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## ALL OUT SACRAMENTO JAN. 10; MARCH ON SALEM, PHOENIX, JAN. 9; SALT LAKE CITY, JAN. 10

### MOTHER MOONEY TO ATTEND SACRAMENTO MOONEY MEET AT AUDITORIUM, JANUARY 10

Will Tell of Trip to the Soviet Union. Callicotte to Speak; State Officials Invited

S. F. Engdahl Memorial Meeting January 13 to Hear Fighting Mother's Report

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Mother Mooney, just returned from the Soviet Union, will speak at the great Civic Auditorium meeting in Sacramento January 10th.

Mother Mooney is expected in San Francisco January 12, where she will be welcome by workers' delegations. She will speak at a big Engdahl Memorial Meeting in California Hall, Polk and Turk St., on January 13.

Replying to the lying statements concerning her views about the Soviet Union in which she is alleged to have said, "Russia was far from the ideal place to live, and that she would not live there if invited," Mother Mooney said:

"As soon as I land in the United States, I am met by the lies of those who framed my innocent son. It is terrible how the N. Y. Times twists my words and tries to put lies in my mouth against the Russian working people. It is dirty work for them to say 'I did not like Russia.' I didn't like the cold weather, but I like Russia and I love the Russian working people. For I know they saved my innocent son from hanging by their great fight in 1917.

"I stayed in the National Hotel (Continued on Page 3)

### CHILDREN DELEGATES AGAIN VISIT ROLPH AT CAPITAL JANUARY 3RD

Will Stay Until Seen by Governor

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 27.—Gov. Rolph may think he got rid of California's working-class children and their relief demands when he ducked out on them on Christmas, but he will have a different think coming Tuesday, January 3. On that day a committee of Young Pioneers of America, supported by members of the Young Communist League and fathers and mothers, are going to call on the Governor, and stay there till he personally receives them.

Flushed with their victory in sweeping uniformed police aside and gaining the steps of the Rolph home where they sang the Internationale, expressed their disgust with the system that holds them in misery, emphasized their contempt for Rolph and other tools of the bosses, the hundred members of the state-wide delegation voted unanimously to carry on.

While only four or five uniformed police were in evidence at the Rolph home, at least 10 "prowler" cars, and armored cars and other police conveyances were in the neighborhood of the Rolph home, and scores of plain clothes men were either inside of the home or mingling in the crowd of demonstrators.

The Governor's home is in a working-class neighborhood, and hundreds of unemployed looked on from their homes as the children marched around the block.

Following the march the children held a meeting at the Fillmore Workers' Center where they joined the Young Pioneers and plans were made to organize new locals throughout the state.

**SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—**Almost within a stone-throw of the luxurious office of Governor Rolph, who thinks the Mooney case is "closed," a huge mass meeting will be held January 10 in the Sacramento Civic Auditorium to unite thousands of workers and hunger marchers in their militant struggle to get an open pardon hearing and new trial for Tom Mooney.

Here, in a hall that will hold 5000 people, the Mooney frame-up will be ripped wide open and exposed in public as it has been in 23 California cities since the giant November 6 Free-Mooney meeting held in San Francisco.

**CALLICOTTE, GOODMAN SPEAK**  
Paul Callicotte, who touts the state in behalf of Mooney's renewed struggle for freedom, will further expose the recent frame-up attempts of Goff and others to discredit Callicotte's confession.

As the workers and farmers in the State Hunger March will be in Sacramento to force their demands before the legislature on the 10th, they are expected to also attend this mass meeting.

Arrangements are being made for a radio broadcast of the meeting. Lashing back at Goff, who attempted to brand Callicotte's story as "fiction," the Tom Mooney Mold. (Continued on Page 3)

### VACAVILLE STRIKERS DECIDE TO CONTINUE FIGHT TO WIN

Need Food As They Begin Seventh Week of Struggle

### NEW VACAVILLE STRIKE VICTORY IN HUNG JURY

Verdict Shows Recognition of Workers' Right to Organize, Strike

VACAVILLE, Calif., Dec. 30.—The first trial of the Vacaville strikers ended in a victory for the workers—a hung jury dismissed with a 7-5 deadlock. The three Melgar brothers and A. Espinoza arrested following a strike meeting that was attacked and broken up by the bosses, police and deputies, were tried on the charge of disturbing the peace.

Seating a jury was difficult; 62 were dismissed for admitted prejudices.

The trial opening on December 28 was packed with workers and farmers.

The attorney for the Int. Labor Defense carried the fight of the strikers against the lowering of their standard of living right into the court room.

A workers' jury of six sat in

### C. S. LAW REPEAL COMMITTEE FORMED; FIRST MEETING JAN. 4

Plan State Conference for Wide Campaign

For Open Hearing

Committee Formed in Southern California

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—In preparation for a strong state-wide campaign during 1933 the State Committee for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, which carried on the 1931 repeal drive, has been enlarged and its members represent the labor movement, liberals and sympathetic groups. The National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners is co-operating. The I. L. D. has agreed with the committee on a plan for the campaign, including defense for Peter Panagopolous who is now being prosecuted in Los Angeles under this vicious law.

**CALL LOCAL, STATE MEETS**  
Local united front conferences on February 4th or 5th and a state conference on March 13th or 12th are called for in the campaign program. Collection of signatures on petitions demanding that the repeal be submitted directly to the electors as an initiative measure in November, 1934, will start February 5th (not in April, as previously announced).

Provisional local committees have already been formed in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities. The San Francisco committee will meet January 4th, 6:15 p. m., in Room 201, 1179 Market Street. All organizations are urged to send representatives.

Endorsements and funds for the campaign should be sought and raised in all workers' organizations. These should be sent to the State Committee at Room 201, 1179 Market Street, San Francisco. Checks should be made payable to Anita Whitney, treasurer.

State Committee members in (Continued on Page 3)

### Rolph Dodged Children Visit on Christmas



Only Police were on hand at Governor Rolph's House to greet the delegation of 110 Children to demand Relief.

### FEDERAL COMMISSION PLANS TO STOP COMMUNIST BROADCASTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The Federal Radio Commission upon hearing that Communist broadcasts were being delivered over Station KTAB in San Francisco, has requested a copy of the speeches made so far. This is obviously the first step to finding a reason for stopping the broadcasts.

The San Francisco Red Squad

has likewise intimated that steps will be taken to stop the Communists from speaking over the radio. The Communist Party calls upon workers to protest against this attempt. Send letters to Station KTAB, Pickwick Hotel, San Francisco, and the Federal Radio Commission at Washington, D. C.

### RADIO BROADCAST Thursday, January 5th, 8:15 to 8:30 p. m. OVER Station KTAB—San Francisco & Oak'd

Sam Darcy in the Communist Monthly Review of Events will speak on "THE WORKERS AND FARMERS STRUGGLE AGAINST HUNGER AND CAPITALIST TERROR!"

### SEATTLE JOBLESS WIN COURT FIGHT ON LIGHT SHUT-OFF

Jury Recommends That County Provide Free Water and Light

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—Unemployed workers in the court room cheered wildly the jury's decision giving Blonder, center of a light shut-off fight, a thirty-day suspended sentence. It was a great victory for the militant Unemployed Council which had four times assisted Blonder in connecting up the lights after they had been turned off.

Feeling was intense and workers booed and cheered throughout the trial. The jury of business men were forced to recommend that the County provide light and water free to the jobless.

Lawrence Seltzer, International Labor Defense lawyer, said Blonder did not commit a crime. The crime was committed against him when the City Light Company turned off his lights.

Following the trial Blonder led a demonstration of 150 workers to the office of the City Light Com-

### WORKERS OF FOUR STATES DEFY TERROR MARCH FOR RELIEF; L. A. JOBLESS MARCH DESPITE RED SQUAD SYNDICALISM THREAT

San Francisco Send-off January 4th; Oakland Marchers Leave January 7th; More Trucks and Cars Needed for 1,000 Delegates to Sacramento

### OREGON JOBLESS TO REACH SALEM JAN. 9; HUNDREDS ON WAY

Many Organizations Represented in Big United Front

**PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—**A mighty united front of Oregon workers and farmers will push the state fight against hunger onto the front lawn of the Capitol at Salem on January 9th at the opening session of the legislature.

Hundreds of regularly elected delegates from unemployed organizations such as the unemployed councils, unemployed citizens' Leagues, civic emergency federation, committees of action from the breadlines and flop houses, state relief crews, A. F. of L. unions, workers' fraternal and benefit organizations, the grange, Farmer Union and United Farmers' League delegates will gather at Portland, leaving Jan. 6, and march to Salem, a journey of two days, stopping nights at Oregon City and Woodburn.

