

**Why Not a
PORTWORKERS' SYNDICATE?**

**ONE organisation FOR ALL who work in Ports
—DOCKERS—STEVEDORES—LIGHTERMEN—ETC—**

**Organise at the Point of Production
Use Direct Action to Defeat employers and
Trade Union Careerists Alike**

See Aims & Principles of Syndicalism overleaf 

SYNDICALISM

Aims and Principles

SYNDICALISM is the expression, in terms of industrial organisation, of the anti-authoritarian ideas of anarchism.

AIM

Syndicalism is the means by which the working-class can achieve its economic emancipation. It aims at a free society, in which capitalism, with all its aspects such as money and wages system, and the State, with all its repressive institutions such as the legal and prison systems, police, armed forces and civil service, have been abolished.

Instead, free associations of workers will control all functions on behalf of society, on the basis of "From each according to his ability; to each according to his need."

PRINCIPLES

Industrial Organisation, not Craft

The existing unions, based on *craft*, divide workers more than they unite them. Workers should organise by *industry*—one syndicate for one industry—to practice solidarity to the full effect.

No Political Action

Parliamentary action dissipates the workers' strength in futile constitutional argument. Organisation *at the point of production* concentrates our strength where it is most effective.

Direct Action

The weapons of the working-class are those of the strike, boycott, go-slow, work-to-rule, etc. *Direct* action under the *direct* control of the workers concerned.

Experience with these weapons prepares the workers for the Social General Strike, when they lock out the boss class and take over industry themselves.

Control from Below

Organisation through works committees of *delegates*, not representatives, carrying out the wishes of the rank and file and subject to immediate recall.

No Permanent Paid Officials

No delegates elected for more than a fixed, short term, and paid no more than the average earnings in their workshop.

Local Autonomy

No central authority dominating the whole organisation. *Decentralisation* gives to the smallest unit freedom to act in any circumstances. Solidarity readily given to all areas, but no control exerted from outside.

Federation

Workshop and factory committees to federate in regional committees, then in national committees, then to maintain international contact, throughout each industry. All industries to federate on same levels in *confederation* of all workers.

Anti-Militarism, Anti-War

National wars are never fought in the interests of the workers. International solidarity is best shown by refusing to kill fellow workers in other countries. The workers have the strength to prevent war if they wish.

Only the Class-War

The only struggle the workers should support is the class struggle—the struggle against the ruling classes of the world no matter what label they give themselves.

Triple Function

1. To defend and improve conditions now.
2. To make the social revolution.
3. To organise production and distribution in the free society.

Workers' Control.

Not Boss control: not State control:

**WORKERS'
CONTROL**

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