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Veteran Fighters, Charter Members of the Party, Cheered By Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—Packing the Fillmore Workers' Center with one of the largest and most enthusiastic crowds ever there, 1,000 workers and their families came to the 14th Red Birthday of the Communist Party last night to endorse its leadership and pledge continued support to the struggles it leads.

Great ovations were given to the two charter members, Comrades Anita Whitney and Ed. Harris as they were called to the platform and presented with gifts. In her response, white-haired Comrade Whitney, who was active in the Left Wing of the old Socialist Party and a fighter in the ranks for many years, declared "The struggles behind us have shown us how to best carry on our work. For my part, I will devote the rest of my life to the revolutionary movement." Comrade Harris, who in the last city election, led the Communist candidates with more than 11,000 votes, answered in a similar vein.

DARCY SPEAKS

The meeting was constantly interrupted with waves of applause, especially during the speech of Comrade Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party. Reviewing the history of the C. P., U. S. A., he told how the earlier struggles against opportunism, factionalism, and threatened splits had been won and the workers, seeing the party leadership in strikes and relief struggles were joining in great numbers, bringing a 100% increase each year in the past three years, from 7000 members to now more than 22,000.

The Workers' Theatre presented to District 13, through Comrade Darcy, a large red silk banner with gold embroidered hammer and sickle, commemorating the 14th birthday. Representatives of mass workers organizations pledged their continued fight in the class struggle and endorsed C. P. leadership.

Mission, Fillmore, North Beach, and down town Sections put on plays and other entertainment and after the program was over the crowd stayed till 1 p. m. dancing.

OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Sept. 3.—Two hundred and fifty workers were at the 14th Red Birthday Party of the Communist Party here, held in the Workers Center at 22nd and Grove.

The enthusiasm of the workers for the leadership of the Communist Party was the greatest yet shown, particularly in view of the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

JORDAN APPEAL IN OREGON SUPREME COURT SEPT. 15

Workers Mass Meeting To Send Delegation To Court Room

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1.—With the Oregon Supreme Court reviewing the appeal of Theodore Jordan on Sept. 15, the International Labor Defense and the Jordan Defense Committee is calling a united front mass meeting the night of Sept. 14 to elect a mass delegation to be present at the hearing.

Jordan, a young Negro worker, framed on false charges of murder and sentenced to death in Klamath Falls, has for months been the center of a mass campaign for his freedom and for Negro rights. This mass pressure has been what has kept Jordan alive this long, following the betrayal of his case by officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

All workers' organizations are urged to send letters and telegrams demanding Jordan's freedom to the Oregon State Supreme Court at Portland right away, and to send resolutions of support to the Jordan United Front mass meeting through the International Labor Defense, 501 McKay Building, Portland.

WORKERS FIGHT NAT. GUARDSMEN IN WASH. PEAR PICKERS STRIKE

I. L. D. Leads in Defense Of Strikers

Over 100 Are Jailed

The United Farmers League Urges Unity of Strikers And Small Farmers

BULLETIN

YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 1.—To combat the worst reign of boss terror since Centralia the International Labor Defense is mobilizing masses of workers throughout the Northwest and has proposed a united front fight with the General Defense Committee, the I. W. W. organization, to carry out the defense fight with mass action.

More than 100 workers are in jail—61 charged with first degree assault, 8 with Criminal Syndicalism and 15 with riot. While Sheriff Evans is building a stockade to hold 500, state police are stopping all cars entering town, and have suppressed all workers' meetings.

Five workers have been taken from jail by deputy sheriffs, national guardsmen and vigilante thugs and beaten, D. F. Bosckel, secretary of the United Farmers League was beaten in jail then driven 15 miles from town, horse-whipped, painted red, and a fascist Swastika shaved on his head.

Protest telegrams should immediately pour in to Gov. Martin at Olympia and to Sheriff Evans and the County Attorney at Yakima.

ATTACK PICKETS

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 27.—The national guard, hurling tear gas and stink bombs, and using machine guns, Thursday night continued the attack on the workers here that was begun earlier in the day by vigilantes' assault on picket lines of striking peach and pear pickers. It took the militia more than two hours, despite their weapons, to disperse the I. L. D. street meeting called in defense of arrested pickets. Five guardsmen are reported to be under arrest for refusing to take part in the attack on the workers.

Under the NRA workers in Yakima valley are receiving 15c an hour and ten hours a day. Wednesday the fruit pickers went out on strike, demanding 50c an hour. In Selah, the demand was for 35c an hour.