**PREPARATIONS MADE**  
The Central Labor Council of Salem was forced to grant the use of the labor temple the night of January 8 for a meeting place, though the House of Representatives meeting room has been granted for the mass conference where demands will be adopted for presentation on January 9.

The County Judge, Kruze, at Oregon City, where the main body of marchers will spend a night, said he was "not interested," when asked to feed the Hunger Marchers.

**YOUNG WORKERS ACTIVE**  
Thirty delegates, mostly young workers, have been elected from Clackamas County.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The eve of the beginning of the State Hunger March to Sacramento January 10, finds many units of the six columns ready to go, and final details shaping up satisfactorily throughout the state.

San Francisco has elected a greater part of its quota of 150 delegates, and will leave Saturday morning, January 7. All workers are to mobilize at 530 Valencia Street at 9 a. m., to give full support to the departing delegates.

**SENDOFF AFFAIR**  
A grand sendoff affair for the marchers and endorsement of the delegates will take place at 1223 Fillmore Street, Wednesday, January 4, at 8 o'clock.

**A. F. OF L. MARCHES**  
Despite the efforts of reactionary labor leaders to halt recognition of the march and the demands, because of their Communist origin, many locals throughout the state have sent in their official endorsements and lists of regularly elected delegates. Rank and file groups, representative of every A. F. of L. trade union have endorsed the demands and will participate in the march on Sacramento.

**FARMERS PARTICIPATE**  
Santa Clara, Mountain View, Sunnyvale and San Jose are responding enthusiastically and have elected delegates. Small farmers are joining in the march.

From Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Monterey and Castroville, besides the regularly elected delegates of small farmers and delegates, there will be a mass march of small farmers.

**FRESNO SECTION**  
The Fresno section reports that workers and small farmers support the march. A great show of solidarity was reflected at the Hunger March benefit Christmas day when more than 200 attended.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
Eureka has elected ten more delegates than the quota provided. Most of the delegates are from the lumbering industry.

### 54 IN LOS ANGELES CONTINGENT OF THE HUNGER MARCHERS

City Council Refuses to Give Permit for Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Fifty-four delegates representing 22 organizations and 3000 workers are forming the Los Angeles contingent of the State Hunger March that is to leave from 5th and Towne Streets here at 10 a. m., January 4th. A sendoff mass meeting will be held January 3rd at 124 North Townsend Street, Belvedere.

Final arrangements were made at a meeting of the Los Angeles Section of the Enlarged Hunger March Conference which was held despite radio threats of "Red" Hynes that he would jail on charges of suspected criminal syndicalism anyone connected with the Hunger March.

A committee formed to get a permit for mobilization of the Hunger Marchers was denied even a hearing by the board of supervisors who passed the buck to the police and fire commission. When 60 workers jammed the city council after being evaded by the commission, their spokesman, Comrade Dickson, was heckled by councilmen on the old gag that the Hunger March is just a Communist demonstration. The council refused to act and tossed the buck back to the police commission.

### UTAH UNEMPLOYED MARCHERS PRESENT DEMANDS JAN. 10

Funds Even for Charity Are Gone

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 1.—Pointing out the great increase in starvation since the last State Legislature meeting, and the fact that all funds available for relief have been exhausted, the call for the Hunger March on the Capitol on January 10 from all parts of Utah has been issued.

Conferences have taken place in many parts, and big delegations are all ready for the march. A large representation from the impoverished farmers is likewise expected.

### 44 DELEGATES AT ARIZONA HUNGER MARCH CONFERENCE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Forty-four delegates attended the State Hunger March Conference and endorsed the demands proposed to be presented on January 3th when jobless marchers from all parts of the state will converge upon Phoenix.

The workers Unemployment Insurance Bill will be presented to the Legislature and Governor Mower.

### VAG LAW, CHARITY RACKET EXPOSED IN ARIZONA TRIAL

Militant Worker Refuses to Take "Floater" Offer, Case Appealed by I. L. D.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 27.—When Tucson police and a red-baiting judge greased the skids to railroad a militant worker to jail they calculated they were heading-off efforts of the workers to organize and fight for a decent handout from the charities. Comrade Nathan Shack was seized by the police and thrown into jail on a fake charge of vagrancy.

The bosses were startled when bail was provided for the "vag," but got the shock of their lives when the International Labor Defense came into the picture with a fighting attorney, Clarence Lynch of Phoenix. Their bewilderment drove the bosses into a frenzy when the court room was filled to overflowing by militant workers who had come to support the victim of the frame-up.

**OFFERED FLOATER**  
Comrade Shack was offered a dis-



# Frisco A. F. L. Officials Sell Out Workers On City Jobs

## FAKERS AGREE TO WAGE CUT ON SAN FRANCISCO JOBS

Agree to Cut Day to Stagger Plan Cutting Wage By 25%

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Through string pulling and caucusing behind the "Open Hearing" staged here to decide on wage scales on city construction work, MacDonald of the Building Trades, and John O'Connell of the Central Labor Council carried through another great betrayal of the workers\* of San Francisco.

They agreed to a stagger plan on all city work providing for a 30-hour week but the old per hour scale is to remain, which reduces the workers wage by 25%. This despite the decision of the A. F. of L. convention that there be no reduction in pay with the reduction of the work day to 6 hours.

MacDonald stated in behalf of the Unions that "in order to help the taxpayers they will agree to a pro rata reduction in wages." The supervisors made it clear that they want to place many now on the charity list to reduce the cities burden in that section. All those being placed on these part time jobs will be immediately cut off the charity list.

In discussing the rates there wasn't a word mentioned in relation to wages of those now on the charity list doing work of skilled mechanics for boxes of groceries.

The hearing was a poor stage setting as practically all the proceedings were round table discussions in the back rooms between the chief labor fakers and the city politicians while the supervisors chamber was swarmed with business agents waiting to "get the inside dope."

The T. U. U. L. at 530 Valencia Street has issued a statement denouncing the sell-out, pointing out that the wage scales were always theoretical, as most of the workers do not really get them. The statement further points out that the wage cut agreed to by the MacDonald, O'Connell misleadership is putting in effect the unity between the fakers and the government against the workers.

A fall is issued for repudiation of the agreement in the locals and to fight for 8 hours pay for 6 hours work.

## "SOCIALISTS" DUCK DEBATE; EXPOSED BEFORE WORKERS

Spokane Socialist Party State Senator Fails To Come

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27.—The evasive, straddling policy of the "Socialist" Party was again clearly demonstrated to more than 300 workers here when, State Senator McKay, local "Socialist" leader and organizer, ducked a debate challenge from Comrade Ed Levitt, Communist Party section organizer.

"Resolved, that the Socialist Party, internationally, nationally, and locally has betrayed the working class, and has become the third party of capitalism" was the topic proposed in a Communist leaflet that offered to meet the "Socialist" at any time and place to debate on a resolution of the latter's choice, but McKay rejected the offer. He said he would debate "if he thought he could gain anything by it, but his participation in this debate would just be pouring water on the wheel of the Communist Party."

This back-sliding refusal to defend the S. P. before the workers was met by the Communist Party's announcement of a public trial of the Socialist Party. Responding to Communist leaflet pointing out this evasion as typical of the intellectual cowardice of the Socialists, the large group of workers, many of them in the S. P., turned out for the meeting at which any Socialist member or sympathizer was promised a chance to take the floor. More than \$23 was collected at the meeting after Comrade Levitt exposed the true role of the Socialists. Only one worker spoke in support of the S. P.

The decision against the Socialist Party was unanimous, with this exception, and the workers' stand is significant in view of Spokane being a so-called Socialist stronghold. Norman Thomas claimed he got his best support here and that the proportion of S. P. votes is greater in Spokane than anywhere else. But the workers now realize the wide gap between the S. P. and Socialism.

## Hunger Marcher Dies

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—The Unemployed Councils and United Front Conference for Unemployment Insurance upon learning of the death of Joe Pacheco, delegate of the Spanish Workers' Center in Denver, to the Hunger March, who died in Columbus, Ohio, as a result of pneumonia contracted on the March, commenced preparations to arrange a huge mass funeral if it is possible to bring the body to Denver.

Pacheco was a loyal and staunch member of the Communist Party and a leader in the great strike of Colorado beet workers last Spring.

The welcome demonstration for the returning Hunger Marchers held yesterday honored the memory of Comrade Pacheco by all rising while the resolution of the Secretary of the Communist Party was read which called for the organization of a mass movement to realize the struggle for which Comrade Pacheco died.

