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on the floor of the Senate that "press dispatches claimed that after dispersing a demonstration of I.W. W.'s in Seattle it was found that among the outcast I. W. W.'s were soldiers of the United States who were being fed by the I. W. W. and who were without resources or money or food." Our senator from Washington, Wesley L. Jones, wired to Harold Preston, then chairman of our County Council of Defence, and myself as mayor, requesting information in relation to this matter. I replied, as did Mr. Preston, that it was untrue; that no soldiers or sailors had been arrested charged with being law violators; that no soldier or sailor outcasts were being fed by the I. W. W.; that so far as I knew they were with the authorities for the enforcement of law to the man; that all employers had opened places for them upon their return; that there was no unemployment in the city, and that up to the day of the strike labour was in good demand.

But from house to house, at night, went the Red agitators, preaching discontent and hatred of our Government, and *within twenty-four hours of the declaration of the shipyard strike*, open agitation began for the calling of a *general strike*. On the night of January twenty-second, thirty-six hours after the shipyard workers struck, a meeting was held at the Central Labour Council, and at this meeting a resolution was passed, asking every union in Seattle to go on a general strike in support of the workers in the shipyard industries. In describing the meeting, the *Union Record*, under the caption "GENERAL STRIKE TO BE VOTED UPON BY UNIONS," said: