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## JOBLESS MOBILIZE FOR MARCH 4 SEATTLE WORKERS HOLD COUNTY BLDG. 60 HRS.

### WORKERS BATTLE POLICE IN L. A. COUNCIL CHAMBER

### SAN FRANCISCO WORKERS WILL DEMONSTRATE AT CIVIC CENTER WHEN ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED

### ENTIRE U. S. FLEET TO STAY IN PACIFIC AS WAR DANGER GROWS

**34,000 Sailors Land in San Francisco Being Used to Whip Up War Spirit As Japan Defies Other Imperialists**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Pacific war maneuvers finished, the bulk of the 85 floating murder factories coming here for ten days of propaganda rode at anchor in the bay today, and 35,000 sailors and officers will be ashore to participate in two major military spectacles.

On Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, the navy will join with soldiers and police in parade. On Feb. 26 more than 15,000 of them will parade again, to the opening ceremonies of the Golden Gate Bridge, key link in the Mexico to Canada military coast highway.

Brazenly admitting the character of this \$35,000,000 war job in a state of nearly 1,000,000 hungry workers, Chambers of Commerce and other war hungry capitalist organizations will join with navy, army, marines, militia and ROTC at Crissy Aviation field in a patriotic orgy which will be broadcast over the entire nation. The bridge will, of course, be called "unemployment relief" with fictitious figures given of the number of men to be employed, a method to be used to help passing in Congress the \$600,000,000 navy appropriation bill.

On February 28 at Sacramento the opening of contract bids for the S. F.-Oakland military bridge will have a suitable background of silk hats and gold-braided uniforms.

Contracts let this week for work on the Sunnyvale naval airbase, Puget Sound navy yard, San Diego air base and the submarine base at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, total \$71,018.

Following recent shipments of soldiers and marines to China and Manila the command at the Philippines is to be strengthened with replacement of present officers by Gen. Cocheu and Gen. Ford.

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### WORKERS MOVEMENT GETS INTO GLENDALE DESPITE MARSHAL

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 14.—More than 600 workers and farmers answered the call for a mass meeting in Glendale Park, Glendale, Arizona, on Sunday afternoon, February 12th. The meeting was held under the joint auspices of the United Farmers' League and the Unemployed Councils. The speakers were Comrade M. E. Gehon, Carl Howe, and Taylor.

When the speakers arrived at the mass meeting, the town marshal of Glendale and several assistants refused to permit the meeting to proceed, ordering the crowd to disperse. The basis for the refusal, the marshal said, was the racial mixture of the crowd of workers and farmers present, and that he didn't want agitators from Phoenix telling the people of Glendale what to do.

However, the workers and farmers demanded that free speech prevail. Many young folks took up the cry. A successful meeting was carried out, and some good organizational results should occur.

### L. A. WORKERS NAME LOCAL CANDIDATES; ROSS FOR MAYOR

**Will Fight Against Porter Starvation and Terror Administration**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—An election campaign conference consisting of delegates from working class organization of Los Angeles, met tonight at 6924 South Compton avenue to discuss and ratify the slate and platform of the Communist Party in the coming city elections. There were thirty-two delegates present at the conference.

Lawrence Ross opened the conference stating the purpose.

Ross was elected as chairman, and Esther McCoy of the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners was elected secretary. The slate of candidates proposed for city office by the provisional committee were Lawrence Ross, mayor; city councilman, Ezra Chase of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League; Judge, Leo Gallagher, and board of education, Joe Graham of the Unemployed Councils, and Ethel Dell and Virgil Rhetta of the Y. C. L. At this point a short talk was given by Ida Rothstein on the candidates and they were accepted by acclamation.

After the reading of the platform, and a thorough discussion of it, the platform of the Communist Party, with some amendments, was accepted by the conference.

The conference then proceeded to elect a campaign committee with Lawrence Ross at its head, a publicity committee with Harold Kramer heading it, a financial committee headed by Roberts, and a signature committee headed by Chernak. Plans are also under way to have the ratification banquet, to be held at the Workers Center, 2796 Brooklyn avenue on March 11th, at which Sam Darcy will speak, a huge success.

### EAST BAY CITY WORKERS PUT FORTH WORKERS CANDIDATES

**Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Prepare for Active Local Elections**

### RICHMOND WORKERS NOMINATE THREE CANDIDATES

RICHMOND, Calif., Feb. 15.—More than half of the necessary signatures to place the three Communist candidates in the coming Richmond elections on the ballot have already been obtained. The candidates for the city council, W. J. Prater, Corvin Foore and Violet Orr, are to go on the ballot for the primaries in April.

So disgusted are the workers with the present Standard oil controlled council that, undoubtedly the platform of the workers calling for a fight against starvation, the corrupt graft ridden administration

### Gallagher Injured



International Labor Defense attorney was brutally beaten and cut when protesting John Reed Club smashup. Lower, Hynes, abolition of whose squad of thugs is being demanded.

### 250 HUMBOLT COUNTY FARMERS MEET TO ORGANIZE

EUREKA, Calif., Feb. 15.—A mass meeting was held on February 14th in the Y hall in the community of Grizzly Bluff. The purpose of this meeting was to organize the United Farmers League. The meeting was attended by about 250 people. The speakers explained the militant role of the U. F. L. and how it was leading the struggles of the farmers throughout the country. As a result of the meeting a good basis was laid for organizing the U. F. L. branch.

### GALLAGHER AND OTHERS BEATEN BY "RED SQUAD"

**Committee of Fifty Came to Protest John Reed Club Raid**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—In what was the most vicious police attack on workers this city has seen, sixty of the infamous Hynes Red Squad were ordered by the City Council to throw out of the chambers fifty representatives of liberal, artists and workers organizations who had come to protest the vandalism of Hynes gangsters in wrecking the John Reed Club House and valuable frescoes there last Saturday night. In the fight Leo Gallagher, attorney of the International Labor Defense; Karl Hama, A. Murray, Federated Press representative; Dr. Clinton Taft of the American Civil Liberties Union; Ezra Chase of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League; Basil Dell, and several unidentified workers and John Reed Club members were badly beaten. Men and women were attacked indiscriminately.

The delegates present fought valiantly against their ejection, and Hynes suffered a cut cheek and bruises. Two of this squad, Bergeron and Maxwell, were also beaten.

Though so severely beaten that he was taken from the City Hall sidewalk in an ambulance, Gallagher appeared today before the Grand Jury with evidence of the illegal activities of the Red Squad. He was refused a hearing on the ground that no new business could be taken up before the end of the session. In this way the agents who tried to protect the Klansmen who were finally convicted for the Long Beach raid, hoped to give to their assistance to the Red Squad.

"This Grand Jury had agreed to investigate the activities of the Intelligence Bureau, and I intend to

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### DAMINO, DISMISSED; FOUGHT WATER SHUT OFF GUN IN HAND

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 15.—Damino, unemployed worker, who gun in hand had stopped the water and light being shut off from his home, was released from jail when charges against him were dismissed.

The court room was packed with workers. The officials had expected to encounter little resistance and it was quite a shock to find so much solidarity, also they didn't like the protest telegrams pouring in from all parts of the state. The International Labor Defense had charge of this case.

### DAILY WORKER CALLS FOR HELP!

Are you aware of the fact that the DAILY WORKER is now facing the battle for its life?  
The central organ of the Communist Party of the U. S. and only English language daily that fights for the workers in this county must have \$35,000 or it will not be able to continue. The California-Arizona-Nevada district has been given a comparatively small quota to raise, only \$1000.  
But it must be raised immediately. It's an S. O. S. call.  
What are you doing to answer it? What is your organization doing? There is no time to be lost!  
Do you owe any money on Daily Worker bills? If you do it's a crime not to pay it at such a moment. Act immediately!

### On To Olympia March 1!



By routes above mapped a second Washington State Hunger March goes to capital with relief demands.

### VACAVILLE SIX GIVEN VICIOUS JAIL SENTENCES

**I. L. D. Will Appeal Case, And Workers Will Renew Drive for Union**

VACAVILLE, Feb. 16.—Judge S. M. Dobbins of Vacaville, yesterday sentenced Harry Snyder, Lora Thornton, James Robert and John Melgar and A. Espinoza—all to 30 days and \$100. Or, 30 days and one day for each \$2.00—making a total of 80 days each. John Melgar, 20, who is still attending high school, was later given a six months suspended sentence "so that he could finish school."

Before passing sentence, James and Robert Melgar both made statements to the court and the workers gathered there saying that "the jury was hand-picked and prejudiced—we did not get a fair trial that the only crime we committed was to organize and strike, and therefore should not be sentenced at all—but released."

The I. L. D. attorney immediately filed notice of appeal. He also requested the court to set bail for the appeal and release the bond already up on the defendants. The judge agreed to allow the defendants out on the same bond—but when the I. L. D. representative tried to release the \$100 cash bond that was put up on the case of Lora Thornton and change it to property bond—he was informed that the money had been confiscated. This high-handed robbery will be met with a civil suit against this honorable judge.

### Phoenix March 4th At Court House

PHOENIX, Feb. 13.—Joining with the workers and farmers throughout the county on March 4th in a protest against starvation and unemployment, the Phoenix Unemployed Council and Communist Party will hold a mass meeting at the Maricopa County court house.

### 200 AT MT. VIEW BATTLE POLICE AT CHARITIES

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Feb. 17.—350 workers assembled at the city hall for the preliminary hearing of five workers arrested last Wednesday in a relief riot. The hearing lasted only a few minutes during which time the major misdemeanor charges were changed to minor ones. The trial was set for March 7th.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Feb. 18.—A battle such as has never yet been seen in Mountain View took place when police attempted to smash a demonstration of 200 workers, presenting relief demands at the county charities here.

The demands included: That worker getting relief be given a choice of the groceries they need, that all charity work be paid in cash, and that single workers be given relief without discrimination. The workers marched up Castro street to the City Hall, where the county relief office is located, but Mrs. Drew was absent, and the local constable received the demands. The workers were told to present the demands before the San Jose supervisors. Meanwhile for the first time in Mountain View's history, speakers addressed the workers assembled at the City Hall steps. The workers shouted

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### BOB MINOR, NEARING, AND OTHERS TO SPEAK AT GREAT MOONEY MEET

**Conferences Everywhere Plan Active Campaign for Great Jobless Meetings**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—A large and enthusiastic conference at Equality Hall, yesterday, laid plans for the Free Mooney mass meeting at Civic Auditorium, Sunday, March 19, which promises to be the greatest protest meeting yet held for Mooney's release.

On the Management Committee of 30 elected, a delegate was included from each of the sixteen A. F. L. locals present. The list of speakers invited includes Bob Minor, famous workingclass leader who organized the defense at the time Tom was framed; Scott Nearing, Fannie Hurst, noted novelist; Prof. Micheljohn of Wisconsin, Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation; Dan Regan of the International Molders Union, and Geo. Kilpatrick.

Many Cities Arranging Large Demonstrations and Caravans to Fill Giant Hall

### POLICE AND FIRE HOSE FINALLY EVICT JOBLESS

**Demanded Trucks, Gas and Food for Hunger March to Olympia Mar. 1**

By LOWELL WAKEFIELD

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—It took an army of Police, Deputies and fire hoses to evict 4,000 jobless who occupied the County City building for 3 days, demanding that the new county relief board meet with and answer them.

The demonstration began at 11:30 A. M. Tuesday with a march on the county relief board demanding "(1) a minimum of 3 days per week relief work at \$4.50 a day in cash—to be administered without discrimination through committees elected by the unemployed themselves, (2) Until demand No. 1 is put into motion, commissaries controlled by the unemployed, be immediately opened in those parts of the county where there are none". This demonstration had been called by the King County United Front Committee of 100, elected by the 586 delegates at the Feb. 3, conference.

County welfare commissioner Shannon refused the demands, but intimated the new scale for a family of four would be from 1 to 4 dollars a week, with two days forced labor. The demonstration of 5,000 marched to the County City Building. Several hundred accompanied the committee elected and filled the chambers as the county commissioners argued, and sweated, for 6 hours and finally turned down demands for gas, trucks, food and housing for contingents passing through on the march to Olympia March 1st.

The workers committee, headed by William Dobbins, new president of the Unemployed Citizens League,

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Preliminary conferences for the March 4th International Unemployment Day demonstration have been held in all sections of the city on Sunday, February 19. Sectional conferences will be held on Sunday, February 26, in all parts of the city. The Waterfront Section conference will be held at 5 p. m., at 1529 Powell street, the Mission conference will be held at 11 o'clock, 112 Valencia street. The Fillmore conference will be held at 1223 Fillmore street at 11 a. m. All organizations and groups of workers are invited to send delegates to these conferences to prepare this great demonstration. The central demonstration will start at 1:30 p. m. at the Civic Center. All sections of the city will march to this central point.

The following are the mobilization points on March 4.

**NORTH BEACH**—Washington Park, Union and Columbus streets, at 12 noon.

**DOWNTOWN SECTION**—Mobilization meeting at 11 a. m. at 765 Howard. Will march down Mission to Embarcadero where mobilization meeting will be held at 12 noon.

**FILLMORE**—At Jefferson Park at 12:45 p. m.

**MISSION**—At 16th and Howard at 12 noon.

### LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—The March 4th demonstration in Los Angeles will be before the County Welfare Office, Law Building, 137 North Broadway, at 11:30 a. m.

A large delegation of workers will be elected to present the demands of the Los Angeles jobless.

A United Front Conference of February 26th will take steps to organize a big support for the demonstration.

### HUNGER MARCH TO CHEYENNE, WYOMING

**Boss Legislators Plan Vicious Bill Against Fighting Workers and Farmers**

TORRINGTON, Wyo., Feb. 16.—The farmers groups, together with the recently formed Unemployed Councils are lining up for a march on the Cheyenne State Capital, the first time such an action has ever been taken in Wyoming.

The struggle has sharpened in Wyoming under the leadership of the Communist Party, which has entered Wyoming the past year, and the workers, farmers, miners are now fighting in an organized way. Their militancy has created a scare in the ranks of the bosses whose agents in the Cheyenne Legislature immediately respond with a bill designed to outlaw the Communist Party and make punishable by 10 years in prison any one who speaks, organizes, writes, encourages, agitates, etc., "against the government."

The Wyoming workers will defeat this new attack, and make the march on Cheyenne a tremendous affair.

# Syndicalism Law Repeal Campaign Grows

## 11 COUNTY CONFERENCES PAVED WAY FOR MASS SYNDICALISM REPEAL CONVENTION ON MARCH 5

### Many Prominent Speakers Invited; Delegations Elected From All Parts of State

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(Continued) making the preparatory campaign which since Feb. 5 has been supported by 11 county conferences, the State Conference for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law will be held in Larkin Hall, Civic Auditorium in this city Sunday March 5. Besides San Francisco, County conferences were held in

Alameda, Santa Cruz, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Monterey, Solano, Humboldt and Butte Counties. Fresno will meet on Feb. 24. The Solano conference, held in Stockton today, stressed the arrests of the Vacaville strikers in urging the C. S. Law repeal.

In the drive to get the necessary 150,000 signatures to put the repeal on the ballot, more than 2000 petitions have been already issued in Southern California. In San Francisco they are being issued at the rate of more than 100 a week. Many have already been filled and turned in.

All possible A.F.L. unions and workers' fraternal organizations have been invited to send delegates and present indications are that mass support will make this the largest conference yet witnessed.

A list of speakers is being prepared that will be representative of all parts of California and many such as Lincoln Steffens, Upton Sinclair, John D. Barry have been invited.

The work for the conference has already aroused a wide support for the Maloney Bill (No. 181) for repeal. Resolutions are pouring into the judiciary committee calling for favorable report on the bill.

## SYNDICALISM REPEAL BILL DEFEATED IN OREGON LEGISLATURE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—The long campaign carried on in this state against the Criminal Syndicalism Law forced certain "liberals" in the State Legislature to introduce a measure for repeal.

All the conceivable crooked manipulations of capitalist politics came into play. The alliance of all the reactionary forces, Red Squad, prosecutors of foreign born workers, bankers, the fascist veteran leadership, were exposed as the measure was defeated.

The workers of Oregon know that the introduction of the bill was as a result of the pressure developed from thousands, especially manifested in the last Hunger March, which placed Repeal of the law as one of the demands. However the campaign must be extended to mobilize a much greater force to finally force the abolition of the law that murdered Ben Boll-off.

## CHAIN STORE WORKERS NEED UNION; WORK VERY LONG HOURS

### Pacific Food Stores Pay From 27 to 33 Cents Per Hour

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—With 100,000 San Francisco workers unemployed we chain store workers are forced to work from 7 to 8 hours a week, an average of 12 to 13 hours a day. On Saturday we work from 7 A. M. to past midnight. The same hours prevail on Thursday.

My exploiters, the Public Food Stores, try to capitalize on the fact that the rival chain store concern, the Macmarr Stores, are open on Sunday. They have a card in the window which reads, "Six days work, one day of recreation, patronize stores that support Sunday closing."

The recreation of the Public Food Stores workers on Sunday is sleeping to regain strength for Monday. Most of the store managers are forced to work several hours on Sunday, even tho the stores are closed.

Before Thanksgiving and Christmas, Lanfelt, head of Public Food, issued a bulletin telling the workers to keep the stores open a little longer in the evening. He said, "We have always had this cooperation (?) in the past, and we expect it again this year."

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## BOSSSES OF SALINAS FORCED TO RELEASE TWO YOUNG WORKERS

SALINAS, Feb. 14.—Two young workers, Fred Stone and Manuel Perez, were picked up by the police near Castroville and held 11 days without any charge being filed against them. The bosses lackey district attorney, Nolan, and Probation officer Ney Otis, who is also county relief administrator for Monterey county, were heard to say that they were going to charge these young workers with Criminal Syndicalism because they had Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union membership cards on them.

The I. L. D. rallied workers from Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Castroville, and Monterey, crowding the court room, when Judge Jorgenson saw the large assemblage of militant workers he said there wasn't any trial on his calendar. The workers immediately elected a committee to see District Attorney Nolan.

This individual tried to stall and disorganize the committee but when he saw there was no bamboozling then he released the prisoners.

The young comrades were met with loud cheers when they joined their fellow-workers outside the sheriff's office.

P. S. While here in Salinas the workers formed a committee and forced the Salvation Army to give the workers their lunch. Here is to more and large committees.

—J. S.

## Want to Cut Free Medical Service In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—In a bulletin put out by The Southern Californians, a club of professional and business men, plans, on the part of the city administration to deprive workers of free medical attention, were exposed. The Council Committee in the Section of Public Health stated in their platform that they mean to present to the City Council that "Our fine private hospitals, and self supporting physicians are ruined by the competition of 'FREE' treatment at the expense of property taxpayers. While many workers and their families are in dire need of free medical attention in Los Angeles, this Council Committee has the guts to state that a large number of workers now receiving free medical attention, have no business in free hospitals, and that they should go to private hospitals.

—Worker Correspondent.

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## SOLDIER TELLS HOW HE 'EARNS, LEARNS AND TRAVELS'

Conditions in some of the army barracks are far from what one would think they would be in a country supposed to be the richest on earth. It is true that there are some new buildings built that are shown to visitors when conditions are asked about. Why not show some of the old war time buildings whose boards have dried out leaving cracks and whose floors are in a condition seldom seen in a barn. A good bit of the time, windows are out and in the winter the most that can be said is that there is good ventilation. The writer has served in several states and camps and as yet has not been in one that furnishes enough heat for comfort.

Not only the buildings, but at most any meal one can find "re-enlisted" food or that food that is set out time and again in an effort to make us eat it. It isn't rare to find the same food being served as was served four days ago—often in many disguises. Why should it cost a dollar or more a day to feed one man (commissioned of course) and only thirty-two cents a day to feed another (enlisted). Isn't the body of one as requiring of food as the other? Why so much difference in food and quarters, when all are working for the same government and for the same purpose?

The enlisted posters say "Earn, Learn and Travel." After a private pays his laundry and other required "bunk" where does the "Earn" come in? Maybe in the after hours that he is often asked or ordered to work—with no extra pay. "Learn" comes next; yet they have schools, but many wait five and six years before his opportunity for school arrives, and while you do go to school you do regular duty in the hours you are not in the classroom.

"Travel"—where? To Hawaii or the Philippines. DOWN below deck, and stacked four deep, where one gets a shower every time the man above gets sick. "Travel"—yes when it is time to shoot or be shot. "Earn—Learn—and Travel."

By one who did earn-learn-and-travel.

## I. L. D. Establishes Denver Office

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 16.—The International Labor Defense has established a district office in Room 4, 1547 California street, Howe Hall, Denver, where all workers and workers organizations can easily connect with the I. L. D.

## WASHINGTON FARMERS PROTEST FARM FORECLOSURE; 200 GATHER

### First Protest Unsuccessful But United Farmers League Will Rally More

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—Two hundred farmers and wives gathered at the Thurston county court house to protest a sheriff's farm mortgage sale here today. The sale went through and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rohr, of Boston Harbor, on Puget Sound lost their home. To Sheriff Claude Havens, who cried the sale, and to Prosecuting Attorney H. M. Troy, who bid in the mortgage at \$3,543.39, it was a little act they had rehearsed many times before. But to 200 farmers, who drove from 20 to 50 miles through a fierce storm, it was a lesson to organize, to plan ahead for future sales, for mass action against mortgage foreclosures, tax sales and evictions.

Rohr's place was sold to satisfy a mortgage held by one Alfred Radburn, who wasn't at the sale. Rohr and everybody else believed Troy bid in the place for Radburn. Troy is well-known in Thurston county for his benevolent deeds. He whined when he got elected to office because his budget was so low. It was cut so low he has to force tollers out of their homes to make a living.

That the sale probably was legal according to the cork-screw laws of this state is admitted. But Sheriff Havens conducted it in such

a stealthy manner that few of the farmers actually heard him. It was a blustery day; everybody was standing in the corridors awaiting announcement of the sale. Havens and Troy walked down the halls through the crowd without saying a word, and stationed themselves at the court house entrance. A few farmers recognized the sheriff and followed him. Only they heard him mumble his piece, call faintly for bidders and announce the sale to Troy. It was over in less than two minutes. The seller and bidder had pulled their act and were gone before farmers among the farmers in basement. He urged them to swell their ranks by many hundreds at future sales, to spread word of the sheriff's trickery and to organize local committees of action. Feeling among the farmers was militant. They were few and their strength was impotent, but next time more will come. They sang Solidarity and went away in the blowing snow.

Farmer Correspondent

## Oakland Council Organizing Fight For Aid to Family

OAKLAND, Feb. 16.—Geomino Villia, 1528 3rd street, his wife and eight children, were refused relief by the County Charities, the excuse being that they were "non-residents." Mr. Villia has lived in Oakland since 1915 and all of his children were born here yet the Charities have the effrontery to say that he is a "non-resident." Villia's oldest son who is living with him is married and his wife is under a doctor's care yet when he applied for relief with his father he was denied for the same reason. The Unemployed Council is organizing a protest committee to force the charity fakery to give permanent relief to this worker and his family, and will fight the case until such relief is obtained.