## DEPORT VALLERINO ON CHRISTMAS, LEFT WIFE AND 11 CHILDREN

Was Active in Working Class Movement, Goes to Spain

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—"Peace on earth and good will to men" in this city means only continued terrorism and persecution to the workers here. Christmas morning the bosses' deportation agents robbed the revolutionary workers of one of their most active fighters, John Vallerino, by deporting him to Spain. They tore him away from a sick wife and eleven American-born children as a demonstration of Los Angeles holiday spirit.

Next day a young International Labor Defense worker, Paul Coleman, was arrested and held incommunicado for two nights and a day on suspicion of criminal syndicalism. Hynes of the Red Squad informed local papers that anyone connected with or working for the State Hunger March would be jailed for criminal syndicalism.

Vallerino was given a farewell party by his comrades at which they vigorously condemned Dog's deportation drive and resolved to follow the revolutionary way out of capitalist misery and oppression.

A collection for his family was made by the I. L. D., which fought against his deportation. Coleman according to law must be freed after seventy-two hours arrest on suspicion, but Hynes told the I. L. D. lawyer that the cops could then book him for violation of the city ordinance against handbill distribution.

## 50 Get Jobs on Modesto Bridge, 2,800 on the List

Modesto, Cal., Dec. 24.—According to City Engineer Rossi, there are 2,800 on the list in Stanislaus County waiting for a job. Of this number about 50 "home-guards" got employment on the bridge project.

The new post office is a flop as a means to absorb the unemployed. So far only a few carpenters have been hired.

The "Tin-Can Pile" which is sponsored by the McClatchy Press, has aided a few hand-picked people. They have a window full of groceries donated by merchants. All they have really done is make a lot of noise about what they are doing. The McClatchy outfit refused to take a press release on the Mooney Campaign and Mass Meeting.

## Jobless L. A. Family Poisoned

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 19.—Poisoned tomatoes, which they received from the Los Angeles County Charity warehouse, put the Darling family of seven, including four small children, into the hospital where doctors and nurses had to work for several hours to save the family from death. Elated over a temporary job, the father decided to celebrate with his family. Food for the feast included some charity canned corn and tomatoes which caused the subsequent poisoning.

## BOEING AIRPLANE CO. WORKS FULL SPEED; LARGE NAVY ORDER

12-Hour Shifts, While Thousands Are Jobless

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 30.—I am writing to you of the conditions of the Boeing Airplane Co. plant. They have about 1500 men on the payroll. Wages are low. The lowest is 35 cents an hour. They have cut the wages in the last year from 10 to 15%. Time and a half for overtime has been cut out, which is considered a cut in wages. The men are now on twelve-hour shifts.

Boeing Airplane Co. is mostly a war industry. We are working on the last of the seven bombing planes for the U. S. Army. Fourteen pursuit planes have been built and shipped to Brazil. Work is being rushed on the 113 Navy planes. (75 model F4B and 38 model F4B3). Sixty fast transports are also being built.

Mr. Boeing especially favors the Russian White Guards. A few years ago he started a naturalization school, so that there can be better stool pigeons.

—Worker Correspondent.

## Stump Ranchers Behind Marchers

ROCHESTER, Wash., Dec. 24.—We have succeeded in collecting \$12.75 for the expenses of the Washington, D. C. Hunger Marchers in spite of the fact that banks are busting in this county and many of the stump ranchers are so hard up that they can't pay their taxes.

Here in prosperous Lewis County the only bank in the city of Centralia closed its doors on December 3. Two years ago there were 3 banks in Centralia but they merged and now there is none. Nobody wants our county warrants and the County Treasurer will not accept them for taxes. What are we stump ranchers going to do when the butchers offer us from 5 to 12 dollars for our beef cows? We are organizing into a solid unit as we should, and we support the National and State Hunger Marches.

—Stump Ranchers.

## Communism — Single Tax Debate at Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif., Jan. 1.—On January 14th a debate is scheduled to take place here on the subject, "The Way Out—Communism or the Henry George Single Tax."

The Communist position will be taken by James Branch, director of the San Francisco Workers School, while the single taxer will be L. D. Beckwith, editor of a Single Tax paper in Stockton.

It will be at the Weber School, corner Park and Madison, at 8 p. m.

## Unemployed Smash Store Windows To Get Warm Clothes

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—The windows of clothing and shoe stores located near the Skid Road were smashed early Christmas morning and cheap underwear, socks and second hand shoes were carried off. No one knows who did it, but it is evident that it must have been desperate unemployed workers in need of warm clothing, since expensive fancy shirts in the same window were left untouched and only warm underclothing was taken.

## JAPANESE COMRADE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY JAPANESE STOOL

Spy Exposed in Communist Paper Shoots Sub Agent

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—The murderous assault with a revolver in the hands of a Japanese reactionary, suspected of being an agent in the pay of the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco, seriously wounded Comrade Okutsu in the printing shop of Hokubei Asaki Shimbun, Japanese daily paper, on December 26.

Comrade Okutsu, who heads the subscription drive of Rodo Shimbun, West Coast Japanese Communist paper, went to the shop to get subscriptions. As he turned to leave, Motosharu Inouye, who had been exposed in Rodo Shimbun as a spy and informer, began shooting at him. Okutsu, a young worker well known and liked in high school and in the Japanese colony as an active Communist, was wounded in his left thigh and foot.

Motosharu Inouye was hired in the printing shop over a year ago as a strike breaker. It is well known that he has spied for the Japanese Consulate which is reported to have spent thousands of dollars to "investigate" Japanese Communists. Inouye is said to be responsible for the deportation of Kabayashi and Kenmuto, active Communists. In his spare time, Inouye sends black mail letters to Communists and sympathizers here and in Japan.

The San Francisco police showed their collaboration in the crime against Comrade Okutsu by setting the ridiculously low bail of \$500 on Inouye. When this was paid by the reactionary editor of the paper, who has tried to hush up the affair, Inouye went to Ikeda, a witness of the shooting and in an attempt to intimidate him said, "It pleased me to shoot one Communist. I have more bullets for the second."

The International Labor Defense asked for a gun permit to protect Ikeda. This was refused, but Inouye was rearrested and bail set at \$2,500 on December 29. On December 30, he was released to Immigration authorities who hold him for deportation as an "undesirable alien."

## PORT ANGELES BOSSES YIELD TO JOBLESS MASS PRESSURE

Start Mills To Sabotage Mass Meeting; Committees Preparing Hunger March

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Dec. 30.—Though the Unemployed Council was organized here only two weeks ago, seven committees of action are now canvassing their neighborhoods for a Hunger March on the County Supervisors on January 3, and several important victories in the struggle against hunger have been won from the bosses.

The Hunger March was decided upon at a conference called when it was discovered the County Commissioners had gone back on their promise made December 10th to furnish milk to the unemployed. These silky tools wiggled out of the promise by saying the demand did not specify the milk was to be provided "free."

Militant Fight Wins.

However, though none of the demands of the unemployed were granted outright, the conditions of the unemployed have improved as a result of the militant stand on December 10th and since then. Milk is now available in the commissary whereas before there had been only non-perishable goods. Requisitions are now issued once a week from the commissary on a meat market. Medicines from drug stores and an extra day's work to all heads of families at \$2 have resulted. These distinct victories have created enthusiasm and further militancy among the workers that is certain to continue the betterment of their conditions.

## Relief Workers Strike

The mass meeting called December 14th to plan new action was a huge success despite the fact that the bosses started every mill in the city to sabotage the meeting. Almost 200 attended, including many Indians. Half a crew of relief workers employed at forced labor by the County struck so as to attend the meeting.

A speaker pointed out the hypocrisy of the commissioners in claiming there are only 400 unemployed in Clallam County because only that number are registered. He said that on the books of the Red Cross 2,500 names are registered for relief flour in Port Angeles alone. This means that 7,500, figuring three to each family, or 75% of the city's population of 10,000 are destitute. The county commissioners know this yet brazenly endeavor to white-wash the facts in order to cover up their own criminal indifference to the conditions of starvation which prevail in the county.

The Hunger March January 3rd is planned to put force behind the demands of the jobless for free milk for children of the unemployed, union wages of \$4 per day on relief work, no discrimination because of race, political belief and length of time in county, and administration of relief by committees elected by the jobless.

## A SHORT STORY

# BLIND BLACK SOLDIER

By RONALD COOLEY

## More on Green Case

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 21.—A report today from the Unemployed Council is to the effect that the Harvey Green fight is rapidly gathering momentum.

Despite the promises of City Attorney Hutchinson four weeks ago that State Aid of \$50 a month would be secured for Green, an attempt is being made to drop the matter. Hutchinson told a committee from the Unemployed Council recently "He had washed his hands of the whole affair."