The I. W. W. tactic of lining up workers against small farmers as large fruit growers and packers through lies of property destruction to recruit vigilante committees. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6)

L. A. JOBLESS TO FIGHT RELIEF CUT WITH HUNGER MARCH OCT. 2

United Front Led By Relief Workers Union Calls For 100,000 Marchers To the City Hall With Demands

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—Amid prolonged applause, 170 delegates of 41 unemployed organizations this afternoon unanimously adopted a proposal by the Relief Workers Protective Union for a country-wide hunger march to the Board of Supervisors, October 2nd.

Under the slogan "One Hundred Thousand To the City Hall October 2nd" the United Front Conference of Unemployed, called by the R. W. P. U., adopted the following demands to be presented to the Supervisors by the marches:

1. Ten 6-hour days every thirty days on relief work, at \$4 a day, for every head of a family; 2 days additional for each dependent.
2. Seven 6-hour days every thirty days on relief work for all single unemployed.
3. Workers receiving direct relief in groceries, etc., to be given such relief equal in amount to work orders.
4. Against evictions; no shutting off of gas, lights and water in the workers' homes.
5. All relief work to be paid at the rate of \$4 a day for a 6-hour day; no forced labor.
6. Moratorium on taxes and as-

STRIKE IN GRAPE FIELDS MINERS BATTLE TERROR

The Big Ballyhoo—To Put Over the National Slavery Act

AMERICA FIRST
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CALL TO BULLY SUIT, SEEK DIVORCE

5,000,000 Go Back To Work by Labor Day, Johnson Says

DEATH IN CA

SIX MILLIONS JOBS DRIVE LAUNCHED

Six weeks ago Hugh Johnson, launching the NRA drive, declared 8,000,000 unemployed would be back at work by last Monday. Now even his most exaggerated reports dare not claim more than 2,000,000—and these on the basis of staggered and temporary work.

17,000 TO BE FIRED AS NRA CODE CLOSES CANNERIES

Expose Japan War Material To Sailors

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BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN: 'I have been disgusted more than once with the public regarding this old pirate Rockefeller a hero. I am not one of those who believe the wickedness of stealing can be wiped out by giving part of the proceeds away.'

From an Oakland worker comes this one: NRA—Nuts Run America!

'Every woman must understand that the use of the consumer's insignia means that the household is pledged to deal only with NRA firms that are actually operating under the NRA agreements—adding employment and increasing pay rolls,' says Mrs. Heller, NRA woman's chairman for California.

Says H. A. Hammond, wealthy representative of the Southern Colorado Beetgrowers Ass'n, at the code hearings: 'There are plenty of beet workers in Arkansas valley who have comfortable homes and drive just as good cars as I do.'

The United Press and the Scripps-Howard papers are so used to printing lies about deaths from starvation in the Soviet Union, that when forced to write about the wheat crop this year, the headline is this: 'Russians Die Over-Eating As Grain Crop Is Bumper.'

So far as Los Angeles workers are concerned, Wall St., no longer means what it used to, since the Relief Workers' Protective Union moved headquarters to 741 Wall Street.

In an effort to break the National Miners' Union in Gallup, New Mexico, the local bosses branded it Communist. Need we add the immediate result was to bring the miners into the union in great numbers?

And Hugh Johnson himself said this, commenting on the resignation of his deputy administrator: 'Mr. Bates has chosen the HONORABLE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD path.'

Forward to the Communist Party On its 14th Anniversary BERKELEY FINNISH WORKERS CLUB \$1.50

Revolutionary Greetings to Our Leader from THE FINNISH WOMAN'S CLUB BERKELEY \$1.35

With pennies saved from the sale of the Western Worker I greet the Communist Party on its 14th Birthday TARKAM Corner of Fulton and Market San Francisco \$1.00

Revolutionary Greetings from the Tom Mooney Branch of the I. L. D. Petaluma, Calif. \$2.00

Greetings from the PETALUMA UNIT OF THE C. P. \$1.00

Greetings from UNIT NO. 17 RICHMOND, CALIF. \$1.00

Greetings to the Communist Party Birthday from the LABOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATION Phoenix, Arizona \$1.00

The 14th Anniversary Means Build Our Party Stronger UNIT NO. 36 Lynwood, Cal. \$1.20

Revolutionary Greetings from the FALLON, NEVADA, UNIT OF C. P. \$1.00

Milestones for Communism—Tombstones for Capitalism DWIGHT L. JONES San Marino, Calif. \$1.00

Huge Mass Meets Pledge Defense To Scottsboro Boys

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6) day, Sept. 6, at 7 p. m., a banquet will be held for the three at 1859 Fillmore Street.