## A THIRD OF FARMS IN COLORADO FOR TAX SALES

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 16.—The State Tax Commission has just issued a statement to the effect that one-third of the Colorado farms are on the auction block for sale as a result of tax delinquency. Governor Johnson issued a statement hotly denying this assertion of the Tax Commission, but the Commission opened its books for review and then Johnson shut up.

The United Farmers League is preparing the farmers for struggle. An organizer is now touring the eastern Colorado farming district on a two-week tour, and another starts from Denver for the southern Colorado district in a few days.

## WILL DURANT'S LIES NAILED BY WORKER BACK FROM USSR

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 11.—"Dr" Will Durant, philosopher, mental prostitute and liar, delivered a lecture on Russia in the Vancouver Theatre. The price of admission for the better seats was \$1.50. In spite of this exorbitant charge plenty of militant workers were present. Durant who spent some months in Russia last summer talking to dispossessed kulaks, exploring "back alleys and probing into garbage cans, was interrupted by a barrage of protests from gallery, balcony and main floor.

Durant after painting a terrible picture of want and starvation contradicted himself by stating that hotel employees refused to take tips, that the death rate was much lower than in Tsarist Russia and that there was no unemployment.

Finally one of the audience, Com. McKendrick, got up on the platform and characterized Durant in a most fitting manner, agreeing to stop only if the platform was handed over to a lumberjack just back from the Soviet Union. This was granted.

A lumber worker, Brown, who only a few days ago returned from a three months' stay in Russia, took the platform after Durant. In short order he proved that even a prisoner in Russia is better off than a worker working for wages in the woods of British Columbia. "Russia has a dictatorship of the proletariat instead of a country ruled by philosophers, racketeers and bootleggers," he shouted.

The fat business men and other parasites squirmed in their seats. Hot arguments started all over the place. The Reds, although illegal, had carried the battle once more into the heart of the enemy's territory, the aristocratic West End of Town.

## Most Farms of N. M. County Up for Sale

SANTA FE, New Mexico, Feb. 16.—The Collector for Delinquent Taxes of the State Tax Commission announced that 2500 properties in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, are up for sale and foreclosure as result of delinquent taxes. According to the Commissioner there are less than 4000 properties in the whole county which are taxable.

## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEF

### 50,000 Japanese Troops March to Jehol

MUCKDEN, Manchuria, Feb. 16.—Supported by all the modern means of warfare, 50,000 Japanese troops are marching on Jehol, to form a 200 mile front.

Against them 150,000 poorly equipped Chinese forces are concentrated. Thus far the central Chinese Government, headed by Chiang Kai Shek, has been sending all available forces against the Chinese Soviets, and allowed Japanese Imperialists to prepare for the big push about to begin.

### Hitler Raises Food Prices

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 13.—One of the first acts of the Hitler regime was to increase the import duties on cattle and lard. The duties on cattle runs on an average to 100% and on lard 500%.

The effect is an immediate rise in the prices of these most essential products consumed by the workers.

The U. S. is the chief lard exporter.

### Crisis Deepens in France

PARIS, France, Feb. 13.—The number of those receiving Unemployment Insurance has jumped to 223,902. The actual number of jobs is at least four times as much, as few are entitled to the insurance.

The Banque De Province closed its doors. It has 150 branches in many of the provinces.

### Sandino's Men Won't Submit to Betrayal

MANANGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 13.—Two of Sandino's officers were executed for insubordination. One Col. Joan Altimirano is the brother of Pedron Altimirano who is reported to be leader of a considerable part of Sandino's forces, refusing to submit to the betrayal.

Sandino issued a special call to his former followers, in which he states that those who will not give up their arms will be pursued with his assistance. Sandino is how a willing tool of U. S. imperialism.

### Argentina Farm Strike Spreads

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 15.—Entre Rios, leader of the great farm strike now spreading, was arrested after addressing a meeting of 1000. He was scheduled for exile but the increased determination on the part of the strikers forced his immediate release.

The latest province to join the strike is Cordoba. There is virtually a state of martial law.

### Martial Law Continues in Roumania

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Feb. 13.—All Communist led organizations, the Red Aid, unions, etc., were ordered disbanded, in view of the strike movement which started when five workers were discharged from a railroad shop for being Communists.

A state of martial law prevails in most industrial parts of Roumania.

### Seven Workers Killed in Greece

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 16.—Seven are reported killed and more than 20 injured, when police fired into a mass demonstration of workers. More than eighty were arrested.

### League Talks While Japan Acts

GENEVA, Feb. 17.—The League of Nations has issued a statement denouncing Japan's seizure of Manchuria. This is after allowing Japan one and one-half years to, entrench itself in Manchuria, and prepare for digging deeper into China.

The League again proposes that China and Japan enter into negotiations with the League as the third party. No time limit is set for withdrawing from Manchuria.

## EUREKA SUPERVISORS FORCED TO ACT BY LARGE COMMITTEE

EUREKA, Feb. 14.—Militant action forced the Welfare fakery here to give relief to four needy workers. Mr. and Mrs. Amon, of Petroria, came here and asked the Welfare for relief for themselves and for his aged mother who was sick and needed hospital care. They were refused on the grounds that they had not been resident long enough. The Unemployed Council immediately went to the Welfare and demanded relief for them, the Welfare refused. The committee then went to the Supervisors, the four spokesmen backed by a committee of 40 workers forced the Supervisors to have the mother sent to the hospital and at the same time they obtained relief for the family. The Welfare was also forced to provide a pair of glasses to an 18-year-old itinerant worker.

This is the first time that a large committee has gone to the Welfare demanding relief, and it was by mass pressure and the threat of mobilizing the whole membership of the Unemployed Council and sympathetic workers that the relief fakery was forced to act.

## BUZZARD M'CORD FOUND GUILTY BY RICHMOND WORKERS

RICHMOND—The workers of Richmond held a public trial of Buzzard McCord, well known relief administrator of Contra Costa County. She was found guilty, by the unanimous vote of the jury of 85 workers, on the charges of starving the workers, breaking up families, and misuse of county funds.

Her two underlings, Le Hane and Booth were also found guilty of being her accomplices in her nefarious work.

The prosecution had five witnesses who testified against this parasite. The defence had one witness who walked out at the last moment and refused to testify.

The witnesses testified that she discriminated in giving relief, that she broke up families by placing the children in one home, sending the father to a labor camp, and putting the mother, in one case, to work in the Buzzard's own house as cook at \$12.50 per month.

The workers of Contra Costa County should organize with the Unemployed Council and fight the removal of this beast.

—Worker Correspondent.

## Arizona Farmers Organize to Fight Foreclosures

BALSZ DISTRICT, Ariz., Feb. 16.—A resolution urging the adoption of a law by the 11th state legislature which would delay sale of property under foreclosure for two years and prevent the entering of deficiency judgment was adopted at a meeting recently called by the farmers and held at Balsz school house. An executive committee composed of R. G. Langmade, R. C. McKay, Don Patterson and J. C. Jackson was appointed to co-operate with other farm groups to take the battle for relief.

## Adventures of a Telephone Booth

By RONALD R. COOLEY

It's no use. Your nickel's gone, and they've hung up.

Let's look around us. The interior of this drug store is filled with neat displays of bargains, on tables, counters and shelves. Prices have certainly come down on flashlights and medicines these days. Too bad we haven't any money to buy.

Here comes a man, evidently a worker, in a grim hurry. He enters the telephone booth. Drop your nickel, click. Jingle. "Number, please?" "I want an ambulance!" There is the click of a receiver. "This is the ambulance department."

"Send an ambulance to nineteen, nineteen, Fifth street! And be damned quick about it!" "A little courteous might help." "Courtesy hell! There are two children in convulsions at that address—the Berkeley Health Center just refused them help. You send an ambulance! This is a representative of the Unemployed Council speaking!" Bang!

