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WE ARE PROUD TO JOIN WITH SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS, UNION FOR U. S. SAYS EX-PREMIER OF FRANCE LABOR PARTY

DALADIER OUTLINES POLICIES OF PEOPLE'S UNITED FRONT

BY EDOUARD DALADIER Former Premier of France

A message to the workers and middle class of America re- cago conference on May 30 to leased exclusively through the Federated Press. Copywrite, 1936, by Federated Press

PARIS, May 14.— The forces of the left are at last come from Joseph Schlossberg, united in France. They are not merely standing together to bar general secretary-treasurer of the road to fascism, but they will presently form a government the powerful Amalgamated in order to carry out a positive program of reforms. We mem- Clothing Workers of America. bers of the Liberal Party are happy to be associated with our Socialist and Communist brethern in the task of fighting for call coming from the Many freedom, peace and well-being for all.

WASHED UP

Premier Laval, represent-

ative of the moneyed inter-

erests, whose government

was forced out of the picture

by the people's Front of

Fight on Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C., May

The House vote on the measure

Yesterday the Farm Credit Ad-

ministration had mailed to house

members a statement attacking the

The measure would have mean

The bill was not regarded as a

Last year a measure proposed

to cancel indebtedness of needy

farmers altogether was introduced.

The Frazier-Lundeen Social In-

surance bill introduced this year

tressed small farmers.

was 235 against, 142 in favor.

France.

We will, no more than our allies, shirk the responsibilities which our common victory gives us.

As to our own particular program we are determined to reestablish freedom in this country. We believe that the salvation of the country rests upon individual liberty and not in setting up a totalitarian regime. Individual freedom demands destruction of the privileges of a handful of feudal families who rule the destinies of the hands of the Democratic state. We intend to take them back and de-

REFORMS CITED To restore democratic freedom

winst Fascism and its allies, to Ave the financial oligarchy di rules the roost at present. o nationalize the bank of France and make it the bank of theFrench people, to put an end to the private manufacture of arms by nationalizing the armament trusts and their auxiliaries which have exercised such a nefarious influence on former governments and on the international situation

These are some of the most urgent reforms which must be tackled right away by the government of right away by the government of the People's Front. We liberals will not hesitate to carry these reforms through. Thanks to enormous technical

progress, our civilization stands Roosevelt Backers in as a token of super-abundance. There is enough and plenty for all. That is why we do not intend to permit this insanity of poverty in the midst of abundance to persist 14.—The Roosevelt Administration any longer. An elementary human today smashed the Frazier-Lemke dignity demands that our young \$3,000,000,000 farm debt refinancpeciple shall have work. We intend ing bill. to create work for all. We intend to see that educational and cultural facilities are brought within reach of the masses. Art and the finer things in life have too long been the exclusive privilege of a bill as "disastrous to the farmleisure class. That situation must ers and the nation." It was the Farmer-Labor Party officials, as banner of the Workers' Alliance, end, and it will end. We will also first time in the history of the nawipe out the shame and terrible tion that the executive branch of anguish of the old who cannot the government had deliberately work any more and whose evening tossed written propaganda into a of life is passed in physical inse- battle over a piece of legislation. curity and want. We intend to set up conditions which will make it at least a 50 per cent reduction in e decent and honorable old age.

FOREIGN POLICY

Problems of foreign policy will ary Republicans to defeat the a planned economy that is alien in the assembly hall had been filled dominate all others. If peace is not measure. solidly organized, how will it be possible to solve the essential problems of our national life? Our government's policy of zig-zagging Street financiers who were loud- any encouragement under the stars has lost us much confidence. The new government intends to prohose a reorganization of Europe and to call a conference where every nation will be invited to It was known as the Farmers' state its hopes and desires freely, Emergency Relief Bill (H. R. 3471.) victims of economic disaster." including the Soviet Union of course. We will declare what we consider necessary guarantees for in both the House and the Senate GALLAGHER CANDIDACY ENDORSED cur security and the security of also would provide relief for dis-

We believe that once the prines of collective security is ac-'ed by all, that a general and multaneous disarmament program must be envisaged as the Lest security yet for the peoples

of Europe. refused by some states we will at manufacturing industry per capita ney, Communist Party leader. least know who are the peaceful of population was 28 per cent benations and who the warmongers. low the corresponding figures for (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.) 1929.

Schlossberg Support To May 30 Meet In Chicago

NEW YORK CITY. -Enthusiastic support of the Chidiscuss the formation of a National Farmer-Labor Party has Schlossberg characterized the call coming from the Minnesota 30 conference as "very hopeful." He said he had "always stood up for independent political action" on the part of organized labor. TIME TO START

"I was anxious to see a Farmer Labor presidential ticket in the field in November," said Schlossberg, in an irterview. "But since we can't have that, we'll have to take what we can and work up from there."

Schlossberg felt that there would be no difficulty regarding a program for a national Farmer-Labor Party. "There are plenty of things for a Farmer Labor Party to fight BY END OF WEEK for," he stated. "I'm sure we'll be able to agree on a program. The main thing is to get the party go-

The attitude of Schlossberg, a powenful figure in the organized ers, and David Dubinsky, head of problem." the International Ladies Garment Party, through the "Labor Nonalone of the Amalgamated executive board members, voted a few weeks ago against endorsing Roose-

CALL GOES TO S5 LEADERS The call for the May 30 conference is being sent by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association and Gov. Floyd B. Olsen to some 85 un-

ior, farm and progressive leaders. The Chicago conference call specifically excludes the question of a Farmer-Labor Party presidential ticket this year, leaving room, in starting a national party, for cooperation witht those who back Roosevelt for re-election.

Advocates of the Farmer-Labor who favor Roosevelt for re-election can work for the election of well as Congressmen and Senators.

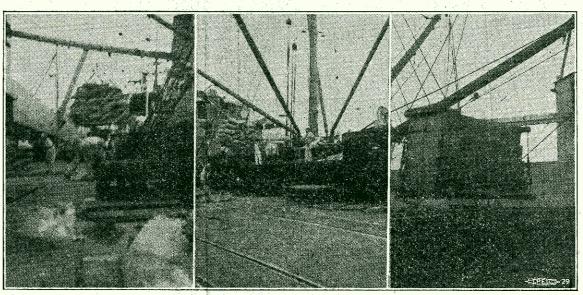
Social Service Group groups, including the Unemploy-Communist to Bishop

COLUMBUS, Ohio. - Reacpossible for every citizen to have average annual payments on mort- tionary Bishop Adna Wright gages for millions of small farmers. The Roosevelt Administra- ed the Methodist Federation for tion joined hands with the reaction- Social Service as promoters "of and godless."

"I cannot see how the Christian cure-all but it would have cut the man today can take the form of interest tribute paid to the Wall Russian Communism and give it spoken opponents of the measure. and Stripes."

> Militantly replied the federation: "The period of profit-seeking econ- ing Trades Council unions struck omy is on the decline and only and tied up all construction jobs the church can speak for the in the city. Approximately 1600 are

How About That Charter, Mr. Ryan?



ABOVE REPRESENTS a graphic picture of working conditions existing in the 'Paradise Isles" of Hawaii. Double slingloads at double speed while Ryan continues to forestall the issuance of a charter to the

Hawaiian dockworkers. Note the worker "under the sling." The present ILA convention finds rank-and-file longshoremen fighting to obtain a charter for their Island brother workers.

I. L. A. CONVENTION FOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, FOR SOLIDARITY OF NEGRO, WHITE WORKERS

OF RELIEF FUND

While jobless throughout the naforced starvation California's own relief situation became critical and labor movement for decades, con- Governor Frank F. Merriam detrasts sharply with the attempt clared "it does not look as if we of Sidney Hillman, president of can avoid a special session of the the Amalgamated Clothing Work- legislature to deal with the relief

Funds for relief will be exaust-Workers' Union, to line up organi- ed this week-end, State Comptrollzed labor behind the Democratic er Ray L. Riley announced yesterday. Approximately \$2,500,000 will Partisan League." Schlossberg, be needed to feed unemployed in the state until June 1.

Previously the Governor had atcompted to shift the burden of reief upon the counties and localities, but Los Angeles officials indicated the southern city would be unable to take care of its own

jobless. The federal government has refused to aid California, as it has

other states. MARCHING MEN

This refusal brought unemployed on the march to Harrisburg, Pa., where the state legislature was forced to hear spokesmen in a joint meeting for more than two hours Wednesday night. They demand-Party also point out that even those ed the state appropriate the \$120,in the organized labor movement 000,000 necessary to keep them and their families from starving.

The jobless marched under the nation-wide organization recently merged with other unemployed ment Councils and the California State Federation of Unemployed.

At St. Louis 100 singing men and women marched on the city hall to demand food and clothing ation between Negro and white Leonard of Pittsburgh has assail- for the 27,000 recently cut off re- longshoremen. lief in Missouri. In an effort to by city hall workers who had been granted special permission to attend the session of the board of aldermen. (More jobless news on

DENVER-Members of the Build-

Page Six.)

SEE EXHAUSTION RESTORATION OF Shipowners Ranks S.U.P. CHARTER **FAVORED**

A., passed the important resolution, submitted by Delegate Heide tion were marching against en-perling the organization and acof Local 38-44, endorsing and suptivities of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

A resolution to support to the fullest extent the fight of King and Murphy of the Marine Firemen and Oilers, against frameup charges, was also voted.

Also passed were the following resolutions: A demand for the release of the eight maritime workers framed during the 1935 tanker strike, calling for the intensification of the boycott of Standard Oil products and charging that the special prosecutor in the case was on the Standard Oil payroll; full support for Mooney and Billings, urging that Labor Day this year be made a labor demonstration for the two famous working class prisoners; endorsement of the Benson Bill, providing for vocational train-

reasonable rates. AGAINST NEGRO DIS-CRIMINATION

The convention took a definite stand against discrimination in regard to Negro workers. Resolu- Joseph Curran, rank and file strike tions 28 and 32 were combined and passed with minor weakening. The former placed the convention as emphatically on record to reaffirm the preamble and policy of the I. L. A., that absolutely no discrimination be displayed against discrimination be displayed against the Negro or any other colored workers eligible for membership. The second resolution, combined with the first, went on record as recommending closer cooper-

Resolution 38, for endorsing the e-election of Roosevelt as president, was concurred in, but the section favoring an assessment of \$1 for each member toward the

inated. Endorsement of the entire administration, as originally mentioned, was changed to endorsement of Roosevelt.

Roosevelt campaign fund was elim-

A resolution to support the campaign against the Criminal Synlicalist Act was also adopted.

A resolution, submitted by delegates from Local 38-79, San Francisco, calling on the convention to Union of the Pacific back into the ed closed shop agreements, Blutake steps to bring the Sailors' A. F. of L. and to formally re-

quest the I. S. U. to restore the charter of the S. U. P., was adopted with the specific provision that the Maritime Federation convencourageous and intelligent, and tion work out a correct policy on on the new \$200,000 courty court this question. A resolution that the conven-

Begin to Grack in SAN PEDRO.—The convention of the Pacific Coast District, I. L. Strike on E. Coast

NEW YORK - Release of 219 rank and file seamen who were arrested while picketing the Panama Pacific Steamship Co. docks came rest on Tuesday. The pickets were part of the more than 3000 East Coast seamer now on strike for overtime similar to that paid on West Coast ships, and for hiring halls.

About 250 other strikers came to resort to tear gas bombs to make the arrests of the fighting seamen.

The strike, though outlawed by the reactionary international officials of the International Seamens Union, is already having its effect on the shipowners, as was seen from the fact that the Black Diamond S. S. Co., one of the signing and employment of youth, and ers of the recent two-year agree Hoertkorn Fortune Is ing that Mrs. Hill be given perfull educational opportunities at ment between I. S. U. officials and the shipowners, has row proposed to pay 60 cents an hour overtime for work in port.

The I. S. U. international officials have announced that not only leader, but 29 other sailors and 15 stewards have been expelled from the union because of strike activity,

In Cleaning Plants

cal Union No. 19989, won closed \$70,000-\$47,000 in cash and \$23,ng plant's here.

Besides closed shop agreements the union also won a 44-hour week, \$30 a week for skilled workers fore the grand jury meanwhile and a minimum of \$16 a week for had so aroused public sentiment inskilled workers. Workers at the French Unique

shop were out on strike for two nours, while the Bear shop workers were out for a day and a half. The union plans to have all cleaning firms in Los Angeles unionized by July 4th, according to Samuel Blumenberg, business agent of the union. Out of 40 local cleaning shops, 19 have sign-

Oregon Building Strike Won

OREGON CITY, Ore. Strikers (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8) trades common labor.

OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH AIDING BRAZIL FASCISTS' MURDER OF U. S. CITIZEN!

San Francisco and Alameda Postmasters Attempted to Pump Information From Victim's Mother

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.— Postmaster William H. McCarthy, of San Francisco, and Postmaster Ford Samuel, of Alameda, are charged with acting as stoolpigeons for the fascists of Brazil in the murder of Victor Barron in Rio de

Identification of these two government officials as participants in the far-flung conspiracy which claimed the life of this young American citizen last March 5th, was made by Mrs. Edna Hill, of Oakland, the mother of the boy, through her attorney, Leo Gallagher.

\$100,000 Libel Suit Brought by Sailors' Union

Libel suit for \$100,000 on behalf of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and for \$50,-000 on behalf of Harry Lundeberg, its secretary-treasurer, has been brought against the Chronicle Publishing Co., publishers of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The suits are based upon a front page editorial in the Chronicle of April 13, in which, according to Lundeberg's complaint, the union was libeliously carged with engaging in practices designed to destroy the U.S. Government and its institutions by force and violence, and with inciting sailors to mutiny and thereby to a violation of the laws of the U.S.

Following the publication of the editorial, the union made a written demand that the Chronicle retract and withdraw its statements. The Chronicle

Set at \$70,000

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.-Conspiracy and burglary indictments were voted this morning against four local policemen by the County Grand Jury.

The four, who are accused of looting the Shumate drug store at Nineteenth ave. and Taraval street some time ago, are Sydney Hinson, John Farrell, Thomas Miller and John J. McKenna. The drug store is owned by Police Commis-

Meanwhile testimony of bank LOS ANGELES, May 12.-Two clerks yesterday revealed the forshort strikes yesterday by the tune of Captain Thomas Hoert-Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers, Lo-korn amounts to approximately shop agreements with two clean- 000 worth of property, real and personal.

Hoertkorn had refused to testify. The refusal of cops to testify bethat the police commission yesterday was forced to serve notice that:

"ORDERS"

who refuse to testify regarding placed on the Ice-Knit platforms their bank accounts . . . will find from the J. A. Simmons Co., then themselves under immediate sus- on strike. pension and face swift trial before the commission for unofficerlike

Sergeant Patrick Shannon, own- growers to plan terror. er of the \$25,000 woodpile, already action was distinctly illegal.

Subsequent to Barron's arrest in Rio de Janeiro on January 28th and before his murder by Brazilian police on March 5th, American authorities collected information which they turned over to the Brazilian police.

AIDED FASCIST

McCarthy and Samuel, both of whom are responsible to Postmaster General Jim Farley, aided in this stool pigeoning for the Brazilian fascists by trying to pump information from Barron's mother, Mrs. Hill, as to whether or not she knew he was a Communist, why he was in South America, whether or not she had sent him money from the sale of a farm, where his father, Harrison George, Communist Party member, could be found, etc.

Last Tuesday, Gallagher, as atorney for Mrs. Hill, sent a protest letter to McCarthy, asking who authorized him to collect information here concerning Barron. A part of Gallagher's letter fol-

"A large portion of the American public is greatly aroused over the fact that the American government has acted as stool pigeon for the Brazilian fascists. This incident has great historical significance and will not be soon forgotten. For that reason it is important that all the facts concerning the matter be carefully ascertained and that all public officials be given an opportunity to indicate just what part they played in the incident."

A protest from Gallagher to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, askmission to go through the State Department's file on the Barron murder, was given but brief answer saying that the matter would be "looked into."

RUN-AROUND

A protest to Farley received an nswer from W. W. Howes, first ssistant postmaster general, that Gallagher's letter would be given prompt attention." Abelardo B. Bueno do Prado,

first secretary of the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, D. C., replied to a protest letter from Gallagher that the matter "should be referred to the U.S. State De-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

Salinas Lettuce Strikers' Ranks Continue Firm

SALINAS.-Lettuce shed workrs' picket lines continued solid on Friday at the Salinas and Watsonville plants of the Ice-Knit Corp. Job action strikes developed in the two plants Monday in pro-All officers of the department test against packing "hot" lettuce

C. B. Moore, secretary of the California Farmers' Protective Association is organizing terror against Captain Hoertkorn, Captain Fred the strikers. It is being begun Lemon and Patrolman Joseph M. Unrough a campaign of slander Brouders, facing the investigating through ads in the press against body a second time, refused to the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. Moore called a meeting of

The strikers refuse to return to house returned to work with a has been suspended and is facing work until 17 scabs employed since wage increase of from 50 to 75 charges because he had admitted the beginning of the season are tion condemn any person or per- cents an hour for all building betting on the races at a time such fired. The union has 1800 mem-

PRODUCTION LAGS Impetus to the candidacy of Leo Gallagher, famed labor attorney, NEW YORK- The National against Superior Judge Arthur Industrial Conference Board, em- Crum, reactionary labor-hater of

If international collaboration is tion, reports that production in day in a letter from Anita Whit-

ployers' own research organiza- Los Angeles, was given here to-The letter follows:

"It gives me great pleasure to

"Dear Mr. Gallagher:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13 .- | endorse your candidacy for Superior Judge of Los Angeles County.

