

Court Backs Blacklisting Of Cuba Ships

**Longshoremen Held
Within Their Rights
In Refusal to Work**

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RICHMOND, May 21 (AP)

A Federal appeals court held today that longshoremen cannot be compelled to work ships blacklisted for trading with Cuba.

"Union members need not mount a platform to voice their moral revulsion against Castro," said Chief Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court.

If union members deem it appropriate, Sobeloff said in the Court's 2 to 1 opinion, "to express their sentiments by refusing to assist a vessel that trades with him, they are at liberty to do so.

"Nothing in our labor laws speaks to the contrary."

The Court's action turned down a bid by the National Labor Relations Board seeking to enforce an unfair labor practice decision lodged against the International Longshoremen's Association and its Baltimore local.

The ILA had refused to supply carpenters for the *Tulse Hill*, a British ship that had been blacklisted by the Maritime Administration for carrying freight to Cuba.

This is apparently the first time an appeals court has upheld the right of a union to refuse to do work its members find obnoxious for patriotic reasons.