

# LABOR FORUM

## The Union Fight Against War and Repression



*Oakland: Police fire on anti-war protesters and ILWU members*



*Charleston, S.C.: Police attack ILA picket line.*

Since the 9/11 terrorist attack the U.S. government has been using an “iron heel” against labor unions: passing the Patriot Act; firing foreign-born airport baggage screeners; unionbusting 170,000 federal workers in the newly-formed Department of Homeland Security; and in 2002, threatening to occupy the docks with troops during the West Coast longshore contract negotiations. Even before the 9/11 attack, workers, especially in the South, have borne the brunt of state repression. Four years ago, portworkers in Charleston, South Carolina, picketing to defend their jobs, were attacked by hundreds of riot-equipped state police. Five were arrested. Known as the Charleston Five, their case, which ultimately was victorious, became a rallying cry for the U.S. labor movement. Now port workers have become a key target in the so-called “war on terror” which is really a war on workers. Last April 7, riot-clad police in the port of Oakland not only attacked anti-war protesters but shot longshoremen, honoring their picket line, as well. Unions can and must fight back to defend workers’ rights and democratic rights for all.

**Fri. Feb. 6**  
**7:00PM**  
**ILWU Local 10**  
**Henry Schmidt Room**  
**400 North Point/Mason St.**  
**San Francisco**

### **Speakers:**

- **Leonard Riley,**  
Charleston longshore, ILA Local 1422
- **Lawrence Thibeaux,**  
San Francisco ILWU Local 10, Legislative rep
- **Ray Familathe,**  
ILWU Local 13, former ILWU International Director
- **Jack Heyman,**  
San Francisco ILWU Local 10 Business Agent

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