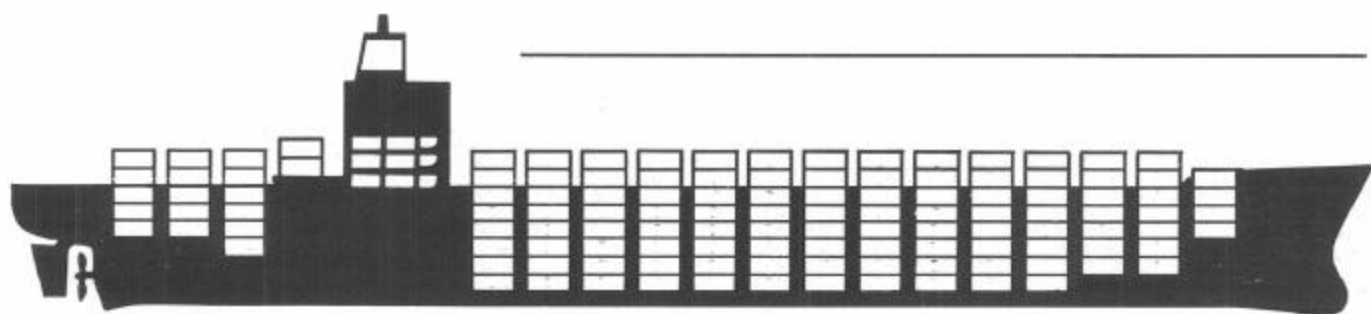
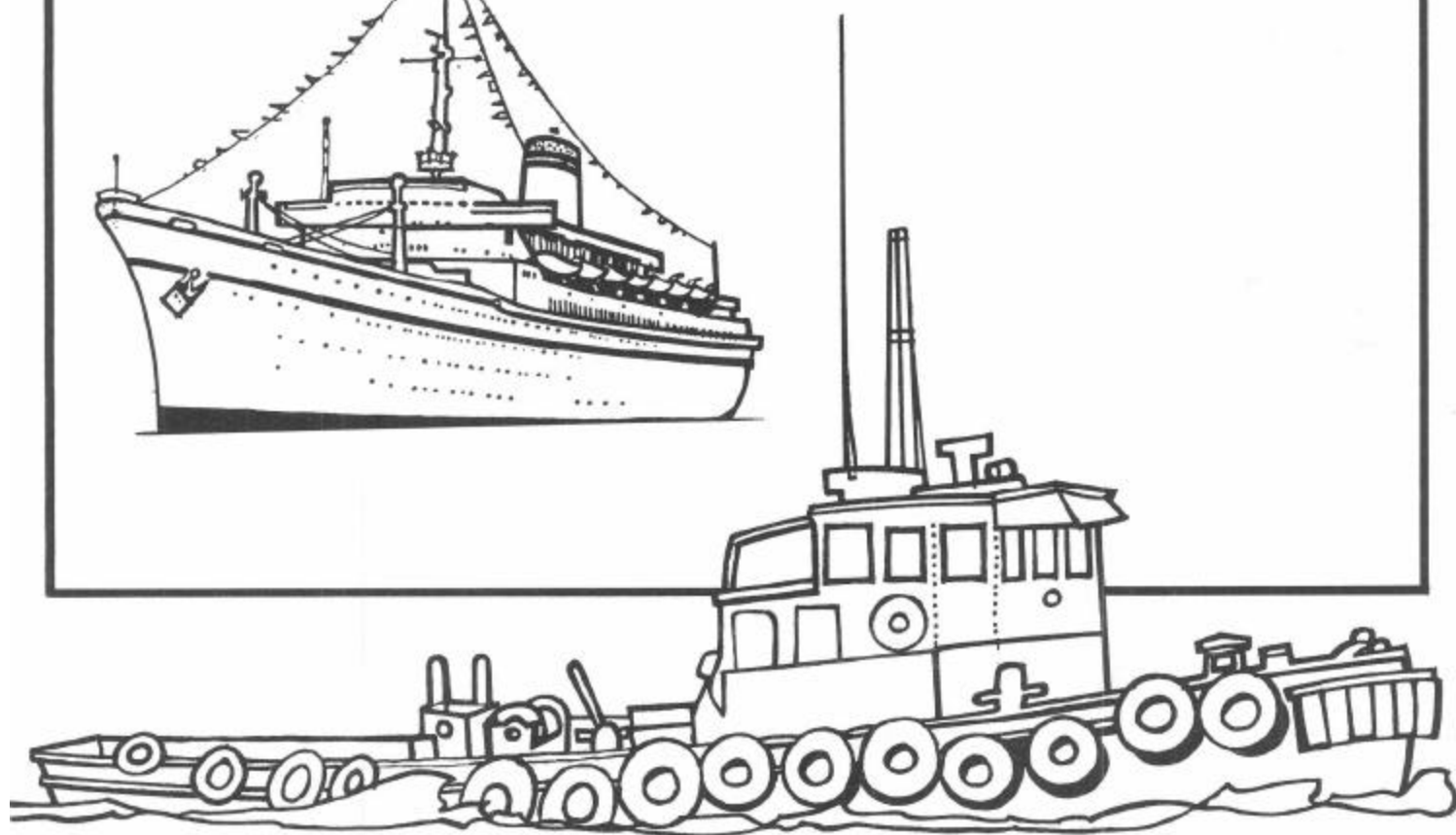
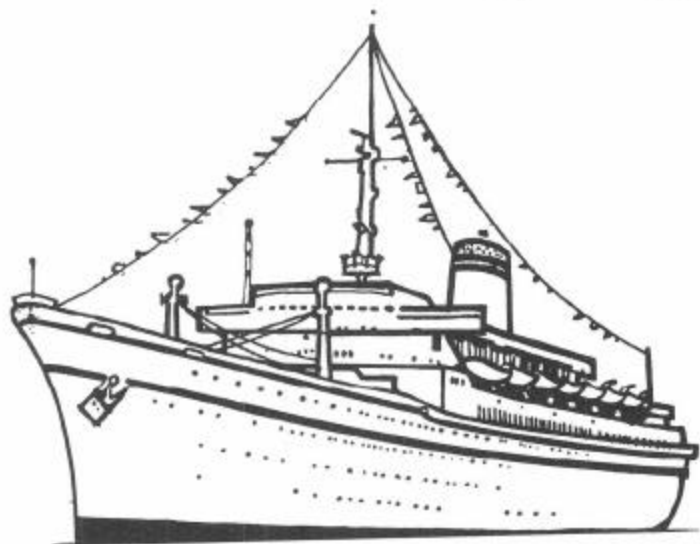
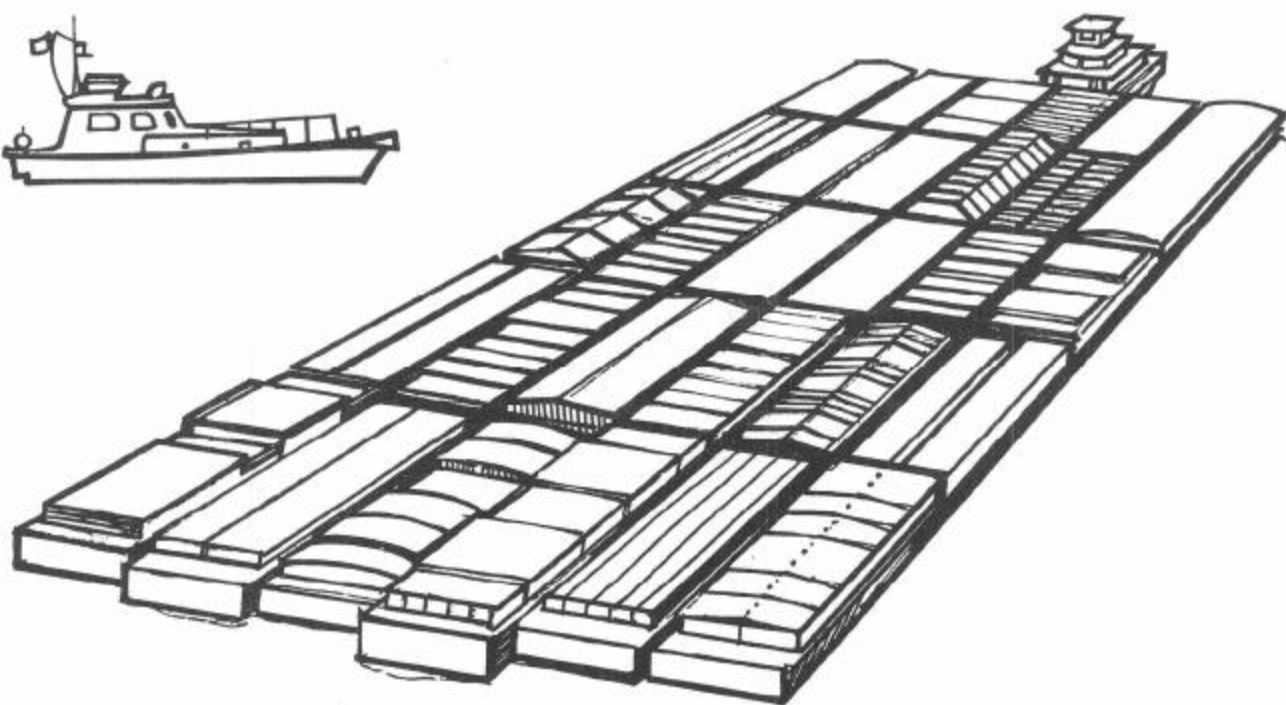
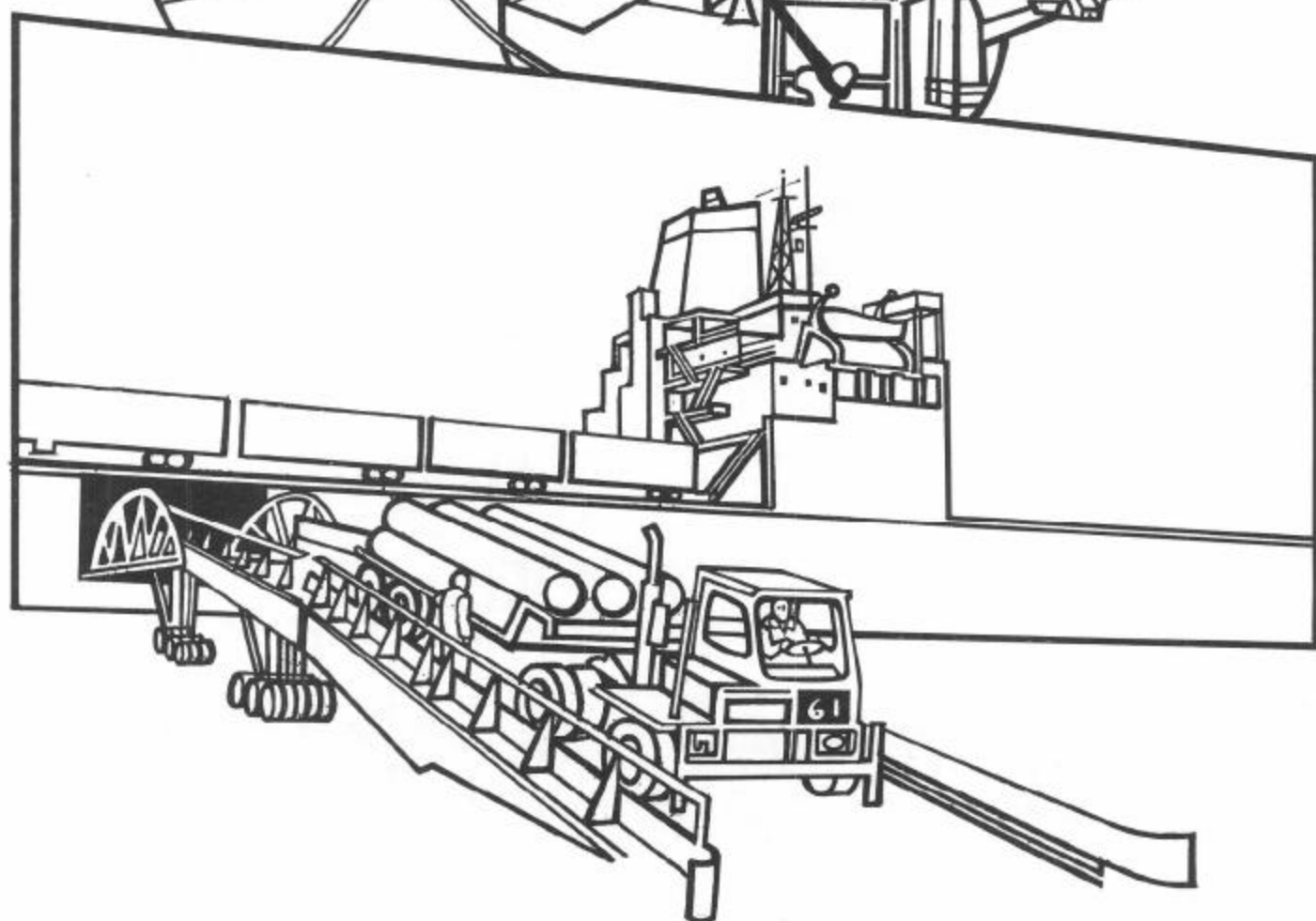