In Oakland, Moore, Mother Patterson, and Carter will be heard at the Workers Center, 22nd and Grove Street, Thursday evening, Sept. 7. Other meetings in the East Bay section are at Richmond, Sept. 8 at Barnaman's Hall, 19th and McDonald and in Berkeley, Saturday evening, Sept. 9 at Comrades Hall, 1819 10th Street.

1,000 At Communist Anniversary

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) number of strikes now on and recently led by the Communists. Geo. Morris, managing editor of the Western Worker and a member of the Party throughout its 14 years, told of the struggles it has won in its fight to become a mass party of the workers.

GRAPE PICKERS CALLED ON STRIKE

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 8) wage fixing parley the workers were not represented, as this scale had been flatly turned down by the workers when the State Commissioner met with the committee of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union previously.

Preparations are rapidly going forward for a valley strike if the bosses refuse to boost the scale in line with current advances in the prices of food and other living necessities. Small farmers objecting to a further advance of the scale are being advised by the C. and A. W. I. U. to join with the Madera farmers in a strike against the excessive public utility rates demanding a 50 per cent cut.

1,000 Picket N. M. Coal Mines

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 7) Not one scab has entered any of the five struck mines since the strike was declared. Gomercio is the largest mine in Gallup. The power house at Gomercio supplies the cities with electricity, and the local press declares that, 'with all the mines shut down, it is only a matter of days until Gallup will be without lights or water.'

COAL MINING OUT

Though the mine operators have stated that they have sufficient coal for three weeks, it is obvious that they are desperate. National Guardsmen and uniformed thugs are scheduled to arrive in Gallup at 2 p. m. today, but the miners are determined to stay out until the end.

Trials of Oxnard Strike Leaders Set For Sept. 13 and 19

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 8) brought charges against the police for their attack on a picket line, where tear gas was used and workers clubbed, for beating up workers in jail and for acting as judge and jury in passing 'floater' sentences which forced residents to leave the county for months.

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INQUIRY PROMISED

The I. L. D., Civil Liberties Union and National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners have opened headquarters in Ventura to continue the mass campaign for freedom of those jailed and return of the strikers 'floated.' Statements prepared by them have brought a promise from the Federal Dept. of Justice to conduct an investigation of the officials who used force to oppose the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union. The inquiry was agreed to on the basis that such conduct constitutes a violation of the NRA.

In the meantime, to prevent the investigation, the 'Ventura Star,' local capitalist paper, proposed an open hearing be held at which the local officials would guarantee that the full civil rights of workers will henceforth be upheld, in return for the dropping of court proceedings.

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Urge Farmers, Workers Unite

In the face of this reign of terror the I. W. U. General Defense committee could do nothing. The International Labor Defense offered full support and called the open air meeting Thursday night to rally support. Many farmers were present, and when the State Secretary of the United Farmers League was urging them to unite with the workers to fight their common enemy, the big fruit growers and packers, the national guard began its attack.

In a further attempt to hinder the defense, the secretary of the school board, from whom the I. L. D. rents headquarters, and admittedly under outside pressure, ordered them to vacate, which they refused to do.

At the relief office an attempt was made to get scabs, but not even five could be recruited. The deputy sheriff then closed the office and declared that since the unemployed wouldn't work as scabs they would get no relief.

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WORKERS EX-SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE, Post 34. Meets Wednesday night at 1223 Fillmore st., 8 p. m. On Sept. 6th nomination and election of officers. On Sept. 13th, Women's Auxiliary and its importance to the Post. Bring a Vet.

DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT Saturday, Sept. 9th, at 8 p. m. Trade Union Hall, 3470 19th st., near Valencia st.

A NIGHT IN SOVIET CHINA AT 1223 Fillmore, Sept. 9th, 8 p. m. Dance, entertainment including a 3-act Chinese play in English. Chinese plate dinner (at 6:30 p. m., 25c). Ausp. FSU, Chun Sing Chinese Youth Association. Adm. 25c and 5c (with U. C. card).

DANCING AND SOCIAL EVERY SATURDAY NITE! FILLMORE WORKERS CENTER, 1223 FILLMORE. WATCH FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM.

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ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE every Saturday night at the Workers Center, 645 22nd st.