The outside of this drug store is a unique example of individuality. There aren't more than a hundred thousand like it. Expensive plate-glass windows, backed with a fine array of "sale bargains" in the latest cures for constipation. Each bargain carries its former price (carefully crossed off) and its "special sale" price.

But here comes the proprietor in a dicken's of a hurry. He dashes into the telephone booth. He drops his nickel. Click. Jingle. "Number, please?" "Give me the Police Department, quick!" The click of a receiver. "This is the Police Department."

"Send a riot squad to nineteen, nineteen, Fifth street! There's a bunch of unemployed workers ganged up there. They're getting ready to march on the City Council to demand cash relief and free medical care, or some such foolishness. I'm afraid they'll start rioting."

Click! "And I don't want my store wrecked. I don't carry riot insurance..." You're talking to the air, mister. They've hung up.

Ho-hum. Hello. More people in a hurry, this afternoon. Drop your nickel, mister. Click. Jingle. "Number, please?" "Nut-Hill, four-seven-nine-one..." Click...

... Hello! Gimme the city editor, and make it snappy! "City editor speaking..." "Hello, chief? This is Brown. Better hold the presses. This riot story is good. The two kids were starvin'—not gettin' enough relief—so they've been pickin' garbage—their mother didn't know it—and it poisoned 'em. The Berkeley Health Center turned 'em down and one died before an ambulance could get 'em to a hospital. The other isn't expected to live..."

"Wait a minute, young fellow. We're not holding the presses for a story like that. And be careful how you write it up. Better let me see your copy. Come on in..." Click.

Hung up on you, didn't he? We bet you're a cub reporter. Well, you'll learn.

Have you noticed that the telephone booth does this drug store credit? It's a neat, new, shiny affair, with an upholstered seat and folding door— Hello, here's our friend the worker, again. What's wrong with him? He enters the booth. This time

he digs out a dime. Click. Jingle.

"Number, please?" "Underhill, three-four-two-five." There is the click of a receiver. "International Labor Defense." "Hello, Comrade. This is Comrade Snow... over in Berkeley..." "Yeah?" "There's been... a riot..." "Riot?"

"Yes... we were... lined up. We were ready... to march... to the City Hall. The police came... and broke it up... They beat a lot... of workers... and arrested... six. Two of those... that were pinched... are badly... hurt. The I. L. D... better get... on the job..."

"What's the matter with you, Snow? Are you drunk?" "Drunk?... no... but do you know a doctor... on this side... the... Bay... donate some... service..." "What's wrong?" "Need... about six... stitches... scalp..."

"Hello! Hello! Snow! What's wrong? Hello!... Snow! Hello!... Snow!... Are you there, Comrade?" The proprietor of the store bounds into the booth, slams up the receiver, takes it down and drops his nickel. Click. Jingle.

"Number, please?" "Give me the police station!" There is the click of a receiver. "This is the Police Department."

"Send a car. One of those rioters just came into my store..." "What?" "Yes. He's fainted in my telephone booth. His scalp's been split, and he's bleeding like the devil. This phone booth is just a mess."

The above incident, occurring in Alameda County, Calif., is a true story showing aspects of the Unemployed Council's struggle there. It can be duplicated in any part of the U. S.

SEEING RED! By Kirby

The Technocrack crashed even sooner than Peewee Golf did, but Howard Scott grabbed himself a nice line-up of lectures to be paid for in the present currency, while those who got off Scott-free, about 200 of them, are being paid out of Emergency Unemployed Relief Funds.

Rumors of the split say it was caused by inability to get patent rights on pocket magnets before launching the electric dollar.

Others claim the joules were paste. But the most reliable sources say the fight was because someone demanded to know how many eggs buy a dozen eggs.

BRIGHT SAVINGS OF CHILDREN: Our retention of Manchuria is the only basis of peace in the Orient.—Japan.

Overemphasis is placed on the importance of relief measures, breaking down the moral responsibility of our people. It would not hurt us to get back to earning our bread by the sweat of our brow.

The same sheets that will be begging for drafts of workers into the next world slaughter are now trying to paint a terrible picture of thousands of Soviet Union workers who eagerly list to fulfill a plan of work in Siberian forests.

BUY AMERICAN—AT CUT RATES!

Hearst has wageslashed his S. F. Examiner staff 10%, and the Call Bulletin took its third 10% cut in a year.

Wili Durant, Best-Seller Who Sold-Out, tells his bourgeois audiences that in 50 years the Soviet Union will have a government like the United States. Of course, the American working-class will see to that.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q. Why do you Communists coin your own words? For instance, "OVERFULFILLMENT," used in Stalin's report of the Five-Year Plan can't be found in the dictionary.

WESTERN WORKER FUNDS STILL COMING

The following are additional receipts for the Western Worker 1933 fund drive. Reports reach us that there are still a number of affairs to take place to raise funds. Those towns which are far behind could still make good. Better late than never.

Table listing fund contributions: H. F. \$ 5.00, Comrade T. Jones, S. F. \$ 10.00, Comrade S., Los Angeles \$ 1.00, Tag Day, Astoria, Ore. \$ 2.75, S. F. Unit 16, C. P., Tag Day \$ .13, W. J. U., Arcadia, Calif. \$ 3.00, Sympathizer, Couer d'Alene Idaho \$ 1.00, L. W. L., San Francisco \$ .20, Workers and Farmers Center, Chico, Calif. \$ 2.00, L. A. Ukranian Branch, I. W. O. \$ 12.60, Sacramento donations \$ 2.50, Yugo Slav Women's Club, Pravda, Sacramento \$ 10.00, Finnish Workers Clubs, Seattle \$ 5.64, Y. H., Petaluma \$ 2.00, Comrade D'O., S. F. \$ 5.00, Comrade Ted, S. F. \$ 2.50, E. O., Honolulu, Hawaii \$ 1.00

Total \$ 66.32 Previously acknowledged 1750.27 Total to date \$1816.59

SEATTLE JOBLESS HOLD COUNTY BLDG.

(Continued from Page One) demanded that the commissioners for the new county relief board appear and answer the King County Jobless. Commissioner Stevenson was forced to attempt to get the board to accept, but failed. Two thousand demonstrators in the building then voted to stay right there until they had an answer.

This militant siege, is a direct result of the rise of the workers against starvation and the MacDonald Bill's system of peonage, and the constant fight of the Communists for a militant united front.

Messengers went to all Unemployed Citizens League locals Tuesday night. They adjourned, and thronged to the courthouse, Columbia local, which last year left the UCL, because of the fakers' in attempt to stifle all militant action, commandeered a street car. They are now all back in the U.C.L.

At midnight long distance calls to Anacortes and Bellingham aroused the northern end of the state. By 3 A.M. Wednesday cars and trucks of the Anacortes Unemployed Council, the Bellingham Peoples Council, the Whatcom County farmers committees of action, and the Skagit and Snohomish United Farmers League, began pouring in.

About 500 from the northern part were in Seattle by last night. Workers police were formed to handle the crowd which packed the commissioners chambers and all halls, and passages, in the big seven story building which covers an entire city block. The chambers, holding only a 1000 at a time were cleared every hour to permit a new audience to participate in the meeting, which lasted for sixty hours without a break.

Threats and pleadings to leave got the same answer—"Produce the county welfare board. Let them answer our demands". Commissioner Stevenson offered to hire either the civic auditorium or the Eagles Hall, if the jobless would only vacate the county-city building.

A committee to the Governor, Thursday, demanded that he either force action from the King County relief board or remove them. He refused Jack Tayback, district organizer of the Young Communist League, acted as spokesman.

Committees kept the demonstration supplied with food, 2400 loaves of bread, 2000 pounds of fish, were samples of the support given. A relief kitchen in the building was taken over to do the cooking.