"Your election to the bench will insure the citizens of that county of a representative who is who will see that the rights of the workers are maintained. "Sincerely yours,

"Anita Whitney."

State Conference Shows Trend to Farmer-Labor Party

EPICS VOTE 2 PROGRESSIVE RESOLUTIONS

Second State-Wide Conference To Be Called After August Primaries On United Front Basis

PEOPLE'S FRONT

Urge Coalition Against Calif. Trend to Fascism; Labor Unions Are Needed

Of historic significance in the people's fight against reaction in California, was the State Political Conference called by the End Poverty League, which was held in Los Angeles on May 10th.

Showing the greatly increasing sentiment for united political action and a Farmer-Labor Party, the following two resolutions were overwhelmingly adopted by the convention:

WHEREAS: The results of the May 5th primary elections was mainly a vote against the reactionary forces as represented by the American Liberty League, Hearst, Fascist Measure and Merriam, and

WHEREAS: The victory of the McAdoo slate does not truly reflect the progressive anti-reactionary sentiment of the Democratic voters in California, to whom the issues were not made sufficiently clear as to choose between three Roosevelt slates; and,

WHEREAS, The sentiment for the united, independent political action is growing throughout the country as witnessed by the call of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party for a National Conference on May 30th to support the election of Farmer-Labor or progressive representatives to Congress; THERE-FORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That this conference go on record as greeting the efforts of labor and farmer forces in movements to build a coalition of movements. all labor and progressive forces on a traily national scale; and, BE

sufficient support expresses itself tion on charges of "subversive ac- ed and had been plainly stated in in the trade unions and other labor, tivity among U. S. sailors," is August, 1914, would have spared farmer and progressive organiza- again held on Angel Island, after us the invasion of Belgium and tions of California for independent his bail was raised from \$2000 to France. political action in the localities or \$2500. on a state scale, the organizations

after the August primary elections, in the dope-fiend tank in Alameda another statewide conference be County jail over a month. He was called of all labor, farmer, and then held virtually incommuni progressive organizations and po- cado for two months on Angel bility of furthering the movement stein were based on the statement for a labor-progressive united front of a Presidio soldier that Finkelagainst the candidates of reaction. stein had induced him to join the

SECOND RESOLUTION

people; and

WHEREAS: The huge Demo cratic registration and vote in the May 5th primaries expresses the overwhelming sentiment of the labor and progressive forces agains the Hearst-Merriam-Hoover Lib, erty League forces; and, WHEREAS: The most effective

way of rallying the progressive sentiments of the people is through establishing united political action in the coming State and Congressional elections representing a coalition of all labor and progressive forces, which was shown by the example of the Victory of the People's Front in France over fascism; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That on the basis

of the platform adopted by the February 23rd Epic Convention and by this conference, we propose that candidates for the State Legislature and Congress be demooratically nominated in their reorganization in that district who IT FURTHER

purpose shall be, at these confereffective candidates, cutting across for the November elections.

Not Mutiny, Gentlemen



HERE'S JOE CURRAN (left) leader of the rank and file seamen's strike in New York, telling Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper why the East Coast seamen are on strike. Trying to hang a mutiny

charge on striking seamen is one way the shipowners have of keeping conditions on shipboard down to a coolie level, Curran

Against Foreign-Born is Pushed

WASHINGTON .- Efforts to bring the Kerr-Coolidge deporta tion bill before the Senate and pass it continue on the part of its back-

Ultra-reactionaries like Senator Reynolds (Dem., N. C.), are not satisfied with the bill as it stands, and demand that it be made to in clude a drastic cut in immigration quotas, and compulsory registration and finger printing o

foreign-born. The bill as it stands tightens existing deportation laws. It is various states to build their own intended for use against foreign parties on a local and state scale, born workers who take part in and offer its cooperation to such union activity or other progressive

George Geoffrian, militant worke who was arrested last November RESOLVED: That if and when in Vallejo and held for deporta-

In a similar case here, I. Finkelrepresented at this conference give stein is out on bail, facing deporfull support to the promotion of tation on unproven charges of a Farmer-Labor Party; and, BE "subversive activities among soldiers." Finkelstein, following his RESOLVED: That immediately arrest last November, was placed litical groups to discuss the possi- Island. Charges against Finkel-

The only proof offered by the WHEREAS: The situation in soldier was a few copies of In-California shows an alarming precor, which can be bought freely growth in the activities of the re- at Workers' Bookstores. The actionary and fascist clements Hearst press and the American against the labor movement and Legion Subversive committee have against the civil liberties of the demanded even more severe action taken against these two workers

Communist Party.

Court Gives Shipyard Bosses Breaks; Strike Closes 8 Pedro Yards

SAN FRANCISCO- An in unction suit brought by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. in the District of Columbia courts has halted hearings on unfair labor rock Club here early yesterday practices in the company's yards nere. The Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers torches ignited silken drapes in seeks to be designated the collective bargaining agent.

union-carpenters has closed San Pedro's eight shipbuilding yards, through one narrow doorway. The carpenters demand a \$1.10 hourly basic wage and union re-

spective districts by united front party lines, who will fight for such nance provides that all places of Baker, East Bay organizer of the conferences to which have been in- a platform; to realize as much as public assembly must have at least C. S. conference and a member ica." He sought to have the convited representatives from every possible the putting forward of two exits, at least five feet wide, of the International Longshore vention oppose the Northern Baphave endorsed the election plat- dates on the August primary bal- outward. The Shamrock Club had Council. form of this conference; and BE lot of every party where sufficient only one door to the street, opensponsors and support can be ob- ing into the club. RESOLVED: That our aim and tained; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That another state charge of violating a city ordiences, to unite all progressive forces united front conference be called nance prohibiting use of an open in support of a united front plat- following the August primaries; flame in a public place without a form; to select the best and most to decide on the necessary steps permit, and was released on \$25

People's Battle **Against Reaction** Now on the Air

LOS ANGELES, May 15. -The people's fight against reaction in Southern California is now going over the air-

Every Saturday, 1:45 to 2 p. m., the American League Against War and Fascism is on the air over Station KMPC.

The Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, leading the fight for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, is broadcasting every Tuesday, 1:45 to 2 p. m., over the same station.

Daladier

(Continued from Page 1) The pacific nations will then find

a solidarity which, if it had exist-

to be liberated from all his slavshopkeeper, above which there will hall in Richmond. not suspend, like a gruesome black cloud, the menace of the Fascist i slave-camp. Therefore we will begin with abolishing privilege and restore to labor its eminent dignity. The road ahead is not easy. But together Socialists and Communists and Liberals are invinciole. We have the power, if need be, to overpower our enemies. We intend to proceed with moderation and wisdom, but with justice. We will tolerate no sabotage by the forces of Fascism. We also know how to strike, and strike hard!

Scapegoat Sought For Fatal Blaze

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.olice yesterday arrested Betty Blossom, torch dancer, as state and city officials sought a scapegoat for the fire which swept the Shamand claimed four lives.

The dancer's flaming benzine the night club as she was dancing, and four deaths and 17 injuries occurred when the patrons SAN PEDRO- A strike of 350 hysterically attempted to crush their way out of the fire trap.

'out" from responsibility by claiming that no ordinance covered such signatures. Ten dollars was donata fire hazard. However, an ordi- ed to the repeal campaign. Brother one united front slate of candi- to the street, and doors must open men's Association addressed the

The dancer was booked on

Fight Red-Baiting In Central Labor, Contra Costa Co.

RODEO, Calif.- The Central abor Council of Contra Costa ounty, at its last meeting here, witnessed one of the liveliest sessions in months when the red scare vas raised.

Wednesday, May 6th, the Excutive Committee of the Council prought in a report that, due to the fact that the Western Worker had carried an account of the proccedings of a previous meeting, the Council should go into executive session from 7:30 p. m. to 9 could attend until the business ses-

MOTION TO REJECT When the report was read a mo-

tion was immediately made to reommendation was to move to the strike was almost unanimous. musicians' hall, which is a scab the recommendation would be taksocial order, in which man is en up point by point and voted on separately a motion was passed eries, and a new life for the work- to accept the report. A committee ing class, the artisan and the small was appointed to look for a new

When it came to the question of closing the Council to all but delegates, several of the latter immediately rose and stated their obheld. The secretary explained a report of proceedings of the previous meeting had gone to publications that they did not want to

Finally a delegate asked that the Western Worker report be read. When it was read he sat back as if he had saved the world from Communism, and expected that he recommendation would be car-

PROGRESSIVES SPEAK UP Another delegate took the floor and he could see no harm in having the article in the Western Worker. Several others voiced their opinions as to why the Council should not be closed. Finally a delegate moved an amendment to refer the matter back to the unions for consideration. He declared himself a strong believer in ment carried. A delegation from the Anti

visited the Council, asking that of Paso Robles. t throw its support to the repeal Fire Chief Brennan sought, an of the law by circulating petitions attacking the anti-war and paciin the union locals and collecting

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Because of general improvement and enlargement to eight pages, the Western Worker has been forced to increase its subscription rates to \$3 per year, \$1.60 for six months, 90 cents for three months; in city and county of San Francisco, \$3.50 per year, \$1.90 for six months, \$1 for three months.

However, amazing book premiums are being offered with a vearly subscriptions. See adverment for the bargain offers in this issue. Never before have such exceptional premiums been offered to class-conscious workers of the Pacific Coast for subscribing to their newspeper.

In order to drive forward to still greater improvements, the West ern Worker needs thousands of new readers NOW. If you have criticisms or suggestions for improvattractive to the toiling masses write them in immediately.

our circuulation by the end of the

Vote Strike On 3 Railroads in Calif. For Higher Wages

SACRAMENTO. - Members o everal railroad unions have voted overwhelmingly for a strike on three roads, unless the companies the Western Pacific, Sacramento p. m., so no one except delegates Northern, and Tidewater South ern-agree to demands for wage increases. Date for the strike has not yet been set.

Among the unions affected are the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Locomomotion gave the fact that the rec- two unions stated that the vote for anti-labor statute.

building, as his reason. When it Western Pacific is for higher 10th. tain run, while the workers on the two other roads demand the same wage and hour basis existing or the Western Pacific.

Even though the crafts are no directly involved the strike would tie the roads up completely. BOSSES ARROGANT

M. P. Reynolds, an official of jections to this move and asked ern Pacific executives have refused why closed meetings should be even to meet with the men on their request for a mountain run differential, or higher pay for the Keddie-Bieber stretch.

> Those who took part in the strike vote were the engineers and conductors on the Western Pacific motormen on the electrified Sac ramento Northern, and conductors engineers, brakemen and firemen on the Tidewater Southern.

The Western Pacific Road exends to Salt Lake City; the Sacamento Northern connects Sacramento Valley points with Oakland, and the Tidewater Southern and said the Comunist Party is a extends southward from Sacralegal political party in California mento to Hilmar, beyond Modesto.

BAPTISTS HALT JINGOIST MOVE

SAN DIEGO, May 10.- Progressive forces at the Southern California Baptist Convention here into crafts. rank and file control. The amend- the past week, stopped at least temporarily a reactionary attack on the anti-war movement by the

Mitchell introduced a resolution fist movements as "political radicalism," terming pacifism as a Mine Workers, who threatened to "subtle attack in the militant program of Communism upon Amertist Group, which took an antiwar position at its 1935 conven- of work was also won. tion. Immediately protests from the liberal and progressive dele-

gates filled the auditorium. Finally a resolution passed that he question be referred to a meeting in Los Angeles next stamping out of "bootleg mining" to deport back to Germany a ref- phone protests to the San Franmonth, with all pastors and lay- the working of small, abandoned ugee from the Nazi terror, Arthur cisco Brazilian Consulate, Douglas men invited to attend.

Repeal Anti-Labor Syndicalism Law!

"That (Fascism) won't happen if liberals and radicals combine as they are starting to combine today to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Law and to free the Sacramento pris-

"We have to get all trade unions with us. We have to get all the 800,000 who voted for Upton Sinclair. We need united efforts. If we can accomplish that, we can and will repeal the C. S. Law."

-Milen Dempster, state chairman of the Socialist Party, at State Congress for Repeal of the C. S. Act, Cacramento, April 19th.

WORKERS WILL CANVASS CITY IN C.S. DRIVE

Special Mobilization For Signatures May 23rd

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.-Driving hard to reach this city's quota of signatures on the initiative petitions for repeal of the ing our paper, for making it more Criminal Syndicalism Act, San Francisco delegates to the recent Sacramento Congress for Repeal Let's drive forward to double of the C. S. Act met here this week to set up committees in every one of nine assembly dis-

The committees will go from ouse to house in their respective ssembly districts here to collect gnatures and to carry on eduational activity.

All organizations and individuals who are willing to participate in his house-to-house drive are re- three day lockout. quested by the Conference Committee to apply for information at 68 Haight street, Room 6.

These assembly district committees will be set up and acting before the city-wide mobilization on Saturday, May 23rd, to circulate the petitions. Committees are also being set

up within the various trade unions, unemployed groups, Epic to all demands of the union. clubs, and other organizations for the purpose of speeding the edu-

The state-wide goal in the cam-The demand of the men on the paign is 240,000 signatures by June

STEEL WORKERS VOTE C.I.O. PLAN

CANONSBURG, Pa.-The Amthe Conductors, stated that West- algamated Association of Iron Steel and Tin Workers, voted i Convention on May 31 by 53 to 31, to adopt the plan of the Committee for Industrial Organization for a campaign to unionize the steel industry on an industrial basis. John L. Lewis, the C. I. O. plan includes an offer by the industrial union organization of \$500,000 to-

> ward organization of steel. The vote marked a historic step the life of the steel union, which, because of the A. F. of L. Execitive Committee's craft union policy, has been unable to grow to an organization embracing any considerable portion of the over 500,000 workers in the steel indus-

It is a slap at William Green, who a few days before had informed the convention that the Executive Council would undertake to organize the steel industry only if it were agreed that the steel workers were to be divided up

East Pa. Miners Win Criminal Syndicalism Conference red baiting Dr. Rex A. Mischell 7-Hr. Day, 5-Day Wk.

NEW YORK .- 106,000 anthracite coal miners of Eastern Pennsylvania, members of the United strike, have won a 7-hour day, 5day week, in the new agreement plete checkoff system of dues of American finance capital. These collection and limited equalization

But two bad features of the agreement are that the miners promises its cooperation in the mines by unemployed.

WORKERS BEAT FRAME-UP: ONE HELD RE-TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, May 13 .- Charges of displaying a banner brought against Jack Johnson, white worker, and Hershel Alexander, young Negro youth leader were dismissed yesterday.

At the same time, a jury disagreed in Municipal Judge Leo Aggelers' court on charges against Alexander of speaking without a * 発| 羅|

Alexander will be tried again in Division 7, municipal court, on Thursday, May 14th.

Testimony of workers at the trial clearly exposed the discriminatory practices of the police. Salvation Army meetings and meetings of the Holiness Church on Central avenue are rever molested. According to one defense witness, students being iniated into college fraterniies have even gone into the Central avenue Police Station.

Alexander and Johnson were arrested on April 6th when police smashed a peaceful anti-war meeting at 43rd street and Central ave-

Upholsterers Win Over Employers in Attempted Lockout

LOS ANGELES, May 12.- Mass picket lines of the Upholsterer's Union Local 15, which completely closed the plant of the Sterling Furniture Manufacturing Company forced the granting of the workers demands here yesterday after a

The workers were locked out Friday after successfully calling a "sitdown" strike. The workers were ousted from the plant by police, called by the bosses.

The company called for the shop committee yesterday morning after heavy picket lines had closed the plant for three days. After a short conference the company agreed

The union demands were, reinstatement of the fired worker, cational and signature-collecting in no discrimination against workers, ject it. The delegate making the tive Engineers. Officials of these this people's campaign against the and recognition of the shop com-

As a result of this quick victory the Upholsterers are very enthuthat they will be able to defeat the Valley Bedding Company, which moved here from Fresno to 'escape" the union. Workers who have been picketing at the Sterling plant will now go to the Valley Bedding Company.

Unemployed Arrange Penny-Pitchers Are Celebration June 6th

LOS ANGELES, May 9 .- The unemployed of Los Angèles County are making plans for a real As announced several times by Hall, 1359½ West 24th street. A supper and dance has been arranged for that date by the Public Works and Unemployed Union. Supper will be 25 cents, and admission 15 cents.

I.L.A. Convention Favors Return of Charter to S.U.P.

(Continued from Page 1) ons "who assisted in getting the British Columbia longshoremen in this position" (in reference to ending the boycott) was passed, putting the convention on record to use every effort to assist the B. C. longshoremen. The resolution that the District I. L. A. elect delegates to the National Negro

was non-concurred. PROGRESS OF SCALERS

Congress Continuance Committee

Delegate Brown, reporting for Ship Scalers' Local 38-100, San Francisco, told of the progress of the local. As a result of last November's contract the scale has been increased by \$1.14 a day, he said. The local has won a hiring hall and a dispatcher, paid for by the contractors.

District President Lewis took his occasion to attack the Scalers' president, Woolf, accusing him of having "cut wages." Lewis resorted to such an attack in order to defend certain persons whom the Scalers had expelled (as Brown reported), because of their disruptive actions. Brown pointed out how Woolf had tried to get the men back to work at the \$4 scale which had been negotiated, out that the contractors would not agree and the members had instructed him to try to get \$3.75 a day. Some of the contractors grant-

Stuyvelaar, proxy delegate from the Bargemen's Local 38-101, told of the hot cargo clause in their agreement ,to the effect that the employees refuse to work on any docks, or vessels where cargo has been declared unfair by a maritime labor organization.