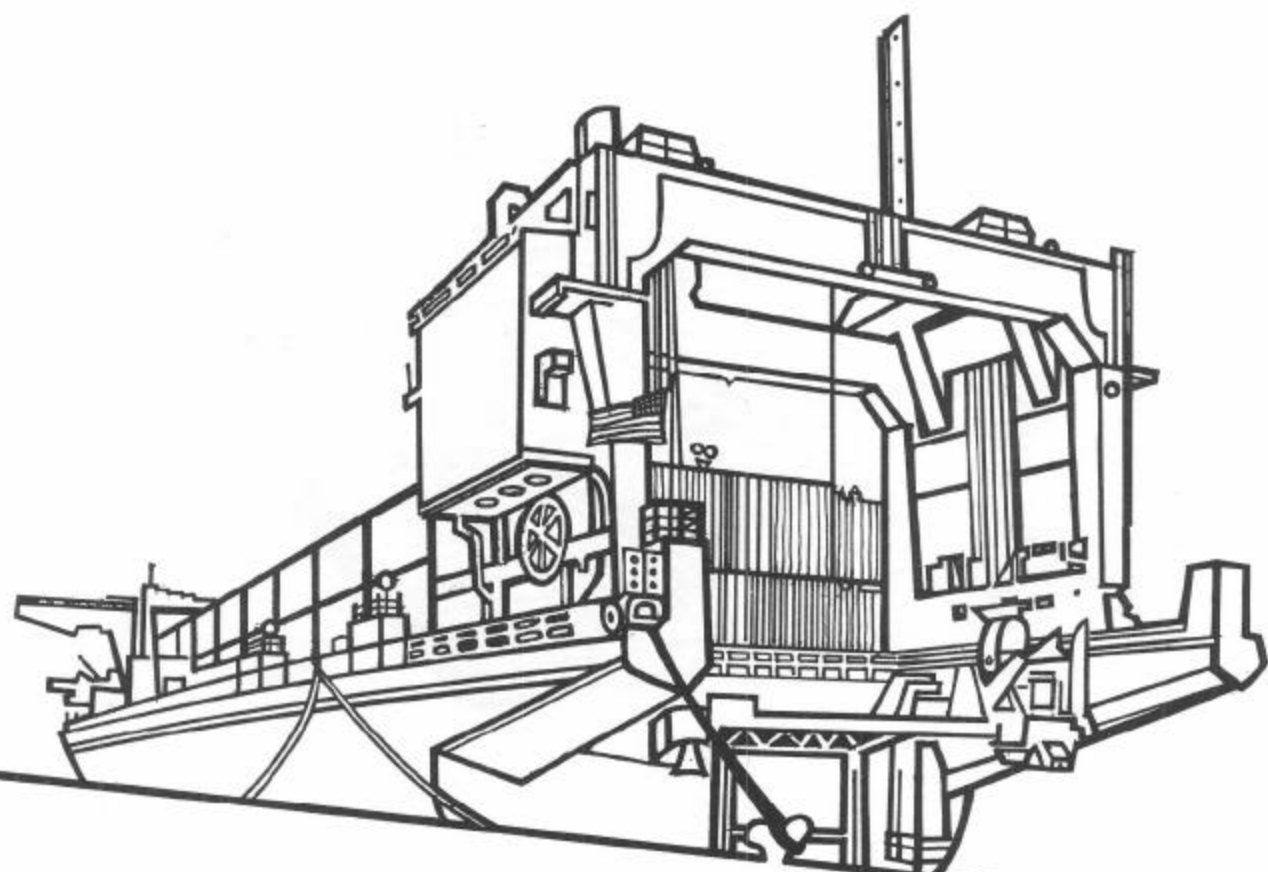


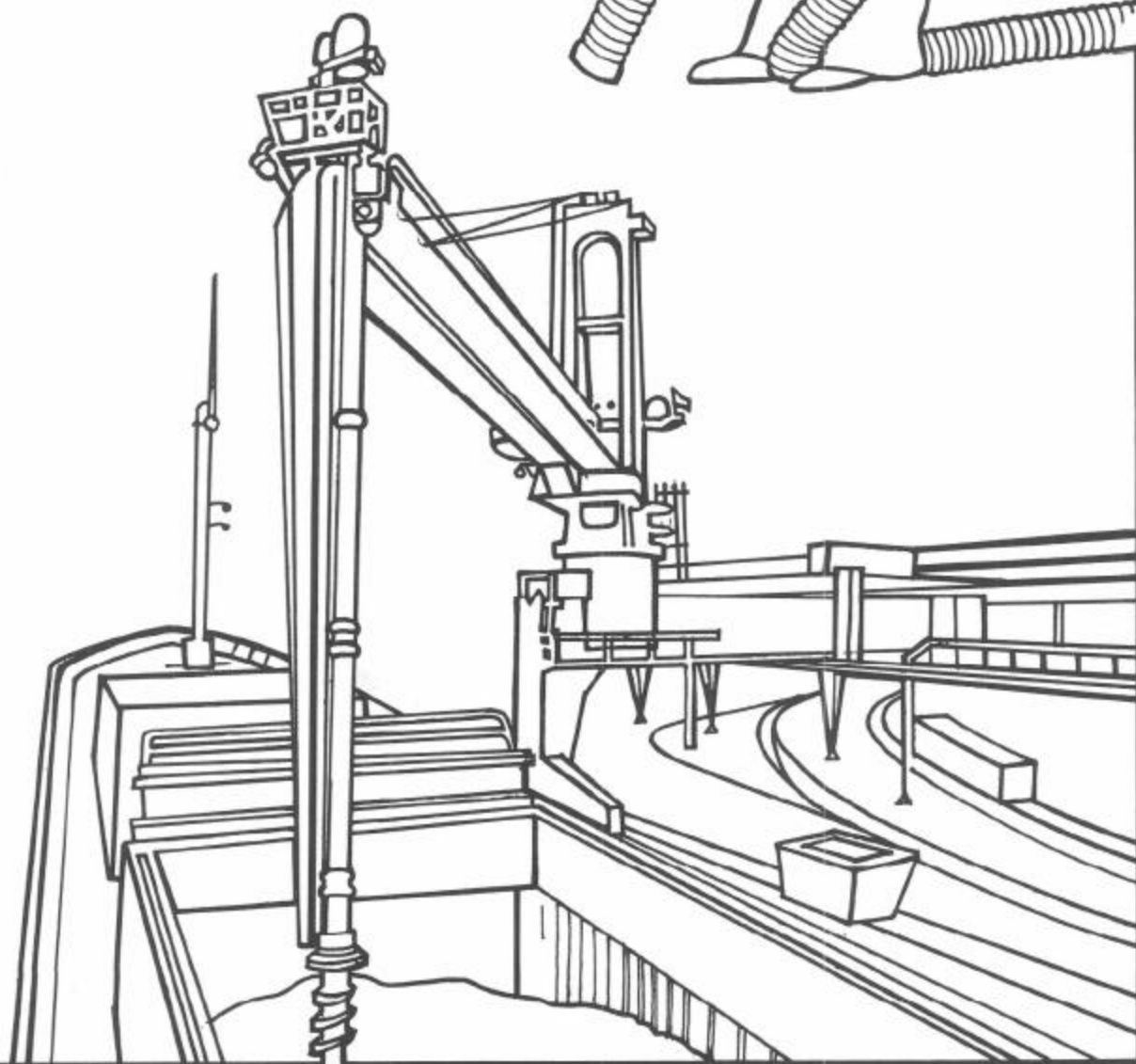
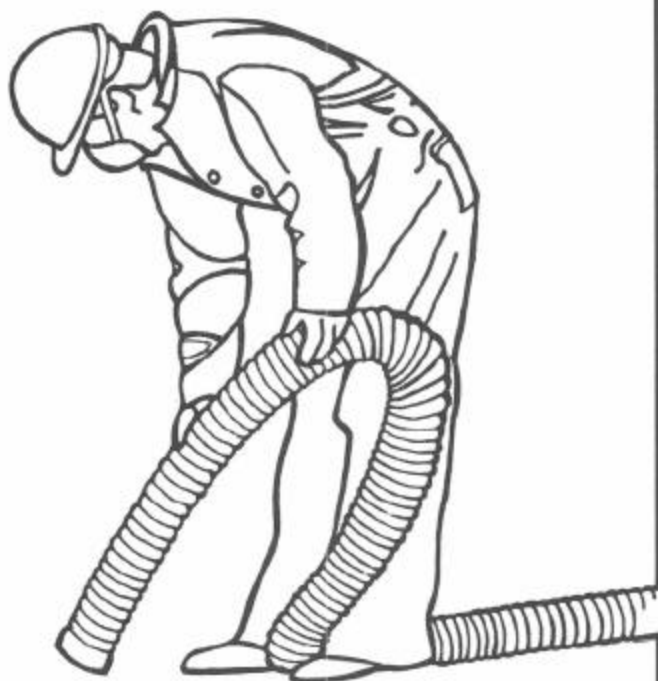
A Port is a busy place. Many different ships come in from countries across the ocean. They dock at a pier or wharf at a big terminal. They unload their cargo and take on new cargo for the return trip. Products we use every day come in **cargo ships**, or **container ships**. Ships that carry people across the ocean are called **passenger liners**. The pilot meets the ship and directs the docking. A **tug boat** works very hard. It guides the big ships to their docks and pushes barges from place to place. Which ships did you see in the Port today?