Among the leaders of the demonstration were: Bill Dobbins, president of the UCL; Joel Strand, member of the UCL executive board and Communist candidate for city council; Rod Forrest, secretary of the State United Front Committee of Action; G. E. Bradley, president of the Peoples Council and head of the Bellingham post of the WESL.

An ultimatum to vacate at 5 p. m. yesterday, issued by Commissioner Stevenson and Mayor Dore, was refused. The heavily armed thugs of the law attacked at 5:30. Cases of tear gas were held in readiness. The workers, many women and children, were dragged out in groups.

Three women and one man were hurt. Four men were arrested, but the release of all of them was forced within a few hours.

After the eviction, a flying wedge of several thousand workers almost broke the police lines at the main entrance, and was broken only by fire hoses from upstairs windows.

Five thousand then paraded through the downtown streets in a huge protest demonstration that ended in a meeting in front of the USL headquarters attended by about 10,000. The pledge for a greater march to Olympia was made. Many seized street cars for the ride home.

The new relief set-up, effective in King County next Monday, will be fought to a finish. No forced labor will be permitted. Strike committees are being formed in every neighborhood against forced labor.

The workers are talking of a general strike of all workers, employed and unemployed, in the state of Washington, against the McDonald Bill, unless the state hunger march succeeds.

The old "leaders" of the UCL are being forced by mass united front to show their hands. Some, like Murray of Capitol Hill, are attempting to take leadership, while doing a great deal to sabotage the state march. Others, like Phil Pearl, have taken no part in these struggles, and are being isolated from the masses of the unemployed.

LOS ANGELES GINSBERG'S VEGETARIAN CAFETERIA 2403 Brooklyn Ave. 5c and 10c Dishes

Red Squad Mutilates John Reed Club Frescoes



After breaking up a play at John Reed Club, February 11, Red Squad Drove holes into heads of painting of Scottsboro boys.

WORKERS OF DENVER PLEDGE BIG MOONEY DELEGATION

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 17.—Workers of Denver unanimously pledged themselves to cooperate to the fullest extent in making the national Free Tom Mooney Congress a success, and adopted resolutions demanding a new trial for Mooney in a mass meeting held, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, in Carpenters Hall, February 8.

The mass meeting was the first of a series of United Front Tom Mooney Conferences which the International Labor Defense has planned to hold in Denver during the weeks preceding the national Mooney Congress which is to take place in Chicago April 30 to May 3. Rank and file members of A. F. of L. unions, Unemployed Citizens League, and Unemployed Councils, volunteered to get delegates from their various organizations to attend the national Congress and the Denver United Front Conferences.

Workers Battle L. A. Police

(Continued from Page One) take this up with the next Grand Jury as soon as it is sworn in," declared Gallagher.

Hama, Chase and Gallagher were the most badly injured in the Council fight, each of them being ganged by four or more of Hynes gangsters. Hama, who was released Tuesday after being arrested at the John Reed Club affair, was dragged to a basement, slugged unconscious and dumped into an alley.

Chase, who was released Tuesday after being arrested Saturday night when a meeting of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League was taken for a ride in a police car and threatened with death.

WORKERS OF SANTA BARBARA FIGHT FOR USE OF SCHOOL

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 13.—The Friends of the Soviet Union sent a request to the City Superintendent of Schools asking permission to use one of the schools for a talk by Miriam Hopkins of her impressions and experiences during her recent trip to the Soviet Union. The School Board by a telephone decision refused the request.

At the next regular School Board meeting a large delegation, representing the Unemployed Council, the Ex-Servicemen's League, the Friends of the Soviet Union, and the I. L. D., demanded to know why the request had been refused. The president of the board gave a lot of lame excuses. The State School Code was then read to the board showing that each school was a civic center and a meeting place, and that the board in denying usage of the school had exceeded their authority. The fight for the use of the schools will continue.

200 At Mt. Vie Battle Police

(Continued from Page One) approval to the call for another county hunger march to San Jose on March 6th.

While the workers were assembling, in preparation to depart, Chief of Police Evans supported by the fire department and local legionnaires, had arrived.

Evans approached one of the workers, saying he wants to speak to him. The workers stated, "I have nothing to say to you." "So," said Evans, "you are resisting an officer?" and he started to pull him. The workers immediately rushed to the worker's defense. The legion thugs started hitting workers on all sides.

As a result of the battle three were arrested. That afternoon two more workers were arrested when they went to the court house to arrange the release of the leaders. Those arrested were Elizabeth Nicholas, charged with unlawful assembly, and refusal to disperse, released on \$2000 bail; Aurelio Garcia and Frank Mena, charged with unlawful assembly, both released on \$1000 bail each; Manuel Nave, released on \$2000 bail and charged with assault and battery, and resisting an officer; and Matt Houston, unlawful assembly, held in the county jail. The preliminary hearing will be Friday.

Entire U. S. Navy To Stay in Pacific

(Continued from Page 1) JEHOL ATTACK READY Papers of America's main rival for Chinese markets, Japan, expresses inability to understand Admiral Pratt's statement that the former Atlantic fleet is being kept on this coast for reasons of economy. Her own naval maneuvers finished, Japan is moving greater concentrations of troops into position for the seizure of Jehol, which is expected to be along a 200 mile front probably within two weeks. Japan admits 50,000 troops with tanks, planes and armored cars sufficient for a major offensive, are choking roads south and west from Mukden to the border. These official figures are obviously less than the actual numbers. The troops comprise veterans of the Manchurian seizure and, characteristic of imperialism, which fights with enslaved peoples, a part of the army is Manchurians who have taken Japan's bribe against the workingclass.

Preparatory to the Jehol attack, which will be resisted by an army of 150,000 Chinese workers and peasants, Japan, in face of the imperialist rivals in the League of Nations condemning her Manchurian policy, has declared for withdrawal from the League.

POLICE START

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Sub Drive Still Very Weak

While the Western Worker drive for 2000 subscriptions getting under way February 1st, a few cities have increased their bundle orders already and write that we need not worry about their getting their quota.

Monterey has raised from 25 to 50, Modesto from 15 to 30, Astoria, Oregon, from 10 to 30, and Reddy from 25 to 40.

The same using of their opportunities in getting subs will go a great way toward spreading their influence in their territories.

HOLDING THE DRIVE BACK But to more than offset this, is the falling down of several towns. Port Angeles and Bellingham, Washington, in Bedford and Klamath Falls in Oregon, and Stockton, Sacramento and Santa Clara in California, all have reduced their orders. Sacramento's former 200 is now 150, despite the response of the local workers and farmers to the State Hunger March.

ARIZONA TERRIBLE AND THE ENTIRE STATE OF ARIZONA TAKES ALMOST NOTHING.

State hunger marchers went to Phoenix, impoverished farmers by the hundreds show readiness for struggle—but hardly a copy of the Western Worker reaches them!

There can be no question of the workers and farmers not wanting to read a workers paper that, showing them the fights carried on all over the West by others in exactly their same conditions, will help them to organize into a fight that can win relief. The fault lies with the comrades there who call themselves Communists, and the blame rests most on the literature agents. This must be straightened out at once, if any serious work is to be done in Arizona. Get new agents, and work with them; take your quota as a goal that must be reached and go at it. The Western Worker will print Arizona stories when you send them in—and you can get results on the basis of them. Snap out of it, comrades.

ONLY 47 THIS WEEK In California, Los Angeles got off to a running start and leads the first returns with 16 subs out of a state total of 47. San Francisco has only 11, but the bright spot in that is the work of a new sub-getter. Comrade Ida Kahn, who got 7 of those and went out today with 5 more sub books and her chin thrust out. Where are the champions of our first drives to take up her challenge? Oakland with 4, Berkeley with 3, and Petaluma and Watsonville with 2 each follow.

