

# CONFERENCE

## The Fight for the General Strike Movement: History, Opportunities, Goals and A Democratic Workers Party

**March 31 (Saturday), 2012 10-5:00 PM**

**April 1 (Sunday) 9-12:00 Noon**

**Saturday Night Forum - 7:00 PM**

*Lessons of Longview & Occupy*

**Location: 518 Valencia/16th St. San Francisco**

(Donation requested)



The American working class is currently on the losing side of a class war. Despite mass unemployment, attacks on workers' wages, pensions, and medical plans, organized labor does little or nothing. Public health and safety services are failing and disappearing. Public services from the post office to the public schools are under funded. Not since the last Great Depression has Americans witnessed such economic devastation. Yet organized labor has failed to mobilize working people to resist these daily attacks. Instead, they rely on the Democratic Party to "fix things." While organized labor sleeps, the Occupy Movement, which includes rank and file workers, has demonstrated that working people and youth can and will organize to fight back.

Throughout the world, workers are mobilizing and using their collective strength to resist these ongoing attacks on the working class. In the US, the December 12, 2011 shut down of the West Coast docks demonstrated the power of workers in a mass action against capital. This

action was attacked, however, by establishment union officials who labeled this militant grass roots strike "a third party action" in violation of established union contracts. While billions are cut from social services and education, the US government and the Congress continue to fund trillions for wars abroad and for the militarization of police departments at home.

What the working class in this country needs is to move towards a sustained nationwide general strike. We must smash the Taft-Hartley law as well as other anti-labor laws that inhibit the right to strike and the unification of the working class. Your thoughts and opinions are important. Please join us.

### Tentative Agenda:

#### March 31 (Saturday), 2012

**9:00 AM**

- State of Labor-Where Labor Is At And The Tasks It Faces
- Class Struggle Movement Internationally
- History of Labor, General Strike Movements and Occupy
- Business Unionism, AFL-CIO, SEIU & Union Democracy & Class Struggle

**1:00 PM**

- Reports From Labor Struggles
- Chris report from Iowa
- Report from ILWU, SEIU, State Workers, Education, TWU250A, Immigrant Workers.

**7:00 PM**

***The Lessons of Longview and the Class Struggle***

*Jack Heyman-ILWU Retired, Brenda Barros-SFCity SEIU Worker, Dorian Maxwell-TWU 250 A*

(Endorsed by Transport Workers Solidarity Committee)

#### April 1 (Sunday)

**9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

- History of past union caucuses and lessons today
- Discussion of statement of purpose and program for the formation of national democratic workers network.

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