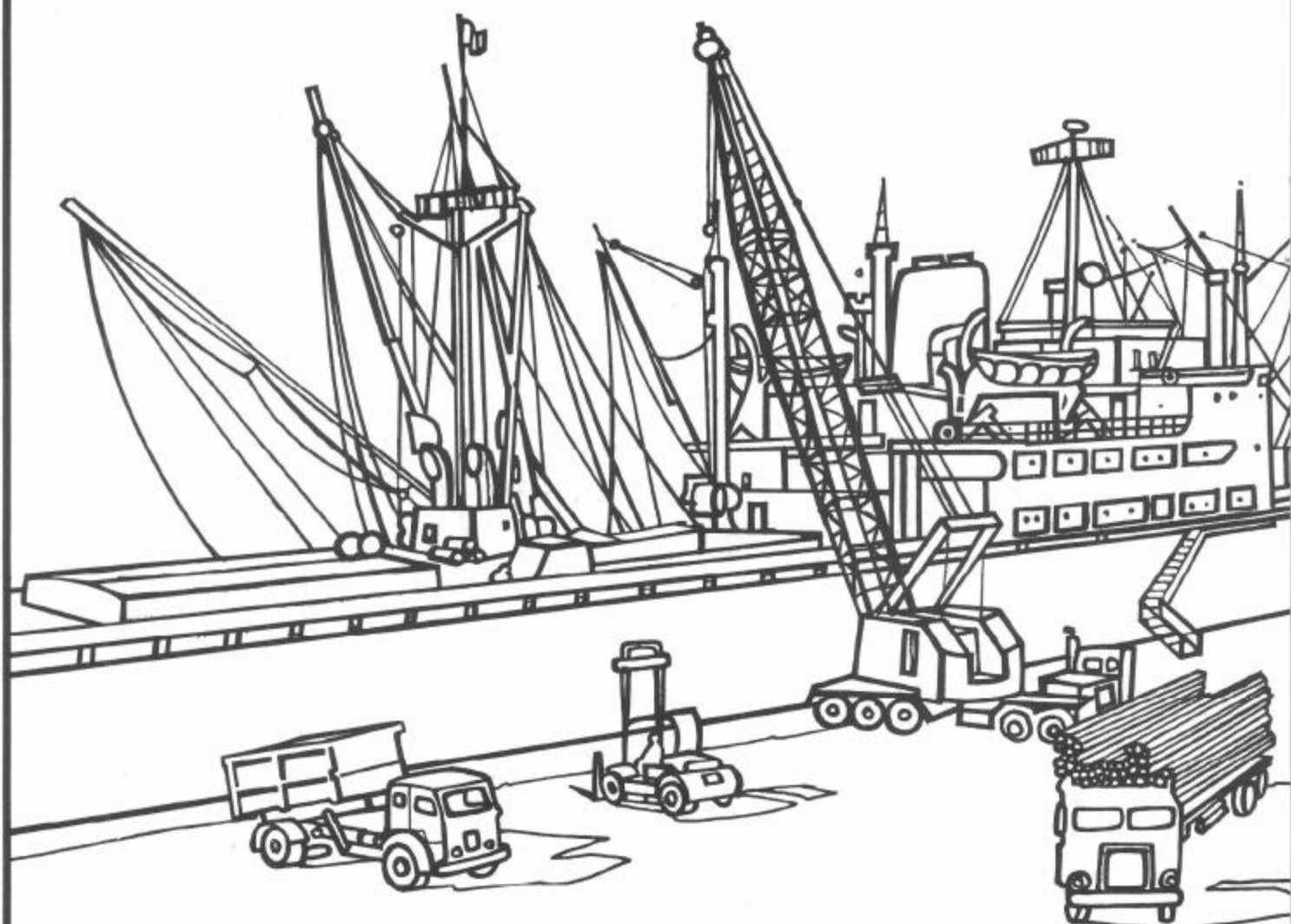




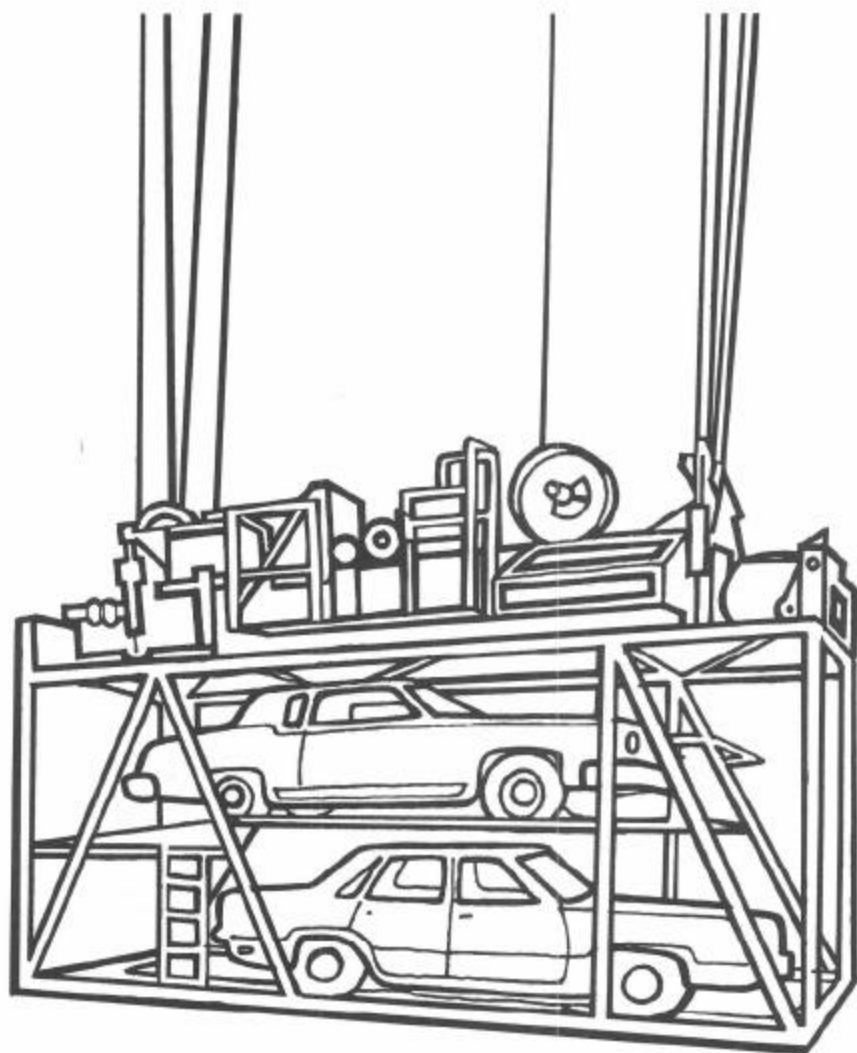


To go across the ocean, many barges are loaded on a ship specially built to carry them. Some cargo travels in a **bulk carrier**. Cargoes like grain, coal, sugar, sand, gravel, fertilizer and iron ore are poured into the ship's hold or scooped out and moved on a conveyor belt to a truck or train. And, some cargo is driven aboard a **Roll-on/Roll-off ship** at one Port and driven off at another. Have you ever seen these ships in your port?