Salt Lake City is going right after that Plan of Work they set for themselves last week, and so far lead the other states with 4. But Oregon and Nevada, with 1 each, and Washington, with a broad mass unemployed fight involving NEW thousands of workers and farmers, only 2 subs to date, are in the same class as Arizona.

SAN BERNARDINO BOSSES HELP S. P. BUT JAIL FOR REDS

Bar Jobless Council From High School Auditorium

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Feb. 16.—Collaboration of the public school system, press, and courts against the workers candidates here, and favoring the so-called Socialist Party, was demonstrated here in the banning of school buildings for meetings addressed by workers candidates, and the sentencing of Joseph H. Wilson, campaign manager to 90 days in jail.

Following a meeting of more than 300 workers at the Sturges (High School) Auditorium, at which Sidney Partridge, Workers candidate for mayor, and Joseph Wilson spoke on "Technocracy," exposing its hypocritical character of further burdening the working-class, the Board of Education met and barred all Unemployed Council speakers from using the hall again. Though the local paper had carried advance announcements of the meeting, the move was put through on the ground of misrepresentation. But D. H. Moore, of the Socialist Party, was readily granted use of the auditorium for a lecture on the same subject February 18.

Wilson, arrested several weeks ago when a group from the Unemployed Council turned on light connections at a worker's home, was given the maximum penalty of 90 days as a means of stopping his activity as campaign manager in the coming election. He is out, however, on \$400 bail raised by the workers.

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LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 31.—The Cleaners and Dyers Group of Los Angeles, a group of workers in the dry cleaning industry, is organized for the purpose of sending as a gift to the Soviet Union the machinery for a modern dry cleaning plant, and is also organized to train Russian workers for the dry cleaning industry. The group is badly in need of technical books on the subject of dry cleaning and all its phases.

This group is asking the comrades and friends to send books and technical data dealing with the dry cleaning industry to its secretary: SAM GERBER 1026 N. Evergreen Los Angeles, Calif.

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Editorial Column

SPREAD THE FIGHT AGAINST FARM SALES

The wave of struggles sweeping through the farming districts against foreclosures, now effects at least 10 states. This is no mere agitation movement.

It is because daily thousands of farmers rally to each foreclosure sale, and either prevent them or force the sales for a few cents later returning the properties to the owner that the leading insurance companies have decided to suspend foreclosure activities in many parts.

The farmers are fast learning the value of mass action and organization. In four states conferences have already been organized, uniting many farmers organizations to raise the struggle to a higher stage.

But thus far the movement is mainly confined to the middle west. As yet it has not assumed a mass expression throughout the west. But this is not because there is a lack of foreclosures. Tens of thousands are facing a loss of their farms along the entire coast. There are counties in Arizona or New Mexico with two-thirds of the farms facing foreclosure. However there will be no effective struggle without an organization to lead it.

Such an organization is the United Farmers League. There were large delegations of farmers in the recent State Hunger Marches representing many farming districts. The Western Worker and other workers publications are read by thousands of western farmers. But there are very few branches of the United Farmers League.

As the first step to spread the fight over the Rockies to the coast, groups of small farmers should be getting together to form United Farmers League branches. In this our Communist Party organizations must give leadership. AND NO TIME SHOULD BE LOST NOW! SPREAD THE FIGHT AGAINST FARM SALES!

OUR FIGHT IS BASED ON MASS ACTION!

Almost with the very first news that told of the attempt to assassinate Roosevelt, the lying capitalist press was already sowing seeds in the minds of the people, for a campaign to link the "Reds" with the affair.

Immediately "plans to investigate red activities" were announced, and the Dies Bill for wholesale deportation of foreign born which was thoroughly discredited in the nation-wide campaign and had slim chances to be passed, was already acted upon favorably in the house.

We Communists have nothing in common with acts of individual terror as of the registered Republican Zangara and always held the Anarchists among our worst enemies, as they through such provocative actions, give objective support to the bosses, as already demonstrated in this case. Police terror is a strong provocation to counter-terror. But only weaklings will yield to the temptation.

The chief guide to Communist tactics, is that they must be based on MASS ACTIVITY. This is demonstrated everywhere. Be it a fight against a single water shut off, an eviction, a farm foreclosure, war preparations, frame up or for any demands. That is how our Party becomes a mass party.

The bosses and their press know our position but if such an incident be used for letting loose a greater reign of terror to put down the ever growing movement against starvation, why not take advantage?

However, they are only attempting to use tactics which were found temporarily successful in 1919 and 1920, when the militant workers movement was in its infancy. We have a different situation now. Behind the Communist Party and revolutionary organizations is a powerful mass movement. Millions of workers can no longer be fooled by such nonsense having learnt of our Party and the achievements in the Soviet Union, and will only get a further demonstration of the lying role of the capitalist press.

Make March 4th, when Roosevelt is inaugurated, into a giant mass demonstration!

GET INTO THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

The local elections to take place in many western cities will prove of tremendous importance to our Party organizations and the movement under its leadership. It will give an excellent opportunity to win thousands of workers who learnt of our party in the course of the struggle for the daily economic demands, to our entire program.

In the national election only a few months ago many of our Units were not able to properly utilize the local experiences to expose the demagoguery of especially the Democratic and Socialist Parties. Consequently as in Arizona while one of our local candidates polled over 16,000 votes there were less than 300 for the national ticket. Likewise in Portland, in comparison to less than a thousand for Comrade Foster a local candidate received over 3000.

The boss demagoguery does not, so easily, sway workers who have seen our candidates in action, leading the fight against starvation. That is why it is very essential that our standard bearers everywhere should be workers and farmers who have been in the thick of the fight, and will really personify the fighting program of our Party.

Election laws in most towns are designed to confuse class lines, and are "impartial." That is, candidates are not placed on the ballot as representatives of various parties. But this should not prevent the revolutionary movement from conducting a campaign such as will break away many workers from the capitalist parties and win them for the program endorsed by the Communist Party. We can organize a broad United Front workers ticket, such as will win the support of the rank and file in the Socialist Party, A. F. of L. locals, Citizens Relief Cooperatives, Unemployed Citizens Leagues, etc., away from their leaders who will endorse various capitalist politicians and fakers.

No time should be lost in adopting local platforms. These should be thoroughly discussed at open meetings, involve all elements in the United Front, and answer the immediate needs of the workers and farmers. Only in such a manner will our Party be able to win greater masses behind its program against starvation, wage cuts, war and oppression.

MOBILIZE ALL FORCES FOR ACTIVE LOCAL ELECTIONS.

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Name Address City

LETTER PROVES HOW THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS WERE FRAMED UP

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many boys are any other else in the world that is why I am telling you of this thing I was drunk at the time and did not know what was doing I know it was wrong to let those negroes out on account of me I hope you will believe my statement because it is the gods truth I hope you will not believe me I was not with those white boys I was with those negroes on account of me I was not with those white boys I was with those negroes on account of me I was not with those white boys I was with those negroes on account of me

Victoria Price, left, and Ruby Bates, forced to lie by police framing Scottsboro Negro boys. Facsimile of Bates letter above.

RUBY BATES' LETTER

Dearest Earl: January 5th, 1932, Huntsville, Ala., 215 Connelly Alley.

I want to make a statement to you, Mary Sanders is a goddamn lie about those Negroes... me those policemen made me tell a lie that is my statement because I want to clear myself that is all too if you want to believe me o. k., if not that is o. k., you will be sorry some day if you had to stay in jail with 8 Negroes you would tell a lie to these Negroes did not touch me or those white boys. I hope you will believe me the law don't love you better than Mary does or anybody else in the world that is why I am telling you of this thing I was drunk at the time and did not know what I was doing I know it was wrong to let Negroes die on account of me I hope you will believe me I was... but those white boys... me I wish those Negroes are not burnt on account of me it is those white boys fault that is my statement and this is all I know I hope you tell the law hope you will answer.

