

# 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL STRIKE AND LESSONS FOR TODAY



2009 marks the 75th anniversary of "The Big Strike," when longshoreworkers up and down the west coast shut down the ports for more than two months, to be joined in San Francisco by dozens of other unions for a General Strike in the summer of 1934. The General Strike led to a surge in unionization and an important milestone in the fight for racial equality. All this despite an economic depression. Join us for a discussion of the relevance of this struggle for the new fights we face today.

**SPEAKERS:**



**Clarence Thomas**

former Secretary Treasurer of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10, (ILWU)



**Sharon Smith**

author of *Subterranean Fire: A History of Working-Class Radicalism in the United States*.

**DATE:**

**6pm Saturday May 9**  
Plumbers Hall,  
1621 Market St @ Gough St.  
San Francisco