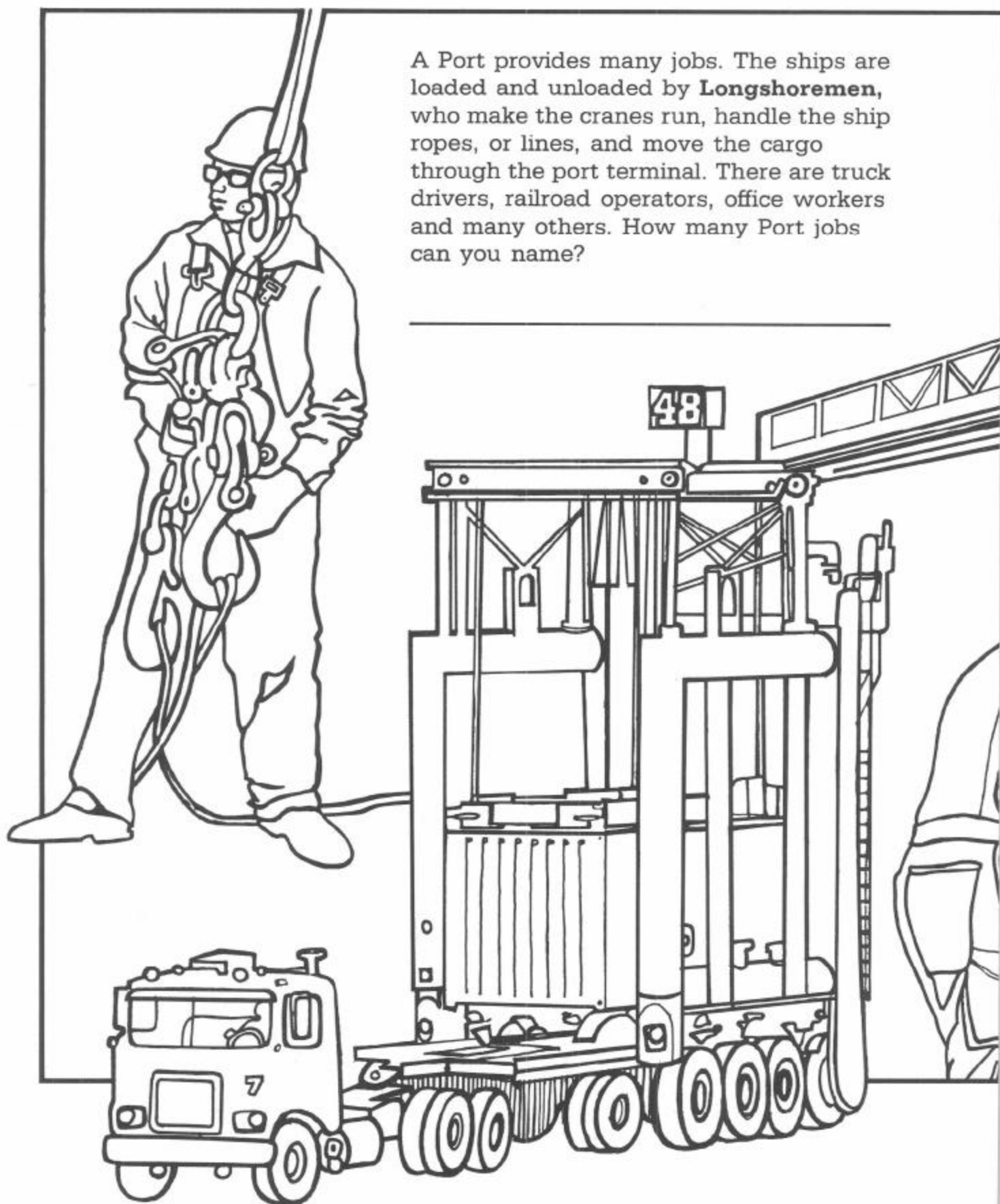


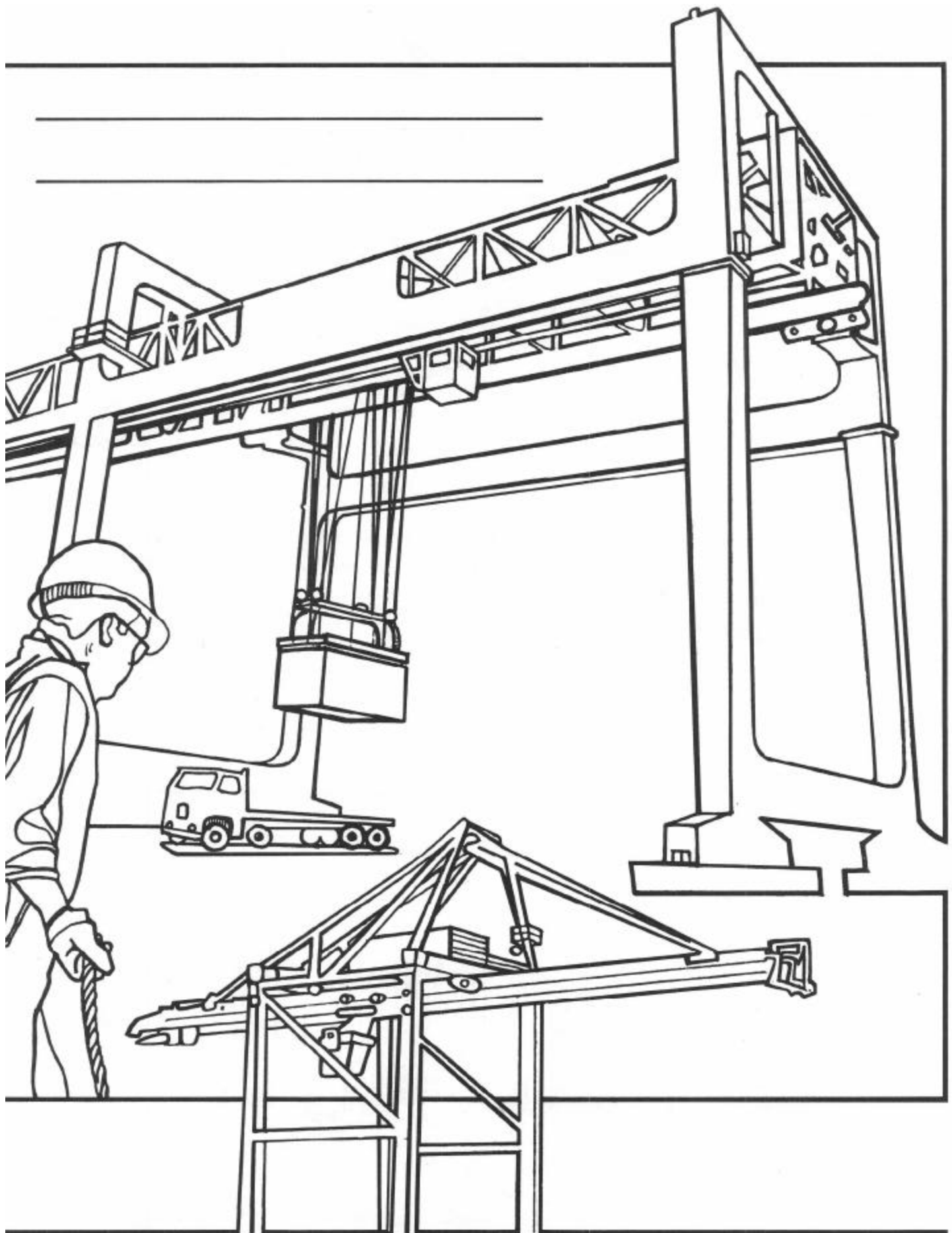


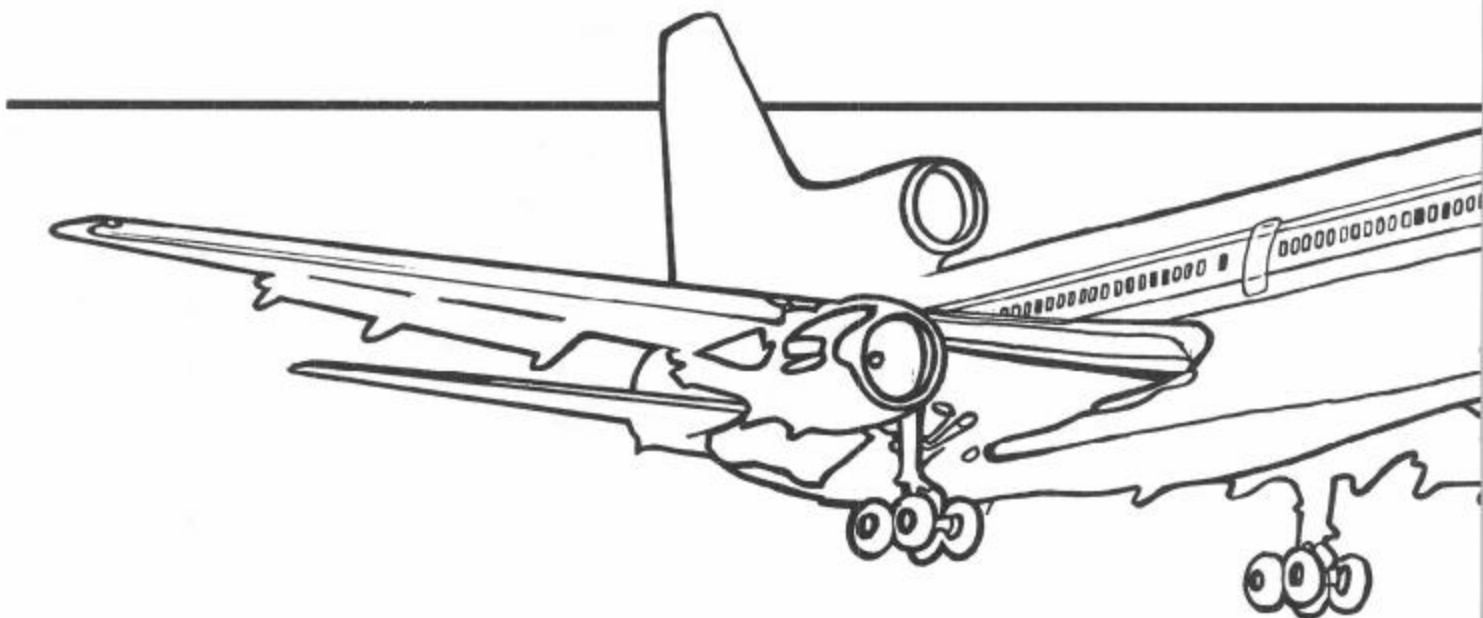
Cargo is handled at the Port in different ways. It is moved to the dock or loaded on a truck by a **fork lift** or **small crane**. A giant **container crane** lifts containers on and off the ship. Containers are large, strong boxes that hold all kinds of cargo in them. There are even special containers for automobiles, animals, liquids and other commodities. How is cargo handled in your Port?