Food relief, rent and water payment has been discontinued for the past three weeks. Mrs. Ketchen of the Welfare Society was forced yesterday to write out a food order of \$1.65 value.

When she first refused the workers told her, "IF YOU DON'T GIVE THIS MAN RELIEF RIGHT HERE AND NOW, WE'LL START A CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE YOU, YOUR ROTTEN WELFARE SOCIETY, THE GRAFTING COMMUNITY CHEST AND ALL THE REST OF IT. WE'LL TAKE THIS BLIND MAN BEFORE EVERY LODGE, EVERY TRADE UNION, EVERY CHURCH, EVERY MASS MEETING IN THE EAST BAY. AND WE WILL START NOW."

Two Negro ministers, Coleman and Robinson accompanied the workers.

he'd have to be satisfied with the compensation.

## A NEIGHBOR

For seven years, from 1918 to 1925, the monthly checks from the Government came regularly. The "easy payment home" was almost paid for. The only serious flaw in the course of events was a little run-in that he had with one of the neighbors, which left some bad feeling.

"The roof of my house was in bad shape, so I hired Mr. Hall—Reverend W. M. Hall—to put on a new roof for me.

"Now I do dearly love to argue the Scriptures. And Mr. Hall and me spent considerable time one afternoon, talkin' and discussin'." Finally Mr. Hall said, "Mr. Green,

I can't charge you \$8 a day for talkin'. I've got to get to work. But if you want to, I can help you up on the roof and set you down comfortable, so we can talk while I work."

They had been on the roof some time when a man came up the ladder and demanded, "Which one of you is Mr. Green?"

"The man settin' down is Mr. Green," said Mr. Hall.

"Uh... Uh," said the man, "I've caught you roofing your house!"

"You ain't caught me doin' nothin'," retorted Green, "Except settin' still and talkin'."

The huffy neighbor had seen Green on the roof and had called the doctor from the Veterans' Bureau.

"I know he did it," asserted Green "Because he said so, himself."

The subsequent doctor's examination was not very harmonious.

"You're a faker, you've gained your sight," the doctor insisted. "And furthermore you never were entitled to compensation. Your sight was gone before you entered the army. The army had nothing to do with your blindness!"

"I'll fix it so you don't get any more compensation!"

And fix it he did. The checks stopped.

A blind ex-serviceman in a whirlwind of red tape; tapping his way up and down imposing staircases; asking his way thru spacious corridors, searching for elevators in marble fronted buildings;—hunting for his compensation in a land of lily-fingered fakers. He spent weeks visiting important people who sat behind glass-topped desks and drew fat salaries.

His lawyers, with their eyes on their prospective fees, prepared a mountain of evidence to show that Green should have \$207.50 a month coming from the Government. While the Government's red-tape artists prepared evidence to prove that a blind soldier is not entitled to his compensation.

Things dragged along. "I lost my home as soon as the money was stopped. I only owed \$600 on it,—but they took it, quick.

## RELIEF STOPPED

In November, 1932, the Berkeley Welfare Society informed Harvey Green that they could do no more for him.

"We must know both sides of this case Mr. Green," Mrs. Kechens informed him, "Until we get some documents, or statements, from the Government, showing their side of the controversy, we can do nothing more for you."

The fact that the water was shut off, his rent in arrears, and food was short in the house had nothing to do with it. The law is the law, and the rules must be upheld. Judge Kechens must have an opportunity to hand down a decision on the case, tho a man starve for it.

A week or two later the Berkeley Unemployed Council appeared on the scene. They organized a committee and took him before a meeting of the City Council.

"Now here is the case," said the workers, "And what the hell are you going to do about it?"

The large stomachs behind the glass-topped desks fluttered into a huddle. Their comeback was that the County should attend to all matters of relief, and this case was not a question for the City.

The committee's spokesman knew what to say without a huddle. He's grizzled and bald and shabbily dressed, and he never went to college in his life. But he can thump a glass-topped desk and tell the fakers behind it what's what.

"This ex-serviceman is blind, and in desperate need of relief!" he hammered at them. "And the City Council can't get rid of us by passing the buck to the County Supervisors! What are you going to do for this worker?"

The City Fathers fluttered into another huddle, and buzzed among themselves. As a last resort they called the City Attorney.

THE CITY'S PROMISE

The upshot of it all was that the City Attorney promised to take immediate steps to get Harvey Green \$50 a month from the state, which is the sum the state is supposed to allow its blind citizens.

Before the Unemployed Council parted with Green they made a date with him.

## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

### Increased War Preparations In Japan

TOKYO, Japan, December 28.—Citing the "Red Peril" the Japanese War Office announced that \$04,000,000 will be spent for modernizing the military equipment in Manchuria, motorizing them and transforming the maximum of the army from Japan proper across to Manchuria.

The Japanese militarists maintain that the Japanese army must equal that of the Soviet Army. The increase in the military budget is despite a deficit of \$450,000,000 already foreseen for the coming year.

### Insurrection in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, December 28.—23 were killed in a battle between insurrectionists and the National Guard which is led by American marines. The battle came on the eve of the departure of the last of the American military forces. The withdrawal is considered possible to the establishment of a native guard that would be able to work under the direction of American military "advisors." But now it is likely that the American imperialists will again fear to take the chance.

### Korean Communists Convicted

SEKUL, Korea, Dec. 28.—Two hundred and seventy-one Young Communist Communists have been indicted, charged with murder, arson and sedition. The arrests were on outgrowth of the outbreaks here last May. Charges against 117 others were dismissed.

Sentences against these Young Communists will virtually mean death, as long prison sentences practically mean that in Korean dungeons. A wide campaign is being organized under the leadership of the Japanese Communist Party for the release of these comrades.

### War Again After "Christmas Truce"

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, December 26.—After a 24 hour truce over Christmas, the seventy thousands involved in the undeclared Gran Chaco war have again assumed intense fighting. To date, 30,000 casualties, mostly killed are reported to date.

Bolivia reports to have successfully bombarded and destroyed Paraguayan airplanes.

### Revolt In Spanish Morocco

MADRID, Spain, December 24.—The Moroccan office confirmed reports of the movement among the native in Morocco in the Xauen area, and claim that legion authorities have "quelled the revolt."

The new Spanish government is taking steps to modernize the army in Morocco in view of the growing revolt of the natives against Spanish imperialism.

### Edward Bernstein Died

BERLIN, Germany, December 18.—Edward Bernstein, father of the revisionist movement in the German Social Democracy, died today at the age of 83. Bernstein was the theoretical leader of the movement to revise Marxism which eventually took control of the German Social Democratic Party and the Second International, leading to the great betrayal during the great war, and turning the socialist movement to the service of Imperialism.

### 300 Attend L. A. F. S. U. Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—Over 300 people attended a mass meeting held here by the Southern California Anti-War Congress to

hear speakers on "Soviet Russia's Twenty-Five-Year Plan."

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But the meeting with the Supervisors never materialized. When the committee of workers called for Green he was gone.

He was in San Francisco, tapping his way thru the red-tape palaces, hunting for his compensation, trying to get justice from a glass-topped desk.

## "I'LL GO WITH YOU"

And then a correspondent for the "Western Worker" called on Green and got his story.

"If the Unemployed Council organized a committee to go to the Supervisors next Thursday, would you go with them?" the correspondent asked.

"Well, I'll tell you. Those Supervisors that are in there now, they're a bunch of lame ducks that were defeated for re-election, so what do they care if a working man starves? And that fellow, Staats, I know is a colored-man hater." A pause. "But in January, after the new ones take office, I'll be ready to go with you."

"It's a funny thing," was Green's parting remark, "When the war was on, and they needed soldiers, every man was a man. But when the war's over, and you come home, you find you're just a 'damned nigger' again."

The Government showed the Bonus Marchers that the returned soldier is damned—whether he's black or white.

He is blind. When he meets you he can't tell what you are, except by the way you talk. If you call him "nigger" he knows you're a lily-fingered faker. We'll call him "comrade" and forget the color. A class conscious worker has no race.

One thing is certain. Before Green is ready to go to the Supervisors and thump their glass-topped desks with his cane and demand his relief, the Unemployed Council must go more than half way to meet him. For he is blind, and he's not used to finding his way in this militant struggle.



SEEING RED! By Kirby

Will Durant, the Katzenjammer philosopher, has got himself all burned in the Sat. Eve. Post over "The Tragedy of Russia"—at 10c a word.

He worries because the Russians eat the black bread they like. We know of sixteen million Americans who want something equally good this winter.

Having gotten rich with cheap falsifications of philosophers dead long enough to be really philosophical about lies, Durant remains "classical" in manner. To prove present "failure," he uses pre-revolutionary photos and figures.