Delegate Cottle, 38-102 Bargenen, reported that the Stockton and San Francisco locals, 90 miles apart, have made an effort to sign oint agreements with the employers, signed by both locals. He told of raises all the way from 30

to 95 per cent in wages. Delegate Clay, 38-108 (Stockton) stated that his local will favor any action on a uniform ag nent for the entire Pacific Go

HAWAII MEN GREETE. Three Hawaii delegates, one of them a Japanese worker, told of the fight the longshoremen are putting up there for decent conditions, and urged that a charter be granted the Hawaii longshoremen. They received applause. These delsiastic and have every confidence cgates worked their way to the convention.

Charles Stein, fraternal delegate from the Gulf, announced he had received a letter from the president of Local 1226, New Orleans, which stated that Ryan had issued charters to two company unions. Stein characterized Ryan as a "Iudas,"

Nabbed by Dragnet

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 13. Penny-pitchers fell within the dragnet of Police Chief Davis' antiholiday on June 6, at the Danish gambling campaign here yesterday. The "gamblers," one of whom was a 12-year-old boy, were arrested on Hollywood Boulevard.

Arresting officers said they were

'impeding sidewalk traffic.'

What? No payoff?

BRAND U: S. POSTMASTERS

(Continued from Page 1)

Protests and demands for a der were also sent to the Ameri- mitted suicide from "remorse aff Rio de Janeiro-without reply.

could be had with the postmaster, vestigation. but who never fulfilled such a

PRESTES IN DANGER Because of his sympathy for the

oppressed masses of Brazil, Barron was murdered by the fascists of that country, who are dominated signed with the operators. Com- by the most reactionary sections same fascists are now threaten ing to murder Luis Prestes, idol ized leader of the Brazilian masses and member of the executive comare barred from striking for two mittee of the Communist Inter-Ewert, former Communist dep- 3187."

uty in the Reichstag.

Brazilian police first tried to conceal their torture-murder of complete report on Barron's mur- Barron by stating that he comcan Ambassador to Brazil, and to giving away the hiding place of the American Consul-General in Prestes." This vicious lie was completely exploded by investigation. On April 17th, a committee to which included a medical report, Postmaster McCarthy was given that Barron died from torture inthe complete runaround by the flicted by the police. However, office staff, who promised to notify the police destroyed the body to the committee when an interview prevent exhuming for further in-

> "Unless a mass protest campaign is developed throughout the world, and particularly in the United States," stated Gallagher yesterday, 'Prestes will be murdered by the Brazilian fascists at the behest of Wall Street, just as was Barron, and Ewert will be deported to the Hitler butchers.

"We must send immediate pr tests to Postmasters McCarthy a Samuel and to the State Department for their role in this inyears, and the U. M. W. A. national, whom they have im- famous case, and to the Brazilian prisoned; and are also threatening Ambassador in Washington. Teles

LABOR COUNCIL

DEMANDSPROBE

Congressional Action on Shasta

County Reclamation Project

Urged by Alameda Body

OAKLAND.-After exposing the

horrible conditions under which

tunnel workers are forced to work

at the Kennett, Shasta County dam

project of the U.S. Reclamation

Department, the Alameda Central

Labor Council passed a resolution

demanding an investigation be

It was pointed out that all state

and national mining safety laws

arge percentage of the workers

are suffering from the fatal dis-

BOYLE STRIKE CONTINUES

The strike of the workers of the

Boyle Mfg. Co, in Alameda is still

this report picket lines were es-

tablished on a 24-hour shift basis

and the men are sticking together

In reporting progress toward the

repeal of the antipicketing ordi-

nance in San Leandro much cred-

it for good and intelligent work

was given to Mr. O'Neal of the

Two new unions were reported

in the process organization. The

Window Dressers' Union will send

or their charter this week. The

Also, the proposed new Fac-

an enthusiastic meeting at which

about 300 were present. They are

awaiting their charter from the

A. F. of L. These workers in-

clude those working in small

plants who do not come under the

jurisdiction of any of the craft

MEET MAY 18TH

case of silicosis.

100 per cent.

tonight.

California Labor Notes

ers' Union is cooperating with the Boyle Mig. Co. strikers by refusing to pass the picket line The strike has been endorsed by the Alameda Central Labor Coun-

MARTINEZ .- Clerks' Union Local 376 has negotiated an agree ment for union clerks at the Hagstrom store, winning pay increases and reducing the working week to 54 hours. The wage and hour the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage negotiations were conducted in

SAN FRANCISCO.—The first meeting of the newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary of the union label of the San Francisco Laouncil was held Wednesday, May 13. The object of the auxiliary is to enlist the support of wives and other women members of the families of trade unionists toward spending money on mon-made or marketed goods. have already signed up, Louis Mc-Laughlin, the auxiliary's president

says:
Thomas Rotell, secretary of the section of the Labor Council, has announced plans for a city-wide survey of where union-made goods are sold and where union labor is employed.

OAKLAND.—The Cannery Workers' Union reports that its farmers mortgages at the low organization campaign is now un- interest rate of 11/2 per cent over der way and that 3000 leaflets 47 years. printed by the Central Labor Council have been distributed. The canning season.

RODEO.-Members of Selby Local 51 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers held a dance and ern here to which 200 came, Among the guests were members of Oil nen and miners.

RICHMOND.—The Contra Costa County Labor Council aufair list"-Perry and Ambrosio Barber Shops, Andrade Apts. Stark and Cozy Barber Shops Cleaners, Rago Barber mes Baldwin Shovel Co., W. Lernard, contractors, Crown Cork and Seal.

EL CAJON.—Casey's sppointed Federated Trades Executive Board is reported trying to revive the El Cajon Agricultural Workers' Union (A. F. of L.) as against the already existing organizations of strike if all other means fail in the Union Obreros Y Campesinos. which has 900 members. Progressive elements state that instead of splitting the workers in this with the A. F. of L. There is al- laborers. ready sentiment in these unions

SAN DIEGO.-Four new memmeeting of the Machinists. Gen- ed members of the Union. eral vice president Grew gave a talk on organizing the aircraft and hoe in the cotton fields if all workers not only in San Diego, else fails," said H. L. Mitchell, exbut all over the West Coast. He told of union men being victim- "and if we can nold out for one ized in aircraft plants; one mem- week, the planters will have to ber of the San Diego local has give in or face the loss of their been out of work three weeks after being victimized for being

Gulf Sailors Form Emergency Comm.

PORT ARTHUR. Tex.-The terrorist tactics of the reactionary international officials of the the rank and file, whose char, has been revoked, has forced the Port Arthur branch of

headed by A. Thomas, militant aircraft engines \$40,000. Gulf rank and file leader. The committee is similar to the one formed by the Sailors' Union of More for Horses

gency committee.

the Pacific when its charter was The international officials re-

voked the Port Arthur charter on the ground that the branch is I file control.

Charter Restoration Committee. It for maternal and child health ser- conclusion that the Epics should can't. As a result workers are be- \$4 a week, the union states. is a result of the reign of thug vice will be \$3,000,000. The Nat- organize for independent political ing denied relief both by the state law established by Arthur Bar- ional Guard Bureau will receive action, Sinclair simply withdrew and by the county. nes, international organizer of the \$34,000,000 while the Children's from the fight and practically told I. S. U., a reactionary.

Port Arthur has been endorsed of \$230,500,000, but the Departby the Emergency Committee of ment of Labor budget is only \$24, in the status quo, none of the Epic instructed to define "unemploythe Sailors' Union of the Pacific. 319,000.

COURT DECISION ON LEWKE BILL HITS FARMERS

Frazier-Lemke Refinancing Act Would Pay Mortgages and Increase Living Costs

ST. LOUIS.—Banking interests vere given a break by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here, which ruled unconstitutional moratorium act.

The judges held that "the conclusion is inescapable that the amended moratorium act with ts provision for a 3-year stay violated the fifth amendment, because it takes from the appellant, without compensation, valuable rights in the mortgaged property and gives them to the appellee."

Translated into English, this neans that a break for the farmer in the shape of a delay on foreclosure is constructed by the 350 delegates from various unions judges as an attack on private

> WASHINGTON.-A group of farmers seated in the House gallery applauded when Representaive Lemke of North Dakota took the floor in the debate which raged on the Frazier-Lamke farm-debt efinancing bill, which would authorize issuance of three billion dollars in new money to refinance

Both Democrats and Republicans oined the Liberty League forces mee g in June, just before the its backers made a strong effort es open up for the fruit to push it through for final pas

The Communist Party supports passage of the Frazier-Lemke refinancing bill, pointing out, however, that the issuance of three entertainment at the Windmill Tav- billion in paper currency would increase living costs for both farmers and city consumers, and that Workers' Local 326, who were the bill should be amended to the specially invited by the smelter- effect that funds should be raised by taxing high incomes and corporate surpluses.

nounces the following on the "tin-Strike in Cotton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.-With he Southern Tenant Farmers' Unon has voted, 6118 to 348, for a trike in those Arkansas cotton counties most affected. The union strike committee has been authorthe situation.

The union is demanding a just way, the already existing unions hour for a 10-hour day, and 15 of the Senator Culbert Olson cliq and progressive forces in Califordegree of personal freedom in should be approached to affiliate cents an hour overtime for day

Over 200 families have been evicted in northeastern Arkansas alone. Local WPA and Resettlebers were initiated at the last ment officials refuse to help evict-

"We intend to stop every plow ecutive secretary of the Union,

U. S. EXPORTING ARMS TO CHINA

th, licenses to the extent of \$490, of perspective or program by any lifernia. 525 were issued during February International Seamen's Union, 1936 for export to China. U. S. armaments exports for January totaled \$4,217,814 about three-fourths of which went to China as follows: the I.S. U. to form an emer-fighting planes, \$2,791,000; machine guns, rifles and pistols \$125, The emergency committee is 500; grenades and bombs 86,950;

Than for Hunger

During the fiscal pear 1937, the U. S. will spend over \$3,000,000 "communistic and radical," which for forage for army horses and was a way of masking the real only \$2,500,000 for services for crip- from the struggle. Even his most of Supervisors and the Relief Com- mittee" composed of bosses and reason-the Branch's affiliation pled children, according to a pham- ardent following laughed aloud mission Monday. to the Gulf Maritime Federation, phlet published by the Labor Dept. Bureau will get \$7,714,000. Naval his followers: "Shift for your- the Citizens' Relief Committee and The rank and file movement of vessels will be replaced to the sum selves."

May Day a Great Day in New York



UNITED RANKS mean power, as witness the mighty May Day demonstration of more than 150,000 in New York. At the left is a group of marchers from the Young People's Socialist League, calling for a Farmer-Labor Party; at the right are

nurses and war veterans who led the parade. In the center paraders dressed in Ku Klux Klan regalia follow a man in tar and feather, dramatizing the Tampa flog-murder

EPICS NOVING TOWARD FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Democrat Vote Seen As Anti-Liberty League Protest

By Wm. Schneiderman.

The May 10th Conference called by the California End Poverty League was faced with campaign will end with a big mass in fiercely attacking the bill as the task of deciding the fate of the Epic movement, after the decisive defeat of the Epic slate in the presidential primaries. This defeat was mainly due to the fact that the Epic leaders offered no policy to convince the voters that Upton Sinclair was a more loyal supporter of Roosevelt violation of the election laws in has worked closely with other than McAdoo.

In the absence of a Farmer-La- gram; their opposition to the un-C bor party, the people of California ited from showed how isolated vote for the Roosevelt slate; it was the Epic membership. not so much a vote for Roosevelt, The only other proposal offered ic voters did not see any difference ing faith ir Roosevelt and the Demforces; Sinclair helped to strengerror and evictions continuing, then that illusion, and as a result

was defeated by his own policy. NO SURRENDER

The futility of attempting to "capture" the Farley-McAdoo Democratic party machine became so May 10th conference had only two live program and

accepted the second alternative. delegates who came to the May of the Epic leaders.

SINCLAIR DISAPPOINTS

The speech of Upton Sinclair was a typical example. The delegates eagerly waited for what their forner idol had to say. But his speech reflected only bitter disillusionment and pessimism, and disgust at the factional irtrigues among the leadership of the End Poverty League, especially at the concerted at-

no leadership to offer and retired sent their definition to the Board by vigilantes. A "citizens com when he insisted that Roosevel! At present nearly 500 cases are

Outside of opposing any change visors, Pilling and Thompson were leaders were united on any pro- ables."

had no other alternative but to they were from the sentiments of Camps to

as it was an expression of opposi- was by Al Sessions, member of the tion to the American Liberty Lea- Board of Directors of the End Pogue and the Hearst-Merriam-Hoover verty League and editor of the Gontrol of Lahor Republican Party. The Democrat- Kern County Labor Journal, to form a progressive party after the between the Sinclair and the Mc- August primaries. The trade un-

was the Farmer-Labor party.

ized to call a general plantation clear and self-evident as a result unanimous support for its program and member of his family. of the May 5th primaries, that the because it was the only construc- The growers have taken this alternatives: either to surrender perspective offered. It proposed a camps for migratory agricultural willingly the 100,000 Epic voters united front in the coming state labor set up by the federal gov and fair contract for sharecroppers to the Democratic capitalist poli- and Congressional elections, cut- ernment, which plans 8 more such and tenant farmers, 10 cents an ticians and job-seeking demagogues ting across party lines, of all labor camps. At least there will be some ue who want to capitalize on their nia; it called for cooperation with the government camps. reputation as "liberals" and "pro- the Farmer-Labor Party movements gressives"; or to support the un- throughout the country, and supited front against reaction, and port for the building of a Farmerprepare for independent political Labor party in Californoa when action and a Farmer-Labor party sufficient support and mass basis in California. It overwhelmingly has developed in the trade unions, farmers' organizations, and other

offer was confusion, defeatism and mature steps are taken for indesabotaged the calling of the con- would split the Epic and left-pro- dates. ference, and continued to sabotage gressive forces. But the decisions The alarm of the anti-working arms and war materials, issued by ference was but a reflection of united front against reaction and tacking Clyde. the U. S. State Dept. on March 15 the political confusion and lack build a Farmer-Labor party in Cal-

(A second article will deal with the role and tasks of the Communist party in the coming elec-

Ask Definition of "Unemployables"

LOS ANGELES, May 7.- Who are the so-called "unemployables?" tempt of the Olson group to cap- of county charities, and Roy Pil- work of provocateurs. ture the Epic movement and hand ling, Los Angeles County Relief t over to the Democratic machine. Administration Director, will and in the reign of terror, and Mat-

At a meeting yesterday between members of the Board of Super

Tighten Feudalist

MODESTO.- Growers organ-Adoo tickets, both of them preach- ionists at the conference opposed ized by Roy Pike, manager of Communist Party and a mass reit because they were for a Labor the four million dollar El Soyo gistration of Communist voters. peratic party. They still had the party; the Epic delegates opposed Ranch, are planning a migratory illusion that Roosevelt is fighting it because they realized it would labor camp of their own which reaction, that by voting for him split their ranks and leave them will tend to turn the agricultural tionary drive against the toiling ment to raise additional funds. they can defeat the pro-fascist a prey to demagogic politicians. towns and villages into closed masses, but will also be a mighty The delegates defeated this pro- towns in which the employers will wedge to force the release of mynesal because they realized that strengthen their feudal sway. Such self and my eight comrades, who when the break with the Democrat- towns would resemble the steel ic party would come, the only road and mining towns of Pennsylvania and Ohio, noted for the aboslute infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act held in the Auditorium Theater The left-wing and progressive control, political and otherwise, for the "crime" of organizing agbloc in the conference won almost over the lives of every worker

Good Chance for Progressive Win At Portland Poll

PORTLAND, Ore .- The Muni The Epic, trade union, and other progressive movements in the state. cipal Progressive Political Club' This did not commit the Epics three candidates:-Clyde for May 10 conference were looking for a to immediately break with the or and Williams and Anderson program around which the labor Democratic party, either in the for city councilmen, are expected and progressive forces could unite. state and Congressional primaries to receive the nomination in the But the Epic leaders had no pro- in August, or the November elec- city's May 15 elections. Liberals. gram to offer them. All they could tions, and will insure that no pre- progressives, trade unionists. Townsendites, Socialists and Commundemoralization; most of them had pendent political action which ists are supporting these candi-

every step of the conference itself. of the May 10th conference are a class elements is seen in the daily According to the official list of The chaotic disorganization which step forward which can become a editorials in the Oregon Journal licenses for the exportation of featured the conduct of the con- powerful influence to further the and the Morning Oregonian, at-

Sharp Terror Rages Against Tenn. Strike

ROCKWOOD, Tenn.-A four week's reign of terror against the strikers of the Rockwood Hosiery cil that the A. F. of L. do not Mills was capped with a frame- join the International Federation up plot in the arrest of strike of Trade Unions. Postponement leaders Jim Hinds and Jim Pol- of the Pan American Federation son, on charges of having dyna- of Labor conference was announcmited the town's water-main. The ed, on the grounds that "the time Rex Thompson, superintendent dynamiting is undoubtedly the

Forty-five strikers were arrested French People's Front and the United front in Spain, as reasons But when it came to drawing any swer this question, at least to thew Lynch, young Hosiery Workodlitical conclusions, Sinclair had their own satisfaction, and pre- ers' Union organizer, was flogged T. U. He slandered the democratically controlled Soviet trade by the I. L. G. W. U's vice-pres superintendents is conducting the Italian and German fascist bossterrorism. The workers struck controlled unions, in announcing the socialist movement, stating and its determination to maintain of the Natl Council for Prevention would go to the left after the elec- being disputed. The county has early in April, when the mill went of War. The amount spent for RO- tions. After such a reception, ra- taken the stand that they can on a 10-hour schedule with no ions was also a reason for not committee is primarily a TC will be \$4,008,900—that spent ther than accept the inevitable work while the State says they wage increase. Wages average

The Council ordered Green to ed in a recognition of the rights REPEAL THE CRIMINAL make "inquiries" as to the setting of the working class. SYNDICALISM ACT! 240,000 up of a Food Department, similar SIGNATURES BY JUNE 10TH! to the Metal Trades Department. The Western Worker Circula-

For unemployment, old-age and social insurance-for the Frazier- tion Drive is now on. 2000 new tical party and through their own

'REGISTER RED COMRADE TODD **URGES VOTERS**

Imprisoned Leader Issues Call For Action in Defense of Civil Liberties in California

By Louise Todd

The most reactionary sections of the financial and industrial czars of California are preparing new attacks on the workers, farmers, and poverty stricken middle-class, which are steadily increasing as the election campaigns progress For the toilers of California, there can be but one answer of defiance to these would-be fascists:

Register Communist! A mass registration on the Communist ticket will force these reactionaries to think twice before launching attacks against the wage scales, relief budgets, the constitutional rights of the toiling mas- by May 15.