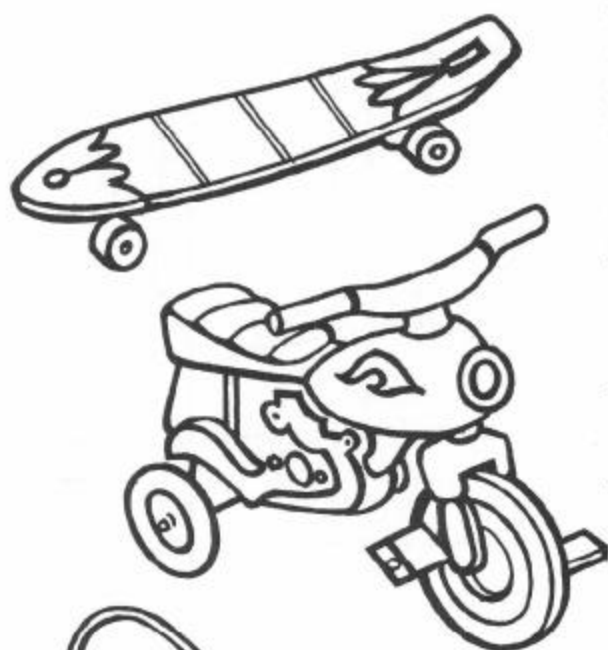
A Port provides many jobs. The ships are loaded and unloaded by **Longshoremen**, who make the cranes run, handle the ship ropes, or lines, and move the cargo through the port terminal. There are truck drivers, railroad operators, office workers and many others. How many Port jobs can you name?

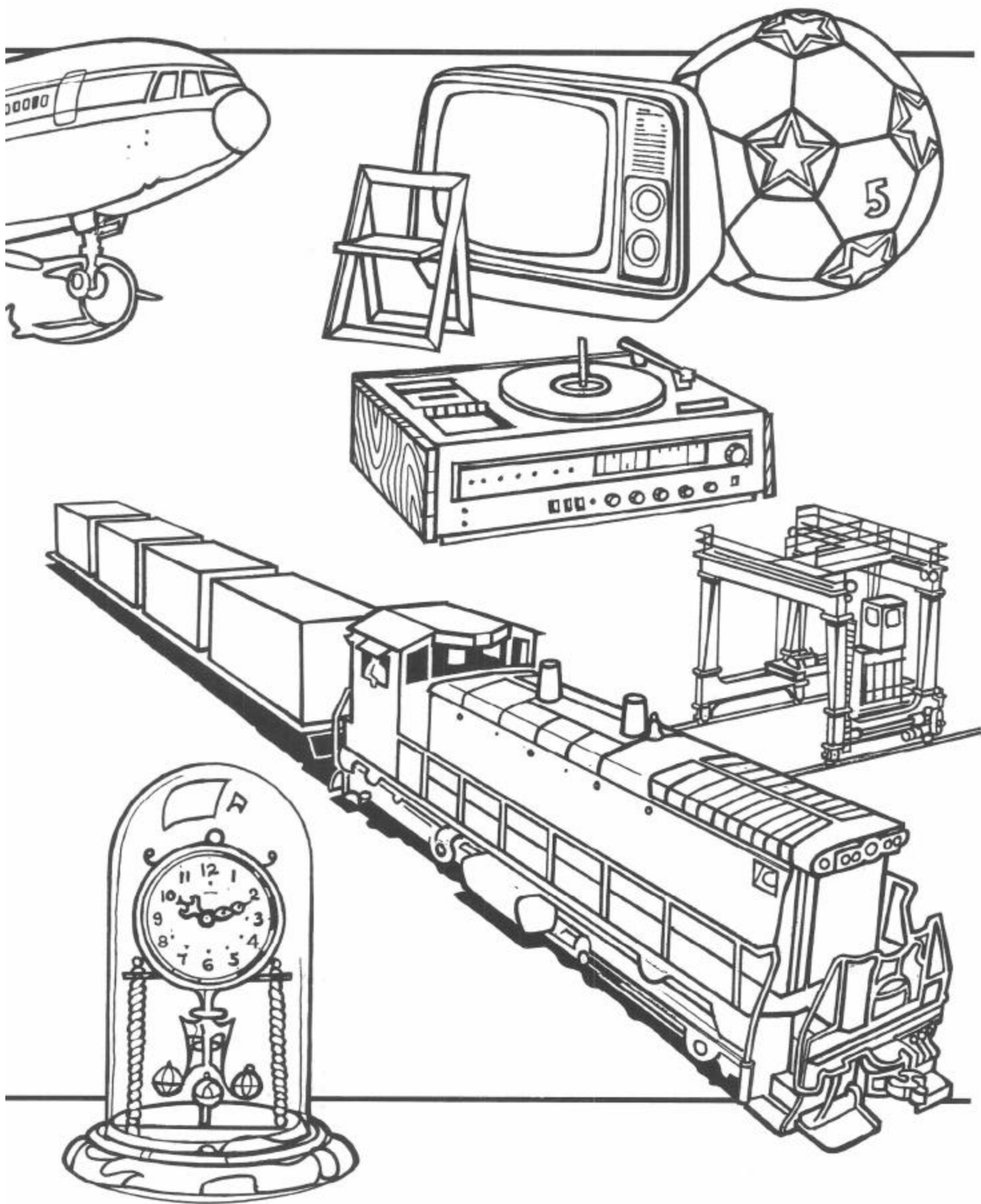






Not everyone lives near a Port. That's why cargo must be moved from the Port to inland destinations. So cargo is transferred from the ship to a truck if it is going a short distance, or to a train if it is going a long distance or with a lot of other cargo, or to a jet airplane if it is in a hurry. What are some of the cargoes that come into your port?







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