He backs this up with, "I've just been in Russia for a couple of months." The Czar was in Russia all his life, but he couldn't see a workers government either.

With the success of the Five-Year Plan, a leprous rash of slanders has broken out, aiming to disorganize and confuse by building up Trotsky. But the whole crowd are babies compared to old scraggly whiskers himself. Lenin was hardly dead before Trotsky showed his followers the method of using words of praise to picture Lenin as a vaudeville revolutionary. However, the workers of America are no more confused than were those of Russia, who rejected the lie.

Mary Baker Eddy got rich by tagging the popular word "Science" onto dying "Christianity." But she was just a simple old lady compared to the handful of industrialists desperately trying to make palatable Fascism's increased starvation, unemployment and terrorist tyranny by baiting it with the ten-dollar word, "Technocracy."

Gen. Howard bemoans that a proposed cut of \$700,000 would mean abolishing the California militia. Now ain't that too bad? Because the general's a bit too old to get a job as thug at Rolph's forced labor camps, which start out with a cost of \$750,000.

Maybe he's afraid the armories, if vacant, would be used as we propose—as decent living quarters by and for the unemployed.

Just to prove that "Technocracy" is not the only silly science, Frisco's District Attorney Matt Brady is studying the "lunar theory of crime" in an effort to find out, among other things, why starving unemployed sometimes steal. The lunar theory is pure moonshine. Among other things, it is based on changes in wind temperature. Another theory based on the moon is "lunacy." Practical application of the above was shown last January when the Secretary of the Hunger March Committee refused to be affected by the "wind temperature"—Rolph's hot air—and so was persecuted by the police on lunacy charges. And one of the examiners said—privately—that had he listened he would undoubtedly have been affected.

MOTHER MOONEY NAILS BOSS LIES

(Continued from Page 1) in Moscow and got the finest care and treatment in my whole life. I was thrilled by the new life that I saw. It was a great thing to take part in the World Congress of the International Red Aid and in the November celebration. I was happy to see the Russian working people celebrating their freedom. My heart beat with new hope that the day will soon come when I can join with my son Tom to celebrate his freedom.

"I should have been shocked at the lies of the Times if I had not met with this same dirty work before on my tour. When I went to the Republican convention in Chicago to fight for my boy, an awful report was spread through the papers that I was 'struck totally blind.' My footsteps have been dogged by the papers of the oppressors that framed my innocent son. They are doing every low, vile thing to keep Tom in jail—in a living death. But I will fight on and I ask all working people and all honest people to raise their voices still higher, to help the fight to free my innocent son and to free the poor Scottsboro boys and all other innocent victims."

Quits S. P., Joins Reds New Meadows, Idaho, Dec. 25.—Here is \$2.00; \$2.00 for renewal of my sub; the balance a donation. I belonged to the Socialist Party for a long time but now support the Communists. It has appeared to me for some time that the Socialist Party leaders have sold out and are working the toilers and farmers for their confidence. In order to further rob them and keep them slaves for the bourgeoisie.

FORCED TO GRANT MARCHERS PERMIT IN WATSONVILLE

Experiences With Previous Refusals Teach Council Lesson

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Dec. 28.—Fearful of interfering again with the militant workers and mindful of the successful Mooney meeting held here in the face of police terrorism, the city aldermen granted permission to the local hunger marchers for a mass meeting to be held in the plaza, January 6. After the meeting the Watsonville workers were to join the Los Angeles contingent of the State Hunger March to Sacramento.

The aldermen admitted that they were afraid to refuse the hunger marchers a meeting permit because of the workers' victorious stand against police thugs and firehose at the November 30 Mooney demonstration. The city bosses were planning to further hamper the workers by placing a heavy police guard around the plaza to prevent too many attending the send-off for the marchers.

The council refused the demands to furnish food or transportation for the hunger marchers. Despite this the Unemployed Council of Watsonville reports that the meeting promises to be the greatest in Watsonville's history. Many workers and farmers are offering places to shelter the marchers and help in feeding them.

GUINN GRANTED NEW BAIL BY COLORADO SUPREME COURT

Workers' Leader Sentenced on Vag Law

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—The case of Charles Guynn, TUUL organizer of the Rocky Mountain District, was today filed with the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court also granted a stay of execution of the sentence and allowed new bail for the time the case is under consideration.

Previously Judge Luxford, before whom Guynn was tried and convicted on framed up charge of vagrancy denied any extension of bail. Luxford said: "You people say I am hardbodied, I'll show you that I am." The bail expired on December 21st, and unless for the last minute granting of new bail by the Supreme Court, Guynn was compelled to surrender to commence his sentence. In order to be in Denver in time, Guynn, who was leader of the Western Column on the National Hunger March, had to leave the column in Columbus on the return trip and take a freight to Denver.

By intensified activity the Denver district of the I. L. D. succeeded in raising sufficient money to finance the appeal to the Supreme Court. The case is under the direction of the I. L. D.

Guynn was arrested and convicted on vagrancy charges, the law which the Denver authorities are using to smash the workingclass movement. Under this law every Communist is liable to arrest, as well as every workingclass leader and active member. In appealing the Guynn case the Denver workers are also mobilizing a movement to smash the infamous vagrancy laws.

Vag Law, Charities Exposed in Ariz.

(Continued from Page 1) the charity fakery heaved a sigh of relief as they visioned the end of the ordeal.

CASE APEALED Lynch at once announced he would appeal the case. Bail was fixed, and the next scene will take place in superior court here, the city attorney declares, only the "vag" charge will be aired and "no more Communist propaganda."

When Shack was asked what his compensation was for carrying on his Communist activities, he declared, "The reward that comes for doing conscientious service for mankind in these days of unemployment and misery." Other equally significant replies checked the cross-examination of the city attorney, and as a consequence the throng of workers attracted to the trial left the court room with a resolution to center every effort on mobilization of workers around the case.

Organizing the masses to fight for real relief and Unemployment Insurance the Unemployed Council calls on all workers and mass organizations to support the State Hunger March to Phoenix, and to support the International Labor Defense in its fight for rights of workers of all colors and nationalities.

ONLY FIVE WEEKS LEFT!

To date we have \$ 535.97 If we raise 2964.03 An anonymous comrade will give 1000.00 Making our quota \$4500.00

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In Five Weeks the Western Worker Army must raise almost \$3,000

Can We Do It? - We Can!

But everyone must redouble their efforts!

DON'T STAND BY! - PITCH IN!

OUTSTANDING FACTS—7th WEEK:

- 1. Los Angeles tops the week for the first time but is still far behind. 2. East Bay and Sacramento haven't moved forward 1c. 3. Individual donations are falling off. 4. Each week has shown increase but very small one. First week—\$46.93; second week—\$46.94; third week—\$119.52; fourth week—\$38.78; fifth week—\$75.72; sixth week—\$75.73; seventh week—\$132.35. 5. Not a single donation this week outside of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

HONOR ROLL—SEVENTH WEEK

Table listing honor roll for the seventh week with names and amounts raised, totaling \$132.35 for the week and \$3964.03 previously acknowledged.

C. S. LAW REPEAL COMMITTEE FORMED

(Continued from Page 1) clude Benjamin Ellisberg, chairman; Lincoln Steffens, Orrick Johns, Leo Gallagher, H. W. Bergman and Fred Bernard. Resolutions and telegrams demanding repeal of the criminal syndicalism act by the state legislature and for open hearings on this bill should be sent to state legislators of each locality.

L. A. IN ACTION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Organized action in line with the statewide campaign for repeal of the criminal syndicalism law will be planned here January 4th by the Southern California Provisional Committee for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and a call will then be issued for the United Front Conference on February 4th and 5th. This conference will probably meet in Los Angeles and include delegates from all parts of Southern California.

Oregon Jobless to Reach Salem Jan. 9

(Continued from Page 1) The rank and file of the Civic Emergency Federation and the Unemployed Citizens' Leagues have been able to carry the endorsement of the March and elect delegates despite every attempt of the leaders to prevent their participation. In the few instances where the leaders were successful, many of the members declared they would march anyway.

DEMAND SOLONS' SUPPORT

District 14 of the I. L. D. has sent demands to legislators from Southern California that they support a repeal bill and an open hearing on its introduction.

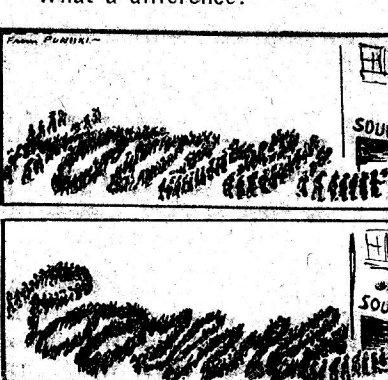
Included in the repeal campaign are plans for a caravan from the south to Sacramento demand open hearing and repeal of the law, a mass parade in Los Angeles and in February a signature drive for petitions demanding submission of the repeal to the voters.

