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Darcy vs. Furuseth

THE cause of American longshoremen and seamen has been considerably strengthened by the speech of Comrade Sam Darcy, one of the American delegates to the World Congress of the Communist International.

If the West Coast shipowners persist in their efforts to smash the existing agreement won under Harry Bridges' leadership, a strike will certainly be necessary.

And now Comrade Darcy has used the Communist World Congress—to which the most advanced workers in every country look for guidance—as a signal tower to flash a call for solidarity support in the next strike. That signal will reach every dock and every ship throughout the entire world.

No wonder the shipowners and the newspapers they control are frantic with rage!

But what are the marine workers to think of the statements of certain leaders of the A. F. of L.? For example, Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, announces:

"I have asked the immigration authorities to investigate and deport the leaders [of the West Coast marine workers] . . . They do not worry about the seamen's welfare."

Meanwhile Furuseth and other A. F. of L. chiefs are meeting in Washington with the Department of Labor and the shipowners to discuss how to oust the Harry Bridges leadership and break the West Coast contract.

Who are the friends of the marine workers—Furuseth and his crew or the Communists? The answer is clear.