subsequent membership in the Communist Party.

Louise Todd Lambert p. 2 of section 5/27/76 transcript - question re what city was like during 34 strike, discussion of strike on page before.

Richard Liebes - index, counter 167 refers to arbitration after 1934 strike?

Tom Nicolopoulos - index counter 209 Tape 1 "Strikes in S.F.; first big one - Waterfront Strike, 1934."

Violet Orr 3rd tape, 5/18/76 p.11 living in Point Richmond, vigilantism during 34 strike

Helene Powell, at age 15 transcript tape 2 11/6/76 p.39 short account of reaction of her neighborhood in San Jose to the strike.

Jack Wagner, see index. Interview, recorded in 1979, is primarily about the 34 strike and notable participants - Harry Bridges, etc.

Elaine Black Yoneda p. 32,33,35,74 of transcript for California Historical Society Women in California Oral History series

Jack Wagner oral history - note, there is an index for.

Sources outside LARC:

ILWU Library, 1188 Franklin Street, S.F. CA 94109 - (Gene Vrana 775 -0533)

Bancroft Library, S.F. Labor Council Records, misc. 1920 - 1934, package 4 - bound copies of SF newspapers w coverage of general bay area strike, July 15, 1934 - July 23, 1934.

"Strike Story" video tape, Slant 6 Productions, Rhian Miller 1905 Curtis Street Berkeley Ca. 94702. includes rare footage and interviews. Note: the Labor Archives has a copy for viewing on site.