Berkeley Marchers to Gather on January 7th, 9 A. M.

BERKELEY, Jan. 1.—The Berkeley delegates for the Hunger March will gather at Comrades Hall, 1819 10th Street at 9 a. m. Saturday, January 7th, and hold a mass meeting, until the Oakland delegation arrives. Transportation for the marchers is still insufficient, and the committee is trying to obtain trucks or cars.

Nevada Indians Starve

RENO, Dec. 29.—The manager in one of the wholesale houses here drove an old Indian woman away for picking the garbage cans. She walked away crying and said to me, "I cannot get work. They won't let me get food here." Though this country once belonged to the Indians, they are starving up here like the rest of the workers and farmers.—J. B.



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WHERE TO GO

LOS ANGELES STRIKE RELIEF AFFAIR—1223 Fillmore, Sat. night, Jan. 7.—Program, eats, dancing. Admission 25c cash or that amount or more in groceries which will go to the Vacaville strikers. Auspices Workers International Relief. MANDOLIN CLUB—Sunday, Jan. 22, 8 p. m. at T. V. G. Hall, 936 W. Washington St. Orchestra of 45 Mandolin Players; Workers Revolutionary Songs, J. Berzovsky Russian baritone, and B. Zemach in dance numbers. Tickets 35c, at door 50c. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 8:00 P. M. Send-Off to State Hunger Marchers and Personal Report by National Hunger Marchers. Entertainment, Dancing, Eats. Admission 25c, Unemployed Card 5c. 1223 Fillmore St., San Francisco. ADVANCE NOTICE Annual I.L.D. Bazaar, 1223 Fillmore Street, Feb. 25 and 26, 1933. Please keep these dates open and give support.

HELP VACAVILLE STRIKERS! Food Is Needed to Win!

They were not phased by police terror, inhuman beatings and lynch law rides. For weeks the Vacaville strikers have carried on and up to now, with their goal almost in sight, have staged a winning fight. But acute hunger, imminent mass starvation, has invaded the strikers' camp. Groceries and MONEY must be rushed to the area. With victory in sight, we cannot fail these loyal, militant workers. Every Workers' Center should at once be utilized as a receiving station for relief for the strikers. Send donations to the Workers' International Relief, 1223 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, Calif., and it will be rushed to the strikers. Sympathizers, without direct contact with the strike committee at Vacaville must send to the above address to avoid possible loss. ACT NOW!

Mother Mooney At Sacramento Jan. 10 Colorado March Big United Front Set for Jan. 23

(Continued from Page 1) ers Defense Committee has refused "to accept his investigation as 'impartial' or his conclusions as authentic or worthy of credence." The committee will resist all efforts of the police-framers to use the Callicotte confession as a red herring to distract public attention from the proven facts establishing the innocence of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings. They pointed out that the burden of proof or disproof here is solely on the police and that Goff's report clearly reveals the bold attempts of the police to discredit Callicotte and ignore the facts. "BRING MOONEY TO TRIAL" The Defense Committee stated that Mooney's innocence is proven regardless of Callicotte, that Goff is incapable of conducting an "impartial" investigation because of his obvious bias and prejudice, that a demand will soon be made to bring Mooney into Superior Court at San Francisco for trial on a pending indictment, that they shall demand Callicotte be placed on the witness stand at this trial, and that the supposedly "bambuzzing and hoodwinking" story of Callicotte did convince District Attorney Brady and his assistant, Tyrell, of its truth after a grueling cross-examination. The most militant Mooney meeting staged in Los Angeles in many years was held December 23 in the labor temple there, well attended by the police Red Squad and 3000 enthusiastic workers. No doubt the police learned a lesson from the meeting broken up a year ago when the workers put up a militant battle in the face of clubs, guns and gas, and later, by militant defense tactics, won their fight in court.

L. A. COPS LAY OFF City of Angels boosters didn't like the international shame brought on their hell-town then; this time they treated the Mooney meeting with a conspiracy of silence. The fact that this overflow meeting was held without any interference brings to workers the lesson that they can carry on their activities unmolested if they first show the police and fascist terrorists that they cannot be intimidated. 400 RALLY AT FRESNO FRESNO, Dec. 29.—More than 400 workers arose to demand

MONTEREY, Dec. 29.—Despite the difficulty of having to meet in a hall outside of town and lacking adequate transportation, 100 turned out to hear Irvin Goodman, Paul Callicotte and Lincoln Steffens speak on the renewed struggle for Tom Mooney's freedom. The meeting passed unanimous resolutions demanding a public pardon hearing and a new trial for the framed labor leader. BAKERSFIELD FAKERS SABOTAGE BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 26.—Because reactionary labor leaders betrayed the struggle for Mooney's freedom by refusing use of the local labor temple until the last minute, only 50 attended a meeting here that was addressed by Irvin Goodman and Paul Callicotte. The Mooney rally was held next door in a Negro dance hall where the floor was gladly given and was very enthusiastic. Resolutions were unanimously adopted demanding a public pardon hearing and new trial for Mooney.

Christ Was Born on Howard Street

By JOBLESS WORKER

Known in the vernacular as the skid-row, that section of the town surrounding Third and Howard streets is the happy hunting ground of the Jesus-jazzers. They have finally achieved that longed-for situation where they can peddle their hokum without any opposition by the horrible Reds. Across the street from the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League's slot an effeminate descendant of the Vikings is conducting the Calvary Rescue Mission. This being the worst winter since the beginning of the collapse, the holy people are putting forth great efforts to maintain the status quo. Canned heat and gas are now fast becoming luxuries even beyond the abilities of the best beggars. The Christians are eager to introduce the hapless victims of capitalist exploitation to the delights of religious dope. "Come to Jesus," they say, roll, shout, lift yourself to undreamed-of emotional heights. Those of the unemployed who are debarred even from city charity are glad to find a place in which to while away a few hours. The antics of the saints are a diversion, something like a circus, and at the

end of the night's service there is black coffee and bread. The holy Norwegian of the Calvary Mission announced a great show, something that never had been seen on Howard street before, the great and holy spectacle—the Birth of Christ. The day was to be Friday, December 23. In order to have a full house this holy faker caused rumors to be spread that the customary bread and coffee was to be superseded by something extra, something to equal the occasion. The "bums," thinking of pork-sandwiches and cream and sugar in the coffee, were there in full force when the great day arrived. But even in a holy place like the Calvary Mission there is discrimination. The first two rows of benches, disinfected for the occasion, had been reserved for the visiting saints. A louse is but a louse, a true creature of Satan. It will just as soon feast upon the saints as upon the ungodly, unwashed unemployed. The Birth of Christ got underway by the assemblage singing hymns. During the singing a slide curtain is being rigged in front of the rostrum. "Now," said a saint, "we shall pray. If anyone has a special request, let him or her

utter it." There were loud cries for beer. At last everything is ready. The prologue is rendered by a female saint exhorting the audience since there is no scenery to use its imagination. Scene I shows the angels appearing before the stupid, if honest shepherders. A lady in a green dress, her hoarse voice quivering with emotion, reads the immortal story from the Book. The lady in green deserves special mention. According to her testimony she had sunk low indeed lower than any woman of the streets. She had been that horror of horror: an I. W. W.! The intermission is utilized to put the beg on the audience. The angels behind the curtain are singing the halleluia chorus. Christ is being born. The Virgin is groaning. God, in the heavens above, is smiling into his whiskers. Too bad one doesn't set up the drinks for a bastard. Out in front, two gas-hounds are creating a disturbance. They are being led to the door. "You're a lousy bunch of fakers!" shouts one. The other not to be outdone, booms out, "..... you!" The holy ladies gasp horrified. How come, dear ones in Christ, that

you know gutter language so well? The show goes on. The last scene shows the holy couple in the stable. St. Joseph looks bored. Mary smiles coyly. Is she thinking there is no scenery to use its imagination. Scene I shows the angels appearing before the stupid, if honest shepherders. A lady in a green dress, her hoarse voice quivering with emotion, reads the immortal story from the Book. The lady in green deserves special mention. According to her testimony she had sunk low indeed lower than any woman of the streets. She had been that horror of horror: an I. W. W.! The intermission is utilized to put the beg on the audience. The angels behind the curtain are singing the halleluia chorus. Christ is being born. The Virgin is groaning. God, in the heavens above, is smiling into his whiskers. Too bad one doesn't set up the drinks for a bastard. Out in front, two gas-hounds are creating a disturbance. They are being led to the door. "You're a lousy bunch of fakers!" shouts one. The other not to be outdone, booms out, "..... you!" The holy ladies gasp horrified. How come, dear ones in Christ, that

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# Editorial Column

## BRIDGES, WAR AND LABOR FAKERS

A few months ago San Francisco jobless were informed that soon the building of the two bay bridges will begin and there will be work for thousands.