As former organizer of the Los Party, I urge every worker, every farmer, every middle-class person, of affiliation has been the endorsewho has enough American red ment of the Mackey boycott by blood in his veins to resert attacks on his constitutional rights, and who dares to fight against starvation, relief-slashing, union-smashing, and vigilanteism, to register now in the Party that belongs to him, the Communist Party.

I am imprisoned now in Tehachapi Women's Prison on a sentence connection with putting the Communist Party on the ballot. This A. F. of L. technical violation is made constantly by other political parties, but only members of the Communist Party have ever been penalized for it. Such technicalities will be used in the future to railroad to prison all militant workers who dare oppose the ruling class, unless we build the unity of the working class. A pre-condition for building working class unity is a strong

A mass Communist registration will not orly challenge the reacare now serving long terms in Tehachapi and in San Quentin under the

Register Communist" must bethe oppressed in California

basis, would also be accepted.

In view of the reiteration by the

Executive Council last week that

any organization of steel would

have to be on a craft union basis.

it is not believed that the C. I.

O.'s \$500,000 will be forthcoming.

The Executive Council, at its

ter to 50,000 office workers, now

WILL NOT JOIN INTER-

NATIONAL BODY

It was also decided by the Coun-

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oining the I. F. T. U.

readers by June.

n federal locals.

is not ripe."

AFL Top Council Hits 50,000 Office

sessions, refused a national char- tunity of seeing a fine Soviet film,

Fascism Lurking In Guiana Jungle

Our hero and his pals were ruggling through the French Guinana jungle, escaping from Devil's Island. Suddenly we saw a giant python coiled around a tree limb over the path. As the fugitive ducked under the limb, the movie au-

dience gasped. Suddenly came a cry from the audience:

"Look out for Hitler!" And throughout this proletarian San Francisco movie house, laughter echoed and re-echoed.

Ship Telegraphers are being violated and already a Vote to Join AFL

NEW YORK CITY.-Affiliation of the American Radio Telegraphists' Association with the A in progress. It was learned upon good authority that this firm has F. of L., through a merger with the Commercial Telegraphers' Un- been attempting, turough the inion, is expected to be completed dustrial association, to hire scabs in Stockton. With the receipt of

Affiliation and merger was voted three to one in the recent refer-Angeles section of the Communist endum among the A. R. T. A. members. An obstacle in the way the C. T. U. international officials, but this is expected to be straightened out.

On May 4 national officials of local Public Works and Unemthe A. R. T. A. and Frank Powployed Union, and Mr. Phillips ers, president of the C. T. U. conof the EPIC group. It is expected ferred on final negotiations. that the offensive ordinance will be repealed by the city fathers. On the West Coast the A. R.

T. A. is affiliated with the Mariof 1 to 14 years, for a technical time Federation of the Pacific, and maritime unions affiliated with the

Beauty Shop Operators held their Alameda Rail way first meeting and it is expected that they, will apply for a charter first meeting and it is expected within the next two or three **Labor Aids Mooney** tory Workers Federal Union held

OAKLAND .- A Mooney Defense Committee has been organized here consisting of all of the Railroad Brotherhoods. It was announced that they have raised over \$1000 toward the defense and that in the near future they are giving a monster entertain-

GULFILA WILL The Mooney Defense Committee of the Central Labor Council has announced that all plans are ready for the great mass meeting to be Friday evening, May 15.

REGISTER COMMUNIST TO WORKING CLASS!

PRIVATE LIFE OF

A SOVIET PICTURE

Residents of Alameda and the

East Bay will have the oppor-

"Private Life of Peter Vinogra-

Sunday (May 15-16-17) at the Stu-

die Theater, Lincoln and Bay sts.

Alameda. Showings are at 7 and

9 p. m., with matinees at 2 p. m.

Hochman Answers

NEW YORK. The statement

of President David Dubinsky, o

the International Ladies Garment

Workers, who resigned from the

Socialist Party to support Presi-

dent Roosevelt, were answered

Hockman reaffirmed his faith in

for the workers only in the adop-

er only through their own poli-

workingclass program."

ident Julius Hochman.

Peter Vinogradov

Reactionary Attempt to Smash Maritime Federation Seen

time Federation of the Gulf will be the main issue at the convention of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District of the I. L. A. to be held beginning May 18. Workers, and French People's Front

Up to the present, the district officials, President M. J. Dwyer, Secretary Albert E. Anderson, WASHINGTON-Following the second quarterly sesand Vice President D. H. Hamilton, who bosses Local 851 of Galsion of the A. F. of L. Executive Council, William Green wired veston. Tex., has threatened mem-Mike F. Tighe, president of the Amalgamated Association of bers of that local with expulsion Iron, Steel and Tin Workers that the Committee for Industrial for attending Federation meetings. The threat has not yet been car-Organization's offer of \$500,000 toward a steel industry orga-

nizing drive would be accepted—but he did not state that the, The progressives state that they are not forcing the issue of the conditions that go with it-organization of steel on an industrial Federation, knowing that in the South such a movement moves more slowly. They say that the eactionaries are the ones who will try to make it an issue, in an attempt to crush the Federation while it is yet young.

Food Union Head In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO. - Edward dov," next Friday, Saturday and Flore, general president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, with a membership of 80,000, is in San Francisco for a week's stay. He Saturday and Sunday. Admission will be the main speaker Thursday night, May 14, at Eagles Hall, at a joint meeting of the five local unions affiliated with the local joint executive board of the Dubinsky, ILG Head culinary crafts.

California has 48 locals affiliated with the International, the largest number of any state.

Red Flag Ordinance "Held in Abeyance"

TACOMA, Wash .- Despite the city council's dictum that no Red Flag be exhibited, or even possessed by Tocamans, these emblems that lack of freedom in these un- that "we insist that there is hope of the working class were proudly carried at the head of Tacoma's tion and fulfillment of a broad, May Day parade. No attempt was basic constructive program groundmade to prevent the workers taking their rights, because of previous mass meets and protests at "We are firm in the conviction city council sessions against the that the workers can achieve pow-

The city council has been compelled to make a statement that the ordinance is held in abeyance. Founded 1932 - Published every Tuesday and Friday



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ARTICLES

An Object Lesson for Labor And Farmers Both

In the past week both organized workers and farmers in the state of California have had an excellent opportunity to see in whose benefit those elected to office on the old party tickets operate. This time their honors, the judges, have furnished the object lesson.

Under the "New Deal," that old army game, the runaround, has prevailed. Finesounding speeches by President Roosevelt would make large sections of organized labor feel good; labor laws that apparently seemed swell would be sponsored by the president; Labor Boards would be set up and make decisions that seemed beautiful, especially after a lot of build-up by high A. F. of L. of-"ficials. And then-

And then when an important case regard-"Ing the rights of organized labor came up, wither the buck would be passed from one federal department to another, or the courts stepped in and scotched the whole shebang as far as labor was concerned. A procedure which the President knew full well would

And so it happens that hearings on charges of unfair labor practices against the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. yards in San Francisco, brought by the Industrial Union of Shipbuilding Workers, are halted by an injunction suit in the District of Columbia courts. Companies like Bethlehem Steel know they don't have to worry when they have courts, consisting of Republican and Democratic judges, to turn to.

And now for the lesson to be learned by the farmers, from a U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision which may have been handed down in St. Louis, but which is of great importance for poor and middle farmers in California.

After a long period of militiant struggle by farmers throughout the country to halt evictions, Congress was forced to pass the Frazier-Lemke mortgage moratorium act, which granted a three-year stay in indebtedness on farm mortgages. Such a bill did not exactly please the big bankers who own most of the mortgages. Therefore, the Court of Appeals (on which both Democrats and Republicans sit), rules the act unconstitutional because it is "an attack on private property"-in this case the rights of the bankers to the property of the farmers.

If only labors' and the farmers' own men sat on the bench!

It can be done, if the farmers and organized labor unite on such issues as the above. to build local and state Farmer-Labor Parties, and push forward to a national Farmer-Labor Party. Even though still-remaining widespread illusion in Roosevelt may still make a presidential Farmer-Labor ticket unfeasible in 1936, labor can and must elect its own local officials, congressmen and Senators, and members of the judiciary this year.

Labor Will Repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Law

"Repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act." Recognizing correctly that this infamous statute is a menace to the broad masses of California, and particularly to the organized labor movement, five Central Labor Councils of the San Francisco Bay area have mjoined the initiative petition campaign to repeal this law.

Last Friday night the San Francisco Central Labor Council joined the central trade union bodies of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and Solano counties to form a mighty barrier against reaction, along with the scores of other people's organizations.

Embracing approximately 240 organizations at the present time and growing rapidly, the State Conference for Repeal of the C. S Act is increasingly assuming the proportions of a genuine people's front against reaction in California. Repeal of the C. S. Act is a vital step in the direction of a truly powerful united front in the political field, toward the *building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

"With enthusiasm and determination, the State Conference, representing 500,000 membership in affiliated organizations, must press forward to the immidiate goal:

FACTS AND FIGURES

FOOD CONSUMPTION IN THE UNITED STATES

A recent study of national food consumption undertaken by the U. S. Department of Agriculture revealed that, even in times of so-called prosperity, the people of the United States were getting each year nearly 100 billion pounds of foodstuffs less than their real needs. Amounts of each staple food that would be required if each family in the United States had an adequate yearly diet were estimated, and these figures were then compared with the pounds of food actually produced in 1929, the peak year of Hoover's "prosperity." It was found that there was a lack or deficiency of about 13 billion quarts of milk (the nation consuming only half as much milk as the Department of Agri culture considers necessary for proper diet), one and one-third billion pounds of tomatoes and citrous fruits, more than 12 billion pounds of fruits and green vegetables, two billion pounds of meat, and more than 15 billion

Despite the chronic undernourishment of the American people indicated by these figures, production of foodstuffs has undergone a considerable decline since 1929. According to the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the value of all food products produced in the United States decreased from \$11,606,368,000 in 1929 to \$6,604 036,000 in 1933-a decline of 43 per cent. Consumption of food (as indicated in the Department of Commerce figures of total retail food turnover) declined from \$10,837,421 in 1929 to \$6,793,010 in 1933-a decline of 38 per cent.

At the same time we find that in 1934 average retail food prices increased 11 per cent compared to 1933; and 11.2 per cent in 1935 as compared with 1934.

COST OF LIVING CONTIN-UES UPWARD

Here are some facts on the cost of living:

Cost of living generally, measured by indexes of conservative National Industrial Conference Board, was nearly 19 per cent higher at beginning than in April,

Retail food prices are now about Il per cent above April 1933.

ing, textile and home furnishing ers. items) were (on January 2, 1936) over 27 per cent above April, 1933 low.

Rents, according to most con servative estimates, are over 17 per cent above low point in January, 1933.

And the price trend upward is expected to continue.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL RUN CANDIDATES IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS - REG-ISTER COMMUNIST NOW!

Unpaid-For Merchandise of the Last World War



Farmers near Coucyle-Chateau in France are still digging unexploded shells out of their fields, which were the No-Man's Land of the World War. Sales of these munitions brought millions to Wall Street financiers, despite the fact that war debts remain largely unpaid. The

prospect of new profits to be made in the wars now impending, brings joy to Wall Street. But it is an awakened working class they must deal with this time. And they will find a powerful People's Front Against War blocking their path.

John Leech, Party Organizer, Sees Greater Unity

By John Leech, Los Angeles Section Organizer

(Concluded From Last Issue) still exists in our Party to a only is the new recruit who comes to a unit meeting for the first time "on trial" but that our Party is also "on trial" in the eyes of the new recruit. These new Comrades coming to us with the landover of all their capitalist inspired confusion, present a real challenge to us and only improve-Department store prices(Fair- the Party and be educated and personal preferences for Party tasks of our Party. child composite of various cloth- trained into working class lead- work.

many times we have lost good learn from such discussion. comrades because members of his family opposed our Party or because the comrade devoted too many evenings a week to Party work. These problems are vital ones to our section and must be

A SOLUTION

of dropping out of the Party be- the unit contacts him. In many cause his wife objected to his cases units have failed entirely spending three or four nights a to bring the new member into

What Communists in L.A. Have To Do

have personal problems that must the movement, Result: the wife a lasting responsibility towards of the main reasons for this terbe solved. Comrades must be made is now a Party member and is them. to feel that the Party belongs to more active than the husband, them. We must realize that not all because several comrades saw

lems must be met. tee must make personal acquainopinions of how the Party func- proceed on the basis that the ments in our method of work will tions, their suggestions for im- stabilization of our dues apparadetermine if they are to stay in proving the life of the units, their tus is one of the major political

Even comrades of long standing We must make it a point to can learn how to improve our become acquainted with the new work from these new forces, and ferent, problem, and if we take comrade's family and friends. Too in turn the new comrades can the matter of fluctuation mech-

LAXNESS

Organizational laxness is another reason why we lose so many new comrades. Of all reasons for fluctuation, this is the most inexcusable. Sometimes as nuch as a month elapses between the time a new member signs One comrade was on the point up for the Party, and the time

week on Party work. The wife a unit. Better system in our work workers and among the Negro felt that she was being neglected, can easily result in no applicant people. It speaks poorly for our and because of this became vio- waiting more than two weeks for Part of the sectarianism that lently opposed to the Party. How- his Party-book and assignment to Negroes who have been members ever, several developed Comrades a unit. Also, "natural recruits" in our section at one time or andangerous extent is the failure became friendly with the wife, must follow up by helping to to recognize that new recruits gradually drawing her closer to train their recruits and assuming them are still in the Party. One

> Although our recruiting in Los Angeles is far from satisfactory, correctly that such personal probe this is not the weakest spot organizationally. We are intoler-Sub-section organizers and buro ably weak in the maintenance of members into our dues payments, tance with all new members. Meet- as the figures given at the beings should be called of all mem- ginning of this article prove. We bers to discuss with them their can correct this only when we

NEW PROBLEMS

anically we will find he solution. The units must discuss each new member individually, taking his personal problems into account and plan the best means of actvising him and retaining him in the Party. If the new comrade nakes mistakes he must not be mechanically "bawled out" and accused of serious error. On the contrary, the older comrades must explain the mistakes and develon his understanding of the probems involved.

In the past we have had soialist competition to gain new ecruits. In view of our failure assimilate these recruits into active dues paying members we hould in the future base our ocialist competition on the inrease of dues payment-by units by sub-sections and in our secion. No longer must our slogan only be "how many can we recruit"-but rather, "how many can we keep?" How many can we nake active unit attending dues paving members who can be trained in turn to become real Party

MUST BE KEPT

We can not overestimate the nportance of retaining these new nembers, these vital workers from the shops, the trade unions and the other mass organizations. Experience in our section shows that nuch of our best recruiting is done by these new members, who draw around them their friends, relatives and fellow workers. These new members will be one of our best means of penetrating deeply nto the concentration industries to set up more and more shop units in those key factories.

This does not mean that we nust not increase the recruiting empo of our older Party members. And for this purpose we nust definitely put into practice the slogan, "every Party member welfare of the Zionist bourgeoise a member of a mass organization." and the British imperialists. These We must improve on a concenare his natural allies. The Com- tration basis our work in the trade as a means of going forward to

work to consider that of all the other, but about 20 per cent of rific fluctuation rate among Negro comrades, is the unconscious chaucomrades, the use of certain expressions without conscious thought, which alienate the Negro members and our section commit- dues payments, in absorbing new people. Chauvinism, whether it be conscious or unconscious, must

be uprooted from the member-

Discussion

Article Shows

Section Weaknesses

ship of our Party. Serious underestimation exists here toward the 300,000 Mexican people residing in Southern California. We must take steps at once to combat the lack of attention given this important work and develop strong cadres of Mexcan comrades to carry on this work. Our Party must come vigstruggles waged in the interest of the Mexican workers - the struggles waged in the interest of the Mexican workers- the struggles against discrimination on relief, against evictions and deportations. Starting at once,

the Mexican people for their rights. Our Party undoubtedly has Negro and Mexican people in Los Angeles, than among other sections of the population. Our task is to crystalize this sympathetic feeling for our Party into organizational gains.