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Hail to the Proletarian Vanguard—the Communist Party, U. S. A. Greetings from the Jewish Workers Club 3054 Wabash Ave., Los Angeles Meets Every Monday \$3.00

14th Anniversary Greetings to the Communist Party, U. S. A. Freiheit Winchevsky Branch, I. W. O. Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays Interesting Lectures—Participates in Working Class Struggles Los Angeles \$2.00

We Hail our Political Friend and Leader of the Working Class, the The Communist Party on the 14th Anniversary, an Historic Event Los Angeles Women's Council \$2.00

Greetings to the Communist Party on Their 14th Anniversary from the H.I.D. CLUB 1819 10th St. Berkeley, Calif. \$1.00

Workers Organizations, Individuals Greet 14th Anniversary

CONTRIBUTE TO FUND FOR BUILDING PARTY

Table with columns for various units and individuals contributing to the fund. Includes names like John Dee, Max Rosen, Lena Rubin, etc., and amounts.

THE PEN AND HAMMER OF LOS ANGELES

Composed of intellectual workers who by important research work and working class study and activity join the proletarian struggle for a new economic order based on Socialist construction as in the Soviet Union.

Greet the Communist Party of U. S. A.

Table listing contributions to the Communist Party of U.S.A. with names like A SOBER MINDED, HEARTY SYMPATHIZER, etc., and amounts.

Utah Mine Strike

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 7) charges against them, while they carry on a vicious campaign of terror in hope of smashing the picket line. More deputies are being recruited by the operators in Salt Lake City, and special efforts are being made to send every gangster of Salt Lake City to Carbon county. In the face of this vicious terror the ranks of the striking miners remain firm, and in spite of all provocation and violence on the part of the operators and their tools the miners are determined more than ever to fight forward to complete victory.

Editorial Column

JOBS BY LABOR DAY

To the tune of "Happy Days Are Here Again," with "Buy Now" signs flying, a procession of about 200 automobiles occupied chiefly by business agents and their close henchmen, made its way down Market Street in San Francisco. There were no workers marching. Some workers were lined up on the sidewalk and eyed the Labor Day parade that the fat boys had fixed up. There wasn't the slightest reason for suspecting this as a labor parade.

THE WORLD Communist Labor Party of the United States of America PLATFORM. (Adopted at 119 Throop St., Chicago, Ill., Sept. 4, 1919.)

THE WORLD Alleged Members American Legion Smash Up Furniture and Burn Literature--Bible Trampled Under Foot--Windows Broken--Typewriter Stolen

Report of State Convention The State Convention of the COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA, which was called for November 2, was held at Loring Hall on Sunday last.

BOOKS "AND WE ARE MILLIONS"--By MICHAEL QUIN. Reviewed by Irving Kreitzberg.

BENJAMIN MEETS TO RALLY JOBLESS FOR UNITED STRUGGLES Oregon U. C. Calls State Conference Sept. 25

MILITANT POLICY WINS AT L. A. ANTI-HITLER CONFERENCE

Attempts of Jewish Forwards To Keep Left Wing Organizations Out Defeated

NRA - Purchasing Power and War

By SAM DARCY Policies of Roosevelt and Hoover--Ballyhoo To Prosperity--The Crisis and Purchasing Power--New Deal and NRA Cuts Purchasing Power--Save On the Stomach And Have For War--War Preparations in the Pacific--The Roosevelt Plan--Effects of the Roosevelt Plan

A homely saying has it "to conquer your opponent first confuse him." This is the underlying motive of the Roosevelt administration.

of which they could only buy back a minor part because of the low wages they received.

taking hundreds of millions of dollars out of the pockets of millions of wage earners in the government employ reduces their purchasing power.

reduces the number of those who share in the surplus produced by the toilers.

reach the pockets of the producers. Certainly an insignificant amount as compared to the amount that would reach them were these billions distributed directly to the masses in the form of unemployment insurance or as pay to toilers for building new workers homes.

ed, and what is apparently to be an airport.

DYNAMITE, SCRAP IRON SHIPPED FROM PEDRO

SAN PEDRO, Aug. 24.—Although there is no serious fighting in the Far East and the impression is given that war operations are over, shipments of scrap iron, and other war materials to Japan continue unchecked.

THE CRISIS AND PURCHASING POWER Let us examine what has happened to date, at the end of the first six months of the Roosevelt administration.

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Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and one civilian, George Creel.

not attack "in force." But this fact was no deterrent for Creel.

FROM DESTROYERS . . . STOP. OFFICIALS THEREFORE DECLINE PERMIT AFTERMATH STORY FROM THIS END."

Thus Roosevelt's objects are not to increase the purchasing power of the masses as a solution of the crisis.

Who Is George Creel?

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The next meeting of the local Anti-Fascist conference will be on Sept. 6, at 8 p. m., at Equality Hall, 141 Albion Street.