The Western Worker already pointed out that on the basis of the experiences with these projects there is little assurance that work will begin. It took since 1901 to overcome the legal and private capital complications before the Hetch Hetchy project could get under way besides the fabulous sums in graft, and San Francisco isn't getting Hetch Hetchy water yet.

For ten years there was a war between the Southern Pacific Ferries and those advancing the Golden Gate Bridge project. Plans for the Transbay Bridge have been under way for many years. It should therefore be little wonder that not one jobless worker was hired to date.

But for months the newspapers have been full about the controversy going on in relation to the control of the Board of Directors supervising the Golden Gate project. Finally Alan McDonald, general manager, resigns, upon demand from the Bank of America which buys a block of more than six million dollars worth of the bonds (although it has not yet leaked out for how much). These controversies are only a repetition of what always takes place when juicy plums are in view.

### SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION—A CONTRAST

On the other hand, now that the First Five-Year Plan of the Soviet Union has been completed it would be interesting to make a comparison. In the Soviet Union far greater projects were planned, financed and built within a maximum of 4 years. The biggest Hydroelectric station in the world, Dneprostroy, built in 4 years, the Turkestan Siberian railroad, 900 miles long, within 2 years, the Stalingrad plant in less than 2 years, the great Auto plant at Nizhni, within 15 months. There were hundreds of projects costing above 25 million dollars built during the time.

What is the basic reason? Is it because of superior engineers? On the contrary there is a great lack of technicians.

It is because in the Soviet Union the profit system has been abolished, private capital has been driven out.

There are no ferry companies to hinder the building of a bridge, there are no private water companies to hinder the building of water projects and no grafting politicians and contractors to sap out public funds. The workers through the government are the sole masters.

### FOR MILITARY REASONS

But there is still another catch! Despite the continual delay, the projects will probably go through now. Not however, as many believe that work must be made. They are necessary, to complete an uninterrupted mobile military road, along the coast. It is for that same reason that the two bridges over Bixby, and Rocky Creeks below Monterey, along the coast were built. There is no economic base for them.

There is as much economic base for the Golden Gate Bridge as for the bombing base in Marin county to which it is to lead.

### LABOR FAKERS ON HAND

The San Francisco labor fakers, McDonald, O'Connell and Co., are already lending a hand to the boss politicians to make the projects as cheap as possible. Behind supposed open hearings for wage scales they thru backstage caucusing have agreed for a wage cut. There will be a 30 hour week. Theoretically the old per hour rate remains but it is a matter of common knowledge that the scales are only on paper, and few workers actually get them.

The Trade Union Unity League has already issued a statement against this betrayal, calls for a struggle against the starvation stagger plan, and for the hiring of workers without discrimination and favoritism. This fight will be carried into the locals of the A. F. of L.

Only such a fight will win the maximum benefits to the workers, out of these prospects!

## COMMEMORATE LENIN — STUDY LENINISM

On January 21st the workers of the U. S. along with the rest of the world proletariat will commemorate the death of the leader of the Russian Revolution and founder of the Communist international, Comrade Lenin.

The memorial will mark nine years since the death of the great leader. His leadership however, has remained during every day since he died. He left a powerful Communist Party of the Soviet Union led by his best co-worker Comrade Stalin. He left the Communist International which unites the most courageous, most devoted and advanced workers from every corner of the world.

His teachings have been a guide in every detail in the struggle for the First and now the Second Five-Year Plans. The greatest weapon in the hands of the Chinese, German and Polish Communist Parties, which have progressed so far towards the final destruction of capitalism, is Leninism. Leninism has now penetrated into the most remote corners of the world.

The great significance of the Memorials is not only that millions will demonstrate their support for Leninism, but also in the fact that the month of January is "Lenin Month." It is the month when thousands will be reached with Lenin's teachings, and recruited into the Party and other revolutionary organizations.

This is the most appropriate Commemoration, and we need not wait till January 21st.

### REGISTER FOR WORKERS SCHOOL COURSES

During the first week in January, Workers Schools are opening in the leading California cities. These schools are to train Leninists. Since the last Lenin Memorial our Party made great strides forward. The number of units we increased several fold. We have blasted our way to many new towns and neighborhoods, where hundreds new recruits joined the Party of Lenin.

But joining the Party or any of the revolutionary organizations is only the first step!

We hear the cry everywhere that we need leading capable of guiding the new fighters continually into our ranks. But we must realize that leaders are hatched out in a district or section office. They are trained. As comrades emerge out of the struggle, willingness, devotion, initiative and capability, must be ready to give them necessary theoretical or leading roles.

The Role of the Workers Schools everywhere. Now!

Memorials a Demonstration for Leninism!

## Fight Hunger! Join the Marches!

By T. Jones.



## ANNUAL MEETING EXPOSES NEVADA FARM BUREAU

FALLON, Nevada, Dec. 19.—The Churchill County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting today.

Following the morning business session a turkey dinner was served—farmers can eat turkey now after having been Hooverized.

In the afternoon the functionaries talked. They praised the local press as 100% for the Farm Bureau, but the Metropolitan Press was condemned as our enemy. The speaker admitted the Farm Bureau movement had lost 30% of its membership. He blamed the depression.

One member told me he came to eat turkey, as he figured it would be the only way he would get back part of his two dollars dues. He said he was through with the Bureau.

### National Director Spoke

One of the 12 National Directors spoke. He outlined the farmers' enemies. He spoke of the rich men and corporations that had become fat men of finance through the exploitation of the farmer. His charts showed who paid the national taxes and for what the money was spent. "Taxes should be lowered," he said, "but not at the expense of the present budget" (which takes care of such functionaries as the speaker).

He could not relieve us with the information of when the depression would be over.

### OMITS FACTS

He said nothing of the unemployed millions that should have the purchasing power to buy the farmers' produce. He said nothing of the class struggle, and how it affects all workers in the mines, mills, transportation and on the farm. He did not show the class character of the government and how the farmers were bamboozled and cheated in every way.

The speakers were only radical in talk; no solution, only more organization and talking against time. Seemingly this director wanted to take up all the time and say nothing.

He started out saying he did not want to take up their time, he only wanted to talk a few minutes. He talked for an hour—until the farmers were in a rush to get home to do their chores, making it impossible for a rank and file member to speak.

From what I saw I would say the American Farm Bureau is a government subsidized machine for fooling the farmer. The County, State and Federal government pays the Bureau's expenses—besides the farmers' dues. The functionaries, therefore, tried to blame our misery on everybody but the government. No speaker showed how the local officials, state officials and national officials become the tools for selling out the farmer through forced taxes, sales, mortgages, etc. Nor how the Governor of this state gave a holiday to the banks, but when the farmers wanted a holiday it would require an act of the legislature—the Governor was powerless!

The hypocrisy of the Farm Bureau functionaries is only one of the methods the ruling-class uses of keeping us in subjection.

—Worker Correspondent.

## CALIFORNIA HUNGER MARCH DEMANDS

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6.—That all armories, war memorial buildings and barracks be adequately equipped for sleeping quarters and turned over for the use of unemployed single veterans and workers.

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11.—That no discrimination be used because of race, color, creed, age, nationality, sex, length of residence or political beliefs in the administration of the above demands, and that no discrimination be used against any worker who owns a home or automobile.

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(Northwest Delegate)

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### Greeted By Police

Police attempted to stop us on the steps of the capitol when we went to present these demands. But since we had come through obstacles all along the road across the continent we were not going to be stopped at the last hurdle. When we got in we protested this interference with our business, and Taylor of Plentywood, Montana, read our protest into the Congressional Record together with our demands.

We got our first big surprise at the House of Representatives, a body of almost 400 men. During the half hour we were there not more than 50 to 70 men were in the chamber. A few were listening to the speaker. The balance was busy joking with each other or sleeping. Where the rest of the House was is puzzling to a farmer who is taxed to maintain these parasites.

### Senators Sleep, Yawn

In the Senate gallery, no more than eight Senators were together at one time. They voted on one bill after hearing two voices. The "Y's" had it. A roll call made some Senators walk inside long enough for their names to be called. What a law-making body! We must wake up and send workers and farmers to Congress—those who will have our interest at heart. We should go a step farther and make it a

## International Events and Western Workers

### Communist Party of the Soviet Union to Clean out all enemy elements; Boss press lies exposed by a witness to last Party Purgings.