Fluctuation presents many probems, but persistent work in this direction will solve many of these difficulties. Downtown sub - section has had comparatively little fluctuation over the past six months, and has assimilated recruits into dues payments to a fair degree. Hollywood Sub-section, has likewise done fairly well in stopping fluctuation. Our Boyle Heights Sub-section, or the other hand, has recruited a total of 57 new members n the last year while their dues payments remained stagnent at 195 over a 10-month period, indicating that not enough attention has been given to new mem-

Sharp improvements in the assimilation of new members, in the raising of our membership by dues payments, will enable the Los Angeles Section to take long strides forward in the building of the United Front against reaction, and in the building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

This improvement must be nade without further delay! In the name of the Los Angeles Section Committee, I issue a challenge to the San Francisco Section to a Socialist competition in mass recruiting, to be judged on the basis of increased dues payment between now and June 1st,

stop fluctuation in our district. We must also concentrate on and toward 100 per cent assimilarecruiting among the Mexican tion of new recruits

How Workers' Schools Offer a Guide to Future Events

The San Francisco Workers' School, Room 3, 121 Haight street, offers a wide variety of courses in Marxism-Leninism, current events, trade union problems-economics, history, etc.

Just exactly what can you accomplish by attending the school?

You can gain a scientific knowledge of the social forces operating in the world whi will enable you to evaluate the past, understand the present, and look into the future. You will learn no card tricks, but you will learn what to expect when Roosevelt devaluates the dollar or announces the government must and shall get out of this business of relief.

Communists are not mystic seers gazing in a crystal globe and chanting predictions on a basis of mumbo jumbo. In fact, Communists sheer away from wild predictions, proclaiming only trends and the probable developments of current affairs.

And yet, the present world situation, viewed in the light of the Communist press of the past, would indicate a foresight that must seem uncanny to the capitalist authori-

Capitalist papers of today are opening acknowledging an alliance of fascist powers for a war against the Soviet Union. Only a few years ago, these same papers ridiculed the Communist belief that such a war more ace would develop.

Capitalist papers today are forced to reognize the economic misery into which the Nazis have plunged Germany. A year ago they claimed that Communist criticism of the economic basis of fascism was mere guesswork and prejudice.

Communist papers realized that the world depression was coming and discussed it le before 1929.

To the capitalist papers and most of their readers, this was sheer fanaticism. They saw no indication that such a grim day would

Collapse of the NRA and the stupendous war preparation policies of the Roosevelt government were regarded os foregone conclusions by Communists the day the president stepped into office. The same has been true right down the line through all the intricate convulsions of the collapse of capitalism.

One of the serious handicaps of the Communist press has been the fact that its forecasts have usually been so far in advance of the events that the public itself has doubted them as heresies.

The question is, if Communists are not mystic seers or efficient guessers, why have their forecasts been born out with such uncanny accuracy?

The truth is that Communist resaoning is based on practical Marxist-Leninist theory. They understand economics as a definite science with clear laws of operation governing it. They do not view it as a little understood phenomena, as do the capitalist authorities.

Communists trace world affairs directly to their sources in the economic and class composition of the nations. They do not regard such matters as a hodge-podge of chanemotion and mystery, as the capitalists do.

Perhaps the broadest forecast that Communists make, and the one most aggravating to the capitalists, is the complete degeneration of the capitalist system, its overthrow by the populations of all countries and the substitution of an orderly, sane, socialized society. This forecast also is not based upon any wild desire, but upon the soberest, most calculating scientific analysis.

Today, in our pages, we raise the terrible spectre of a new world war and point out that the United States cannot hope to keep her skirts clear of it. We point to milit organization of the people as the only mean of preventing this war.

We urge skeptical readers to obtain Marxist-Leninist books and attend Marxist classes. It is necessary that you understand exactly on what premises we base our conclusions.

Yellow Journalist Concerned Over Palestine Bourgeoisie

United States has emerged as a defender of Zionism. His spokesman is Isaac Don Levine, long noted as an enemy of the working class and particularly of the Soviet Union where that class holds

Followers of Zionism would do well to ponder the question why Hearst has chosen this moment

to defend their cause. The Hearst-Levine concoctions are particularly timely in that on May 7 the Jewish colonists of Biro-Bidjan celebrated the second anniversary of their autonomy as part of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Hearst is an enemy of immigrants. Through his flunkey, Isaac Don Levine, he denounces the Communist Party of Palestine because that Party demands that immigration into Palestine should not be controlled by Zionism and should not have as its aim "the conquest of the land" and the "conquest of the jobs."

FRIEND OF HITLER

Hearst pretends to be a friend of the Jews. But it is well known

William Randolph Hearst, fas- in this country. And all the world and the Zionist bourgeoisie which the Jews in Germany.

> n Palestine stir up "racial hatred." Yet, the latest appeal of the Communist Party of Palestine (April) join the Arab youth in common believe the Communist Party i

> As a matter of fact, the Comnunist Party is out to help the Jewish common people in their struggle against the Zionist leadwship which is in league with Eighty per cent of the land pur British imperialism. The Commun-Party seeks to unite the Arapian and Jewish masses in comnon struggle against British ex-

DIVIDE AND RULE It is the British ruling class

and its American ally, Hearst, Jews. This is nothing more than the age-old policy of "Divide and

Hearst even quotes a representative of the Palestine Communist Party, who, speaking at the recent World Congress of the Comintern, declared:

"The Arab masses feel a sharp that he is Hitler's chief supporter hatred for the Arab capitalists is his natural enemy.

cism's chief ringmaster in the knows the bloody persecutions has assumed the role of a gen-Hitler has turned loose against darme in the service of the im perialist oppressors. The struggle Hearst says the Communists against the Zionist bourgeoisie is understandable to the oppressed strata of the Arab people.'

Hearst, and Isaac Don Levine called upon the Jewish youth to would have the Jewish people taking the side of the Arabians against all Jews in Palestine. ARABS SUFFER

The Zionist bourgeoise seeks to dismiss all Arabs in its employee. chased by the Zionist organization in Palestine belongs to realty andlords. But Arab tenants were

the sufferers." In America Hearst is-secretly if not openly-anti-Semetic. I seems a bit strange he and his lackey should suddenly become that seeks to pit Arabians against pro-Jewish as far as Palestine is concerned.

> No, Hearst is not interested in the welfare of the Jewish masses. But he is vitally interested in the munist Party which seeks unity unions. in a struggle against imperialism,

driven off this land and they are

Reactionaries Still a Danger in Mexico; Fight Not Over

CARDENAS LIBERAL BUT NOT LEFT-WING: GOVERNMENT IS BENGPISHED, NOT LEADING

FASCIST FORCES STILL STRONG AND PLOTTING TROUBLE

Since the expulsion of the former dictator Plutarco Calles and his fellow conspirators, there has been a noticeable change the social and political atmosphere of Mexico. The tension, occasioned by the presence in the country of the four reactionary

Mexican Workers

Might Take Over

Railroad System

MEXICO! CITY, May 12. -

President Cardenas has stated

that he may hand the national

railways over to a workers' ad-

ninistration unless some agree-

ment can be reached to avert the

strike which is scheduled for May

by Juan Gutierrez, secretary-gen-

eral of the Railway Workers' Syn-

The proposed strike is for wage

ncreases which the present dir-

ectors of the railway claim they

Gutierrez reports that in an

nterview with Cardenas he was

assured the government would

exert no force against the strik-

crisis to seek a radical solution

which might well be that the

terprise, provided they respect

In several other enterprises,

notably the government printing

plants, administration has been

great improvement in efficiency,

Calles reaction was able to sab-

labor unification, toward distribu-

President Cardenas has not yet

dissolved the fascist "Gold Shirts."

He still permits to remain among

his government officials such as the

fascist General Saturnino Cedillo,

and the reactionary Gonzales, chief

of the Mexico City police. A few

into an attack upon a demonstra-

tack of such ferocity that a by-

and slugged by the police, re-

marked: "It looks as if Calles were

NOT A COMMUNIST

May 17th Chinese

will begin at 8 p. m.

OAKLAND, Calif., May 15 .- Work-

Dr. Franklin Bissell

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

532 - 15th Street, Oakland

Templebar 6244 Ashberry 9325 are expected to yield hundreds of

back in power again."

the obligations it now has."

wages and conditions.

forces.

cannot meet

Bombings and other terroristic acts of which Calles and his cronies were the instigators have ceased. With the expulsion of Morones, reactionary leader of the CROM, (Mexicar Labor Federation), the move for complete unification of all Mexican workers has been ac-

leaders has lifted to a certain degree.

The CROM in certain parts of the country is dissolving, in others is showing an increasing tendency toward a united front with the Mexican Confederation of Workers. In Mazatland the workers of the CROM recently dissolved their organization and entered in mass into the Confederation.

CARDENAS POPULAR

President Cardenas won tremendous popularity through his action

expelling the four traitors. But in the midst of this rejoicing over the exodus of Calles and this ers and that he (Cardenas) "had almost universal wave of enthuslastic approval for Cardenas' action | considered awaiting the arrival of in having ordered the expulsions, certain facts must not be lost sight workers would take over the enof—fatcts which are thoroughly appreciated by the progressive leaders of Mexican labor and which should be made known to American work-

In the first place, the expulsion of Calles, Morones, Ortega and Leon turned over to the workers with does not mean that the reactionary forces which threaten the present progressive government of Mexico have been defeated. The hydra-Through its wealthy supporters, the monster of reaction is many-head-

lles politicians, the wealthy tent the progress toward complete holics, the big landowners, the industrialists, bankers, fascists, tion of land to the peasants, and welded by the conspiratorial genius toward socialist education. Many of Calles into an organized force peasant leaders, communists, teachwhich is a constant menace to the ers and organizers of the govern-Cardenas government.

ow traitors will make use of the wealth stolen by them from the Mexican people to carry on a vicious campaign against Cardenas in an effort to encourage military intervention in Mexico by the United States. They will be helped by Hearst and Chandler (both of whom have large interests in Mexico) and by American bankers and industrialists whose profits have been hit by the recent successful strikes of Mexican workers, and who fear more important strikes in the future. Reactionaries both of the United States and of Mexico will do everything possible to overthrow the progressive Cardenas government and to restore the old regime into unions of their own choosing was ruthlessly suppressed.

is that President Cardenas is a nationalist, a democrat—rot a left- performing a great service for the ed by the Emperor without particiwing leader. A close study of the Mexican people. situation reveals the fact that Cardenas moves to the left only as fast working class of Mexico will know or disrupt the government body by as the Mexican working class, from how to transform the Revolution withholding their candidates for the whom he draws his strength, is from a nationalist to a proletarian reason that only a general may capable of pushing him. As an in-revolution. Not Cardenas but the become a minister of war and only dividual he has shown liberal workers of Mexico; under their own an admiral, minister of the navy.

should have expelled Calles from Socialist Society. the country eight months ago. Instead he permitted the chief enemy of the government and of the Mexican people to remain in the country-a dangerous and typically liberal policy.

FASCIST GROWTH

What was the result? Calles was able to build up a strong seditious movement against the government.

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Mexican Communist Leader



Hernan Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, speaking at the Mexican People's Front Congress in Mexico City, February 27, 1936.

New Japanese Cabinet Re-Organizes National Economy on Fascist Basis

IMPERIALIST REGIME INSTALLED FOLLOWING ASSASSINATIONS

The Tokyo ASAHI of March 17th, 1936 states that the Hirota Cabinet [the government appointed by the Emperor There remain in Mexico the otage and obstruct to a certain ex- to replace the one elected by the people, which was wiped out cision adopted by the committee hanced expence." in blood by the recent military assassinations] plans to nationalize the electric power industry as part of the policy of state con- experts, studying the question of trol of key industries.

The formation of a press commission attached to the Cabinet and Japan and Germany acting as the Government's sole ment cultural missions have been killed since the beginning of this spokesman was approved by the While in exile, Calles and his felwe traiters will make use of the

year by bands of religious fanatics, Cabinet on March 24. The plan proincited and armed by the Calles vides for the amalgamation of all sections including the Ministries of War, Navy and Foreign Affairs,

with strict supervision of all news. The approval by the Japanese Emperor of Mr. Hirota's cabinet does not reflect in the slightest the recent elections in Japan. The maweeks ago Gonzales threw his men jority party receives no advantage of the minority, and Labor is comtion of striking bus drivers—an at- pletely ignored.

MILITARY AUTHORITY

stander, seeing workers clubbed Japanese laws completely exempts the Army and Navy from control by or subjection to the Parliament and the Government. The Ministers of War and the Navy Declarations of Calles to the con- and the heads of the general staff of Calles, under which the work- trary, President Cardenas is very of the Army and Navy have the ers' right to strike and to organize far from being a communist. He right to report directly to the leads in the direction of a demo- Emperor over the head of the cratic, nationalistic revolution, not Prime Minister. Questions of war The second fact to bear in mind a proletarian revolution. But in and peace under the Japanese conspite of vacillations Cardenas is stitution are independently decidpation of Parliament. The heads of When the proper time comes, the the Army and Navy can influence endencies and, at times, lamentable leaders, will one day tear down The Army and Navy do not coneakness and vacillation. He Mexican capitalism and build a sider themselves bound to any agreements the government may sign with any other countries.

THE BUDGET Night in Oakland

Predictions that the Japanese governmental budget for 1937-38 New Magazine on would exceed 2,300,000,000 Yen were ers of all nationalities will particifreely made in Tokyo March 21. pate in Chinese Night here on Sunday, May 17th at Carpenters' Hall. Financial observers agree that A dinner of Chinese food, Chinese be presented to the extraordinary entertainment and dancing to union music are on the program which session of the Dict convening May 1st would not exceed 2,278,000,000 The affair is under the auspices of the Chinese Anti-Imperialist Ala new Chinese language paper pub- are expected to amount to more lished in the interests of Chinese all Chinese against Japanese Im- a supplementary budget of 225,-000,000 Yen in addition to the 90,-

Aid Each Other in

A German-Japanese concern fo the manufacture of titan-white, used extensively in the manufacture of war supplies, is being founded oil sanction on the part of the formal embargo upon the export of are concerned, but throws a decided Company of Japan and the German will have any decisive meaning, They have attempted to influence of the condition in which all counin July or August. The I. G. is in- United States, which alone can They have attempted to mobilize by interested. Certain conclusions, and 100,000 Yen in cash; the Ko- tities of oil. kusan Industry, 900,000 Yen, Negotiations are going on between the tive newspapers, under the leadconnection with German process the failure of the passage of this iron manufacturing industry.

through the formation of a new company with a capitalization of 10,000,000 penges (pengo: 30c).. These reserves are said to be capable of supplying Germany's total requirements for a long period.

A contract, estimated to b e valued at £750,000 has been entered into between the Yugoslav Government and the German firm of Krupp for the re-equipment and modernization of the iron works at Zenitza. This process makes possible not only the manufacture of railroad material there, but also "all iron products needed by the Yugoslav army."

Chinese Struggle

SHANGHAI, China, May 9 .- A while appropriations which will new source of intimate information relating to the activities of the Chinese working class has been made available to British and Am-Yen, increases were held to be erican readers with the publication inevitable next year with the an- in Sharghai of an english language liance and is being held for the nounced policies regarding de- journal, The Voice of China. This benefit of the Chinese Wanguard, fenses. Naval and military expenses new semi-monthly magazine, issued by an American publisher, can be than one half the 1937-38 budget. subscribed to by American readtoilers in America and the unity of The Ministry of War will ask for ers for \$2 per year. It is profusely illustrated and most of the articles are written by Chinese or trans 000.000 Yen provided as a basis in lated from Chinese sources. Adthe 1935-36 budget. Taxation on dress: The Eastern Publishing Co., piece goods, sugar, patent medi- 749 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, cines, death duties, matches, toilet China. articles and other consumers' goods

> Unity to smash the open-shop drive against organized labor!

America's Neutrality Stand Student Tortured Viewed by the Soviet Union

GIVING WAR THE BIRDIE

AIDED ITALIANS IN ETHIOPIA CONQUEST

By Lapinskl. (An editorial translated from the

Soviet newspaper Prayda, March

In August of last year the United States Congress passed a temporary law or neutrality. The effectiveness of this law expired at the end of February of this year And, in the beginning of January, in agreement with the president. a new law was presented in both the House and the Senate. This law was to have solidly defined the position of the United States in the event of war between other countries This law broadened the foundations of American neutrality, covering prohibition of commerce with warring countries, even in such decisive, important products as oil, cotton, iron, steel, etc. This prohibition was once and for all to secure the United States from the danger of being drawn into military conflicts not directly concern-

As might have been expected, this law had brought about the fiercest debates, and finally it became necessary to abolish it. Both Houses have already adopted a decision to prolong the effectiveness of the present temporary law to May, experts of the League of Nations in dent will continue the use of these 1937. Only minor corrections were its report comes to the conclusion moral measures of persuasion. added to this law. One of these that "even if the application of corrections, for instance, prohibits oil sanctions without the support mercial short term credits. An- even the refusal of the countries-American continents.

ISSUE SIDE-STEPPED

of the American Congress, the League of Nations' committee of the possibilities of applying oil rary American law on neutrality, have, for instance, shown a lack lished a long expected report. This prohibit the export of oil, cotton, report states that Italy posseses much lesser reserves of oil than it administrative forces of the Unit- culiar inner political Preparing for War was previously supposed to have.

On the other hand, the primary meaning of the report is that no kind of "moral" even though not the situation as far as these events between the Kokusan Industry members of the League of Nations I. G. Company, operations to begin unless they are joined in by the the exportation by "persuasion." tries of the world are tremendousvesting 500,000 Yen in patent rights supply Italy with sufficient quar-

The majority of British conservation of the application of oil sanc- Seas. Deposits of Bauxite (a war sup- tions against Italy. There is no supply to Italy all that it needs.