Jan. 5, 1932, Huntsville, Ala., 215 Connelly Alley.

P. S. This is one time that I might tell a lie. But it is the truth so God help me.—Ruby Bates.

Editor's note: The spaces with dots are words that may not be to the liking of the postal authorities, and therefore deleted but the reader can use his own judgment.

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Alabama Authorities Forced To Produce Ruby Bates' Letter Admitting Negro Boys Had Not Touched Her

NEW YORK—Another great victory was scored in defense of the nine Scottsboro boys, when the Alabama police were forced to produce the famous letter of Ruby Bates, star witness of the state.

In the sensational letter to her sweetheart, Earl Streetman, Ruby Bates, categorically repudiates, the lies she was forced to tell, by the Alabama authorities, who staged the frameup forcing her to testify that she was raped by the Negro boys.

The letter was intercepted by the police at Huntsville, Alabama, who realizing the significance, exposing the basis of the entire frameup, refused to produce it when demanded by the I. L. D. It was not until January 23 of this year that the letter was produced under protest by Judge J. P. McCoy of Birmingham, on motion of General George W. Chamlee, and Irving Schwab, both I. L. D. attorneys.

The charges against the Scottsboro boys when taken off at Paint Rock, Alabama, by a sheriff's posse was at first that they fought and whipped a group of white boys. But when it was discovered that among the white boys were two girls (Ruby Bates and Victoria Price) clad in overalls, the charge was changed to rape. The fact is that it was another group of Negro boys who had fought with the white boys, and had jumped off before the train reached Paint Rock.

Fight Pacifism in Our Anti-War Work

Communists in Southern California Students Anti-War Conference Capitulated to Pacifist Elements; Must Lose no Time in Making Corrections

The students conference against war recently held in Los Angeles and attended by delegates from 44 organizations, including 27 schools, was an important step in the development of a struggle against war on the West Coast.

The conference included every expression within the ranks of the students, Communist, Socialist Party, Liberals etc. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the line of the Amsterdam Anti-War conference, and the decisions made at the recent Chicago students conference against war.

The large mass meeting in the evening, attended by 1500 also showed that there was considerable mobilization work. The Communists, especially the Young Communist League, played the leading role in organizing the conference as well as in the political guidance.

Despite these achievements of our Young Communist League a wrong line was followed, which must be corrected if our further work in this field is to improve.

The basic reason for the wrong line was in the misconception of the United Front tactics. Many think that a united front means the agreement between various organizations that may have differences in principles, not to criticize each other. Some think it is a mere maneuver that we promise not to criticize the others but will do so anyway. There are others that think we can argue to our hearts content in committees, but before the mass we must conceal these differences. All of these standpoints are wrong, because they fail to see that the United Front must be a tactic of struggle in our hands.

COMMUNISTS NEVER HIDE

Communists can under no circumstances give up their identity and right to criticize. Were this the case a united front would be an excellent weapon in the hands of our enemies against us, as what they really want is to prevent our unmasking their treacherous policies. We should not imagine leaders of various organizations opposed to us, such as the Socialist Party or the Young People Socialist League, pacifist organizations, etc., join the united front because they are sincerely interested in advancing it. They are forced to join only after we bring the issue among the members of the organization who know a struggle (for instance, against war) should be carried on and in fact think that their organization stands for such a struggle.

ROMAIN ROLLAND PACIFIST

The leaflet further carries quotations from Romain Rolland: "We want to enable the will of the people to roar out for all that is wholesome in humanity. Let them compel the UNWORTHY AND EQUIVOCAL WEAKNESSES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CHOKE THE MONSTROUS INSTIGATOR OF WARS—the profiteer of massacres, the armament industries, the Soviet Union. At the same

time it veils the actual war preparations carried through by the very countries that pledged it.

In the same manner the leaflet might have called for support to the League of Nations which likewise was created as a "peace" weapon.

The speakers advertised for the big mass meeting at Royce hall were all overshadowed by Albert Einstein a pacifist, who did not even appear. The other speakers mentioned were of the same character.

WANTED TO HIDE PARTY

The conference reflected the preparations. The program was overwhelmed by prominent representatives of all shades of pacifism and reformism.

At the mass meeting, Comrade Gordon, representative of the Communist Party was introduced as a "Journalist", showing clearly how every effort was made to hide the Party of the Young Communist League.

A serious error lay in not criticizing Sinclair, who spoke at the mass meeting, more sharply. (See W. W. Editorial, vol. 2 No. 6)

MUST CORRECT WITH ACTION

The above criticism shows the seriousness of the situation. If the line is not corrected quickly, we will be putting our efforts not behind a struggle against Imperialist War, but for pulling more pacifist wool over the eyes of the workers.

The committee of 15 elected to carry on the work, should lose no time. By correction is meant not merely a change here and there in the formulation of resolutions, it is necessary to bring a wide campaign of education into the membership of the many organizations that backed the conference with the fundamental revolutionary teachings for the struggle against war.

In carrying through this campaign there should be immediate self-criticism if the most active force within the campaign, the Young Communist League, is to build its leadership on a sound revolutionary basis.

TRADE FIGURES SHOW REASON

The shortage of foreign markets for capitalism is making the situation desperate. Take the United States for example:

Table with trade figures: Europe \$784,634,687 \$1,186,884,261 M. North Amer. \$245,816,384 403,732,033 S. North Amer. \$119,913,130 187,093,651

International Events and Western Workers

U. S. Becomes More Involved in International Maelstrom; Los Angeles Students Fail to Understand Meaning of Kellogg Pact; Trade Figures Prove Reason for U. S. Imperialist Policy!

Hardly a day passes but the war for foreign markets by the imperialist powers becomes more and more embittered.

And characteristically enough the more involved we become in the maelstrom of international conflicts, the more pacifist illusions are spread, not only amongst the broad masses but even among sincere but superficial and therefore easily misled. We were never more astonished than to see in leaflets of the Los Angeles Students Conference against war, the demand raised for "the enforcement of the Kellogg Peace Pact."

This document is clearly an imperialist agreement outlining the technique of cooperation for world robbery by the imperialist powers. Fancy phrasing should deceive no one. As such it must be exposed before the entire world. But the L. A. conference, which claims to be of a militant character, wants this pact enforced. In fact, demands for its enforcement in the name of "peace."

Is there any such fool that still believes that the imperialist powers are capable of producing a real peace plan? We wonder did the sincere militant elements who participated in that conference ever read that pact. And, if they did, did they understand what they read? And if they did why did they follow the pacifists in this demand?

U. S. BOSSES NEED EXPANSION

Thus, precisely when capitalism needs expansion most to solve her crisis there is a shrinkage of foreign markets. So it will always be as long as capitalism lasts.

I is true that foreign trade was, until recently, not the decisive factor in U. S. for the thriving of her growth the capitalist class never exported more than 10% of her commodities. But now, unless she can export a far greater amount, industry will shut down more than it has up till now. And the other powers are in the same fix. Every imperialist power must expand, but none have any place to expand to; unless they take away each other's markets. And that's precisely what the fighting in Manchuria, South America, etc., is all about.

Any agreement that these powers come to is not aimed at peace. Peace can come only when the cause for war is removed, and so long as capitalism must seek ever expanding foreign markets to sell the goods it robbed from its working class—just so long there is a cause for war. It is for these reasons that Communists say that the overthrow of capitalism and its replacement by a workers and farmers government is the only way to forever stop wars—enforcement of the Kellogg Pact will undoubtedly strengthen the unity of certain imperialists against the colonial countries and that certainly is no solution to the war danger.

Workers, especially of the West, because we are the closest geographically to the scene of the next war should be vitally concerned. There are many ways to postpone imperialist war, ways in which workers and poor farmers can contribute. We have already shown the only way that war can be abolished: In either case the Communist Party shows the way. Why not join.

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