By GEORGE MORRIS

PARTY GAINS MEMBERS

Many workers in the U. S. were probably startled by the news that beginning January 1st a campaign will be started to expel 3,130,000 members of the Communist Party, U. S. S. R., through the Party purging" (S. F. News, December 13). Many may pass it off as a sample of the usual capitalist lying, and think no more about it.

Others will wonder why clean out a Party membership that has carried through to such great achievements.

That another Party purging is to take place has been confirmed by the workers' news service, International Press Correspondence.

Let us analyze the meaning of a Party purging in the Soviet Union.

The writer having been in the Soviet Union during the entire duration of the previous Party cleaning (over a year) and having witnessed and participated in several, hopes to bring a picture of how it is carried through to readers of the Western Worker.

The first cleaning, or "chistka," was carried through in 1921 upon proposal by Comrade Lenin. This was necessary to enable the Party to make the great turn for the New Economic Policy, which made possible preparation for the first Five-Year Plan.

The second was in 1929 during the first year of the Five-Year Plan when the Party was prepared for the general advance upon all capitalist elements.

The present one comes during the first year of the second Five-Year Plan, when the Party is making another great advance.

REVIEW OF FORCES

Purging means "checking up on the members and candidates by examining the work of every Communist and his devotion to cause of the working class" (Pravda editorial). This is a requirement for every section of the Communist International. A re-registration of its membership is necessary to systematically clean out petty bourgeois elements. Such a re-registration is being carried through in the C. P. U. S. A. right now.

Our Party is really semi-legal and cannot carry through a cleaning in as thorough a manner as does our brother Party in the U. S. S. R.

Within the Soviet Union enemies of the working class crawl into the ranks of the Party through a hundred different channels. They come from the former ruling class, from the old-time intellectuals, technicians, kulaks (rich farmers), former white guards, bureaucrats, embezzlers, careerists and the like which still remain. Even if sincere, they are unable to understand the Party policy and vacillate. These elements are expressed through the Right opportunists, trotskites, etc.

### Next Week On Technocracy By Sam Darcy

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As a result of the 1929 Party cleaning 116,000 members (10.4%) were dropped or expelled for various reasons. This, however, did not mean a reduction in membership, as several times that many joined. Since then the Party grew by 1,278,000 to the present membership figure of 3,130,000—a growth of 69% within two years.

I witnessed the cleaning at the "Krasni Textilschik" (Red Textile Worker) where 1550 workers were employed. The Party membership was 200. The section committee of the Party assigned a committee of five to supervise the cleaning. This committee consisted of tried comrades, who had been in the Party for many years, often "old Bolsheviks" who had been through the mill since pre-revolutionary days. They knew the problems of the Party thoroughly and were keen in detecting every harmful tendency of a member. Moreover, they were such as are able to suggest steps for correcting the deviations.

A meeting was called in the factory hall where the purpose of the "chistka" was explained. One of the committee told of the great tasks before the country and how internal and external enemies were hindering the Five-Year Plan. The full-scale initiative of the masses was essential, so bureaucrats had to be weeded out. The leaders must show evidence of self criticism. All vacillation, which inevitably marks petty bourgeois elements, must be discovered. He explained how the peasants flocking to the cities brought with them backwardness. All of these dangers are reflected in the Party. So the cleaning was necessary. A Communist must set an example of tireless energy, devotion, proper conduct and loyalty to the Proletarian Dictatorship.

Therefore, every Party member was to be reviewed on the basis of his special activity. Non-Party workers were invited to enter into the criticism, in fact all were to consider this their duty so that a correct picture of each member would be possible.

Through posters and the factories it was announced that meetings were to take place three times a week, and the names of the first six workers to come up.

The first meeting finally takes place. The hall seating 800 is packed. Very few go home for supper. A couple of dry sandwiches and a glass of tea served at the cafeteria, and eaten in a rush will do. The big thing is the "chistka."

ONE AT A TIME

"Comrade," the chairman addresses the first worker called to take the place in the speaker's rostrum. "Give in the fewest possible words your biography," stressing your activity in the labor movement.

The comrade proceeds: "I was born in 1890. My parents were peasants in the village of —, where I lived until 1925. I then went to Moscow to work at — factory, learning to weave. I attended the factory circle for liquidation of illiteracy, and now have the equivalent of a primary education.

"I joined the Trade Union in 1926. I am a member of Ossoviachim circle (society for the advancement of aviation and chemical defense) in the factory. I am a member of the factory committee. I joined the Party in 1928."

Then he will tell of his activity in his department, taking care to be self critical, knowing that if he does not, someone else probably will for him! So he attempts to bring out his own shortcomings and what he proposes to do about them.

GO INTO PAST

The chairman calls for questions, and questions begin to fly.

"What were you doing during the world war?" "Is your father a member of a collective farm?" "What were you doing during the Civil war?"

If he is delinquent in attending Party meetings, someone surely asks him this. Or if he has shown weaknesses, or vacillations or left out of his speech something he might wish to hide, a flood of pointed questions bring out everything.

Following this, the chairman asks if anyone wants the floor. Usually a number have been patiently awaiting this opportunity. One may say the comrade has a habit of using insulting language to women. Another may give a date he came to the shop drunk. Or he may be known to be chumming with remnants of the old ruling-class. The secretary of the unit may point out that he seldom speaks at Party meetings, or is inactive. Or maybe the comrade is careless with machines or wasteful with materials.

In any case the "chistka" brings out all.

Stenographers take down all details.

During the discussion one of the committee often takes the floor to correct some wrong statements, incorrect criticism and indulgence in personalities.

LEADERS TAKE LONGER

If a leading comrade comes up, such as a factory manager, a unit secretary or some other worker holding a position of responsibility, the entire evening may be devoted to him, because of the great many questions, and long discussion. If he is bureaucratic, or has right or left opportunist tendencies, out it comes. Some attack. Others defend.

### DISCUSS PRODUCTION

The factory manager in the case I witnessed occupied the whole evening. The discussion revolved around technical questions. The pro and con of different systems were discussed. Soviet workers have learnt that honest criticism is not personal attack but constructive help.

Finally the great day arrives. The committee has carefully gone over all details in the stenograms, and possibly called in comrades for additional information if necessary. The results are to be announced. Everyone comes early to grab the seats closest to the platform so as not to miss a word.

The chairman speaks on the general findings of the "chistka" first. The unit is failing to give sufficient guidance to the other workers in the factory. There is a laxity in attention to the new workers from the villages. The political level may be low. Or the factory is behind the rest of the country carrying out the Five-Year Plan, etc. A resolution is read pointing out steps to overcome shortcomings.

The decisions on individuals follows. One is told to overcome his illiteracy. Another learns of his incorrect theoretical conceptions. Another is told to attend meetings of a particular factory circle to learn more about the Party program. Some are warned. Where expulsions are announced the reasons are given.

The cleaning is over. At the "Krasni Textilschik" there were 14 expulsions—financial irresponsibility or refusal to carry out Party decisions were the causes.

Before adjournment, the chairman called for membership applications to the Party to take the place of the trash cleaned out. Twice as many joined.

The "chistka" has proved to be a unique school for the factory workers, and won tremendous prestige for the Communist Party among the workers and peasants who have learned to consider it their Party.

Among those cleaned out were several holding important positions. The workers saw how the Party cleanses its ranks, and how other workers are advanced to fill new places of responsibility.

### NO CHISTKA HERE

For workers in the U. S. particularly, it is very interesting to compare the "chistka" with the rampant corruption in the U. S.

The Mooney frame-up stands exposed for 16 years to millions. The framers are known but they remain governors, judges, police captains and hold other such important positions.

The greatest steals took place in connection with the Hetch Hetchy water project in San Francisco, increasing the cost already to more than three times the original estimate, but the great engineers and politicians remain in their saddles.

A district court judge like Louderback could work hand in hand with a senator's son, a lawyer, to defraud those in receivership getting their hands on thousands. But he is whitewashed.

The Associated Charities, and Community Chests, upon whose boards of directors are the most prominent government officials defraud the jobless of the U. S. of millions, but they are advertised as the most humanitarian institutions.

The governor of the great state of California is exposed as using his political position to advance the insurance companies in which he is interested, but that does not matter.

One can go on endlessly with such examples. But they are only too well known to every worker. After knowing the real meaning of the "chistka" the U. S. workers' confidence in the Soviet Union will increase, and with that in the growing Communist movement of the U. S. It is a splendid example to show that the Proletarian Dictatorship is the greatest democracy ever known.