ALIBI PROVIDED

These arguments of the old opponents of sanctions, headed by plan of Hoare-Laval, now undoubtforce. Of course these arguments And now after the latest decisions edly acquire new and significant cannot be acknowledged as fully of Congress it is still a moot quesfounded. Even the committee of tion whether the American Presi-

urate the Emergency Peace Campaign.

Sec.-Treas. Frank Morrison of the American Feder-

ation of Labor (right) sending a peace message to George

Landsbury, British Pacifist, via carrier pigeon, Hundreds

of such pigeons were sent out from Washington to inaug-

to Italy contigent upon much great-

"MORAL" PRESSURE

Besides that, the former tempo-

Export Bank (a government in

stitution) and the Securities Com-

mittee have declared time and again

the part of American public opin-

PROFITS IN VIEW But the significance of the failthe arrangement of loans to the of the United States would not have ure of the passage of the new law warring sides except ordinary com- any decisive meaning, nevertheless, goes far beyond the boundaries of the Italy-Abyssinian conflict. Not other correction provides that this members of the League of Nations only that, but the trend of the delaw does not cover any of the to supply Italy any special trans- bates on this law show very con- not consider the situation hopeless countries on the American conti- portation facilities, tankers, and clusively that both Houses have for the utilization of any possible nents, in the event of their conflict other shipping bottoms, and the been guided by broader considerwith some country outside the prohibition of the sale of such ships ations, evidently counting upon the They evidently also fully expect to any countries exporting oil to possibility and threat of much Italy, would make the supply of oil greater military conflicts.

The fierce debates develop around

Almost simultaneous with the de- er difficulties and greatly en- this law in both Houses, as well as in the press and many civic organizations, had appeared to the observers to have a very vague and often ridiculous character. They sanctions against Italy, has pub- even though it did not specifically of understanding of the opposing political camps. Mixed right in with copper, etc., nevertheless gave the the debates, there were many peed States certain, even though lim-propagandist considera-These reserves at best could last ited, possibilities of action and in- tions clearly linked with the rapidfluence in this sphere. American ly advancing pre-election campaign. authorities even last year placed a All of which not only complicates oil above the peace-time norm. shadow upon a clear understanding public opinion. The Import and nevertheless, may already be drawn.

The failure of the passage of this Showa Steel Company of Japan ership of the Morning Post, al- that they will not extend any credit law may be considered the result and the German Krupp Works in ready draw the conclusion that with privileges on exports to Italy. The of a peculiar "collaboration" beinsurance companies have sharply tween two opposing groups. On patents for steel manufacturing law in the Washington Congress, raised their insurance rates upon, one side, the clearly defined Na- they would confine their commerce which will revolutionize Japan's there can no longer be any ques- cargo destined for Mediterranean tionalists (followers of complete to those who would be strongest isolation of the United States) like upon the sea. Morgan and Company Of course, these measures could Senator Borah and especially the ply material) in Hungary are being sense, they say, risking new com- have only a partial effect and could California Senator Hiram Johnson, controlled by German interests plications with Italy if the United not have served as a hindrance to and; on the other side, the so- lationists and nationalists under-States will be able to continue to the substantial increase in the ex- called "Internationalists," among stand under the slogan of "freedom port of oil to Italy. Formerly the them the "international bankers," of the seas" the theoretically abso-United States supplied only a little who would like to take advantage lute right of commerce, namely, the over 6 per cent of the Italian oil of any war situation and who fully right of commerce with both warneeds. Only serious resistance on understand the unreality of any ring sides. consideration of complete isolation the originators of the infamous ion could have increased the ef- of the United States from the rest fectiveness of such legal measures. of the world.

The first, namely, the extreme 'isolationists," are influenced by both agree upon one thing, under their nationalism in their insist- no conditions do they want to preence upon the so-called "freedom vent in advance freedom of action of the seas," namely, the right of the Congress or the President. commerce with any of the warring But as an unavoidable minimum sides. "Nobody can dictate to us or concession to the pacifistically inforce us to give up our sovereign clined masses, they have agreed rights.'

WALL STREET

The others, namely, the representatives of the international banks and greatest export industries. pursue much more concrete measures and look upon the situation a great deal more realistically. These circles have rot forgotten the tremendous profits which they made out of the World War. Of course, they understand that in this respect the situation is a great deal worse today. They know that the European countries no longer have the billions of reserves in American securities, which, in case of war, they could dispose of in the United States in exchange for war supplies.

Besides, not only have the Eurpean countries since then become ndebted to America, but they have even refused to pay their debts. It would also be more difficult now, after all the trials and tribulations

To Death in China

COMRADES VOW VENGEANCE

PEIPING, China, Mar. 30.-One of the students, Guo-Tzin, recently arrested by police during an anti-Japanese demonstration, died, in the local jail as a result of tortures. When the body of the deceased was delivered to police headquarters, 40 students, comrades of Guo-Tzin, appeared as a committee, demanding to be shown the body. They found the entire body covered with unmistakable signs of tortures. All of the students, seeing this tortured body of their comrade, took an oath right on the spot to avenge his death.

The newspapers state that all over Peiping there is a powerful movement of protest against torturing of students participating in anti-Japanese movements. A series of meetings took place in all the universities. All the university buildings are occupied by heavy police guards.

The press reports that the police raided all of the book stores. Among those confiscated by the police are such books as "King Coal," by Upton Sinclair.

Professor Shan-Chung of Peiping University, recently arrested by police, was released today on bail. Hundreds of active participants in the anti-Japanese movement are still in prisons.

-Pravda, March 30.

of this economic crisis, to mobilize American capital for the financing of European war purchases.

NO MIDDLE GROUND

All this undoubtedly has its significance. Nevertheless, the leaders of finance capital evidently do war condition for potential profits. that in the event of some important war, the essential interests of American capitalism may force it to actively support one of the warring sides against the other, And finally, they fully appreciate the value of slogans.

The slogan of "freedom of the eas" may, in a given situation, make it easy to inflame the nationalist passions of the masses While in reality this slogan will serve to cover what is not at all "freedom of the seas." In fact, such freedom could not exist in any world war. America could have commercial intercourse only with the side which would rule the seas, namely, with the Entente countries. And, in fact, in the Senate munition investigation, Lamont, Morgan's partner, coolly declared that American capitalists, in the event of such wars, would be fully satisfied with the right of commerce "for their own risk."

Undoubtedly Morgan and Company quite definitely figure that such "risk" would be very small if want the very realistic right of commerce, while the extreme iso-

However, both of these groups, namely, the isolationists and interrationalists are striving for the right of commerce, and therefore, upon the meaningless prohibition of guns and murition to both warring sides—this nonetity in place of the strict regulation of all other most important questions concerning the regulation of the export of any and all other decisive articles of war supplies. Thus the position of the United States as a whole in relation to the possible world war, still remains one of vagueness-a

At the decisive moment the Congress and the President will be able to decide in accordance with conditions of that moment.

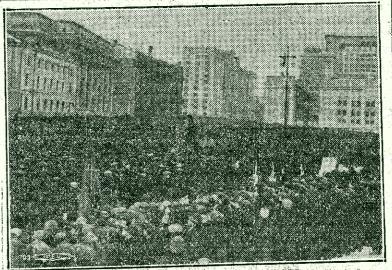
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HONORING A FALLEN LEADER



Thousands of workers, led by members of the Soviet Union's Communist Party, marched to the Kremlin walls in Moscow at funeral ceremonies for Fritz Heckert. Heckert, a member of the Comintern's executive committee, died in the U.S.S.R., April 7th.

WPA Opens Statewide Drive To Force Jobless into Agricultural Slavery

MUST WORK FOR 52 PER DAY OR LOSE WPA JOB IS GOV'T DICTUM

LODI, Calif., May 14.—Advertisements thrown on many lawns here ask for 1500 cherry pickers for this section.

At present hundreds of workers in this locality are unable

The season opened last week. Warn those on relief to be on their guard.

peas this season is 22 cents. The crop, because of heavy rains, is worker can pick about one hamper in 45 minutes. Because the

make enough to buy gasoline to get to and from the fields.

long as two hours to pick one

Regular migratory workers passed up Alameda County entirely. Right across the line in Contra Costa County they are paid 32 cents per hamper and there was no difficulty in getting labor without calling upon the WPA.

NO ANSWER

A committee of about 20 from the Hayward local of the Public Works and Unemployed Union called at the local WPA office Tuesday and after a short conference with Mr. Burr was told to return the next day for an answer. Wednesday the men returned and were told nothing could be done.

One WPA investigator reported that "there is a noticeable lack of child labor in the fields this year because WPA workers are refusing to take their children out of school to work.

During this conference it was brought out that orders have been he will be fired off WPA.

On Friday the committee returned with additional evidence ceived some meager aid from the of no more jobs available and the state. All are mothers and have WPA finally was forced to rein- from one to six dependents. The state the workers.

future the committee went to ance. San Francisco Saturday and a Private jobs, which they were worth who is the right hand man paid as to be worthless from a WPA head. Two demands were presented: 1-That hereafter no worker be

fired off WPA and ordered into the agricultural fields unless he is guaranteed the same hourly rate of pay that he received on WPA which is minimum of 46 cents per hour. 2.—That he be guaranteed no

less than six hours every day that he is dependent upon this work for his livelihood

"STARTLED"

or Filipino worker.

Wadsworth was startled at the

IF YOU ARE

___A maritime worker, an agricultural worker, a trade

unionist, an unemployed or WPA worker, a housewife,

office worker, intellectual, Negro worker, Mexican worker,

AND IF YOU ARE—

ny of capitalism, as our revolutionary ancestors overthrew

the tyranny of English imperialist domination, and of the

necessity of organized struggles toward the emancipation

JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY NOW!

*Convinced of the necessity of overthrowing the tyran-

demand for what he termed "un-OAKLAND, May 13.— On May reasonably high" wages. He was 4 100 WBA workers were fired told that "We feel that as the and told to get jobs in the pea government has set a rate of fields. No investigation was ever \$2.75 for a six-nour day on work made to determine whether these relief you can not consistently men could make a living in the expect these men to go, out into private industry at a less rate fields or as to the number of Why should they accept less pay Price per hamper for picking simply for the dubious privilege of making profit for the bosses?"

Wadsworth was asked whether 50 per cent of normal. An expert this \$2 per day ruling applied only to agricultural work. He stated it did not and that if a man were crop is thin it often takes as offered a job paying \$2 per day or more he would be forced to take it regardless of what kind of In many cases workers cannot work it was or how many hours were required each day to earn that amount.

WOMEN IN FIGHT

SACRAMENTO, May 11.-Twelve women, who last week carried their WPA grievances to Governor Frank F. Merriam, will continue the fight to win reinstatement on the sewing project from which they had been fired through discrimination.

There is a possibility a union may be organized to include sewing project workers. Meanwhile the group is asking support from the A. F. of L. and protest from the public at large, addressed to Merriam and to relief officials. ALL MOTHERS

Unable to receive adjustment at

the office of Gene Kenyon, WPA issued from the state WPA of- director here, the 12 last week fice that if a man refuses a job forced the governor to listen. He at \$2 per day, regardless of the sidestepped the issue by requesting number of nours he must work, they put their grievances in letter form and promised an "investiga-

They were fired from WPA they said, because they had restate aid which they received was To forestall such action in the so small as to be of little assist-

asked to take were also so lov Frank Y. McLaughlin, state standpoint of earning a living.

Western Worker Needs Auto Gifts

Two automobiles are wanted for use in the Western Worker circulation drive, and in securing better coverage of news.

Can any sympathizer donate a cheap car, or sell one cheaply for small weekly payments? Please comunicate as soon as possible with the Western Worker business office, at 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

FORD'S FRIEND



Hard-faced Superintendent of Police John Smith of Detroit is looking for a strike. He carries the latest weapon to be used against unemployed workers or strikers. It's a new sub-machine gun, capable of shooting self-exploding tear gas shells several hundred feet.

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WHY PAPER COSTS MORE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Editor, Western Worker: As we saw in your paper that mit was handed to them with the after May 1st we will have to old deck. pay \$1.60 for six months, and be- I wish you every success. but be able to receive the paper for days and Fridays. six months or more, because my

We should like to know why the paper costs more in San Fran cisco than it does in the other parts of the United States?

previous six months are not up

We have another subscriber for our paper. You will find the money and address in this letter. Respectfully yours,

Mrs. C. B.

ANSWER: Subscription rates for San Francisco are higher because postage for newspapers is higher for those subscriptions delivered by mail in the city and county where the paper is print-

Before the Western Worker beame an eight-page paper it was possible to carry this higher rate without charging S. F. subscribers anything additional. But the increased costs of the eight-page paper are so great all along the line, that the rate simply had to be raised.

> "UNBIASED" NEWS PAPERS

San Francisco, Calif. April 27, 1936 Editor Western Worker; Quite a few people in San Fran

cisco who are union conscious. still think that the Chronicle is much less of an enemy of the vorking class than the Examiner. For that reason I suggest that the Western Worker issue a leaflet or pamphlet containing examples of recent treachery in the editorials, news stories and so the maritime unions.

also is true of the News. Enclosed are two recent examples of scabherding by the Chronicle via the want-ad section-one for and one from the Industrial As- San Mateo. sociation calling for carpenters, plasterers, plumbers etc.

Fraternally Yours

TOO MANY PAPERS TOO LITTLE INCOME

Taos; New Mex. Editors, Western Worker:

I am already a library for workers' literature, but it always takes more money to afford more. I subscribe, and read, and give, Station Workers Out Daily Worker, New Masses, Fight, MINNEAPOLIS .- A strike of New Theatre, Soviet Russia To- 4000 workers in bulk and service day, Moscow News, Pacific Week- stations in this city and St. Paul ly. And since I have had Dr. has tied up distribution of gas-Ingvoldstad lecture here on Russia oline and lubricating oils. Oil combefore our forum, which was very pany executives have tried to good, and had them stay in my make the workers accept the status home. Mrs. Ingvoldstad presented of "small businessmen"-working me with a year's subscription to as many as 70 hours a week for Proceeds from advance sale of tickets ONLY for American Friends Ameringer's American Guardian, commissions on sales. to show me that others besides! The service station workers de-Communists were doing something mand stipulated hours and wages.

It is not to avoid helping more, but being only an artist, I must admit that my income today looks like the New Deal promised to the workers, which you must ad-

ing unemployed we cannot af- I must tell you that I'm lost when ford to pay that much; but we the Daily Worker, including the also can not afford to have your Sunday Worker, does not arrive paper discontinued. We are send- punctually, and that means daily. ing you \$1.00 so you will get it So you see that I could not exbefore May 1st. This way we will change a full week for only Tues-Fraternally,

A CORRESPONDENT

Pasadena, Calif. May 10, 1936 Editor Western Worker: I have been delinquent in send-

ing reports but now you shall have nany for our eight-page paper. I am in the field here practically alone but I can't wait for help. With the men and women I know, our first objective is the

Farmer-Labor Party.

Comradely yours

MAY DAY GREETINGS TO THE C. S. PRISONERS

To my dear friends, Pat, Martin, Jack and Al, Caroline, Nora and Lorene: To us you will always Be the same Comrades good and true. Oftimes we think And speak of you, Who gave your freedom That others might see The way to liberty.

Together the workers must stand All over this fair land; And in united front we will fight For everything that is true and Until the workers of the world

MIKE KEARNEY.

San Mateo Jobless Win Prevailing Pay On County Projects

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., May forth in the Chronicle in its un- 11.-The Public Works and Un-County recently won its demand mines and swamps of the state. that the prevailing wage be paid What is true of the Chronicle on all projects sponsored by the

The demand was first made be-

ning the point despite the vicious U. S. Marshall Supervisor High was absent.

Supervisors Witt, Poole and Francis voted for the prevailing wage while Beer voted against it. Several citizens, not members of the PWUU spoke in favor of the proposition.

4000 Twin Cities Gas

Labor Council Aids Bay Cannery Union MAP ORGANIZING

OAKLAND, May 11.-With the financial and moral backing of the Alameda Central Labor Council the Cannery Workers' Union is opening a gigantic organizational

CAMPAIGN

drive here. The union, with federal American Federation of Labor charter No. 20099 was organized first last fall. During the winter months members have built and strengthened the organization.

