

## **Offices Closed On Monday – West Coast Ports Out on Tuesday**

M.E.B.A. halls and offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, a day off for much of the nation's workforce since Independence Day falls on Sunday this year. In addition, West Coast halls will be shuttered on Tuesday in honor of Bloody Thursday. Bloody Thursday commemorates the longshoremen labor action led by Harry Bridges that culminated in street fighting and clashes with police. Hundreds were injured and several killed in the riots that came to a head on July 5, 1934. Following a general strike and federal intervention, the longshoremen won a coastwide contract, a union hiring hall, and various improvements to wages and conditions.

As a result of the holiday observances, the Boston and Jacksonville membership meetings that are normally held on a Monday, will take place on Tuesday, July 6. Seattle which normally has its meetings on Monday and Oakland (normally on Tuesday) will shift their meetings to Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> because of the Bloody Thursday observance.