At the peak of the season approximately 15,000 workers are employed in the canning industry n Alameda County. With the exception of the workers in the fields, the cannery group are paid lowest wages in the state. At the same time hours of work run from one or two to 12 or 14, according to now the fruit comes in. This applies to women as well as to

HARD WORK, NO PAY Speed-up is terrific. Most of the women are employed on a piecework basis and pay per piece (or box) is so small they must work at top speed the whole day in order to earn their small wage. Last year the cannery owners

gross profit of \$80,000,000. Yet the excuse given for the low wage level is that the industry cannot afford a higher. The California canning industry

s the largest of its kind in the world and its products are shipped to all parts of the globe. With the prestige that has been built up for California products the cannery owners easily could pay a much

FLA. KLAN, COPS,

business groups, acting together of socialism." with the Ku Klux Klan and the police, are willing to put any mili-

pa cops on trial in Bartow's court priced foods. house for the kidnaping of E. J. Poulnot, Modern Democrat leader, last November. Direct evidence statements between the lines and out-of-court gossip have left little doubt that members of the Tampa police department aided the bosses in removing labor leaders whom they deemed troublesome.

terror in the state is indicated by points throughout the nation as a a quotation from an unnamed fruit warning to old-line politicians try grower reported by Junius Wood in ing to push fake "economy proa copyrighted article by North grams" at the expense of the needy American Newspaper Alliance, published in The New York Times. "Citrus growing is a \$100,000,000

industry in Florida and, as it cannot afford to pay higher wages, labor organizers must be discouraged," the grower is quoted as say- prepared to discuss the relief crisis ing. 'It would be undignified for members of the organization to do it, and outsiders are used," he continued, explaining that he himself had helped send a dozen such "disturbers" to death in the aban- a day-and-night occupation of the derhanded efforts to confuse the employed Union of San Mateo doned and water-filled phosphate intake hall at the central relief

the kidnaping of Poulnot had ident- a month and that bankers be refore the board of supervisors on ified all the defendants, showed moved from the relief committee. April 13 and later was endorsed police collusion in the beating and recruits to the National Guard by the Central Labor Council of flogging of the trio and the death of Joseph Shoemaker, indicated The committee appeared before that a city employe acted as a won the right to relief in their the board and succeeded in win- stool pigeon in the Modern Democrat organization and that the raid promise of clothing and minimum opposition of County Engineer on the Modern Democrat meeting rents. Cripples seeking relief jobs search warrant had been issued.

keeping war out of the world!

LABOR NEWS-A LA HEARST

40,000 Auto Workers Quit Labor Federation; Green's Appointee Out as President

Auto Workers' Allegiance to A. F. of L. Pledged; Union Made Inderendent Affiliate

Delegates to the convention of the United Automobile Workers of America, meeting at South Bend, Ind., gaped in amazement when shown copies of the Hearst-owned Chicago Herald-Examiner. The headline at the top was changed the following day to have just the opposite meaning. But the auto workers already had voted to boycott Hearst.

Canadian Unemployed Losing Faith In Gov't Pledges of Near Prosperity

OTTAWA, Canada.— (FP) — The Canadian unemthe Canners' Association made ployed hoped for a New Deal when the liberal Mackenzie King government succeeded the conservative Bennett government. But the new work relief program will employ even fewer men than that of the Bennett government, and reduction of relief doles is being discussed. Government spokesmen tell the

obless that prosperity is just 6 around the corner because of the reciprocity treaty with the United States, but retail sales are sevhigher wage and still reap a hand- eral per cent less than a year ago. The financé minister has raised the sales tax from 6 per cent to 8 per cent. From another quarter—Prof

N. Mc L. Rogers, minister of abor-comes the computation that it would cost \$400,000,000 a year to provide work for Canada's unemployed. He adds: "We can't af-BARTOW, Fla - (FP) - Wealthy ford that without adopting, with citrus fruit growers and Florida all its implications, the philosophy Rogers sees in the increased ex-

port of wheat the solution of Catant labor organizer on the spot. nadian unemployment. However, That is the main theme of the the consumption of wheat (a lowtestimony produced by the prose- cost food) is now at a peak in noncution as it drew close to the end Russian Europe. Given more purof its three-weeks' presentation of chasing power, people would conevidence against seven former Tam- sume less wheat and more higher-

HUNGRY MEN ON THE MARCH FOR

NEW YORK .- (FP)-The march of hungry men, struggling for the What Is Communism? By Earl Further evidence of the reign of right to live, resounded at various unemployed. At Harrisburg, hundreds of hun-

ger marchers, converging on the state capital, found the doors of the House and Senate locked and Mats.: Wed. and Sat., 2:15 - Evenings at 7 and 9 adorred with signs reading: "Closed for repairs as the legislature unemployed delegates won the right to quarters in the state build-At St. Louis, 100 members of the

American Workers' Union started station. They are demanding that Meanwhile testimony at the trial the board of aldermen appropriate of the seven policemen indicted for bond funds at the rate of \$500,000 About 14,000 persons were recently At Detroit, single unemployed

own homes, and families gained a Nov. 30 was illegal because no camped on WPA Administrator Hopkins' door step at Washington and finally gained the right to a Keep America out of war by conference.

Leigh, Western Worker salesman, and his two children, Bernie, 7, and Violet Mae, 9, were picked up by local police while Leigh was selling the May Day edition of the Western Worker near the Roxie Theatre. At the police station Leigh was

ARREST FAILS

TO HALT

AGENT

EVERETT, Wash. - Clarence

informed someone had complained he was "causing a disturbance" by shouting the headline, "War is racket, says General Butler." Leigh protested vigorously and

was released, with his children and his papers and promptly returned to the job selling his papers. Several Everett workers, learning of his arrest, came by to ask how he a mass meeting May 4 at Woodwas, "I had a good crowd and sold bine Hall here. Paul Richie, state my papers pretty fast," said Leigh.

RIGHT TO EXIST BUILD UNITY OF THE the Washington Unemployed WORKING CLASS!

> Browder; the Vanguard Press, New York, 1936. 254 pages;

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WPA Fires Fifteen From Pasadena Job REFUSED RELIEF FOR 30 DAYS

PASADENA, Cal.-Fifteen men, eported to the relief department seeking aid and were told to look for private industry employment and to come back in 30 days if they ound nothing.

They were refused relief. The 15 were dismissed under

he guise of being "physically unfit" but most of them and been good workers. The doctor gave them only a haphazard examination and while he was doing so the head boss whispered to him that he would "like 15 more men." They had delivered excellent

work on PWA, SERA and WPA and some were really first class men, physically fit and not of the so-called "unemployable" group.

ANTI-UNION PLANS

They were fired regardless of the fact that the project already was short of workers.

The firing was part of a plan, nost workers believe, to smash the Public Works and Unemployed Union here and to keep it from organizing the workers on the WPA jobs.

The remaining men on this particular project are ready to unite and form a union to guard against Relief and WPA officials are

planning to use the command from Washington to dismiss 700,000 WPA workers as a wedge in their attempts to smash the unemployed

Unemployed Union Fights San Diego Relief "Deporting"

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—The Unemployed Workers Protective Union fighting to protect Albert Herrera whom the relief authorities here are attempting to "ship" to Los Angeles. Herrera was born here and has

lived here all his life, with the exception of one year in Los Angeles. His wife and child also live here. The authorities claim that Los

Angeles is his legal- residence because he gave his mother's temporary address when he joined the Navy in 1927. The nemployed Union held

inal Syndicalism Law and the need for lits repeal. Other speakers in-REGISTER COMMUNIST TO cluded Frank Rood, a member of March last month, and Earl du Freyne, French writer.

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224 South Spring Street, Room 409, Los Angeles, Calif. I want more information about the Communist Party.

Seeing

By Michael Quin

I. Free Love.

Whenever anyone tells you they don't approve of Communism because Communists believe in "free love," the shortest answer to give them is that we certainly don't believe in paid love.

The Hearst press and numerous other spokesmen who have million dollar reasons for not wanting to see the country socialized, have popularized the insane notion that the people of Soviet Russia play musical chairs with their marital s. In spite of the fantastic impossibility of such a nightmare, they have managed to convince a surprising number of people.

A couple of years ago when Upton Sinclair was running for governor on the EPIC platform, the capitalist papers published cartoons of ganizations is the most clever and the same year in Fresro, in which him with a sparkling bomb in one hand and a book labeled "Free Love" in the other. Sinclair, growing militancy of unemployed cial, and political problems con of course, is no Communist and this merely illustrates how little integrity there is to the slanders of the "Americanism Program" of of these problems and I trust w circulated about Communist immorality.

Let us examine the actual facts of what Communists believe and advocate regarding the rela- most frankly fascist programs protions between the sexes.

In the first place, Communists believe in marriage. Lenin was married. Stalin was married. equalled in their reactionary char-Marx was married. Engels was married. Litvinov is married. Troyanovsky is married. Our own Earl Browder is married.

No sane person believes that a man or woman be passed under the terms of which squelch the new militancy of the should be irrevocably bound to an incompatable tionary activities, should be in they realize that they must have mate. Therefore, Communists believe in divorce. carcerated, and continually held in every weapon which they can com-About the only difference between divorce in the advocate that a law shall be passed for methods and have adopted in Soviet Union and divorce in America is that in "to punish any individual, whether a more subtle way one of Der the Soviet Union neither party has to pay toll to alien or native citize; who helps to Feurher's most effective methods a shyster lawyer to arrange the separation. Fur-finance syndicalist activities, or in of regimentation. a shyster lawyer to arrange the separation. The most obvious danger of the thermore, the woman cannot hold the man up and assistance to those engaged in fingerprint campaign is the use for alimony unless there are children involved. plans to overthrow our govern- of fingerprints to blacklist union

In the United States, if a man deserts his wife ment." While not specifically stat- men and women for organizational and there are children, it is usually just tough ing such, it is evident by many or strike activity, and to blacklist luck for the children. The wife can hail him passages that the authors of these all those who participate ir political into court, if she has the money to fight the case. proposals consider the leading of activity which is not to the liking If the man hasn't any money, there isn't any-act. thing she can do.

tribute his share to the support of the chil-Strike is the record of the Ameriwithout any expensive legal red tape. If the breaker through the recruiting of of the dissenting voters. Such a man is unemployed, the state has to pay him scales and the organization of vigi-method could make possible an unemployment insurance out of which he can pay lante terrorists. These two organi- American duplication of the 99 his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then zations representing the most re- 44-100 per cent majority of the eral restaurant owners who have the state has to supply the mother with money financing the ballyhoo with which his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then actionary employer groups are now financing the ballyhoo with which his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then actionary employer groups are now financing the ballyhoo with which his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then actionary employer groups are now financing the ballyhoo with which his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then actionary employer groups are now financing the ballyhoo with which his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then actionary employer groups are now financing the ballyhoo with which his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then actionary employer groups are now financing the ballyhoo with which his alimony. to look after the children. Every means is taken they are herding the population of Berkeley, admitted some years that relief workers never received. to see that no child suffers from the frivolity into the line-ups before the finger- ago in the columns of the San

legally married, then the mother has no claim threat of dismissal. Through the practical joke in which his own whatsover on the father.

of its parents or for any other cause.

In the Soviet Union, there is no such thing American Legion they have sudden- scene of a crime. His only assuras an illegal child. A child is a child and that's ly taken an interest in lost chilthat. The man is equally bound to contribute to its support. As far as the state is concerned, it is the same as if he were married.

In the United States there are hectic public controversies on whether or not birth control printing. At the present time there Wehde and Beffel. (Copy in Berke-mocracy. Fingerprinting is a wholly should be established and charges of immorality is a bill before the New York State ley city library mysteriously dis- unwarranted invasion of the perare leveled at all nations which practice it, in- Legislature which proposes that all cluding the Soviet Union. At the same time, workers arrested for picketing or framed by the dozen should the ject, I am convinced, is not the practically everyone in the country is exercizing strike printed. birth control in one manner or another. For example, you yourself practice it.

Furthermore, they practice it with a different reason. In America literally millions of people are terrified by the thought of having children. Either they do not have the money or the re-ment of citizenship as registering is That leading liberals are aware of sultant responsibility will prevent them from con- a requirement to vote," and ex- the danger of this move towards horse in America. Fingerprints and tinuing their careers.

In the Soviet Union, the medical care required tration for the right of suffrage." Dr. Charles A. Beard. Dr. Counts, vigilante terrorism with which the square and turned to on the beer is supplied by the state. If the mother is working, she gets two months' vacation with pay before the birth and two months after. Day nurseries

e provided to take the main burden off the mother so that she can continue her work or studies. If she would rather stay home and look after the child all day, that is her business. She can take her choice. Education is assured by the state. When the child grows up and goes to school, he gets his own salary, just like any other member of society.

In the Soviet Union, everyone can afford to get married. More than this, every woman has her own income and does not have to marry to get a "meal ticket."

It is plain from this that the relations between sexes in the Soviet Union are exactly as they would have to be in a sensible society. If you refer the madhouse of prostitution, child hunr, venereal diseases, sex starvation, fear of pregnancy, unwanted babies, sex crimes, fan dancers and peeping Toms, which comprises capitalist human relations, then you've got what you want.

But if you want a decent, sensible society, you can get it by joining the Communist Party and working to achieve it.

FASCISM AT OUR FINGER TIPS

Universal Fingerprinting Means **Blacklist, Police Passports,** And Anti-Labor Frameups

By Ron Hilyer

Under the guise of crime prevention and the protection of amnesia victims the United States Chamber of Commerce and premiere engagement Friday, May the American Legion are commencing a nation-wide drive to 22nd. put the entire population under complete and constant police

AGAINST LEFT-WINGERS

The present "voluntary" finger- merce spokesmen urged universal printing drive initiated in California fingenprinting as a method to elimand the Bay Region in particular is admittedly but a prelude to an of industrial workers. A repreattempt to legislate compulsory sentative of the United States Junfingerprinting and a system of uni- ior Chamber, Robert Foulke, made versal police passports. This lat- an appeal at Columbus, Ohio, in est maneuver of these anti-labor or- June, 1935 and again in October of subtle device that has as yet been he declared, "We have here a so developed in their drive against the lution to many of the economic, soand working class groups.

fronting the nation. The opportu-Universal fingerprinting is a part nity is ours to assist in the solution the U.S. Junior Chamber of Com- will rot fail in exerting every efmerce. Their "Americanism Com- fort toward their solution. This we mittee" has published one of the can do by universal registration and fingerprinting." posed in the United States. It advocates a dozen or more planks for state and federal legislation un-

Listed as one of the proposals is to replace labor unions with the the suggestion "that a law should U. S. Department of Labor. To an individual convicted of revolu- unemployed and organized labor

Still fresh in the memory of the fingerprint to destroy the secret In the Soviet Union, the man is required to participants in the 1934 Maritime ballot. A post election check of can Legion as number one strike- the political group in power a list print stations. It is these same em-Chamber of Commerce and the prints had been planted at the aurants. dren and the victims of amnesia.

FINGERPRINT STRIKERS

There exist many incidents which the campaign for universal finger-

The Berkeley Gazette in a recent editorial exposed the fact that compulsory fingerprinting is the goal when it said that Berkeley "is leading in the movement to make fin- meda County have each passed committed no offense is ar indecent gerprinting as essential a requirepressed the conviction that "finger- fascism is reflected in the state- photographs on universal passports printing should accompany regis- ments of Dr. George S. Counts and can lay the basis for a police and

Soviet Union Navy Appearing in Film

International Theater, 730 South Grand ave., Los Angeles, today announced the booking of "We Are From Kronstadt," the new Russian film which will open its Western

produced in Soviet Russia, "We a perfect example of Soviet filmcraftsmanship at its very best, surinate 'agitators" from the ranks passing even "Chapayev" and Three Women" ir, the magnitude

ities of its dramatic story. Not since the memorable temkin" has there been a Soviet film with a naval background that ompares to this newest production which utilizes the combined fleets of Soviet warcraft from the Baltic and Black Seas.

Bldg. Council Hits Industrial Assn.

Beyond a doubt it is the object SAN FRANCISCO .- The San of the United States Chamber of Francisco Building Trades Council has challenged the right of employed organizations, to smash the Industrial Association here to set up a new "impartial wage ers' wage scales. James E. Rick etts, business representative of the Wednesday night that "28 buildng trades unions already have collective bargaining agreements with employers, and the so-called impartial wage board will mean

A resolution not to deal with any such group as the Industrial Association's board was adopted.

SAYS GRAFT IN RELIEF MEALS

LOS ANGELES, May 7.- The but just as vicious is the use of

informed the supervisors that he

The bureau of Efficiency is said ing at the privately owned rest-

ember of a local restaurant owner still shake. If it had broken out, Worker. Maybe it will put a stop ance was that only a few people knew of the process and they were on suspicion of graft was dropped the entire blame would have been due to lack of evidence.

self on the ease with which finger indicate the scope and rature of prints can be forged by reading every person or organization in "Fingenprints Can Be Forged," by terested in preserving our deappeared). Mooney cases can be strike activity should be fingernecessity arise to crush the union control of crime, but rather the regimentation and coercion of labor leaders."

Dr. Charles A. Beard, America's leading historian, has stated that, Fingerprinting citizens who have resolutions condemning the drive. offense against personal liberty." Fascism has forsaken the white

At the beginning of the anti-la-sociologist and educator of Cor industrial dictators can crush the Kanulau and two other Hawaiian por, anti-union drive of 1922 the lumbia University states, "This people of the United States into the boys broke out their guitars. United States Chamber of Com- movement should be resisted by iron vice of a fascist dictatorship. Everyone was called upon to

WE FALL!

SURE ENOUGH!

DIARY OF A CLASS CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By Le Mae

Bad as the sailors' quarters are, by comparison with the the Inter-Professional Association. The group The management of the Grand hole in which nine firemen and three watertenders are forced to was largely educational and gave promise of live, the deck crew have a first class stateroom.

steel, box-like room with only Considered by film observers to else the room will be flooded. The a good mixer when he joined in be the greatest motion picture ever only air obtained is through a and contributed his share to the forced draft ventilator. And it fun. Are From Kronstadt," is said to be is exactly that-a draft upon the sweaty backs of men just up from the thot firerooms.

Situated over the boliers, the One of the kids, Blair, a blonde room becomes unbearable when headed farmer boy from Nebraska of its production and the epic qual, the ship reaches the latitudes near broke out a pipe and, with a very Manila.

> quarter reflects the inertia of the One of the Hawaiian boys ga Union aboard this particular ship, the pipe a push. Chief reason for this, without question, is the fact that petty officers control the policies of The Hawaiian boy, no weakling the black gang. Sad, but true, their policy is one which certainly shove. "What's the matter. What is not in keeping with the spirit are you getting tough for? Can' of the Maritime Federation.

I've already run up against uite a bit of animosity directed did, Blair let go a smashing le at the sailors by the individual members of the engine room crew. Such remarks as; "Damn radical instantly. About four of the fe sailors. Their Union's full of Comnunists. Always tying up the ship. them were white boys. The res They want everything.'

Firemen, like sailors, invariably nake one or two trips and then get off. Knowing this full well, certain petty officers on board are very successfully curbing any we stick together!" Kanaka should militant action (so far) on the part of the firemen to improve onditions for the next gang before they get off. The election of a new delegate

or the black gang was a piece of work worthy of any fakercontrolled union. Before the entire gang arrived for the meeting, the third electrician had been named i delegate

And that meeting was called on ly after a new member of the crew ad insisted that it be held. The suggestion of a joint meeting with fhe sailors, made by one of the

oor quarters-nor of the equalv poor food. Yet, as the meeting proke up, more than one protest was heard about the conditions There's a lot of work to be

are old time sailors. Bodies crip- know what he was doing. pled after years of tough sailing and bum grub, the warm engine In the United States, if the couple were not ployers who have insisted that their prints could be planted. The oc- kitchens, operated by the county, a few more years in which to heaved a deep sigh of relief. Now room and fire-room offer them for the kid, with no success, employees De fingerprinted on the casion for the statement was a to fed the single workers now eat- futilley fight for an existence. And it is just a personal beef. But then-?

Sunday, a race riot in the foc'-A jury investigation last Nov- sle was so narrowly averted I miss this copy of the Western placed upon the skipper of this quantities to the crew.

We all chipped in to buy som beer form the ship's stores and hold a bull session known as a "Tarpaulin muster" quite a bit sonal rights of our citizens. Its ob- of money was raised. I was more boys, returnde with five cases of

> "Do you mean to tell me the old man will let us buy all this

"Hey, delegate," Chichibt shouted, "You be bartender so no

One deck below the sailors' foc'-leither sing or do a dance. King sle the firemen have a narrow, Kong stole the honors when h did some very fine tan dancing one porthole. Under way the port despite his bulky size. Our young has to be dogged down tight or Communist Leaguer proved to be

The last bottle of beer wa

The condition of this miserable We razzed him good naturedly

Blair flared, up and doubled by any means, gave the kid you take it?"

I leaped to break which caught the Kanaka squar on the nose. Blood spurted or lows hung onto Kanaka. All o of the Hawaiians (there were about seven altogether) gazed rather puzzled, at Kanaka's bloody

"Come on-all Honolulu boys-Blair, the darn fool, stood hi

ground, "For C- sake, kie beat it!" I pleaded with him. "I'm no coward, I ain't gon

run," he answered thickly. Some of the fellows rushed th Kanaka to the wash room. A bloody rail marked the way

"Get up on deck," with Blair, "You're not a coward -but there will be real trouble soon if you don't get.'

"Come on, Chichibu, Kanulan -all you Hawaiian boys-you with me?" Kanaka shouted down the passageway as he broke away rom those who were trying op his nose-bleed.

Blair darted down the passageway out of sight, just as Kanaka came up bellowing, "Where

"He beat it, Kanaka. The scared," one of the other Haw-A good many of the black gang aiian boys broke in, "He didn't

Although Kanaka roamed al over the ship that night looking for a while it looked bad.

to this selling beer in unlimited

(To be Continued)

REGISTER COMMUNIST AS BLOW AGAINST REACTION!

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YEH, OKAY, MA,

SURE NO

HANK BRADY

HAS HE

TOPPING THE

WAGE CUT?

GOR COMEDY

PATHOS AND

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MENT FOLLOW

IS HE?

The People's Health

BY FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

DOCTORS ORGANIZE

For the past six or eight months, a group o doctors, dentists and nurses have been functioning as the "Medical Arts Association" within becoming a very useful organization for its members. Unfortunately, the group has more or less broken up, possibly because its more active members have ceased to function.

The Berkeley chapter of the I. P. A. is planning to hold a conference of progressive members of the medical and allied professions in the East Bay for the purpose of drawing up a program which will draw such professionals into he I. P. A. The intention is to form an organization similar to the above group, except with a more definite program.

In my opinion such a program should include is its main points the following:

1. Payment of physicians and dentists at full ates in the county clinics and hospitals.

2. Freedom of choice of doctors by patients fist. He is a pretty husky chap in the county institutions. Any member of one of the scientifically recognized professions should oc placed on the staff whenever there is a demand for his services among clinic patients.

> 3. All assistance to doctors in the clinics furnished by the county. At present some of the loctors are forced to hire their own nurses.

> 4. Retention of the full SERA panel system intil such time as the clinics pay the doctors and can offer as good service.

5. Abolition of the sea of unnecessary red-

ape surrounding the SRA panel. 6. Increase of fees for office and home visits on the SRA panel to minimum rates. At present

hey are about one-half minimum rates. 7. Special fees for specialists' work and full ees for office and hospital surgery.

8. No restrictions as to race, color, religious, r political creed on membership in the existing professional organizations.

9. Organize the unorganized into existing professional organizations that are not of the company-union' type.

10. Establishment of warm bonds of solidarity between the various existing professional organizations, working toward their unity of acion on issues of mutual interest.

11. Establishment of the same sort of unity of action between professional organizations and lay organizations which are interested in the same sort of program. Such may be, for example, the unemployed unions.

I am not familiar enough with the problems of the nurses and other allied professions to suggest program for them. Such points should be included, however.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

UNEMPLOYED

The Roosevelt "New Deal" Administration is playing the game with marked cards. At last it has come out into the open regarding its plans. for the unemployed. These plans comprisenot more food and clothing and other necessities of life-but slow starvation.

You ought to know, and you ought to be able to tell others, what sort of progressive social legislation has been placed before Congress this year. Relief and Work Standards, with an introduction by Herbert Benjamin, price 5 cents, contains a reprint of Representative Marcantonio's Relief and Work Projects Standards Bill, known as H. R. 11186.

Just out, too, is a printing of H. R. 9680. This s the bill introduced into the House of Repres sentative Lundeen, to provide "for the establishment of a nation-wide system of social insurance." It was introduced by Senator Frazier into the Senate. In other words, here is a copy of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill about which you've heard lots and will hear lots more.

SOVIET UNION

What happened to our friend Mister Hearst's harrowing famine stories (with pictures)? Truth is they were killed by too much food. Toward a Land of Plenty, by A. I. Mikoyan, price 10 cents and (worth it) tells you how Socialism solves the food problem. Mikoyan is People's Commissar of Food Industry in the U. S. S. R. and he tells you about the production of sugar. canned goods, meat and sausage, butter and cheese—and ice cream. He compares production of food under Socialist with that under capitalism. This pamphlet will be on sale in all bookshops very soon,



HOURS LATER

TWEET AND

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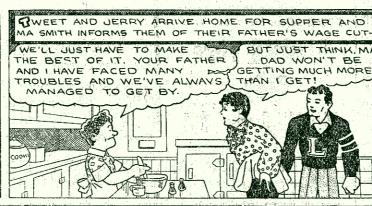
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IS LOST

THOUGHT



"UNITED WE

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"trusted" police officials.

abor movement.

BOY, THESE HISTORY QUESTIONS

ARE TOUGH - WHO TH' DICKENS.

SAID, "UNITED WE STAND,

DIVIDED WE FALL

Any individual can satisfy him

OPPOSE DRIVE

The Building Trades Council and

the Central Labor Council of Ala-





FATS BRADY

YES, TOBY.







HOTTAMOOD NOTES

Merle Oberon is suing David Selznick for \$125,333.33 for having given Marlene Dietrich the part she was supposed to have in Garden of Allah.

Eddie Cantor is reported getting \$7,000 a broadcast for the series he will do on the air for Texaco next year. This is the retord price for a long-term engage-

First Federal Theatre Project production to awaken interest of Hollywood is chalk Dust, a play about highschool life produced in New York. Columbia and Universal are understood to be dickering for screen rights.

David Lamson is adapting for the screen his novel We Who Are About To Die, which he wrote in the death house at San Quentin. Preston Foster will play the lead.

Chinese actors and extras in Hollywood find themselves much in demand with studios casting for three Chinese pictures. The Good Earth, The Lost Horizon, and the General Died at Dawn. Script for the General Died at Dawn was written by Clifford Odets.

Joseph P. Kennedy, who is rumored as next secretary of the treasury if Roosevelt is re-elected has been offered the presidency of Paramount under a new set-up

Howard Hughes is planning a talking remake of his famous silent hit, Two Arabian Knights, with Jimmy Cagney and Wallace Beery in the roles originally played y William Boyd and Louis Wol-

Winfield Sheehan, onetime head of Fox, was host of the Los An geles press at the \$20-a-plate dinner given for Prince Loewenstein German Catholic anti-Nazi.

"A. Woods has brought Censored by Conrad Seiler, a Hollywood Federal Theatre project production, for showing on Broadway ure technique in every depart-

The play George Bernard Shaw Women" will come to the Clay Inis titled Geneva.

"Paul Robinson is slated to do a-film in London called Black Majesty, an adaptation of the famous book of that title.

Irwin Shaw's anti-war play Bury The Dead, will open Hollywood in the last week of May. The cast, made up mostly of big movie names, will be definitely announced shortly.

THE FILM GUIDE AMATEUR GENTLEMEN -Silly. A waste of time and money. Pass it up.

-CAPTAIN JANUARY- Shir ley-Temple is given every opportunity to show how cute she can be. Depends whether you like this sort of thing.

UNDER TWO FLAGS— Has a good cast, but is nothing to rave over. If you miss it, you miss nothing.

THE GHOST GOES WEST- a long run and it repeated that suc-Director Rene Clair, great satirist, cess in every city where it has turns his eye on the spectacle of been viewed. American Millionaires and their hobbies. Worth seeing.

RECOMMENDED MODERN TIMES, Charlie der in story, tinged with romance

Chaplin's latest. THE STORY OF LOUIS story focuses upon the lives of PASTEUR, starring Paul Muni. three girls who grew up in hope-THESE THREE, with Miriam less poverty and squalor in pre-war Petrograd's tenement district. Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Bon- war Petrograms of the Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Bon- It shows them, rot as cogs with-

THE MILKY WAY, with Har- out identity in a social machine, old Lloyd. MR. DEEDS GOES TO dividual problems.

TOWN; exceptionally good. Don't Boris Balbochkin, star of "Chap-

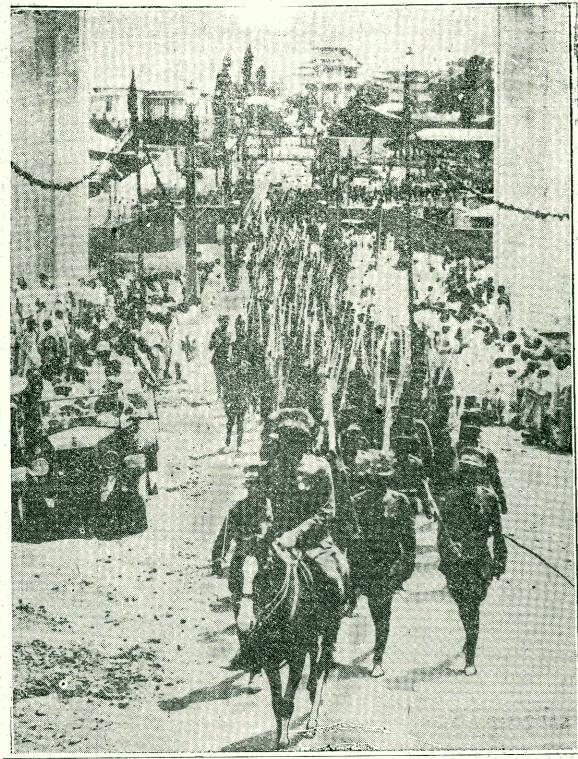
fine performance by Jean Her-in "Sons of Happing in Chirkov who was acclaimed in

Laurel and Hardy. Good comedy. leading roles. L. Arnshtam directed thought it was a good in MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY; the fine musical setting. English good sea picture

Labor Council Eager of Happy Youth" a new Soviet To Know Who Backs featurette will also be on the pro-Stanford Lab. Dept. gram, together with a news reel to fill out the program.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The meet-ing of the San Francisco Central Looking for Trouble cism. I pledge in your name to class. Labor Council last Friday unan- NEW YORK CITY.—In a new acquaint at least ten other moimously passed a resolution intro-anti-union move against the build- thers with the movement in which ists in Socialist Party ranks for duced by George Kidwell of the ing maintenance workers, who re-Bakery Wagon Drivers, to ask cently struck over 50,000 strong, vent war and destroy fascism. ly and locally, the Militants, headthe administration of Stanford Uniz Walter Gordon Merritt, counsel And I pledge to work for a big ed by Norman Thomas, oppose versity what the motives and pur-poses of its newly created Indus-vised 200 building owners that trial Relations Department are to the arbitration award recently be, and what the source of finan- made by Arbitrator Silco need not comes around. cial support for the Department be accepted. The award granted

THE VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL GREED



Women on the March CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

Dear Mom:

New Russian Film

On Screen in S. F

Declared by film observers to

be a fine example of motion pic-

rom a Russian Studio, "Three

natinee May 16th. This is the pic-

ure which was so enthusiastically

received in New York where it had

"Three Women" is said to mark

the beginning of a new era in So-

viet film production. Human, ten-

and possessing a wide appeal, the

titles translate the Russian dia-

small monthly increases.

I didn't send you any flowers, or candy, or a purse or a Mitch; district president of the nent, and the finest by far to come lace collar, on Mother's Day, as we have both agreed that that is a lot of hooey. We both know that Mother's Day is played wrote on his recent world cruise errational Theatre for a limited up in the capitalist press when the advertisers want to sell more stuff to the readers, but that mothers in the textile mills, in the packing houses, in the cotton fields, are mercilessly exploited the year round without a peep out of the capitalist press. And we did not want to be parties to such hypocrisy.

Out of Socialist

Party, Head Says

NEW YORK CITY.-Unless

This was the prediction of Louis

Recent primary results in New

York state balloting showed that

the Militant wing has a large

majority of enrolled Socialists be-

HOW WIND BLOWS

David Dubinsky, leader of the

Workers' Union, and a leading

Socialist Party member, a few

weeks ago showed which way the

wind blows insofar as the Old

Guard is concerned, when he re-

C. P. FOR UNITED FRONT

The Communist Party has re-

peatedly urged the Socialist Party

labor's immediate demands and

Although strong sentiment ex-

such a Party at the present time.

The Old Guard is absolutely op-

posed to United Fronts with the

Communist Party on any issue, no

matter what or how serious the

sue to the working class.

Waldman, an Old Guard leader,

However, whenever Mother's Day comes around, I have the same sneaking impulse each time old Guards May Go 3 WAYS to do something foolish in your honor. I sympathize with the pirit that moves all the American masses on Mother's Day, even though that spirit is mocked and exploited by the high class racketcers that run this country. I'd like to send you a bouquet of pinks or a posic of daisies or a the coming national convention lace handkerchief, the quarter it of the Socialist Party, to be held would cost comes hard enough to in Cleveland, grants the New both of us, and might better be York Old Guard wing of the Party

spent for a half pound of butter, its demands for control of the But how else can I give voice New York state organization, the on this appropriate occasion to right-wingers will "take a walk." that fact that I think you are the berries? Isn't it right and proper that at this time I should let the world know I elect you as a fitting member of the future Socialist Society-independent, yet social minded; intelligent, careful, hind it. humorous, and devoted; energetic; gaily self-sacrificing? That I know you as one of the great mass of International Ladies Garment people who are victims of capitalism because they are too damn decent to get ahead in a cutthroat world? Surely you are

worth a hair-ribbin! But a couple of smart sisters signed from the Socialist Party in order to join up with the proin another city have solved my but as individual humans with in-problem for me. They wrote a Roosevelt "Labor NonPartisan letter to the Daily Worker, pro- League." He received praise for his move from the organ of the posing to turn Mother's Day inayev," H. Povlasky, of "Peasants" to Mother's Peace Day. In fact Old Guards, the New Leader. THE COUNTRY DOCTOR; Miss Jeimo known for her work they have put over a peace day in "Sons of Happiness' and Boris demonstration on Mother's Day in their city. The Woman's Col-THE BOHEMIAN GIRL; with "Youth of Maxim" will be in the umn that published their letter to join with it in a United Front thought it was a good idea, and of all progressive elements, for

> Therefore, Mom, I pledge you, against war and fascist tendencies for Mother's Day, as my Mother's The Militants have made United Day greeting to you, to take ac- Fronts with the Communist Party tive part in the Peace movement on individual issues, such as the in the coming year. I pledge in fight to free Angelo Herndon, your name to bring at least one but have refused to join in a new member into the American general United Front on all issues League Against War and Fas- vitally concerning the working

tion when next Mother's Day

Your Loving Daughter,

2 State Federations ation s convention need an industrial un- sylvama State reactation bor, which met here, pledged sup-Will Back Plan for ion resolution which appealed to port to the Committee for Indus-

defense wars in history.

Right—A posed picture of Italian troops

enthusiastically embarking for the Ethiop-

ian war front. Left-The army of Haile

Sellasie, losers of one of the most heroic

matters for Wall Street to gloat over. To

Victory or defeat in capitalist wars are

FLORENCE, Ala.-Running on an industrial union ticket, William United Mine Workers, was elected president of the Alabama State Federation of Labor at the feder-

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